

## LAND OF MIDNIGHT SUN TOLD BY MRS. G. T. ROTH IN TALK

WOMAN'S CLUB HEARS OF INTERESTING THINGS OF TRIP OF LOCAL WOMAN

### SUN NEVER SETS

For Over Two Months Old Sol Never Sinks Behind Horizon, Speaker Says

Featuring a travel talk by Mrs. G. T. Roth, the regular meeting of the Woman's Club held Tuesday afternoon at the Hotel Elkin was one of unusual interest. This followed the routine business and the program opened with a piano solo "Remembrance" by Ernest Adams, played by Miss Effie Crater. The educational department had charge of the affair and Miss Blanche Dixon introduced Mrs. Roth who prefaced her talk with a statement that it had been her childhood dream to some day visit the North Cape. "The Land of the Midnight Sun" The speaker described the accomplishment of that dream during the past summer. She held her audience in rapt attention while she recounted her travels.

The ocean voyage on a Danish vessel sailing from New York to Norway was made on a perfect ocean, no rough water being encountered even in the far famed North Sea. From Oslo, the capital of Norway a smaller vessel was boarded and the coast line was followed for 1700 miles until North Cape was reached. She explained that this point is as far north of the Arctic Circle as London is north of Elkin. When the circle was crossed, a sun was fired on board to acquaint the passengers with the exact line. The party was extremely fortunate in having clear weather to view the strange phenomenon of the sun apparently standing still in a position as it appears to us about half an hour before sunset. This was at midnight and due north of the spectators. To obtain this view the party was compelled to climb a steep ascent for about two miles and then trudge another mile over the plateau but it was one never to be forgotten.

At this point on the North Cape from the 18th of May to the 29th of July the sun never sinks below the horizon, and there is an equally long night from the 14th of November until the 23rd of January when the sun never rises above the horizon. The land is uninhabited except for the summer weeks.

After returning to the south of Sweden another enjoyable trip was made across the county by canal from Stockholm to Gothemburg. In the course of this journey more locks were encountered than exist in the Panama Canal, there being 16 at one point alone, the boat having to be raised 20 feet in each lock. Rain and wind combined on one of the larger lakes to bring about a genuine case of seasickness. One of the most interesting spots visited was the island of Gotland, in the Baltic Sea, whose capital city of Visby, contains the remains of an ancient city of the Goths dating back to the 10th or 12th century. It is entirely unrestored and contains within the walls the ruins of 17 magnificent churches.

A stop was made at Copenhagen and another at Hamburg where the speaker remarked on the excellent food served. She could well understand why the Germans grow so fat. The trip continued through the Netherlands and Mrs. Roth described the famous home of the Peace conference at the Hague; also her disappointment at the seaside resort of Scheveningen and the interesting potteries at Delft. In Belgium a visit was paid to the battlefield of Waterloo but aside from the imposing monument which has been erected to commemorate this historic field there is absolutely nothing except a place where drinks are sold to weary and thirsty travelers.

After two weeks spent in and about Paris, viewing historical Versailles, cathedrals, museums and art galleries. Mrs. Roth fulfilled another dream of her life—that of spending a season at Lucerne. From this as a center she took numerous side trips. Her description of the Jungfrau

## CHATHAM PLANT EXPANDING WITH NEW MACHINERY

\$200,000 in Equipment Being Placed To Increase Facilities of Blanket Making

Increasing their capacity 20 per cent approximately \$200,000 worth of new machinery is being installed in the Chatham Manufacturing plants of this city and Winston-Salem.

It is thought that the new equipment will be completely installed by the first of March and will require additional employees. At present more than 700 persons are on the payroll at the plant.

While many of the mills throughout the country are idle, the Chatham plant has been compelled to continue its day and night forces in turning out huge orders on file.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Chatham Manufacturing Company held Tuesday, Thurmond Chatham was elected president of the organization to succeed his father, the late Hugh Chatham. T. M. Lillard, of this city, was named vice president; A. L. Butler, secretary and H. C. Graham assistant secretary. Mr. Chatham is treasurer of the company.

