

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

The Black Mountain News urges our readers to either mail, phone or bring in all news for this column you may have. We want all social events and visitors to your home published in this column.

Mrs. W. C. Greene is a patient at Mission Hospital, Asheville. Latest news from the hospital is that she is doing nicely.

Mrs. Richard C. Bryson and children, June and Sandra, from Fort Dix, N. J., are spending several weeks with Mrs. Bryson's mother, Mrs. Jesse Burnett on the Montreat Road.

Dr. L. C. Jumper is improving after having undergone an operation at the Mission Hospital, in Asheville a few days ago. His many friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Charlie Starnes of Asheville, who has recently been discharged from the Seabees, was dinner guest Monday of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Cunningham.

Miss Lois Ralston, Bedford, Ky., and Miss Margaret Ann Duncan, LaGrange, Ky. left Monday evening for their homes after spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Cunningham in Black Mountain.

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church met Tuesday evening in the Burnett Memorial Room of the Sunday School building. Mrs. Worth Cook, president, had charge of the meeting. The program was given by the Lucy Wright Circle, with Mrs. H. W. Baucom leading. The others taking part in the discussion were: Mrs. Pauline Arnold, Mrs. J. A. Marshburn and Mrs. N. E. Ver-

non. Mrs. Heber Peacock gave an inspiring devotion. The society decided to hold special meetings in observance of the Lottie Moon Day of Prayer in December, the dates to be announced later.

Designated Assistant Registrar At Moore

Captain George C. Hickman of 3501 Old Frederick Road, Baltimore, Md., son of Mrs. George W. Hickman of the same address, has been designated assistant registrar at Moore General Hospital, tropical disease center in Swannanoa, N. C., Col. Frank W. Wilson, commanding officer, announces.

Captain Hickman reported to Moore General from Camp Seibert, Ala., after two and a half years overseas as registrar and adjutant of the 60th Station Hospital in the Mediterranean Theater of Operation.

He enlisted December 5, 1939, and graduated from Medical Administrative School at Camp Berkeley, Tex., September 18, 1942.

He wears one battle star for the Rome-Arno campaign on his Mediterranean Theater ribbon; the American Theater Ribbon, Pearl Harbor Defense Ribbon; Good Conduct Ribbon; and Victory Medal.

Captain Hickman is an alumnus of Southern High School in Baltimore. In civilian life he was a painter.

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What does it all mean? For one thing, it means a continuation of the pleasant, progressive partnership of the people of North Carolina and the people of the Telephone Company. Telephone folks are happy to be a part of this vast program that will lend so much impetus to the state's own industrial and agricultural expansion plans. As we see it, the future beckons North Carolina with a busy, prosperous hand!

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NATURE STUDY

POTTER WASP

By MRS. THOS. S. SHARP

Do you know why these wasps with the long, slender waists from which the "wasp-like waist gets its name, are called "potter-wasps"? Visit the "Pot and Jug Shop" and look at the clay jugs. These wasps were the first pottery makers.

Where do these wasps get their damp clay? In the country they find it around pumps and kitchen drains, and often by streams. They roll balls of mud with their fore-feet, seige them with their jaws, and fly away.

Next spring look for the beginning of these clay nests. Notice what a wasp does with its wings while it is working with the mud. Also how long it takes for one to roll a lump as big as it can carry. Now, you may be able to find under the eaves of, or in, the garage or wood-house nests like a jug and about as large as the end of your little finger, possibly several of these built together. There are several kinds of mud-building wasps. Another makes a nest about the size and shape of a hen's egg, and builds on twigs and plant stems. The cells look like pencil holes drilled through the nests. Look for these deserted nests on twigs of trees and stalks of golden-rod. Still another kind makes long holes in some plant stems by eating out the peth. (They like to use the small sumac and the elder limbs). They divide the hole into cells by cross walls of mud or chips, and an egg is laid in each. Look for these now. If you should find pollen and honey in any of these cells it is probably the nest of a bee. If there are spiders and other insects, or if empty, it is a wasp's nest.

