

In and Around Ernul

by Mrs. Alma Drake
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Miss Wanda Drake of Ernul who will be married on December 16, to William Shadie Toler of Caton was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower last Saturday night. The event was held in the fellowship building of the New Haven Free Will Baptist Church in Caton. Hostesses were Mrs. Jimmy Fulcher, Mrs. Garland Whitford, Mrs. McRay Whitford, Mrs. James Toler, and Mrs. Johnny Toler.

Games were played with prizes being presented to the winners. Mrs. Jimmy Jones won the door prize.

The refreshment table was covered with a green linen cloth overlaid with a white lace cloth. It was centered with an arrange-

ment of greenery and candles. Pimento cheese and chicken salad, sausage-cheese balls, potato chips, dip, salted nuts, cake, and fruit punch were served.

Among the 60 guests present were Mrs. Harold Drake and Mrs. James L. Toler, mothers of the bridal couple; and Mrs. Shadie Rowe of Blount's Creek, grandmother of Mr. Toler.

Rangerettes hold Christmas Party

The Rangerettes held their Christmas party Sunday December 9, at the Woodman Hall in Ernul. They had an installation service for the new officers.

They visited Mrs. Poss Ipock. Each one carried her a gift and sang "We Wish you a Merry Christmas." After this they returned to the WOW Hall and exchanged gifts and enjoyed refreshments of

Santa Clause apples, Christmas cookies, candy and Kool-aid.

Thank you notes were read from the Senior Citizens in appreciation for the clothes pin rocking chairs and flowers they received from the Rangerettes in November.

Mr. and Mrs. David Simpkins, Mrs. Ethelene Ipock, and Mrs. Irene

Morris were guests of Mrs. Lillian Simpkins.

Mrs. Peggy Fulcher is home recuperating from surgery.

Miss Claudia Taylor went shopping with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Drake Saturday afternoon. She attended Miss Wanda Drake's shower with Mrs. Alma Drake at Caton on Saturday night.



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A Letter from the City of Light

By J. L. Peterson, Jr.

[Ed. Note: J. L. Peterson, Jr. is studying and living in Paris, France this winter. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Peterson, Sr. of Vanceboro. This is the first of series of letters acquainting our readers with the City of Light, Paris.]

22 November 1979.

It's Thanksgiving Day, 1979--somewhere, that is, but not here. In the City of Light many Holidays are enjoyed in this country where 90% of the population are Roman Catholics. Many days of the Christian calendar are observed and saints' special feast days are honored in addition to the usual national holidays. There are many special days but "Thanksgiving Day" just doesn't happen to be one of them. In fact, the name doesn't even translate into the language.

There is no turkey to be found! No Butterballs, no turkey price wars, no special buffet luncheons not "prepared turkey, with all the trimmings delivered to your door" can be found. The best I could get was roast chicken, but I did not complain because

nowhere is roast chicken prepared better. True, it lacks something in the trimmings since yams are rare and cranberries do not grow here and are totally unknown. Pumpkin pie? Nope, not that either. But again, one does not suffer in a country whose pastries are famous all over the world.

Today it's cold in this city--as it seems always to be. At 7:45 p.m., I stand on the New Bridge. It's the oldest bridge still standing in Paris. It's called the New Bridge because its construction marked a new era when begun in 1578. It was the first bridge to be constructed of stone and in a completely new style. I watch as the evening traffic makes its way home just like any other day. It's later than our big city rush hours, since most offices and businesses here are open later. But rush hour is the same all over the world. Workers are hurrying home to a warm fireplace and dinner. The one thing I'm sure of today is that they won't be sitting down to turkey, and dressing, and pumpkin pie. Thanksgiving is not celebrated in the City of Light.

Ladies of Craven Meet

The Ladies of Craven Civitan Club held its regular meeting on Monday night December 3, at the Berne Restaurant in New Bern. Mrs. Andy Anderson, President opened the meeting and presided over the business. Ida Gibbs led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bessie Cherry, Chaplain gave the invocation. Jan Hill Sec. & Treas. called the roll and gave a report on the Sunshine Committee. Our honored guests were Shelia Moses and John Clark.

Alice Clark gave a report on a special business transaction. Andy Anderson gave a report on the Area 9 meeting in Kinston. Lorraine Ford also commented about the meeting.

Andy Anderson, president, presented Miss Wanda Drake Bride elect of December 16, with an electric blanket from the Ladies of Craven.

The Christmas Banquet will be held at the Berne Restaurant on Monday, December 17 at 7 p.m. Each member was asked to bring a ladies' gift and to have a gift for their guest. The cost of the meal will be \$4.00 for adults, \$2.50 per child.

A delicious meal consisting of Fried Chicken, string beans, corn, hush puppies, iced tea, coffee and soft drinks was enjoyed by everyone.

Andy Anderson led a discussion in different categories on fund raising projects.

Father Leslie W. Hewett was unable to attend but he sent a letter asking the Ladies to start planning for Clergy Week which is observed in February.

In Memory.....

Mr. Grover J. Hill, 72, retired electrician, died at his home on Buck Lane in Vanceboro Thursday morning.

The funeral service was conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Wilkerson Funeral Chapel in Vanceboro by Rev. Frank Moore, his pastor, the Rev. Conrad Hall, a former pastor, and Rev. Bobby Williams, Holiness minister of New Bern. Burial was in Celestial Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Hill was born and reared in Vanceboro and was a member of the Vanceboro Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ruth Mae Hill; a son, Delano Hill of Blairsville, Pennsylvania; five daughters: Mrs. Joe Dixon of Renton, Washington, Mrs. Robert L. Winkler of Woodland Hills, California, Mrs. Charles Benfield of Cary, Mrs. Carroll V. Willis Jr. of Raleigh, and Mrs. Bobby T. Williams of New Bern; a sister, Mrs. Durwood Bizzell of New Bern; three brothers: Guy Hill of Wake Forest, Henry Hill of Bridgeton and Edward Hill of Raleigh; twelve grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

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