

Personal Mention—Social Activities

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Local Affairs

Mrs. A. R. Smith, who was seriously injured in a fall at her home last Friday, was admitted to Watauga Hospital Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Winkler, Jr., are spending two weeks in Miami, Florida, with Mrs. W. R. Winkler, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Rogers and Mrs. Paul Edmisten were dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Shaffer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gragg and daughter, Margaret, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Rogers Monday evening.

Mrs. C. C. Farthing returned home last Wednesday after spending a week with her mother, Mrs. U. B. Jones in Raleigh.

Mrs. T. L. Mast of Lovell, who was seriously injured in a fall at her home last Wednesday, is a patient at Watauga Hospital.

Mrs. J. D. Council is on an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. R. H. DeVault, and Mr. DeVault in Bristol, Tennessee.

Mr. W. R. Winkler returned home Sunday after spending a month with Mrs. Winkler in Miami, Florida.

Mr. Robert Perry of Silverstone is spending the week with his daughter, Mrs. Vance Calloway and family.

Mrs. R. B. Porter, who is teaching school in Cherryville, spent the week end with Mr. Porter and Mrs. E. S. Coffey.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jenkins, Jr. of North Wilkesboro were week end guests of Major and Mrs. John H. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. McCracken and son, Jerry, spent the week end in Forest City with Mr. and Mrs. James Blanton.

Mr. Leonard Eury spent the week end in Bessemer City with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Eury.

Vee Fulbright and Paul Shook of Stony Point and Taylorsville were week end guests of Mrs. J. A. Idol of Boone, RFD 2.

Mr. Vilas Moody of Sherwood has returned home from Duke Hospital, much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ward and daughter, Mary, of Cleveland, Ohio, recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams at Sherwood.

Miss Peggy Lou Watson of Deep Gap spent Monday night with her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Idol, of Boone.

Miss Gladys Julia Brown has returned home from Providence, Rhode Island, after completing post graduate work in obstetrics at the Lying In Hospital.

Mrs. L. L. Bingham is recovering satisfactorily at her home in Boone after a minor operation and weekly treatments at a Johnson City, Tenn., hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Farthing accompanied Mrs. Farthing's uncle, Mr. Tom Hermon, of Valle Crucis to Duke Hospital last Wednesday for examinations.

Mr. Edgar Cooke, who underwent surgery at Watauga Hospital last week, is now recuperating at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Cooke.

Miss Ruth Farthing, teacher in the Shelby Junior High School in Shelby, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Farthing.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul DuPre and son, John, of North Wilkesboro spent Sunday with Mrs. M. P. Critcher and Mrs. M. B. Blackburn.

Mrs. Dean Carroll and Mr. and Mrs. George Browning of Rapid Dan, Virginia were week end visitors with Mrs. Carroll's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McGuire of Todd.

Miss Louise Taylor and Miss Marie Hart of Gaston Memorial Hospital in Gastonia spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. Bynum Taylor and Mrs. J. W. Whitehead.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cook and children, Patricia and Mike, of Bristol and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Cook of Lenoir were week end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Cook.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Moss of Fletcher, N. C., Sunday, a son, Walter Samuel Moss. Rev. and Mrs. Moss formerly lived in Boone, where he was pastor of the Methodist Church.

Sgt. Claude H. Ragan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ragan, is now stationed at the air force base, West Palm Beach, Fla. He re-enlisted, after having been discharged last October.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Agle and children, Mollie, Bobby, Jimmy, Richard and Bill, and Miss Billie Ann Hodges were in Gastonia Sunday for the funeral of Mrs. Agle's grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Louise Douglas, who died Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Eury in Bessemer City.

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MR. AND MRS. W. R. GRAHAM

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Graham Honored At Golden Wedding Anniversary

Westlake, Idaho—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Graham, long-time residents of the Westlake community enjoyed an event Sunday, Dec. 28, that comes to few people, the occasion being their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Members of their family honored Mr. and Mrs. Graham with an open-house reception conducted at the Graham home at Westlake. Many relatives and friends were present for the occasion and the honored couple received many lovely gifts and remembrances of their golden wedding anniversary.

Garden Club Hears Dr. Derrick

The Blue Ridge Garden Club held a luncheon meeting at the Daniel Boone Hotel January 14th. The club collect and poem "Trees" were read by Mrs. R. W. Watkins. The club voted to offer a \$100 prize this year to the person doing the most attractive planting, emphasizing the use of dogwood, along the model mile.

On account of its spectacular beauty in the spring and its red berries and varicolored leaves in the fall, dogwood is very popular, so much so that the General Assembly of 1941 adopted it as the "official flower of the state of North Carolina." Small trees are much more likely to live than larger ones. They grow faster and adapt themselves to the site more readily. Planting should be done when the soil is fairly dry and friable, so that it will sift down among the roots. It is quite important to make sure your tree is no deeper or shallower in the ground than it formerly grew. A mulch of partly rotted forest leaves should be placed around it.

Mrs. Frank Payne was appointed chairman of a committee to see that favors are furnished for the hospital trays on Sundays during February.

The president, Mrs. B. W. Stallings, introduced Dr. Ray Derrick who spoke on "The Conservation of Native Shrubs and Trees." He pointed out how important it is from both an economic and esthetic standpoint to preserve and propagate the beautiful Catawba or purple rhododendron, the carolinian or punktatium and the balsam which are threatened with extinction. The carolinian which, except for a few traces in Tennessee, is native only to North

Carolina should have special care and protection. The white pine, which has been called the "Queen of the Mountains," should be preserved and cultivated as a thing of beauty and a protection to our water sheds and soil. Dr. Derrick quoted the following from the general statutes of North Carolina: "No person, firm or corporation shall dig up, pull up or take from the land of another or from any public domain, the whole or any part of any trailing arbutus, American holly, white pine, red cedar, hemlock or other coniferous trees, or any flowering dogwood, any mountain laurel, any rhododendron, or any ground pine, or any Christmas greens, or any Judas tree, or any leucothea, or any agalea, without having in his possession a permit to dig up, pull up or take such plants, signed by the owner of such land or by his duly authorized agent. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars for each offense."

This problem may be approached in the following ways: Through the influence of clubs and organizations, by propagation and cultivation, by legislation and by education through the press and public schools. White pine seedlings may be secured through the T. V. A.

In conclusion Mr. Howard Williams, Watauga County Soil Conservation Supervisor, made some additional remarks in regard to soil conservation.

Mr. and Mrs. Reece Arledge of Mill Spring spent the week end with Mrs. Arledge's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Lynn Cook, who have been ill with flu. Miss Mildred Tunnell of Winston-Salem, also visited with them.

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Mr. Bingham is a graduate of Cove Creek High School and is now with the U. S. Army stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Yellow fever kills 41 in two Brazilian states.

An Eastern North Carolina farmer was the State's official corn champion in 1952 with a yield of 126.2 bushels on one acre.

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