

# SOCIAL

## PERSONALS

Billie Wells, student at N. C. State College, came home for the week end Saturday.

Robert Carson of Washington, D. C., spent the week end here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Danford and son, of Alexandria, Va., were called home for the funeral of Miss Louise Watson.

George Watson, of Cleveland, Ohio, spent the past week end here with his mother in order to attend the funeral of his aunt, Miss Louise Watson.

Mrs. John Griffin and daughter, of Georgetown, S. C., are visiting Mrs. George Y. Watson this week.

Mrs. George Y. Watson returned Friday from Jacksonville, Fla. where she had gone to attend the funeral of her uncle, Betts Potter. She came with her son, Harold, who was on his way from St. Petersburg, Fla., to attend the funeral of his aunt, Miss Louise Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Watson, of Smithfield, were here for the week end to attend the funeral of Miss Louise Watson.

## News From Doshier Memorial Hospital

Marcellus Cox, of Southport, entered on Tuesday as a medical patient.

Mrs. Lillie F. Davis, of Southport, entered as a surgical patient on Wednesday.

Baby Peggy McRoy, of Southport, spent Wednesday until Saturday as a medical patient.

Mrs. Evelyn Clemmons, of

Winnabow, was a medical patient from Thursday until Saturday.

A. B. Weeks, of Southport, entered on Thursday as a medical patient.

Dr. J. V. Davis, of Southport, entered as a medical patient on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Watts, of Southport, announce the birth of a son on Friday.

Mrs. Isabella Bennett, of Freeport, entered on Friday as a surgical patient.

B. A. Williams, of Ash, was a medical patient from Friday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Robinson, of Supply, announce the birth of a son on Saturday.

Mrs. Sabra Smith, of Shallotte, entered on Saturday as a medical patient.

Mrs. L. W. Clemmons, of Southport, entered as a medical patient on Sunday.

Mrs. Susie Carr, of Southport, entered on Sunday as a medical patient.

Lawrence Skow of Norfolk, Va., entered as a medical patient on Sunday.

W. E. Shattellworth, of New York, entered on Sunday as a medical patient.

Jose B. Conclaves, of Philadelphia, Pa., entered as a medical patient on Sunday.

Mrs. Mabel McKeithan, of Ash, entered on Monday as a medical patient.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Piver, of Ash, announce the birth of a daughter on Monday.

## Democrats To Hear Connolly

Texas Senator Accepts Invitation To Address Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner In Raleigh

Senator Tom Connolly of Texas will deliver the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner address in Raleigh on February 28.

State Senator Joe Blythe, North Carolina national committeeman, said Senator Connolly had accepted and that each county would receive one dinner ticket for each \$50 contributed to the national campaign chest.

The annual dinner will be held at Sir Walter Raleigh Hotel.

## SHALLOTTE SHOE SHOP

NOW OPEN—for the repair of your shoes in the Cheers building, six days of the week.

Repair your Shoes, Leather Coats, Harness, Etc.

Shallotte Shoe Shop, Shallotte, N. C.

## UTOMOBILE PARTS

No matter how far you may travel looking for them, cannot find better automobile parts than we are able to deliver to you at either retail or wholesale.

ODELL BLANTON  
General Merchandise SUPPLY, N. C.

## Now You Can Get

MACHINE PERMANENT WAVES  
For as Little as \$3.50

This is not a Special, and it does not represent a reduction in price of some of our former work. It is an addition to the service being offered by us to our patrons.

HELEN'S BEAUTY SHOPPE  
SOUTHPORT, N. C.

## REFRIGERATORS... WASHING MACHINES

We have them in stock, ready for delivery to your home for immediate service and satisfaction.

For complete home furnishings and electrical appliances that will give you years of dependable service, we invite you to examine our merchandise, . . . Compare our prices.

We stand ready and able to deliver complete wiring devices to the people of our county.

KING'S ELECTRICAL SALES COMPANY  
Shallotte, N. C.

## RECENT BRIDE



MRS. CHARLES FORMYDUVAL, who before her marriage Saturday, January 22, was Miss Mary Leola Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ward, of Whiteville. Mr. Formyduval is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Formyduval, of Ash.

## Social Security Card Important

Your social security card is the key to all future benefit rights based on the wages posted under your name and account number.

