

SOCIETY.

Mason Lillard Class Picnic Postponed

The annual picnic of the Mason Lillard Bible class of the Methodist church for the class members and their families, which was to have been held July 4, has been postponed indefinitely.

Miss Lawrence and Mrs. Transou are hostesses to Philathea Class Miss Grace Lawrence and Mrs. William Transou were joint hostesses to the Sunshine Philathea class of the Elkin Valley church at the home of Miss Lawrence Friday evening. The class president was in charge of the business meeting. A special feature of the program was a vocal solo by Miss Dorothy Penfield.

Following the business meeting the hostesses served a tempting refreshment course.

Mrs. Carl Poindexter Has Bridge Club at Morning Luncheon

Mrs. Carl Poindexter delightfully entertained the members of her bridge club and sufficient guests to complete two tables at a morning party, followed by a luncheon Wednesday. In the bridge competition the club award went to Mrs. E. S. Spainhour and the visitor's prize to Miss Maude Greenwood.

Those making up the tables were: Mrs. A. O. Bryan, Mrs. Alex Chatham, Mrs. Raymond Chatham, Mrs. Thomas Roth, Mrs. Hardin Graham, Mrs. E. S. Spainhour, Mrs. Paul Gwyn and Miss Maude Greenwood.

Younger Set Have Picnic at Roaring Gap Monday Evening

About twenty members of the younger set, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Farrell, enjoyed a delightful outing to Roaring Gap Monday evening. Swimming was enjoyed early in the evening and later a bountiful picnic supper was served.

Out-of-town guests were Miss Virginia Butner, of Pine Bluff, guest of Miss Sarah Atkinson; Miss Margaret Greenwood, of Roanoke, guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Bodenheimer; and Miss Sarah Mae Edgerton, of Greensboro, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Poindexter.

Lucy Hanes Chatham Club Has Supper and Honors Leader With Shower

Misses Roette Cockerham, Leona Darnell and Clara Newman were hostesses to the members of the Lucy Hanes Chatham club at an enjoyable supper at Abernethy's Pharmacy Thursday evening at 6:30. Following the supper the guests adjourned to the club house, where games were played at three tables. The high score award, a box of candy, went to Miss Estelle Powers, and the consolation prize, a what-not, to Mrs. Levada Brown.

During the evening, Miss Claudia Austin, club leader, was given a handkerchief shower in celebration of her birthday anniversary.

Miss Louise Transou Honors Brother On Birthday Anniversary

Honoring her brother, Byron Transou, on his sixteenth birthday anniversary, Miss Louise Transou entertained at a delightful informal party at the Transou home on West Main street Saturday evening. Outdoor and indoor games were enjoyed. Late in the evening a beautifully appointed refreshment course was served from card tables in the living room. The tables were centered with bouquets of pink and white sweet peas and lighted with candles.

dies. An ice course and birthday cake in which the chosen color motif was accentuated, was served.

The guest list included sixteen of the honor guest's friends.

Mrs. Freeman Entertains at Morning Bridge and Luncheon

Mrs. R. C. Freeman entertained at an enjoyable morning party followed by a luncheon at one o'clock at her home on Church street Friday. Guests were members of the hostess' bridge club and additional guests to complete two tables. The club prize for high score went to Mrs. Eugene Sparger and the visitors' prize to Mrs. William Medlin.

A beautifully appointed luncheon was served when the cards were removed. Covers were placed for Mesdames Charles Ashby, H. L. Johnson, Walter R. Schaff, George Wilson, Eugene Sparger, Miss Maude Greenwood, Miss Clara Freeman of Dobson, and Mrs. William Medlin, of Jackson, Tenn.

Mrs. J. H. Beeson Entertains Garden Club Thursday Afternoon

Mrs. J. H. Beeson was a charming hostess Thursday afternoon when she entertained the members of her garden club at her home on West Main street. The home was profusely decorated with summer flowers from the hostess' garden.

