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Part of the Officers and Shop Stewards of Local 251, UTW-AFL-CIO, who attended a dinner meeting Saturday at the U-Stop-N-Grill. (Journal photo by Harold Foster)

Local 251 Officers And Shop Stewards Meet

A chicken dinner was enjoyed Saturday night by 46 Officers and Shop Stewards of Local 251, United Textile Workers of America, AFL-CIO. The dinner was held in the new dining room of the U-Stop-N-Grill in North Cooleemee.

After the dinner a short business meeting was held with Harold Hoffman, President of Local 251, presiding. Harold Foster, Business Agent of the Local, and Radford Cope, International Representative of the UTW, addressed the group.

Davie County Commissioners To Meet Monday

When the Davie Board of County Commissioners meet next Monday in Mocksville they are now expected to act on countywide requests that all unvaccinated and unlisted (for taxes) dogs be impounded and that a dog warden be hired by the county to do the impounding.

The official tax list is 2,682. Nobody can give anything better than a guess on the numbers of dogs either unclaimed on tax lists or wandering about the county. There's a sight of unclaimed dogs running loose in the county and they are a threat to dairymen and livestock farmers according to the County Farm Agent.

The Commissioners headed by Chairman Atlas Smoot have been waiting to hear from Davie County people. Just how large the response and which way the majority leans, will be threshed out next Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Jones

Funeral services for Mrs. Betty Beck Jones, 77, widow of John C. Jones, were conducted at 4 p. m. Sunday at Chestnut Methodist Church by the Rev. Jimmie Groce and the Rev. D. D. Broome.

Burial was in the church cemetery. Nephews were pallbearers.

Mrs. Jones died Friday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Lester Booe of Mocksville, Route 5.



RALEIGH — The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a. m. April 29, 1957:
Killed This Year 304
Killed To Date Last Year 331

Two Burned To Death In Accident

Two men were burned to death near Second Creek on Highway 601 near Salisbury on Monday when the tractor-trailer truck in which they were riding, loaded with a cargo of racing car fuel, jack-knifed on a curve, tumbled down a bank and burst into flame.

Bell Lines, Inc., of Charleston, W. Va., identified the victims as James Eastman of Marmet, W. Va., the driver, and Melvin LeRoy Owens of Gold Hill, Rowan County, also an employee of the company.

The two men were trapped in the cab of the truck.

State Highway Patrolman George A. Everington, who investigated, reported the time of the accident as about 4:30 a. m. He said the vehicle went into a ditch and uprooted a tree, setting off the fuel blaze.

The officer said the cab was torn loose from the chassis and was buried beneath the vehicle and its cargo. A wreck truck carried the cab to a Salisbury funeral home where an acetylene torch was used to free the two bodies. It was shortly after 9 a. m. before they were removed from the cab.

The charred remains were not positively identified until Monday afternoon.

Volunteer firemen from Franklin and Ellis Fire Departments answered the alarm and kept the fire from spreading. Patrolman Everington said, Members of the Rowan Rescue Squad were also called to the scene and assisted.

Mr. Owens was the son of H. E. and Mary Bell Hodge Owens. He was a graduate of Rockwell High School. He had been employed by Bell Motor Lines for the past year. Before that, he worked for Service Distributing Company at Gold Hill.

Survivors are the parents of Gold Hill, Route 1; five sisters, Miss Margaret Owens, Miss Mary Catherine Owens and Miss Edna Owens of Salisbury and Miss Shirley Owens and Miss Linda Owens of the home; and the grandfathers, H. L. Owens of Rowan County; and L. C. Hodge of Rowan County.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 p. m. Tuesday at St. Matthews Lutheran Church by the pastor, the Rev. K. Y. Huddle. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The body of Mr. Eastman was returned to Marmet for the funeral.

Local People

Rev. and Mrs. John Zunes and son spent several days visiting in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruffy of Salisbury were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spake.

McSwain Barn Burns

On Wednesday evening about 9:45 p. m. fire of an unknown origin burned the barn of John McSwain at North Cooleemee. The barn was nearly burned to the ground before the fire was noted and the Jerusalem Fire Department was called.

The fire department was unable to save the building but helped control the blaze and save surrounding property.

The barn contained a few bales of straw, Model A Ford, a Model T ford, an oil tank off of a truck and some farm equipment, all of which was a complete loss.

May Day Program At Cooleemee School

Cooleemee School will present a May Day Pageant on Friday, May 3, at 1:00 p. m. The Queen of May will be Jean Howard and the King is Scotty Vogler. The Maid of Honor is Judy Howard and Darryl Veach. Flower Girls: Ruth Loyle, Pat Gales, Betty Durham, Kaye Beck, Terry Myers, Brenda Foster, Peggy Pierce, Vivian Michael, Gale Athey and Janice James. Pages are: Norman Ridenhour, Donnie Williams, Robert Cook, Richard Barber, Donnie Kasey, Steven F. F. F., Charlie F. F. F. and Gray Richardson. The Queen's attendants are Patty Parker, Lois Hamilton, Priscilla Osborne, Pat Beck, Sue Bowles, Betty Spillman, Carlus Hellard, Carol Jean Alexander, Jetty Shaw, Sarah Carpenter, Jane Wands and Darlene Ellis. The King's attendants are Bruce Lee, Johnny Walls, Gerald Taylor, Roger Hill, Robert Spry, Carlton Bailey, Monty Snyder, Johnny Grimes, L. G. Allen, Donald Foster, O. D. Stiller and Joe Whitlock. Flag Bearers are Kenneth Howell and Johnny Tutterow.