Wasps visit flowers, but this is to secure food for themselves, not to provide for their young. Their babies, like ours, must have a special kind of food. Have you ever noticed on your lawn heaps of dirt beside holes about the size of a little finger? Those holes were dug by the digger-wasp to be homes for their young. This wasp digs with its front feet like a dog. It goes down and brings up each piece of dirt. When the hole is deep enough the wasp closes it and flies off to get food for its baby, after the egg lays it there and "hatches out." The digger-wasp is steel blue with yellow legs. It is among the largest of all wasps.

The potter-wasp is a fine mason. Some are careless. They try to work too fast, and so their cells are not neatly made. They build one cell at a time, taking more than a day for each when well-built.

Would you like to know what goes on inside these cells? The babies must have food. They like best the pretty black and yellow field spider that has its web-trap set near the ground. The mother wasp will sit nearby, fliriting its wings—a habit common to all wasps and hornets. Wasps must be near-sighted or have poor vision for a motionless object is hard for them to distinguish. When the spider moves, the wasp attacks suddenly, landing on the spider's back and stinging it

probably before it is aware of danger. A wasp sting carries with it a very powerful anaesthetic that stupefies spiders and other prey, almost immediately.

(Have you ever been stung by a wasp? If so, I know that you are glad that you are not a spider, a cricket or a caterpillar—wasp food.) This comatose stage (stupor or sleep without feeling lasts for several days. (Has a surgeon ever had to "put you to sleep for an hour? You just feel sleepy, and then "before you know it," you wake up well!)

Next, the wasp closely holds the spider against her body by the middle and last pair of legs. She hurries with it to her cell and then flies off for another and another, usually three. Then she lays an egg on the last spider, closes her nest (cell) with clay, and flies away. She never has to think about that cell again. She has done all that a wasp-mother can do. The digger-wasp provides a cicado (cricket), a caterpillar, or spider for her baby, lay her egg closer the hole with dirt and a day or two the egg hatches, and leaves all to mother nature. In the little larva (grub, worm-like) starts working on the large store of provender provided by its thoughtful mother. It eats the legs of the spider first and the body last, so as to keep its food alive and fresh as long as possible. Don't forget that the spider has no feeling. The baby wasp grows rapidly. Then it spins a cocoon about itself and becomes a chrysalid or a pupa. (Learn all these words for you'll hear them later when we talk about butterflies and moths.) The change to the wasp stage may come in a few weeks or a few months, depending upon the season. Then the wasp bites its way out.

Wasps are friends of the farmers, the gardener and the home, and—the fisherman!

Have you ever wondered how bees and wasps select certain flowers? Their color-vision helps. Lord Avebury has told us that bees can distinguish all the colors and so can tell one flower from another; and that wasps are inferior to bees in color discrimination. That is a big word! Many of our soldiers envied bees. I am sure, when they were taking their "color tests."

Bees and ants can see two colors that we can not see—infrared and ultraviolet.

God, in His wonderful wisdom and presight, has given to each of his creatures just the instinct or the intelligence that he needs.

Shouldn't we love Him, thank Him daily, praise Him and follow and obey Him, in gratitude for His Fatherly care? Cut out for your Scrap Book.

MONTREAT NEWS

Mrs. J. K. Coit returned from Mission Hospital Saturday where she had been for a week under treatment. Rev. and Mrs. Armstrong assisted in bringing her home.

Dr. Claud Steen, wife and small son, Tad, have spent his furlough time in the Sloan cottage near the gate. Dr. Steen has been connected with Moore General Hospital, but has recently been convalescing from a case of pneumonia. They are now going to Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. Pierre Boy, who has been the guest of the Misses Rankin, has gone to be with Col. Boy, at Ft. Bragg, since he is definitely there.

Mrs. Hattie McMinn of Richmond, Va., is making her annual visit to Montreat and will spend a month in the Reynolds home.

Miss Lois Ellis, spent the past week-end in Due West, S. C.

