

# Klan Leader Ends His Own Life; Funeral Is Held At Salisbury

Funeral services for Grady B. Mars, 41, retired Army policeman and Ku Klux Klan leader, were conducted at the National Cemetery in Salisbury Tuesday with 30 robed Klansmen among the 300 mourners. A bugler played "Taps" as the casket was lowered into the grave. Thirty or more uniformed security guards stood by. Mars, grand kliff—or vice president—of the North Carolina Klan, ended his own life at his home in Granite Falls Saturday night. He had made his home at Warrenton for about two years prior to moving to Granite Falls several weeks ago and had operated a garage at Arcola.

Mars died of a pistol wound in his head while en route to Rowan Hospital. Coroner Rufus

Honeycutt ruled the death a suicide. Officers said Mars' wife, Jane, and daughter, Sandy, 12 were in the house when the shooting occurred.

Rowan County Coroner Rufus Honeycutt said there was no evidence of foul play. He said he was conducting a routine investigation to determine whether the incident was suicide.

Honeycutt said Mars was shot with a .38 caliber bullet. Officers said Mrs. Mars gave this account:

Mars was working on his car and asked his wife if she could find some parts for the car. She left the bedroom to search for the parts in the kitchen. A .38 caliber pistol was in the bedroom. She said she heard a shot,

turned and saw her husband fall through the bedroom doorway into the hall. The pistol was beside him.

Mrs. Mars said her husband has been despondent since attending the Klan meetings in Washington.

## Negro Man Injured In One-Car Wreck Taken To Hospital

A Warren County Negro man was hospitalized around 10:30 on Saturday night when he was involved in a one-car wreck.

P. I. Person of Rt. 3, Warrenton, suffered head lacerations when he was thrown from his car after he had lost control of the vehicle while traveling east on Highway No. 43 near Arcola. He was taken to Jubilee Hospital in Henderson.

Highway Trooper V. R. Vaughan, who investigated the accident, said yesterday that Person has been charged with reckless driving. He said that Person's car caught fire after overturning.

## Girl Scouts Visit Governor's Mansion

Nineteen girls from Junior Girl Scout Troop 725 visited Raleigh Saturday where they attended the open house at the Governor's Mansion, which was beautifully decorated by the Raleigh Garden Clubs. This occurs only every four years.

The girls also toured the North Carolina State House and the Museum of Natural History. They were accompanied by Mrs. E. T. Odom, Jr., Mrs. Nancy Blankenship, Mrs. J. G. Powell, Mrs. Mel Hicks, Mrs. Peggy Shearin, Mrs. Linda Thompson and Mrs. Anita Thompson.

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# Rep. Drake Speaker At Post Meet

W. R. Drake, Warren County Representative in the State House of Representatives, was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of Limer Post No. 25 of the American Legion, held at the Colonial Lodge on Thursday night of last week with Commander Hy Diamond presiding.

After the dutch dinner and the transaction of regular business a United States Flag was presented to the Teen-Age room in Colonial Lodge by the post.

Rep. Drake spoke on the special session of the General Assembly and explained action taken on the Speaker Ban Law. He also touched on the special session of the legislature when re-apportionment of the House and Senate will be before the legislature.

M. C. Clary was Legionnaire X and he presented the dollar bill to Legionnaire Frank Daniel.

Commander Diamond announced that the program for the January meeting would be in charge of Legionnaire A. C. Fair and the Civil Air Patrol, which is sponsored by the Legion.

## Miss King Is Named Head Of Arcola Club

Lou Ellen King was elected president of the Arcola 4-H Club at its regular meeting at the Arcola Community House on Monday night. She presided over the meeting.

Other officers elected were: Kitty Norwood, Vice president; Terry Mustian, secretary and treasurer; Scott Pittman, song leader; Joe Allen Shearin, reporter.

The pledges were lead by Mrs. Carl Fleming. Christmas carols and 4-H songs were sung. Games were played and then cookies, potato chips, peanuts and cold drinks were served to the seven members present.

## Enterprise HD Club Has Christmas Party

The Enterprise Home Demonstration Club met at the Epworth-Enterprise community building on Thursday of last week for a luncheon, a regular meeting and a Christmas party.

The building was decorated in a Christmas motif and featured a decorated tree surrounded by gifts.

The dining table was covered with a white cloth centered with an arrangement of poinsettias. The menu consisted of fried chicken, chicken salad, pimento cheese sandwiches, ham biscuits, casseroles, congealed salads, candied yams, assorted pickles, assorted pies and coffee. Mrs. Alma Webster, president, returned thanks.

