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H. A. COGGINS, 71, OF BEE TREE, DIES SUDDENLY AT HIS HOME

Well-Known Resident and Familiarly Known As "Mayor of Bee Tree"

Henry Allen Coggins, 71, lumberman, farmer, and mine operator and familiarly known as the Mayor of Bee Tree, died suddenly at his home in the Bee Tree section of Buncombe County Thursday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock.

A native of the Bee Tree section, Mr. Coggins spent practically his entire life as a resident of that section and owned land which came to his family as a state grant.

In his early manhood, he was well known as a baseball player. He joined the Asheville professional club in 1897, and in 1898 enrolled at Wake Forest college where he was a pitching star for the Deacons. While playing there, he was offered a contract with the Philadelphia Nationals, but an injury prevented his playing in the major leagues.

He returned from Wake Forest and for a number of years played with outstanding teams in the Western North Carolina area, and one year while playing with the Oteen club turned in a batting average of .470. For a number of years he had his own team at Bee Tree.

In addition to attending Wake Forest College, he also attended Weaver and Milligan colleges.

Mr. Coggins took an active part in church, civic, and political affairs. He was a member of Bee Tree Christian church, was an elder in the church and for many years had taught a Bible class in the Sunday School.

He was a 33rd degree Mason and Shriner and was one of the promoters of the annual Bee Tree picnic. He was a member of the original board of directors of the Farmers' federation and was a member of the executive board of the federation.

Funeral services for Mr. Coggins were conducted in the Bee Tree Christian Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Rev. Harold Tyler and the Rev. R. S. Creasman officiated. Interment was in Pine Grove cemetery.

The body remained at Harrison Funeral Home, Black Mountain, until taken to the church at 2 p. m. Sunday.

Active pallbearers were officers of the Bee Tree church.

Honorary pallbearers were D. W. Harrison, H. R. Harrison, Roy Alexander, Fred Davidson, E. N. Howell, Con Cordell, Dr. Hubert Klapp, Dr. J. M. Buckner, Dr. Ted Polson, Frank Roberts, J. C. Melton, S. C. Clapp, J. G. K. McClure, Guy Sales, L. A. Owen, Dr. W. Burr Allen, John W. Neely, William M. Redwood, D. Hiden Ramsey, James M. Coleman, Allen Riddick, Charles A. Webb, Judge J. Frazier Glenn, Pat Burdette, Vonno Gudger, J. Ed Swain and directors of the Farmers Federation.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Vera Keen Coggins; three sons, Eldridge A. Coggins of Bee Tree, George B. Coggins of Tigerville, S. C., and John W. Coggins of Washington, D. C.; six daughters (Continued on page 8)

Dr. M. Morgan To Speak Here

Secretary of the Family Life Council of Asheville

Dr. Mildred Morgan of Asheville, will speak on "Children and the Peace" to the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Black Mountain Methodist Church Monday, May 6 at 8:00 p. m. at Mrs. C. E. Keith's home, Briarbrook on the Blue Ridge Road.

Mrs. Morgan is secretary of the Family Life Council of Asheville and is well known as a counselor on marriage and the family. Miss Ann Plyler will be in charge of the devotions.

All Voters Must Register To Vote In May Primary

New Registration May Cause Small Election Returns

This is election year. On May 25th, Democratic voters will select candidates for County and some State and Federal offices, and that, in the past has been tantamount to election in this County.

It is feared that returns this year will be small because the Buncombe County Board of Elections has called a new registration. This means that every man and woman in every precinct in Buncombe County must register or re-register, in order to vote in the May 25th primary. Registrars appointed by the Board of Elections were that most voters as yet are unregistered. Registrars will be present at polling places on Saturday, May 4th, and again May 11th from 9 a. m. until sunset for the registration of voters.

Those citizens of Black Mountain Township, who live south of the U. S. Highway No. 70 register and vote in precinct No. 2, which is at the City Hall. In general, citizens living north of State Highway 70 will register and vote at the Grammer School building. However, one section in the center of town, bounded by Montreat Road, Dennis Ave., Connelly Street, Rhododendron Ave., and Craigmont Road is part of precinct No. 2.

