

MARINES AT HARD WORK EITHER WAY

(By International News Service)
 Managua, Nic.—American Marines in Nicaragua work hard, play hard, and would fight hard if they had an opportunity. But they'll not get one—not in Nicaragua.

Dr. Juan Bautista Sacasa, leader of the Liberal Revolutionist movement, who wants to overthrow the Nicaraguan government but cannot possibly do so because the Marines won't let him, tells a story illustrating this point.

"When the Marines occupied my capital here at Puerto Cabezas," he relates, "they came suddenly, without notice or warning. The first word I had of their coming was when one of the members of my Presidential Guard came running into my room, where I was talking with two or three of my cabinet members.

"The American Marines are coming," the guardsman shouted, saluting even in his excitement. "Shoot I fire on them, Mr. President?"

"I replied, 'Yes, if you want to get yourself and all the rest of us killed.' There was no firing.

"That's the way it's been in Nicaragua. The Liberals have had the good sense to realize that a sure way to get a great number of themselves killed would be for just one of them to fire at an American Marine. The known readiness of the Marines to fight when given an excuse has served effectively to prevent the Liberals from giving them any excuse. Some Liberals have expressed the fear that the Marines might provide their own excuse, but such fears are groundless.

"The Marines are recruited from all parts of the United States, from families rich and poor, cultured and otherwise. Hence their amusements are varied.

"They play baseball, football and basket ball; drink cold beer and eat fruit; play chess, checkers and card games; ride burros, mountain mules and ponies, real horses being unobtainable; they take long walks in the country and stroll about town when it isn't too hot and dusty; they borrow the few newspapers and magazines in camp from each other and read them until they are tattered; they talk with each other about things back home, and hold a fist fight now and then just to break the

monotony and let off steam. Some are kodak fiends, and take pictures of Nicaraguan girls, ox-carts, naked children and other odd sights.

"There is some complaint about the shortage of athletic equipment. The 23rd Machine Gun Company, for instance, has no basket ball.

"If the Marines are enthusiastic players, the rare hard workers. They grumble at some of their tasks, but they do them well. They complain of too many drills, but they do them snappily, reveling in the wide-eyed admiration of Nicaraguan soldiers who come to watch them and return to their own camps to practice the bewildering evolutions they have seen the Marines perform so perfectly.

"The Marines patrol railroads, inspect bridges, particularly just before the passage of trains; they ride guard on freight and passenger trains when stationed in country districts they clear away jungles for camp sites, then "police" or keep them clean; they construct sewage systems, water-works and telephone lines, and they drill—above and beyond all other things they drill.

"With heavy marching equipment, with light marching equipment, or without any equipment at all they march, counter-march, do

squads right and left, company front, battalion square, as skirmishers, at double time, quick time and plain marching time to band music, blaring bugles or without any music at all.

"They drill with pistols, rifles, fixed bayonets, machine guns, light field artillery. In short, they practice about every manoeuvre known to the military art except that of retreating. If the time ever should come when the Marines have to retreat, they won't know how to do it.

Here Are Answers To Those Queries

- The answers to the questions listed on the front page today are:
- 1.—1,252 children.
 - 2.—He was the man who claimed to be Charlie Ross, long lost Philadelphia boy.
 - 3.—Sam Erwin, jr., of Morganton.
 - 4.—Buffalo church, just across the South Carolina line from this county.
 - 5.—Billy Sunday spoke in the First Baptist church here a few years ago.
 - 6.—About 5,500 votes.
 - 7.—Eighty students were in the graduating class of the Shelby High school in June, 1926.
 - 8.—The year of 1925. Estimated building program totalled near three million dollars or \$2,700,000 to be exact.

