



Marine 1st Lt. Kent L. Laughter . . .  
. . . 'meets the beauties'

## Laughter Finds Marine 'Duties' Can Be Fun

ANDREWS - All the advantages of being an officer in the U. S. Marine Corps aren't listed in the recruiter's manual.

First Lt. Kent L. Laughter of Andrews, who is stationed at Camp LeJeune recently enjoyed some of the fringe benefits.

Lt. Laughter was invited, and quickly accepted to serve as a judge in the Miss Wilmington Beauty Pageant held January 25.

The Beauty Pageant precedes the annual Azalea Festival in Wilmington when the new town queen makes her first public appearance.

The young lady who wins the crown also goes on to enter the Miss North Carolina pageant, and should she win there, she can go to Atlantic City for a crack at the Miss America Crown.

Lt. Laughter, who is the son of Mrs. Lucy Laughter of Andrews, along with Lt. Col. James C. Riffle of the Second Marine Div., served as a judge for the pageant in Wilmington.

In addition to his duties as a judge, which included meeting the ten lovely contestants, Lt. Laughter, who is single, met the present Miss North Carolina, Jeanne Flinn Swanner, and the outgoing Miss Wilmington, Miss Carol Smith.

The judges, contestants and other guests first met at a luncheon at the Cape Fear Country Club the day of the pageant, and a dinner was given that night for the judges and Miss North Carolina at the Boucan Room of the Heart of Wilmington Motel prior to the Pageant at Brogden Hall.

The Marine officers were guests of the Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce for their visit to the City. The Jaycees sponsored the Pageant, and a scholarship for the winner.

The sponsors of the Pageant chose Lt. Laughter as a judge for the Pageant after seeing considerable publicity in Eastern N. C. newspapers about his victories in Marine Corps tennis championship matches and other athletic events at LeJeune.

Lt. Laughter is a graduate of Andrews High School, where he was a star football and basketball performer, and he graduated from the University of Georgia prior to entering the Marines.



Jerry Cox  
Graduate of  
Massey College

ATLANTA, GA. - Jerry Cooper Cox, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Cox of Andrews, was a member of the graduation class on January 25 of Massey Junior College in Atlanta.

Mr. Cox was awarded a diploma in Junior Accounting.

The Massey Junior College January graduation class of 175 were awarded their Di-

## State Championship Cage Playoff Sites, Dates Announced By NCHSAA

CHAPEL HILL - Sites and dates for District 8 State Basketball Playoffs which will involve boys teams from Cherokee and Clay Counties were announced this week by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

Murphy, Andrews and Hayesville have a crack at the State Championships for Class AA and A boys basketball, with Murphy entering playoffs that could lead to Durham, and Andrews and Hayesville heading down a playoff trail that could lead to Winston-Salem.

Murphy will enter Class AA playoffs and Andrews and Hayesville will enter Class A state competition.

Murphy automatically becomes Cherokee County's double A representative since there is only one AA school in the county, and Andrews enters the Class A playoffs by virtue of holding a better regular season record than Hiwassee Dam High School, the other Class A school in the county.

Hayesville enters playoffs as Clay's lone Class A school.

Double A playoffs will pit Murphy against one of four other Class AA schools in the conference in playoffs to be held at Cherokee High School Gym March 2-3.

Class A Western Division playoffs will send Andrews against Cherokee High and Hayesville against the Hay-

wood County Class A champion in tourney play at Sylva-Webster's gym Mar. 2, 6, and 10.

Winner of Double A Smoky playoffs at Cherokee will meet the winner of the Tri-County Playoffs for the District AA Crown Mar. 6 at Cherokee.

Winner of the Class A Western Division playoffs at Sylva-Webster will advance to district finals against the Eastern Class A division champ for district finals on Mar. 13 at Erwin with the district winner going to Winston-Salem for state finals the following week.

Double A state finals will be played in Durham the week following District playoffs.

The Smoky Mountain Conference tournament which is to begin next Thursday, Feb. 20, with both Western and Eastern SMC Division double A and Single A schools both involved, does not have a bearing on which SMC teams enter the state playoff tourney, since entries for the state playoffs are based on regular season records.

