



The Mouth Piece

Quote for today: "A fool in a high station is like a man on the top of a high mountain—everything appears small to him, and he appears small to everybody."—Rabelais.

Mrs. "Tootie" Flowers was the perfect picture of relaxed comfort Sunday afternoon, as she enjoyed the hammock on her front porch. She had a book in her hand, and at some time during the afternoon she'd probably read in it, but when we saw her, the droopiness of her eyelids and the floppiness of the book, as its pages almost swung shut, were sure signs her brain was several jumps ahead of her eyes down the road to sleep.

By George, we reckon Charlie Matthews wishes now he hadn't gone on a vacation to Cincinnati, and other places, last week! It's so hard to go back to work. But it really shouldn't bother Charlie. You see, to get a vacation, one has to work in the first place, and to dread ending a vacation, one has to go back to work, in the first place!

Sitting at our desk the other evening, we saw a pickup truck next to the railroad in front of the office. The driver called to two girls, evidently returning from the show. They went around to the driver's side, and had a good time laughing and talking for a few minutes.

All of a sudden the two girls scooted around to the other side of the truck, and crouched down, evidently hiding from someone. One of the girls reached up, opened the door, and both those younguns slid into the foot of that pickup truck. When the driver drove off they apparently warn't nobody with 'im.

Still watching the scene, pretty soon there came into view a group of boys, and ever since then we've wondered where those two girls told two of those boys they were that night!

rs. Willie Hood was visiting her father in Annapolis, Md., recently, and while there Mr. Hood wrote her he'd rented out her room. Not phased in the least, Mrs. Hood wrote back, "What does she look like?"

D. T. McPhail, so we hear, is among the latest Mount Olive folks building a cottage on Topsail beach.

To listen to Arthur Lane tell it, Frank Clifton is going to be a lot more regular at American Legion meetings in the future than he has been in the immediate past. Lane called Clifton, who didn't recognize his voice, and told him he understood he was very prominent in church work, and that he, Lane, needed to talk with someone who had understanding in such matters.

Clifton modestly admitted he WAS interested in church work, and would be very glad to talk with his unknown caller almost any night except that evening, which was Friday. "Tonight I've got to go to the Legion meeting," Clifton said, "and I'm also very much interested in the Legion movement." So they made a date to talk some other night.

Then Arthur identified himself, and said, "All right, Frank Clifton, you've handed me a big enough line. If you aren't at the Legion meeting tonight I'm coming after you!" Sure enough, Frank was there.

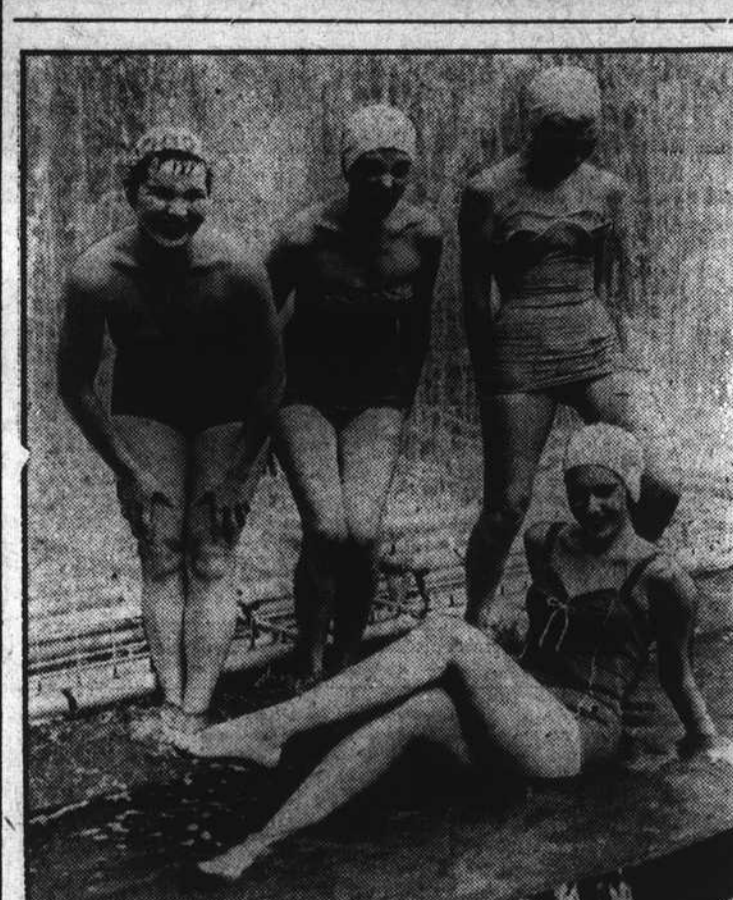
That was supposed to be all of the incident, except we can't help asking Arthur if he's ever worked such a trick on members of his Sunday school class who need a little prodding to attend as they should?

