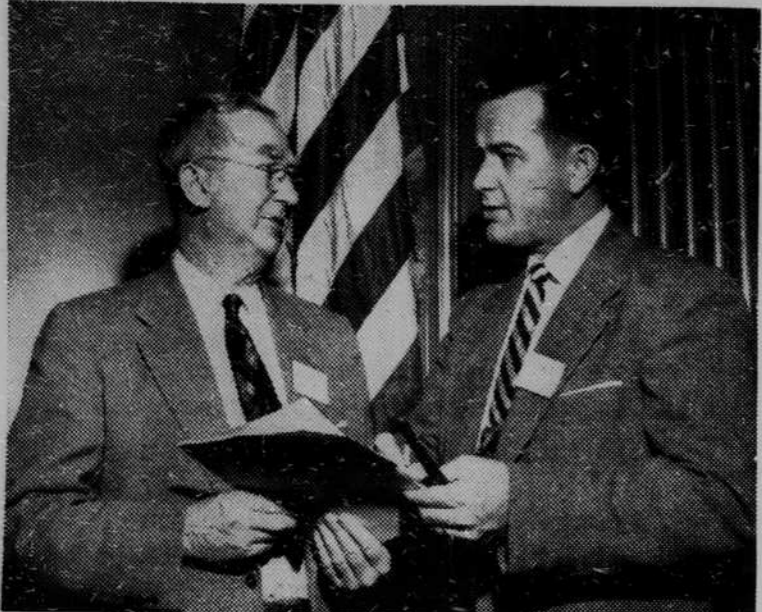


Ike Honors Everest Conquerors



Leaders of the British expedition that conquered Mt. Everest, the world's highest peak, receive from President Eisenhower in Washington the Hubbard award of the National Geographic Society. They are Brigadier Sir John Hunt (center), head of the party, and Sir Edmund Hillary, who made the final ascent to the top. (International.)

Talking Over Labor Laws



FORREST H. SHUFORD, (left), state labor commissioner, discussed strengthening North Carolina labor laws with Representative Carleton Faler of the CIO Paperworkers union who was in Washington last Thursday and Friday for the 20th national conference on labor legislation. Faler is on assignment by the CIO, endeavoring to form a union at the Ecusta Paper corporation.

District Nurses To Hear President Of State Association

Miss Josephine Kerr, president of the North Carolina State Nurses' association, will be the speaker at the district No. 1 meeting, Wednesday, March 10, at 4 p. m. at the Buncombe county court house, Asheville.

Miss Kerr is administrative assistant at the Charlotte Memorial hospital. In 1952 she became president of the association and was re-elected unanimously at the Charlotte convention last fall, an indication of the appreciation which the more than 3,600 members have for her leadership. In 1930 she was named to the board of nurse examiners, made its president in

1935, and served in this office for the next ten years.

Registered nurses in Transylvania, whether they are members of the association or not, are invited to attend the meeting. Inactive and retired registered nurses are also invited.

District officials point out that Miss Kerr, truly a dedicated member of her profession, considers it full of opportunities for young women who are smart and are looking for work that is rewarding in every way. She advocates better training for nurses, which means better care for the patient, the ultimate aim of all nurses.

Agricultural scientists believe that substances called saponins in the alfalfa plant cause livestock bloating when the animals feed on alfalfa.



From A Reporter's Notebook

By FRANCES WALKER

March wasn't exactly ushered in with a warm, caressing wind or the singing of spring songs. The sprinkling of snow was cheered by the youngsters whose only regret was that the white stuff wasn't sufficient for sledding or getting out of school. It got no cheers from this corner which has been crying for snow for months now. It's a little late in the season to be wishing for a snow and remember what a woman's privilege is. So happened the snow came on Monday, the very day the Asheville morning paper had reprinted my last week's squib about winter bowing out with February. Not very good timing, was it? I stick to my guns, though. Spring is knocking on the back door.

I doubt that very many persons in the county subscribe to the trade publication, *Manufacturer's Record*. However, when they do a bang-up job like the one on North Carolina recently, it is regrettable they don't have wider circulation. The Advertising Division of the Department of Conservation and Development has remedied this and made it possible for everyone to secure a copy of the lengthy article which covers the state from A to Z and back again. The magazine made it possible to have these reprints done and they will be mailed free for the asking from the department in Raleigh. The publicity folks have made it into an attractive booklet with a cover which contains four perfectly beautiful color prints — two inside and two outside on the front and back. This booklet should certainly be in every library and kept on file for future reference concerning Greater North Carolina.

