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Man Of The Year

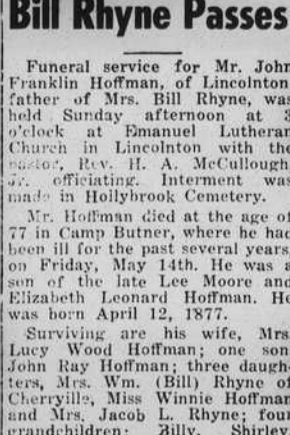


M. A. STROUP

In an unprecedented declaration, the late M. A. Stroup, beloved attorney and counselor of Cherryville, North Carolina, has been selected by the Veterans of Foreign Wars to receive the coveted Man-of-the-Year Award, posthumously. This award is presented each year to the most outstanding citizen, with appropriate ceremonies during the Annual Graduation Exercises at Starnes Auditorium. This posthumous award will be accepted in the name of the recipient by Mrs. Vera Howell Stroup.

M. A. Stroup was born August 27, 1890, the son of a prominent and pioneer family of Gaston County. He attended Boiling Springs Preparatory School, later studying law at the University of North Carolina and receiving his law degree in 1915. Since that date Mr. Stroup has held many positions of importance in the civic, business and religious life of his town, county and state. At the time of his sudden and untimely death he was Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Education, having served since 1935. He was Secretary-Treasurer of the Cherryville Production Credit Association, beloved by all the farmers and dairymen in that capacity for the past twenty years. He was a Deacon of the First Baptist Church, general counsel for the Cherryville National Bank, the Cherryville Building and Loan Association, and the Town of Cherryville. He was a Boy Scout Commissioner and had always taken a keen interest in youth, as evidenced by his untiring, devoted and generous service in working toward the improvement of the educational facilities of the entire county. He was a Rotarian and contributed much of his time to civic projects in his home community. M. A. Stroup was a man of the highest integrity, with rare intensity as to fairness, honesty, and friendship. The minds and memories of all those who knew M. A. Stroup will historically appraise him as a great man, an irreplaceable asset of this town and county, and a personality worthy in every respect to be honored by such a coveted award as Man-of-the-Year.

Father Of Mrs. Bill Rhyme Passes



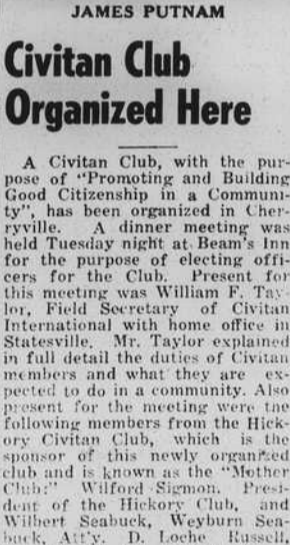
Mr. Hoffman

Funeral service for Mr. John Franklin Hoffman, of Lincoln, father of Mrs. Bill Rhyme, was held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Lincoln with the pastor, Rev. H. A. McCullough, officiating. Interment was made in Hollybrook Cemetery.

Mr. Hoffman died at the age of 77 in Camp Butler, where he had been ill for the past several years, on Friday, May 14th. He was a son of the late Lee Moore and Elizabeth Leonard Hoffman. He was born April 12, 1877.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lucy Wood Hoffman; one son, John Ray Hoffman; three daughters, Mrs. Wm. (Bill) Rhyme of Cherryville, Miss Winnie Hoffman and Mrs. Jacob L. Rhyme; four grandchildren: Billy, Shirley, David and Kenneth Rhyme; one sister, Mrs. Emma Shrum; and one brother, Gordon L. Hoffman.

Heads Civitan Club



JAMES PUTNAM

A Civitan Club, with the purpose of "Promoting and Building Good Citizenship in Community," has been organized in Cherryville. A dinner meeting was held Tuesday night at Beam's Inn for the purpose of electing officers for the club. Present for the meeting were William F. Taylor, Field Secretary of Civitan International with home office in Statesville, Mr. Taylor explained in full detail the duties of Civitan members and what they are expected to do in a community. Also present for the meeting were the following members from the Hickory Civitan Club, which is the sponsor of this newly organized club and is known as the "Mother Club": Wilford Sigmond, President; and Wilbert Seabuck, Weyburn Seabuck, Atty. D. Leche Russell, Floyd Smith and Perry Cash.