## BOYS ARRESTED ON FEDERAL WARRANT

Russell Hampton and Harley Buellin, local youths are in the Yadkin county jail in default of \$1000 bond each following their arrest by United States officer R. C. Brown for violating the federal prohibition law. The boys were taken before U. S. Commissioner J. H. Tharpe and were unable to give the bond and were then sent to jail. The pair was arrested on the Elkin streets Tuesday.

John D. Royall, also of this city, was arrested at the same time on the same charge, but gave a bond of \$500 before Commissioner Tharpe and was released.

## MASONS TO ATTEND CHURCH SERVICES

Elkin Masons will meet at the lodge rooms next Sunday morning at 10:40 o'clock and will go in a body to the Methodist Church where a special masonic sermon will be preached by Rev. L. B. Abernethy. The Masons will wear the lodge dress at the services. All Masons are invited to be at the services. Another call for all Masons to be at a lodge meeting next Saturday night has been issued when important matters are to be taken up.

## SMALL BLAZE AT THE A. CHATHAM HOME

Fire of undetermined origin caused a small loss at the home of Alex Chatham, president of the Elkin National Bank shortly after 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon when a blaze was discovered on the roof of the home by employees of the Chatham Manufacturing Company. Because of the snow on the roof and the timely arrival of the fire department the damage was kept to the minimum and was gotten quickly under control.

A group of the Swiss Alps presented a vivid picture of these snow covered peaks bathed in sunshine and a little later the view she obtained of the Matterhorn, was equally as striking. She saw the first beams of the morning sun touch their jagged, rocky peak and send forth such a rosy glow as to fill her room with light while all about, the mountains below were still in darkness. On another of the side trips the fast express trains traveled 45 minutes through the Simplon tunnel and through still another almost equally as long—the St. Gotthard.

After nine weeks spent in Switzerland she traveled to Cannes in southern France, going from there to Genoa where she boarded the steamer for home. The Mediterranean proved itself quite rough and after calling at Naples, the vessel passed out through Gibraltar, unfortunately at night, and reached the harbor at New York one day late due to the adverse weather.

## Elkin 40 Years Ago Got Its Mail But Once a Week and Was Carried on Man's Back

Elkin people who go to the postoffice thrice daily and get their mail from a box, know very little of the hardships of receiving mail as was had here a half century ago and even less.

Mr. A. G. Click and Mr. R. G. Chatham were recalling this week the days when Rev. James Minniss was postmaster and the mail came here but once a week and was carried on horseback from Salisbury. A crowd always gathered at the postoffice which was then in the store owned by Chatham Manufacturing Company on the creek, when the mail arrived, the postmaster

would call out each letter, postcard and parcel and paper to the eager crowd.

For years Frank Day of Jonesville, carried mail from Hamptonville to Elkin, walking the entire distance and carrying the mail which was then scanty, on his back. Oldtimers recall that in the early days, Elkin had two postoffices, one called Elkin Valley postoffice which was located near where the shoe factory is now located and the other the Elkin office near the bridge over the creek on Main street. The Elkin Valley office was not discontinued until the Chatham plant was moved to its new location.

## COUNTY HIRES PRISONER AT 25 CENTS PER DAY

Lum Blevins, who was convicted in Recorders Court last week for carrying concealed weapons has been hired out by the county commissioners to J. E. Hamby for twenty five cents a day. Blevins was given a fine of \$50 and costs and was sent to jail when he could not raise the fine and costs. The commissioners aver they will hire out all prisoners whenever possible to make the county a quarter a day and save the board bill.

## MANY NEW HOMES TO BE BUILT HERE DURING THE YEAR

SEVEN BRICK RESIDENCES PLANNED FOR EARLY CONSTRUCTION WITH PROSPECTS FOR MANY MORE

Elkin-Jonesville is expected to see more home building this year than for several years past, according to D. C. Martin, manager of Martin's Inc., local real estate firm.

Mr. Martin has had tentative plans drawn for seven brick veneer homes, two of which will be built in the Elkin city limits in the near future while the remainder will be built in Arlington Heights where a recent development was opened. From eighteen to twenty homes will be built in Arlington Heights alone this year, Mr. Martin stated. Practically all of the homes to be built will be constructed by persons who will live in them themselves although several rental properties will probably be constructed, it is said.