With the coming of the Lenten season our hearts and minds turn to Easter. It is indeed appropriate that the annual World Day of Prayer service is held the first Friday during Lent. Women in 118 countries gather together and in their own native tongues pray to the Father who knows and understands them all, asking for that one fervent desire, a lasting peace on earth. This year the World Day of Prayer service was written by an Indian woman, whose work in Christian education has done much for the betterment of her sex in that poverty stricken country. World Day of Prayer will be observed in the Presbyterian church here this Friday, and women of all faiths and creeds are invited.

Lillian Kallir, the young pianist who was soloist during one of the Transylvania Music camp concerts last summer, is headed for the top. Just before playing here she had been on a tour of France in one of the National Music League's exchange deals, where young artists of this country and others are exchanged much like the world student program. Last Monday night Miss Kallir and Blanche Tarjus, the French woman who toured America on the same exchange, joined together in a momentous concert. They played, Lillian the piano, and her French counterpart the violin, to a wonderful audience in Carnegie Hall. This concert included the world premiere of Alan Hovhaness' Concerto No. 5 for Piano and Strings. Quite a feather in the cap of this young lady, who endeared herself to all who met her here last summer.

Now that we are looking toward Easter, some young fry might be interested in knowing how the bunny came to be associated with this holiday. The rabbit, or hare, is a symbol of the moon, and the date of Easter is governed by the moon. The bunny came into the Easter picture because of the fact that rabbits are born with their eyes open. According to an old superstition the rabbit always has its eyes open. Hence it became identified with the full moon. Too, the Egyptian word for hare was "un" which also means "to open" or "the opener." As opener of the new year at Easter time—spring being the time when most vegetation is young or new—the hare became associated with the egg, symbol of resurrection, as Easter symbols.

Asheville Community Theatre could certainly sit back and rest on their laurels, if they had a mind to, after last week's production of "Idiot's Delight." This serious comedy by Robert Sherwood has a cast of 25 and is an extremely difficult play to give, especially in the professional manner it was executed by ACT. "Idiot's Delight" is an odd

story about a rather sordid international group which is caught on the Swiss-Austrian border on the eve of World War II. It contains in the story a great deal of humor, also drama, pathos, suspense and even has music and dancing. One elderly lady who was coming out of the auditorium behind us Friday night was heard to remark, "The most delightful evening I've spent in a long time."

"Night Must Fall," as local Little Theatre patrons will recall, was the last play given during the group's first and very ambitious season. It was very well done here, too, taking into con-

sideration the many problems which beset the Little Theatre its first year. That was three seasons ago, and it seems "Night Must Fall" is now coming into its own as a popular Little Theatre selection. Asheville is giving it for their next play, and Charlotte Little Theatre is giving it either this week or next. Looks as if we were first, again!

When Ira Armfield was working on his talk for the Western Carolina Press group last Saturday he asked me if I knew any jokes he could include in it. Immediately I dug into a file where I keep some items on reserve — there are slim weeks, column wise as the readers so well know. Anyway, Ira selected this as being his favorite joke in the group:

A little American girl and a little Polish boy, living in the same neighborhood, had become very good friends. They played together constantly and jabbered and laughed merrily through many games and childish antics. As her aunt paused to give the usual hand-out of cookies to them one day she re-

SERVICES SET BY LUTHERANS

Special Series To Last Until Easter. Public Is Invited To Attend

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd will begin a special series of Sunday evening vespers on this Sunday, March 7th, 7 p. m., to extend until Easter the Rev. D. F. Cooper announces. Special messages will be brought at both the morning and evening services during this period with themes relating to the Christian season of Lent, leading up to a week of services during Holy Week, April 12-16, the announcement stated.

marked: "How is it that you two play together so well — you are an American and speak English — while he is Polish and cannot speak your language, yet you jabber together constantly." "That's easy," the little girl said, "we both laugh in the same language."

All services will be open to the public. Theme for the messages to be brought by Pastor Cooper at the 11 a. m. services during this period will be "That One Should Die," with the following weekly subjects: "On God's Side;" "The Lord's Look;" "The Supreme Question;" "Let Him Be Crucified;" "Weep for Yourself;" and "Looking To Jesus."

Theme for the Sunday evening vespers programs will be "Faith Foundations," with the following subjects to be considered: "The Claim of God;" "The Way of Forgiveness;" "The Rending of the Veil;" "The Cross As Man's Design;" "The Cross as God's Design;" and "From The Wounds of Christ." The morning services during March will be broadcast over the local station, WPNF.

The 1954 United States soybean crop will be supported at a national average price of \$2.22 per bushel, 80 per cent of the mid-December soybean parity.



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