

Rambling Sketches Of Oak Grove News
By Mrs. William Wright

Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Randall and son, Keith, were Saturday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brice Smith and children Tommie and Kathy, of Clover, South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watterson and family had as their Sunday dinner guests Mr. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain and Mr. and Mrs. Culp Ford and daughter of Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Stokes Wright are announcing the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Amanda, in the Kings Mountain hospital January 22nd.

Mrs. Eugene Bell is a patient in the City Memorial hospital of Gastonia.

Mrs. Richard Spencer, Mrs. Edgar Bell and Mrs. Blanche Phillips spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Cramer McDaniel and daughter of Gastonia Wednesday.

Mrs. Cletus McCraver and Miss Annie Lee Wolfe of Bessemer City were Sunday afternoon visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stokes Wright and children, and Mrs. Laura Wolfe. Other visitors in the Wright home were Mr. and Mrs. Willard Boyles of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Meba Ware of Charlotte, Mrs. Frank Ware, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McGill of St. Luke and Mrs. Stella Ware of Kings Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bun Patterson of Patterson Grove were Sunday guests in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Horace Bell, Mr. Bell and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Lovelace, Juanita, Kenneth, and Arbradell Champion spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Patterson and children of Kings Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Boyles of Kings Mountain were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Randall and Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ware and daughter of Charlotte were Sunday afternoon visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spencer.

Messrs. F. O. Champion, Mal Spangler and Robert Morgan of



CONTEST WINNER — For having submitted the winning title of the 1952 Cooperative Essay Contest, John L. McCurry, a teacher in the Granville School of Caldwell County, has been awarded \$50. The contest is open to all rural high school students of the Carolinas and is sponsored by the Farmers Cooperative Exchange, the N. C. Cotton Growers Association, and the Carolina Cooperator Publishing Company.

Shelby, and Mr. J. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain met with the Men of Oak Grove church immediately after Sunday school Sunday morning to organize a Brotherhood. I hope the men will make a successful go of it. Mr. Champion is state president of the Brotherhood and also Brotherhood superintendent of Kings Mountain association. Officers elected: J. W. Watterson, president; Richard Spencer, membership vice president; J. S. Ware, activities vice president and choirster; Willard Boyles, program vice president; Stokes Wright, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Boyles entertained the Intermediate BTU group at their home in Kings Mountain Saturday night with a social. A very large crowd was present and all report a real nice time. At the close of the social nice refreshments plates were served by the hostess, Mrs. Boyles.

1951 Tourist Season Best In History

RALEIGH—The 1951 tourist season was the best in history for North Carolina's "Variety Vacationland", according to the State Advertising Division of the Dept. of Conservation and Development.

"Every check point showed an increase over 1950," said State Advertising Director Charles Parker, "and every indication points to an even bigger season in 1952."

Major check points at which accurate visitor counts are kept include the Blue Ridge Parkway, where 2,454,294 visitors were counted for an increase of 629,433; the Great Smoky Mountains National Park where the count was 1,979,208 for an increase of 204,943; the Cherokee Drama where attendance of 151,740 was up 44,600; the "Lost Colony" on Roanoke Island where attendance was 53,255, up 760; and Fort Raleigh, where attendance of 141,265 was 6,888 above that of 1950. Parker said that actual counts and estimates from mountains to coast indicated that 6,000,000 people took vacations or stopped over in the State on vacation tours during 1951, and that the tourist industry brought \$300,000,000 into North Carolina, to make it the State's third largest industry in dollar volume, exceeded only by the textile and tobacco industries in which North Carolina leads the world.

The State Advertising Director said that tourist industry is also North Carolina's fastest growing industry, having increased in value from approximately \$35,000,000 a year in 1937 when the State Advertising Program was launched.

The State Advertising Division's prediction of increased tourist business in 1952 is based on increased facilities for the accommodations of visitors and new attractions. Despite difficulties, new motor courts have been built on principal highways from the Outer Banks to the Great Smokies, and these are the favorite stopping places for today's highly mobile vacationists. New attractions include extension of highways to scenic points, notable among them being paving of the Blue Ridge Parkway through Craggy Gardens and into Asheville; the extension of the "Mile-High" spur into the Smokies from U. S. 19 at Soco Gap; extension of U. S. 158 from Nags Head to Oregon Inlet and addition to the paved highway on Hatteras Island, and new bridges and highways generally making travel easier to vacation objectives.

The spread of the five-day week with longer paid vacations and the growing trend toward two vacations a year—one in winter—is making North Carolina's tourist industry more nearly "Year Round" than ever before, Parker said, with the new emphasis placed both on the Mid-South golf and horse resorts and on hotels, motor courts and restaurants catering to stop-over business along main North-South highways.

Many industries are faced with the necessity of finding substitutes for solid nickel and nickel-clad materials for construction of processing and handling equipment. The substitution of nickel-plating conserves nickel, yet provides some corrosion protection with the use of less nickel.

Belk's Announces New Employees

Hilton Ruth, manager of Belk's Department Store released details this week of the new group insurance plan which has been made available for employees of the firm.

Under the new program each employee with one year of service will be given \$2,000 life insurance together with liberal hospital and surgical benefits. The hospital insurance consists of \$8.00 a day room allowance, \$60.00 for hospital extra charges and a surgical benefit schedule of \$150.00. The entire cost of this group insurance program is being borne by the firm with no contribution on the part of the employee.

The new Belk group insurance plan is a result of a consolidation of many different life and hospital plans which were carried under more than 30 different plans. After a thorough study of employee needs, it was decided that a consolidation and standardization of employee benefits would be most beneficial to Belk employees.

Under the new group program the life insurance coverage has been underwritten by the Security Life & Trust Company of Winston-Salem, while the hospital and surgical benefits have been underwritten by the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company of Boston, Massachusetts. These two insurance companies have worked together with the personnel of Belk Stores Insurance Department to make available to the various Belk stores a coverage for their employees.

Maaney Attends Conference

RALEIGH—Dr. Jacob P. Maaney, Veterinarian of Cleveland County attended the 14th annual conference for Veterinarians held at State College, Raleigh, January 22 through January 25.

This annual conference is sponsored by the N. C. State Veterinary Medical Association in cooperation with N. C. State College. The features of this meeting are the lectures and demonstrations by nationally recognized specialists in the field of veterinary medicine.

This year, Dr. Maaney saw a demonstration on bone surgery in small animals performed by Dr. Jacques Jenny of the University of Pennsylvania; heard the New York State mastitis control program described by Dr. H. G. Hodges, the supervising veterinarian; Dr. H. C. H. Kernkamp of the University of Minnesota presented new information and techniques in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases in swine. Other speakers included Dr. Thomas J. Jones, Dean of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia; Dr. E. J. Frick, Professor of Medicine and Surgery of Kansas Veterinary College; and various specialists in veterinary medicine of this state.

In addition to attending the special lectures and demonstrations, Dr. Maaney participated in the various group discussions held on various problems being encountered by veterinarians throughout North Carolina.

Dr. Maaney returned to Kings Mountain following the close of the conference Friday morning.

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