Mrs. Stroup Dead; Funeral On Friday

(Special To The Star.)
 Mrs. Florence Stroup died Thursday evening April 28, 1927 about 8:45 o'clock at her home in the Belmont mill village, Shelby, of a complication of diseases. She had been in declining health for some time, but was taken suddenly ill April 13, from which she suffered until the end. She was born March 9, 1901. At the tender age of 10 years she professed faith in Christ and joined Friendship Methodist Protestant church of Fallston at which place she held her membership until death. She was a good, kind loving wife and mother, always thinking of the welfare of others.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. J. M. Morgan assisted by Rev. G. P. Abernethy at Friendship Methodist Protestant church, at Fallston. Her body was laid to rest beside her mother in the cemetery at that place amid a large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives. The beautiful floral offering that covered her grave showed the high esteem in which she was held. She is survived by her husband Mr. Henry Stroup and one little daughter, Margaret Palms, eight months of age. Her father and step-mother Mr. and Mrs. John Black of Kings Mountain R-1. Four sisters, Mrs. John McSwain of the Beans Mill section; Mrs. Robert Biggstaff and Misses Johnnie and Georgie Black of Kings Mountain R-1.

Mrs. Ben Poole Is Buried At Fallston

(Special To The Star.)
 Mrs. Ben Poole of Fallston community age 42 years six months and 14 days died April 28th, 1927 and was buried in the Fallston Baptist cemetery on April 29th.

Funeral service was conducted by her pastor Rev. G. P. Abernethy assisted by the former pastor Rev. I. D. Harrill and Rev. J. M. Morgan of the M. P. church.

She joined the Pleasant Grove Baptist church at the age of 11 years and later was transferred to Fallston Baptist church of which she remained a faithful member until death. She was a consecrated Christian worker always in her place in church services and Sabbath school until bad health compelled her to remain at home. She taught the junior class in the Fallston Baptist Sunday school for five years or more. Being a zealous worker for the Lord she often told this writer that we did not do our duty in sending money to the heathen.

In her passing away her church lost a loyal and progressive member, her husband an affectionate wife and her community a good neighbor and a true friend in time of distress.

Lawlessness

The following is copied from the Wadesboro paper under the caption "Notable Court": "Judge James L. Webb is expected to adjourn criminal court this afternoon after a ten days session. It has been a notable term in the number of cases disposed of, breaking all records for an Anson county court term. Clerk of the Court, Boggan last night ran through the docket and found that one hundred and twenty six cases or more had been disposed of up to that time. Judge Webb is one of the ablest judges who has held court in Anson. Fair, impartial, learned in law, he dispenses even handed justice tempered with mercy, considering that the certainty of punishment is more of a deterrent to crime than its severity."

KINGS MOUNTAIN NEWS

MRS. W. K. CROOK, Reporter.
 — Items Of News Will Be Appreciated — Telephone 177 —

Mrs. J. M. Patterson was the most charming hostess to the Thursday afternoon book club Thursday afternoon at 3:30 at her handsome home on W. Mountain street. The living room, hall and music rooms were thrown en suite and tastefully arranged with numerous baskets and vases of cut flowers. Mrs. O. B. Carpenter presided. Mrs. W. K. Mauney, chairman of the "Better Homes" committee was in charge of the program and announced it as follows Mrs. N. F. McGill rendered a piano solo: "The Joy of Building Your Own Home" was read by Mrs. W. S. Dilling. Mrs. E. W. Neal charmingly sang "A Little Grey Home in the West" Mrs. B. M. Ormond read an article on "Home Music." This was followed by a piano solo by Mrs. J. B. Keeter. A reading "Flowers in the Home" was read by Mrs. M. L. Plonk, "Play in the Home" by Mrs. O. B. Carpenter. A vocal solo, "My Little House," was sung by Mrs. A. H. Patterson. A piano solo "Variations of Home Sweet Home" by Mrs. N. F. McGill. At the conclusion of the program the hostess assisted by Mrs. S. A. Patternee, Mrs. E. L. Capbell, Mrs. G. D. Hambricht Mrs. Booth Gillespie and Miss Ella Harmon served delicious cordoned salad with accessories followed by ice cream and cake. Invited guests present were Mrs. Sage Fulton, Mrs. R. C. Baker, Mrs. L. F. Neal, Mrs. Sump Ratteree, Mrs. Byron Keeter, Mrs. Joe Thomson, Mrs. Ben Williford, Mrs. J. Y. Irvin, Mrs. G. D. Hambricht, Mrs. J. M. Garrison, Mrs. J. O. Plonk, Mrs. W. F. McGill and Miss Ella Harmon.