## K. M. THOMPSON IS MR. BOLES' TRUSTEE

K. M. Thompson, of Jonesville, was Tuesday named as trustee in the matter of the O. E. Boles bankruptcy case by Referee L. C. McKaughan at Winston-Salem.

No creditors were present at the meeting Tuesday and Mr. Thompson was ordered to dispose of the matter with as much dispatch as possible.

## SMALL BLAZE AT W. M. ALLEN HOME

The fire department was called to the home of Attorney W. M. Allen on Church street Wednesday morning where a small blaze had originated on the steps leading to the basement of the home. The blaze was extinguished before the department arrived and the damage was practically negligible.

## MUST HAVE PERMITS

County Welfare Officer Lon Walker has issued a statement in which he states that all boys and girls under sixteen years of age must have a permit from him before they will be allowed to work under the state law.

## LEGION TO MEET

An important meeting of the newly reorganized George Gray Post of the American Legion will be held at the Tribune office on Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock and all ex-service men are invited to attend.

## FRAZIER'S BOND FAULTY, ORDERED HELD BY SHERIFF

Said Bonding Company Would Not Carry Him Over Present Court Term

J. W. Frazier, absconding head of the old Biltrite Furniture plant of this city, was ordered in the custody of the sheriff by Judge Shank at Dobson this week when his bond was found faulty. He had not made a new bond at press time, but it was thought that the mater would be arranged.

It is said that the bonding company only secured Frazier's bond to this term of court and when the case was continued until the April session, the bonding company objected unless a larger payment was made. The bond as originally set at \$5,000 was not raised by the court, however.

Frazier faces charges of embezzlement and forgery following the collapse of the Biltrite plant here and Frazier's flight. He was apprehended in Detroit, Michigan, almost a year after the failure of the Biltrite plant. He was tried in Recorders court here where probable cause was found and bound over to superior court, but it was found that the docket at this session was too crowded to include his case and hence it was continued.

## MISS ALICE DIXON KIWANIS SPEAKER

Miss Alice Dixon was the speaker at the Kiwanis Club at its regular meeting held at the Hotel Elkin last Friday night. Miss Dixon, who has been in the Orient for several years and who returned home only a few months ago, told the Kiwanians of the various customs of the nations and people of the Far East.

She also touched on the trip she made from Japan last fall and told many interesting things of Europe and Egypt where she stopped en route to Elkin.

## GEORGE MAYBERRY DIES NEAR CYCLE

Mr. George Mayberry, 78, highly respected citizen of the Cycle community died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joyce Myers, Friday morning, after a lingering illness. Funeral services and interment were at Union Hill church, Yadkin county, Sunday morning.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Joyce Myers of Cycle and Mrs. W. T. Myers of Elkin, four sisters, Mrs. Mary Davis, Hiddenite, N. C., Mrs. Caroline Williams New Hope, N. C., Mrs. Amanda Mayberry, Hayes, N. C., and Mrs. Matilda Redman of Statesville. Mr. Mayberry was a member of the Union Hill Baptist church and had been a deacon in the church for the past thirty years. That he was an honored and influential citizen was attested to by the throngs of friends from many sections of the county who attended his funeral services.

## TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Mr. J. L. Lowery, who has been ill at his home on Elk Spur street, returned to Long's Hospital in Statesville Tuesday for further treatment. His condition is gradually getting worse. His many friends will be sorry to note.

## Day Huey Bin She Ah?



The line above the picture is Chinese for "Number, Please?" and these are three of the "Hello girls" who operate the switchboards in San Francisco's Chinese telephone exchange.

## Late News

### TAFT SERIOUSLY ILL

Chief Justice William Howard Taft has been taken back to his home at Washington in a very serious condition from Asheville where he went several weeks ago in an effort to regain his health. It is generally conceded that the former president was taken home to die. He is suffering from a complication of diseases and was so weak when he reached Washington Tuesday he hardly recognized those about him. Mr. Taft resigned as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme court Monday and President Hoover at once appointed Charles Evans Hughes who promptly accepted the place. Mr. Taft is the only man who has served as both President and head of the Supreme court.

