

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

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Concert Tomorrow Evening.

The Carolina Concert Club, assisted by Miss Grace Kohn and Mrs. Coral Hayner Baker, will be in Concord January 16th, at Central Graded School at eight o'clock.

Everyone will be delighted with the Carolina Concert Club and those of us who have been fortunate enough to hear Miss Kohn with Mrs. Baker as accompanist previously will be interested to know of this opportunity to hear them again.

The members of the Music Lovers Club feel that in having these gifted musicians present at this time that a very beneficial and pleasant evening will be enjoyed by all present.

High School Banquet.

One of the most elaborate and most enjoyable high school functions was the banquet given Saturday evening at the Y. M. C. A. by the Freshmen, Sophomore and Senior Girls' Basketball teams to the Junior team, the winners of the inter-school basketball tournament.

The banquet hall was lovely in its modest but appropriate decorations. Purple, gold and black streamers hung artistically from the ceiling, while purple and gold and red and white streamers were laid along the center of the tables, which were arranged in a rectangle.

In the open space between the tables was a small desk, upon which was a miniature basketball court decorated in the Junior class colors.

Immediately after the crowd assembled, the Senior basketball squad sang the first stanza of a catching little "Before and After Dinner" song. Mary Donnell Smoot then welcomed the guests, and Eleanor Crowell, 23, responded. Much fun was had during the evening. Between the courses, a number of class songs, school songs, and short speeches were enjoyed.

At the conclusion of the banquet Leora Long, captain of the Senior Squad, gave a toast to the Juniors, which was answered by Blanche Dick, captain of the Junior Squad. In rapid succession followed toasts to Mr. Miles Wolff, Misses Sara Barnhardt, Nellie Dyer, Mary MacLaughlin, Elizabeth Woodhouse, and "Domie" Smoot. After these, upon the suggestion of the toastmistress "Domie" Smoot, a rising vote of thanks was extended to Miss Mary Spurgeon, who, with several of her Domestic Science students, had prepared and served the delicious three-course dinner, which was so thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

As a fitting climax to a most happily spent evening, the Seniors sang the second stanza of the "Before and After Dinner" song. This was followed by the school song which everyone liked so well.

The banqueters then dispersed, joyful and much benefited for having spent the evening in such a profitable way.

Benevolent Society Meets.

The Benevolent Society of the First Presbyterian Church, is meeting this afternoon with Mrs. J. F. Goodson, at her home on West Depot Street.

Concert Next Tuesday Night.

Under the auspices of the Music Lovers Club the Carolina Concert Club will give a concert in Central School auditorium here next Tuesday evening, January 16th, at 8 o'clock. The admission price will be 50 cents.

Carey Durant Goodman.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Goodman, January 4th, a son, Carey Durant.

Ellen Pemberton Class Meets.

The Ellen Pemberton Class of Central Methodist Sunday School was delightfully entertained on Thursday evening by Mesdames Lloyd McKay and A. F. Goodman at the home of Mrs. Goodman.

The class decided to take up some worthy cause as its work for the new year and a committee was appointed to find out just what phase of work will be taken.

With Our Sick.

Miss Marie Barrier, who has been ill for the past week, is again able to be out.

Miss Ruth Moore is confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. L. H. Masse, of No. 7 township, is confined to her home by illness.

The many friends of Mr. L. A. Ridenhour, of St. John's who has been ill for several days, will learn with regret that he is worse today.

Study Club With Mrs. Wagoner.

Unusually delightful was the meeting Thursday afternoon of the Study Club with Mrs. C. B. Wagoner at her home on West Depot Street.

A sketch of Patrick Henry was read by Mrs. C. A. Cannon, and Mrs. I. I. Davis, Jr., read one on Henry Woodson Grady. Mrs. Davis and Mrs. George Edwards, of Rocky Mount, then delightfully rendered a piano duet, "Romeo and Juliet," by Vellini, and Mrs. Wagoner sang in her own charming manner "A Birthday," by R. Huntington Woodman.

Following the program Mrs. Wagoner served delicious refreshments.

Supper.

Mr. Sam O. Eddleman was host on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock to more than twenty of his friends at a quail supper, served at Martin's Cafe, on West Depot street. The gathering was composed of a number of invited friends, and was very informal, and most enjoyable to everyone present, as is attested by the fact that several of the guests could not leave off eating until they had eaten three of the quail.

