



MOVIE STARS AND A LITTLE BOY HELP ROOSEVELT CELEBRATE—Movie stardom from Hollywood contributed this throng to help President Roosevelt and the city of Washington celebrate his 60th birthday anniversary at balls held at various places in the capital. As the visitors gathered in the White House, the center of attention was four-year-old Gerry King (center), infantile paralysis victim from New York. He was the President's special guest. Seated to the left of Gerry is Mrs. Roosevelt and to the right of him is Movie Actress Dorothy Lamour.

Gains Made By Y During Past Year

Annual Report Shows Increase in Members

The Charlotte YMCA made a "substantial gain" in membership during 1941, enrolling 2,097 boys and men as compared with 1,894 the previous year, according to President Francis O. Clarkson's annual report which was released today.

Mr. Clarkson reported that the outstanding activity of the association during the year was the reception given to soldiers who were in the area on Fall maneuvers. He said that 6,613 slept at the "Y" on cots. A total of 28,198 soldiers were registered and served at the "Y."

\$56,766 IN RECEIPTS

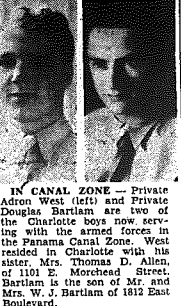
The report showed that the YMCA's total receipts during 1941 were \$56,766 and expenditures were approximately the same. The building fund note was paid in full last year, he said, which means that nearly \$100,000 has been collected and spent on modernizing the building since the campaign was inaugurated in 1937. James J. Harris was general chairman of the drive.

Total attendance in the "Y's" Physical Department during the year was 30,525, and total attendance at the swimming pool was 40,492. This latter figure includes many of the soldiers during the maneuver period.

General Secretary Lex W. Klutz, in his annual report, paid special tribute to the late Justice Heriot Clarkson of Charlotte, president of the YMCA of the Carolinas and father of our Charlotte YMCA.

"Our association movement has never had a more loyal or enthusiastic supporter than Justice Clarkson," Mr. Klutz said. Judge Clarkson died last Tuesday.

There were more women physicians and surgeons in the United States in 1910 than in 1930.



Last Day For Filing

Deadline on Tax Returns Passes

Today was the last day for listing for 1941 City and County tax liability without being subject to penalties and Monday will be the last day 1941 taxes can be paid without also paying penalty.

The tax listing office—on the first floor of County Courthouse—usually closes at 1 P. M. on Saturdays, but today it will be open until 5 P. M. for the convenience of last-minute listers.

Local taxes for 1941 may be paid today and Monday at the net amounts stated on tax bills, but after Monday a penalty of one per cent will be imposed. On March 2 an additional one per cent penalty will be imposed.

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Out Of The Night Of Morganton

News Spreads With Unbelievable Speed Throughout the Institution

By TOM P. JIMINSON

(This is the twelfth of a series by Mr. Jiminson describing his experience while a patient for a year in the State Hospital for the Insane at Morganton. Mr. Jiminson is a former well-known North Carolina minister, lawyer and newspaper columnist.)

What interested me most about Morganton was its secretiveness. It is pervaded by an atmosphere of secrecy. I was once chaplain of a penitentiary, and my professional duties, both as a minister and a lawyer, have frequently called me to prisons of various kinds. And all of them had the same atmosphere that Morganton has. Everything is secret, yet all things are known. The patients must be kept in the dark about the most insignificant things, yet they leak out with the most amazing celerity. If a staff member gets soured at a football game 100 miles away the patients find it out before the officials are apprised of it. If one gets pickled in Morganton and is about to have to pay for his unseemly conduct, it is all over the institution the ensuing day. The hospital escapades never fail.

During the 1941 session of the State Legislature a young attorney who had been a patient of the asylum wrote out a right treaty account of the cruel treatment which he claimed to have witnessed, or had heard from other patients. He gave names and dates to this account and put copies of it in the hands of the Hospital Committee of the General Assembly. It involved a number of attendants, one of the doctors and, by indirection, the entire administration. It was not in the nature of a complaint but a sort of bill of information. Dr. Watkins came back from Raleigh with a copy of it, read it to those most directly involved, then cautioned them to tell no one, not even other members of the staff.

