

Rear Admiral Crawford To Conclude USN Service

We are happy to note that the retirement plans of Rear Admiral George C. Crawford, well known and widely related in Black Mountain, will not mean that he will be seen here in his home-town area any less — but rather, perhaps, more frequently.

Announcing his impending retirement from the Navy, which he has served as commander of the U. S. Naval Base at Charleston for the past three years, he said that he plans to continue to visit his summer cottage here on North Fork in the future. He has asked for his resignation to become effective in March.

Admiral Crawford is a native of Black

Mountain and is a frequent visitor here where he has three sisters and a brother, Mrs. Lee Hiltz, Mrs. John McGraw, Sr., Mrs. A. P. Perley, and Gordon Crawford. He also has a sister, Mrs. Helen Berry, who resides in Washington.

Admiral Crawford has had 40 years' naval service. For two and a half years prior to beginning his present duties three years ago, he was commander of the U. S. Submarine Forces, U. S. Atlantic fleet.

We join with Admiral Crawford's many friends here in the community in warm tribute to his distinguished record in the service of his country.

\$6,750 In Awards Are Shared In "Finer Carolina" Projects

Nearly five thousand local improvements projects in more than 100 Carolina towns—that's the record of Carolina Power & Light company's "Finer Carolina" contest which noted its sixth anniversary with the close of 1957.

In surveying the program's progress this week, E. N. Pope, advertising manager, found "the same active interest and participation among communities that marked its introduction in 1952."

Pope pointed out that 118 towns in North and South Carolina are conducting 550 "Finer Carolina" projects this year under the banner of "helping to build a Finer Carolina." Their efforts bring the six-year total to 4,450 projects, all of which have benefited the local community," he said.

Over 90 per cent of Finer Carolina towns have regularly adopted industrial progress projects, to improve diversification and the standard of living in the traditionally farm-textile economy of the

Look Who's Here!

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Headley of Winston-Salem, have a daughter, Theresa Ann, born Dec. 23 in N. C. Baptist hospital, Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Wright of Swannanoa, route 1, have a son born Jan. 6 in Memorial Mission hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chase Bennett, Jr., of Swannanoa are parents of a son born Jan. 8 in Memorial Mission hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Elmer Hart of Swannanoa, route 1, a daughter Jan. 8 in Memorial Mission hospital.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Ogle of Swannanoa Jan. 10 in St. Joseph's hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Hargrove of Swannanoa have a son born Jan. 12 in Memorial Mission hospital.

Tea and Topic Club Meets

The Tea and Topic club met Monday night, Jan. 13, at the home of Mrs. B. G. Byron for its regular business and literary meeting. In the business session a report was given on Christmas baskets. A total of 48 was delivered to families and individuals. The sum of \$275 for these baskets was furnished by the United Fund.

The program was given by B. G. Byron, who showed slides on Jamestown and Williamsburg, Va. He also gave an interesting history of the restoration of these communities. Those present were Mrs. S. S. Cooley, Mrs. R. T. Greene, Mrs. J. L. Holman, Jr., Mrs. Otty Leaman, Mrs. Richard Oulahan, Mrs. A. P. Perley, III, Mrs. Roy A. Taylor, Mrs. A. F. Tyson, Jr., Mrs. W. W. White, Mrs. Max Woodcock, Mrs. Don Wright and Mrs. Byron.

National Symbol



The Statue of Liberty, symbol of America to billions of people, was erected in 1884 and is the first landmark visitors see when entering New York harbor. Though made of copper only one thirty-second of an inch thick, the statue is as sturdy as the day it was built.

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LETTERS

January 13, 1958

Dear Editor:

Members of the Black Mountain Humane society and other humanitarians in this area are writing to their N. C. senators and members of the House of Representatives in Washington to urge the passage of humane slaughter legislation at this session of Congress. The bill, known as H. R. 8308, and the Senate bill, S. 1497, are ready to be voted on. All the work has been done last year and in previous years, so it will take but a few minutes and no money appropriations to finally vote "yes", and enact this long needed reform.

Nearly all the civilized countries of Europe have had humane slaughter laws for years but here very few packers use humane slaughter methods and will not until required to by law.

Many urgent matters confront our Congress in Washington in the days ahead, but much of this has to do with our concern for the welfare of humanity everywhere. We will surely want to put our own house in order by providing for humane treatment for our slaughter animals.

Sincerely,
Emily Read Wood,
Secretary, Black Mountain Humane Society.

Dear Editor:

The most important thing for America at the present time is to possess the good will of all nations. But, we must also remain prepared in order that present dictators, as those of the past, who think they can conquer the world, will change their minds when they consider the United States as the power for world peace. Therefore, we must continue to have the best Naval Officers, the best Army Officers in the world, and continue to maintain an adequate military program so that future dictators will be afraid to start out on a war of destruction.