Ushers are Judy Scott, Fred Ellis, Gray Angell, Shirley Jarvis, Jean Nesbit, Jerry, L. G. Gene Platt, and Jean Hollins.

The pageant will be presented in the baseball park and will include the Clown Dance, the Minuet, Virginia Reel, Square Dance, the May Pole Dance and many others presented by various grades.

The Deane car was traveling east when Mr. Masten's west-bound vehicle swerved to the left and the two vehicles piled up head-on, Patrolman Wyrick said.

The officer said Mr. Masten was riding in a car operated by his son, C. B. Deane, Jr. 20-year-old Wake Forest student, when the accident occurred about 5:10 p. m.

The Deane car was traveling east when Mr. Masten's west-bound vehicle swerved to the left and the two vehicles piled up head-on, Patrolman Wyrick said.

The officer said Mr. Masten told him he did not know just what happened but said his car was in the middle lane of traffic and he thought the Deane car was in his path. Mr. Masten told patrolman Wyrick he cut to the left and the two cars collided.

Mr. Masten was charged with driving on the wrong side of the road. Damage to the 1957 Plymouth which the Deanes had rented from Carolina Car-Truck Rental, Inc. was estimated at \$1,000. Damage to Mr. Masten's 1954 Chevrolet was set at \$500.

Jack Ridenhour Loses Large Sum Of Money

Jack Ridenhour of Route 4, Mocksville had the misfortune to lose a large sum of money Thursday afternoon, April 25, about 3:30 p. m. in Woodleaf. The money was in a billfold containing identification papers, driving license and registration card.



Shown above is Mrs. Katie Soots and three of the Weave Room Assistant Overseers at Erwin Mills, Inc. Mrs. Katie retired last week after being continuously employed in the Weave Room since 1927. Left to right are: Ira Campbell, Mrs. Soots, Scott Jordan, and Rowie Mayberry.

GAYLE FOSTER TO BE GIVEN ANTI-RABIE SHOTS

Paul Murphy

Paul Murphy, 56, of Mocksville Route 5, owner and operator of the Murphy Nursery on the Yadkinville highway, died at 11 p. m. Friday at the Davie County Hospital after a critical illness of one week. He had been in ill health for several months.

He was born Dec. 30, 1900, son of Gabriel and Florence Jackson Murphy.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Carrie Brown of Mocksville, a son L. G. Murphy of Mocksville Route 5; a grandson; two sisters, Mrs. C. C. Bailey of Mocksville, Route 1, and Mrs. Mary Murphy of Winston Salem.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Sunday at Oak Grove Methodist Church by the Rev. Robert Oakley, the Rev. Jimmie Groce, and the Rev. W. C. Barkley.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Cecil McDaniel, Carl Freeze, Clarence Smith, Lathan Rumpel, Allen Boger, and Fred Bracken.

Lions To Present Comedy

A delightful comedy, THE LION'S LAUGH, under the sponsorship of the Cooleemee Lion's Club, will be presented in the auditorium of the Cooleemee Grammar School, at 8:00 p. m., Saturday night, May 11.

A chorus of more than 23 members will furnish the music for THE LION'S LAUGH, under the direction of Miss Mary Ola Crawford. Filled with gags, stunts, jokes, individual solos and chorus numbers, the show promises to furnish ideal entertainment for both children and adults.

The public is urged to attend this comedy, which is being presented to help raise money for the Lion's Club Activity Fund to be used to help the blind and the needy of the community. "Scotty" Wands, aided by L. G. Scott, is producing the local talent show. Tickets for THE LION'S LAUGH can be secured from the individual members of the Lion's Club.

Question: What's the average milo yield in North Carolina?

Answer: The average state milo yield has been 30, 25, 27, and 25 bushels during 1950, 1951, 1952, and 1953 respectively.

Mrs. Katie Soots Retires After 30 Years

Mrs. Katie Soots, after being continuously employed in the Weave Room, Erwin Mills, Inc., Cooleemee Division, for thirty years, retired last week.

Born in Davie County, Mrs. Soots was married to Mr. Milton Soots in 1916. They have five children and nine grandchildren. Her children are: Mrs. Lucille Owens, Mrs. Lillian Foster, Mrs. Helen McDaniel, Miss Mary Soots, and Mr. Floyd Soots, all living in Cooleemee.

When Mrs. Soots retired, she said, "I never thought when I went to work at Erwin Mills that would be there for 30 years. I have enjoyed every minute of that time and have never had a cross word with any of my supervisors. My retirement will give me more time to work my flowers and to enjoy my grandchildren."

Mr. Bill Howard, Overseer in the Weave Room, in speaking of Mrs. Soots' retirement, said, "Miss Katie, as she is known by her fellow employees in the Weave Room, has been a most loyal employee of Erwin Mills, where she has been since 1927. During that time Miss Katie has worked as a battery hand, a weaver, and a smash hand, and is the type of employee that makes any organization a strong one. Because of her friendly disposition and her willingness to work with others. She will certainly be missed by everyone in the department. Our best wishes go with her in the years of her retirement, which she has so richly earned."

Mrs. Soots is a member of the Cooleemee Baptist Church and lives on Pine Ridge Road, where she and her husband have resided for the past 18 years.



LOCAL CHILDREN — Quentina Steele, age 5 1/2, Carroll, age 4, and Leslie, 1, are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Quentina A. Steele, of No. 10 Yadkin Street, Cooleemee.