

Dark Laughter BY O. HARRINGTON



Charlotte

Miss Marie Edwards, student at North Carolina State College, Durham, spent the week end with her Uncle, Rev. A. H. Prince, 1927 Oaklawn ave.

Reverend and Mrs. William A. Ellison of New York City spent a short while in Charlotte recently on their way back to New York, they were guests in the home of

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Little, Oaklawn Avenue.

Mrs. Frances Witherspoon continues indisposed at her home, 1909 Oakland Avenue. Mrs. Witherspoon teaches in the Biddville School.

Rev. A. H. Prince, Field Representative Presbyterian Church spent recently, time in Chattanooga, Tenn., Atlanta, Ga., Camden, S. C., and Sumter County, S. C., where he is conducting promotion

Conferences, with several groups of churches.

The Paw-Creek Hoskins School has recently added recreation equipment for the children this was made possible through the untiring efforts of the Principal, Mrs. Susan M. Prince, whose school is rated as the most up-to-date and well kept school in the county. This school was given a volume of books recently because of its fine and aggressive work it is carrying on. Mrs. Laura Phelps is associated as teacher.

Reverend Singismund A. Laing, Pastor, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Key West, Fla., was a recent visitor to Charlotte.

Preparations are being made for the mid winter session of the Catawba Presbytery which will convene January 7 at the Biddville Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C.

Mrs. Mable Hunt of West Trade street was hostess to a few intimate friends, on last Sunday, her birthday, entertaining them at the home of her sister, Mrs. Hazeline Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Beckwith were hostess at their house warming last Friday evening at their new home on Davis street. A pleasant evening was spent and a number of beautiful gifts received. Among the out of town guests that were present were Mrs. Beckwith's mother, Mrs. Demond and a few friends of New York who motored to Charlotte last week.

The AKA sorority sponsored the Moorehouse quartette last Sunday at Second Ward High school.

Class No. 11 of West Charlotte high school sponsored a dance in the school library Monday evening. Dancing was enjoyed during the evening along with the selling of refreshments. The proceeds of which will go to the school.

Mrs. S. E. Usher, a member of the faculty at West Charlotte school spent the week end in Georgia visiting relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. William West entertained at a surprise birthday party Monday evening at their home on Carmel street, honoring their son William West, Jr. Guests included around 50 of the younger set.

CAPITOL HILL

Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been working with the State Highway Patrol for many months now on the proper procedure of investigation of espionage and sabotage. Commissioner T. Bodie Ward of the State

Motor Vehicles Division disclosed to your reporter this week.

Ward said members of the F. B. I. met with patrolmen of troop C in Greensboro several weeks ago and talked with them for some forty-five minutes on the handling of such cases.

This news has been held back until now for obvious reasons. Ward said that with the present declaration of war against Japan it could now be released.

He intimated that strategic bridges in the State would be guarded by the patrol along with the Army. One F. B. I. Agent told the Commissioner that he would be lost in North Carolina without the assistance of the patrol. They have assisted the Bureau for some time, particularly in catching draft deserters. Ward remarked.

Meanwhile, Raleigh was in a general state of excitement. Radios could be heard from offices on Capitol Hill and in the business section. Local stations in Raleigh placed small portable radios along the streets in order that citizens might hear the latest news.

Soldiers were on duty on Capitol Square fully equipped in the event of any emergency. Business men pondered over the effects of the situation, and everyone had a different idea to offer.

Commenting on the situation as to how it would effect retail trade in the State, Wesley Williams, executive secretary of the Raleigh Merchants Bureau said, "It is inevitable that the war will ertain extent. A man would be a fool to predict the future. However, merchants should prepare for most anything. It is my opinion that the retailers of North Carolina will shoulder their responsibility with a smile."

In local taverns, drug stores or wherever citizens gathered, they clung close to all available radios. Crowds along the main streets here discuss the latest news on into the night.