Some of you may have wondered why the local Jaycees have not entered a contestant in the annual "Miss North Carolina" event. Monday morning we heard a member of club explain why. First of all, it takes several hundred dollars to see one of those events through, and maybe more if the entry should be a state winner.

Judging is in three classifications, looks, personality and talent. To find a candidate who excels in all three fields is difficult, but not impossible (especially in Mount Olive), but to find one who qualifies, and is available for the contest, is something else again.

Up to now no member of the Jaycees has volunteered to enter the contest, and since the girls aren't available, it appears Mount Olive may have to wait some little time before we'll have an entry. And please don't ask us—we just haven't the time!

Calypso Apparently Has Lost Fight to Force ACL to Maintain Its Railroad Station



C-O-O-O-L—Even without the mermaids, Carter Barron Amphitheater in Washington, D. C., is a nice, cool place to be when the thermometer is having apoplexy, and a water show is in town. "Miss Washington" contestants, making a heart-warming spectacle in cool surroundings, are, from left: Jean Skidmore, 19; Ann Weaver, 20; Shirli Culpepper, 19, and, reclining, Jacklyn Traten, 18, all from the Washington area.

All-Star Softball Game Will Be Played July 28

The city league all-star softball game will be held at McGee Field Wednesday night, July 28, Thomas Hollowell, chairman of the arrangements committee for the game, announced this week.

Proceeds will go to the league's operational fund, to be used to defray the lighting expenses. Under the present set up, no admission is charged for loop games. However,

Publisher of Near Faison Dies Friday

Hugh McKenzie, 62, of Faison, route 2, founder and former publisher of the Sampson News in Clinton, committed suicide at his home Friday morning.

He was found in his room where he had used a 12 gauge single-barreled shot gun and killed himself by placing the muzzle in his mouth and pulling the trigger. No reason was given for his action.

McKenzie had been operating a printing shop at his home in the Piney Grove community for a number of years, and also at one time he had a printing plant in Wilmington, where he printed a weekly fishing guide. He founded the Sampson News in 1928 and sold it about 10 years ago.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the home with the Rev. T. O. Bird, Presbyterian minister of Faison, officiating, assisted by the Rev. J. L. Powers of Turkey and the Rev. M. C. MacQueen of Clinton. Interment was in the Clinton cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eva Grant McKenzie; one son, H. Nelson McKenzie of the home; one daughter, Mrs. George Clark of Georgia; one brother, C. S. McKenzie of Faison; one sister, Mrs. C. E. Lyda of Richmond, Va.; two half-brothers, J. E. Rich of Clinton and L. T. Rich of Holly Hill, Fla.; one half-sister, Mrs. C. A. Deaunister of Jacksonville, Fla.

The Television Writers of America have announced they will strike against three major TV networks Wednesday. The TWA said eight months of negotiations have failed to produce contract agreements with NBC, CBS and ABC.

Farmers Festival Question May Be Decided Here Today

Whether a Farmers' Festival will be held in Mount Olive this fall is expected to be determined today when members of the Chamber of Commerce hold a luncheon meeting to decide whether to proceed with plans to hold the affair or to abandon the project.

The luncheon meeting will be held at Rusty's Grill at noon today, Tuesday.

A meeting to plan for the festival was held Thursday night at the

Calypso apparently has lost its fight to retain its railroad station. The station now has been reduced to a flag stop.

The State Utilities Commission last week authorized the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad to discontinue its services in the Duplin town. There has been no report from the town as to whether the city will press for a rehearing or take legal steps to block the commission's decision.

A fight appears in the making on the ownership of the station property. The property, it is reported, was given to the railroad approximately 50 years ago on condition that it revert to its original owners and heirs when it ceased being used as a "station."

The Commission in hearing this ruled that the question is for the courts to decide.

