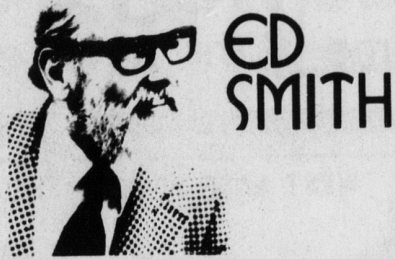


Hedrick Created A Furor In 1856

In early October 1856, Professor Benjamin S. Hedrick of the University of North Carolina created a furor in the state by acknowledging that he was opposed to slavery and favored the election of the Republican candidate for President, John C. Fremont.

Practically every newspaper in the state came out for Hedrick's dismissal from the University. On October 18, 1856, the University's Board of Trustees fired him.



Professor Hedrick eventually left North Carolina, moving to Washington, D. C., where he worked for the U. S. Patent Office.

Instead of being bitter, however, Dr. Hedrick worked diligently for the relief of Confederate prisoners of war during the Civil War and was especially concerned with the welfare of his native state during the Reconstruction Period.

On October 12, 1898, the cornerstone of Old East, the first building to be erected at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, was laid by William Richardson Davis, Grand Master, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina.

Davis, elected governor five years later, was regarded as the "Father of the University of North Carolina" for his efforts in its establishment.

Old East is believed to be the oldest building still in use in the country.

William Hawkins, governor of North Carolina during the War of 1812, was born October 10, 1777.

Due to his anticipation of the war, and the state's subsequent preparation, North Carolina was one of the few states ready to meet the emergency when it came. The state had already strengthened its coastal defenses and prepared its militia. It easily met its quota of troops for the national defense.

North Carolina troops served in the Alabama Territory under General Andrew Jackson, fighting Indians, not the British. This state's only brush with the war came when a British man-of-war dropped anchor at Ocracoke Island, but was quickly driven off by the gathering of local militia.

On October 4, 1774, the first postal contract service in North Carolina was awarded to James Davis of New Bern. Davis, the first official state printer, who was also the first editor and publisher in the state's history, was authorized to "forward public dispatches" to all parts of the province.

Hurricane Hazel, the most destructive storm ever to hit the inland portions of the state, struck the North Carolina coastline on October 16, 1964.

The first North Carolina State Fair was held in Raleigh in October 18-21, 1858. It was sponsored by the State Agricultural Society.



OBITUARIES

MRS. M.A. WARE, SR.

Her former pastor, Dr. W.L. Pressly, will officiate at the rites and interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Funeral services for Mrs. Johnnie Pettus Ware, 88, widow of Moffatt Alexander Ware, Sr., will be conducted Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock from Boyce Memorial ARP Church of which she was a member.

Mrs. Ware, a noted Kings Mountain historian who served as one of the historians for the KM Bicentennial Commission and authored the first

history of her own church while maintaining an active interest in compiling the history of her city, was a charter member of Kings Mountain Garden Club and was an accredited flower show judge in North Carolina. She was active in the Women's Missionary Union of the ARP

Church. Surviving are her son, Moffatt A. Ware, Jr. of Concord, and her daughter, Mrs. Richard T. LeGrand of Shelby; her sister, Mrs. J.C. Flowers of Fredricktown, Missouri; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mrs. Ware's husband,

who died in 1966, was associated with Ware and Sons for a number of years in downtown Kings Mountain.

In lieu of flowers the family has designated memorials to Boyce Memorial ARP Church. Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

P. R. McCLAIN

Funeral services for Pink Reese McClain, 80, of Chesterfield Apts., who died Wednesday evening at his home, were conducted Friday at 2 p. m. from Holy Christian Mission, interment following in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mr. McClain was son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dillard McClain, a World War II veteran and member of the VFW and American Legion Post 155.

Surviving are his sons, Milton McClain of Easley, S. C., Dick R. McClain of Kings Mountain, Ronnie McClain of Greenville, S. C., and Harold Gary McClain of Cancell Bluff, Iowa; two daughters, Ms. Juanita McClain of Orlando, Fla. and Mrs. Ivenia Ballanger of Travelers Rest, S. C.; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Rev. W. H. Redmond and Sister Helen Alexander officiated at the rites.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Promoted To Private First Class

Kenneth R. Queen, 18, whose wife, Penny, lives on Rt. 2, Kings Mountain, recently was promoted to Army private first class while serving as a generator mechanic with the 78rd Field Artillery at Ft. Bragg.

He entered the Army in November 1976. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Queen, lives on Rt. 2, Boatie.

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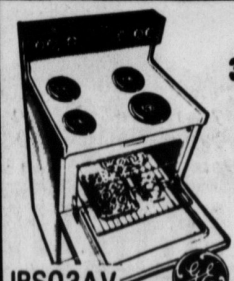
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