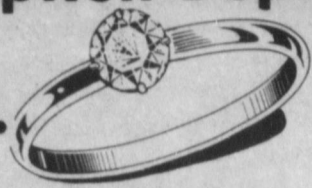


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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vess visited Mr. and Mrs. Swan Recker of Old Fort, N. Carolina for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe McIntosh and R. A. Tomberlin visited in Morganton last Sunday.

Mrs. Betty Wilson has returned home from a hospital in Valdese, N. C. where she has been a patient for several days.

Rev. Harold McDonald has finished a weeks study at the Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Mrs. Nelle Bennett is at home after several weeks visit with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Price of Greenville, S. C. She had as her guests on Sunday, Mrs. Kate McCurry and Mrs. Hobart Ray.

Mrs. Irene McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith and sons of Rutherfordton, N. C. visited with friends in the Cane River Community during the weekend.

Mrs. Essie Whittingham Garber sustained a brokphenip from a fall in her home last Friday and was admitted to Memorial Mission Hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Smith of Alexandria, Va. has been visiting Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Sallie Kate Butler.

Mrs. Maude Roberson and Wanda Roberson visited Mrs. Mabel Hensley in Asheville on Sunday.

Mrs. Virgie Duncan has returned home after an extended vacation in Florida visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Westall, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Higgins and Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson were the Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Mildred Blalock of West Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pate and family of Augusta, Ga. visited Mrs. Pate's mother, Mrs. Mary Cecil Severs of Bald Creek recently. Also her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Severs of Winston Salem spent the weekend visiting with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shepherd and family of Statesville, N. C. visited Mrs. Shepherd's mother, Mrs. John Banks for the weekend.

Mrs. Cathy Silvers of Statesville visited her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth R. Silvers over the weekend. She had as her

guest, Ed Ashburn, also of Statesville.

Bob Presnell was admitted to Spruce Pine Community Hospital last week for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitaker have returned from Florida where they visited relatives in St. Petersburg, Inveness, and Homestead.

Bill Buckner Jr. spent last week with his parents during spring break. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Buckner of Route 3, Burnsville. Billy is doing graduate work at NC State, Raleigh.

William Michael Briggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Briggs of Burnsville, has started Basic Training in the United States Army at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitaker visited Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Johnson of Ormond Beach, Florida on their recent Florida trip. Mrs. Whitaker is Mrs. Johnson's sister.

A birthday celebration was given for Mr. Charles Fox by his wife Sue and other guests. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Bowes of Roxboro, N. C., Mrs. Earl Link of Alton, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Beaver from Bakersville, Miss Bernice Fox from Asheville and Mrs. Doris Higgins of Burnsville. Eleven grandchildren also attended the celebration. Their son, Bruce, who is serving overseas, flew home to visit his wife and family in Fayetteville. He has to report for duty overseas by March 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Tipton of Micaville, N. C. had as their guests over the weekend: Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ponder of Weaverville; Mr. and Mrs. Junior Tipton and daughters of Hickory, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tipton of Sanford, N. C. and Mr. James Tipton of Sanford, N. C.

Mr. Bobby Honeycutt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Honeycutt of Burnsville, has been promoted Supervisor of Tel-A Communications for J. P. Stevens of Greensboro, N. C. He was previously supervisor of Data-Processing and has been with the company for the past 12 years.

**Stamp
Corner**

By George Cheren

A DAY TO REMEMBER
March 2, 1793



The design selected by the U. S. Post Office for the five-cent stamp commemorating Sam Houston, puts emphasis on size. Sam Houston himself was large—six feet, six inches tall; the State he finally represented, the largest. The issues of the times were large: Slavery, Territorial Expansion, War.

The stamp design brings visions of the man, the time, the issues. One sees Sam Houston standing strong, straight and proud; the head of his Army, its Senator, and its Governor; the conqueror of Santa Ana and his army.

Sam Houston was born near Lexington, Virginia, on March 2, 1793. His mother settled the family in Tennessee after the death of his father in 1807. A tall, friendly, humorous boy, with long, wavy, chestnut hair, Sam turned out to be a rebel—today he might be called a "drop-out". Planting and store-keeping were not for him—better to read or simply disappear. One day he walked away from his store counter and went to live with the Cherokee chief, Co-loo-te-la, who adopted Sam and named him, Co-lon-neh, "The Raven." In later years, this period of his life was to Sam an idyll, with life holding, "...nothing half so sweet to remember as this sojourn... among the untutored children of the forest."

Houston returned to Maryville, Tennessee to open and successfully run a private school. He subsequently enlisted in the army, and rose to the rank of First Lieutenant. In an effort to better the Indian's lot, "The Raven" appeared before the Secretary of War John C. Calhoun, in breechcloth and a blanket. Calhoun's displeasure and Houston's dissatisfactions with the army led to the resignation of his commission, on March 1, 1818.

With the help of his staunch friend, President Jackson, Houston rose in politics, first representing Tennessee in Congress for four years and then becoming its Governor. His first marriage left a lifelong trail of turmoil and doubts; for within six weeks, his bride returned to her father's home. The cause was not clear. Houston felt he should resign as Governor, did so, and left Tennessee to go live with the Cherokees.

For six years he strove to better the Indian's life. Not only in their losing struggles with Washington and with westward expansion, but to end the tribal wars and conflicts, in the hope of finding a place for them and himself to live in peace, "To forgo all and found lost peace." Sam was admitted to full Cherokee citizenship in 1829, and took an Indian bride.

In 1832, at Jackson's request, Houston went to Texas to make further efforts at peace between the Indian tribes and peace with the expanding ambitions of the surging settlers. He now rose to his greatest glory; becoming Commander-in-Chief of the Texas Army and a signer of the Declaration of Independence of the new Republic of Texas. After his capture of Santa Ana at San Jacinto, in 1836, Sam Houston became First President of the Republic. When Texas was annexed to the United States, Sam Houston became one of its first Senators. After ten years in Congress, he became Governor of Texas, in spite of his consistent antislavery votes in the Senate. He was opposed to Secession and opposed to joining the Confederacy. But the tide turned against him and so did Texas.

Upon Houston's refusal to take the oath of allegiance when Texas did join the Confederacy, he was deposed as Governor.

Peace came at last when he retired to his farm with his wife, Margaret Lea, whom he married in 1840, and with whom he had eight children. There, after some intervals of return to public notice, Sam Houston died on July 26, 1863.

Stamps are usually issued to commemorate birthdays, but here, the Sam Houston stamp was issued on July 26, 1963.

For stamp information and general correspondence on the collection of stamps, write Box 667, Yancey Record, Burnsville, N. C. 28714.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on your recent Pollution-Conservation Edition. It was excellent, and I especially appreciate the fine spread you gave to photos and articles from District Ranger McLain. With this kind of publicity the public gains a better and fuller understanding

of the work the Forest Service is carrying on in their behalf.

Many thanks, and best wishes for the continued success of your paper.

Sincerely,
Del W. Thorsen
Forest Supervisor

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