

Cape Fear Garden Club Opens Season With Talk By Mr. Campbell, Designer

The Cape Fear Garden club, under the leadership of Mrs. J. Henry Gerdes as president, opened a new year yesterday with a meeting in St. James parish house with Walter E. Campbell of Greensboro, landscape designer, as guest speaker.

Prior to Mr. Campbell's talk, the club held a short business meeting with routine reports being given by the officers and chairmen of the club. Possibly the most interesting report was that made by the president who stated the club would hold its annual flower show, this will be the first show of the club since the war, and much interest was shown in this announcement. The show, to be staged here next April, will be under the chairmanship of Mrs. Arthur C. Diehl, who has in the past been responsible for very successful and beautiful shows.

Mrs. W. E. Curtis, treasurer, announced that the new year books had been mailed this week.

Mrs. J. B. Cranmer recording secretary, announced the state meeting of the board of directors of the North Carolina Garden club would be held in Raleigh today at the Carolina hotel. Two new members were voted into membership of the club, they were Mrs. E. B. Bugg and Mrs. William Head.

Mrs. Marie Frederick, New York representative of the Columbia Concerts, now in Wilmington working with the local membership campaign, made a short talk before the group.

Mrs. P. R. Smith, program chairman, urged members to attend meeting this year and to bring other members, who have not been attending all meetings in the past.

Mrs. Smith presented Mrs. Applewhite who introduced the speaker of the morning, Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Campbell, an outstanding landscape designer of North Carolina, spoke informally with the group on the problems of landscaping, giving many hints which will prove very worthwhile to persons who are planning to build a home, such as selecting a lot carefully, not for beauty alone, but soil, location, the type of trees on lot and many more helpful hints. Mr. Campbell illustrated his talk with a number of very interesting slides explaining the main points of landscape designing and selection of home site.

The Rev. Walter B. Freed, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, led the devotion.



SUIT ACCENTS . . . Our modish Gene lights up her brown duvety suit with a high knitted hat and handbag in tones of brown, gray and mulberry, and a jewelled clip.

★ WE, THE WOMEN

The Bridge Table---Death To Secrets

By RUTH MILLETT

It has finally been revealed that husbands of bridge-playing women were rejected for work on the atomic bomb.

Why? Because, according to Dr. Joseph C. Morris of Tulane University, who aided in the recruiting of workers, it was feared "the bridge-playing wife would worm the secret of her husband's job from him and then inadvertently let that secret slip out over the bridge table."

Is Keen

They were wise men who foresaw that potential threat to military secrecy.

For if private matters that should remain private ever come out anywhere—it is over the bridge table

when a bunch of women start trying to out-do each other in providing how much they know that the others don't know.

Competition for center of the stage in a strictly feminine gathering does something to women that makes them tell things they know they haven't any business telling.

A Matter of Pride

And it isn't hard to imagine that the wife of an atomic bomb worker—forced to listen during bridge game after bridge game to other women bragging about their husbands overseas—might one day weaken and say defiantly, "Well, George isn't in uniform but . . ." And then go on to impress the other women with the importance of George's civilian job.

For women just can't be bested at bridge-table gossip—and what a woman knows is fully as important to the enjoyment of the game as the cards she holds and how she plays them.

Schools Must Solve Problem Of Rising U. S. Divorce Rate

By FRANK FRAWLEY AP NEWSFEATURES

LOS ANGELES—America must look to its schools to solve the problem of increasing divorce, says Dr. Paul Popenoe, nationally recognized authority on domestic relations.

Schools can and should provide a thorough education for marriage, he says, but the chief difficulty is that "nobody is willing to take the initiative in finding a place for this education in our school curriculums."

"Administrators, generally, are from the old school of thought, and are unaware that the home pattern is being destroyed."

Dr. Popenoe, who founded the American Institute of Family Relations back in 1930, pointed to the mounting divorce rate in Los Angeles as an indication of the trend in marital relations.