The program on "Begonias" was under the direction of Mrs. J. S. Atkinson, assisted by several members.

A tempting collation was served from the buffet late in the afternoon. Those enjoying Mrs. Beeson's hospitality were: Mesdames H. C. Salmons, H. P. Graham, J. S. Atkinson, W. W. Whitaker, Mason Lillard, George Royall, E. C. James, J. L. Hall, M. A. Biggs, J. F. Hendren, Fletcher Harris and Mrs. Jewel Banks, of Kernersville.

Lewis-Hicks Wedding Announced

The wedding of Miss Elsie Hicks, of Raleigh to Harold Lewis, of Winston-Salem and Elkin, was announced Saturday. The wedding was solemnized in Dinwiddie, Virginia, December 1, 1934, with Rev. M. D. Asbury, rector of the Dinwiddie Episcopal church, officiating.

Mrs. Lewis is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hicks, of Greensboro, and attended Greensboro high school, the North Carolina College for Women, Greensboro, and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She is a graduate nurse, having trained at the Methodist Hospital of Southern California and then taken advanced courses at the city and county hospital of San Francisco. For the past several years she has made her home in Raleigh.

Mr. Lewis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lewis of Winston-Salem. He was graduated from North Carolina State College with the class of 1934. He was a member of the Phi Psi textile fraternity at the college.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis will be at home in Elkin where Mr. Lewis is associated with the Chatham Manufacturing Company, following a honeymoon to Western North Carolina.

Baptist W. M. S. In Monthly Meetings

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church met in the regular meetings Monday afternoon in the following homes:

The Neal Young Circle met with Mrs. L. F. Walker, on Church street, with ten members and three visitors present. Mrs. C. A. McNeill conducted the devotionals. The program was under the direction of Mrs. T. L. Parnell, assisted by Mrs. T. V. Cockerham, Mrs. J. H. Markham and Mrs. C. C. Myers.

The Naomi Shell circle met with Mrs. W. W. Byrd on Elk Spur street with Mrs. Silas Nichols associate hostess, with sixteen members and one visitor present. The program and devotionals were in charge of Mrs. T. G. Harris, assisted by Mrs. Roy West, Mrs. W. F. Reece and Mrs. C. N. Myers.

The Pearl Johnson circle met Tuesday evening with Mrs. Charles Young on West Main street with ten members present. The devotionals were in charge of Miss Lee Mae Lowery and the program featured a group of readings from the works of Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

Refreshments were served during a pleasant social hour at the conclusion of the program.

Methodist Circles Meet Monday

The circles of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met Monday afternoon at 3:30 in the following homes:

Circle number one met with Mrs. R. L. Harris on West Main street, with ten members present. Mrs. Mason Lillard conducted the devotionals and directed the mission study "Methodist Missions in Korea", which was studied simultaneously by each group. She was assisted by Mrs. G. P. Dockery, Mrs. Knox McKee and Mrs. R. M. Chatham.

Circle number two met at the

home of Mrs. R. L. Hubbard, on Surry Avenue, with ten members present. Mrs. J. L. Hall directed the study lesson and conducted the devotionals. She was assisted by Mrs. Alex Chatham, Mrs. Charles Ashby and Mrs. Lena Dockery.

Circle number three met with Mrs. A. L. Griffith on Church street, with eight members present. Mrs. C. G. Armfield conducted the devotionals and directed the study course. She was assisted by Mrs. J. S. Atkinson, Mrs. M. A. Biggs and Mrs. H. L. Johnson.

During a pleasant social hour at the conclusion of the program, each hostess served a tempting refreshment course.



Washington, July 1—As if Congress did not have enough to worry about already, President Roosevelt has given the boys on Capitol Hill something real to think about in his proposal that they ought to draw up and enact some new tax bills before they go home. Specifically, he proposes that, in addition to the present estate taxes, Congress should put a tax upon inheritances as well. The state tax is taken out before anything goes to the heirs. It is the President's idea, in the case of large estates, to further redistribute wealth by taxing the heirs on whatever they get. And, for good measure, he suggested that it would be desirable to stick on some higher taxes on the incomes of big corporations. The Federal Corporation Tax now is 13 1-2 percent; the President's idea is that this might run up to 16 1-2 percent on corporate earnings above some unspecified but large annual figure.

