

# SOCIETY

## Mason Lillard Bible Class to Meet Monday

The Mason Lillard Bible Class of the Methodist Sunday school will meet Monday evening, December 16, at the home of Mrs. H. P. Graham on Gwyn avenue, with Mrs. Henry Dobson associate hostess.

All members are invited to attend.

## Open House is Held at Parsonage Wednesday Evening

Rev. and Mrs. Herman F. Duncan held open house at the Methodist parsonage on Market street

Wednesday evening. The parsonage has recently been extensively repaired and redecorated. The guests were presented to a receiving line upon their arrival, composed of Rev. and Mrs. Duncan and Rev. Duncan's mother, Mrs. Watson B. Duncan, of St. George, S. C., Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Gibbs and Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Abernethy.

Assisting in entertaining were officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the church and Mrs. R. C. Freeman chairman of the parsonage committee. The lower floor of the parsonage was decorated throughout with crimson berries and red candles, suggestive of the approaching holiday season.

Punch and Christmas cookies were served. Approximately one hundred and twenty-five guests called during the receiving hours.

## Fidels Class of Baptist S. S. Meets, Elects Officers

The Fidels class of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church met in the monthly business-social meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. C. A. McNeill on Bridge street, with 15 members present. Mrs. David Brendle, president, presided over the meeting and conducted the devotionals.

Officers were elected for the coming year, the report of the nominating committee being unanimously accepted. Mrs. Wallace Reynolds will serve as president. Other officers are: first vice-president, Mrs. S. O. Maguire; second vice-president, Mrs. Charles Alexander; third vice-president, Mrs. C. I. Boger, and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. I. C. Yates.

An interesting Christmas program was presented by Mrs. C. I. Boger.

During a delightful social hour the hostess served a delicious refreshment course. Christmas gifts were exchanged between the members.

## Mrs. Russell Burcham, Bride of Autumn, Is Honored

Mrs. Charles Young entertained at a lovely party Tuesday evening at the Lucy Hanes Chatham club house to honor Mrs. Russell Burcham, a bride of the late autumn, the former Miss Jane Womble, of Raleigh.

A color scheme of green, red and white combining the Christmas and bridal colors, was carried out in detail in the appointments of the club house and refreshment course. The nine small tables, where the guests were seated, were centered with white tapers in red holders, surrounded by sprays of holly. Miscellaneous games were enjoyed during the evening, with prizes going to Miss Lexie Cummings and Mrs. Hugh Brannon. The festivities were climaxed with group singing of Christmas carols, with Mrs. H. A. Rothrock playing the piano accompaniments.

Mrs. Burcham was presented with Madeira tea napkins as

guest of honor. Mrs. Kermit Mackie, another bride of the season, was given a crystal bowl, and Mrs. R. E. Burgess, of Fayetteville, an out-of-town guest, was also presented a piece of crystal.

A dessert course was served during the evening. The guest list included forty.

## Miss Abrams Is Bride of Abner L. Brown in Ceremony Friday

Miss Julia Abrams and Abner L. Brown were married in a pretty ceremony Friday evening at 6 o'clock at the home of the bridegroom's daughter, Mrs. C. L. Davis, and Mr. Davis, in Jonesville. Rev. L. B. Abernethy officiated, using the ring ceremony of the Methodist church.

An improvised altar was arranged in front of the mantel in the living room, which was banked with native evergreens and flanked with floor baskets of white gladioli and carnations. On either end of the mantel, which was covered with English ivy, were white tapers in silver candelabra.

Mrs. Roscoe Poplin, soloist, and Mrs. Ivory Johnson, pianist, rendered a program of nuptial music. Mrs. Johnson played "O Promise Me," and Mrs. Poplin sang "O Perfect Love." During the ceremony Mrs. Johnson played "Sweet Mystery of Life." The traditional wedding marches were used as the processional and recessional.

The bride and bridegroom were unattended, with the exception of Johnny Davis, young grandson of the bridegroom, who carried the ring in the heart of a Madonna lily.

The bride wore a becoming street length dress of rose beige moss crepe with accessories of blue. Her shoulder bouquet was of pink roses and lilies-of-the-valley.

Mrs. Brown is the daughter of Mrs. J. P. Abrams and the late Mr. Abrams, of Rutherfordton, and for several years has been a popular member of the nursing staff of Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital.