For the first six months of this year, 17,488 marriage licenses were issued here and 15,216 divorce suits filed. The divorce rate: 87 per cent. Last year it was 84 per cent, and the year before 74 per cent.

When demobilization is completed, Dr. Popenoe believes, the divorce rate is quite likely to exceed that of marriages.

Divorce is on the increase everywhere except in South Carolina, where the state constitution forbids it. Parents, in failing to solve their own domestic problems, are disqualifying themselves as counselors for their children, and the churches, Popenoe points out, do not reach enough people.

"If other states want to reduce divorce," Popenoe advises, "they can do so, not by copying the constitutional prohibition of South Carolina, but by adopting an attitude which South Carolina does possess, an attitude of determined idealism, a belief that family life is so important as to justify a real effort for its success."

The schools, Popenoe declares, can inculcate this idealism, and provide education for marriage. Sex education is only a part of the program, but an important one. Pittsburgh's public and parochial schools, he said, provided voluntarily-enrolled classes in sex education, and four years later illegitimate pregnancies had been reduced 50 per cent.

There still is some discrimination, nationally, against married women teachers, but California, which once frowned upon them, now has as many married as single women in its schools. "And," Popenoe believes, "there are sufficient teachers of both sexes capable of preparing people for marriage."

Dr. Popenoe, a prolific writer on social biology and a lecturer at the University of Southern California, was asked by the Y.M.C.A. to write a booklet for service men and their wives on how to make the war strengthen their marriages.

More than 400,000 copies were circulated. This cautioning advice broadly sums up the problem:

"If you seek to attain individual happiness at the expense of the marriage, then the marriage will fail and you will suddenly discover that you have lost your only chance of real and complete happiness."

"If you are willing to sacrifice anything and everything else for the success of the marriage, then it will be a success, and you will discover that you have not had to sacrifice anything of value because, in your marriage, you will have found happiness."

"In attacking any problem, neither husband nor wife can afford to ask: 'What's in it for me?' The question is: 'Will this strengthen our marriage?'"

CLUB CLOCK

The Lydia class of the Sunset Park Baptist church will meet Friday evening at 7 o'clock at the home of Mrs. M. T. Solomon, 108 Ivy Drive.

The regular meeting of Rebekah degree IOOF will be held on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the Odd Fellows building. All visitors members of the degree are cordially invited.

District Nine, North Carolina State Nurses' association will hold the regular meeting on this afternoon at 4 o'clock o'clock in the Nurses' home of James Walker Memorial hospital.

The Service Mothers club will meet this afternoon at the Legion home, Third and Dock streets at 3:30 o'clock. Members are asked to note the change in time of meeting.

The Sewing Circle of the What-So-Ever Circle of the King's Daughters will hold an all day meeting at the home of Mrs. L. W. Davis in Sunset Park on Thursday, October 11.

Goldenrod chapter, No. 142, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold the regular meeting Thursday evening at 8:15 o'clock in the Masonic Temple.

The Private Duty Nurses will hold the regular meeting this afternoon at 3:15 James Walker Memorial hospital.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Trask of Beaufort, S. C., announce the birth of a son, Frederick Graham Trask, October 6, at Marion Sprunt annex.

State Symphony Orchestra Has 5-Point Program

What are the chief objectives in the expansion program of the North Carolina Symphony orchestra for which funds are now being raised by voluntary contributions from citizens all over the state?

Director Benjamin Swalin has outlined a five-point program for the orchestra, which is as follows:

1. To inspire the love of fine music in all people.
2. To expand the Symphony's services by giving an increasing number of concerts, free children's programs, and broadcasts.
3. To inaugurate a series of popular and industrial concerts.
4. To establish a permanent Symphony orchestra that will be a source of inspiration and joy to the people of our state and nation.
5. To open up a professional career for musicians, including returning service men and women of outstanding musical talent and ability.

The North Carolina Symphony has already achieved national recognition, as attested by a number of articles in magazines and newspapers.

One of the most important phases of the program has been the free concerts for school children. These programs have also provided talented children an opportunity to appear as soloists with the Orchestra.