Lt. Carlton Scott from Camp Croft, Spartanburg, S. C., spent Sunday here. He is a friend of Frances Walker, Senior College student.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Francis Griffith of Asheville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ennet Sunday. Mr. Griffith is director of the choir at the Central Methodist Church in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wingate, from Gastonia, came Saturday and brought with them Mr. and Mrs. John Neely, who wished to see the beauties of Montreat.

Improved Uniform International SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D. Of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Released by Western Newspaper Union.

Lesson for December 9

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THE CHRISTIAN'S PLACE IN THE LIFE OF HIS NATION (Temperance Lesson)

LESSON TEXT: Matt. 5:13-16, 43-48; I Peter 2:13-17. GOLDEN TEXT: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.—Psalm 133:12.

Men make up nations. Human beings in a land like ours determine by their interests and attitudes the direction in which the entire social order moves. That in turn determines what kind of government we have.

If the totalitarian philosophies have colored our thinking and caused us to forget the importance of the individual in the life of our nation, let us turn at once to the right view.

Particularly important is the bearing which individual Christians can and should have on our national life. We have tended to draw back and fall to use the power and position which we have by God's grace.

Nowhere does that show more than in our failure (perhaps one should say shameful failure) to bring Christian principles to bear upon the appalling liquor problem. This is temperance Sunday. Do not fail to stress that phase of Christian citizenship today.

How should Christians make their influence felt in the nation? By being what they ought to be and contributing to its life. Note these things in our lesson—the Christian gives:

I. Salt (Matt. 5:13).

We are the salt of the earth, and the pungent savor of Christ is to be evident in us as we touch life round about us—in the church, in the home, and in the nation.

True salt is antiseptic and purifying. It fights corruption wherever it is found. How effective the spiritually salty Christian and church should be against the corrupt political system, the liquor industry, vice and sin of all kinds. Have we lost our savor (v. 13)?

II. Light (Matt. 5:14-16).

A light is intended to give illumination to all round about it. It always does unless someone hides it under a cover, and then it becomes not only useless but dangerous.

A life lighted by faith in Christ will shine to the very ends of the earth and, as a missionary once said, "The light that shines farthest shines brightest at home."

We are the light of the world, but if we cover our light we deny the very essence of our natures. Here is no thought of proud or selfish display. Light does not shout about itself, it just shines.

Who will deny that there is need of some real spiritual light in some of the dark corners of our national life? Who is to shine in such places but you and me, fellow-believer?

Then, too, let us not forget that God has sent us out to light other lights. We can best serve our nation, and best meet the challenge of liquor by turning men to Christ.

That doesn't mean that we should neglect other "good works," but it is well to keep "first things first."

III. Love (Matt. 5:43-45).

"Love your enemies" (v. 44); that is the standard which Christ has established for His followers. While the love one has for the brethren is without doubt a more intimate relationship than the love one may have for an enemy, we must not seek to minimize the real love we should have even for those who curse and revile us.

It is to move us so deeply that we not only treat them kindly, but also pray for them. Humanly speaking such a thing is impossible, but in Christ it is not only possible, it has actually been demonstrated in life.

It is so easy for Christians to speak with derision that borders on hatred about "the devil's gang," and to lose all love for the crowd that hangs around the tavern and the gambling house. Let us hate their sin, but may God help us to show that we really love them.

Love will do more to reach the world for Christ, and more to direct our national life into right channels than any other influence we can bring to bear. Let us do all we can, but let us do it all in love.

IV. Loyalty (I Pet. 2:13-17).

The loyalty of the Christian to right authority should be glad and free, not by necessity or by coercion.

The believer will see in all men the image of God and will honor them even though he may not be able to respect or approve their way of life. The dignity and position of the individual is always recognized by Christianity.

The brotherhood of true believers should call forth a peculiar love. We need to renew that brotherly affection between believers.

Fear of God, that is, the desire to do His blessed will, shows itself in the best kind of citizenship. Government would serve itself well if it encouraged every effort to win its citizens to Christ.

HOLDS A RETREAT

Fifteen members of the Young Peoples Department of the Myers Park Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, N. C. held a retreat at

Assembly Inn over the week-end. They were supervised by Miss Eleanor Belk, Director of Religious Education in that church, and Mr. P. C. Henderson.



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