Those enjoying Mr. Eddleman's hospitality were: O. A. Swearingen, John

L. Petrea, L. D. Coltrane, J. F. Dayvaul, A. R. Hoover, W. W. Flowe, M. Linker, W. M. Linker, H. Clifford Hahn, B. L. Crowell, Giles T. Crowell, Grover W. Creech, H. A. Goodman, H. W. Calloway, Wade Klutz, G. Patti Ritchie, R. A. Brower, J. R. Wood, P. B. Fetzer, L. A. Weddington, J. A. Walker and Dr. W. H. Wadsworth.

Duplicate Bridge Club. Mrs. Charles Harris was hostess on Thursday afternoon to the Duplicate Bridge Club at her home on North Union street.

At the conclusion of the games refreshments were served by Mrs. Harris.

Members of the club are: Mesdames Gowan Dusenbery, R. S. Young, George Patterson, L. T. Hartsell, Joe Hill, and C. J. Harris, A. R. Howard and Miss Kate Means.

Mr. S. O. Eddleman Host at Quail U. D. C. Meeting. The Daughters of the Confederacy held a most interesting meeting Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. P. Cook with Mesdames Cook, J. F. Dayvaul and W. A. Foil as hostesses.

A splendid attendance marked the occasion and much important business was transacted. The chapter regretted very much to give up Mrs. L. D. Coltrane as historian, she having served in this capacity for the past two years, in a most acceptable manner.

We are especially fortunate in having Miss Lilla Fisher chosen as Mrs. Coltrane's successor. Through Mrs. Joe Goodman, chairman of the cross committee, another order for crosses for the Veterans' graves was placed by the chapter.

Lee and Jackson's birthday, Friday, January 19, is to be celebrated with a dinner to the Confederate Veterans of Cabarrus County. A splendid committee, with Mrs. L. T. Hartsell as chairman, has this dinner in charge. Therefore the success is readily assured.

In accordance to a custom of long standing, the various churches of the city are asked to use at the morning service Sunday the favorite hymns of Lee and Jackson, these being "How Firm a Foundation," and "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

Miss Smoot Entertains. Miss Virginia Smoot entertained informally at bridge at her home on Grove street on Friday evening.

Following the games a delicious cald course was served by the hostess. Among those present were: Misses Louise Austin, Flow Shealey, Elizabeth Macey, Janie Klutz, Ruth Blackwelder, Anna Schrock, Mary Spurgeon, Annis and Virginia Smoot.

With Our Sick. Mrs. Arthur Fink is seriously ill at her home on Crowell Street.

The condition of Mrs. John W. Clime, who has been ill for the past week, is reported today as somewhat better.

Mrs. John Suther is confined to her home with an attack of the "flu."

Mr. James Dorton is again able to be out after being confined to his home for several days by illness.

The Lilliputian Sewing Club. The Lilliputian Sewing Club held its first meeting January 8, 1922, at the home of Miss Esther Alexander Brown. The hostess was elected President, Miss Elizabeth Sergeant Odell vice-president, Miss Miriam Coltrane Cannon secretary, and Miss Betty Gay Coltrane, treasurer.

The following ladies are the charter members: Peggy and Bobby Ralph Odell, Louise and Patsy Coltrane, Bunny Brown and Sister Sue and Sara and Dotty Cannon.

After a happy hour spent in sewing and knitting, delightful refreshments were served by the young hostess. The club then adjourned to meet the following Saturday afternoon at three o'clock with Miss Betty Gay Coltrane at her home on North Union street.

The Lilliputian Club is unique in that its members boast of being the youngest of any social organization in town.

PERSONAL. Albemarle News-Herald: — Miss Mary Crowell, of Concord, spent last Thursday and Friday with Miss Myrna Crowell and Mrs. T. Finch Morgan. Mrs. Morgan and Miss Crowell were class-mates at G. C. W.

Mrs. S. F. Winders is spending several days with her mother, Mrs. L. H. Masse, in No. 7 township.

Mrs. E. M. Honeycutt and Miss Ella Honeycutt, of Winston-Salem, spent Friday in Concord.

Mr. W. C. Thomas, of Mt. Pleasant, is visiting his brother, Mr. L. A. Thomas.

Mesdames C. W. Byrd, F. C. Correll, Mrs. W. M. Sherrill and little Miss Ellen Sherrill spent Friday afternoon in Charlotte.

Representative J. B. Sherrill, of the State Legislature, spent the week-end here with his family.

Mesdames D. L. Bost and L. D. Coltrane spent Friday in Charlotte.