The following officers were elected: James Putnam, president; Gary Lon Allran, president-elect; Ovie Heavner, vice-president; Clyde Lewis, secretary and J. L. Armstrong, treasurer. Board of Directors elected are: Fred K. Houser, Everett Deinger, James Clawson, Tom Henry, Hoke Quikel, Friel Quinn and Bob Lackey.

Charter night will be held on Thursday night, May 27th, at the Ryne-Houser Club House. This will also include "Ladies Night."

Meeting nights will be held twice monthly, on the second and fourth Tuesday nights of each month.

This was a very enthusiastic meeting with about 15 members present of a membership of 25.

Many more members are expected to be present for Charter night which will be one of the largest meetings, when the wives and sweethearts will be present for "Ladies Night."

Gerald Stowe New Theatre Manager

Mr. Gerald Stowe of Belmont is the new manager for the Lester and Strand Theatres. Mr. Stowe was manager of the Iris, Gem and Gay Theatres in Belmont and comes highly recommended for the position. He is married and plans to move his wife to Cherryville just as soon as he arrives to find suitable quarters.

Mr. and Mrs. Stowe are Baptist. Cherryville welcomes this young couple to our midst and wishing them every success in their new work.

Mr. Stowe is making many improvements in the theatres here and plans to give the people some of the best pictures to be seen. He also plans to give the public a quiet and enjoyable atmosphere while attending the movie houses.

Valedictorian



Irma Janelle George

Irma Janelle George, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. George, has been named the Valedictorian of the 1954 Graduating Class of Cherryville High School. Her average is 98.6.

Irma Nelle was Art editor of the Chenoeca staff of 1954. She is the secretary of the Senior Class and was voted the Senior Superlative, "Most Intellectual," by her classmates. She was inducted into the Cherryville Chapter of the National Beta Club last year, and this year she is the Club's reporter. Irma Nelle has been a member of the Dramatics Club, French Club, and Future Teachers of America during her Junior and Senior years. During her Junior year she was the president of the Future Teachers of America, and this year she is its Parliamentarian. She is the president of the Phy Chem Club this year. She has been a member of the Allied Youth during her Sophomore, Junior and Senior years. Irma Nelle was a member of the Bible Club during her Junior year, and during her first three years in high school she was a member of the Future Home-Maker of America. A Music student of Mrs. H. H. Allen and Mrs. Walter R. Kelly during her four years in high school, Irma Nelle has been a member of the Music Club for four years and the reporter during her Sophomore year. She was a Spelling Contest finalist for three years, and last year she was a finalist in the World Peace Essay Contest sponsored by the Woman's Club.

Irma Nelle is a member of the First Methodist Church. She has been active in the youth work of the church, and this year she holds the office of president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. She is a member and treasurer of the Senior Choir and a member of the Youth Choir of her church.

Irma Nelle plans to enter Berea College this fall. After her college education is completed, she plans to enter full time Christian Service in the field of religious education.

Co-Salutatorians



Judy Ford

Judy Ford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ford, has been named co-salutatorian of the 1954 graduating class of Cherryville High School. Her scholastic average is 98.4.

Judy was Photographer Editor of the 1951 Chenoeca during her senior year and associate editor of the "Cherry Leaves" in the eleventh grade and Senior home-room reporter for the paper this year. For two years she has been a member of the Beta, Dramatic and Future Teachers Clubs. She was secretary of the Future Teachers last year. She has been a member of the Glee Club, Bible and Phy-Chem Clubs, and has taken a part in the Allied Youth and been a Cheerleader for three years. As a Senior, she served as co-captain of the cheerleaders and was voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by classmates and has been president of the Library Club and vice-president of the Music Club. She has studied Piano under Mrs. H. H. Allen for six years. Honors include being a finalist in the recitation and creative writing contests, a winner in the Rotary Spelling contest, and World Peace Essay Contest and honorable mention in a National Typing contest and serving as Christmas Queen from the High School and was a Junior Marshal and co-salutatorian of her class.

Judy is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Vice-president of the Southeastern District of the Luther League of North Carolina, and Life Service Secretary of North Carolina State Luther League. She plans to enter college in the fall and full-time service for the church after graduation from college.

Funeral Conducted For Mrs. Warlick



Mrs. Warlick

Final rites for Mrs. A. D. Warlick, 85, of Lawndale, Route 3, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Carpenter's Grave Baptist Church with the Rev. Gene Gibson in charge. The body lay in state from 9:30 until 4 o'clock and burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Warlick died at her home Saturday morning at 4 o'clock. She was a daughter of the late J. Z. Falls and Katherine Cline Falls. Her husband was the late Decatur Warlick.

