

DEATHS

CORWIN A. MANN

Corwin A. Mann, 45, of Canton, Rt. 3, died in an Asheville hospital early Monday following a lengthy illness.

He was the son of the late Ira P. Mann and Mary E. Murray Mann of the Bethel section.

Funeral services were held in Bethel Methodist Church at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. A. C. Graham and the Rev. Mr. Gammon and the Rev. Clayton Lime officiating. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery.

Masonic rites were conducted at the graveside. Mann was a member of Sonoma Lodge 472 AF and AM.

Palbearers were Hugh Terrell, Lester Fore, Walker Brown, C. C. Willis, Ed Justice and O. F. Gillis. Nieces and cousins were flower bearers.

Mann was a member of Bethel Methodist Church and was a steward at the time of his death. He was employed by the Champion Paper and Fibre Company.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Hazel Justice Mann; two sons, Edwin and Paul of the home; one daughter, Jean of the home; the mother, Mrs. Mary E. Mann; a brother, James B. Mann of Tifton, Ga.; and three sisters, Mrs. C. S. Rollins of Canton, Rt. 3, Mrs. George Bialock of Canton, Rt. 3, and Mrs. John Rhodamer of Canton, Rt. 1.

Crawford Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

WYATT INFANT

Gravestone rites were held Tuesday at Rocky Branch Cemetery for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wyatt of Franklin. The Rev. Elmer Green officiated.

Surviving in addition to the parents are the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Mull of Waynesville, Route 2, and the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Frank Wyatt of Waynesville, Route 1.

Verdie Griffith of Canton. Funeral services were held today at 11 a. m. in Peachtree Baptist Church near Murphy. The Rev. Robert Barker, the Rev. Thomas Truett and the Rev. Andrew Cloer officiated and burial was in the church cemetery. Griffith had resided in Gastonia prior to moving to Canton several years ago. Wells Funeral Home was in charge.

MRS. GRACE P. CHAMBERS

Mrs. Grace Pruett Chambers, 68, of Canton, RFD 3, widow of C. M. Chambers, died in an Asheville hospital at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday following a lengthy illness.

She was a native and lifelong resident of Haywood county, the daughter of the late Elija and Martha Inman Pruett. She was a member of the Riverside Baptist Church in the Bethel section.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the Riverside Baptist Church with the Rev. Thomas Erwin, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery.

Nephews will be pallbearers and nieces will be flower bearers.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Charles Messer of Dillsboro, Mrs. Albert Messer and Mrs. Roy Edwards of Canton, RFD 3; three sons, Lewis and the Rev. Gay Chambers of Canton, RFD 3, and Glenn Chambers of Hazelwood.

Also three sisters, Mrs. George Cogburn of Thickety section, Mrs. Holden Warren of Canton, RFD 3, and Mrs. Walter Moody of Canton; three brothers, Ken Pruett of Dade City, Fla., George Pruett of Canton and Fred Pruett of Hazelwood; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The body has been taken to the home of Mrs. Roy Edwards of Canton, RFD 3, and will remain there until time for the services.

Garrett Funeral Home is in charge.

Retirements Don't Take

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Elmer Phelps, 81, says he will never again try to retire. He tried it twice and it didn't work. He went back to a job as a skilled mechanic in the manufacture of organs.

The Austin Co. here says Phelps was hired on sight. His reputation as a skilled mechanic was known and skilled men in organ manufacture are hard to find.

Phelps has a long commuting trip to his home in Springfield, Mass. But he likes his job and insists he will stick to it.

Waterfront Fire Damage In Millions



Firemen pour tons of water into the smoldering ruins of a quarter-mile stretch of waterfront at Wilmington, where a wind-swept blaze caused damage estimated as high as 30 million dollars. A fire-boat at left joins in the fight. Twenty-one persons were treated at hospitals as a result of burns and injuries caused by the fire. (AP Wirephoto).