The commencement exercises of the West End school were held Friday morning at 9 o'clock in the auditorium. The program was given as follows: Song Come Thou Almighty King. Recitation of the 20th Chapter of St. John by the entire school. Song Sailing. Song "Vacation Days" by primary grades. A playlet "Deaf Grandma" by first grade. Recitation by Pauline Goforth. Vocal duet "When Spring Plays Peek-a-boo" by Misses Eleanor Neal and Margaret Putnam. Recitation by Mary Norma Crook. Action song by first grade. Play by students of second grade. Recitation by Ruth Everhart. "A Rain Storm" by the third grade. "Springtime" by the fourth grade. "A Coming Spring" by the sixth grade. "Commencement Song" by entire school.

The following received certificates for being neither tardy or absent during the year. Ruth Black, John Irvin, J. L. Settlemeyer, Edward Styers, Rachael Goforth, Eleanor Neal, Alma Putnam, Herbert Adams, John Hicks, Lula Logan, Wilburn Black, Gethal Layton, Mary Louise Rhyne, Hazel Oates, Virginia Warlick and Pauline Goforth. Those having the highest averages were J. Y. Irvin jr., Marion Patterson, Hattie Eldridge, Grady Cansler, Zoe Putnam, Evelyn Alwan, Eleanor Neal and Helen Williams.

Postmaster S. S. Weir celebrated his sixtieth birthday anniversary with a dinner last Sunday at his home on the Kings-Mountain Grover highway. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weir and daughter of Gastonia; Mr. Dewey Weir of Hamstead, this state, Miss Veatrice Weir of Charlotte and Rev. C. J. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Herndon most delightfully entertained their bridge club Friday evening at 8 o'clock at their home on Railroad avenue, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Frank Summers of Lakeland, Fla. The hall, living room and dining room were thrown ensuite tastefully arranged with silver baskets of rose and white peonies. Six tables were placed for the popular game. After several progressions, the hostess assisted by Mrs. Frank Summers and Mrs. W. K. Crook served delicious frozen salad with accessories. Those invited were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Summers, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. King, Mr. and Mrs. Hayne Blackmer, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Neisler jr., Mr. and Mrs. N. F. McGill, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Boozer, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. C. G. Dilling, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Crook, Mrs. Paul Peterson, Miss Lillian Plonk, Miss Mary Baker, Miss Grace Blalock and Mr. William Plonk.

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Branch was convicted of the slaying of Clyde Canady, who was found dead in an automobile, his head pierced by several bullets, on Christmas day, 1924.

club with Mrs. T. F. Boozer and Mrs. Frank Thomson joint chairmen will put on a rummage sale in the vacant store just below Carpenter and McGill on Saturday afternoon May 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Boozer had as their dinner guests last Sunday Miss Elizabeth Earle of Spartanburg, S. C., and Dr. Frieze, of Gaffney, S. C.

Mrs. J. H. Biser of Statesville, is spending some time here with her mother, Mrs. N. F. Watterson.

Mr. Kenneth Kirby of Griffin drug company spent last week end in Marion with his parents.

HOT BATTLE ON IN FOREST CITY

Forest City.—What promises to be one of the hottest and closest municipal elections ever held in Forest City will be held next Tuesday, May 3. There are only two entries in the mayor's race, Charles Z. Flack and L. C. Lowrance, while there are fifteen desiring to serve on the board of aldermen. A heavy vote is expected as a big increase was noted after closing of registration books last Saturday.

Blind Attorney To Be New Solicitor

Asheville.—When Samuel Murston Cathey, who won the nomination for solicitor over James S. Howell, of the police court, is inducted into office May 24, Asheville will probably be the only city in the United States to have a blind man as a prosecutor.

Clerical duties attendant to the office will be handled by a secretary. The fairness and judgment of the prosecution will be based on the blind solicitor's ability to read character in a voice.

"When I was blinded thirteen years ago," the solicitor said, "I made up my mind my ears would have to take the place of my eyes. I know my friends by their voices. I believe I can tell as much about a man by listening to his voice as persons who have their sight can tell by looking into his face."

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