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Mid-Winter German

The Masonic Hall presented an attractive scene on Thursday evening of last week, when it was filled with handsomely gowned women with their escorts in evening dress. The arrangements for the dance had been carefully made, and with the view of rendering the evening one of the most pleasant ever spent here by those who enjoy the graceful art of dancing. The Washington Bard rendered the most enlivening music—strains which filled the soul with a corresponding melody and every one found the graceful steps easier and more pleasing.

After the dance ended, every one went to luncheon, the number being divided into three parties, and found enjoyment and a happy ending of the evening at the homes of Miss Essie Peel, Miss Anna Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Martin.

Those dancing were: Miss Anna Crawford and Dr. J. S. Rhodes; Miss Annie Lamb and F. F. Fagan; Miss Essie Peel and W. F. Lipscomb; Miss Annis Fagan and Newson Riddick, of Scotland Neck; Miss Hannah Vic Fowden and W. H. Gurkin; Miss Mary Smith, of Greenville, and Henry Clark of Scotland Neck; Miss Mary Shelburn, of Greenville, and J. B. Kittrell, of Greenville; Miss Clara Jones and Robert Baker; Miss Irene Smith and Leslie Fowden; Miss Anna Beth Purvis and J. W. Biggs; Miss Susie Puviss and Oscar Anderson; Miss Hattie Lou Ward and Mr. Waller, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Crawford.

Stags: Frank Gilliam and Rhineheart Freeman, of Windsor; Harry Biggs, Clayton Moore, C. H. Godwin.

Honor Roll

For the month ending January 17th, 1913.

1st. Grade.—Thelma Brown, Carrie Lee Peel, Jessie Stubbs, Esther Harrison.

2nd. Grade.—Elizabeth Hassell, Herbert Peel.

3rd. Grade.—Martha C. Crawford, Wm. Carstarphen, Louise Harrison, Maggie Sparks.

4th. Grade.—Francis Manning.

5th. Grade.—C. D. Carstarphen.

6th. Grade.—Besrie Page.

7th. Grade.—Sylvia Upton.

8th. Alma Sparks, Lucy Greens, Clyde Anderson.

9th. Grade.—Daisy Manning, Leona Page.

10th. Grade.—Eva Peel, Ollie Roberson, Ellie Wynn, Francis Knight.

They Invite Destruction

Some days ago this paper, urging the General Assembly to enact a primary election law and a corrupt practice act, asked "Why delay a legalized primary?" The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot printed the inquiry and made this answer: "Can't say as to North Carolina, but in Virginia the reason why we have no law adequately safeguarding primary elections seems to be The Organization, which is apparently more concerned to bring the Primary into disrepute than to perfect the system."

Political machines, which pass sham primary laws or refuse to pass good laws, are inviting destruction. The people understand that the primary is no panacea for all political ills, but they know that it gives them an equal voice with the most influential leader. It gives opportunity for popular control when the people wish to use it to carry out their will. Therefore "The Organization" which stands in this way of receiving popular government invites destruction and deserves it.—News and Observer.

Engagement Announced

The Scissors Club, a sewing circle composed of the young ladies of Scotland Neck, held its regular meeting Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. A. Dunn. Quite a departure from the regular work of the club made the occasion both unique and most enjoyable.

After a delightful hour spent according to the usual tenor of these occasions, Mrs. Dunn invited the guests to her spacious dining room, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. The color scheme was pink and white, and was artistically arranged. The centre-piece was Battenburg lace over pink. On this a reflector supporting a cut glass vase with masses of pink and white carnations. Pink ribbons suspended from the chandelier to each plate, and attached to one end of the ribbons were souvenirs in the form of heart-shaped needle books in white tied with pink ribbon, on one side a marriage bell in pink; to the other end were place-cards in the form of telegrams addressed to each guest, containing the announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Sallie Speed Dunn and Mr. James Grey Emore, the announcement reading as follows: "Elmore-Dunn, April 8, 1913." After the announcement a delicious repast was served in the daintiest manner, during which toasts were given by the various guests present to the bride-to-be, who responded in a most graceful manner.

A cake containing a ring, a piece of money and a thimble, prophetic of the next bride, the prospectively wealthy, and the destined old maid, respectively, was brought in to be cut. Miss Kathleen Tillery cut the ring, Miss Anna Kitchin the money and Miss Annie Dunn the thimble.