Sites and dates for the Smoky Mountain Conference tournament will be decided next Wednesday night at a meeting of the conference coaches at Robbinsville, but this information will not be available in time for next week's Scout, which goes to press Wednesday afternoon.

## John Swan Dies Feb. 8 At Nantahala

FRANKLIN - John J. Swan, 50, of Franklin, a son of Mrs. David W. Swan of Andrews, died unexpectedly after apparently suffering a heart attack last Saturday, Feb. 8, near Nantahala Dam.

Macon County Sheriff Brice Rowland investigated Mr. Swan's death and reported that Mr. Swan and Lennox Morrow, also of Franklin, were returning from Hayesville by way of Big Choga Wildlife Area and the Junaluska Road to Aquone, when their truck stalled in mud on a dirt road leading toward White Oak.

Both men had worked attempting to get the truck out of the mud, finally giving up, and were sitting in the truck resting when Mr. Swan was stricken by the fatal attack, Sheriff Rowland said.

Mr. Morrow walked down the road toward the Nantahala Power House in search of help, met a vehicle and sent word out that he believed Mr. Swan was dead, the Sheriff said.

Sheriff Rowland said he received the call about 4:00 p.m. Saturday and that Mr. Morrow and Mr. Swan's body were taken to an Andrews hospital.

Mr. Morrow was reported suffering from exposure, but his condition was not deemed serious. No inquest was held.

A native of Graham County, Mr. Swan was a veteran of World War II. He had lived the past 13 years in Franklin.

Surviving besides the mother are the widow, Mrs. Mabel Rogers Swan, of Franklin; two daughters, Miss Beth Swan of the home and Miss Margaret Swan of Durham; two sons, John D. of High Point and Bob with the U. S. Coast Guard in Boston, Mass.; two sisters, Mrs. John Bralliar of Franklin, Ky., and Mrs. G. Rozendale of Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Monday in First Methodist Church of Andrews.

The Rev. Joel Key and the Rev. James P. Hornbuckle officiated and burial was in Valleytown Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jack Ledford, Glen McGuire, Jack Herbert, Olen Stratton, W. P. Walker and Frank Forsyth.

Ivie Funeral Home was in charge.

Mrs. Waldroup Honored At Shower

ANDREWS - Mrs. Catherine Cross, Mrs. Bonnie Jones and Mrs. Louzell Carringer, employees of Berkshire Int. Corporation, were hostesses at a stork shower on Friday afternoon honoring Mrs. Gene Waldroup. The event took place at the Berkshire cafeteria.

Fifteen employees attended.

Stork Shower Given For Mrs. Pullium

ANDREWS - Mrs. Robert Pullium was honored at a stork shower on Saturday evening, given by Mrs. Gerald Mathis at the home of Mrs. Milo Mathis.

Mrs. Grady Pullium assisted the hostess in serving refreshments to the guests.

Shower Given For Mrs. Brackett

ANDREWS - Mrs. Larry Brackett was honored with a household shower at the home of Mrs. Ann Winfrey on Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Vera Conley and daughter, Gloria Jean, were hostesses.

Twenty guests attended.

Mrs. Brackett is the former Miss Faye White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester White. The Bracketts are presently living in Black Mountain where Mr. Brackett is employed.

## Cats Win Regular Season Western SMC Honors As Season Draws To Close

ANDREWS - The Andrews High Boys Basketball team won regular season Smoky Mountain Conference Western Division honors for the year, Tuesday night, by virtue of their 82-60 victory over Robbinsville, the 17th straight for the Wildcats.

With every other boys team in the Western Division having at least three or more defeats thus far in the season, the Wildcats grabbed the honor with only two games left on their slate.

All five Andrews starters scored in double figures: Larry Owenby 18; John Gernert 17; Butch Sursavage 12; Thomas Brooks 14 and Terry Winfrey 11.

The Wildcats are the only boys varsity team in Western North Carolina with a perfect record for the season.

