

Mrs. Correll Dies; Funeral Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Nina Litaker Correll, 88-year-old resident of Mount Ulla, route 1, were conducted Wednesday, November 21, at 3 p.m. at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, with the pastor, the Rev. R. E. Sides, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Correll was born on arrival at Rowan Memorial Hospital in Salisbury at 5:25 p.m. Monday, November 19. She had been in declining health for three months.

A native of Cabarrus County, Mrs. Correll was the daughter of the late Adolphus and Frannie Ludwick Litaker. She was educated at Wincoff School and Mount Amana Seminary at Mount Pleasant.

Her husband, John Mitchell Correll, died in 1950. She was a member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church, where she served as church pianist for a number of years, a member of the United Methodist Women and the West Rowan Citizens Club.

Survivors are four sons, John, Norman, and Frank Correll, all of Mount Ulla, Ted Correll of Swannanoa, two daughters, Mrs. Leonard Graham of route 1, Cleveland, Mrs. Jane Hendrix of Mount Ulla; a brother, Ree Litaker of Concord; four sisters, Mrs. Gillen Fisher of Kannapolis, Mrs. Armand Parker, Miss Elise Litaker and Miss Fay Litaker of Concord; 10 grandchildren.



Earns Adult Education High School Diploma

Earl W. Morrow, left, one of five area adults who recently completed work toward their high school diplomas. Morrow earned his diploma in the adult education program offered at Mooresville Junior High School through cooperation with Mitchell Community College in Statesville. With Morrow are Bill Griffith, center, who is director of the adult

education program here, and Doug Lawing, a teacher in the evening school. Others who received diplomas recently are Gary Gaffin, Allen Vinson, Cheryl Cook, Wetherman and Robert F. Lee. The winter quarter of the adult education program begins today, with classes being offered each Monday and Thursday nights from 6 until 10 o'clock.

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By MISS NETTIE M. BROWN

(Editor's note: This interesting news letter, prepared for use in last week's issue of the Mooresville Tribune, was received too late for publication at that time. We use it this week, with sincere apologies for its lateness.)

—Miss Kathy Rogers spent Saturday night with Miss Kathy Pressley of Statesville.

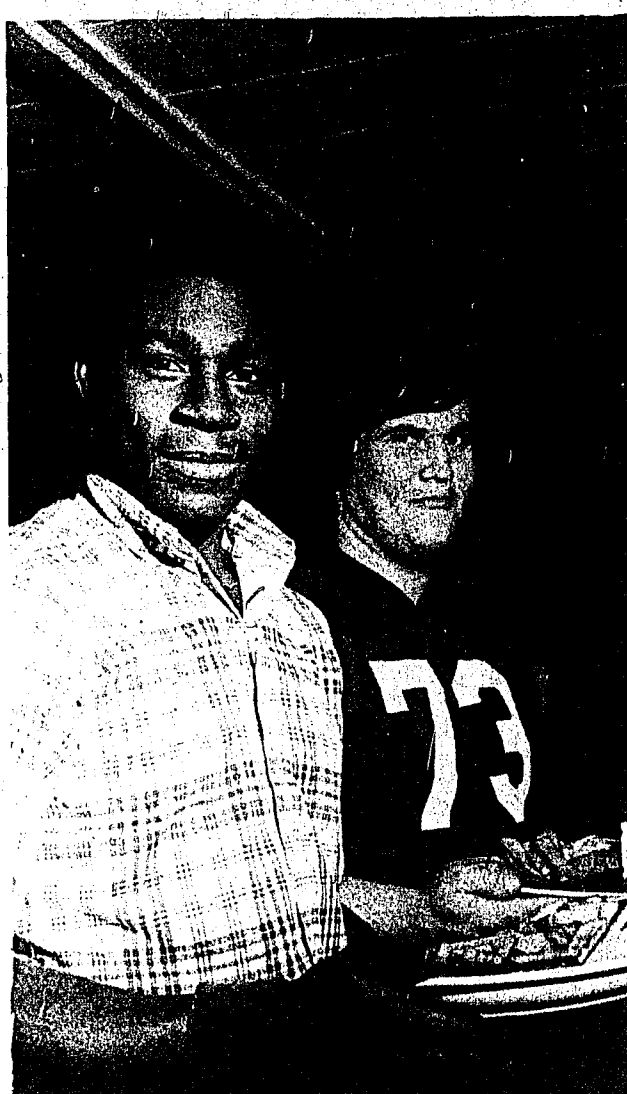
—Miss Myrtle Rogers visited Misses Nettie and Janie Brown Sunday.