Your social security card shows that the Social Security Administration has set up an account for you—an account with the U. S. Government. Your account will be used to figure the amount of benefits you and your family may receive. Benefits are based on the amount of pay you received on jobs covered by the Social Security Act. The Social Security Administration must have a record of the amount of your wages reported under your name and account number as it appears on your social security card. The name, together with the number on your card, identifies your account so that wages reported for you can be properly posted to your account. The name alone would not be sufficient since hundreds of people have identical names.

The employer must make a Social Security tax report to the Government each quarter. This report must include your name, social security account number, and the amount of your earnings so these earnings can be credited to your social security account.

Your payments of Old-Age Insurance at age 65, or after, will be based upon this wage record. It will serve, also, as the basis for payments to your survivors, in case of your death.

If you lose your account number card apply for a duplicate number through the nearest Social Security Administration field office. Do not get a new number. Two account numbers for the same person may result in a loss of benefits.

It is to your interest to see that your employer knows the number of your social security account number card.

## Brunswick Boy Hauls Treasure

Levi D. Jones Was Aboard USS Mercury As Vessel Transported Priceless Art Works To France For Exhibit

Levi D. Jones, pharmacist mate, third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Jones of Route 2, Ash, recently shared in the transporting of over a million dollars' worth of the United States Navy's art treasures from the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., to France.

His ship, the auxiliary cargo supply ship USS Mercury, transported the collection to Cherbourg, where it was entrained for Paris and for exhibition in the Salon de la Marine.

The precious cargo will be on exhibit in February. Included in the collection valued at \$1,300,000 are such naval trophies as the first Japanese flag captured in Japanese territory; the flag flown aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise during the first attack on Marcus Island; a letter bearing the autograph of the Mar-

## CATHOLIC INFORMATION

When A Loved One Passes On

Gently the doctor replaced the wrist of the woman on the white bedspread. Sympathetically, he turned to the kneeling man and said: "Your wife, Mr. Jones—your wife has left us!"

Dead? Impossible! The one person who really meant anything to him—gone forever! Nothing more could he do for her, and before him stretched wretched, lonely years.

What a comfort for the Catholic, at such a time, to know that he still can aid—that by his prayers to the compassionate Lord Jesus, he can help wipe our her tiny sins and the temporal punishment due to all her forgiven sins—and that she, by her prayers for him, may help him toward his heavenly goal.

Such is the dogma of purgatory, and it's all so logical. Surely nothing defiled can enter into the purity of heaven; and by the same token, nothing but the grossest life, unrepented, deserves the everlasting punishment of hell fire. Therefore, it seems to us that there must be a midway place of punishment and of cleansing, where most of us enter to stay until we are fit to reside with Jesus in Heaven.

This the Apostles preached and practiced. This the early Fathers taught and wrote. This the Bible, it seems to us, in many places presupposes. Of this the catechisms give living testimony today.

If it's anything Catholic, ask a Catholic! P. O. Box 351, Whiteville, N. C.—Pd. Adv.

## Ups And Downs Mark Story Of 'Valentine Day'

### Came Into Its Own After 1400 Years Battle Against Pagan Practices

St. Valentine's Day hasn't always been a whimsical holiday for exchanging light-hearted greetings with friends and sweethearts.

For fourteen centuries, the Church fought against the "pagan practices" which marked the Lover's Festival on February 14.

Then, for 200 years more, Valentine's Day was a very, very serious occasion calling forth weeks of painstaking preparations.

Only during the past generation has the "modern" Valentine developed—gay, whimsical, and cleverly designed, with special sentiments approximate for brothers and sisters, parents, and friends—as well as the more familiar lace Valentine for sweethearts.

Tradition holds that Valentine's Day derived its name from a young Roman priest beheaded February 14, 270 A. D., for refusing to renounce Christianity. In prison he composed a farewell message to his jailer's blind daughter, signing it "From your Valentine."

Actually, Romans had been celebrating that date for years as the Feast of Lupercalia, dedicated to the pastoral god Lupercus and to the Goddess of Love, Juno. The birds of Italy began mating on February 14, the oracles observed.

As part of the unbridled merry-making, Roman maidens placed their names in an urn set up in the public square, and courageous bachelors were each entitled to one draw to determine their blind dates for the coming year.

The Christian Church denounced these "pagan love lotteries." When bitter sermons only made the annual drawings more popular, churchmen set up competing lotteries in which the names of Saints were drawn. But being under the special protection of a certain Saint didn't prove particularly appealing to romance-hungry young Roman swains and maidens. So the Love Festivals continued.

In 496 A. D., Pope Gaudens tried a new approach by dedicating February 14 to St. Valentine and naming him the Patron Saint of true lovers.

