



# The Mouth Piece

Quote for today: "I would have a man generous to his country, his neighbors, his kindred, his friends, and most of all his poor friends. Not like some who are most lavish with those who are able to give most to them."—Pliny.

We think it's a good omen for the coming campaign for financial aid to Mount Olive college that, to date, not a single person who's been asked to help conduct the drive, has tried to wriggle out of it. Everybody's expressed a willingness to help.

There's one man in Mount Olive who's always sold himself as being completely independent—he could do without his family just as well as he could put up with them. We're not mentioning names, but if Mrs. Bill Lee will give us 15 cents, we'll tell her who was mighty glad the other morning that she was coming back home that day, after being away a little while!

We were in Dr. Thomas Shaver's home Sunday evening, and we declare if they don't have a mighty cute little baby girl. And she loves her daddy.

Mrs. Shaver admits that the baby cries after her daddy almost every time he leaves the house. She didn't admit it, but she might as well have, that she is just a little jealous of this. She realizes, of course, that the baby sees her almost 24 hours a day, under any and all circumstances, while the baby's relation with her daddy is almost always during the more pleasant moments of the day.

Then, too, she admitted spanking the baby's hand a time or two when necessary to teach her not to meddle with things. Can you imagine Tom spanking her hand, or anywhere else?

And, although the baby is not a year old yet, she's a woman-to-be, and smart enough to realize the difference.

Rains came down here Monday night, like April showers—sprinkling, heavy showers, completely, then start all over again.

Henry King and Norwood Kornegay, furniture dealer and city mail carrier, respectively, were busy Sunday congratulating each other on their calls to jury duty this week. You could tell at a listen that both of them meant every word they were saying.

Morris Swinson made the mistake the other evening of taking Rufus Ennis and Ernest Taylor with him out into the country where he was going to see someone. Ennis and Taylor wanted to get back to see a television program, and according to them Morris intentionally prolonged his business so they'd miss their program, and according to Morris they interfered so he never did get to see the party he wanted to see.

L. A. Bird, Jr., who has been confined to his home by illness the past few weeks, got a hankering for barbecued possum recently, and Dr. and Mrs. Edis Tatum, who had one in their freezer which the doctor had caught some time ago, sent him one.

They started, at first, to cook the possum themselves, but finally decided the Bird's cook would come nearer knowing just exactly how to prepare it to suit the family's taste — or rather, Mr. Bird's taste, for Mrs. Bird very graciously consents for him to eat all the possum for the family.

Roland Hodges was telling us about a friend of his in the country near here, and we can't remember now who he said, to whom he spoke about getting Mr. Bird a possum. Roland said the man told him he took his dogs out in the woods, stopped and explained to them very carefully that they were to catch a possum for Mr. Bird, "then, I'll be darned if they didn't go right out and start running a coon, after I told them, as plain as I could speak, to get a possum," this friend said, very exasperated, not at his dogs misunderstanding him, but disobeying him.

**Mrs. Mosssett Flowers Heads Alumni Campaign**  
Mrs. Mosssett Flowers of Mount Olive has been appointed to head the annual campaign for funds for Duke university in this area. She will appoint other Duke alumni in this section to assist in the drive, during which an attempt will be made to reach all former students of the university.

**INCREASE EARNINGS**  
The past several years have increased earnings—and also brought increased yearnings.

# Begin Drive Soon to Aid Local College

## Five Men Arrested In Affray

Warrants were served against five men here Saturday night as the outgrowth of a free-for-all which took place at Martin Cox's service station on S. Braszale avenue. Three required medical attention.

Police Chief Alton Daly said yesterday that according to information he has the fight broke out following an affray between George Oates of Faison and Frank Raynor, Negro, of Mount Olive. He said it is his understanding that following the affray, Oates went home and returned with a shotgun. When he did, the free-for-all broke out.

Arrested were J. B. Whitman of Fort Bragg, Bobby Sutton and Martin Cox of Mount Olive, Raynor and Oates. Oates suffered chin and head wounds; Whitman sustained a cut finger, and eight stitches were required to close a gash on Sutton's neck, Daly reported.

Oates is charged with assault with deadly weapons—a pocket knife and gun; Martin with engaging in an affray and damage to personal property; and the others with engaging in an affray.

They were released on bond for hearings in Mayor's court this week.

## WOW Here Begin New Lodge Work

The Mount Olive Woodmen of the World camp approved building plans at its meeting Thursday night, and work on construction of a lodge began Saturday.

