

La Grange News

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Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Newsome and son of Sanford spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Yates and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Newsoms.

Mrs. William Newsome and daughter, Dora, of Dunn, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Newsome.

Mrs. Myde Moore is home after being a patient at Wayne Memorial Hospital in Goldsboro.

Edna Rouse has returned home after visiting relatives in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Garris and daughter, Martha Dare, spent the weekend in Savannah, Ga., visiting their daughter, Mrs. Ed Broughton, and family.

Ruth Glenn Hardy of Raleigh spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Lena Hardy.

Mabel Lynch of Dunn was weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Creech.

Mr. and Mrs. James Norwood Vause have recently moved to Raleigh to make their home.

Mrs. George Kreuger, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Riddle, Durwood Walters and Mr. and Mrs. Emery Walters came Friday to be with their father, N. H. Walters, who has been quite ill but is improved now.

Phil Rouse, Johnnie Sasser and Pully Corbin spent the weekend in Washington, D. C., and attended the ball game.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilkerson and children of Greenville spent Sunday with Mr. Wilkerson's sister Mrs. Olivette Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Moody spent the weekend in Henderson guests of Mr. Moody's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Moody. Robert Kinsey of Philadelphia spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Ralph Kinsey.

Will Hardy Britt, a student at Wake Forest spent the weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Britt.

Alma Faulkner, Hazel Burke, Jackie Foss, Jim Corbin, Charles Harper, EOC students, spent the weekend with their parents.

Mrs. G. L. Mewborn has returned home after spending some time in Columbia, S. C. visiting her son, Woolard, and family.

Emily Dee Adams, a student at AOC spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. R. M. Adams.

Mrs. Lawrence Smith of Greenville was guest of Mrs. J. P. Walters Thursday.

Carlton Best, manager of Dieffels made a business trip to Charlotte Sunday and returned Tuesday. He was accompanied by Mrs. H. W. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Potter of Jacksonville spent the weekend with Mrs. Potter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Poole.

Mrs. C. R. Sutton spent the weekend in Elizabethtown visiting her daughter, Ann, who is a member of the Elizabethtown faculty. While there she attended a shower given in honor of Miss Sutton who is to be married to Worth Hester December 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Sutton, Jr., and children spent the weekend visiting Mrs. Sutton's mother, Mrs. I. P. Spivey. While there they also attended the shower given in honor of Miss Sutton.

Mrs. Myrtle Evans Hostess to Club

Mrs. Myrtle Evans was hostess Tuesday evening when she entertained members of her bridge club and invited guests. Three tables were placed in the living room where pretty bowls of chrysanthemums and other fall flowers formed the decorations.

At the refreshment hour the hostess served a salad course and coffee.

Mrs. J. F. Peele was awarded high score honors for club. Mrs. W. L. Jones received high honors for visitors and second honors went to Mrs. John Mitchell.

Mrs. Ferguson is Hostess to Club

Mrs. Wade Ferguson entertained members of her bridge club and invited guests Tuesday evening at her home where a dessert bridge was enjoyed.

Mrs. John H. Rouse, Jr., scored second high for the club. Mrs. J. C. Peele received high honors for visitors and Mrs. Olivette Armstrong received consolation.

Mrs. Bill Mann was remembered with a gift.

Fall flowers were used to decorate the home.

Those playing were Mesdames Rouse, Peele, Armstrong, E. A. Sutton, James Dawson, Eugene Gray and George Rouse.

Taxes levied on United States farm real estate in 1946 were 5.2 per cent higher than in 1945.

OTHER EDITOR'S VIEWS

IF NOT GUILTY, TESTIFY

In the past few days much has been said about the Harry Dexter White case. Many views have been expounded, pro and con.

What The Times is most interested in, is the facts in this case, and their apparent bearing, on the ex-President Harry Truman, who was charged with the responsibility, of administering his office for the welfare of the country and the upholding of the Constitution, which he swore to do.

We never had too much confidence in Mr. Truman's ability to serve in the office of the Presidency, and have said so, many times before. The only reason he was ever nominated and elected was because he was a hand-picked candidate by the late President Franklin Roosevelt, who felt, at the time of the selection, that it would help the party secure the vote from the Midwest, and that section of the country from whence Mr. Truman came, and enable the fourth term election of Mr. Roosevelt.

