

BENSON NEWS

John Charles McNeill Book Club Has Associate Hostesses

Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mrs. Alfred Parker, Mrs. O. A. Barbour, and Mrs. D. O. Neighbors were associate hostesses to members of the John Charles McNeill Book Club, senior and additional guests when they entertained at a lawn picnic at the home of Mrs. Johnson on Wednesday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock. Mrs. Parlia Hudson, president of the club, held a brief session and Mrs. D. O. Neighbors conducted chaplain's exercises.

Guests were greeted on arrival by Mrs. O. A. Barbour and directed to the flower garden in the rear of the home where games and contests played resulted in prizes being awarded Mrs. Howard Denning, Mrs. Claude Dixon and Mrs. Evette Denning.

At the conclusion of the entertainment feature guests were conducted to the front lawn where tables laden with fried chicken and accessories were found and from which guests served themselves. Iced drinks and cake completed the menu.

Mrs. Claude Dixon, club member who was recently married here, was presented a gift of silver, the presentation being made by Mrs. Parlia Hudson.

The guest list included Mrs. J. H. Rose, Mrs. J. F. Woodall, Mrs. Parlia Hudson, Mrs. J. W. Whittenton, Mrs. Claude C. Canaday, Mrs. Claude Dixon, club members; and Mrs. Moses Peacock, Mrs. Atlee Johnson, Mrs. Wade Johnson, Mrs. Evette Denning, Mrs. Martha Jackson, Mrs. W. R. Denning, Mrs. Jesse McLamb, Mrs. Booker Lawhorn, Mrs. Howard Denning, Mrs. Hiram Rose, Mrs. J. B. Benton, Mrs. R. L. Smith, Mrs. Ed Johnson, Mrs. Larry Wood, Ms. W. O. Rackley, Mrs. Howard Benton, Misses Ernestine Johnson, Mae Ellen Johnson, Joan Neighbors, and from Whiteville, Mrs. Belton Thompson.

Miss Selma Johnson And Percival Jenns Wed August 23rd

Miss Selma Bright Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson, of Washington, D. C., and Percival A. Jenns, of Raleigh, were united in marriage Saturday afternoon, August 23, at 5:30 o'clock at The Macon, in Benson. Rev. J. F. Hamaker, Episcopal rector of Raleigh, officiated.

The lower floor of The Macon was decorated with pines, ferns, Southern smilax, white gladioli and white asters. The evergreens formed a background for an improvised altar at the foot of the stately stairway in the spacious hall and white pedestal baskets filled with blooms were placed at intervals among the greenery. Tall cathedral candles lighted the scene.

Miss Wilhelmina Utley of Benson presented a program of nuptial music. To the strains of the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin the bride descended the stairs and met the bridegroom at the altar where the vows were spoken in the presence of a small group of intimate friends. During the ceremony Miss Utley softly played "To A

Wild Rose."

The bride was attired in a costume suit of Pekin sheer wool with which she wore a chic feather trimmed hat. Her accessories were of brown and at her shoulder she wore an orchid. On her wrist she wore a 75-year old heirloom bracelet of old gold and onyx.

Before coming to Benson a year ago the bride had resided in Farmville for several years.

Mr. Jenns, an engineer with the North Carolina State Highway Survey Department, has been a resident of this state for the past twenty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenns have established residence at The Macon in Benson.

Mr. and Mrs. Denning Entertain Couple At Chicken Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. W. Evette Denning entertained at a chicken dinner Friday evening at their suburban home on the Benson-Dunn highway honoring Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dixon, whose marriage occurred here recently.

Mixed summer flowers attractively decorated the rooms of the home. A pink and white color scheme was carried out in the dining room with the dining table having as its centerpiece a lovely arrangement of white asters, fern, and delicate pink roses. Pink gladioli were used elsewhere in the dining room and living room.

The honor guests were presented a gift of silver.

Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Denning, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wood, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Denning.

Miss Della Grace Sorrell Compliments Sister At Party

Miss Della Grace Sorrell entertained at a party Tuesday afternoon in compliment to her sister, Miss Inez Sorrell.

Following the playing of games and contests the hostess, assisted by Miss Hettie Mae Clifton served an ice course.

The guest list included Misses Betty Jean Bryabt., Jean Johnson, Barbara Clifton, Gladys Clifton, Effie Della Johnson, Jewel Johnson, Doris Manning, Marion Norris, Annie Ruth Sorrell, Florine Norris, and Frank Johnson, Elmer D. Street, Randy Overby, Owen Hall, Jerry Miller, Edwin Manning and Sherrill Sorrell.

Miss Mildred Perkins Complimented

Mrs. Howard Benton and Miss Mable Johnson were associate hostesses Friday evening when they entertained at a dinner party at the La Belle hotel in compliment to Miss Mildred Perkins who on Saturday evening was married to Edward Clyde Spencer.

Mixed summer flowers were used decoratively in the lounge and dining room of the hotel. Centering the dining table was a massive arrangement of white asters, baby breath, and fern.

The honor guest was presented a gift of silver. Guests with the honoree were Mrs. George Crone and Mrs. J. T. Womble of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Jimmy Cavanaugh, Mrs. Leona Swinson, and Miss Margaret Grady of Goldsboro, Mrs. C. E. Kornegay, Mrs. Sam P. Wood,

and Mrs. Wilbur Perkins of Selma.