The land, which the camp purchased near McKee Oil company on the B. E. Martin store road on which to build its lodge, was leveled Saturday in preparation for laying a foundation for the building.

Most of the work, Camp Counselor Thomas Shaver said, will be done by members.

Detailed plans of the building have not been released. Joe Lucas has been appointed chairman of the building committee.

## Sound Movie to Be Shown Wednesday

"The Living World in Japan," a sound motion picture in color, will be shown at the Mount Olive Presbyterian church Wednesday night at 7:30.

The Rev. E. E. Dotson, pastor, said this movie is being shown as part of the church's world mission work, which is being emphasized this month. Mrs. John N. Walker of Mount Olive, whose father is executive secretary of the World Mission Board of the Presbyterian church, U. S., is in charge of arrangements for this month's program. Other films and addresses for the month will be announced later.

## Directors Elected By Calypso Group

North Duplin's Athletic Booster club met last Wednesday night, elected 10 directors and adopted a constitution for the organization.

Elected to the board of directors were Pete Warren, L. R. Grantham, Frank Casteen, Robert Pate, Talmadge Waters, Jack Herring, M. C. Bowden, L. L. Swinson, Gene Bowman and Roy McNeill.

In adopting the constitution, the group voted to set the first Wednesday night in every other month as the time for the regular meet: April, June, August, October, December and February.

Eldon Thornton, secretary, disclosed at the meeting that 63 persons had joined the club since an initial meeting was held in mid-January.

**NOTHING NEW**  
The game of politics is usually a contest built around allegation and alibi.

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## Scout History Here Shows First Troop Formed in 1913

### H. M. Cox Was First Scoutmaster

By CALVIN PORTER

A history of Scouting in Mount Olive reveals this town possibly had the first Boy Scout troop in North Carolina and was one of the first in the United States to be granted a charter by Congress.

The written records of Mount Olive's first troop have been lost, but several members of that group still live here, and it is through them the beginning of the local Scout movement has not been entirely forgotten.

Mount Olive Scouts join 4, 100,000 other Cub Scouts, Scouts, Explorers and adult leaders this week to launch their four-year program "Onward for God and My Country" as part of Boy Scout Week being observed nationwide.

As part of the observance, the Scouts have a window display at Kraft's studio on E. James street. The Cubs will hold their annual Blue and Gold banquet this Tuesday evening at 6:30 in the elementary school cafeteria. The Scouts will present a radio program over station WGBR on Wednesday night at 8:15.

All Cubs, Scouts and Explorers are asked to attend the church of their choice in uniform Sunday and sit with their parents. Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock a Scouting program will be presented at the elementary school auditorium.

Mount Olive organized its first troop in 1913, three years before the general organization was chartered by Congress. Within 30 days after Congress acted, however, Mount Olive received a charter.

It is not known exactly how many troops were chartered before the local unit, but the general opinion here is the Mount Olive troop was the 424th troop in the United States. This conclusion is reached through a number appearing on a duplicate of the original charter.

Just how the Scouting idea developed or how Mount Olive went about securing approval for a troop is somewhat hazy. It is conceded that H. M. Cox, who became Mount Olive's first scoutmaster, was responsible for organizing a troop here.

Scouting had been active in England for several years prior to the chartering of Boy Scouts of America. It is believed Cox read an article about Scouting and decided to see about organizing one here. Just how he went about securing permission is not recalled now, but the troop was formed with 20 members, including Moseley Davis and Durald Wilson, who presently live in Mount Olive and through whom much of the information concerning early Scouting is obtained.

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PIONEERS IN SCOUTING—Mount Olive, which possibly had the first Boy Scout troop in North Carolina, dates its Scout movement back to 1913—three years before Scouting was chartered by Congress—when H. M. Cox, shown at right, organized a troop here. The troop received its charter within a month after the general organization was chartered by Congress. Seven members of the 1913 and 1916 troops still reside here. Five, Moseley Davis, Durald Wilson, Boyd Wilson, Dan Kornegay and Ennis Kornegay, left to right, are shown in the above photo. Two others, William Ricks and James Davis, were absent when picture was taken. Moseley Davis and Durald Wilson were members of the 1913 troop of which Cox was the Scoutmaster, while the others were members of the first chartered troop. —Staff Photo.

## Dean of Mount Olive College Dies of Heart Attack Friday

A. C. Lovelace, 66, who joined the faculty at Mount Olive college as acting dean last month, died suddenly of a heart attack near Charlotte Friday afternoon.

