

SOUTHEASTERN SEARCHLIGHT

News Of Interest In All Neighboring Counties Told Briefly

INSTALLATION SERVICE
LUMBERTON, April 2 — Lumberton Chapter No. 116 Order of Eastern Star will hold a public installation of new officers in the Masonic hall Thursday April 3 at 8 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

HEADS POSTMASTERS
JACKSONVILLE, April 2 — Postmaster Frank Smith of Jacksonville was elected chairman of the Third North Carolina District of the National Association of Postmasters as that group held its annual meeting at Trenton Friday night. Postmaster Webb of Morehead City was named vice chairman and Postmaster W. P. Bridges of Warsaw was elected secretary.

EASTER PAGEANT COUNCIL, April 2 — A special Easter Pageant has been planned for Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Carvers Creek Methodist church on highway 87. The cast for the pageant numbers 65 and the service will feature an all-Negro choir. A special dinner will be served on the church grounds.

EAGLE SCOUT
JACKSONVILLE, April 2 — Vann Murrell of Jacksonville Troop 20 was awarded his Eagle Scout badge at the Court of Honor held Thursday night at Pine Lodge. Vann's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Murrell, Jr., took part in the ceremony. Mrs. Murrell planning the Eagle badge on her son.

OFFICERS INSTALLED
RED SPRINGS, April 2 — The 1947-48 officers of the Student Christian Association of Flora Macdonald College were installed in an impressive candle light service in the college auditorium Sunday evening with the retiring president, Goldie Knowles, presiding.

MEETING HELD
NEW BERN, April 2 — Members of the Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints, held a district meeting here during the week-end, with representatives attend-

ing from Goldsboro, Pollocksville, Harkers Island and New Bern.
 Harkers Island delegates presented a picture of the purpose of life on earth. Specific examples of the bettering of lives were cited by Ealine Lund and Elder R. K. King, who are missionaries of the denomination. President Lathin Wiggins spoke on the subject, "Restoration of All Things."

TOBACCO PLANTS
LUMBERTON, April 2 — Unusually warm weather during the latter part of January and the first days of February brought a thick crop of tobacco plants out of the ground and for a while, growers were afraid they would be overzealous before transplanting time. But cold, wintry weather followed for the balance of February and, with the exception of a few mild days, continued throughout March. This not only put a stop to the growth of the young plants, but killed a large portion of those on the beds. R. C. Rankin of the Lumberton Tobacco Board of Trade has reported.

BOND ELECTION
LUMBERTON, April 2 — A bond election on two issues of \$350,000 each for waterworks and streets improvements in Lumberton has been authorized by the city council, to be held at the time of the general political election on May 6.
 Balloting separately on the two proposals, voters would express approval or disapproval of the issuance of \$350,000 in city bonds to finance a new waterworks plant, to be built when construction costs permit, and \$350,000 for paving Lumberton streets listed in 20 or more petitions already filed.

W. O. W. MEET
LUMBERTON, April 2 — Pine Camp No. 144, Woodmen of the World, will meet Friday at 7:30 p. m. in the Long Branch community hut. A good attendance is desired.

The first five minutes of a fire are more important than the next five hours.

OBITUARIES

MARIAN DALE LANIER

Funeral services for Marian Dale Lanier, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Lanier, 708 N. Fifth street, who died at James Walker Memorial hospital Tuesday night, will be held today at 1 o'clock from the chapel of Harrell-Coble Funeral home, the Rev. E. W. Pate officiating.

Interment will be in the MacMillan cemetery, Elizabethtown. Surviving are the parents; the grandmother, Mrs. Oliver Lanier, Elizabethtown, and a grandfather, Cecil Meares, Wilmington; three brothers, Ellis, Jr., Erle and Bernice, and one sister, Maggie Day Ellis.

DAN W. GARRETT

Funeral services for Dan W. Garrett, 54, 916 S. Second street, will be held from the Sixth street Advent Christian church this afternoon at 3 p. m. with the Rev. George W. Saunders officiating. He died Tuesday afternoon while enroute to James Walker Memorial hospital.

