

CHARLOTTE Social Notes

BESSIE HARDY, SOCIAL EDITOR PHONE 3-1626

Mrs. Beattie Jamison of East First St. and Miss Francoe Sampson of East eighth St. have returned to the city from Salisbury where they have been visiting Mrs. Lelia Peake and daughter Myrtle.

The Kowpie Cousins Club met with Mrs. Lavonne Brown as hostess, at her home on South Graham Street last Saturday. New officers elected for the year were Mrs. Alice Anderson, president, Miss Venetta Grier, vice president, Mrs. Mary Houston, Sec'y, Miss Francoe Sampson, assistant sec'y, Mrs. Ruth Johnson, treasurer. Members of the club are Mesdames Inez Byers, Dorethea Williamson, Nell Sanders, Edmonia Saunders, Misses Zilla Ledbetter, Louise Harris, Marie Guest, Lenra Grier, and Lillian Rudisill. Bishop C. M. Grace better known to his followers as "Daddy Grace" was in the city over the week end. Bishop Grace will return again Xmas.

Miss Gertrude Nowell of East First Street is reported ill. We are hoping that Miss Nowell will soon be out again.

Earl Johnson of North Myers St. who has been confined to his home for quite some time was able to be out Sunday.

Mrs. Janie Brewer of South Myers St. spent last week in Atlanta, Ga. visiting her daughter Gladys, who is a student at Browning Home College.

Members of the Blue Ribbon club met Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Davidson on Boundary Street.

Mrs. Baxter Allen was hostess to members of the Idle Rich club Tuesday evening at her home on East First St. After the business part of the meeting was over, the hostess served a steak supper with coffee. Only members of the club were present.

The Silver Leaf club had their annual ball Wednesday evening at the Athenium Ball Room on Graham Street. Around 600 guests were present. Jimmie Gunn and his Dixie Serenaders rendered the music.

The colored Barbers Association met Tuesday night Dec. 5 at the Brevard St. Barber Shop. Officers elected were N. G. Edwards, president, R. D. Beckham vice president; G. M. Belton sec'y; J. M. Wade, ass't. sec'y; Robert Barber treasurer.

Elks Pride of Hoskins and Queen of Hoskins held their memorial service Sunday afternoon at Grace A.M.E. Zion church. The West Charlotte High school glee club and Grace church choir furnished the music. Clinton L. Lake is the exalted ruler of the Pride and Queen of Hoskins Lodge, Mrs. Hattie Stitt is the daughter ruler, and Miss Irma Kyle is Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hardy and daughter Marisetta motored to Winston-Salem Sunday to spend the day with relatives.

Mrs. Willie Mae Rudisill McKissick was the charming hostess to members of the Swastika club Wednesday evening, entertain-

ing them elaborately at her home on South Alexander St. Vases of flowers were arranged throughout the home. The evening was spent playing and Pokeno, after which a delicious Turkey Dinner was served.

Special guests were Mesdames Cora Diamond, Alexander Davis, Misses Grace Crawford, and Lillian Rudisill. Those winning prizes in Bridge were Miss Hattie Russell president of the club, and Mrs. Lillie Bell Blue. In Pokeno Mrs. Cora Diamond, and Miss Lillian Rudisill.

Mrs. Orlevia Akens entertained informally at a birthday party Friday evening at her home on East Second Street. Guests included a number of Miss Akens intimate friends. Games were enjoyed during the evening, and later Miss Creola Jones sang "When I grow to old to dream."

Mrs. Mary Bangum is ill at her home on Oliver Street.

The Tuesday evening Bridge club met with Mrs. A. Smith on East 7th Street Tuesday evening. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Brooks, and Miss Elizabeth Frazier.

Members of the Blue Bird club met with Miss Edna Morris Saturday afternoon at her home on Graham Street. Contract Bridge was played and prizes were won by Misses Hattie Russell, Shirley Williams, and Mrs. Wilma Williams.

'Million Dollar Wedding' Held

BY MAGGIE E. McMOORE ROCK HILL, S. C. — The Million Dollar Wedding sponsored by the alumni of Friendship College on last Tuesday evening was an overwhelming success, the sum of \$120.29 was raised from a capacity audience which crowded every inch of available space to witness the spectacle. The Wedding was given in an effort to raise money for the purpose of improving and renovating the buildings at Friendship College.

Twelve brides took part in the mammoth wedding, with Miss Carrie Barber winning first prize by raising the highest amount of money. Rev. Cureton, a student at Friendship College was the "groom" of the winning bride. Mrs. Susie Ferguson won second prize, and Mrs. Ethel Frazier was one of the chief sponsors of the occasion.