A book containing a toast to the groom-to-be, which read as follows: "Absent but not forgotten. O, groom to be, Accept the good wishes We send to thee!"

was presented to the guests where-in they inscribed their best wishes for him.—The Commonwealth.

Miss Dunn is very popular in Williamston, where she visits frequently, being the sister of Mrs. John D. Biggs, Jr., and friends here are wishing her all the pleasant things in life. Captain Elmore has been in charge of the local freight for years, and friends and acquaintances are congratulating him upon his good fortune in winning one of Halifax's splendid women.

Bill For Good Roads

Representative A. R. Dunning has introduced a bill in the Legislature authorizing the people of Robersonville Township to vote for good roads. This is a movement in the right direction, and denotes the progressive spirit of that township. No doubt, the majority for good roads will be large. The people in the township are liberal-minded on all matters pertaining to the upbuilding of that section and the entire county. Every township in the county should follow the example of Williamston and issue bonds for better highways. It means progress, convenience and thrift.

Embroidery Club

Miss Anna Pope was hostess to the Club on Friday afternoon at her home on West Church Street. There was a good attendance and the hour was most delightfully spent in work and conversation. Miss Pope, who is always a charming hostess, was most happy in her arrangements for the pleasure of her guests. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. K. B. Crawford on the 28th, at 3 o'clock.

JAMESVILLE ITEMS

Prof. C. C. Sharpe attended the Teachers Meeting in Williamston last Saturday.

W. E. Harper was here last week to relieve Agent Pender for a few days.

F. W. Bailey went to Robersonville Saturday on business.

Benj. Lyon and Charlie Davenport went to Pinetown Friday.

Mrs. S. A. Evans and little son, of Roseville, S. C., are visiting their parents here, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Allen.

Mrs. George Kemp, of Richmond, was here last week to attend the funeral of her nephew, D. W. Hardison.

J. M. Hassell went to Plymouth Tuesday.

Mrs. J. B. Hardy and daughter, Mary Ward, spent last week in the country visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. E. E. Roberson and children spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. N. J. Manning.

Mrs. H. M. Burras and children spent Sunday in town with relatives.

Miss Della Topping went to Williamston Monday.

Mrs. S. F. Darden from near Plymouth is spending a few days in town.

H. G. Griffin took a party boating on Sunday, and they reported a most delightful trip.

Dr. J. E. Smithwick left Monday for Richmond to be the bedside of Miss Laura Mizell, who is receiving treatment there.

"Human Hearts"

The largest audience seen here this season greeted the production of "Human Hearts" on Friday evening. The play was seen here at the beginning of the season of shows after the opening of the Opera House, being the first play to be booked. It produced such a favorable impression that many who saw it then were delighted to witness another performance. There was only one actor here Friday who appeared in its first appearance—the "Tramp," who is a comedian every minute on the stage. Taken as a whole, the cast was not so strong as that formerly, yet the interpretations were pleasing. The absence of "Jimmie," the weak-minded brother of "Tom Logan" took much from it here Friday. "Ruth" was weak, but the villain was "on his job," though he failed in his efforts to silence forever the little child, "Grace" who won the hearts of the audience by her sweet, childish ways and devotion to her father.

Moved to Durham

Saturday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Claude B. Clark with their infant son, Claude Baxter, Jr., left for Durham, where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Clark has been with Saunders & Fowden for two and one-half years, and has made many friends in town and in the county. He is a careful pharmacist, and his services to the firm were so satisfactory that they very reluctantly gave him up. A drug firm in Durham, wishing to establish a business in West Durham near Trinity College, made him a splendid offer and he deemed it wise to accept. Durham is his home town, and while there are many here who regret the departure of him and his wife, who leaves her family and many warm friends, wishes are expressed that they will find pleasure and success in their new home.

Masonic Installation

The officers of Skewarkey Lodge, who were elected at the regular time several weeks ago, were installed on Tuesday night in the presence of a large crowd, many being visitors from the neighboring lodges of Hamilton and Robersonville, and those in town from other States. The installation was very impressive, and there were speeches by several members which made a deep impression for good on the hearts of the hearers. After the installation, an elegantly-prepared supper was served by Proprietor Keith in the dining room of the Atlantic Hotel. This was thoroughly enjoyed.