Interment will be in Bellvue cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rose Garrett, one daughter, Ruth; three sons, Bennie, Joe and William; one brother John, and one sister, Mrs. J. L. Mills.

The body will lie in state one hour preceding the funeral. Honorary bearers will be R. E. Owens, R. S. Thorpe, Mike Jacobs, Jr., Newton E. Stokley, Manuel Foster, Otto Hewlett, Herbert Chinnis, Noah Jones, Edward Rich, Randolph Grant, Mike Jacobs, Sr., and Johnny King.

Active bearers will be V. K. Foy, L. C. Williams, B. T. Graham, George Ivey Vrandall, and L. C. Windham.

M. S. SHOEMAKER

Word was received here yesterday of the death of Merritt S. Shoemaker, age 71, at his home in Cortland, N. Y. on Sunday, March 30.

He is survived by his wife, three daughters, one son, one brother and one sister.

The daughters are Mrs. Steve Havlin of Erin, N. Y.; Mrs. Jack Connor of Binghamton, N. Y.; and Miss Jesse Mae Shoemaker of Cortland, N. Y. The son is Hartley Shoemaker of Erin, N. Y. The brother is O. H. Shoemaker of Wilmington and his sister, Mrs. L. G. Wedge.

MRS. BERLIN WARD

TABOR CITY, April 3 — Mrs. Berlin Ward of Route One, Tabor City, died at her home this afternoon. The body is at the Jessup Inman funeral home awaiting funeral arrangements which will be announced later.

WILLIAM B. MARTIN

FAISON, April 2 — William Bryant Martin, 63, died last night at his home in Faison after a short illness. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence with the Rev. Murphy Smith, pastor of the Faison Presbyterian church in charge. Burial will be in the Faison cemetery.

Surviving are four daughters; Mrs. A. V. Crouch of Faison, Mrs. F. D. Casteen, Miami, Mrs. Henry Davis of Jacksonville, Fla and

Rachel Martin of Faison. Three sons; W. R. Martin of Wilmington, Frank T. Martin and Eugene C. Martin both of Faison. Sisters; Mrs. Eliza Alexander of California, Mrs. C. H. Allen of Florida, Mrs. W. H. Randolph of Florida, Mrs. J. D. Cameron of Calypso, Mrs. J. J. Crawford and J. L. Wardlow of Panama and five grandchildren.

RICHARD ALLEN KING

MOUNT OLIVE, April 2 — Funeral services for Richard Allen King, 68, were held today at the First Methodist church here. Interment followed in the Maplewood cemetery.

Active pallbearers were the stewards of the First Methodist church. Mr. King was a former superintendent of the Sunday school and a member of the board of stewards of the church for a number of years.

He was the son of the late Julius S. King and Ella Wilson King of Sampson county. He had been a resident of Mount Olive for the past 35 years where he was engaged in the mercantile business. He was active in city and county affairs having served on the school board for several years.

Survivors include one sister; Mrs. R. H. Williams of Wilmington and several nieces and nephews.

MRS. DOLORES STEVENS HOLT

BURLINGTON, April 2 — Funeral rites were held here this afternoon at 4 o'clock for Mrs. Dolores Stevens Holt, 74, who died Monday morning at 1:15.

A native of Charleston, S. C., daughter of Bishop Peter Fassoux Stevens, Mrs. Holt was the wife of the late Edwin Cameron Holt. She formerly lived in Wilmington, having joined the Colonial Dames there in 1903. She was also a member of D.A.R., and of the local Episcopal church, from which rites were to be held.

Among the survivors are one daughter, Mrs. W. T. Cheatham of Burlington; a granddaughter, Mrs. Harry C. James of Wilmington; and a grandson, William T. Cheatham, IV, a student of State college.

QUINN FOWLER

TABOR CITY, April 2 — Quinn Fowler, prominent farmer of the Green Sea section of Horry county, died at his home Monday night. Funeral services will be held at the home Thursday afternoon at 2:30 with the Rev. B. Hucks, officiating. Interment will follow in the George Fowler cemetery.

