

KENANSVILLE SOCIETY NEWS

Mrs. Wood Privott, of Goldsboro, spent last week here with their mother, Mrs. Jones.

Mrs. W. D. Reynolds spent last weekend at Lillington.

Mrs. J. E. Jerritt spent last week in Raleigh with her daughter, Caroline, who is a Peace College.

Eric Long, of Maxton Junior College spent last weekend here with Dr. and Mrs. G. V. Gooding. His brother Robert, of near Clinton, was also here.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Farmer spent last weekend near Mt. Olive with relatives.

Jimmy Jerritt accompanied Mrs. R. V. Wells to Aulander last Saturday where Mrs. Wells attended the wedding of her niece. They were accompanied home by Miss Louise Wells who teaches there.

Miss Windly of the local school faculty had visitors from her home on Sunday.

They went together to Greenville for the remainder of the day.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Ben Williamson entertained about thirty young people on last Thursday afternoon from 4-6 o'clock when she honored her daughter, Susie Lee on her 8th birthday. Halloween decorations and favors were used. After a number of enjoyable games the guests were served ice cream and cake. The dining room table was centered with a pretty cake holding 8 yellow candles in yellow rose bud holders.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS

The regular monthly meeting of the Kenansville Woman's Club was held on last Thursday afternoon at 3:30 in the Club rooms with the president, Mrs. E. C. Wells in the chair assisted by her

secretary, Mrs. Alton Newton. A goodly number of members were present also several visitors. During the business session, Mrs. Woodward Boney gave a report for the "Venetian Blinds Committee."

She was glad to report that they were then all up and in use for the first time and everyone present agreed that they added much to the rooms. Following the reports of officers and committees a splendid program was given by the Garden Department. Mrs. E. V. Wells who is chairman of this department introduced W. D. Reynolds our County Farm Agent who made an instructive talk on "Grass, When to Plant and How."

After which he held an interesting round table discussion. Tempting refreshments were served during the social hour by Mesdames A. J. Dickson, J. M. Brock and W. E. Belanga.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Dobson attended the Clinton Fair one day last week.

Mesdames J. E. Jerritt, J. A. Dobson and N. B. Boney went to Goldsboro one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams Mercer and baby, Jean spent last Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Newton.

Miss Betty Jenkins visited Mrs. C. E. Quinn on Sunday.

C. E. Quinn attended a meeting in Burgaw last Sunday at the M. E. Church.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bryan, and children, and Mrs. Susie Pyatt Miller, of near Kenansville, visited, Mrs. Brayn's mother, Mrs. Stephen Miller, who has been seriously ill at Duke University hospital in Durham on Sunday. They found Mrs. Miller much improved.

Elwina Miller spent Sunday in Goldsboro, the guest of her cousins, Jean and K. D. Pyatt, Jr.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY

Little Miss Elwina Miller entertained a number of her little friends on last Saturday afternoon from 3-6 o'clock at a delightful Hallowe'en Party at the home of

Aher mother, Mrs. Susie Pyatt Miller near Kenansville. The little guests arrived in costumes and were masked. Much fun was had when the guests first arrived in guessing who each one was.

Many other games and stunts were enjoyed. Prizes went to Nell Bobbitt Mitchell and Janet Boney for the "cutest" costumes; Edith Ann Blanton and Polly Summerlin, pinning on black cat's tail; Tommy Carroll, eating cracker first.

After the games and stunts the children were served home-made ice cream, Hallowe'en cookies and apples.

Children attending were: Jean and K. D. Pyatt, Jr., of Goldsboro; Edith Ann Blanton, Rachel Blanton, Nell Bobbitt Mitchell, Susie Lee Williamson, Theresa Gooding, Janet Boney and Jennings Bryan, Frances, Tommy and Grace Carroll, Annie Muriel and Mary Catherine Bryan, Mary Lou, Hazel and Ander Chambers, Inez Quinn and Polly Summerlin of Kenansville and near Kenansville.

Grownsups assisting Mrs. Miller in entertaining and invited for refreshments were: Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Pyatt, of Goldsboro; Mrs. Kedar Bryan and Miss Dorothy Kennedy, of Kenansville; Mrs. and Mrs. John F. Bryan, Jr., of Bryan, E. C., Mrs. J. K. Bryan, Jr., Mrs. J. K. Bryan, Jr., Mrs. Luther Rice Carroll, and Miss Elizabeth Vernon, of the community.

MAILLARD-HATCHER

A surprise marriage of much interest occurred on Saturday evening at the Methodist parsonage in Clinton when Mrs. Ethel Hatcher, of Warsaw and Faison, became the bride of Arthur King Maillard, of Whiteville.

