

Society

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North Wilkesboro Teachers Extended Courtesy Saturday

A delightful courtesy was extended to a number of the North Wilkesboro school faculty Saturday when Katherine, Mary Elmore, and Gordon Finley, Jr., children of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Finley, entertained at a luncheon at their home on E Street for their teachers. A three course luncheon was served at 12:30 o'clock amid colorful decorations of roses, irises, and other spring blossoms.

Invited guests were as follows: Misses Anne Jones, Ruby Blackburn, Esther Lee Cox, Mable Hendren, Rebecca Mosley, Estelle Ardrey, Elizabeth Finley, Kathryn Troutman, Annabel Lee, Marguerite Harris, Lilyan Miller, Margaret Gourley, Ruth Webb, Messrs. Robert Taylor, W. P. Grier, Jr., Jack Massey, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Cragan.

Miss Prevette, Mrs. Prevette Entertain At Parties

Two lovely parties of the week were the ones given by Mrs. William Prevette and Miss Cynthia Prevette at the home of the former Monday and Tuesday evenings. For each occasion the home was attractively decorated in spring flowers emphasizing a color note of pink and lavender, also a dessert course preceded play each evening.

On Monday evening three tables were made up for bridge and three for rook. The high score award in bridge went to Mrs. William Barber while in rook Mrs. Ralph Duncan was the winner. Six tables were arranged for bridge Tuesday evening with Mrs. Hadley Hayes and Miss Myrtle Norris being winners of the high and low score awards.

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Social Calendar

The Wilkes Valley Guards chapter of the U. D. C. will meet Monday afternoon at four o'clock at the home of Mrs. Joe E. Johnson on D Street.

Miss Faye Wright Y. W. A. Hostess

The May meeting of the Wilkesboro Y. W. A. was held Monday evening at the home of Miss Faye Wright. An interesting program was given by several members with Miss Goldie Erickson in charge. A short business session followed the program. Refreshments were enjoyed during the social hour.

Mrs. Palmer Horton Is Bridge Club Hostess

Mrs. Palmer Horton entertained the members of her bridge club at her home on Sixth Street Saturday afternoon. The top score prize in the game, which was played at two tables, was won by Mrs. John E. Justice, Mrs. J. H. Whicker, Jr., was a guest of the club. Refreshments were served at the close of play.

Woman's Bible Class In Monthly Meeting

The monthly business and social meeting of the Woman's Bible class of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church was held at the home of Mrs. A. L. Aycock Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Isaac Eller, the president, presided for the usual business session. For the devotions Mrs. W. E. Shuford gave the scripture and Mrs. J. C. Smoot offered the prayer.

During the social hour Mrs. Aycock, assisted by her daughter Miss Helen Aycock, and little granddaughter, Betty Biles, of Winston-Salem, who is here visiting her grandparents, served tempting refreshments.

Cites Reasons For Fewer Prisoners Under Age Of 25

An increased public interest and more concerted action in the general welfare field were given this week as the probable causes for a decline in the number of persons under 25 in state prison system.

W. Curtis Ezell, director of the division of institutions and corrections of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, ascribed much of the change as due to new programs of social welfare operated by the state or federal governments.

"The National Youth Administration, Civilian Conservation Corps, the employment services, Child Welfare Services and aid to dependent children all have played a part in the remaking of many of our youthful citizens," the welfare official said.

Organization of county welfare departments in all 100 counties of North Carolina helped lower the number of children incarcerated in county jails from 1231 in 1936 to 1070 in 1937, with a further reduction through 878 in 1938 down to the 1939 low of 784, or a total reduction of 38 percent, Ezell said.

"These reductions have been made without the addition of new or substitute institutions or facilities and without a corresponding rise in the population of institutions already existing.

"The training schools for delinquents show no increase in admissions in 1939 over 1936. Each year there were a total of 488 admissions to the four training schools," he stated.

"Commitments of persons under 16 years of age to the state prison system have taken another turn with a rise from 64 in 1936 to 101 in 1939 although the younger prisoners are making up an ever increasingly smaller percentage of the total prison population. In fiscal 1933 persons under 25 years made up half the total commitments while in 1938 the prisoners under 25 years of age accounted for only 40 percent of the total number.

VISITORS

Visitors to the U. S. National Forests have increased so rapidly that they now number more than 32,000,000 each year and spend close to \$250,000,000 on their excursions.

EROSION

Soil erosion is costing the farmers of the United States a minimum of \$400,000,000 a year, according to Hugh H. Bennett, chief of the Soil Conservation Service.

LOAN

A wheat loan program with average loan values to producers at about 64 cents a bushel has been announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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Interesting Items Summit Vicinity

SUMMIT, May 28.—Mr. Lee J. Church and son, Johnson, spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Waters, of Purlear.

Mrs. Joe Walker, of Idlewild, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Martha Mikeal.

Mr. and Mrs. Pressley Church and children, Novell and Billie, spent Saturday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Church, Mr. and Mrs. Dampsey Church spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Church.

Miss Maud Phillips spent Sunday with Mrs. Virgil Mikeal.

Mr. and Mrs. Atris Greene and daughter, Wilma, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Greene.

Mr. C. C. Mikeal and son, Bobby, spent a short while in the home of Mr. Sherman Greene, Sunday.

Mrs. Liza Fleenor and children, Ruth and Lillian, spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mikeal.

Miss Hazel Phillips spent Sunday with Miss Pansy Keys.

N. C. Towns Still Eligible to Join Food Stamp Plan

Other North Carolina areas still are eligible for participation in the food stamp plan in addition to Wake, Mecklenburg, Guilford counties and the cities of Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro and High Point in which the program is now operating, A. E. Langston, State director of commodity distribution, said yesterday.

Langston's statement came in response to an announcement by Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace on the first anniversary of establishment of the program that the plan is now operating in 68 areas with 12 additional areas already designated for future operation.

"Any locality in North Carolina interested in joining in the new method of distribution of surplus should get to work through the proper channels to have their counties including in the 125

more areas of future operation," Langston said.

If smaller towns are chosen by the Federal Surplus Commodity Corporation for the stamp plan about 150 additional areas will be selected, he explained.

The State director quoted Secretary Wallace to the effect that the full effect of the program upon farm income probably would not be reached until a nearer approach to complete national coverage is attained. Langston said Wallace did not expect this goal to be reached in less than two years.

The stamp plan of distributing surplus commodities to needy people was begun in Rochester, N. Y., May 16, 1939.

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