West Pigeon Community News

By MRS. HENRY GARNER
Community Correspondent

The Women of the Bethel Presbyterian Church were guests of the Women of the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church Wednesday evening when the Rev. William J. Gammon, of Montreat, reviewed the Mission Study "Frontiers of Hope."

The following women attended from Bethel: Mrs. Claude Church, Mrs. Roy Dietz, Mrs. Wiley Medford, Mrs. James Sheffield, Mrs. Jack G. McCracken, Mrs. Laydon West, Mrs. John Johnson, Mrs. Devere Hardin and Mrs. Henry Garner.

Sonoma Chapter No. 254, O.E.S. met Tuesday evening in the chapter room.

The following officers were elected to serve for 1953-1954: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Geneva Singleton; Worthy Patron, J. Letch Worley; Associate Matron, Mrs. Florence Garner; Associate Patron, Henry Garner; Conductress, Mrs. Lou Singleton; Associate Conductress, Mrs. Edith Edwards; Secretary,

Mrs. Tullie Beverage; Treasurer, Mrs. Wanda Sheffield. The incoming Worthy Matron appointed the following officers to serve her Chapter: Adah, Mrs. Lucy West; Ruth, Mrs. Virginia Terrell; Esther, Mrs. Dora Mainous; Martha, Mrs. Mae Edwards; Electa, Mrs. Mattie Kelley; Marshal, Mrs. Mae McCracken; Chaplain, Mrs. Mae Kelley; Organist, Miss Helen Justice; Warder, Mrs. Pauline Rigdon; and Sentinel, M. Vaughn Bramlett. Public installation of officers will be held March 31.

The W.S.C.S. of the Bethel Methodist Church met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jack P. McCracken. Mrs. L. M. Sherrill gave the devotional and Mrs. Joe Beverage was in charge of the program, assisted by Mrs. David Vance and Mrs. Bill Wells. Miss Nannie Vance and Mrs. David Vance were co-hostesses with Mrs. McCracken.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the families of Mrs. W. A. (Laura) Moore and Corwin Mann, both of whom passed away on Sunday. Mr. Mann's funeral was conducted on Tuesday at the Methodist church with Masonic

rites at the grave. He was an Elder in the Bethel Presbyterian Church. Funeral services for Mrs. Moore were held Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist church.

The Women of the Bethel Presbyterian Church met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Wilson Harkins. Mrs. John Johnson gave a review of the Bible Study and the following chairmen gave annual reports: Mrs. Claude Church, Pres.; Mrs. James Sheffield, Spiritual Growth; Mrs. J. W. Johnson, Christian Education; Mrs. Wilson Harkins, Annuities and Relief; Mrs. Henry Garner, Historian; and Mrs. Wiley Medford, Treasurer.

West Pigeon is very proud of the record the Bethel Bells have made in basketball. They are now at Aberdeen taking part in the State Tournament, having won their first contest last night with every member of the team playing. Mrs. Horace Peek of West Pigeon and Mrs. Delma Phoenix, a teacher, accompanied the girls as chaperons.

The West Pigeon CD Club will sponsor a "Family Night" and square dance at Camp Hope Friday, March 13, from 7:30 until

N. C. Legislature Coping With Many Major Problems

By INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT

As the 1953 General Assembly completed its fifty-first legislative day on Friday, sessions were noticeably longer, with mounting calendar action occupying most of the legislators' time. The joint appropriations committee with its hearings completed has already begun its work trimming additional requests. Unless a prolonged fight develops over Governor Umstead's budget proposals, legislators may soon begin to eye a prospective adjournment date, although little is heard as yet on that subject. Next Thursday the legislators take a holiday to visit Camp Lejeune.