—The youth group of Bethesda Presbyterian Church enjoyed a spaghetti supper Friday night at the Social Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Oliphant were hosts to the party.

The choir of the participating churches will render special music.

Rev. Sides will be the speaker.



Funeral Rites Held For Rev. Hager

The Rev. Thomas Albert Hager, 59-year-old resident of the Chipley Ford Road section of Statesville, route 2, died in the Davis Hospital in Statesville Monday, November 19.

Death was attributed to a heart attack, suffered while he was hospitalized, suffering from injuries sustained in a fall from a ladder.

A native of Mooresville, the Rev. Mr. Hager was born on November 25, 1913, a son of the late Lonnie and Hattie Hill Hager.

He was founder of the Gospel Tabernacle on Wilson Street, Statesville, and had served as its minister since its organization in 1941.

Survivors include: the widow, the former Florence Brown of Mooresville; one son, Thomas Larry Hager of Mooresville; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Stanley of Mooresville; three brothers, the Rev. R. H. Hager of Stony Point, and R. M. and D. L. Hager, both of Mooresville; one half-brother, R. C. Hager, of Mooresville; four sisters, Mrs. Robert (Artie) Stewart, Mrs. Edna Robertson, Mrs. Johnny (Rachel) Messick, all of Mooresville; and Mrs. Leonard (Margaret) Armstrong of Davidson; four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 21, at 3 p.m. at the Gospel Tabernacle. The Rev. R. W. Simpson and the Rev. Guy Bradford officiated. Burial followed in Glenwood Memorial Park Cemetery in Mooresville.

Thoughts

From The Living Bible

In the book written by the prophet, Isaiah, God announced that he would send his Son to earth, and that a special messenger would arrive first to prepare the world for his coming. "This messenger will live out in the barren wilderness," Isaiah said, "and will proclaim that everyone must straighten out his life to be ready for the Lord's arrival." This messenger was John the Baptist. He lived in the wilderness and taught that all should be baptized as a public announcement of their decision to turn their backs on sin, so that God could forgive them.

Mark 1:2-4

Con Artist Puts Bite On State Of Tennessee

A man posing as Tennessee's state Treasurer "withdrew" \$15,520 from a state government account by telephone Wednesday, police said.

Police Lt. Harold Woods said the man, identifying himself as "Mr. Wiseman," telephoned the Commerce Union Bank in Nashville, Tenn., Wednesday morning saying he needed to withdraw the money for a "state project."

Bank officials told police the caller gave a valid state account number.

A short time later, a porter

employed by the state was told by telephone to pick up the money at the bank and deliver it to a state Highway Bureau office. An employee there was told—also by telephone—to hold the package until someone picked it up.

After the package was delivered, a man identifying himself as a cab driver picked up the money and disappeared.

Wiseman, who did not learn of the withdrawal until late in the afternoon, said, "It was the work of a very smooth con artist who conned a lot of folks."

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Won't That Parade Ever Start?

Anxious for the parade to come along, this four-year-old tyke whistles the time away by eating popcorn—and then the parade can't be climaxed by the arrival of Santa Claus on the float bearing his sleigh and reindeer. The little girl is Cathy Byers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Byers of Long Island.

Plans Underway To Make Fort Dobbs Historic Park

Work is about ready to begin in earnest in turning the site of Fort Dobbs into a state historic park.

The old French and Indian War fort, which stood on the crest of the ridge between two main branches of Fourth Creek in Statesville, has in the past been the subject of much research and hope of restoration.

Now, under the historic sites division of the Department of Cultural Resources in Raleigh, plans are about ready to begin actual work in adding it to the North Carolina system of historic sites—some 17 to 18 in number.

In charge of the planning in Raleigh is Bruce MacDougall, head of the research and restoration survey branch of the Division of Archives and History.

Locally, the planning has been in the hands of E. B. Stafford, consulting engineer of Statesville, who has drawn the master plan.