More than 50 members and former members of the orchestra were in the armed forces. Three were killed in action. Despite these losses, 53 players from the state were regular members of the orchestra last spring.

"Since a large part of the world's greatest music has been written for Symphony orchestra, it is obvious that its cause is that of great music itself," Director Swalin says. "Plato, in his 'Republic', stated that, if one would give the Greek youth good music, he would recognize that which is handsome and that which is unhandsome. Aristotle spoke of the 'catharsis' or 'purging' value of good music. Paul Green, in his book, 'The Hawthorn Tree,' takes the thesis that—the higher the art, the more it ennobles; the lower, the more it degrades."

Junior Service Corps Of Fifth Street USO Entertains With Dance

The Junior Service Corps of the Fifth and Orange USO entertained service men and women with an elaborate birthday party and formal dance Saturday evening from 8 o'clock to midnight.

Those honored at the cutting of the October birthday cake were Pfc. James Rickert and Pfc. Charles McKenna and the following junior hostesses: Adel Lewandowski, Beatrice Malone, Margaret Hunt, and Mika Rogers.

Presiding at the coffee service was Mrs. Katherine Gray and at the birthday cake, Mrs. Frank Gurrell.

The beautiful building was tastefully decorated by Misses Opal Mincher and Virginia Nance with bamboo, cut-outs, and festoons of pink and green paper.

About a hundred guests joined in the dancing. Since the occasion was so successful, the service men requested that the club include in its program of activities a formal dance each week, so the hostesses have consented to inaugurate this feature.

Art Meeting Of Sorosis Is Planned

The Art department of North Carolina Sorosis will hold the first meeting of the season on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the clubhouse on North Third street. Speaker of the afternoon will be Mrs. Frank Gurrell, instructor of Arts and Crafts at the Fifth and Orange USO, will address the group on Arts and Crafts.

Officers of the department are Mrs. John Knox Ward, chairman; Mrs. J. H. Ferguson, vice-chairman; and Mrs. G. D. Greer, secretary.

Following the program a social hour will be held. Mrs. A. R. Willis, president of N. C. Sorosis will preside over the tea service and dainty refreshments will be served by ladies of the department. A musical program will be presented during the afternoon.

Music Club Meet Slated Thursday

The Thursday Morning Music club will hold the first meeting of the season tomorrow morning at St. James Great Hall. A meeting of the executive committee will be held at 10 o'clock.

Leaders of the morning are: Mrs. J. D. Edwards and Mrs. R. G. Grady. Mrs. B. H. Thomason will be accompanist.

The subject to be discussed will be Expression and Interpretation in Music.

Elizabeth Applewhite Appointed To Student Legislature At WCUNC

GREENSBORO, Oct. 9.—Ten upperclassmen and five freshmen have been named to the student legislature at The Woman's college. They represent the 15 residence halls in acting on regulations of the student government association.

New members are as follows: Misses Betty Gaines, Tarboro; Georgia Olive, Fayetteville; Betty Boston, Charlotte; Eva Griffith, Davidson; Jean Jernigan, Raleigh; Janet Gibson, Ridgewood, N. J.; Julia McLean, Winston-Salem; Marie Smith, Johnson City, Tenn.; Evelyn Griffin, Williamston; Elizabeth Applewhite, Wilmington; Nancy Romefelt, Glen Rock, N. J.; Yvonne Croom, Atlanta, Ga.; Sarah Allison, Nancy Funderburk and Martha Wells, Greensboro.

The first telephone in the White House was installed in 1880 when Rutherford B. Hayes was President.

Sorosis Business Meeting Called

A special called meeting of North Carolina Sorosis will be held Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the clubhouse on North Third street.

The purpose of the meeting will be to consider the purchase of a new piano for the club.

District P.-T. A. Session Slated

District Eight of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers will hold the regular meeting in Wilmington on Wednesday, October 17, in the New Hanover High school starting at 10 a. m.