Following the meal a brief business session was held. Mrs. Webster gave the devotional. Christmas carols were sung and gifts were exchanged. Mrs. Ernest Bobbitt was winner of the door prize.

Those present were Mesdames Alma Webster, Ernest Bobbitt, E. M. Jones, R. A. King, Ernest Walker, Hal Bobbitt, Dave Bobbitt, B. F. Stansbury, William Skinner, III, W. B. Stansbury, Frank Harris and E. C. Reid, Sr., and Robin Moore and Tom and John Skinner.

The next meeting of the club will be held on Jan. 13 at the home of Mrs. David Bobbitt.

## Warrenton Church To Give Christmas Play

The Warrenton Pentecostal Holiness Church will have its annual Christmas program on Sunday night, Dec. 19, at 7 o'clock when a play, "Christmas for Grandpa," will be presented. Characters will be: Grandpa, Clyde Smith; Grandma, Estelle Smith; Mary, Betty Fleming; Ed, Charles Whittemore; Jimmie, Carl Smith; Katie, Lydia Floyd; Eddie, Larry Rivers; Mrs. Boone, Mattie Rivers; Mr. Boone, Louis Ayscue; Carolers, Gerald, Jimmy and Gayle Floyd, Brenda Whittemore and Annette Rivers.

The program will be directed by Mrs. Audrey Ayscue.

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# Peck Mfg. Co. To Have Yule Party; To Pay Bonus

Vacation pay amounting to \$9,500.00, the annual children's Christmas party, and distribution of Christmas savings amounting to \$15,200.00 are included in the Christmas plans of Peck Manufacturing Company, Joe Gilbert, manager, announced yesterday.

The vacation pay ranges from 2 to 4 per cent, according to the length of service of each employee. Those with five years and more service will receive 4 per cent of earnings for the six months ending November 30, and those with six months to five years of service will receive 2 per cent of earnings for the six months ending November 30. The vacation pay will be distributed with payrolls for the week ending December 11, 1965.

The children's Christmas party will be held at the plant on Sunday, December 19, at 2:30 p. m. The program will include Christmas carols and a visit from Santa Claus, who will distribute toys to all employees' children who are 10 years old and younger. Refreshments will be served to all, and parents are urged to attend.

During 1965 the employees at Peck Manufacturing Company put \$15,200.00 in Christmas savings, and individual checks from same were distributed on Nov. 24.

The Peck plant will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on December 23, 24 and 25, so that employees can enjoy Christmas with their families.

## Prizes To Be Given For Best Types Of Yule Decorations

The Warrenton Lions Club will again offer prizes to winners in its annual Christmas decorations contest, W. K. Lanier, committee chairman, announced yesterday.

A first and second prize will be given to winners for the best and second best outdoor decorations, and for the best and second best inside decorations as seen from the outside.

Lanier asks that those desiring to enter the contest leave their lights on until after the judging on Wednesday night, Dec. 23. Out-of-town judges will name the winners.

## Town Board Orders Drain Pipe Replaced

Replacing of a terra cotta pipe on Crockett Street with an iron pipe at a cost of around \$350 was approved by the board of county commissioners at its regular meeting on Monday night.

Authorizing the replacement of the pipe was just about the only item of business transacted in an unusually short session of the board. Routine matters occupied the remainder of the hour and a half session.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Stewart were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Frye and family of Frankfort, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. Andrew S. Kenly and family of Virginia Beach, Va., and Mrs. Frank Thompson and family of Richmond, Va.

## Christmas Pageant

"God Created Christmas" is the title of a Christmas pageant to be presented at the Sulphur Springs Baptist Church at Elberon on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 7 p. m., the Rev. J. M. Long, pastor, announced yesterday.

The pageant tells the Christmas story in dialogue, pantomime and music. The music will be presented by the youth choir and the primary children. The public is invited to attend.

# HOME DEMONSTRATION CORNER

EMILY BALLINGER, County Home Economics Agent

The Home Economics Extension Agents announce the following schedule:

Monday, December 20: The Afton - Elberon - Vicksboro 4-H Community Club will meet at 7:30 p. m. at the Afton-Elberon Community Building.

Tuesday, December 21: The Zion Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. J. D. Holtzman. Mrs. Leonard G. Bender will be co-hostess.

The Norlina Community 4-H Club will meet at 7:30 p. m. at the V. F. W. Building. Wednesday, December 22:

The Drewry Home Demonstration Club will meet at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. C. B. Curtis, Sr.

The Vaughan Home Demonstration Club will meet at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Fred West.

Thursday, December 23: Office.

Friday, December 24: Holiday.

Mr. Billy Thompson of Durham and Miss Eleanor Thompson of Raleigh spent the weekend at their home here.

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