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Trial & Error

Believe it or not, and really this is not just newspaper propaganda, I have been asked not one, but several times to begin my column again. That is most flattering to me for many reasons. One is that some of my unflattering friends have said that even though I was a good speller I could not write. Others say that I stick my nose in the technicalities of the shop so very much that I do not know what is going on in that (today) beautiful sunshiny world. Nevertheless, here I go!

This week I plan to give you a few side lights on the Newspaper Institute which was held in Chapel Hill last week end. In spite of the bad weather on Thursday, Ruth Wells and I took off bright and early on Friday morning. We got there in time for the delicious luncheon which was served by the University and for the entertainment that was arranged by Pete Ivey, Publicity director for UNC. The Monologues (whatever that spells) was wonderful. It was presented by Hope McReed. She was hilarious in her portrayal of the typical Woman's Club speaker. Musical entertainment featuring four UNC Medical Faculty Members was very good with the announcements of their songs actually better than the music.

At the group meeting during the afternoon, which was conducted by Tom Boney, originally from Wallace. It did me so much good to hear all the weekly newspapers of the state discussing their problems, and believe-you-me they were the same problems I am experiencing. Misery loves company.

Harvey Laffoon of Elkin is really a character. He was telling of the time the biggest whiskey still was ever found and destroyed in his county. He gave the story from page space with a two column headline. After the paper hit the street, he had business to go somewhere and looked up and saw the bootlegger whom he had written up in the news story. He said he cautiously walked on down the street watching from both sides. All of a sudden the bootlegger grabbed him and growled "What do you think you are doing?" / Harvey asked him what he meant. "Why I have the largest still every found in this county and you only gave me a two column headline."

The banquet at Duke University was beautiful as usual. The menu was "fab-u-lus" and the dinner was delicious. Mrs. McCollum was guest speaker. She is a humorist from West Point, Mississippi, and the first woman speaker at the Press Institute. Ruth and I had the privilege of sitting with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Belk - my favorites.

"Do wish I could go to something at Chapel Hill about every month, it seems that the atmosphere is off on you.

This was fun, I might try it again.

Ruth

Doctors' Wives Reorganize Auxiliary

Mrs. John McCain of Wilson, who is first vice-president of the State Auxiliary to the Medical Society was guest speaker when several of the Duplin County Doctors Wives met for a Dutch Luncheon on Thursday, January 19, at the Country Squire.

The ladies decided to reorganize at this time and the following were chosen as officers for the current year: President, Mrs. H. T. Ray, Jr., of Warsaw; Vice-president, Mrs. E. L. Boyette, Chincapin; Secretary - Treasurer, Mrs. Paul Elin, Beaulville; Project chairman, Mrs. Oscar Redwine of Kenansville and publicity chairman, Mrs. G. V. Gooding also of Kenansville.

Mrs. Boyette Named '67 Heart Chairman

Mrs. Edward L. Boyette of Chincapin has been named 1967 Heart Fund Chairman for Duplin County. As Heart Fund Chairman, Mrs. Boyette will supervise the local association's 1967 fundraising activities and will supervise the local community leaders to direct the various activities planned for the campaign during Heart Month.

Mrs. Boyette is a native of Minnesota, an accountant by training, the mother of two children, and the wife of a Duplin County physician. She served as 1966 Heart Fund Chairman and for her volunteered services received the Founders Award of the North Carolina Heart Association - an award given annually to outstanding volunteers "for distinguished leadership on behalf of the Heart cause in North Carolina. Mrs. Boyette says she accepted this Award on behalf of all the Duplin County Heart Fund Volunteers who were responsible for our successful 1966 campaign,

and she knows she will receive the same support for he 1967 Heart Fund Campaign to be held during the Heart Month of February.

The local campaign will be carried out in conjunction with the drives of the North Carolina and American Heart Associations, held each year during February.

Mrs. Boyette said the plans for the local drive are being formulated and leaders and activities will be announced shortly. She pointed out that local funds will go to conduct the Heart Association's research, public education and community service programs.

"Heart disease," Mrs. Boyette said, "is still the leading cause of death in Duplin, as it is in the nation and the world. Last year some 22,000 North Carolinians died as a result of cardiovascular disease. Our Heart Association represents an opportunity for every person in Duplin to take a hand in stamping out this killer."