We are spending large amounts for foreign aid which, in many cases, is making enemies for us rather than friends. A small part of this foreign aid program should be used to build a school to teach men who want to go into Foreign Service to be the best prepared men in the world for this type of service. To do this, we must not only build a school, but must also have our very best Diplomats as instructors. Young men who really want to go into Foreign Service should be selected as students.

Today, we have 17 colleges in the United States that offer courses to men or women who want to go into Foreign Service. Naturally, none of these schools concentrate on the Foreign Service courses. Men who finish these courses can take their examinations in 78 cities throughout the United States. The examiners are only interested in the applicants' written examinations; they know nothing of the applicants' qualifications or personal lives.

All of us can see and understand that the best way to cure this haphazard way of selecting Foreign Service men is to have one school, such as the Army, Navy and Air Force have. By emphasizing proper training and observation only the best men would be selected for Foreign Service. Our country should pay men well for this type of work, instead of paying them four thousand dollars per year as we now pay our Consuls. You cannot get good men without paying them enough. These Consuls, who are located in all main seaport towns, should be men working themselves up from Consuls to Ambassadors. There are 10 grades in the Foreign Service; all begin with the lowest grade as Consul.

Another reason why we cannot get proper men to enter the Foreign Service is that we select our Ambassadors and Ministers as political payoffs—many are rich men and politicians who have not the least idea of what Foreign Service means. We should discontinue these political payoffs, and permit the best qualified men enter the work as Consuls, and work themselves up to full Ambassadors. Instead of selecting a politician as Secretary of State, select the man best qualified for the job of Secretary of State! We could then look forward to having the world as our friends instead of our enemies. We could expect this change in policy to bring good will and friendship for our country. This would prevent little and big wars. A really qualified diplomat is far more important to our country than sailors, soldiers, marines and aviators. We must have the best qualified men in Foreign Service. If we can keep peace, friendship and good will, we will not have to fight.

Please write your Congressmen

Business and Prof. Group Portrays How Not To Act During Time On Job

Sometimes the Business and Professional Women's club uses a touch of humor to put across the serious aims of this group.

These aims comprise four points, which link up with the national federation of B. & P. W. "Break the Barrier", and the state-announced objective, "Aim High". The aims are as follows:

"To elevate the standards for women in business and the professions; to promote the interests of business and professional women; to bring about a spirit of co-operation among them; and to extend opportunities to business and professional women through education along lines of industrial, scientific and vocational activities."

At a recent meeting, members had an opportunity to see a skit which purported to tell them exactly what NOT to do in pursuing success in business and professional posts. The skit was adapted from an article in the Lions magazine and was titled "A Hard Day at the Office". It purported to be a day in the office as recorded in the diary of a business man and ran like this:

9:05 a.m.—Secretary arrives at the office. Cheers greeting.

9:10—She begins ritual of taking off hat, gloves, galoshes, sweater, rearranging hair, putting on fresh make-up.

9:21—Dictate. "Dear Johnson" Phone rings.

9:21-9:45—Secretary gets details of girl friend's date on previous evening.

9:45—She leaves for coffee break. Offers to bring me back a container of coffee. Refuse coldly.

10:15—She returns. Asks me to take some tickets on a raffle being run by employee association. Take deal to Johnson only to discover that it is the wrong Johnson.

2:30—I decide to lay down the law to secretary. Unable to do so as she is on afternoon coffee break.

3:00—Decide to visit Johnson in person as his firm is nearby. He isn't in.

4:00—Return to office. Find note from secretary. She is attending office training course on "How to be a Better Secretary".

4:30—Office Suggestion committee arrives to present my secretary with a \$10 award and take her photo for the employee newspaper. Her suggestion that carbon paper be printed on rolls to save secretary's time was accepted by the committee.

4:45—We complete the memo

The Hanging Church



The Church of the Holy Virgin, Mary, called al-Moallaka or the Hanging Church, was built in Cairo about 349 A.D. It was erected between two bastions of a Roman fort called the Fort of Babylon, and in one of these bastions is the baptismal font and chapel.

This church is one of the best examples of Coptic architecture in Egypt, and is famed for the intricate carving and decoration of its screens of cedar, ivory, ebony, and mother-of-pearl. On these screens are hung icons depicting the Saints of the Christian church.

The large, massive stone pulpit is raised above the heads of the congregation, symbolic of Christ's preaching on the Mount. The pulpit is placed to the left of the altar. The altar is placed in the Eastern wall of the church in order to call to the mind of the worshipper that the beginning of man was in the East, and the Redemption of man at the Crucifixion was also in the East. The baptismal font, of solid marble incised with an ancient Egyptian hieroglyph for water, is placed near the door of the church.