The officers are: F. F. Fagan, W. M., J. S. Rhodes, S. W., McG. Taylor, J. W., C. D. Carstarphen, Treas., A. D. Mizell, Secretary, R. J. Peel, S. D., J. E. Pope, J. D., T. W. Thomas, Tiler, Stewards: L. F. Walters and Reubin H. Harrison.

Education of Country Children

The highest duty of society is the education of the children. * * *

The command to educate our country children has been thundered from the conscience of the age.

When in obedience to the demands of the people and of justice to the child the General Assembly shall provide for a six month's rural school North Carolina will feel the impulse of an exalted hope. Then it will not be long before the stigma of ignorance will be wiped out, the stigma which through the long years has been our misfortune and our humiliation.

This act of beneficent wisdom will reach down to the children of the lowliest and lift them up to a clearer vision. It will show them hope and endow them with a new strength. It will lift the whole State up and give to her a nobler and a grander meaning. And prosperity, and juster laws, and nobler institutions and ideals will follow in the train of universal enlightenment.—Gov. Creig.

Fourth Class Postmaster Examination

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on Feb. 22nd, 1913, an examination will be held at Williamston, N. C., as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth class postmaster of class (a) at Robersonville and other vacancies as they may occur at that office, unless it shall be decided in the interests of the service to fill the vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$870 for the last fiscal year.

Age limit, 21 years and over on the date of the examination, with the exception that in a State where women are declared by statute to be of full age for all purposes at 18 years, women 18 years of age on the date of the examination will be admitted. Applicants must reside within the territory supplied by the post office for which the examination is announced. The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements.

Application forms and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be secured from the postmaster at Robersonville or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Applications should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington within 7 days before the date of the examination, otherwise it may be impracticable to examine the applicants. U. S. Civil Service Commission.

Young Woman's Auxiliary

(Reported)

The first meeting of the Young Woman's Auxiliary was held with Miss Annie Fagan on Monday evening, beginning at 7 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by Miss Irene Smith and after prayer, the officers who had been named at a preliminary meeting, were duly elected. These are: President, Miss Irene Smith, Vice-President, Miss Penelope Biggs, Treasurer, Miss Clara Jones, Secretary, Miss Annie K. Thrower. The dues of the members were fixed at five cents per month, and after some discussion, it was decided to hold the meetings on the first Monday evening in each month at the homes of the members in alphabetical order. The next meeting will be with Miss Hannah Vic Fowden. The members enrolled are Misses Penelope Biggs, Annie Fagan, Clara Jones, Essie Peel, Anna Beth Purvis, Irene Smith and Annie Kate Thrower.

Farmers' Institutes

On Friday, January 31st, the Farmers' Institute will meet at Robersonville, and on February 1st, at Oak City. The meetings will open at 10:30 and 1:30 in the morning and afternoon respectively. A woman's institute will be held at the same hours, and interesting programs have been prepared for each institute.

The Institutes are held under the auspices of the State Department of Agriculture and the lecturers are men who have been trained especially for this work. Prizes will be given for the best loaf of bread, for the best five ears of corn, etc. Those who desire to attend should start early and be present at the opening, so as not to miss one word of the lectures. Mr. T. B. Parker will be in charge of the meetings.

The Business Outlook

The New Year is destined to be a big business year. The average business man dreaded Presidential Year and a certain amount of fear was evidenced even after the election. Fear is displaced by an intense spirit of determination, enthusiasm, and genuine optimism. The South is in an exceptionally good condition. Never were conditions more favorable for good times in old Dixie. In certain portions of Georgia and South Carolina mercantile life has been hard hit by reason of bad agricultural conditions last summer. Business did not look favorable in this section but the back-bone of failure has been broken. In all other sections sales have been larger and collections better than ever. The cotton crop alone will net the South one of the greatest sums ever won.

Every spindle, and more are being added is to do double duty. Labor is fully employed at good wages. All crops were large and commanded maximum figures. Money is reasonably plentiful at not exorbitant rates. 1913 looks good.

It is expected that stock disturbances will be noticeable during the middle of the year. It will look like a panic to the manipulator but legitimate business will not be disturbed. Even low stocks will prevail for a short time. Big business is dependent on little business and little business is larger than big business. Big business is to feel the tariff cutting operation and a real anti-trust law with teeth.

The infant industry is going to take the bottle from its over-fed brother. Big brother will cry louder and longer but both will grow better and stronger.—Sel.