Should the town question the Commission's ruling, it will have to ask for a rehearing, and if a rehearing is rejected, then take the matter before the courts.

Mrs. James Dies Here Last Friday

Mrs. Hattie O. James, 86, died early Friday morning at her home in Mount Olive.

Funeral services were held from the home Sunday afternoon with the Rev. T. W. Williams, Baptist minister, officiating. Interment was in Maplewood cemetery.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Oscar White of Mount Olive; Mrs. L. M. Shaddeau and Mrs. Paul Allard, Jr., both of Norfolk, Va.; three sons, W. Doran James of Goldsboro, Edgar J. James of Norfolk, Va., and Clarence H. James of Boston, Mass.; a sister, Mrs. Dollie Andrews of Raleigh; a half-brother, Job K. Savage; a half-sister, Teresa Davenport, both of Speed, 1-grandchild and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. James was the daughter of the late John Henry and Pattie Savage of Speed, and widow of the late W. D. James of Mount Olive.

Native This Section Dies Union, S. C.

Fred L. Barfield, 78, son of the late George and Betty Manley Barfield of Mount Olive, died at his home in Union, S. C. Thursday. He had been in ill health for a year.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon from the Grace Methodist church in Union with the Rev. T. C. Schuler officiating, assisted by the Rev. R. L. McCraw. Interment was in Forest Lawn cemetery in Union.

Mr. Barfield was reared in Mount Olive but left here as a young man to become a conductor on a passenger train, a position from which he had retired.

Surviving are his wife, three daughters, two sons, three sisters, and three brothers, including Jack and Burke Barfield of Mount Olive.

Kirby Sasser Buried in Snow Hill Last Friday

Kirby C. Sasser, 61, of Snow Hill, brother of Mrs. Essie Kramer of Mount Olive, died Wednesday night at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. H. Pierce of Garner.

Funeral services were held in Snow Hill Friday. Interment was in the LaGrange cemetery.

NEWS BRIEFS

from Here and Elsewhere

The U. S. Department of Agriculture announced that opening day tobacco sales on the Georgia-Florida markets averaged \$52.67 per hundred pounds, up 56 cents from last season's opening prices. The Georgia-Florida markets opened last Thursday.

Interest in the Citizen's Service Association, an organization of the white people opposed to non-segregation, has been building up since an initial meeting was held last week in Duplin county.

A light easing of tension was reported in the Indochina peace talks Sunday after a brief secret session of the nine chief delegates and their top advisors.

An explosion in a fireworks and munitions plant in Chestertown, Md., killed at least 12 and hurt 60. The explosion occurred Friday.

Buddy Pope, who led off the frame with a single, scored on an error to give the Methodists a 9-8 last inning victory over the league leading Presbyterians Friday night. In the nightcap, the Baptists gained momentum in the late frames to thrash their B brethren 20-10.

The Methodists took an early 4-0 lead as Shelton Boyd pitched shutout ball until the fifth, but after scoring twice in the fifth and once in the sixth, the Presbyterians staged a five run rally in the seventh to tie the score. The Methodists picked up two of their runs in the first frame on singles by Dave Wilson and Pope and a walk by Specs Harper.

In the third inning, singles by Harper, Andy Andrews, and Luby Bell and a walk to Wilson gave the Methodists three more runs, and the winners repeated the scoring in the fourth on Wilson's single and

Mrs. Bert Topka Is Bereaved in N. Y.

Local friends and relatives of Mrs. Bert Topka, resident of New York City, have been advised of the death of Mr. Topka, 59, which occurred July 1, in St. Elizabeth hospital there following a series of heart attacks.

Mrs. Topka is the former Miss Mary Campbell Davis, more familiarly known here as "Mary C", daughter of Mrs. Robert H. Davis and the late Mr. Davis of Mount Olive. Mrs. Davis was visiting her daughter at the time of Mr. Topka's death, and is still with her.

Mr. Topka was an official with the Delaware and Hudson railroad.

No Music Teacher in Sight Now

Mount Olive has suffered at least a temporary setback in securing a public school music teacher who also would direct the high school band this year.

M. S. Porter, Jr., member of the local school board, yesterday morning disclosed that the person the board had its fingers on for the position has rejected the offer.

According to Porter, the board now will take steps to secure a first grade teacher for the elementary school and continue to search for a music and band instructor to take the post on a private basis. He said that with the enrollment the local school has, it is mandatory that an academic teacher be hired.