Hostess To Hi-Low Bridge Club

Mrs. Roy Kennemur was hostess to members of the Hi-Low Bridge club Monday evening.

Gladioli and zinnias were used as decoration in the living room of the apartment where guests assembled for play.

Miss Mary Smith compiled high score and was awarded the prize, a crystal flower container. Floating prize, dusting powder, was presented Mrs. Will Woodall.

Guests were Mrs. J. Dan Royster, Mrs. Ed Hill, Mrs. Will Woodall, Misses Mildred Benton, Leola Ryals, Louise Johnson, Blanche Farmer, and Mary Smith.

The hostess served coca cola during play and banana split at the conclusion of the games.

TEACHERS NAMED FOR BENSON

Benson, Sept 2.—Teacher personnel for the Benson school of which W. Jefferson Barefoot is superintendent has been completed for the coming school year which opens on Thursday, September 18th.

Additional space is being provided by the erection of a wing to the present school building. The new wing will house the Home Economics department, the school library, and two regular classes for home room work. Alterations and renovations in the old building include enlargement of class rooms and modernization of toilet facilities.

When school opens on September 18th an early schedule will be maintained for the first two or three weeks with the morning session beginning at 8:00 o'clock Daylight Saving time. The advanced opening hour is observed in order that pupils may assist with the farm chores after school lets out in the afternoon since several hundred pupils at the local school are members of farm families in the territory surrounding Benson. Seven buses transport about six hundred children from their homes as far away as twelve and fifteen miles to the local school.

Faculty members for the elementary school are Miss Erma Parker, Benson; Miss Leona Martin, Yadkinville; Miss Ina Warren, Salemburg; Miss Elsie Whitley, Bethel; Miss Evelyn Wilson, Wilson Mills; Mrs. R. Garland Vann, Benson; Mrs. Christine Grady Allen, Benson; Miss Louise Biggs, Raleigh; Miss Anna Wethington, Grifton; Miss Ruth Adams, Benson; Miss Louella Brown, Cullowhee; Miss Pansy Gaitley, Maxton; Miss Bernice Johnson, Willow Springs; Miss Vivian Buffalo, Goldsboro; Miss Carol Pollock, Trenton; Miss Martha Stillwell, Cullowhee; Miss Francis Parrish, Smithfield; Mrs. E. A. Joyner, Henderson; Mrs. Linda D. Futrell Pine Level; Mrs. D. T. Lunceford, Smithfield; Miss Priscilla Stuckey, Pikeville; for the high school R. Garland Vann, Benson; Miss Ina Mae Pearce, Micro; Mrs. Mary L. Johnson Woodall, Benson; Miss Sara Stevens, Raleigh; Miss Thelma Rollins, Hickory; Miss Very J. McBane, Mebane; and music, Miss Ethel Gaitley, Maxton.

Ninth Annual State-Wide Colored Singing Convention At Benson

Benson, Sept. 2.—The ninth annual State-wide Colored Singing Convention will be held in Benson Sunday, September 7th. Rev. Noah Stewart, president, announces that the program will begin at 10 o'clock Eastern Standard Time, and he anticipates a record-breaking attendance of not less than 10,000 visitors.

Three prizes will be awarded at the convention this year. The best choir, the best quartet, and the best group of gospel singers will receive a prize each. At the convention last year only two prizes were awarded, one to the best group of singers was won by a Chalybeate Springs organization led by Lonnie Monk; the other prize was given to the best quartet and was won by a group from Dunn, known as the Jubilee Singers. Addition of a prize for gospel singers this year is expected to create added interest. The gospel singing group from Benson will include Allena Dingle, Julia Robinson, Martha Langston, Annie Clark, Mary Bishop, Annie Belle Noble, and Alonzo Lee, Rev. Noah Stewart, Lonnie Barfield, and B. D. Davis.

Noah Stewart has been president of the colored singing convention since its organization nine years ago. Alonzo Lee has served as secretary and Preston Allen as manager. The convention will meet in a wooded area about one mile east of Benson on the land of Doc Barefoot.

Funeral Monday Afternoon For Bunyan Pleasant

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock from Hodges Chapel Free Will Baptist church near here for Bunyan Pleasant, 44, whose death occurred on Friday at his home in Tampa, Florida. Infantile paralysis was given as the cause of death. Rev. Charles S. Johnson, Free Will Baptist minister of Benson, and Rev. Steadman Davis of Benson, pastor of the Hodges Chapel church, conducted the rites which were largely attended.

Mr. Pleasant, who was a son of Mrs. Harriet Pleasant and the late Cornelius Pleasant of near Benson, was reared in his native community but moved to Florida in early manhood. He had pursued a successful business career there. Surviving are his mother, two brothers and four sisters: Malter of Roanoke Rapids, Jasper of Benson, Mrs. Jasper McLamb and Mrs. Andrew J. Wheeler of Benson, Mrs. Callie Rhodes of Durham, and Mrs. C. P. Haire of Erwin.

"Who are those people who are cheering?" asked the recruit as the soldiers marched to the train. "Those," replied the veteran, "are the people who are not going."

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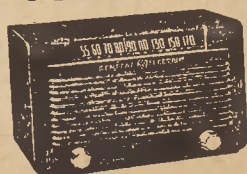
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