The district officers are Mrs. B. T. Williams, director; Mrs. A. M. McCormick, co-director; Mrs. Morgan, district secretary; Mrs. Eddy, Winingham, southeastern district; and Mrs. E. N. Howell, state president, C. W. Phillips, Vice-president of the National Congress; Mrs. J. W. Burke, executive secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. J. S. Blair, field worker, will be present and have a part on the program.

The New Hanover County Council, of which Mrs. J. S. Crowley is president, will be hosts to the conference. All presidents of local units will serve on the hospitality committee. T. T. Hamilton, principal of New Hanover High school, will bring greetings, and Miss Maude Webber of the Bible department will give the devotional. Music will be by the Glee club under the supervision of Miss Sara Robinson.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Duncan Currie of Fayetteville, is visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Cooper at their home, 1701 Chestnut street.

1st. Lieut. Mary Nettles Corbett, Army Nurse Corps, arrived this week from Fort Bragg and is now on terminal leave at her home here. Lieut. Corbett served for 2 1/2 years in Australia, New Guinea and Leyte.

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Lieut. and Mrs. William Blair Dowdell of Wayne, Pa., announce the birth of a daughter, Cheryl Lynn, September 27 at Bryn Mawr hospital, Pa. Mrs. Dowdell is the former Evelyn Harrell of Burgaw, Lieut. Dowdell is now serving in the Pacific. He was formerly stationed in Wilmington at the Army Information-Filter center several years ago.

Community Concert Membership Campaign Proving Successful

The headquarters staff of the Community Concert association was busy throughout the day yesterday with the task of writing up many of the last minute renewals and numerous new membership as the two phones in headquarters were kept busy by interested members desiring to know more about the concerts to be given here this season and if there were still enough tickets available.

Season tickets will be available at headquarters, located in the parish house of St. James church all this week through Friday, but persons desiring to be sure of obtaining memberships are requested by the staff to get them as soon as possible as a final count will be made Friday evening before the membership drive closes at 9 o'clock. As in the past no single admissions are ever sold to any concert, you must be a member of the association to attend any recital, however tickets are transferrable and may be used by any member of the family or friend.

The telephone numbers at headquarters are 28551 and 28552, staff members are on duty from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. every day this week through Friday 9 p. m.

Among the artists that have appeared in Wilmington on the concert series in the past include: Nelson Eddy, Igor Gorin, Lansing Hatfield, Richard Crooks, Bruna Castagna, Anna Kaskas, Kathryn Meisle, Florence Kirk, Charles Kullman, Leonard Warren, Robert Weede, Walter Hautzig, Dalies Frantz, Rudolf Firkusney, Theodore Paxson, Albert Spalding, Mildred Dilling, and Dancers, Bary Ensemble, Norman Cordon and numerous others.

The association guarantees three concerts for the season by outstanding artists of the country. Remember, the drive closes this Friday, do not be one that is left out, there are only a limited number of tickets available, buy yours now and be sure of attending the season's programs.

Annual Group Conference Of Presbytery Set

The Woman's auxiliary of the First Presbyterian church in Wilmington will be hostess today to the annual group conference and Day of Prayer of District One of the Woman's auxiliary of the Wilmington Presbytery.

Registration will begin at 9:45 o'clock.

All ladies in the district are cordially invited to attend.

The program theme is: They went Forth . . . the Lord Working with Them, with special emphasis on every Christian—the Home, the Church—the Community and the World.

Those taking part on the program will be: Mrs. N. L. Foy, Wilmington; Mrs. R. C. Platt, Jr., of Wilmington; Mrs. Glasgow Hicks, Wilmington; Mrs. Andrew J. Howell, Wilmington; Mrs. J. M. Gregg, Wilmington; Miss Ada McMurphy, Wilmington; Mrs. F. M. Bain, Rosehill; Mrs. Dallas Cameron, Lake Waccamaw; Mrs. D. D. Clark, Clarkton; Mrs. C. E. Stevens, Council; and the 12 auxiliary presidents in District One.

Mrs. Sam Troy, Jr., and John Phiel will assist with the music. Luncheon will be served at the church.

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