

News About Clubs In Chowan County

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Come and play, come and sing,
Come ye old and young;
Mothers, Dads and little lads
Will join us in the fun.
Santa Claus is coming, too,
Regardless of the weather,
For Christmas is a happy time,
To play and sing together.

The Home Demonstration Club members throughout the county really got into the spirit of Christmas last week as they started their series of family get-togethers. The Rocky Hock and Beech Fork Club members and their families packed the little auditorium out at the Rocky Hock school last Wednesday night for their joint Christmas party. The pretty Christmas tree and the other gay decorations must have been well anchored as the group, adults as well as children joined in all the fun and frolic led by Shirley Harrell and Jackie Bunch. I was taking in two parties that night and was late getting there but heard they had some lovely music, which I was sorry to miss.

Over in the new Rocky Hock auditorium the Gum Pond families were

having a wonderful time singing Christmas carols and decorating human Christmas trees. (I didn't know just what it was all about and volunteered to be one). Miss Beulah Evans, who was directing the games, really had a bag full of tricks that night. Following the games everyone enjoyed exchanging gifts and eating their fill of good food.

Last Friday night the Enterprise Club members entertained their husbands with a delicious turkey dinner out at the Triangle Restaurant. Following the meal Mrs. Scott Harrell directed the group in playing a number of lively games which we all enjoyed, although we never knew what to expect next. If anyone would care to learn the "Charleston," I believe Mrs. Lloyd Bunch would be helpful. I heard there was quite a bit of other talent displayed later, which I was sorry to miss. However, I had to move on to another club party.

The Center Hill members and their husbands enjoyed a covered dish supper Friday night at the Center Hill Community House, followed by recreation, singing Christmas carols and exchanging gifts.

Monday night the Chowan ladies and their families gathered at the Chowan Community Building for supper and fun together. We were sorry a number of the members were unable to attend because of conflicts with other meetings. We all enjoyed the supper, playing "Musical Chairs,"

exchanging gifts and even washing dishes together.

The most important part of all these occasions is the enjoyment we get from doing things together as a family and the good fellowship with friends and neighbors.

THE VALUE OF A SMILE AT CHRISTMAS

It costs nothing, but creates much, it enriches those who receive, without impoverishing those who give. It happens in a flash and the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None are so rich they can get along without it and none so poor but are richer for its benefits.

Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is no earthly good to anybody 'til it is given away! And, if in the last minute rush of Christmas buying, someone should be too rushed to give you a smile—leave one of yours.

For nobody needs a smile so much as those who have none left to give.

Schedule
Oak Grove Club will have their

Christmas party on Friday night, December 18, at 6:30 at the Oak Grove Community Building. The Club members will exchange gifts.

Mrs. Inglis Fletcher Honor Guest At Tea

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McMullan poured tea. Acting as hostesses and assisting in serving refreshments were Mrs. David Holton, Mrs. R. F. Elliott, Mrs. Fred Wood and Mrs. R. N. Hines.

During the afternoon Mrs. Charles P. Wales honored Mrs. Fletcher with a delightful toast which she composed herself, in the form of a poem and including the title of each of the author's books.

Goodbyes were said by Mrs. Wood Privott.

Mrs. Fletcher was honored in Raleigh last week when she was awarded a Sir Walter Raleigh award for her Tar Heel literature through her series of historical novels dealing with North Carolina and colonial and revolutionary times. Mrs. Clara Booth

Byrd used a typical North Carolina expression when she presented the award to Mrs. Fletcher, introducing her as "Cousin Inglis."

At the same time the author was also elected president of the State Literary and Historical Association for a one-year term. She succeeds Dr. Frontis Johnston of Davidson.

Mrs. Fletcher, with her husband, John Fletcher, have been living at "Bandon Plantation" since 1944. Following publication of her first historical novel, "Raleigh's Eden" in 1940, the Fletchers considered purchasing a home near Edenton but none was available. While in California in 1944, a telegram advised them that Bandon property was available. A hurried long distance sale was made and after renovations got underway, the couple moved in with only a few rooms ready for occupancy. Since then the Fletchers have made a host of friends here as well as taken an active interest in the affairs of the community.

The remaining six novels of Mrs. Fletcher have been written at Bandon, where Mr. Fletcher contributes his

share by keeping her from being disturbed while in the midst of her writings. Following in sequence after Raleigh's Eden, Mrs. Fletcher has had published "Men of Albemarle," "Lusty Wind For Carolina," "The Toil of the Brave," "Roanoke Hundred," "Bennett's Welcome," and the last of the series "Queen's Gift," which was published in 1952.

Methodist Commission Will Meet Tonight

The Commission on Evangelism of the Methodist Church will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock at the church. This will be an important meeting in that it will have to do with a church-wide program for the next three months.

Members of the commission are Dr. A. F. Downum, Robert S. Marsh, Mrs. B. G. Willis, Mrs. Gerald James, Miss Linda Downum, Ben Browning, Miss Mamie Hogg, Gerald James and the pastor, the Rev. E. B. Edwards.

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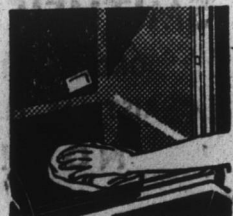
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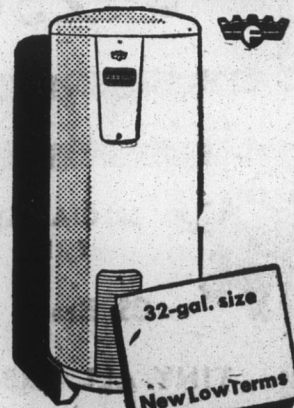
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