Cong. Henderson, Flood Insurance

Congressman David N. Henderson announced that he has introduced today a bill which would provide for a national program of flood insurance.

Henderson said that as a member of the House Public Works Committee for the past two Congresses, he has heard testimony on special legislation enacted by those Congresses to provide relief to the Pacific Northwest and other areas because of losses caused by storms and other natural disasters.

"We in North Carolina and elsewhere along the southeastern Atlantic coast have suffered severely from damage caused by hurricane flooding," Henderson said. "Beginning with Hurricane Hazel in 1964, we have had substantial damage to coastal property from hurricane flooding every year and property owners have learned to their sorrow that commercial insurance did not protect against flooding. The commercial companies simply have not been able to provide this coverage without charging a prohibitive premium. I do not want the Federal Government to compete with commercial companies, and my bill will

provide for the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to enter into contracts with existing private insurance companies to provide the coverage with the Federal Government guaranteeing the companies the difference between reasonable premiums and resulting losses."

The bill limits, for the time being, such coverage to property intended for occupancy by from one to four families and would not apply to commercial property in the absence of a finding by the Secretary

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Cecil Miller is past president of the Beaulville Lions and is also past zone chairman. He is clerk of the session of Hallsville Presbyterian Church and an elder in the church, past Mayor of Beaulville, President of Beaulville Garment Co., Inc.

Cecil Miller Receives Lion Membership Award

Lavoe Baker Winner of Essay Contest

The Beaulville Lions Club observed Ladies night Sunday night at the Town House Restaurant. The delightful affair was attended by 31 persons

Baptist Plan Auditorium From Hatch Estate

Raleigh, N.C. "The Baptists seem to have their hand on the pulse of humanity and seek to touch the needs of people," was the way Miss Rachel E. Hatch expressed herself to a close friend, Mrs. L. B. Hule, of Warsaw, N.C. As a result, Miss Hatch left her entire estate to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, "and its charitable causes."

Rachel Hatch spent her early life on a sprawling farm in Duplin County near Kenansville. The old home place between Kenansville and Pink Hill burned, and during the past 35 or 40 years, Miss Hatch lived in Richmond, Virginia, passing away in 1966 at the age of 86.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me," best spells out the quality of faith expressed in life by Rachel Hatch according to her many close friends in Duplin County and Richmond. She had a deep faith in God and an abiding interest in people, especially children and young people.

Rachel Hatch received her formal education possibly under a governess and later at a private school in Richmond. She was a cultured and refined lady of the old school. Music was a first love with emphasis on opera. She read extensively, keeping in step with the times and was a diligent Bible scholar. Rachel Hatch never failed to encourage young people to secure a proper education and devote their talents to uplifting humanity.

Rachel Hatch believed that a faith in God demanded expression in everyday life. Her friends and neighbors still re-

BRIEFS

Cyclist Injured

Preston Mobley, of Beaulville was hospitalized at Duplin General Hospital in Kenansville Sunday p.m. Preston, 6 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Defold Mobley, cut his bicycle into the path of a car driven by Mrs. Cecil Miller, as he traveled the busy main street of Beaulville in Sunday afternoon traffic. Injuries were described as minor.

GEORGE FINCH

George Finch of Wallace, scout leader, was among those honored recently by the Tuscarora Council, for their outstanding accomplishments in scouting. Mr. Finch, Duplin District Commissioner, has served a seven year tenure in Scouting, was presented the Silver beaver Award. The ceremony included placing of the Beaver around the neck of the recipients and a corsage for the wife.

NORWOOD VANN

Norwood L. Vann of Wallace was named Vice President of the Scout Executive Board of the Tuscarora Council at a Recognition Banquet. The Southern Wayne High School Cafeteria near Dudley was the setting for the banquet. Mr. Vann is prominent in business, religious and civic life of Wallace.

HOFFLER APPOINTED

J. W. Hoffler, prominent Wallace citizen, has been named a member of a new Advisory Board for Peoples Savings and Loan Association of Wilmington. Presently a member of the Duplin County Board of Commissioners, he has served as Mayor of Wallace as president of the League of municipalities and other civic organizations.