Mr. Truman's past record in the old Fendergast Machine in Kansas City, Mo., is well known to those who have informed themselves on this affiliation of the former President.

When Mr. Truman took office as President of the United States, we honestly believe that he was an humble man, and was sincere when he said he had "big shoes to fill." It was not long after his ascension in office that the little man from Independence, Mo., began to show he was the "big I am type." He became cocky, and as so many men, have done in the past, and will do in the future, it became apparent to us, that he just could not take the honor, recognition and authority, which the office he held gave him.

Let it be stated here that some things Mr. Truman did while President we agreed with him.

One thing we have been critical of Mr. Truman was, that he was right, regardless, and assumed the attitude that any one not agreeing with him was all wet. Apparently, he thought himself above reproach.

There were times when we believe that the former President was ill-advised, yet, when he was shown that this was so, he did not bother to correct that error, but went ahead with apparent full steam, so to speak, more like a child in spite, this was particularly true in regards to his aide Gen. Harry Vaughan.

Monday night, November 16, we heard and saw on television Mr. Truman make his speech on the White case. Even while he was twisting the facts in the case to his defense we had before us parts of the testimony of the committee, (the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee), which had brought out some of the subversive activities of the higher ups in the Federal Government. It was coincidental, we suppose that it happened that we had before us some of the things, which Mr. Truman did not make clear and in fact, put himself in a favorable light. That is natural of course, when a man is defending his record. But still the facts should be given as they are, and not as the person involved wants them.

Mr. Hoover, in his statement on the White case, emphatically made it clear that the facts were known to Mr. Truman. Mr. Truman stated that so many reports, documents and papers

went to the White House that he could not see all of them. With this we agree, but certainly, a man that has sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States, and to see to its welfare, should make it a point to specifically read that paper or document which involves the security of this country.

Mr. Truman's failure to properly read this sort of paper convinces us further, that he was lax in his job as Chief Executive of the United States. When the former President stated it was decided not to dismiss White after he finally learned White was not the man for the place, he held, and the one he was being promoted to, was because it would probably alert others under surveillance, he ran into conflict with J. Edgar Hoover, FBI head, who stated in his testimony that there were others who were under suspicion in the Federal Government and were dismissed in 1945.

It seems then, that the facts have been fitted in, to fit the case, so far as Mr. Truman is concerned. When the Alger Hiss case came to light, Truman stated it was a red herring, a witch hunt, yet, Hiss was indicted, tried, found guilty, and sent to prison, for the very thing that the ex-President called "red herring and witch hunt." It was another time that he was wet behind the ears.

But the true character of the man came out in his speech the other night. He charged Attorney General Herbert Brownell with degrading and disgracing the office he now holds. Mr. Truman in turn called Mr. Brownell a liar. This is plain language. It is some of the same language he used while serving as President. We have just never been able to picture a President stooping to such gutter talk, nor an ex-President for that matter. The office is one that should be held on the highest plane. Such language tends to low-rate the office of the Presidency.

Mr. Truman refused to testify before the committee. There are points that are too numerous, on this phase of the question to discuss here. One thing we learned long ago is, that a man that is guilty, of the charges placed against him, will do all he can to deny, or if possible to decline to testify. Those who

have refused to state whether they are Communists or not, are in our book, guilty of the charge, that they are. If they were not they would not hesitate to testify, so as to clear their name. We feel the same way about Mr. Truman's refusal to go before the committee to tell his story.

We are not discussing here the rights of the former President to decline the "invitation" to appear before the committee, but do say he has left the impression with many people, and most of them his supporters, that he must be guilty of laxity of office as charged.

If not guilty, testify. There is nothing to hide.

Mount Vernon

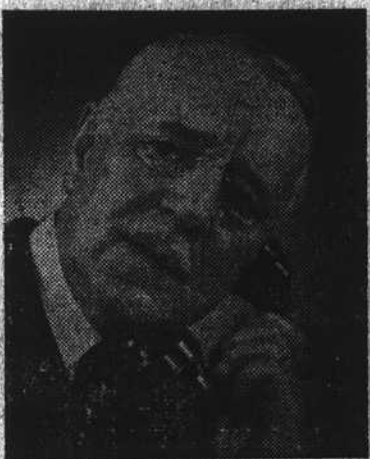
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