

KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

TWO-DAY INAUGURAL — aren't saying much about it, the main reason the inaugural ceremonies for the new Governor will be extended over a two-day period—instead of being crowded into an 18-hour day—is that Governor William B. Umstead never served from inaugural day activities four years ago.

EARLY-BEDDERS — Anyone who has had Governor Luther H. Hodges in his home as a guest will tell you that he is an early-to-rise man — especially the former. He is known as an early-bedder — nine o'clock at times, we hear.

LOAD — Had the Governor been content to let the tax slide along, he could have a reasonably easy Legislature. The Legislature is generally good, and financial demands by the various State agencies are no larger than anticipated.

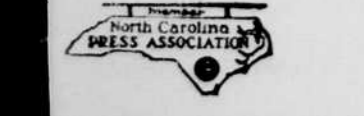
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MARK ETHRIDGE, JR. — the great newspapermen of the century, is resigning as editor of the Raleigh Times after only 20 months with our after-ally now owned by the News-Observer.

BLACK MOUNTAIN NEWS — of Buncombe County's foremost weekly newspapers published Thursday at Black Mountain, in the heart of the prosperous Watauga Valley, great resort center and industrial area.

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swer — except Ethridge, and he isn't talking.

Well, we didn't always agree with him—but always enjoyed reading what Mark Ethridge had to say. He said it sharply and in such manner that there could be no doubt about where he stood. His successor will be announced soon.

NAILHEADS — Maybe Ethridge had the heads of his nails on the wrong end. Perhaps the head should have been where the point was, or vice versa.

They said that during the war when anybody could get a job as carpenter on a government housing project, a green foreman walked up to a greener worker he had just employed. He noticed that he was throwing about half the nails away.

The foreman looked at him a minute and then said: "I see you are tossing on the ground about every other nail. Now why you doing that?"

"Because," replied the carpenter, "I notice that the manufacturers have put about half these nailheads on the wrong end."

The foreman agreed, but then said: "Don't throw 'em away, fool. You can use them all right on the other side of the house."

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS — Last week the main attackers of the Governor's Tax Study Commission Report were, you guessed it, A representative of the CIO-AFL writing to the newspapers from a Charlotte address and representatives of the Republican party meeting in Winston-Salem.

WRAL-TV — Raleigh got its second television station—last Saturday. It is WRAL-TV, owned and operated by A. J. Fletcher and son, Fred. Another son of A. J., Floyd Fletcher, runs Durham's WTVD. There is no financial tie-up between WTVD and WRAL-TV—no cents connection, but plenty of sense relationship. Another son of A. J. and Mrs. Fletcher, Frank, is an attorney, Washington, D. C., and—appropriately enough—does some of his best work in cases coming before the Federal Communications Commission. Better known Statewide probably is A. J. Fletcher's brother, Col. A. L. Fletcher, former N. C. Commissioner of Labor, etc., who now lives here in retirement.

A. J. and A. L. are sons of the late Rev. J. F. Fletcher, who died a few years ago at the age of 85 at the home of a daughter in North Wilkesboro.

Big people. Smart people. Good people. Men of influence. Molders of public opinion. The Rev. J. F.'s grandsons, Floyd and Fred, can talk to more people each morning before breakfast than could their grand-daddy in 50 years in the pulpit.

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Governor and Mrs. Hodges, it says here, are getting out about 1,000 Christmas cards this time—Makes one tired to think about it. This Christmas card business—A fellow walked up to an old friend on a street corner here last Saturday, hit him on the shoulder, and said: "Look here, man. Here it is December 15 and I ain't received no Christmas card from you."

"Well, if you can just wait until tomorrow I'll go home and send you one."

With that, they walked off down the street.

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THE OWEN HIGH CAGE TEAMS dropped Biltmore in a pair of games here Dec. 18 as they closed out the pre-Christmas schedule. The Girls edged the visitors, 36 to 25, while the boys won by a margin of 58 to 52.

Nonie Greene pounded the boards for 18 points in the first main event and was high scorer for both teams. The locals led 16 to 8 at the half. Both teams played a cautious and deliberate game, moving the ball around a great deal before attempting a shot. Johnson hit 10 points for Owen.

All of Owen's starters in the nightcap broke into the scoring column. Leader was Jerry Bridges with 17, followed closely by Tony Gardner with 16. When Gravette and Bridges drew the opposition out with set shots, Gardner, Redmon, and Richardson raved under for short shots that paid off. Owen led 30 to 26 at the end of two periods.

The Owen teams will be idle until Jan. 8 when they play Valley Springs here.