He pointed out that teachers are allocated according to the average daily attendance, and last year the enrollment was sufficient for the state to allocate an extra teacher for the elementary school here this fall. A music teacher employed on a private basis, however, will not be counted against the teacher allocation.

In an effort to bring a music teacher here, members of the band patrons' club and other interested citizens met with the local school board last week. At that meeting at which R. S. Proctor, county superintendent of schools, was present, it was agreed to try and secure the services of Miss Elizabeth Goode, either on a private or regular basis.

Miss Goode was contacted over the week-end and rejected both offers.

Under the present arrangements the band is sponsored and financed by the band patron's club. The club furnishes the instrument, uniforms, as well as paying a part time director, who comes weekly to rehearse the group for several hours. The club also provides transportation for band members to football games and other scheduled concerts, with members of the band patron's organization acting as chaperones.

Bible School for Negroes Continues

The community daily vacation Bible school for Negroes, with an enrollment of 131, will continue in its third week. Highlighting the closing week's activities will be an outing at the Holloway Beach in Kinston Thursday.

Parents, those enrolled in the school, and the instructors are invited to attend this outing.

Workers in the school are the Rev. T. T. Platt, superintendent; Mesdames Amanda Dawson, Daisy Durham, Maude Kornege, Misses Joyce Hunter, Nellie Baker, Marie Oliver, Mary Francis Lane, Juanita Brock, Mrs. Rosa Jarmon and Solomon Elliott.

Betty Jo Ring of Lexington has been named "Miss North Carolina."

Methodists Best Presbyterians, Baptists Have Civil War in Softball Play Friday

The Presbyterians came to life in the fourth and rapped out three hits, but two of the runners were caught off base, and the club lost a golden opportunity to score. However, in the fifth, the club took advantage of two errors and a walk to score two runs, and sent home another tally in the sixth on an error and a single by Johnny Walker.

In the seventh, the losers batted around with E. J. Lee opening the frame with a single and scored on an error, and Dempsey Lane's double. Paul Crumpler, Presbyterian hurler, enjoying a perfect night at bat, connected for his third hit of the game, a single to score Lane and Bracy, who had been safe on the error. A walk and Billy Warlick's single gave the losers another two runs before Crumpler settled down and retired the side.

In the eighth, the Presbyterians batted around in both the first and second frames to command a 9-3 lead, but the mainliners came back to score four runs in the third and four more in the fourth and from there coasted to an easy victory.

After the second, the losers were held from scoring until the sixth when singles by Sutton and Ferrell accounted for a lone tally.

Yates Lee hit a four-bagger for the Bees. His came in the second inning. Highlighting the fourth inning rally was Edward Taylor's home run for the regular Baptists. In the same inning Eddie Summerlin rapped out a double, while a two-bagger by Charles Kraft in the third kept the rally in that frame alive. The winners got to the Bees, Hooty Lewis for three runs on three hits, including a double by Dave McClenny in the sixth, and in the seventh ran up the score by scoring six times.

31 Defendants Appear in City Court Saturday; Parking Charges Among Cases



STEEPLE GETS PAINT—The clean-up campaign in Mount Olive officially ended nearly two months ago, but that hasn't stopped the town folks from making improvements on their property. An example of Mount Olive's continued interest in a clean city is shown in the above photo as workmen prepare to paint the steeple at the Presbyterian church.—Staff photo by Vaden Brock.

Some Damage Caused When Wind, Rain Storms Strike

James Davis of Seven Springs lost his tobacco barn to lightning, and Burt Potter of the same community had his truck destroyed when wind uprooted a tree on it.

This was some of the damages caused Thursday night by a severe wind and thunderstorm which struck in sections of the county.

Winners in First Half Play Named

Eddie Summerlin, director of the Jaycee summer recreation program, which includes the city softball loop, this week disclosed that the recreational committee has decided to split the softball season, made retroactive to July 6.

With this change, the Presbyterians and Bear Marsh were declared loop winners for the first half of the season.

Second half of the season standings, according to the committee's new ruling, have the Methodists on top with a 3-0 record; National Guard second, with a record of one win against no losses; Presbyterians, third, with a 3-1 record; Baptists, next, with 1-3 record; Bear Marsh, fifth, with one loss and no wins, and the Baptist B with no wins and three losses.

Expect a square deal from no one except a square dealer.