Surviving besides his wife are two daughters; Mrs. Ernest Stevens of Tabor City and Mrs. Lessie Fowler of the home; one son, Ned Fowler of the home; three sisters, Mrs. Mollie Powell of Loris and Mrs. Luvena Norris of Tabor City and Miss Emile Fowler of the home; four brothers, James and Noah of Loris and Melvin of Tabor City.

MRS. ROSA D. BASS

WHITEVILLE, April 2 — Mrs. Rosa D. Bass, 69, of near Whiteville died at the home of her daughter Wednesday at 12:45 a. m. after several weeks illness. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 3 p. m. at the residence, Rev. A. D. Frazier of Elizabethtown officiating. Interment will be at Western Prong cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, Raymond and Earl Bass, both of Whiteville. One daughter, Mrs. Volle Thompson of Whiteville; four brothers, Walter and Charlie Davis both of McDonald; Harvey and J. K. Davis, both of Fairmont; two sisters, Mrs. Penny Davis of Fairmont; Mrs. Lillie Hayes of Lumberton; fourteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

FOREST RICHARDSON

TABOR CITY, April 2 — Forest Richardson of Route one, Gallivants Ferry, died in the Conway hospital today about 2 o'clock from injuries received from a collision on the Georgetown highway.

Funeral services will be held

from the Rehobeth Baptist church, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will follow in the Rehobeth cemetery.

Surviving are his wife; the former Lonnie Hughes. Five sons; Selsus, Jackwell, King and J. F. Gus, Jr. Four daughters; Nettie, Annie, Blanche and Maxine all of Gallivants Ferry. Two brothers; Burris and Henry of Gallivants Ferry. One sister; Rosie Shelley of Gallivants Ferry and seventeen grandchildren.

PIPE LINE SOLD

WASHINGTON, April 2 — (AP) — The War Assets administration announced the sale of an 180-mile pipeline from Greensboro, N. C. to Richmond, Va., to the Keystone Pipe Line company, Philadelphia, for \$492,940.

The agency said the original Keystone bid of \$477,000 was rejected and the company accepted a counter-proposal fixing the higher sale price.

Annual Meeting

SALISBURY, April 2 — (AP) — The 13th annual meeting of the Southeastern section of the American Physical society will be held at Catawba college here Friday and Saturday.

Dr. Karl Z. Morgan, formerly of Salisbury and now with the Oak Ridge, Tenn. atomic laboratories, will speak on "educational programs in atomic energy for the Southeast." Other scientists will present papers on unclear rission

George Guide, Villanova track ace, who has scored stunning victories, was a halfback on the football squad last fall.

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We regard the death of King George II as one of the greatest blows to our mother country at this time. The world has lost a great leader, for King George II was a patriot—and a Christian gentleman.

However, we are confident in the knowledge that the Great Nation of Greece will go FORWARD under the leadership of Prince Paul, who was sworn in as monarch Tuesday night.

We deem it appropriate at this time that all Greeks express their loyal gratitude and thanks to the fine citizens of these United States, who have "accepted" us as citizens . . . and pledge anew our loyalty to this, our adopted country!

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ties for similar skills and training. The Company also continues its offer to renew the present liberal contract until such arbitration can take place.

This offer is fair to everyone, we believe, and should avoid a telephone strike.

OUR WAGE POLICY IS TO PAY JUST AND FAIR WAGES

The Southern Bell Telephone Company believes that its employees should be well paid, and that their wages should compare favorably with those paid by other concerns in the communities we serve for work requiring similar skill and equivalent training. Since telephone rates are regulated by Public Service Commissions this policy is certainly fair and just to all concerned.

We earnestly desire to go as far as possible in meeting the wishes of our employees and

the Union. But their demands must be practical and realistic. Already the earnings of the Company are such that we are appearing before the Public Service Commissions throughout the Southeast asking for increases in rates to help meet the costs of wage increases granted last year. THESE WAGE INCREASES FOR 1945 AND 1946 AMOUNTED TO APPROXIMATELY 26 MILLION DOLLARS.

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to \$3.30 a month for everyone of our more than 1,731,000 telephone subscribers.

Our wage policy is to pay just and fair wages to employees — wages which compare favorably with local community levels. We believe we now are doing that. But we are offering to arbitrate to avoid a strike with its inevitable harm to everyone.

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