### MORRISON FOR BAILEY

Two ex-governors of the state will be arrayed against each other in their alignments for senatorial candidates because former governor Cameron Morrison has issued a statement that he is for the candidacy of Josiah Bailey to take the place of Senator F. M. Simmons at the coming democratic primary.

### CHASE MAY LEAVE CAROLINA

Dr. Harry W. Chase, president of the University of North Carolina, is being considered as President of the University of Illinois to take the place of David Kinley who resigned sometime ago.

### CAROLINA HEAVY TAXES

North Carolina continued in second place in taxes paid the federal government for the first six months in 1929, trailing only New York in amount of taxes paid the federal government.

## SHORT SESSION RECORDER COURT

Little transpired in Recorders court Tuesday morning because of the inclement weather with the incidental failure of witnesses to get to court. Boyden Wellborn was given a fine of \$10 and costs when he pleaded guilty to a charge of having liquor in his possession.

The testimony brought out the fact that when Deputy Sheriff Darnell entered a filling station north of Elkin several weeks ago, Wellborn had a quantity of liquor which he threw through a window at the approach of Darnell.

## MRS. J. H. BILLINGS DIES OF CANCER

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Ronda Baptist church for Mrs. Ida Billings, 56, wife of J. H. Billings, who died at her home Tuesday after an illness of three years from cancer. Mrs. Billings is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Ralph Martin. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

### NEW SON

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Mason announce the birth of a son on January 24.

## MUCH ACTIVITY AT COUNTY SEAT

By H. C. Hampton

Dobson, N. C., Feb. 5.—A. J. Badgett, 76, a prominent farmer and citizen of this community died yesterday a this noon following a brief illness. Funeral services will be held from the home tomorrow afternoon. Interment will follow in the family burying ground by the side of his wife who preceeded him in death several years ago. Mr. Badgett was a high type of citizen, his life being exemplary in every respect. His word was his bond he carried it out to the letter in his dealings with others and demanded of others the same honor and square dealing he himself displayed. He esteemed men for their worth and character, not on account of accident of birth in a class or creed or section. He was born and reared in Surry county and spent all of his life in this community. By hard work economy and good business management he accumulated a considerable amount of property. He leaves three sons, Tom, George and Bob Badgett, two daughters, Mrs. Paul McCormick, and Miss Rosella Badgett all of Surry county.

The Sloom Methodist Church was destroyed by fire Sunday week. The house caught fire near the chimney flue while Sunday school was in progress.

The Baptist church at Mountain Park was damaged extensively by fire Saturday week, the flames originating in a music room of the Sunday school annex which was being used for class work by the music department of the Mountain Park Junior College. Two pianos, one of the property of the school were demolished. The fire is supposed to have started from oil, a small quantity of which had been dropped upon the floor when a fire had been built in the stove, the heat from the stove causing it to catch. The church building is of frame construction however the flames were prevented from spreading to the auditorium.

Miss Dorothy Vernon, teacher training student of the Dobson school spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Vernon of Mt. Airy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Rogers returned home Saturday from Senora where they spent some time with Mr. Rogers' parents Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Rogers.

Miss Myrtle Wood entertained a number of her friends Saturday evening at a delightful party at her home the occasion being her 17th birthday anniversary. At the conclusion of the games delicious refreshments were served the following guests: Spofford Cave, Charles Moser, Traft Moser, Dixon Collins, Theford Sprinkle, Myrtle Hemmings, Loree Hemmings, Vertie Edmonds, Eva Collins, Coly Melton, Jim Holyfield, Jack Hardy, Dewitt Williamson, Frank Ball, Grant Brintle, Clyde Holyfield, Minnie Holyfield, Lillian Holyfield, Jim Snow, Frank Edmonds Swansop Southern, Lum Holyfield.

Grady Cooper is going to make a trip to central Fla. the middle of this month in his trade bus. This is a good opportunity to make this trip at reasonable rates.

Surry Superior court for the trial of criminal cases only, for one week's term began here today with Judge Michael Schenk presiding.