Propositions and Grievances

The public hearing on the "all or nothing" liquor referendum bill before a House committee on Tuesday brought hundreds of citizens from all over the state to Raleigh. Charges ranging from lightly veiled suggestions of liquor interest bribery (later retracted) and communist dictatorship by past legislative committees to failure to recognize the democratic right to vote were made by the dry forces. Others pleaded for consideration of the issue not as a revenue measure but as a moral one, as suggested by the Governor in his inaugural message. The Governor himself reiterated his position as favoring some kind of liquor referendum, but stated that he would not push the legislature further. No committee action was taken on the bill. Meanwhile, not even a murmur went through the House as the veterans' bonus bill, once regarded as a potential storm center, received its last rites through an unfavorable report. The Senate passed by a very narrow margin the bill to legalize cap pistol caps, which now is in the House Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Appropriations and Finance

Although the joint appropriations committee put in only two days this week actually whittling on budget requests, it still may be in a position to complete its work by the end of the month. A public welfare request for \$1,396,500 was turned down and many lesser requests were earmarked for study

by a subcommittee, shortly to be appointed to handle major controversial items and periodically bring in recommendations to the full committee.

Amid rumors that Senate leaders will permit no tax increases and may refuse to go along with the Governor's recommended \$15 million bond issue for educational institutions and hospitals, tax reduction proposals dominate the work of the joint finance committee. In a hearing on the proposal to eliminate or reduce the State intangible tax on stock, bank deposits and accounts receivable, textile representatives argued that the state was chasing pennies. \$4.2 million last year, of which 3.4 million was allocated to municipalities) while losing dollars (potential additional income tax from wealth attracted to the state by a more favorable tax structure). Companion bills introduced this week proposed to eliminate still further tax "inequities"—this time by repealing the wholesale sales tax and wholesalers' license tax which bring the State an estimated \$750,000 a year.

Motor Vehicle Law

The big question in the motor vehicle field is whether or not mechanical inspection will be required again. Rumors persist that Senate Judiciary 2 committee is prepared to give a favorable report to SB 183 providing for inspections by private garages, but a vote has been postponed until next week. Also postponed was a vote on the proposed financial responsibility law designed to encourage more drivers to take out automobile liability insurance. Thursday was dubbed "highway safety" day as 14 bills dealing with motor vehicles and their use on the highways were introduced; four other motor vehicle bills passed the House and were sent to the Senate. The bills passed would allow learners to practice driving at night as well as in the daytime; require dimming of headlights when following a car as well as meeting one; permit red lights on the front of school buses and private cars of some firemen; and make it easier for minors whose parents are deceased to get a driver's license. Some of the new bills would tighten the law on driving while under the influence of any drug; let the Commissioner approve muffler types; permit ve-

Hospital News

ADMISSIONS

Mrs. Douglas Worham, Waynesville; Mrs. Jarvin Green, Waynesville; Baby Ann Cutler, Canton, Rt. 1; Baby Joyce, Canton, Rt. 2; Baby Norman, Hazelwood; Mrs. Will, Waynesville.

Mrs. Theo Knight, Canton; Gerald Ross, Waynesville; Debora Kay Ross, Waynesville; Baby Janice Jo Lagman, Waynesville; Mrs. Jerry Leach, Clyde, Rt. 2; Miss Dorcas Thews, Leicester, Rt. 1; Mrs. Sloan, Canton, Rt. 3; Mrs. Dudley, Hazelwood.

DISCHARGES

Mrs. Jarvis Teague, Waynesville; Mrs. Geo. Smith and baby, Waynesville, Rt. 3; Mrs. Richard Clyde, Rt. 1; Miss Ruby, Waynesville; Mrs. Harline, Waynesville; Mrs. Harline and baby, Waynesville; Mrs. DeRoy Ford and baby, Junaluska; Robert W. Waynesville, Rt. 1; Mrs. J. J. Sharp, Canton; Mrs. Harline, Waynesville, Rt. 2; Mrs. Ard Best, Clyde, Rt. 1; Mrs. Jaynes and baby, Brevard; Mrs. Noland Reagan, Waynesville, Rt. 1.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert DeWaynesville, a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce DeWaynesville, a son, March 10.

While representatives of State's private schools are hunting privileges by raising allowable income tax for charitable gifts from 20% public school interest favored by a bill to permit financing and establishing two-year "community col-

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