The artistry within the church shows a decided Egyptian origin. All of the wall surface is covered with intricate geometrical design and many details of beautiful workmanship. There are inscriptions in Greek, Arabic and Koofic script used as part of this decoration. Some of the portraits of Saints, used as icons, seem to have been influenced directly by the almond eyes and stylized posture of the wall paintings of Ancient Egypt.

New Old Fort Basketball Team To Play

Under leadership of Thurman Padgham, manager, and Jim Suttles, captain, a basketball team, sponsored by Old Fort Finishing plant, has been organized and is open to challenge and booking of games. No admission is charged to these games, and the public is cordially invited. It's all for fun.

Last Friday night the team played the Glenwood All-Stars in a closely fought contest in the Old Fort school gym. At half time, the score showed Old Fort Finishing 31, Glenwood 30. The final score was 85-58, in favor of OFFP.

The next home game is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 17, at 8 p.m. when the team will play Keartoff Corp. of Black Mountain.

On Thursday of this week, they will play Beacon Mfg. Co. at Beacon.

Any team interested in playing against OFFP should contact Thurman Padgham at his home or at the plant.

BLOOD PROG. ANNIVERSARY

Since the first Red Cross regional blood center was opened in Rochester, N. Y., January 12, 1948, more than 20½ million pints of whole blood have been collected—about two-thirds for civilian use, one-third for defense. The tenth anniversary finds the Red Cross with 51 centers supported by 1,500 chapters supplying blood and its derivatives to 3,900 hospitals—more in every state in the Union. The program now provides nearly 40 percent of all blood used for transfusions in the United States. Untold thousands of Americans are alive today as a direct result of the lifesaving whole blood distributed free by Red Cross since it first began recruiting donors in a few localities in 1917. Hundreds regained their health with the aid of such important blood by-products as serum albumin, gamma globulin, and fibrinogen—also provided without charge by the Red Cross.

to Johnson just five seconds before boss buzzes again to ask me about the Johnson case. The sarcasm this time is very apparent.

4:46—Secretary leaves for the ladies' room to put on fresh make-up, sweater, galoshes, hat and gloves.

4:59—Personnel office calls to remind me that my secretary is now eligible for a raise and suggests strongly that I give it to her as "good secretaries are hard to find".

4:59½—Secretary waves a cheery goodnight.

THE FAITH AND PRACTICES OF THE COPTIC CHURCH

According to tradition, the Evangelist Saint Mark was the first to preach the gospels of Christianity in Egypt, and to be the first patriarch or head of the Christian Church in the Nile Valley.

The Coptic Church, as this Church of Saint Mark has come to be called, since the words Coptic and Egyptian have the same meaning and the same root, is now the dominant Christian sect in Egypt.

There are three sources for the belief of the Coptic Church, the same sources for the belief of all the Church of the Apostolic Succession. These three are the Holy Scriptures, Tradition, and the Canons and decisions of the local and Oecumenical councils which were held before the Council of Chalcedon.

The seven Sacraments or Mysteries of the Coptic Church are the same as those of the Greek and Latin Churches, namely, Baptism, Chrism, Eucharist, Repentance, Unction, Marriage and Holy Orders.

At Baptism the Coptic Church uses a font into which has been poured clean water which is subsequently blessed with prescribed prayers and rites. The Coptic Church also recognizes a Baptism by fire or by blood which is received in martyrdom by those who, though not Christian, give their lives in the name of Jesus Christ.

The mystery of Holy Baptism is regarded as necessary for salvation. After Confirmation the recipient is considered a full member of the Christian Church and therefore may be a participant in the rite of the Holy Eucharist.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY CIRCLE NO. 1

Circle 1 of the Women of the Presbyterian church met Tuesday, Jan. 7, at the church. At this first meeting of the new year of officers were chosen and committees appointed.

Officers for the year are: Mrs. Edna Johnson, chairman; Miss Mary Hooker, vice-chairman; Mrs. Meta Case, secretary; Mrs. S. M. Bittinger, treasurer.

Plans were made for serving the Men of the Church supper Jan. 14.

There were 13 women present. Mrs. Johnson taught the Bible lesson on the "Nature and Mission of the Church."

PUBLIC INVITED TO HYMN SING

There will be a singing at Homer's chapel Saturday night, Jan. 18, Wesley Rice will be in charge. All singers and the public are cordially invited to attend.

Resident Dies In Swannanoa

Funeral services for Herbert A. Sides, 64, of Swannanoa who died in an Asheville hospital Tuesday, Jan. 7, after a long illness were held Thursday in the Swannanoa Methodist church with the Rev. William Ratchford and the Rev. Charles W. Smith officiating. Burial was in Mountain View park.

Active pallbearers were Jennings Freeman, Jim Early, John Parker, Fred Davidson, Ned Straehla, and Arnold Buckner.

Mr. Sides was a Mason and a World War I veteran, and had resided in Charlotte prior to moving to Swannanoa about 30 years ago.

