

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES and COMINGS AND GOINGS

BUCHANAN-BRABSON

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, of Franklin Route 3, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Anna Mae Buchanan to Pfc. Harry Brabson, son of Mrs. Alex Brabson and the late Mr. Brabson, of Franklin Route 2.

The marriage was solemnized in a quiet ceremony on Monday, August 13, in Clayton, Ga., in the presence of a few intimate friends.

The bride was attired in a blue crepe street dress with which she wore white accessories.

Immediately following the wedding ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Brabson left on a short wedding trip through Western North Carolina.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Brabson attended the public schools in Macon county.

Pfc. Brabson has returned to camp and Mrs. Brabson will make her home at present with Mrs. Brabson.

MRS. CUNNINGHAM HONORED WITH BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mrs. Charles Ferguson, of Franklin Route 4, honored her mother, Mrs. Frank Cunningham, of Franklin Route 3, with a surprise dinner on her 61st birthday anniversary.

The delicious dinner was served buffet style and those enjoying the occasion with Mrs. Cunningham were her husband, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Will Swafford, Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Campbell, and two small children.

Mrs. Cunningham was recipient of many lovely gifts.

Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Reynolds and three children, Owen, Bobby and Clarissa, of New York, arrived here Tuesday for a visit.

Pfc. Bruce Bryant has returned to camp at Fort George G. Mead, Md., after spending a week here with his father, Harve Bryant and Mrs. Bryant at their home in East Franklin.

Mrs. Robert C. Rickman, who has been under treatment at the Angel Clinic for the past 10 days, has recovered sufficiently to be removed to her home in the Leatherman community.

Miss Timoxena Kinnebrew, who has been spending several days in Franklin visiting relatives and friends, returned to her home in Atlanta, Ga., Sunday.

Cpl. William H. Battles has returned to Stinson Field, San Antonio, Texas, following his furlough spent with his wife, the former Miss Agnes Hastings, at their home on Franklin Route 1. While Cpl. Battles home is in Rome, Ga., Mrs. Battles and young son, Howard Douglas, will remain with Mrs. Battles' mother, Mrs. Reid Bingham while Cpl. Battles is in service.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Mason and two sons, Douglas and Gerald, and Mrs. Wymer Hastings, of Prentiss, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Reid Bingham on Cartoogechaye Sunday.

William Sutton, coxswain, who has been stationed in New London, Conn., for the past three years, is now stationed in Shoemaker, Calif., where he expects to remain for some time.

T. W. Jones and two children, of Norfolk, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Jones and daughter, of Barnwell, S. C., were visiting relatives and friends here last week.

Mrs. Ann Houston, of Franklin Route 3, who has been ill at her home on Franklin Route 3, for the past several weeks, was reported to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Audy Buchanan, of the Iotla community, spent the weekend at Spruce Pine visiting relatives and friends. On their return they were accompanied by their son, Audy, Jr., who has been employed there.

Mrs. Zeb W. Conley has returned from Wilmington, Del., where she has been for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. K. Hunter and Mr. Hunter.

Mrs. Sally Welch, who has been reported to be suffering with an infected leg at her home on Franklin Route 3, is improving.

Mrs. R. C. Bumgarner and son, Marshall, of Wilmot, are here for a visit with their daughter and sister, Mrs. O. C. Bryant at her home on Harrison avenue.

MRS. SANFORD C. DILLS



Mrs. Sanford C. Dills, the former Miss Doris Kimsey, of Franklin, whose marriage was a social event of July 18. Mrs. Dills is the daughter of Mrs. Hester Kimsey of Franklin and Petty Officer 2/C Dills is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lax Dills of Franklin Route 2.

Miss Louise Siler, who has been employed at Wilmington for the past several months, came up the last weekend for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Louisa Siler. While here Miss Siler was taken ill with an attack of appendicitis and was taken to the Angel hospital where she underwent an operation Monday.

Lieut. Anne Seay, of the Army Nurse Corp, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Seay, at their home on Franklin Route 1, has returned to her duties at the Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga. She also visited Mrs. T. J. Seay in Sylva and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seay in Portsmouth, Va., while on her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Burnett and sons, of Yellow Mountain, spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burnett and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Houston, at their homes on Franklin Route 3. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Parish while in the community.

Pfc. James Taylor Houston, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Houston, of Franklin Route 3, is spending a 30-day furlough with his parents. He is a returnee of eight months overseas service, serving as tank gunner with the Seventh Army. He wears the Good Conduct medal and three battle stars for participating in battles in France, Germany and Austria.

Miss Mary Jo Setser, Home Service Secretary for the Franklin Chapter of the American Red Cross, is attending a Home Service Basic Training course at the O'Henry Hotel in Greensboro from August 27 through August 31.

with Mrs. Reynolds parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Thomas at their home on Iotla street, and other relatives in Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wall and son, Henry, of Elberton, Ga., are visiting Mrs. Wall's mother, Mrs. H. O. Cozad.

Mrs. Nora Mizelle, of Rabun Gap, Ga., was visiting friends here Tuesday.

Mrs. Lyman Higdon spent the first of the week in Atlanta, Ga., buying new fall merchandise for the Francis Shop.

Mrs. M. D. D'Onfria, of Long Island, N. Y., Miss Frieda Siler, of Washington, D. C., Miss Ann Siler, of New York City and Allen Siler, of Eckman, W. Va., were all here at the bedside of their mother, Mrs. F. L. Siler, for several days prior to her death at the Angel hospital on Tuesday morning.