According to word received here, Mr. and Mrs. Lovelace were on their way to their home in Forest City to spend the weekend and had a flat tire near Charlotte. Mr. Lovelace got out to change the tire and was stricken with a heart attack.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, Austin, a professor at Garrett Seminary, Evanston, Ill., and Marc, a professor at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest.

Mr. Lovelace was formerly dean of Wingate Junior college and had been a member of the faculty of Coker college, Hartsville, S. C., and High Point college. For a number of years he was principal and principal supervisor in the North Carolina public school system.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Wake Forest college, and his Master of Education from Duke university and had taken post graduate studies at the University of North Carolina.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from the Pleasant Hill Baptist church near Rutherfordton. A group of students will represent the college at the services.

## Route Three Resident Takes His Own Life Last Saturday

Ed Harrell, 66, of Mount Olive, route 3, died Saturday afternoon of self-inflicted shotgun wounds.

Coroner I. T. Seymour said Harrell shot himself behind the right ear with a .12 gauge shotgun. The shooting took place under a barn near the home at 1:15 p.m. Saturday.

According to the coroner, members of the family said Harrell had been sick in bed for a year and had threatened several times to take his life. They said they thought they had hidden all guns on the premises from him.

The family said they paid no attention when Harrell got out of bed, put on his overalls over his pajamas and went outside in his bedroom slippers. They said it was a frequent occurrence to break the monotony of lying in bed.



H. M. COX

## Estimate Damages In Wreck at \$830

An estimated \$830 in property damage resulted from a three-car accident on S. Center street Saturday night. Driver of one of the vehicles was charged with drunken driving.

According to police, a car driven by Dennis Rowe, Jr., Negro, of Mount Olive, collided with a parked car and knocked that car into another car which was parked in a yard. Owners of the two parked automobiles were identified as Mrs. Ben Waters and Ralph Anderson, both of Mount Olive.

Police estimated damage to Mrs. Water's car, which was parked on the street, at \$500; \$30 to Anderson's vehicle, and \$300 to Rowe's. Rowe was charged with drunken driving.

who is expected to tell of her experiences in Europe.

The banquet will be held at 6:30, tentatively planned at the Mount Olive college cafeteria.

Members of the committee arranging for the annual banquet are James Francis, H. M. Cox, and W. A. Patterson.

## Batson Consents to Become Candidate for Rotary Post

J. A. Batson, principal of Mount Olive schools, has consented to become a candidate for the district governorship of Rotary International and already has been nominated for the post.

The announcement was made at the Mount Olive Rotary meeting Thursday night by Charles Whitley, who served with W. A. Patterson and C. B. Burnette on a committee to solicit the principal's candidacy. Whitley said Batson agreed to seek the office after the local school board gave its approval.

Whitley said Batson already has been submitted as a candidate since the deadline for nominations was last week but that he will have to be nominated again, this time from the floor, at the district meeting to be held in New Bern April 8 and 9. So far, Batson is the only candidate.

Should he be elected, Batson will become the first member of the Mount Olive club ever to hold the office of district governor. The district has 43 clubs.

Following Whitley's report, President Norbert Wilson, on R. L. Cox's recommendation, appointed Whitley and Patterson to serve as a campaign committee to promote Batson's candidacy. It was reported that many Rotarians in other clubs have promised to support the Mount Olive choice.

Secretary George Sutton reported the Mount Olive club had 100 per cent attendance at three meetings last month.

A suggestion by Clay Casey that a Christmas fund for needy families be set up now was accepted. A container will be available for members to make donations throughout the year.

Scoutmaster James Hatcher reminded that the Boy Scout program will be held in the elementary school auditorium Sunday afternoon, February 12, at 4 p.m., and urged all members to attend. Rotary sponsors the local Scout movement.

## Bryan and Burnette Head Group to Conduct Drive

A concerted effort is being made by a group of interested citizens in Mount Olive to take advantage of pledges made to obtain the proposed consolidated Presbyterian college for Goldsboro, to divert these pledges, or as much of them as possible, to Mount Olive college.

Pledges made for the Presbyterian college were to be paid over the next five years, in the case of individuals, or 10 years for business firms, provided the college was to be located at Goldsboro.

Now that Wayne county has been by-passed by the committee which will determine location of the college, local friends and supporters of Mount Olive college are seeking to get as much of this financial backing for the institution here as possible.