This paper reminds you that it is your duty and privilege as a citizen to register and vote. Let us defend the freedom we have won by such strenuous effort by exercising free ballot for the election of free public officials.

Softball Team Is Organized

Bill Rudisill, Outstanding Softball and Baseball Player, Is Manager

A group of local talent met recently and organized a softball team to represent Black Mountain in the Moore General Softball League.

Bill Rudisill, outstanding softball and baseball player, was elected to serve as manager of the team. Everyone places great confidence in Bill's leadership and feel that he will pilot the team to a successful season.

Manager Rudisill announces that no position on the team is clinched, and that anyone in this area who wishes to try out for the team may arrange a workout by contacting him. He is especially anxious to secure an effective pitcher.

The following fellows have shown promise and while Manager Rudisill has not announced a starting lineup it will likely be selected from the following:

Woodside, Willis, Turner, Reese, Rudisill, Burgess, J. Brittain, P. Brittain, Beddingfield, Brown, Stevens, Ramsey, Polson, Waters, McCool and possibly others.

Final Meeting of Woman's Club To Be Held May 8

The Black Mountain Woman's Club will hold the last regular meeting of the year next Wednesday at 3:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. H. A. Kerlee. The program is in charge of the Home and Garden committee, Mrs. C. E. Spencer, chairman. The speaker will be Mrs. George Pennell, president of the Asheville Garden Club, whose topic will be "The Perennial Border." Mrs. Roy Alexander will sing.

A feature of the meeting will be the award of prizes by the judges who are to inspect local gardens this week.

TRUMAN TELLS PREACHERS HE NEEDS THEIR PRAYERS AND CO-OPERATION

President Truman told 300 Washington clergymen Monday that this country is "having a lot of unnecessary troubles, brought about by selfish men who are thinking only of their individual welfare."

The churchmen met with the President in the Rose Garden of the White House to extend their greeting to him, just as they had done on a similar visit six years ago with President Roosevelt. "The world is at the cross roads," the President said. "Either we are facing, as I have said time and again, the greatest age in history or we are facing absolute destruction of things as we know them now."

Mr. Truman said the United States came out of the war as a leader but expressed fear that since V-J Day it has been losing sight of its responsibilities.

"God intended us to assume them some 25 or 30 years ago," the President continued, "and we shirked them. We can't shirk them now."

"One of the immediate things which we are faced with is feeding the starving . . . you can help in that. You can make the people realize their responsibility. You can awaken in them the moral responsibility that goes with leadership. Right here at home now we are having a lot of unnecessary troubles, brought about by selfish men who are thinking only of their individual welfare."

Mr. Truman expressed his appreciation for the clergymen's visit and they in turn pledged their co-operation in behalf of the famine emergency program. In welcoming the churchmen, the President advised them: "I need your prayers. No one ever needed them more."

16,236 Telephone Directory Have Been Distributed

Mr. Smith Requests Telephone Users To Help Conserve Equipment

A total of 16,236 copies of the new telephone directory, completing the distribution, have been delivered, it was announced Monday by J. L. Smith, district manager for the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company.

The new directory has a gray cover, making it distinguishable from the old green-covered book, Mr. Smith requests telephone users to help conserve busy telephone equipment by referring to the new directory when there is any doubt about the desired number, and by consulting the directory before calling "Information" for a number, calling "Information" only if the number is not listed.

If the old directory was not taken up at the time the new one was delivered, the telephone company suggests that it be turned over to the scrap paper collection along with other waste paper at the first opportunity.

Southern Buys Two Thousand New Freight Cars

Construction of New Cars Will Begin This Fall, Norris Said

The Southern Railway has placed orders for 2,000 new freight cars at a cost of about \$8,000,000, railway President Ernest E. Norris said Monday.

Construction of the new cars will begin this fall, Norris said. They will consist of 1,000 50-ton steel-sheathed box cars to be built by Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing company in Bessemer, Ala.; 600 50-ton steel low-side gondolas to be built by the Mt. Vernon, Ill., plant of the Pressed Steel Car Co.; 257 70-ton all steel ballast cars to be built by the American Car & Foundry Co., at Madison, Ill., and 100 57-ton 1al-steel covered hopper cars to be built by Harlan & Hollingsworth Corp., Wilmington Del.