Mrs. Warlick, who was a charter member of the Carpenter's Grave Baptist Church, is survived by the following children: Alfred Warlick of Gastonia, Theodore Warlick of Belwood, Zimri Warlick of North Brook, Franklin Warlick of Fallston, Boyd Warlick of Lawndale, Rt. 3, Glennard Warlick of Indian Head, Md., Mrs. J. G. Spurling of Lawndale, Rt. 3.

Also surviving are two brothers, B. T. Falls of Shelby, John Falls of Lawndale; three sisters, Mrs. C. C. Warlick of Lawndale, Rt. 2, Mrs. George Edwards of Lawndale, Rt. 3, Mrs. Herbert Borders of Shelby; 35 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Warlick is the grandmother of Mrs. Errol Tillman of Cherryville.

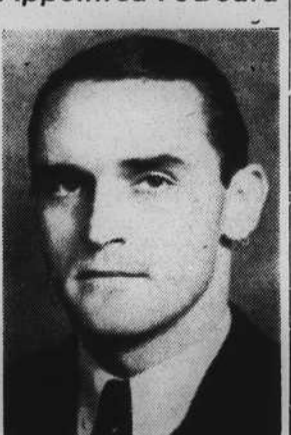
Largest Number Of Juniors From First Baptist Church Given



Mr. and Mrs. Beam

In the Regional Training Union meeting in Shelby, May 15th the First Baptist Church here had the largest number of Juniors in the Bible Memory Work tournament than any other church among the nine Associations represented. All the 15 Juniors from the First Baptist Church were declared winners and now are eligible to enter the State Bible Memory Work tournament at Fruitland or Caswell. They are: Priscilla Beam, Judy Beam, Kenny Boggs, Linda Jay Boyles, from the First Baptist Church; Joe Greene, Rodney Helms, Dara Hoyle, Judy Kelly, Brenda Lackey, Paul Richard McLeod, Ann Rogers, Martha Stroup, Ann Taylor, Yount, Barbara Waterson and Ter-

L. Edwin Rudisill Appointed To Board



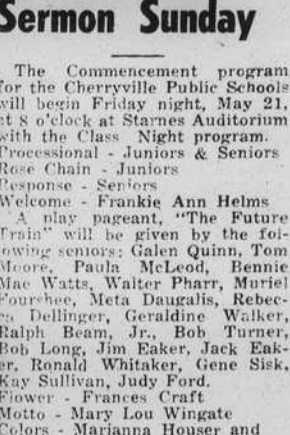
L. Edwin Rudisill

L. Edwin Rudisill prominent Cherryville textile executive has been appointed to the Gaston County School Board to replace Matthew A. Stroup, who died suddenly three weeks ago.

The school board elected John R. Rankin of Gastonia, chairman. Mr. Stroup had been the chairman since 1937.

The six members of the school board are John R. Rankin of Gastonia, chairman; V. J. Pharr of Mt. Airy; Milton Craig of Mt. Holly, D. L. Friday of Dallas, Edwin Rudisill of Cherryville and Heki Coon of Bessemer.

Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday



Rev. Leroy Trexler

The Baccalaureate program for the Cherryville Public Schools will begin Friday night, May 21, at 8 o'clock at Starnes Auditorium with the Class Night program. Processional - Juniors & Seniors. Rose Chain - Juniors. Response - Seniors. Welcome - Frankie Ann Helms. A play pageant, "The Future Train" will be given by the following seniors: Galen Quinn, Tom Moore, Paula McLeod, Bennie Mae Watts, Walter Pharr, Muriel Fourche, Meta Dauralis, Rebecca Dellinger, Geraldine Walker, Ralph Beam, Jr., Bob Turner, Bob Long, Jim Eaker, Jack Eaker, Ronald Whitaker, Gene Sisk, Kay Sullivan, Judy Ford, Flower - Frances Craft. Motto - Mary Lou Wingate. Colors - Marianna Houser and Nell Self.

Mr. and Mrs. Beam Become Grandparents Twice In Same Day

Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Beam of the North Brook section became grand-parents of two sons on the same day. On Sunday, May 16th, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil L. Schad of Winston-Salem announced the birth of a son, Randy, and on the same day Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Orr of Charlotte became the parents of a son, Darryl.

Mrs. Schad is the former Miss Floe Beam and Mrs. Orr is the former Miss Colleen Beam.

The dairy goat is growing in popularity in North Carolina, both with small farmers and commercial dairy operators.