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demurrer filed by the Attorney General, who is defending Charles F. Gold, Commissioner of Insurance, and Henry L. Bridges, State Auditor, both trustees of the pension fund, recently was upheld by the Wake court. The judge's action on the demurrer has been appealed to the State Supreme court.

The Black Mountain Fire Department has 30 members who are subject to call 24 hours a day. They hold weekly classes and drill. Each member belonging to the pension fund must attend at least three hours of drills and classes each month.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Under authority of General Statutes 18-6, I will sell at the Courthouse door in Asheville, N. C. at twelve o'clock noon, on the 27th day of January, 1958, one 1950 Ford 2 door sedan Motor No. B0LU-160445 and one 1947 Chevrolet sedan Motor No. DAA 31598. L. E. BROWN, Sheriff, Buncombe County, Jan. 16, 23, 1958.

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KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

Since Gov. Luther Hodges spent his Christmas vacation in Florida and since Gov. Leroy Collins of ditto will be the speaker for the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner here on February 10, it was assumed by many last week that our Governor saw Florida's Governor during Christmas and persuaded him to come to North Carolina.

Not so. Although Luther Hodges is responsible for Good Friend Collins' coming to North Carolina, a visit was arranged early in the fall.

But Collins did not have to adapt his schedule to fit North Carolina's Jefferson-Jackson Day. The Governor found when Collins 37, Metropolitan, 10 this November and none last; Nash, 3 and 62; Oldsmobile, 393 and 319; Packard, 4 and 25; Plymouth, 574 and 566; Pontiac, 412 and 417; Rambler, 87 and 0; Studebaker, 79 this November and 80 last; Willys, 2 and 3; Edsel, 7 and 0; and foreign, 125 and 0 in November of 1956.

Now watch for contested statements between Chevrolet and Ford as to the champion for 1957. Each will claim the leadership. One led in production, etc., and the other led in sales. We hate to say it, but believe these little old foreign cars are going to get a bigger bite of the market in 1958. Keep an eye on them with us. Ouch!

Have you listened to all these reports about the dire things cigarette-smoking will do for you? Well, then you are different from the average American smoker.

In 1957, more cigarettes were sold than in 1956. Yes, this past year, smokers puffed, chewed, and threw away as many as 200,000,000,000 (and I don't mean reared) 410 billion "coffin nails"—as they were called back in the 20's.

The big trend last year was to filters. Thirty-eight of every 100 cigarettes sold were of the filter type. In 1957, the example of filter brands accounted for only one-tenth of one per cent of total sales.

In North Carolina, the feeling is that the smoker gets no more tobacco—maybe less—in a filter than in what is known as a regular. We charge has also been made that, since the filter cuts the strength and reduces the "real old tobacco taste," stronger tobaccos are being used.

With people smoking more cigarettes than ever before in the history of the nation and with reduced acreage and an extremely short supply in storage, there is genuine optimism among tobacco growers throughout the State.

But—the more filtered cigarettes smoked, the more strong tobacco used. The old-type "cigarette tobacco" as we knew it and grew it 20 years ago from Carteret county east to Alexander county west may be on the way out.

In 1957, as they have for several years now, Camels out-sold all other cigarettes—with nary a filter. Sales of Camels were down a little over eight per cent when compared with 1956. However, Winston's, another Reynolds product, were up nearly 18 per cent over 1956 and running fourth in total sales, so there you are.

In second place last year was Pall Mall; third, Lucy Strike; fourth, Winston; fifth, Chesterfield; sixth, Viceroy; seventh, L & M; eighth, Marlboro; ninth, Philip Morris; tenth, Old Gold, down in regulars 22 per cent, but up in filters eight per cent; Kent, another Lorillard product, up 316 per cent and in eleventh place; 12th, Kool; 13th, Salem; 14th, Tareyton; 15th, Raleigh; 16th, Hit Parade; 17th, Parliament; 18th, Cavalier; 19th, Newport; 20th, Oasis.

The New York Times says that the ten best motion pictures produced in 1957 were: "Love in the Afternoon," "Silk Stockings,"

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BAD CHECK CASES CITED BY BANKERS

A check warning from the N. C. Bankers' association advises the public to be on the alert for any check drawn on "Harris & Harris Construction Co., Inc." of Durham, supposedly having an account with Durham Industrial bank. This firm no longer exists, and Durham Industrial bank has no such account. Nevertheless, checks have been cashed in recent days in Henderson, Graham and Oxford.

The First-Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Raleigh, reports that two Negroes have given all of its Raleigh branches a good working order during the past few days. Bogus checks issued to "Jack McCoy" or "W. A. Hodges" and signed "William A. Smith" or "W. A. Smith" have been cashed. The Negroes apparently have used the city directory to get common names and addresses.

Persons with information regarding any of these check passers should notify the SBI.

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