Other new rolling stock on order, Norris said, included 1,000 50-ton steel automobile box cars now under construction at the Bessemer plant to Pullman-Standard. Delivery of these cars was expected early this summer.

In addition, Norris said Southern Railway had 40,000 tons of new rails on order and contemplated buying additional passenger equipment of modern construction and design.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY TO MEET
The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, Black Mountain, will meet Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Fellowship Room.

Colorado's lowest point lies at an elevation of 3,350 feet.

14 Months Old Child Dies

Harry Lee Atkins, 14 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Atkins, died Wednesday morning at the Mission Hospital. Funeral services will be conducted Friday May 3, 2:00 p. m. at the Church of God on Lakey St., in Black Mountain. Burial in Tabernacle Cemetery, Black Mountain. The Rev. D. E. Kilby and Rev. Mrs. Dixie Chambers will officiate at the service.

He is survived by his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Atkins, one sister, Levon Atkins, one brother, James Atkins, the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith and the Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Atkins of Barnardville, N. C.

May Fellowship Day Tomorrow

Will Be Held The Black Mtn. Baptist Church At 3:30 P. M.

May Fellowship Day, one of the three meetings each year sponsored by the United Council of Church Women, will be held at the Baptist Church Friday afternoon at 3:30. Mrs. Wade Reinhardt will be the leader, and Mrs. Mary Ailshere will speak, and special music will be given by a chorus from the colored Baptist Church. Rev. Grady Hardin will give a report on the convocation meeting in Charlotte recently.

The offering will be divided between the Local, State and National Council. All women of the churches in our community are urged to attend.

The Girl Scouts will care for children, so any mother may bring her children and attend the meeting.

M. J. Baer Dies in Asheville Hospital

Mr. M. J. Baer of New York and Black Mountain died after a short illness in an Asheville hospital April 25, 1946. Mrs. Baer, formerly Mrs. Bossie O'Brian Hundley, is now with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas M. Farr in Hadonfield, N. J.



Bill Hill Says:
I ast a feller tuther day if he thought Hitler wuz dead, and he says yes sir, cause he saw a tombstone in Germany thet says, "This is my last Territorial demand."

Commencement Recital Montreat College Music Club

Students Were Selected From The High School Personnel

Montreat College presented fourteen members of the Music Department's students in recital Saturday evening at eight o'clock in Gaither Chapel. These students were selected from the High School personnel and were outstanding students of each of the five teachers. Mrs. Randle and Miss Woodhouse accompanied the voice students, while Mrs. Johnson assisted with a duo and the duets. Miss Mary Lord is the head of the music department. The date was unique in that it was the anniversary of the Senior Recital of the youngest member of the music staff, Miss Frances Corry, who graduated at Limestone College last spring.

The program was as follows: Creole Folk Song—Arr. Thompson, Mary Anne Phillips; By a Roadside Fire, Rodgers—Mattie Lee Ladd; Caprise, Besthoff—Nell Fender; A Robin Song in the Elmwood Tree, Kountz—Dorothy Adams; Because, D'Hardelot—Emily Mical; Twinkle Toes, Eckstein—Betty Jo, Williams; Fireflies, Schaeffer—Rose Melody Pylant; Duo, Parade of the Wooden Soldiers, Jessel—Anna Maude Hooper; When I Was Seventeen, Swedish Folk Song—Nina Kennedy; A Brown Bird Singing, Wood—Doris Ann Zirkle.

The British Children's Prayer, Wolfe—Patsy Casteen; The Butterfly, Merkel—John Robertson; Duets: To a Wild Rose, MacDowell; An Old Trysting Place, MacDowell—Lily Starling and Mrs. Johnson; Duet: In a Persian Market, Ketelbey. Synopsis: "The camel drivers gradually approach the market, the cries of beggars are heard amid the bustle. The beautiful princess enters (she is represented by a languorous theme)—she stays to watch the jugglers and snake charmer. The Caliph passes through the market; the beggars are heard again; the princess departs, and the caravan resumes its journey; the theme of the princess and camel drivers are heard faintly in the distance and the market place becomes deserted."—Emily Mical and Nancy Allison.