Mrs. J. C. Horsley has returned from Shellman, Ga., where she was called on account of the death of her brother, Horace G. Bell. Mr. Bell was an attorney-at-law and had practiced at Blakely, Ga., for 25 years or more, and also served as city solicitor for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Perce, of Albuquerque, N. M., are here for a visit with their son, Marion A. Perce and Mrs. Perce at their home in East Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayne Arthur, of Asheville, came over Tuesday to attend the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. F. L. Siler at the Franklin Methodist church here on Wednesday afternoon.

Highlands Highlights

MRS. H. G. STORY

Annual Meeting Of Highlands Museum Held Last Sunday

Among those present at the 15th Annual Meeting of the Highlands Museum and Biological Laboratory last Sunday were biologists from the University of North Carolina, Vanderbilt University, Wesleyan College, and the University of Georgia. President Ralph M. Sargent pointed out that whereas many other biological laboratories had been forced to close during the war, the Highlands Biological Station, through the co-operation of southern biologists, had maintained a record of continuous summer research.

This year's work at the Museum and the Laboratory were reviewed by the directors and officers. Mrs. Estell Stegall, Director of the Museum, announced that among the 2,000 visitors at the Highlands Museum this summer, there were 15 foreign countries represented. Dr. John N. Couch, Director of the Laboratory, stressed the importance of the research experience in Highlands to young biologists; for example, he pointed out that of recent workers in Highlands, one has become the chief expert for the U. S. Army in reclaiming soils damaged by military operations; another is now head of the penicillin program of the Upjohn company.

Dr. Couch says that he sees a great future for biological research in the whole field of anti-biotics, of which penicillin is only a single example of many. Miss Thelma Howell, Assistant Director of the Laboratory, announced that the co-operating institutions are planning a far-reaching program of research in all the biological

sciences for the Highlands Laboratory.

The President said the Museum hopes to develop a mountain arboretum of trees, shrubs, and flowers, to be known as the Harbison Memorial Gardens, as a tribute to Highlands' world-famous naturalist, the late T. G. Harbison. Testimonials were read to E. E. Reinke, and H. W. Sloan, supporters of the Museum and Laboratory, who died during the past year.

Trustees Elected

New Trustees elected were: Dr. W. McA. Deacon, of Vanderbilt University; Mr. Sidney Fransworth, of Memphis, Tenn.; Mr. Thomas Fitz Patrick, of Ames, Iowa, and Mrs. O. E. Young and Mr. Robert Hager, of Highlands. Dr. W. C. Coker, long president of the organization, was named Honorary President. The other officers chosen were: Dr. Ralph M. Sargent, President; Dr. John N. Couch, Vice-President; Mrs. Lella Hager, Secretary; Miss Gertrude Harbison, Treasurer; and Miss Thelma Howell, Treasurer of the Laboratory.

ENGAGEMENT OF MISS MARY LOGAN HODGSON ANNOUNCED

The announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Mary Logan Hodgson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Hodgson of Atlanta, to Major Alpha Alsbury Fowler, Jr., of Douglasville, Ga., U. S. Army air forces, carried in a recent issue of the Atlanta Constitution is of interest here, since Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson have owned a summer home in Highlands many years.

Miss Hodgson is staff assistant with the American Red Cross on the Isle of Capri where the wedding will take place. Her wedding dress is to be fashioned of white silk from a captured German parachute, and the wedding trip will in-

clude a plane trip to Cairo, Egypt.

Miss Hodgson is a graduate of the University of Georgia where she majored in music. Major Fowler is also a graduate of the University of Georgia and their courtship dates from student days.

Personal Mention

Mrs. N. M. Martin of Petersburg, Va., and Miss Elizabeth McCarty of Orlando, Fla., are occupying the McCarty summer home on Bearpen Mountain.

Third Class Petty Officer Bidd E. Burton has returned to Charlestown, R. I., after a brief visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Baty.

Enjoying a shopping trip to Asheville last Friday were Mrs. Frank B. Cook and daughters, the Misses Mary Bascom and Beverly Cook, Mrs. Ruth Sewell, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clendenning, Mrs. H. H. Bailey, Sr., Miss Sarah Gilder, Mrs. Charles C. Potts and Mrs. Elliott Cazliarc.

Major Charles C. Trice, who has been spending a leave here with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Harvey Trice at Tricemont Terrace, following three years of overseas service, left Monday for Ft. Bragg for reassignment.

Mack R. McKinney of Highlands was listed by the Asheville Citizen as among the 27 Western North Carolina soldiers returning from the European theatre on the S. S. West Point last Friday.

Miss Ethel Calloway has returned to her home on Fourth Street following a visit in Atlanta, Ga., and Myrtle Beach, S. C.

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Beats Record On Keeping Pumpkins

Harry A. Willhide, of East Franklin, has the record beat on keeping pumpkins.

Mr. Willhide brought a pumpkin into the Franklin Press office on Tuesday that he gathered in October 1944, that was still in perfect condition. He gathers his pumpkins before the frost hits them and leaves the stem about three or four inches on the pumpkin, which is the main thing in preserving it for later use. This pumpkin, when gathered, weighed 25 or 30 pounds, and the exact weight now is 16 pounds. He keeps them in his dining room which has an average medium temperature during the winter months.

It measures 38 inches in circumference.

Seven junior dairy cattle shows will be held this fall for 4-H club members and F.F.A. boys by the State College Extension Service.

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