



From A Reporter's Notebook

By FRANCES WALKER

It's fun to be on the winning team, to win prizes, to know that you have excelled in some way. Although The Times is a consistent prize-winner in newspaper contests, it is always a new thrill to find you have won again. It gives one a sense of pride and also a renewed enthusiasm for the days ahead. Winning awards in any field should serve as a stimulus to try to do even better rather than to rest on past laurels.

It isn't very often that I get down to Chapel Hill these days . . . it's a long trip. Saturday I spent a few hours there for a meeting of the board of North Carolina Press Women. Driving in via the Pittsboro road I was pleased to see that the highway had been improved, but that was not the most startling observation. Every time I look at the new hospital, the medical school and adjacent buildings, I sense something miraculous. The so-called village has grown so rapidly in the past few years it gives a returning alumnus a creepy feeling. After the meeting at Carolina Inn, I turned the Ford toward downtown Chapel Hill, circled around the campus and headed out of town for Sanford. I had the strangest feeling, sort of ghost like. In the first place a college campus never seems the same again after graduation, but Chapel Hill has definitely grown and changed drastically in the past few years.

The Chapel Hill way of life and the atmosphere peculiar to that place alone have not changed . . . here's hoping they never do. A recent proof of the wide appeal this university town has throughout the nation is that so many people retire there to spend the rest of their days . . . prominent folks, too. Dr. Robert M. Lester, who holds the important position of secretary of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, recently moved to Chapel Hill. He commutes to his headquarters in New York at intervals. He says he's been coming to Chapel Hill on business

for 25 years and long ago decided one day he would become a resident.

Folks down in that section of the state have been fortunate (or unfortunate, whichever way you look at it) in that they have had good snows on two occasions this winter. We here in the mountains have escaped. I could still see traces of it Saturday in the ditches along the highway from Ashboro to Siler City. With springlike (though nippy) weather, it doesn't appear that snow here is likely. We can never tell, though, until April at least.

"Cuckoos On The Hearth" is the intriguing name of the second Brevard Little Theatre play this season. It will be given Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in the American Legion building. Plan to come by all means, but leave home a little earlier than usual because starting time has been moved up to 8 o'clock. It's really more practical because it means getting home and to bed before quite so late. The setting and stage will be completed and put up this Saturday. Anyone with a strong back (I didn't say weak mind) and a desire to help out will be welcomed. Come along and somebody will find a chore you can do. The Little Theatre workers are a grand bunch who believe in making fun out of hard work. Anyone who likes this sort of thing should lend his or her talents in that direction.

"The Moon Is Blue" is still delighting large audiences and provoking controversy. It has been given by the Little Theatre of Charlotte. Driving toward that city Friday I heard a public service spot announcement saying it had been held over for another week. Their Little Theatre, like ours, sells single admissions, thus permitting everyone who is interested to see the play. Then again on Sunday, while listening to WBT, I heard the play sharply criticized on religious grounds by Dale Francis, conductor of the Catholic Hour. It's a great country where we are all entitled to our own opinions, and though even in disagreement, we still respect that of the other person.

Brevard should be quite proud of William Bell Clark, whose most recent book, "THE FIRST SARATOGA," has been published by the Louisiana State University press. Mr. Clark and his

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REPUBLICANS TO ATTEND DINNER

Lincoln Day Affair Is Set In Asheville On Saturday. Judd To Speak

Several Transylvania Republicans are planning to attend the annual Lincoln Day dinner at the Battery Park hotel in Asheville on February 6th.

The eminent Dr. Walter H. Judd, of Minnesota, will deliver the principal address. Dr. Judd has represented his fellow citizens as congressman from the Fifth District of Minnesota in the U. S. House of Representatives for the past several years. Prior to this Dr. Judd served many years as a medical missionary in China.

From Dr. Judd's great storehouse of experience in China, he is truly able to bring to the people of Western North Carolina a clear and understanding account of the many problems which face America today in our dealings with the Orient, officials say.

LAKE TOXAWAY PASTOR RESIGNS

Much Illness Is Reported In Area. Personal Items Are Carried

By MRS. I. S. SANDERS
OAKLAND — The Lake Toxaway Baptist church very reluctantly granted the request of Rev. Hulon Arms, Sunday, for his resignation as pastor, to continue his church service in evangelistic work in other places.

The Sunday school classes were very sorry of the superintendent, Mr. Riley John's, absence Sunday on account of illness.

The last report of Mrs. Edwin Reid was she was doing very well in the hospital at Franklin after a serious operation.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Reid is very sick at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bryson.