Girls' lineup: Biltmore (25) (36) Owen F-Owenbey (11) (1) Morgan-F F-F. Owenbey Watkins-F F-McMinn (7) (18) Greene-F G-McMahan Clayton-G G-Bell Bartlett-G G-Wheeler Robinson-G Subs: Biltmore—Moff 7, Johnson, Pressley, Owen—Osteen 7, Johnson 10, Lunsford. Halftime score: 16-8, Owen.

Boys' Lineup: Biltmore (4) (58) Owen F-Brooks (4) (12) Redmon-F F-Matheson (14) (6) Rich'son-F C-Johnson (19) (15) Gardner-C G-White (10) (17) Bridges-G G-Cordell (5) (7) Gravette-G Subs: Biltmore—Duncan, Owen—Sparks, Luckadoo. Halftime score: 30-26, Owen. Officials: Gaddy and Sawyer.



Freida Ricketts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Ricketts, danced the Hawaiian dance before a large audience on Arthur Smith's program last Saturday night in Old Fort. She has been asked to appear on Grand Ole Opry, Nashville, Tenn. Miss Juliette Ricketts and Romeo Ricketts, accompanied at the piano by their mother, Mrs. Colvin, presented several singing and dancing selections on the same program.

WILLIAM W. WELLS — From page 1

A member of Grace Methodist church in Beverly Hills, Mr. Wells is vice-president of the Sunday school class. He is also an active member of the Asheville Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Western North Carolina Chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management. He is employed by Ecusta Paper corporation in Pisgah Forest.

Others who will serve with Wells are, Perry C. Tomlin, treasurer, Grady Marler, secretary, Mrs. Lee M. Bauer, public information and Charles M. Britt, radio and television.

New members elected to the board are: Hugh E. Monteith, John I. Hillyer, Grady C. Marler, and Earl J. Fowler.

The 1956 March of Dimes campaign raised in excess of \$28,000.

MONTREAT

Miss Julia Stokes

A very happy Christmas to all of Montreat, those here and those in far places who read this news. With this nice warm weather it is easy to visit Montreat.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wylly visited here last week and took Dr. and Mrs. Will Ross back with them to their home for the week-end. The Wyllys will spend part of the Christmas here.

Many of the college students are home for Christmas: Dan Wilson and Maria Spence from King college, Bristol; Betsy Wilson from Queens college, Charlotte; Paul Moore from University of N. C. Chapel Hill; Judy Moore and Billy Solomon from Ben Lippen school; Zoltan Soos from the Asheville school; Thom Spence from Law college, Chapel Hill, Don Woods from Erskin college; Blake Brinkerhoff from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bell from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga. Clayton and his wife will spend part of the holidays with Mrs. Bell's parents in Asheville and part with Dr. and Mrs. Billy Graham; Bolling Wilson is home from a military school in Virginia.

Dr. Billy Graham will be in his home on the mountain for Christmas and part of the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Rupert McGregor are taking a short vacation in Florida. Mrs. McGregor will visit her sister and other relatives in South Carolina before going to Florida.

Mrs. Ira Holt and Miss Jane Holt are spending the Christmas holidays in their home on North Carolina terrace. Miss Holt is a teacher in Catawba college, Salisbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Meeks and children, George Grant and Judy Grant, Gordon, Jr., and Richard Meeks will spend Christmas with Mrs. Meeks' father in Hot Springs, Ark.

Billy Meeks who is attending University in Raleigh is spending Christmas with his grandmother in Memphis, Tenn.

Rev. C. W. Solomon is holding evangelistic services in Franklin, N. C., for the next two weeks.

The Rev. G. F. Kirkpatrick died in a hospital in Bennettsville, S. C., last Friday night and the service was held in the Presbyterian church with the burial in the family lot on Sunday, Dec. 16.

He was a native of Westminster, S. C., where his late father, the Rev. Robert McKemie Kirkpatrick was the pastor of the Presbyterian church there. His mother made her home on Assembly drive where she owned a summer home for many years, and was often called "Aunt Laura" by her intimate friends.

He was a graduate of Davidson college and Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. He held churches in North and South Carolina. His most recent charge was in the Presbyterian church in Blenheim, and that is where he made his home until becoming ill a few months ago.

He is survived by the wife, three sons, Pamer of Morgan, S. C.; the Rev. Charles E. of McConneh, S. C.; Junius Mills of Maxton, S. C., and two daughters, Mrs. D. W. McMillan of Florida; and Mrs. K. D. Snyder of Montreat, and several grandchildren.

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