The jury is as follows: J. H. Key, E. L. Wolfe, G. W. Wilcoxon, W. H. Moore, B. D. Nicholson, Robt. Hicks, J. M. Chilton, C. A. Key, J. R. Windsor, G. L. Belton, J. M. Atkins, E. W. Holt I. M. Gordon, W. H. Owens, R. J. Carten, R. D. Livengood, G. W. L. M. Beamer, J. S. Collins, W. Hawks, C. E. Hiatt, R. R. Evans, F. Harris, Lester Lowe, J. D. J. H. Mitchell, T. J. Kidd, A. H. Lewis, Geo. Bartley, H. G. Lewis, Chatham, W. A. York, E. C. Grier, Ellis Hill, T. S. Ashburn, E. A. Randleman, C. H. Alred, W. C. Reynolds.

Marriage license were issued the past week to the following couples: Ernest Fallin, Jonesboro, to Maude Crissman, Sialoan; Conley Burton to Pearl Snead, both Rusk; D. N. Crowder to note.

## FUNERAL RITES HELD SUNDAY FOR CLEMENT HENDREN

THRONGS PACK CHURCH TO PAY LAST RESPECT TO WELL KNOWN YOUTH

### ENDED HIS LIFE

Clement Hendren, 20 year old son of Judge and Mrs. J. F. Hendren, who ended his own life by shooting himself through the brain with a 32 calibre revolver last Friday afternoon, was laid to rest in Hollywood Cemetery Sunday afternoon following brief funeral rites at the Elkin Methodist Church. Rev. L. B. Abernethy and Prof. Zeno Dixon conducted the services. Rev. Abernethy read several scripture lessons and the obituary while Prof. Dixon offered a prayer. The choir sang several beautiful numbers. The church edifice was filled to overflowing by friends of the young man who was held in such high regard.

Hardly anything of recent years has shaken the community as the tragedy Friday afternoon. Taking the family car, the youth drove to a lonely place on the old Dobson road a few miles north of Elkin, parked his car to the side of the road and fired a shot from a 32 calibre revolver through his brain. The shot entered just above the right ear passed completely through the head and buried itself in a snow bank twenty feet away. Death was instantaneous.

He had borrowed the revolver from Harold Click, saying that he wanted it to shoot some cats which were molesting his home. Mr. Click states that young Hendren seemed to be in good spirits when he called and the two played a game of pool on Mr. Click's table.

The body was found shortly before four o'clock by two local plumbers Ray Gilliam and Ramsome Smith who happened to be passing. The men saw the body in the car and thought the man sleeping but upon second glance saw the blood about the car and investigated and at once called Coroner Lee Snow who pronounced death suicide.

The dead boy had evidently carefully planned the whole tragedy and wrote the following note to his mother:

Dear Mama: "I'm not as well as I seem to be. In fact I couldn't go back to work at all. So rather than be a burden as an invalid it is best to die. Please try to understand that everyone isn't as brave as you are. It is for the best. My whole life has been full of mistakes. It's goodbye." Love Clement

After writing the note the boy carefully folded it, placed a package of cigarettes upon it by his side, lay the pencil with which he had written it by its side and put the gun to his temple and fired. The gun was still in the hand when passersby found the body which was in a sitting posture on the driver's side of the car. The head was bent back over the seat. It is said that young Hendren had worked at the Elkin Furniture plant in the morning and was seen on the streets in the afternoon a short time before the tragedy.

Added grief to the tragedy came because the father is in a hospital at Richmond, Virginia and a sister is at another sanitarium while another brother is in a tuberculosis hospital at Asheville.

Few of the younger people of Elkin were held in so high regard as Clement Hendren. He attended the local schools and later spent some time in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Honorary pallbearers were close friends of the deceased, John Evans, Robert Kirkman, Ralph Cooke, Glen Evans, Harold Click and Lee Neaves, while the flowerbearers were teachers in the city schools, Misses Elizabeth Anderson, Arlelee Puit, Gertrude Michael, Maria Baird, Bertelle Lincberry, Ola Anzell, Loline Payne, Emma Cooke, Blanche Dixon and Mesdames D. C. Martin, Fletcher Harris, J. H. Beeson and Hugh Royal.

Surviving are the parents, Judge and Mrs. J. F. Hendren, three sisters Misses Mary, Irene and Frances and four brothers, J. F. Jr., Mayhew, Linville and Thomas.

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