Word has been received here of the serious illness of the two brothers of Mr. Guy Matheson, of Troutman. Mr. Bruce Matheson was in a serious wreck with injuries of the head, and Mr. Bain Matheson fell off a high ladder and broke his back in two places. They are recovering at their homes at Troutman.

Mrs. Rosa Revis and Mrs. Callie Redman, of Pickens, S. C., visited friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mooney, of Statesville, announce the birth of a baby girl, Nancy Jane, born January 14. Mrs. Mooney is the former Miss Martha Matheson, granddaughter of the late Mrs. Lee Norton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Petrikin visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Galloway recently at Glenville. Mrs. Galloway was very seriously ill.

Mr. E. A. Reid and Mrs. Mary Burgess have been very sick at their homes here the past week.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Cash Sunday for dinner were Rev. and Mrs. Hulon Arms and two little daughters.

Callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Sanders over the week end, were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sanders, of West Asheville, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Whitmire, L. C. Sanders, of Brevard, Mrs. Ralph Petrikin and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Pitts, of Lake Toxaway.

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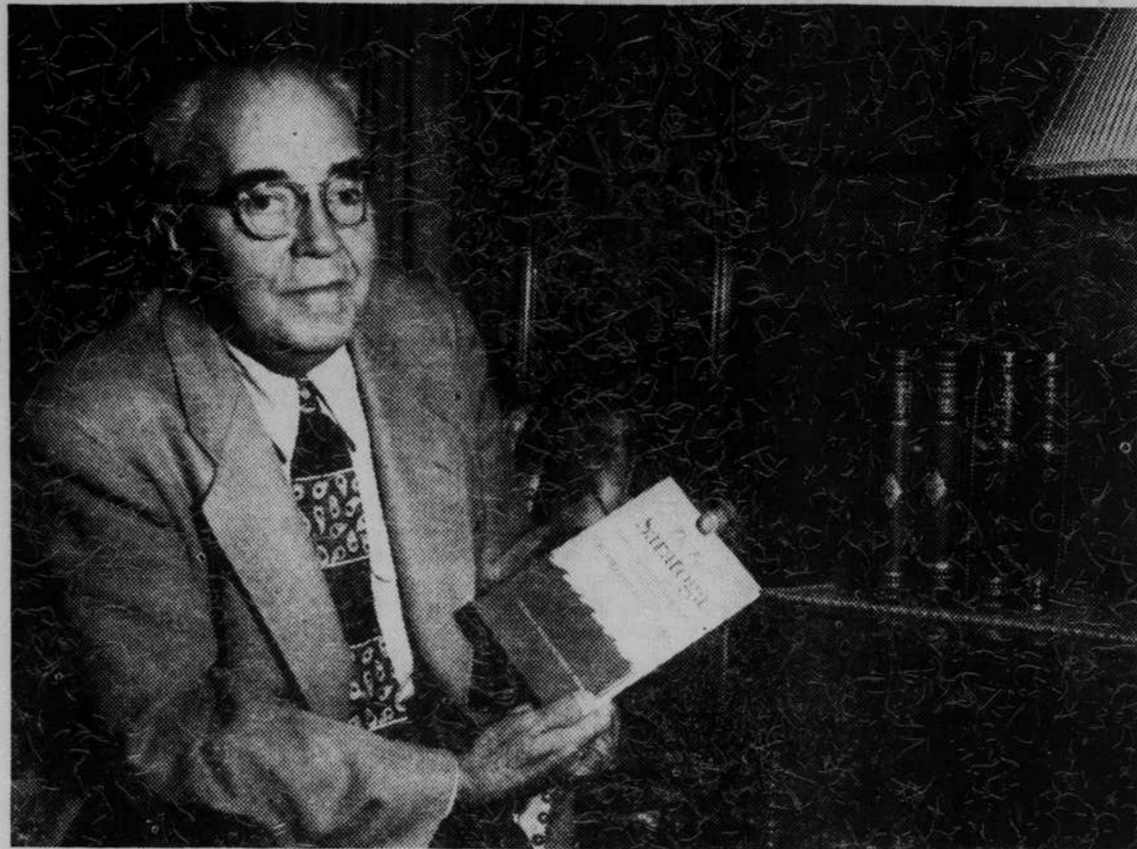
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Local Author — At Home On Neely Road



WILLIAM BELL CLARK, a native Pennsylvanian who came to Brevard via Chicago, adds "The First Saratoga" to his collection of five published books. An authority on naval history during the early days of the United States, Mr. Clark has four books, biographies of these lesser known naval officers. An earlier book deals with the history of U-boats. John Young is the subject of "The First Saratoga," which is published by the Louisiana University Press and released in January. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have lived on Neely road since they purchased a home here some three years ago. (Times Staff Photo)

William Bell Clark Has Fifth Book Published On United States Navy

Local Writer Is Authority On This Country's Early Sea History

By STAFF WRITER

"THE FIRST SARATOGA," William Bell Clark's fifth book on the United States navy and her heroes during the Revolutionary war period, more firmly establishes him as one of the foremost authorities on this country's early sea history.