Many people are professing to be surprised at what they regard as a swing toward the left on the part of Mr. Roosevelt. Anyone who has studied his political past and read his speeches during the Presidential campaign, including his inaugural address, has no real ground for surprise; for the idea that wealth is concentrated in a few hands and that the great pools of wealth ought to be broken up for the benefit of everybody, is one that he has frequently and emphatically expressed.

Capitol Hill Questions

Up on Capitol Hill the Senators and members of Congress are asking three questions. Can we or should we try to pass it at this session? What would be the practical effect upon the national income if we did enact such laws? And, third, but paramount in the minds of the members of both Houses, what will be the political effect?

The strong inclination of all but a few extremists in Congress is to let the matter lie until the next session, which will begin in January, 1936. The boys want to go home. The children are out of school now, and their wives want to get back to their home towns; besides the Washington weather is getting hotter and hotter. They still have an awful lot of business to clean up before adjournment. To work out anything that will meet the President's idea of taxes seemingly will lead to endless debate and discussion and maybe keep them here until Fall. So for that and other reasons, it does not seem likely that they will do much on tax plans except to talk about them.

The answer to the second question as to what the practical effect of the new taxes will be, is generally that they will not go very far in making up the budget deficit. At all times the great bulk of taxation is carried by the middle class, and this middle class, the practical economists in Congress and Administration circles say, would still continue to carry that load. Very wealthy men who have accumulated large fortunes can afford to hire very expert lawyers to show them how to distribute their wealth where they want it to go, it is pointed out.

Good Political Move

The paramount question in the minds of everybody in Washington in the view of the smartest political observers, should be very good for Mr. Roosevelt and his chances for re-election. In effect, it cuts a good deal of the ground out from under the feet of Huey Long, the LaFollette Progressives, and other radical elements whose slogan is "soak the rich." These radical Democrats and Progressives seized upon the "new proposal, and their threats to "show up" the President as insincere unless he demanded immediate action, are believed to have influenced him in his insistence upon tacking the new taxes to the bill extending the "nuisance taxes."

As a bit of political strategy, it does not make much difference whether laws to carry out the President's plan are adopted at this session or not.

G. O. P. Going Conservative

It is becoming more clear from day to day that the cleavage be-

tween the two parties in 1936 will be sharply defined, with the Republican Party distinctly on the Conservative side. Following the action of the "Grass Root" convention in Springfield, Illinois, the recent meeting of the "Young Republicans" of New York went on record for a distinctively Conservative platform.

In the meantime, Congress has passed the biggest tax bill ever enacted in the United States, the Social Security Act, which taxes the payroll of every employer and the pay envelope of every wage earner, to provide a fund for unemployment insurance, and for the old age pensions. Instead of the Townsend Plan of \$200 a month for everybody over 65, the Government has embarked upon an old age pension plan for persons over 65 who have no resources of their own, beginning at \$30 a month, half to be paid by the Government and half by the respective states. States can contribute more if they want to.

Under pressure of the Labor Lobby the Wagner Labor Disputes Bill slips through in spite of the fact that nearly everyone in Washington believes it is unconstitutional. There is a suggestion that here again is good political strategy, as it may line up organized labor behind a movement to amend the Constitution, a movement which looms up stronger from week to week as a probably issue in the 1936 campaign.

The outlook for the Public Utilities Holding Companies Bill now is that while it will be generally drastic it will not contain the "death sentence" which President Roosevelt has asked for. This is one of the few instances in which the lower House has taken a definite and apparently firm stand against the President's desires. Likewise, material modifications are expected to be made in the Administration's Banking Bill before it is finally enacted, although its general purpose and effect will not be materially impaired.

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