Mr. Brown is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brown, of Taylorsville, and is associate owner and manager of Brown Machine Company.

Following the ceremony the wedding guests, which included the immediate families, and a few close friends, were entertained at a reception by Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown left during the evening for a wedding trip to Florida, and upon their return will be at home in Jonesville.

## A New Brand

"What kind of cigarette is that?"  
"Baseball special."  
"There ain't no such brand."  
"Sure, there is. It was a grounder and I picked it up."

If all railway bridges in the U. S. were strung together, they would reach from San Diego, Calif., to St. Johns, Newfoundland.

# ARE TO SOLICIT CHRISTMAS AID

## Hi-Y Boys, Acting for Associated Charities, to Canvass Town

## SCOUTS COOPERATING

Within a few days a group of Hi-Y boys, authorized by the Associated Charities, will solicit merchandise and goods from business men and individuals for Christmas baskets for needy families. Those making contributions by check are asked to make the checks payable to H. B. Holcomb, treasurer. Cooperating with the Associated Charities are members of the Girl and Boy Scout troops. The girls are making Christmas stockings to be enclosed in the baskets and the boys will aid in the distribution of gifts.

It is requested that gifts which are wrapped ready for delivery have a card attached to designate the contents of the package, in order that it may be given where it can be best used and in order that it will not have to be re-wrapped.

Rev. Herman F. Duncan, president of the Associated Charities, expresses thanks to students and principals of the Elkin and Jonesville schools for their fine cooperation in assisting with the Christmas contributions.

# THE DOCTOR Tells the Story

by W. E. AUCHINBAUGH M.D.

## EPILEPSY

Cave men for many centuries suffered from "the falling sickness" as it was called, because its victims usually collapsed. Crude drawings on the sides of their primitive habitations verify this. The earliest writers on medicine repeatedly referred to this tragic illness and believed it was caused by the entrance of demons from the underworld into the bodies of men and women, which might only be driven from their human tenements by exorcism performed by a cleric. No nation, no race, no sex and no age has ever been free from this hideous infirmity.

It is unquestionably due to a spontaneous discharge of a motor nerve force and is characterized by periodic convulsive attacks on its victims, which vary in intensity and in duration. This week I attended a young married man who had been free from these attacks for ten years. A few days previous to his call he had been resting on the sand at a famous Atlantic coast bathing beach and had a spell lasting five or more minutes. While talking with me he had another attack. His grandfather and his father both had been subject to similar spells, as had other relatives on his father's side of the family.

There is another type known as Jacksonian epilepsy, so named after the brain surgeon who discovered it. It usually results from an injury to the skull which leaves scar tissue over the covering of the brain. By lifting the depressed bone, freeing the adhesions and removing the tumor, the patient usually is restored to normalcy. In the other type of epilepsy there is no organic change visible in the motor cells even under microscopic examination. Ordinarily victims of both types of this disorder know when an attack is coming on, because they have spots before their eyes, fullness and ringing in their ears, twitching of the muscles, especially those of the eyelids and mouth.

Many of the greatest men and women in the world have been epileptics, among them being Joan of Arc, Napoleon, Richelieu, Julius Caesar, Nero and many saints of both sexes.

In olden days leaves were applied to the foreheads of sufferers, then throw into the wind, which was supposed to carry away the devil causing the attack. Later primitive men made clay images, on which they outlined the seat of the illness, thereby transferring it to the statue.

St. John, the Evangelist, in the guise of a beggar asking alms, supposedly approached Edward the Confessor, who handed him some coins, in exchange for which the holy man gave him a ring, assuring the king it would cure all sufferers from this cause, provided they were touched with it. This mythical story was responsible for the so-called epilepsy cramp ring worn by thousands of victims of this malady.

The French used emerald set rings to prevent this scourge falling on them. Water, blessed and poured over the face as a prayer was repeated, was also reputed to be a sure cure. In the middle ages

epilepsy was considered contagious, and those upon whom it laid its oppressive hand were isolated in hospitals located on the outskirts of cities.

Numerous charms were sold which presumably possessed cur-

ative properties, but all of them were valueless. In some countries meaningless words, gibbered sentences, and incantations were supposed to work a cure. Today, recently discovered medicines, the venom from serpents, proper

foods, and mild exercise, do much to aid these sufferers, reducing the frequency and violence of the attacks.

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