The Cats won their 16th game last Friday at Nantahala with a 82-53 victory, sparked by a 24 point performance by John Gernert.

Other action last Friday saw Murphy's girls wallop Mt. View 75-33 highlighted by a 28 point performance by John Gernert.

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Hayesville's girls lost to Robbinsville 44-38, but the Hayesville lads came back with a 68-49 victory, led by Bruce Davenport's 27 points.

Hiwassee Dam's girls lost a close one to Stecoah, 47-35 and the Stecoah lads crushed the Hiwassee Dam boys 99-47.

Other games Tuesday included a split decision for Hayesville and Stecoah, with the Stecoah girls winning 41-33 and the Hayesville lads coming out on top of a 84-73 score, with Bruce Davenport

continuing his high scoring with 31 points.

Murphy girls beat Hiwassee Dam Tuesday night 63-33 with Judy Rogers high for Murphy with 22 points and Linda McNabb high for Hiwassee Dam with 19. Murphy's boys won their game, beating Hiwassee Dam 62-33, with Don Morris high for Murphy with 14 and Zane Hickey high for Hiwassee Dam with 9.

The win by the Murphy girls sets the stage for their last regular season game next Tuesday at Robbinsville. Both girls teams in the game now hold 17-1 records, and unless Robbinsville loses this Friday next Tuesday's game will decide the regular season girls champ for the Western Division of the Smoky Mountain Conference.

Friday's games are headlined by Cherokee - Clay clashes that send Andrews to Murphy and Hiwassee Dam to Hayesville.

Other games next Tuesday have Hayesville at Andrews and Nantahala at Hiwassee Dam to wind up the regular season.

Mrs. Vinson Brackett, daughter, Joyce, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brackett of Black Mountain, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Barber and family. While here they also visited other relatives.

Miss Carolyn Bradley and Sandra Franklin, who are employed in Atlanta spent the weekend with their parents and friends.

1st/Lt. Kett Laughter returned to Camp LeJeune on Sunday afternoon after a visit with his mother, Mrs. Lucy Laughter.

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Mrs. Jackie James Allen . . .  
. . . former Miss Stone

## Miss Marilyn Stone Weds Jackie J. Allen

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Miss Marilyn McCoy Stone became the bride of Jackie James Allen, Saturday, Feb. 15, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fort Foote Baptist Church.

The Rev. Charles W. Leonard conducted the double ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Iredell Johnson Stone, the granddaughter of Mrs. Ethel H. McCoy of Raleigh and the late Mr. and Mrs. Cecil G. Stone of Raleigh.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney James Allen of Andrews.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a white lined taffeta floor length gown, with a soft pleated bell shaped skirt. The Sabrina neckline and bodice of the gown were appliqued with almon lace, re-embroidered with seed pearls.

The chapel train was held in place by a large bow. The veil of imported illusion was attached to a queens crown of seed pearls.

The bride carried a bouquet of hyacinths, and carnations centered with a white orchid.

Mrs. Chester Wade Ganyon, Jr., of Washington, D. C., sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Miss Linda Jane Allen, sister of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid. They were attired in Paris pink

street length gowns of chiffon and peau-de-sole and carried bouquets of carnations and pink tea roses.

Larry Bruce Allen of Andrews was his brother's best man. Usher-groomsman were Claude White, Jr., and Carley Stedman, both of Washington.

Music was presented by Miss Shirley Jenkins, organist, and Miss Dolly Sherman, soloist.

The bride's mother chose an Oriental blue street length dress of lace and crepe and wore a white orchid.

The bridegroom's mother chose a street length dress of light beige silk and wore a white orchid.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Assisting were Misses Pat Johnson, Nancy Beavers, Dorothy Bailey and Mrs. Leslie Hightman. Mrs. Wallace Talbert kept the bride's book.

Mrs. Allen is employed by National Aeronautics and Space Administration Headquarters in Washington.

The bridegroom attended Western Carolina College and is employed in the Alexandria, Va., branch of George's Radio and TV, Inc.

The couple will honeymoon in the Poconos and plan to make their home in Washington, D. C.

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