Duplin Women at Music Workshop

Mrs. Adrian Davis of Calypso and Mrs. Walter Rhodes of Beaulieu, music chairman for Duplin Home Demonstration clubs, attended a music workshop at Catawba college, Salisbury, last week. The workshop was sponsored by the State Federation of Home Demonstration clubs.

Dr. Arnold Hoffman, instructor of public music, and his staff directed the school, which taught church and recreation music.

Billy Ray Talton, 20, of Pikeville drowned Sunday afternoon in an irrigation pond on the farm of George Wayne Aycock near Nahunta. Talton, who could not swim, was wading with two smaller boys and apparently stepped into a hole.

After Mayor's Court had adjourned Saturday afternoon Chief James strolled over to a by-stander, and said he believed the man was selling illicit whiskey and warned him that if he continued, the police department was going to put him out of business.

Chief James Keeps Word to Bystander in Mayor's Court

Saturday night, the department resided the home of Willie "Roosevelt" McKoy, Negro, of Mount Olive, apprehending a jar of illegal whiskey and arresting McKoy on charges of possessing illicit whiskey for purpose of sale.

Paul Thompson of Mount Olive, charged with driving without licenses, and driving under the influence, was bound over to county court, following a preliminary hearing before Mayor Protem D. F. Odom, Jr., in Mayor's Court Saturday.

He was one of 31 defendants appearing on the court docket, and one of three sent to county court.

Clarence Nichols, Negro, of Norfolk, Va., and Starkie Slade, also of Norfolk, were the others who will have their cases heard in the higher court. Nichols is charged with driving without licenses and Slade is charged with transporting whiskey and driving under the influence.

Cases against five charged with illegal parking were dismissed. Those charged were Mrs. Wade Weeks, city; Edd Grady, route 1; Clayton Holmes, route 2; Joseph Moore, Negro, route 1; and Tommie Ferrell, city.

Other cases dismissed were against Dorothy Raynor, Negro, city; Carson Lane, city; Moses Matthews, Negro, Faison; Henry Oats, Negro, Faison; Johnnie Oates, Negro, route 4. The Raynor woman was charged with disorderly conduct; Lane, with public drunkenness and assault; Matthews and Henry Oates with assault, and Johnnie Oates, with careless and reckless driving.

David Rivenbark of Calypso was taxed with cost for using vulgar and indecent language on the streets of Mount Olive.

Others paying cost were, for public drunkenness: Harry Battle, Negro, route 2; Robert McGowan, Matthew Houston, and Isiah Artis, Negroes of the city; Robert Harderson, route 2; Haywood Bass, Negro, Magnolia; and Joe Pate, Negro, of Salemburg.

For disorderly conduct, Jadio Royal and Morris Raynor, Negroes of Mount Olive, and Pate.

For traffic violations, Troy King, Negro, Clinton; Thomas McDuffie, Negro, Chapel Hill; Robert Grice, city; Eddie Bedon, Negro, Baltimore, Md.; Tommie Robinson, Negro, Pink Hill, Charles Ebron, Negro, Baltimore, Md.; and Frank VanBaufel, Willard.

Cox Gives Program At Rotary Club

H. M. Cox was in charge of the program at the Mount Olive Rotary club meeting Thursday night.

He told the club's new officers that members of the organization are behind them in their endeavors to make this a banner year for Rotary. Cox pointed out officers of Rotary International take office July 1, but that Rotary goes along without radical changes, even if new men are in charge. These men, he said, have been trained for many years in the purpose and spirit of Rotary and they take their new duties with a feeling of confidence and pride.

Cox also spoke about the recent annual meeting of Rotary International, held in Seattle, Wash., where the new president of the organization, Herb Taylor, was installed. Cox said Taylor has worked for good citizenship and developed the four-way test of Rotary.

Before Cox spoke, Charlie Burnett, program chairman, made program assignments for the club year.

Willie Hood of Mount Olive was introduced as a visitor.

Calypso May Hire Full Time Officer

Calypso is considering the possibility of employing a person to serve as tax collector, policeman, and street superintendent.

The town now has part time employees to handle each department, but commissioners at their July meeting, held last week, expressed an opinion that one person could handle all three without it costing any more than it is under the present set up.

In other actions, the board voted to keep the 1954 tax rate, the same as last year. The rate is 75 cents per \$100 valuation.

Some folks jump as conclusions and call them convictions.