Girl Scout Troop 1 Met Tuesday

Semi-annual Court of Awards Presented By Mrs. Keith

The Black Mountain Girl Scout Troop 1, held their semi-annual Court of Awards on Tuesday, April 30. Mrs. Keith, a member of the Girl Scout Council, gave the awards.

A flag ceremony opened the program. Anne Marie Molloy was flag bearer, Peggy Williams and Ann Sawyer the color guards.

The following sixteen girls became second class Scouts, receiving their Clover Leaf Badge: Wilma Justus, Norma Justus, Barbara Justus, Thelma Brookes, Sybil Joyner, Anne Marie Molloy, Rita Gasperson, Joan Norton, Eloise Norton, Peggy Williams, Eva Smith, Katherine Padgett, Nancy Padgett, Nora Lee Burgess, Madge Wilhide and Mary Ann Anderson.

Eighteen girls earned their First Aid Badge in the Health and Safety Field. Five girls received badges in these four fields of homemaking, nature, sports and games, and arts and crafts.

After the awards Madge Wilhide and Sybil Joyner told about the Juliette Lowe World Friendship Fund. Each Scout contributed as many pennies as they were old to the fund, in this way the Scouts are helping the Girl Scouts all over the world.

With the singing of Day Is Done in the friendship circle, the program was ended.

Go to Church Sunday.

Miss Cordell's Engagement To Romeo Revealed

Romance Blossoms In Tokyo For Black Mtn. Girl and Captain

Romance has blossomed in the land of the cherry trees for Miss Evelyn Cordell, of Black Mountain and Asheville, and Capt. Bruno J. Romeo, of Jackson Heights,



MISS EVELYN CORDELL

Long Island, N. Y., who are attached to the American staffs at the Tokyo, Japan, war criminals trials.

A United Press dispatch from Tokyo revealed recently the announcement of the engagement of Miss Cordell to Capt. Romeo. Miss Cordell is a member of the staff of the chief war crimes prosecutor, Joseph B. Keenan, and Capt. Romeo is stationed at the headquarters dispensary.

Miss Cordell and Capt. Romeo met when she went to the dispensary to request treatment for a cold. Their engagement was announced at a dinner party in Tokyo's Imperial hotel and they plan to be married when Capt. Romeo returns to the States this summer.

Miss Cordell left Asheville by plane at the same time Assistant U. S. District Attorney Worth McKinney left here for Tokyo to take part in trials of Japanese war criminals. She has been serving as assistant to John Darsey, former chief of the war frauds section of the criminal division of the department of justice.

A pretty and dynamic brunette, Miss Cordell in 1940 was reporter for the Buncombe County Court. She is a graduate of Brevard College and when she left for Japan was confidential secretary to T. Lamar Caudle, former U. S. district attorney in Asheville and now assistant attorney general. She is on leave to serve as a member of the war criminals trial staff.

Miss Cordell served for some time as secretary to former Senator Robert P. Reynolds, in Washington. In 1941, she was secretary to the late A. C. Reynolds, Jr., at the state legislature, and last year she was secretary to State Senator Brandon P. Hodges, chairman of the senate appropriation committee, in the state legislature.

Just before leaving here for Tokyo by plane, Miss Cordell visited her father, Edward Cordell, at the Cordell home at Black Mountain. Miss Cordell was entertained by a number of her friends at a luncheon in Asheville at the Langren hotel last Nov. 19, just before she left for Washington en route to Tokyo.

Swannanoa Y. W. A. Met Monday, April 29

The Y. W. A. organization of the First Baptist Church of Swannanoa, met Monday evening, April 29th, in the home of Mrs. Chas. Jolley. The mission study chairman, Marjorie Eller, led in a study of the Indian work at Cherokee. Nine Y. W. A. members were present. Plans were made to observe Y. W. A. Focus Week, May 12-17th.

The late E. Phillips Oppenheim wrote more than 150 novels of detection and intrigue.