The vows were spoken before the Rev. R. F. Munns in the presence of only a few intimate friends. The couple entered the room together.

The bride wore a black wool costume suit trimmed with Persian Lamb fur, with accessories of black. She is a woman of unusual

The State's Oldest Orphanage at Oxford Has Trained 5,000 Children

In 1873 the Grand Lodge of Masons in North Carolina established what is now the oldest existing Orphanage in the State when by a close vote the Oxford Orphanage came into existence. During the first year of its existence 125 boys and girls were admitted. The destitute orphan children of North Carolina prior to this time, were either bound out into families or were placed in County homes over the state. Our court house records show numbers of cases where children, both white and colored, were bound out into families to learn trades and to perform tasks in the family life. Other children were placed in county homes, there to live with that strange variety of inmates to be found in such places. Mr. John H. Mills felt the need of better facilities for the care of these children and saw the dangers of their plans then in use. He was therefore, able to lead the Masons into the establishment of an orphanage at Oxford and thus begin an influence in the field of child welfare in North Carolina. Today more than 4,000 children are provided for in the various orphanages in our State, besides those who receive assistance from the State and Federal Government and other agencies and permitted to

remain in the homes of relatives. The orphanage at Oxford has a population today of 360. Only one-half of these children are of Masonic parentage and this Orphanage has the distinction today of being the only fraternal order orphanage in the United States that will admit children except those whose fathers were members of the supporting fraternity. The population at Oxford is made up of children from 69 of the 100 counties in the State. There is a waiting list of several children yet to be admitted and almost every day brings to the desk of Superintendent O. K. Proctor requests for applications for the admission of other children.

More than 5,000 boys and girls during the last 65 years have received the services and benefits of the Oxford Orphanage and are scattered all over the world. Many of them attended colleges and universities and have taken places of leadership in all the professions and various lines of leadership. The Oxford Orphanage from the very beginning also became a pioneer in the field of vocational education and training. Trade schools were established in that early day, with the printing industry, the shoe shop and later entered the field of electricity. Orphan boys have received training and are found in large numbers to day in various lines of work. Superintendent Proctor states that the demand for trained boys in these fields of work is greater than the supply. The girls have gone into the teaching profession, while scores of them have entered schools of nursing and are now in the hospitals in North Carolina and other states. The Orphanage maintains a Department of Home Economics at the present time and conducts a well ordered school of Vocational Agriculture in addition to these other lines of vocational training.

The campus of the Oxford Orphanage is composed of 325 acres of land and more than 30 buildings have been erected. This constitutes a small city within itself. The farming activities have become a model for this whole section of the state and scores of farmers visit the Orphanage farm

every year to inspect its methods and to observe the cattle and dairy. Much of the work in these departments is done by pupils. The financial support for this institution is secured from a variety of sources. The Grand Lodge of Masons makes an annual appropriation and the State of North Carolina gives a grant in aid annually. The shoe shop, the Electric Department and Printing Department derive some revenue for the commercial work which they do in connection with their training schools. The "Orphans' Friend," the journal of the Masons of this State with a circulation of more than 12,000 is edited and published at the Orphanage. The Singing Class, composed of a group of small children, continues to tour the State and has done more to make North Carolina orphanage minded through the 50 years of the existence of the Singing Class than probably any other single influence. This class visits more than 900 communities in North Carolina every year and has become the source of substantial income. Masonic Lodges frequently take collection for the Oxford Orphanage. At Thanksgiving time, each year, along with the other orphanages of the State, the Oxford Orphanage makes a public appeal to North Carolina from which a substantial sum is annually secured. Income is also derived from endowment funds which have been donated to the Orphanage through

the passing years.

Every year there is an increase in bequests by wills, life insurance and gifts which are invested by the Orphanage and only the income can be used. From a wide variety of sources the funds are secured for the feeding, clothing and training of children who dwell in their Orphanage home.

It is a striking fact that no pupil trained at the Oxford Orphanage has ever been sentenced for the commission of a major crime. The value of an orphanage home to the State of North Carolina cannot be estimated. The saving of over 5000 children over the period of years is no small saving from a purely humanitarian standpoint. The value which these children represent, the hopes and possibilities which surround them were envisioned by the Masons and their friends and became the object of investment of their interest, affection and resources. The economic saving to North Carolina alone from these thousands of boys and girls, many of whom might have turned into channels of crime and sin, could not be estimated. They have been trained into substantial citizens who have taken their places in the social order and have contributed to the economic structure of the State.

The Oxford Orphanage is, therefore, not merely the channel through which charity may find expression, but has become the means whereby investment may be made.



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