The alumni association is very grateful to all those who made the occasion such an outstanding success. The administration and student body of the College is happy that the efforts of the alumni were so outstandingly successful, and feel certain that such continued cooperation will make Friendship College a higher education center.

An Appeal To Reduce Infant Mortality

Did you know that 56 of the 100 counties in North Carolina had a lower infant mortality than Durham, and that 42 of the 48 states in the country had a lower death rate in infants than North Carolina? It is not very flattering, is it? However, it is true, and something must be done about it. Of every 1,000 babies born in the United States, 54 die during their first year, but in North Carolina, 65 die and in Durham 67 perish!

There are five possible reasons for the death of babies: 1 too few physicians, 2 inadequate hospitals, 3 insufficient health department, 4 poor health and general weakness of the people, and 5 ignorance and carelessness of parents. Let us examine these factors.

First, Durham County has 66 physicians in practice, in addition to an equal number at Duke Hospital, or one physician for every 700 people in Durham County, which is better than the national average, and nearly twice as high as the remainder of North Carolina in which the ratio is one physician to 1,284 of the population. The conclusion is that Durham has enough physicians to care for the people.

Second, what about the hospitals in Durham? The Watts Hospital has 225 beds, the McPherson Hospital 40 beds, the Lincoln Hospital 108 beds, the County Home Infirmary 20 beds and Duke Hospitals has 456 beds and will soon have 118 more, making a total of 962 beds, or one bed for every 90 people in Durham County! The national average is one approved hospital to every 292 of the population. Durham City and County also appropriate \$72,000 annually to pay part of the cost of Durham charity patients, and the Hospital Care and Hospital Savings Association make it possible for Durham self supporting people to provide for their hospital needs. The hospital facilities certainly are adequate.

Next the health department—Durham has a full time health officer, two full time and two part time county physicians, and thirty one nurses, sanitary inspectors, laboratory technicians, secretaries and clerks. In addition, there are nine free-maternity clinics and five syphilis clinics. In other words

Durham has adequate medical hospital and health facilities, and the people are of good constitution, therefore it would seem that the real reason for the high infant death rate is the fifth factor, namely that the parents of Durham are ignorant of the medical resources available or are too careless to use them. Regardless of the poverty of the patient, the Durham medical profession, the infant and maternity clinics, the health department, the county physician, and the Watts, Lincoln and Duke Hospitals can provide the necessary medical care and preventive measures, if the public is made aware of their necessity.

To use the old illustration, you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink. Durham has the water (the medical facilities), is trying to lead the horse (the public) to the water by these articles, but why won't the horse drink? Constant efforts will reduce the infant death rate. Fifty years ago many infants did not survive their first summer. For example, these three gravestones are in St. John's Churchyard: Frankie, Son of David E. and Mary L. Mumma, born April 24, 1877, died July 8 1877. Maggie, born May 27, 1876, died July 21, 1876. Johnnie A., born May 19, 1877. In North Carolina, during the last ten

years, the health department—Durham has a full time health officer, two full time and two part time county physicians, and thirty one nurses, sanitary inspectors, laboratory technicians, secretaries and clerks. In addition, there are nine free-maternity clinics and five syphilis clinics. In other words

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State Aiding Blind In Securing Guide Dogs

RALEIGH — Commenting today on the recent hoax which had college students and other groups throughout the state saving match covers for a little blind boy in Rocky Mount to get a guide dog, the Executive Secretary of the Commission for the Blind, Dr. Roma S. Cheek, said it shows both the fine sentiment of the general public and the advantage which may be taken of it.

Dr. Cheek said that while seemed to be only a cruel hoax, there are numerous groups and individuals collecting funds for the blind, or in the name of the blind, but never putting them to the use for which they are collected. Most of these have headquarters at the State and because of this situation the Legislature passed a law last spring requiring every outside organization or individual soliciting funds for the blind to be licensed by the State Commission for the Blind. Doctor Cheek urged that anyone confronted with any proposition to help the blind first write the Commission for the Blind in Raleigh to find out whether or not it is a legitimate endeavor.

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Raleigh Zetas Give Party

RALEIGH — "Around the World" in a Christmas spirit. So moved Raleigh Zetas on Thursday night in a "Round the World Christmas Scavenger Party."

The party really began in Messerve Halling Living Rooms at Shaw University where the magazines for the hospital, bundles for under privileged children were left and Christmas souvenirs given to each member. The souvenir baskets were filled with Christmas goodies. The regular opening procedure was followed while pledge Margaret Turner collected Christmas presents in a large basket.

The group moved on to the home Basileus Perrin there the business side of the meeting was completed and the guests served with cocktail while reports from the various committees and the Bicycle contest were recorded.

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