There were all letters while they awaited developments. After a few days some of those involved began to vary opinions as to my opinion of the matter. A man would come to my room, shut the door, look under the bed, then sit in whippers. I told them I had no idea anything would come of it beyond a perfunctory investigation, all the while keeping as straight a face as possible. I had a copy of the charges, mailed to me by a friend, and I finally showed it to some of them. "How the hell did you get it?" they asked. I told them that I had agents scattered about. Nothing ever came of it.

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Smith. "I'll think about it, gentlemen," said the superintendent, "and I'll discuss the matter with Mr. Harry Riddle. I wouldn't want to act without his approval." And there it was standing when I left the hospital some months later.

Jim Dewey was an alcoholic. He came of a prominent family, dressed well, was polite, amiable, and had a way with women. He was separated from his wife and had been drowning his troubles with booze when his mother and brothers had him sent to Morganton. He was shortly paroled and put to doing some clerical work, but he craved freedom. Jim's people would not take him out of the hospital to require that. But he was resourceful. He ardently made love to one of the female employees, persuaded her to hide out his clothing, then meet him after dark with her car and take him away. He even loaned him her bag.

Jim took Roy Rayburn and me into his confidence. He would hammer down toward the gate just after dark, where the lady would pick him up and whisk him away to a nearby town. There he would take a bus for a city a few miles farther on, get his sample cases sent to him by the company for which he traveled, and go back to his old job as a commercial traveler. If anybody asked about him before bed time it was cut duty to say that we had seen him a few minutes before. Nobody missed him until 9 o'clock, then the search for him was purely perfunctory. Two days later Roy Rayburn showed me a letter from him. He said that he and his girl friend had made the trip without incident, he had sent for his samples, and he had written the young lady to send him some money. Perhaps she did, for the bottle got him, he was picked up by the officers, at the request of his family, and was back at the hospital the following Sunday.

Of course the details got on the grapevine. When Dr. McKee asked me about it I told him the truth. Roy Rayburn did likewise. A scandal was brewing. Assisting a patient to escape is a serious offense in the eyes of the law, more serious still in the eyes of the institution. Jim was indignant that the hospital should listen to his family when it was admitted that he was without previous and demanded to be heard by the board of directors. Dr. McKee went to the superintendent and told him

Hold Everything By Clyde Lewis



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what had happened. Almost immediately Mr. Dewey had his day, was completely discharged and told to go his way. And the young woman? Well, she was smart too. She took the offensive, demanded a raise, got it.

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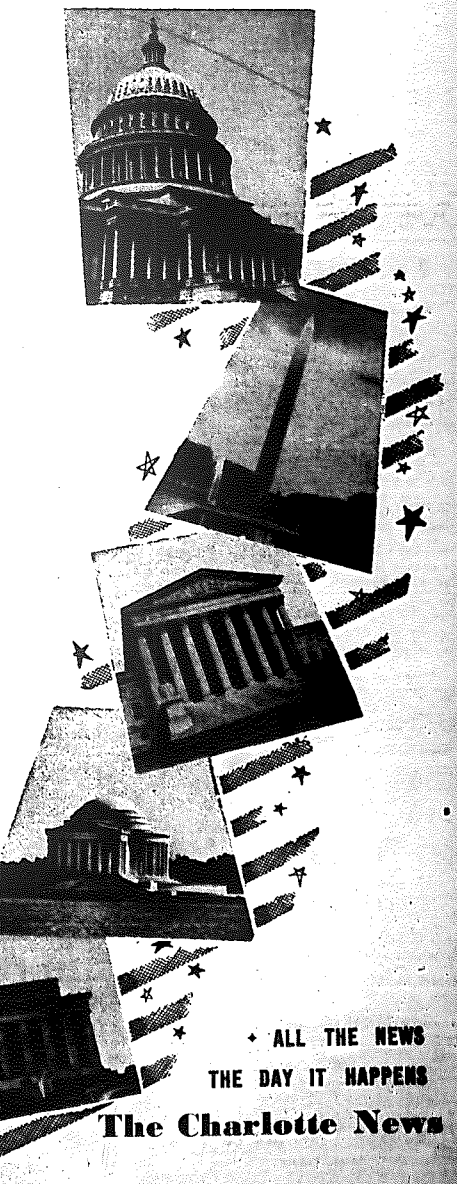
BIG THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN WASHINGTON

There is no known method for measuring the magnitude of events taking place in the nation's capital today. Every American realizes that the decisions being made in Washington now will have their effect on the lives of all of us ten, twenty, and thirty years hence.

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