Except for the visitors center, facilities shown in the plan are to be completed as soon as possible. It is expected that the old DAI chapter house can be renovated and used as an office and visitor center into a bigger one can be planned and built.

Work is to begin as soon as possible in digging a well that will supply enough water for the picnic grounds and staff residence and other facilities. Work on the other facilities will depend on finding a good source of water.

Construction on the staff residence will not commence until the water question is settled and architectural details are ironed out. But the hiring of a staff member is in the immediate future.

Such a staff member will combine caretaker duties with helping to plan the park as it is being constructed, and administering it afterward.

MacDougall says that the Division of Archives and History has several applications for the position and that one will be hired as soon as the applicants can be screened.

Other work scheduled to begin soon includes moving the county road away from the fort to the south, the completion of the archeological work, the stabilization of the old moat of the fort and whatever else can be restored with any degree of certainty, the construction of an amphitheater to the west of the fort, and the clearing of nature trails.

It is hoped that most of the work, except maybe the visitors center, can be finished in time to make the opening of the park to the public a program for the upcoming bicentennial celebrations.

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New Comet To Present Great Celestial Show

People throughout the world will be treated to a celestial show this winter. A new comet is approaching the sun and it promises to be a spectacular object in December and January.

The comet was discovered by Lubos Kohoutek at Hamburg Observatory in West Germany on March 7, 1973, and following the custom of naming comets after their discoverers, is called Comet Kohoutek. It is also called 1973 by professional astronomers since it was the sixth comet discovered in 1973 (7 is the sixth letter of the alphabet).

Astronomers at Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill have been observing Comet Kohoutek since October 11 and report their photographs show the comet is developing a tail and is about 10th magnitude (5% times fainter than the naked eye can see). It will become visible to the naked eye about mid-November.

Initially, this new discovery did not create much excitement in the astronomical world. After a preliminary orbit was calculated for the comet,

however, it became obvious that Comet Kohoutek should be a bright naked eye object around the end of this year. At the time of its discovery, 440 million miles from the sun, Comet Kohoutek was of magnitude 16 (10,000 times fainter than the faintest star that can be seen with the naked eye) and was described as a diffuse with no tail. This description is typical of any comet at the time of its discovery.

When a comet is far from the sun it is usually invisible because it is reflecting sunlight. The nucleus of a comet has often been compared to a dirty iceball in that the nucleus contains microscopic dust particles embedded in ice made up of water, ammonia, methane and carbon dioxide. As the comet moves within 300 million miles of the sun, the ices vaporize and dust particles are released forming a coma about the small bright nucleus.

The nucleus and coma form the head of the comet. The nucleus of a comet varies from half a mile to 40 miles in diameter. As the comet con-

tinues to approach the sun the coma grows in size and brightness. A typical comet possesses a coma, which at its largest is about a hundred thousand miles across. The coma is very thin as stars have been observed through it. While the coma grows the comet shines by both reflected sunlight and by fluorescence excited by ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

The most spectacular feature of any comet, however, is its tail which always points away from the sun. Comet tails consist of gas, dust, or both. The tail grows in size as the comet approaches the sun. Some tails have reached lengths of more than 100 million miles. The tail of Comet Kohoutek is expected to stretch some 30 million miles and will have an angular length of about 20 degrees. For comparison, the Pointers are stars at the end of the Big Dipper bowl.

On December 28, 1973, Comet Kohoutek will be at perihelion (closest point to the sun on that date). It will pass within 13 million miles of the sun traveling at an approximate speed of 70 miles per second, and should be about as bright as the planet Venus when the latter is at its brightest and bright enough to be seen in the daylight sky. After perihelion passage the comet recedes from the sun; the tail begins to become smaller and eventually disappears. Similarly, the comet shrinks in size and the brightness of the comet fades rapidly. When the comet is some 450 million miles from the sun it will again disappear from view.

Professional astronomers are excited about Comet Kohoutek since it was discovered far enough from the sun to permit the observatories throughout the world to coordinate research activities. This work will consist of studying day-to-day structure of the comet, its brightness in different spectral regions, and the distribution of energy in the comet. In addition, the Skylab astronauts will observe Comet Kohoutek especially near perihelion in the ultraviolet part of the spectrum. It is impossible to observe the ultraviolet region from the earth's surface. Amateur

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