Miss Stentz Speaker At District Meeting

The annual meeting of the Gastonia District Woman's Society of Christian Service was held Tuesday, May 11, at West End Methodist Church in Gastonia with 275 present. An inspiring opening devotional service was led by Rev. R. M. Hardee, host pastor.

Miss Jane Stentz, who spent three years in India as a mission worker under the Woman's Division of Christian Service, was the featured speaker of the day bringing a most stirring message concerning the needs of the people of India.

Brief reports were made by the district officers. A Model Executive Committee Meeting of a Woman's Society of Christian Service was presented by women from Boger City and Lincolnton, and pledge and memorial services were held. Mrs. Thad Ford of Shelby, who has served so efficiently for approximately eleven years as Cleveland Zone Leader or Sub-district Chairman, was extended an Honorary Life Membership pin.

Officers of Group II were elected and installed as follows: President, Mrs. Hillard R. Harrelson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Cecil G. Hefner; Treasurer, Mrs. Glimmer A. Harris; Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. W. G. Hammer; Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. W. A. Sigmond; Student Work, Miss Pinkie Patterson; Supply Work, Mrs. Grier Beam; Spiritual Life, Mrs. D. Z. Newton; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. W. J. Jones.

Revival Continues At Church Of God

Revival Services are still in progress at the Church of God on East Main Street.

Services each evening at 7:30 o'clock. Outstanding preaching by the Evangelist, Mrs. Beatrice Medlin and a number devinely healed. All denominations are invited to attend. Rev. E. W. Hollifield is the pastor.

Miss Loy Stroup Re-Elected

At a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee held at Gastonia last Saturday, Miss Loy Stroup was re-elected Vice-Chairman, a position she has held for about 15 years. The Chairman, Attorney L. B. Hollowell, was re-elected chairman, a position he has held for a number of years. The county convention was well attended and it was ordered that all Democrats who will attend the State Convention Thursday should register as delegates. This has been the custom for years.

Umstead Terribly Disappointed Over High Court Ruling

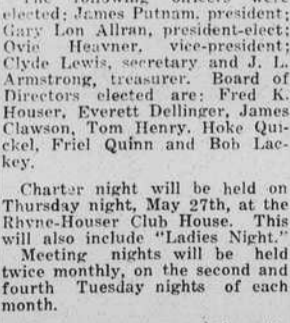
RALEIGH—Gov. William B. Umstead was "terribly disappointed" Monday by the decision of the United States Supreme Court against segregation in public schools.

His office issued this statement after Umstead received the news: "The governor was terribly disappointed with the ruling, but will have no further statement to make until he has had an opportunity to read and study the opinion."

Other state officials joined the governor in saying they will have no comment until they have had a chance to study the opinion. These included Atty. Gen. Harry McMullin, Dr. Charles F. Carroll, state superintendent of public instruction, and State Treasurer Edwin Gill, who also is a member of the State Board of Education.

North Carolina leaders have given no advance indications of what course they would urge the state to follow.

Eagle Scout



TOMMY SHUMATE

Tommy Shumate, 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Shumate, received the coveted Eagle award at the Gastonia Court of Honor May 10. Tommy has also received the Pro Deo Et Patria award, which is the highest award presented by the Lutheran Church in Scouting. He is a member of Troop 3 of which Howell Stroup is the Scoutmaster.

Henderson School Of Dance Revue



Miss Beverly Jordan

The Henderson School of Dance spring revue will be held Tuesday night, June 1st at 8:00 o'clock in the Starnes Auditorium, under the direction of Mrs. Doris Venable.

There will be no charge for the revue, but you must get tickets from one of the children participating in the revue or from Mrs. Venable, 602 West Marion Street. Get your tickets Wednesday, May 26th.

The theme for the revue will be "A Garden Party" which will be in two scenes.

Plaint for the school and revue is Miss Beverly Jordan. Costumes designed and made by Mrs. Ellingburg Fry.

The following children will take part in the revue: Barbara and Debbie Falls, Elaine Hallman, Shelly Cline, Gil Lohr, Donna, Jane Homsey, Judy Wimberly, Cynthia White, Buddy Homsey, Milton Gold, Jr., Patricia Sigmond, Dale Whitworth, Kelly Clifters, Anita Beam, Nancy Quikel, Billy Eaker, Kay Homsey, Becky Abernathy, Sammy Homsey, Karen Loy, Janice Heavner, Alice Beam, Steven Feeler, Vicki George, Judy Fitzhugh, Diane Rudisill, Edwina Rudisill, Alice Rudisill, Donnie Gurley, Vicki Beam, Janice Summer, Carole Sweett, Ronnie Clark, Gail Stroupe, Patsy Rudisill, Cindy Allen, Rita Self, Sandra Tillman, Tommy Sweett and Lou Doggett.