During the Middle Ages, despite ecclesiastical opposition, "love lotteries" persisted in many European countries. The French called them "chance boxes" and allotted couples one year to get married or part company. In England, it became customary for men to wear the name of the girl they drew on their sleeve or bosom for several days, often encircled in a heart.

The Church denounced as superstitions many odd customs that began to spring up concerning the Lover's Feast Day—including the belief that if a girl would eat white of a hard-boiled egg on St. Valentine's Eve, fasten five

bay leaves to her pillow, and then go to sleep without speaking to anyone, she would certainly dream about her future husband that night.

Written Valentines appeared about the year 1400. At first, to elude vigilant fathers, they were hidden in hollow trees that served as trusting places. The quaint love missives were anonymous. Sometimes they were left on a young lady's doorstep by a bashful suitor who knocked and then promptly ran away.

As late as the Sixteenth Century, St. Francis de Sales, head of the Church in England, condemned Valentines publicity and severely forbade their use as immoral.

But as Church opposition gradually declined, new problems arose to plague love-smitten swains. Composing new verses, year after year, became a brain-racking problem. The familiar "roses-are-red, violets-are-blue, sugar-etc." theme was not only in use in the 1700's but popular young ladies already were beginning to complain that it was getting backneyed from over use!

"The Young Man's Valentine Writer," a book of standard verses that could be copied, was published in 1797 and became highly popular immediately. The handbook was followed by numerous others, including "The Beauties of Hymen" and "The Quiver of Love."

Meanwhile, French gallants had begun ornamenting their February 14 billet-doux with gilt paper, ribbons, cut-out hearts, and real lace. Valentines grew in size and elegance, until they became filled with cupids, paper fountains, tiny fans, flower reproductions, intricate ornamental effects, surrounded by layer after layer of filmy lace.

Each Valentine had to be made by hand. Pity the poor lover of the 1850's, scissors in hand, surrounded by stacks of colored paper, lace, brushes, and bottles of water colors!

On top of all this, Valentines became to be considered equivalent to a proposal of marriage. Stern fathers even judged would-be suitors by the quality of their hearts-and-flowers missives and the ornate Spencerian script in which verses had to be hand written.

As custom veered from the overly-sentimental, however, the light hearted modern Valentine was born. Publishing houses assigned their top artists and verse writers to creating Valentines. Their new billet-doux, beautifully printed and embossed and die-cut, brought the scissors-and-pastepot era to an end.

There are still many Valentines in the lace-and-ribbons tradition for sweethearts, of course. But whether serious or casual, verses now all have a sincere, straight-

forward, heart-to-heart quality. On a typical 1948 Valentine, a demure, golden haired lass in a blue bonnet expresses the thought: "I don't know nobody who is one-half as nice as you!"

U. S. Public Roads Administration estimates there were 30,545,000 privately owned automobiles in the U. S. at the end of 1947. Bank deposits in New York City have averaged a total of \$1,000,000,000 a year in recent years. A vegetable omelet makes a good supper; creamed potatoes and a salad of lettuce and raw green pepper rings may be served with it. The dessert should be a hearty one such as apple cobbler or a cottage pudding.

The odds against a poker-player getting a straight flush before the draw are 64,973 to 1. Odds against a pair are one and one-quarter to 1.

The Great Lakes have a surface of 96,000 square miles in a drainage basin of 300,000 square miles.

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All seed sold in McNair's Tobacco Barn package is yield-tested. It's N.C. Certified. Grown on McNair's Farms by McNair's Yield-Tested Seed Co., Laurinburg, N. C.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Shallotte Livestock Market . . . will be open for the purchase of hogs and cattle, every day, beginning Monday, Dec. 1, 1947, and continuing each day thereafter.

DAILY MARKET PRICES WILL BE PAID

W. McKinley Hewett, Mgr. Shallotte, N. C.

## Name Our New Store

We are opening up a new Grocery Store in the new Rob White Building at Shallotte, and we want a suitable name for it.

## \$5.00 In Trade

We will give to the person sending in the best name for our new business \$5.00 in merchandise. Put on your thinking cap, and follow these rules:—

- 1.—All entries must be in writing.
- 2.—Mail, or drop into box at the store.
- 3.—Contest closes at 6 o'clock p. m., February 7.
- 4.—Date your entry, and be sure to sign your name.
- 5.—In case of duplicate winners, prize will go to entry bearing earliest date.
- 6.—Decision of judges final.

CHARLES RUSS  
SHALLOTTE, - - - N. C.