Mr. George Praether, of M. P. C. L., is spending the week-end here.

Mr. John Hatchett, of Atlanta arrived Saturday to spend several days here with his wife, who is visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Smith.

Rev. Jesse C. Rowan and Mr. J. W. Cannon returned Saturday from a hunting trip to Harbor Island in the eastern part of the state.

Mrs. M. L. Cannon is spending the week-end in Charlotte, with Mrs. W. B. Sullivan.

Mr. F. L. Clark, of Mt. Airy, is spending the week-end in the city with friends.

Mesdames W. G. Caswell, H. I. Woodhouse, H. B. Fetzer, and Miss Betty Leslie spent Thursday in Charlotte.

Mrs. A. E. Lentz left Friday for Charlotte, where she will visit relatives.

Mrs. Hubert Flowe, Miss Emma

BUSINESS AND THE OUTLOOK.

Philadelphia Record.

The physician who remarked that the payment of a fee established confidence between doctor and patient spoke not only professionally, but commercially. The parleys that begin in Washington this morning between members of the British Debt Funding Commission and the American members, and which relate solely to the terms of payment, principal and interest, of more than four billions of dollars to the United States, are accepted by statesmen and the business world alike as meaning that the long-deferred settlement is soon to be an accomplished fact, and that post-war reconstruction is really on the way.

This fact naturally is regarded by the financiers as the harbinger of better things, and, taking into consideration the developments in the business, the industrial and commercial situation is satisfactory.

Dun's Review says that "with hardly an exception commercial reports are of an increasingly favorable tenor, and business will enter upon the new year in a strong position. Despite the contraction in the export trade, the point has been reached in different basic industries where production is at a high level, while orders already booked insure active operations for some time ahead. The improved situation in agricultural commodities that has resulted from the sharp rise in prices of leading farm staples is entering more largely into calculations of future power, but there is still a noticeable resistance to higher prices in retail channels."

The production of pig iron last month reached a total of 3,086,298 tons, the largest since October, 1920. At the beginning of last week 253 blast furnaces were in operation, an increase of 10 as compared with December 1. The present capacity is more than 100,000 tons a day, which is nearly double the total at the beginning of last January. An important feature of the steel trade last week was the booking of orders for railroad equipment and the rather extensive buying by automobile concerns. Prices of both pig iron and the finished steel products have made an advance in the week. Steel properties in the Pittsburgh district are operating at an average of 80 per cent. The Youngstown Steel and Tube Company is strengthening its competitive position by the absorption of the Brier Hill Company.

In the wool market during the past week there was a stiffening of quotations, particularly in the clothing wools from Australia, New Zealand and Uruguay. Domestic wool are pretty well distributed. "Probably not for many years," says Secretary Perkins, of the Boston Wool Trade Association, "has the wool trade of Boston faced the new year with such light stocks of domestic wool, but the bonded warehouses are comfortably filled with wools from foreign lands. Competition in the primary markets, it is believed, will not be developed before the London sales, which begin on January 23, and will be an index to the strength behind the market."

The week opened with moderately brisk trading in the cotton yarn market. A period of making time is observed in knitting yarns. The Boston cotton market has continued to show improvement. The year opens strong, with spinners sold so far ahead that they are unable to meet the demand for prompt delivery, while buyers are reported as having trouble in getting orders for later delivery on the mill books.

Chicago's grain markets have gone contrary to expectations of the trade leaders. The break of the holidays was followed in the past week by a sharp decline, with severe liquidation by both Eastern and Western holders of large lines. Wheat prices show a recession of about 8 cents from the high of December 28, with the market nervous and unsettled.

Comparative conditions in the Federal Reserve system as shown by Friday's statement reveal a slight weakening in the reserve ration to 71.3, as against the previous 72.1. The gold reserve increased \$9,000,000 to \$3,049,451,000.

Simple Rules For Curing Pork. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 15.—Every North Carolina farmer should prepare enough pork products to last his family for the entire year, says Earl Hostetler, in charge of swine investigations for the North Carolina Experiment Station. Although a large amount of meat is lost each year because of improper treatment, Mr. Hostetler does not see why curing pork on the farm is such a difficult problem. He finds that if a few simple rules are adhered to, there should be no great losses. He has given the most important ones as follows:

1. Be sure the hogs to be killed are healthy and are not worried or excited at slaughtering time.

2. Allow the carcass to cool out thoroughly before it is cut up.

3. Do not attempt to put meat into the cure until it is thoroughly cooled, and on the other hand do not attempt to cure frozen meat.