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Mayors attending the League of Municipalities quarterly meeting at the Rose Hill Restaurant in Rose were (l to r): Benney Albritton, Calypso; Herman Gore, Beaulville; Carlton

Precythe, Faison; Charlie Thomas, Magnolia; Tommy Baker, Wallace; Mrs. Ruby Ramsey, Teachey; Lauren Sharpe, Kenansville; D. J. Fussell, Rose Hill; and J. Ed Strickland, Warsaw.

Rose Hill Host To League Of Municipalities

The Duplin County League of Municipalities met jointly with the Rose Hill Lions Club Thursday evening in Rose Hill. The meeting was held in the Rose

Hill Restaurant with the president, Ed Strickland, Mayor of Warsaw, presiding. Special guests of the group were Senator Leroy Simmons,

of Albertson, and Representative Hugh S. Johnson, of Rose Hill. These two law makers discussed briefly the issues expected to arise in the upcoming

session of the Legislature. The group joined in a question and answer period.

Industrial Revenue Bond Legislation Supported Locally

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners and the Duplin Development Commission Board have voted support to win legislative approval of Re-

venue Bond Financing of new industrial plants. This action followed endorsement of the plan by the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development Board and the favorable

act by the N. C. Industrial Developers Association. At a meeting held in Raleigh on January 9, 1967, Mr. J. W. (Willie) York, Chairman of the State Conservation and Development Board said that "as a

competitive measure" the state needs legislation authorizing the use of revenue bonds to compete with 33 other states which use such bonds to attract new industry. He stated further that N. C. had lost several "blue chip" industries in the last several months due to the state's inability to offer the more attractive financial

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SANTA LEAVES EXPLOSIVE DOLL

Santa left a doll at the home of Mrs. L. B. Carter in Beaulville. It was a loveable dollie, in pigtails and pinafore, and very innocent looking.

In an effort to protect the lovely little owner, Mrs. Carter took the doll to the Beaulville Fire Department. She wanted to be absolutely sure that it was not the explosive, dangerous kind she had been reading about. The Beaulville Fire Department also alert to the perils of the pretty dollies, subjected the toy to heat and without coming into contact with actual flame, the doll ignited.

No damage was done as the blaze was expected, and was quickly extinguished. The moral of the story! If Santa left your daughter a doll for Christmas be sure it is safe for your child to play with. These dolls are imported. Next time see that Santa shops at home, and keep home a safe place.



A proposal to alleviate the heavily traveled, congested area of N C highway 24 through the town of Beaulville will be heard at Town Hall in Beaulville February 1. The proposal would

expand the present 26 foot highway to 64 feet, providing for four lanes of traffic on Beaulville's busy Main Street. (Photo by Ruth Wells)

Street Widening Proposed

The North Carolina State Highway Commission has announced plans to widen N C 24 through the town of Beaulville. District Engineer Paul J. Dupree of Wilmington made the announcement Friday. He estimated the cost of the project would be about \$200,000. The present highway through Beaulville, a distance of 1.4

miles, measures 26 feet wide. This will be expanded to 64 feet providing four traffic lanes through town, and also parking areas. A public hearing has been scheduled at the Beaulville Town Hall for 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1. N C Highway 24, through the heart of Beaulville, is heavily

traveled highway, connecting two of the nation's largest military bases. Beaulville citizens are generally pleased over the prospects of the improvement in their town. Little or no opposition is expected. A prediction said the contract would be awarded in July of this year.

Jerry Smith, Dies Prominent Citizen Smiths Township

Funeral services for Jerry Smith, prominent farmer and tobaccoist of Pink Hill, Route 2, were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the Howard Carter Funeral Chapel in Kinston. His pastor, Rev. Troy D. Mullis of Kenansville conducted the services.

Burial with full Masonic rites followed in Oak Ridge Cemetery near Pink Hill. He is survived by his wife, the former Mattie Smith of Pink Hill; one daughter, Mrs. Woodruf Jackson, of Tucson, Arizona, and two grandchildren;

four brothers, Clayton, Raymond and Troy all of Route 2, Pink Hill and Mark of Fort Barnwell.

Mr. Smith served on the Duplin County Board of Education from 1951 to 1963, serving as chairman of the group from 1961-1963. He was a member of St. Johns Lodge #13 A F & A. M. and a Past Master of the Lodge. He was also a member of the Scottish Rites and the Sudan Temple of New Bern, and a senior Elder in Smith's Presbyterian Church.

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