

LOCALS

Franklin V. Miller, a student at Brevard College, Brevard, spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Miller.

Mrs. L. A. Jackson returned to her home in Greensboro Saturday after a two weeks' visit with her mother, Mrs. Ila D. Burch, and other relatives at Rusk.

Mrs. J. A. Swift, of State Road, is spending this week in Winston-Salem, the guest of her daughters, Mrs. E. C. Adams and Miss Irene Swift.

Grady Jenkins, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday at Rusk with relatives. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. R. A. Jenkins, and sister, Miss Edna Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Totten and son, Johnny, of Beckley, W. Va., were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Reece, at their home on Bridge street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Gilliam and son, Samuel, of Statesville, were the week-end guests of Mrs. Sam T. Ray, at her home on West Main street.

Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Reeves of this city, announce the birth of a daughter, at the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem, March 14, 1939.

Mrs. Edward Voss will return to her home in Greensboro today, following a visit of several days to her mother, Mrs. E. C. Grier, at her home on Bridge street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Somers of this city, announce the birth of a son, at the Wilkes hospital, in North Wilkesboro, March 11, 1939.

Misses Lesbia Graham and Nancy Click, students at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, spent the week-end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Graham and Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Click.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wagoner spent the week-end in Boonville, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Canipe, the latter a sister of Mrs. Wagoner.

T. E. Burgess spent Saturday at South River, near Turnersburg, visiting his brother, James Burgess, who is critically ill suffering from influenza and complications.

Miss Mable Dare Tilley, of Chapel Hill, arrived Tuesday for a visit of several days to Misses Clyde and Madeline Myers, at their home on Gwyn avenue.

Ben Kirkman, of High Point, and Robert Kirkman, of Winston-Salem, were the week-end guests of their mother, Mrs. R. L. Kirkman, at her home on West Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Billings, of North Wilkesboro, announce the birth of a son, William Phillip, on March 9. Mrs. Billings was formerly owner of the Lady Fair Beauty Shoppe in this city.

Friends of Mrs. R. L. Hubbard will be glad to know that she is much improved from a serious illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Harris, in Winston-Salem.

Miss Amy Catherine Myers, a student at Meredith College, Raleigh, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Myers, at their home on West Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Griffith and daughter, Saralee, of Charlotte, spent Sunday here the guests of Mrs. W. E. Paul and family, at their home on Terrace Avenue.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Foster, a student at Meredith College, Raleigh, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Foster, of this city, is a member of the sophomore basketball team of the college, which won in the recent intramural tournament.

Edwin Royall, Henry Dillon, Hoke Cockerham and Worth Folger, students at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, are spending the spring holidays here with their respective families.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bunke-meyer of Kernersville, were the week-end guests of Mrs. Bunke-meyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Maguire, at their home on Gwyn Avenue.

Miss Oleen Norman, a student nurse at the City Memorial hospital, Winston-Salem, spent the week-end here the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Norman, at their home on Gwyn avenue.

Mrs. Beatrice Myers Phillips and son, Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McDaniel and Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Smith moved the early part of the week to the newly finished Mitchell apartments, on Bridge street.

Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Henderson and Mrs. Henderson's mother, Mrs. Berkshire, all of Chicago, arrived Tuesday for a visit with Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Nicks, the latter a sister of Dr. Henderson, at their home on Main street.

James Gray, Lon Dillon, McNeer Fields, Alexander Smith and Russell Burcham, students at North Carolina State College, Raleigh, will arrive this week to spend the spring holidays with their respective families.

Mrs. J. S. Atkinson returned Sunday from Charlotte, where she was the guest for several days of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Atkinson, the former her son. Sam Atkinson went down for the day Sunday and to accompany her home.

Miss Mary Frances Futrell, of Nashville, a student at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, spent the week-end here the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Bryan, the former her uncle, at their home on West Main street.

Mrs. W. W. Whitaker of this city, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Hoy Moose, of Mount Pleasant, left Sunday for New York, where they will spend a week attending the Flower Show and visiting other interesting places.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Maguire moved Monday from Gwyn Avenue to the Totten house on West Main street, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wall, who have moved into the newly completed Mitchell apartments. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris, who have been living in the Poindexter apartments, will have an apartment in the Maguire home. Glenn Bailey has bought the Maguire property on Gwyn Avenue from his father, M. R. Bailey.