4. When the curing process is completed do not expose the meat to flies or bugs.

5. Immediately after the hams, shoulders and sides are smoked sufficiently they should be wrapped in paper and then put in bags (flour sacks or cement bags are good) and hung in a cool dry place until ready for use.

Mr. Hostetler states that these five simple rules cover most of the causes for failure and a lack of observing them is directly responsible for practically all of the meat lost in North Carolina each year. He believes that good, wholesome meat can be had if a little extra time and attention is given the work at these different stages.

French Flag Torn Down.

Berlin, Jan. 13 (By the Associated Press).—At Steet, two miles outside of Essen, the French flag hoisted by the occupational troops, was torn down and destroyed, says a dispatch to Vorwaerts today.

Give a dog a bad name, and you save him the trouble of earning it.

THE CONCORD TIMES

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He made his way fast as he could toward the claim. Sensing the old man's distress, Ray straightened from his work at the sight of him.

"The face before him was drawn and white, but there was no time for questions. Hard hands seized his arm."

"Ray, do you know of a canoe anywhere—up or down this river?"

"No! There isn't one that you could even dream about shooting those rapids in. Tell me what's the matter, Has Beatrice?"

"Beatrice has gone down, that's all."

"You don't mean—she's run away?"

"Don't be a fool. The prospector I told you about—Darby—was the old man's partner. He's paying us back. Ray, I wish to God I had died before I ever saw this day!"

Ray stared blankly. "Then he found out—about the murder?" he gasped.

"Yes. Here's his letter."

Ray read the letter carefully, crumpling it at last in savage wrath. "He can't do much if the claim's recorded in our names!"

"He can make us plenty of trouble. If you want the girl, Ray—don't lose a minute. Put your things together as fast as you can."

They crossed the divide, thus reaching the headwaters of Poor Man's Creek; then took the trail down toward the settlements. But the two claim-jumpers had not yet learned all the day's ill news. Half-way to the mouth of the stream they met Chan Hemway on his way back to the claim.

At the first sight of him, they could hardly believe their eyes. It was not to be credited that he had made the trip to Bradleyburg and back in the few days he had been absent.

"What in the devil you coming back for?" Ray shouted, when Chan's identity became certain.

"Because the claim's recorded, that's why. Before old Hiram died he wrote a letter to an official in Bradleyburg and in it was a description of the claim. Whatever formalities was necessary was cut out because the old man had been too sick to make the trip—the recorder got special permission from Victoria."

"You see what that means, don't you?" he asked Neilson. "It means we've lost!"

"The eyes before him narrowed and gleamed. "So that's what it means to you! Well, I don't look at it just that way. It means to me that we've had to take these supplies and these pack horses and start out and find Ben Darby."

"Of course we've got to rescue Beatrice—"

"Rescuing Beatrice isn't all of it now, by a long shot. Didn't old Hiram leave a will, giving this claim to his brother Ezra? And hasn't this Ben got a letter from Ezra leaving the claim to him?"

"You mean we've got to find him?"

"We've got to; that's all."

Neilson breathed heavily. "It's all plain enough."

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She could discern the black shadow of the canoe. She stepped nearer. But at that instant a subdued note of warning froze her in her tracks. A great, gaunt form raised up from the pile of duffel in the canoe; and his fangs showed ivory white in the wan light. It was Fenris, and he guarded the canoe. He crouched, ready to spring if she drew near.

The girl sobbed once, then stole back to her blankets.

After breakfast they took to the river, yielding themselves once more to the whims of the current.

Shortly before the noon hour Ben's quick eye saw a break in the heavy brushwood that lined the bank and quickly paddled toward it. In a moment more he pushed the canoe into the mud of the creek bank.

They crossed a low ridge, following down another of the thousand creeks that water the northern lands. In a moment it led them to a long, narrow lake, blue as a sapphire in its frame of dusky spruce.

And all at once Beatrice, walking in front, drew up with a gasp.

She stood at the edge of a little glade, perhaps thirty yards across, laying at the base of the cliff. The creek flowed through it, the grass was green and rich, beloved by the antlered herds that came to graze, the tall spruce shaded it on three sides. But it was not these things that caught the girl's eye. Just at the edge of a glade a dark hole yawned in the face of the cliff.

CHAPTER XII

A Strange Comradship

BEN and Beatrice went together back to the canoe, and in two