"We are now at war. Fire defense means national defense," S. G. Otstot, executive secretary of the North Carolina Association of Insurance Agents told me this week. "Every fire, no matter how small, takes materials to rebuild that is necessary to our National Defense Program. Search your homes, schools, churches, business establishments for any small hazard which might lead to fire. You will aid your government in the emergency," he commented.

Director of Highway Safety Ronald Hocutt, said this week that "in this period of National emergency, the prevention of traffic accidents of our nation, when our human and economic resources have been so absolutely essential to the preservation of our nation, as today, I want to urge our citizens to drive and walk with such care and discipline that lives and property may be fully dedicated in the cause of our country."

Formality and Broad A's reigned this past week-end at the annual meeting of the State Art Society here. Long evening gowns, touched off with diamonds and pearls, covered the lobby of the Hotel Sir Walter, and bowed to gentlemen in full dress. It was quite an occasion; bringing forth North Carolina's society.

Voters want pastors to shun talks on war, Gallup poll finds.

Roosevelt papers reveal he favored NLRA revision in 1938.

Another Year -- Another Cake

By Frances Lee Barton

HERE'S a special cake dedicated to Nineteen Forty-Two. Serve it before, on or after the first of the year, and you'll serve it later on.

Now Year's Cake
3 cups sifted cake flour;
teaspoons double-acting baking powder;
teaspoon salt; 3/4 cup butter or other shortening; 1 1/2 cups sugar; 3 eggs; 3/4 cup milk; 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and mix together three times. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Beat eggs until very thick and light; add to creamed mixture and beat well. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating after each addition until smooth. Add vanilla. Bake in two greased 8-inch layer pans in moderate oven (375° F.) 25 minutes; or until done. Spread Seven Minute Meringue between layers and on top and sides of cake. Write "Happy New Year" on top of cake with melted chocolate, using a fine-tipped brush. Decorate edges with clusters of small red cinnamon candies and pieces of citrus.

Durham

The members of the Earnest Workers Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Tuesday evening at 7:30 P. M.

Mrs. E. W. McLaughlin was hostess to the Moxehalia Sunday School Class at her home on Dawkins Street Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Senior Missionary Group convened at St. Joseph A. M. E. Church Parsonage, with Mrs. Valentine. The guest speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Annie Day Shepard.

Dr. Channing H. Tobias, Senior Secretary of the National Young Men's Christian Association was the guest speaker for the morning

and afternoon services at North Carolina College Sunday, December 7.

Madam Fontania who is in charge of the music department at the Daisy E. Scarborough Nursery, presented the Tiny Tots and Music Seekers Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at St. Joseph A. M. E. Church.

The Bull City Lodge and Salome Temple will render a program at St. Matthew A. M. E. Church located at Cobb and Matthew Streets Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mrs. Annie Hedgespeth is getting along fine at her home on Mineoey Street with a broken leg.

Miss Lucile Baines is rapidly recuperating after undergoing an operation at Lincoln Hospital. Miss Addie Bailey was hostess

to the Jolly Dames Club at her home on Dawkins Street. The group presented Mrs. Geneva T. Stauback a gift as a recent bride.

Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Burnett are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth, born at Lincoln Hospital.

Among the popular Durhamites attending the annual Peach Bowl Classic held at Columbus, Ga., December 8 were Misses Nannie Cooper, Lavinia Wilson and Madge Holeman.

President invites Governors to help solve job-security problem.

Pact with Mexico indicates the U. S. will continue to buy silver.

Roosevelt warns that we may be in war in another year.

War games in Carolina are expected to change old concepts.

"Bridge of ships" building rapidly under defense program.

Minnesota rated best team United States in football poll.

Football attendance up 4 per cent over 1940 figure.

Maneuvers director says the Army would lose heavily.

Roosevelt is expected to announce housing for defense workers.

Chinatown gives generously to Red Cross drive.

Brazilian writer calls U. S. women a model for her nation.

Valtia wins California party in hope of averting deportation.



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