Officials of Mount Olive college have been hesitant in the past about actively seeking financial support from this area, preferring to have the college established on the interest of the denomination it represents. Now, however, that it has reached the place in its progress where accreditation is only a matter of time, these officials have indicated they would welcome such support.

Originally it was planned by local backers of the college to conduct the drive for funds last December, but the Christmas holidays intervened, and before concrete plans could be carried out after the holidays, the four-year Presbyterian college situation developed.

Rather than carry on campaigns for funds to two colleges, it was believed wiser here to defer the plea for funds for Mount Olive college until the Presbyterian college question was out of the way. Also, other persons and groups in Wayne county assured those interested in the local college of their support in the drive for Mount Olives college if the campaign here was postponed until a definite decision, as far as Goldsboro was concerned, had been reached in the consolidated college.

Already, assurance of some of the support originally pledged to the consolidated college, have been received here on behalf of Mount Olive college.

A meeting of some of those pushing the campaign for the school here was held in the fire house Saturday afternoon at 2:30, when an executive committee of Mayor B. E. Bryan, Alderman Ray Scarborough, Former County Commissioner C. D. Burnette, Mrs. Rodney Knowles, Mrs. Milton Lowmes and Dr. C. C. Henderson was appointed.

This executive committee, with other interested persons, met in the Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and began formulating plans for conducting the campaign. Also committees which will assist in the drive were appointed.

Tentative plans call for a house-to-house canvass in Mount Olive, and an intensive campaign among business places here, seeking pledges for the college, to be paid in much the same manner as was requested for the Presbyterian college if it had been located in Goldsboro.

Also efforts will be made to contact persons and business firms in Goldsboro who had pledged for the Presbyterian college in an attempt to get them to divert their pledges to Mount Olive college.

Free Will Baptist churches in Eastern North Carolina are also to be contacted, as are the backers of the moves to get the Presbyterian school in Kinston and Snow Hill. Civic and social clubs in this area are also to be solicited in an effort to get as much financial backing for the school as possible.

Mount Olive college, now in its second full year of operation here, has made remarkable growth, according to officials of the school, and is already outgrowing dormitory space in its present building. Future plans call for new dormitory building, more classrooms, and acquisition of space for an athletic program. Accreditation by the North Carolina Council of Colleges is expected this fall.

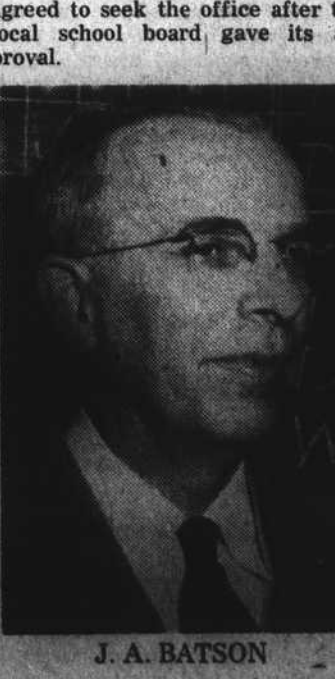
Committees set up by the executive committee at its Sunday afternoon meeting are as follows: Co-chairmen of the over-all effort: B. E. Bryan and C. D. Burnette; survey and presentation committee: C. O. Whitley, chairman, Bill Wilkins; publicity and advertising: Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Brock; steering committee: Mrs. Milton Lowmes, chairman, Frank Clifton, Mrs. W. K. Lewis and Mrs. B. E. Bryan; executive and corresponding secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Frank Clifton; assistant, Mrs. Cletus Brock; churches of Mount Olive, W. A. Patterson, chairman, members to be named later.

Committee for contacting interested groups in Goldsboro, Snow Hill and Kinston, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Burnette, the Rev. W. B. Rapier, the Rev. E. E. Dotson, Dr. C. C. Henderson, C. O. Whitley, Bill Wilkins; business district, Harry Cooke, chairman, A. C. Hatch, E. C. Casey, James Reeves, W. T. Cherry.

Residential district committee, Mrs. Rodney Knowles, chairman. Service League members; rural areas, Miss Margaret Martin, chairman, Norbert Wilson, S. M. Davis, Mrs. Jack Barfield.

Committee to have charge of the drive among churches in eastern North Carolina, and to solicit rural areas in this immediate vicinity will be named later.

Tentative plans call for active solicitation to begin February 15, but those persons desiring to make their pledges now may do so by contacting Mrs. Frank Clifton, the Chamber of Commerce, which will be headquarters for the campaign.



J. A. BATSON