Wants 49th State



DETROIT, Mich. . . . The secession of five counties from the State of Michigan to organize a forty-ninth state was visualized today by Councilman John A. Kronk. Councilman Kronk also says another state would square up the United States flag.

TODAY and TOMORROW
— by —
FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

WASHINGTON . . . arts Whenever I have an opportunity to roam around Washington, where I lived and went to school from the time I was ten until I was 21, I get new impressions of the Nation's Capital, and the people who live in it.

More and more I am impressed with the feeling that Washington is becoming the nation's center not only politically but in the fields of science and the arts, as well as of information on every imaginable subject.

In the Library of Congress, for example, there are more books and documents than in any other one place in the world, all indexed and available for reference. A new eight-million-dollar annex has just been added to the Library to accommodate the growing store of knowledge on every subject under the sun.

The new National Art Gallery, the gift of the late Andrew Mellon, is nearing completion. It will house the finest collection of paintings in the world, in addition to two great art collections already in Washington. Nearly all the important scientific societies have headquarters in Washington, and more and more national business organizations are establishing themselves in the Capital also.

PEOPLES . . . Negroes Every race and nation of the world is represented in Washington, either by an ambassador and his staff, or by larger groups.

Of the racial strains which make up the American people there is a higher percentage of Negroes than the average, for the whole nation. The largest Negro institution of learning, Howard University, is located in Washington, turning out doctors, lawyers and teachers who go forth to serve the people of their own race.

There is a large number of Negroes of both sexes employed in the Government offices. Nearly all official elevators are run by colored girls, and the messenger, doorkeeper and janitor staffs of the departments are practically all Negroes. They get good pay, life jobs and pensions at retirement age. A few Negroes hold really important Government positions, but they are the exceptions.

The majority of Washington Negroes live in alley slums, which furnish about the worst living conditions to be found in any large city. Many public officials have tried to do something about the Washington slums, but little has been done effectively.

VOTES . . . segregation For years there has been a strong movement to give the citizens of the District of Columbia the right to vote. So many of those holding Government offices, however, find it important to retain their voting residences in their home states, that the movement to give the District residents the franchise has been blocked by the fear of Negro control of the local government as much as by any other one cause. Nearly a third of Washington's permanent residents are Negroes.

While separate schools are provided for the colored folk, they cannot legally be segregated in street cars or excluded from seats in theaters. Once across the Potomac, in Virginia, Negroes have to ride in "Jim Crow" cars.

PREJUDICE . . . equality I seem to have got into a discussion of racial prejudices. That subject is up toward the top of world discussions right now. It is almost unescapable.

I know few, if any, persons who do not have a feeling that some or all people of other races than their own are inferior in one way

or another. I believe that is an inherent and ineradicable trait of human nature. But such prejudices are no excuse for depriving those we dislike of their common human rights.

We can admire the achievements of persons of a different race without giving a blanket endorsement of the whole race. The wise thing, it seems to me, is to tolerate all races and welcome whatever contributions they can make to the general good, without either banishing them, as Hitler is doing with the Jews, or opening the doors of our private lives to them.

Equality under the law is one thing, which every good American should insist upon, especially if the legal rights of one of another race are infringed. But social equality is something else. The right to choose one's associates and friends is as sacred as the right to worship according to one's individual conscience.

MUSIC . . . achievements There are two races which stand out among all others for their achievements in the field of music. They are the Jews and the Negroes. Probably a majority of the outstanding musicians of the past two centuries have been Jews. Certainly musical ability is more common among Negroes than among the white races generally.

Many eminent critics of today acclaim Marian Anderson, a Negro, as the greatest singer of modern times. In Washington no hall large enough to hold the crowds who want to hear her can be obtained.

The largest auditorium in the Nation's Capital is Constitution Hall, which is owned by the

Daughters of the American Revolution, and the D.A.R. has refused to let it be used for the Anderson concert. Helpheta, Elman, Menuhin and many other famous Jewish musicians have given concerts there, but Marian Anderson has been barred because of her color.

The ladies are, of course, entirely within their rights. There probably are few if any Jewish members of the D.A.R., and certainly no Negroes. But racial prejudices are racial prejudices and the line is drawn sharply in Washington, even against a great artist.

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