



Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Smith of 124 Blowing Rock Road, Boone, and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Cheek, Jr., of 2229 Ferncliffe Road, Charlotte, were all smiles as they were photographed on board the Grace Line's SANTA PAULA, which sailed from New York November 22 on a 13-day cruise to Curacao, N.W.I.; La Guaira (Caracas), Venezuela; Aruba, N.W.I.; Kingston, Jamaica; Port Everglades (Fort Lauderdale-Miami), Fla.; and Nassau, Bahamas.

Senator Ervin Says:

Washington.—On the eve of the Thanksgiving week end recess, Congress paused to ponder the series of tragic events that have seen the death of one President and the coming into office of another. Historians have the awesome task of placing in perspective the series of occurrences that saw an assassin's bullet remove from life the being of John F. Kennedy. As of the moment, the mood of the Nation seems to be summarized in the words: "one touch of sorrow makes the whole world akin". This generation and those that follow it will remember the sorrow, and men and women years later will recall their stations on that fateful afternoon as the awful tragedy unfolded.

Out of this tragedy, our country has witnessed grandeur, too, in the marvellous courage and beauty and pathos of the late President's widow and children. It saw united as it has seldom seen since the burial of the Unknown Soldier the leaders and the ministers of the world as they stood side by side on the grassy slopes of Arlington overlooking our Capitol. It found Haile Selassie and Charles de Gaulle and others united in simple tribute to a fallen hero.

As the week wore on all the problems of the country remained as they have been—an enormous burden for the President and the Congress. Congress got a personal look into the thinking of the new President when he delivered his message to the joint session. I think it was significant and expected that President Johnson, who has been intimately acquainted with Congress and its workings for many years, would say: "Congress can expect the full cooperation of this Administration that the expenditures of your government will be administered with thrift." It was, indeed,

five of the practical sort of man the new President is that he would pledge that the "government will set an example for prudence and economy", and that he would restate that he "firmly believed in the independence and integrity of the legislative branch." "I promise you", he continued, "that I shall always respect this". I think these statements carry an assurance that will give the country much stability in a time of great stress.

Out of this tragedy has come a reaffirmation of our faith in constitutional government. It has demonstrated the marvellous wisdom of the men who founded our government and drafted our Constitution.

I think the Nation is fortunate that we have an able and experienced leader to guide our country in a most difficult time. President Johnson comes into office with perhaps the most profound knowledge of national problems of any Vice President who has ever succeeded to the Presidency under similar circumstance. I think the President is a leader who will seek to obtain attainable legislation, and that he will have a successful Administration.

Everybody would like to have a government that can operate without taxation and yet give the people the benefits of modern times.

The Sayings Of Josh Abrams...

By CLARK COX

Local grocery stores has reported heavy sales on Metrecal, startin' the day after Thanksgiving.

Sinbad Brittle wuz in a slight auto accident the other day, on account uv a near-sighted windshield.

Milford Frinkel says that he will quit drinkin' til he kin find a tastier cure fer a hang-over.

Have you ever stopped to think that all early Americans is now late Americans?

Flem Pash says he's self-employed; but he jest says that so he kin sleep late in the mornin'.

One uv our reporters wuz fired yestiddy after the edditur found out he wuz pickin' up

JUST WANTED QUIET

Rochester, N. Y. — A city employee, inspecting a water main in a 25-foot-deep manhole, found a man sound asleep.

Ralph Harris, 40, climbed out of the manhole and sat down by a tree and proceeded to fall asleep again.

When questioned by police, Harris said he had a fight with his wife and "wanted to get away from her for awhile."

Local items from citizens at Joe's Bar.

Two people wuz trampled in the lobby uv the high school gym Tuesday night when a drink machine started givin' out free cokes.

Policemen investigatin' reports uv threatenin' shouts at Tilford Moots's house Saturday evenin' reported that Moots

wuz jest watchin' wraasin' on TV.

Carpenter Ferdinand Blotch dropped a hatchet on his toe after findin' out that his boss had decided to give him a raise.

Beatrice Moots is a local celebrity after winnin' \$14,000 on a quiz show last week. First estimates says that \$15,000 of it will go for taxes.

This new direct-distance dial-in' kin create problems at times. Sinbad Brittle thought he wuz speakin' to his girlfriend from West Virginy last week, but it turned out to be his wife.

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Dr. Plemmons Aably Heads College

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Dr. Plemmons served with distinction in 1947-49 as executive secretary of the N. C. State Education Commission, the group which blueprinted many of the changes made in North Carolina public education since then. Their proposals included such now-accomplished facts as the community college program, increased teacher salaries, special teachers, consolidation, reorganization and load reduction for teachers.

Dr. Plemmons is an active member of the First Baptist Church of Boone, and during the years he has served as deacon and taught a Sunday School class.

The college administrator is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Phi Kappa, Boone Rotary Club; on board of directors of Boone Chamber of Commerce, the Southern Appalachian Historical Association and Northwestern Bank; a member of the Public Affairs Commit-

tee of North Carolina State Baptist Convention. He is listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the South and Southwest and Who's Who in Education. He also has held honorary positions and chairmanships on national and N. C. education associations.

Dr. Plemmons is the author of "Development of State Administration of Public Education in North Carolina," "Our Centen-

nial: A Backward and Forward Look," "Uniting Forces To Improve Education," "Schools for All the People: The Hope of the State," "The Principal: Leader or Dead Weight," "The State Education Commission Recommendations," "Extension and Equalization of Educational Opportunity in the South," and "Education in North Carolina, Today and Tomorrow."

Know The Weather

By E. H. SIMS

Does the moon really exert an influence on crops? Should certain crops be planted according to the phases of the moon?

The belief that the moon affects the weather and that crops should be planted according to its phases is largely discredited today by astronomers — though many hold faithfully to the belief.

The moon does exert a powerful influence on the tides and on

certain earthly functions, but it is not now thought to exert any appreciable influence on our daily weather.

The moon, interestingly, is the earth's only satellite. Some of the other eight planets we know of have more than one satellite. Jupiter, the largest planet, has twelve moons, and three of the planets have no satellites.

A halo around the moon indicates rain is probably on the way.

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We would like to take this measure in expressing our thanks to everyone for the beautiful floral offerings, food, acts of sympathy and condolence, during the illness and death of our husband and father, Marshall Foster. — Mrs. Marshall Foster and children.



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