Memorial Services At Bethlehem Methodist



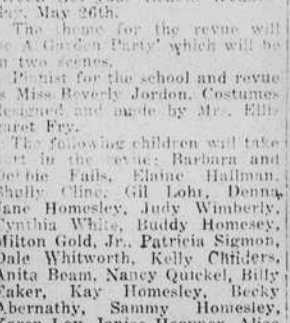
Rev. Jessie Johnson

Memorial Services will be held at Bethlehem Methodist Church on Sunday, May 23rd. Services will be held at 11 o'clock with the pastor, Rev. Jessie Johnson officiating.

Following the morning service, dinner will be spread picnic style.

The public is invited to attend.

Fried Chicken Dinner At Howell Club

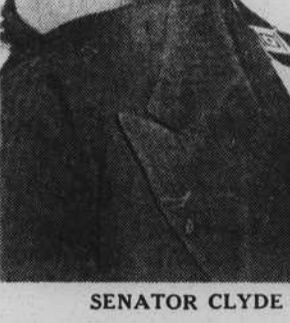


Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Hastings

There will be a Fried Chicken Dinner and Supper at the Howell Club House on Friday, May 21st, beginning at 11:30 and lasting until 1 P.M. and from 5 o'clock to 7 o'clock in the evening. Plates will be \$1.00 for adults and 50c for the children.

Sponsored by the Missionary Methodist Church. You are invited to attend and support a worthy cause.

Senator Clyde R. Hoey Laid To Rest In His Home Town Saturday Afternoon



SENATOR CLYDE ROARK HOEY

SHELY, May 13—Final rites for United States Senator Clyde Roark Hoey, 76, who died suddenly at his desk in Washington last Wednesday afternoon, was held at the Central Methodist Church last Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The body arrived Friday from Washington and was taken to the Hoey Home, 602 West Marion Street, where it lay in state until ten o'clock Saturday morning when it was moved to Central Methodist Church where thousands past the Senator's casket to pay their last respects.

At 1:35 the special train from Washington carrying Senators, Representatives and Congressional officials arrived at the Warren Street rail intersection. As the Washington party got off the train they were quickly whisked to waiting cars for the three block trip to the church.

Only sixteen senators were able to make the trip. C. A. Bortolfsen, deputy Senator sergeant at arms, who was in charge of the trip, said many of Senator Hoey's contemporaries were kept in Washington by pressing business matters. Planning to come, but unable to make the trip were Vice-President Richard Nixon, and Senator Johnson of Texas. Senator George of Georgia was kept away by illness.

Dr. George W. Calver, physician to Congress, said Senator Hoey died of a stroke while resting in his office about 2:45 p. m. The body was found by Jack Spain, the senator's administrative assistant.

Senator Hoey had not been feeling well for the past two months, according to the doctor. He had complained of being unable to sleep and of feeling over-tired. He had attended a three-hour committee meeting the day of his death, later having lunch with Senators Spessard Holland of Florida and Burnet Maybank of South Carolina.

Democratic leaders the nation over have paid their respects to the highly-respected North Carolinian who served nine years in the Senate and most of the rest of his life in public service, including four years as governor of his state.

North Brook Band Concert



Mr. Richardson

The combined bands of North Brook Schools, 1, 2 and 3 will present their final concert of the season Thursday evening, May 20th at 8 o'clock at North Brook No. 2 auditorium.

This band, under the direction of Rick Richardson, has played the amazing total of 20 concerts since being organized in October. These included most of the school functions and a musical program at local churches.

Parents whose children will begin the summer band beginners class, which begins next Monday night, May 24th, at the band hall at No. 2 school are especially urged to attend this concert. This will enable the parents to better understand the advantages of a musical education.

Mr. Richardson states that plans are underway to begin a campaign to raise funds to purchase uniforms for next year.

Through the Nickels For Know-How program, North Carolina farmers voluntarily contributed \$286,025.80 toward agricultural research during 1952 and 1953.

GRADUATION

Graduation Exercises will be held on Tuesday night, May 25th, at Starnes Auditorium at 8 o'clock.

The invocation will be given by Rev. W. H. Kelly, pastor of the First Baptist Church and Rev. Walter R. Kelly, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon. Rev. Gene Harrelson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will pronounce the Benediction.

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