The story of John Young and his sloop-of-war, Mr. Clark's book was released early this year by the Louisiana State University Press.

In an interview here at his home on Neely road, Mr. Clark elaborated on his early ambitions to tell the story of Revolutionary naval operations, a neglected link in the history books. It began when he was a mere lad and his father presented him with a book. At Christmas, 1899, William Bell Clark received Abbott's "Naval History of the United States." His boyhood ambition from that day forward

was to serve as an officer in the U. S. navy. When he grew up a bit, Mr. Clark received an appointment to Annapolis but was not admitted because of defective eyesight.

It was a blow to the young man's dream of a naval career. But William Bell Clark became an opportunist and jumped on this failure to enter the academy as another means of serving his country and the navy — through research and compilation of data heretofore unknown.

Although Mr. Clark has accumulated quite a full collection of information on this era, it did not come about immediately. He accepted a job as reporter on a Harrisburg, Pa., newspaper and thus began his literary career. He worked as a newspaperman and advertising executive for many years. Upon his retirement as vice presi-

dent of the advertising firm, N. W. Ayer and Son, Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Clark moved to Brevard in

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WNC GROUP WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN MAY

Collisson And Bengte Make Announcement, Program, Theme Given

Tentative plans to hold the 1954 southeastern conference of the Society for the Advancement of Management in Asheville on May 6 and 7 were divulged this week by N. H. Collisson, vice president of Olin Industries, president of the WNC chapter, and Eugene Bengte, of Bengte Associates, arrangements chairman for the conference.

Elected general chairman for the eight chapter conference is Wes Suit, of Fieldcrest Mills, Spray, S. C. Stuart Ingram, of Old Dominion Box company, Charlotte, has been named program chairman.

"Participation — A Tool of Management," has been chosen by representatives of the southeastern chapters as the general theme for the conference. Emphasis will be placed on how to obtain participation according to Chairman Bengte.

Masons Will Confer 3rd Degrees Thurs.

Briscoe Whitmire, Worshipful Master of Dunn's Rock Masonic lodge announces the Master Mason degree will be conferred at a emergent communication Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Masonic temple.

The degree will be conferred by Briscoe Whitmire, the master and assisted by Allison Orr, senior deacon.

T. E. Keid, past master, will give the lecture.

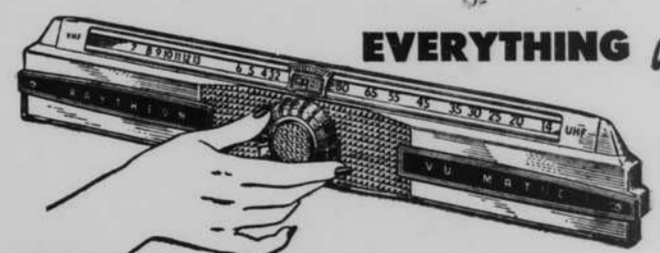
All members are urged to attend and a cordial invitation is extended to all visiting Masons.

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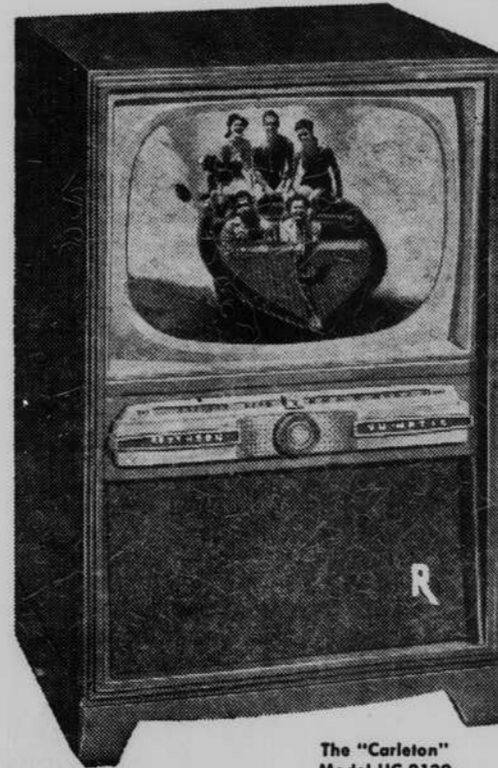
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