

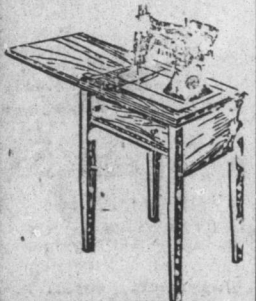
SMITH-LANIER
Mr. and Mrs. Merriman Davis Lanier of Lillington have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss DeLans Sue Lanier to John Robert Smith Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Portsmouth, Va. The wedding will take place in June.

Data compiled by the Department of Commerce show that concentration of industry, whether it be measured in terms of sales, assets or income, has decreased, not increased, over the past decade.

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STAGE EASTER PLAY—An Easter play, "The First Easter Dawn," was given Friday morning in Dunn High School Auditorium by Mrs. Ralph Maxwell's third period Bible class. Taking parts were, left to right: James Roland Dixon, Pat Lewis, Frank Kelly, Jennie Barbour, Franklin Giles, Howard White, Louis Surlis, Clarence Corbett, Stacy Johnson, Exum Kirby, Guyton Smith, Charles Dorman, Margaret Tart, Gary Hamilton, Rivanna Kennedy, Reba Altman, Thelma Ivey and Helen Godwin. Mrs. Maxwell, director, is shown at the extreme right. (Daily Record Photo by T. M. Stewart.)

New Trade Is Attracted To N. C. Variety Vacationland

Raleigh—New attractions, easier to get to, are greeting visitors to North Carolina's "Variety Vacationland" which set new travel records last year.

The Azalea Festival, ushering in April at historic Wilmington, sounded the cue for the march of spring from the Atlantic coast toward the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains at the other extreme of this 503-mile long state.

Full schedules featuring golf and horses are on at the Mid South resorts of Pinehurst, the winter golf capital selected as the site of next fall's Ryder Cup matches. Southern Pines, and Sedgewick, near Greensboro in the populous Piedmont, and at Tryon, whose thermal-belt location gives it the unique status of a year-round mountain resort. Pinehurst, which last fall had its earliest opening, is extending its 1951 season to June—the latest ever.

Record travel to the State in 1950—and expectations of an even greater year in 1951—prompted ex-

tenation of the North Carolina's coastal and mountain resort seasons into early spring to late autumn months.

More than 6 million visitors used national and state parks in the State in 1950—with more than 3 million of them visiting the unique Blue Ridge Parkway and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. These are the most popular of all the national parks.

New motor courts and guest homes have been added, increasing the State's popular-priced accommodations. Prices range from \$2 a night up in tourist homes and from \$3 up in motor courts and hotels. Rates range all the way up to \$32 a day, American plan, in luxury resorts.

North Carolinas stepped-up highway construction added 4,650 miles of paved roads to the State's 65,000-mile State highway system in 1950, and the million-dollar West Asheville bridge has been completed. This links the Blue Ridge Parkway closely to U. S. 19, leading directly to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Completion of the bridge to the Great Smoky Mountains followed opening of the newest link of the Parkway itself. This is a stretch north of Asheville, which runs through mile-high Craggy Gardens—with hundreds of acres of rhododendron, reaching blooming peak in late May and June—and affords direct access to the toll-free State highway leading to the

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a killing on defense contracts.

RFC — Informed sources said President Truman has told Donald S. Dawson, his personnel advisor, that he doesn't understand why Dawson hasn't accepted an invitation to tell Senate investigators what he knows about influence and favoritism in the Reconstruction Finance Corp. The Senate RFC subcommittee named Dawson in its scathing report on irregularities in the government lending agency.

Troops—Some Republican senators aimed barbs at top Army commanders, including some of the men who led the nation to victory in World War II. The critics are GOP members who have been most outspoken in blasting administration foreign policy. Their current targets are Defense Secretary George C. Marshall, wartime chief of staff, and Gen. Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and J. Lawton Collins, Army chief of staff.

crest of 6,684-foot Mt. Mitchell, highest in Eastern America.

NEW MOUNTAIN AREA
Outdoor enthusiasts who like nature in the rugged state will find a new mountain area near the Blue Ridge Parkway dedicated to them. This is the 7,600-acre Linville Gorge Wild Area, first such area to be set aside by the U. S. Forest Service in Eastern America.

The area, lying between Linville Mountain and Jonas Ridge, is reached by sporty N. C. Highway 105. This leads from Linville Falls, just off the Parkway, to the west side of the wild area, on along the mountain crest and across Lake James to Nebo, of U. S. 70 west of Morganton. Wiseman's View picnic area on N. C. 105 provides a spectacular panorama of Linville Gorge.

Official openings of beaches is in April and May, although in recent years the year-round appeal of the coast has meant that many facilities operate the year round. All beaches have reported new construction, additions and renovations for the new season.

At Nags Head in the northeast, which has several year-round hotels mid-April will signal the opening of others for the big rug of channel bass at nearby Oregon Inlet, marking the real start of the salt-water fishing season. The Nags Head Casino opened in March.

Atlantic Beach, near Morehead City and Beaufort, opens in late May. Numerous accommodations have been added both at the beach and at Morehead City.

Wrightsville and Carolina Beaches, near Wilmington, opened many

Off-Duty Club Has Dessert Bridge

Mrs. Mac Hamilton and Mrs. Harold Jernigan were guests at a dessert bridge when the Off-Duty bridge club met Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. H. A. Raeford.

Jonquills and pansies were used in decorating the home.

Upon arrival the group was served a salad plate and coffee.

After three progressions had been played and scores were tallied, Mrs. Felton Tart won club high prize and Mrs. John Green, consolation. Guest high went to Mrs. Hamilton.

Members present were: Mrs. Rodney Chestnut, Mrs. J. B. Lee, Mrs. W. E. Ryals, Mrs. Greene and Mrs. Tart.

Mrs. Allan Lee had as her guest during the weekend, Dr. and Mrs. Allan H. Lee and daughter, Sandra, Miss Jennie Lou Newbold of Raleigh, Miss Ann Hollowell of Hobbsville and Louis and James Lee.

Mrs. C. J. Carr had as her guest during the Easter holiday, her children, Paul Carr and family of Angier, Miss Maude Carr of Wilmington, Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Carr of Teachey and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Parker and son Len, Jr., of Norfolk, Va.

An "unsinkable" foldboat is the latest device developed to bring more pleasure to fishermen. The American Magazine says the portable 18-foot-long two-seater dismantles and packs in two bags that fit in a car trunk.

"Tuf-flex" tempered glass withstands temperature up to 450 degrees and is about five times stronger than ordinary plate glass.

LEE - LATTA

The marriage of Miss Katherine Hope Latta of Raleigh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Latta of Lillington, to Sanford Howard Lee of Pikeville took place Friday in the Harmony Baptist Church near Lillington. Mr. Lee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Lee of Pink Hill.

facilities early to provide for visitors to the fourth annual Azalea Festival, held this year March 28-April 1.

Orton Plantation, near Southport and one of the major showplaces of the Azalea Festival, now may be reached by an all-paved route. The last unpaved link of the River Road (N.C. 130, which leads off U. S. 17 five miles west of Wilmington), was paved last fall. Airline Gardens, north of Wilmington off U. S. 17, and Greenfield Lake and Park in the city limits, are other floral showplaces of the section.

High School Students Present Easter Pageant

A story of the Resurrection, "The First Easter Dawn," was presented Friday morning in the Dunn High School Auditorium by members of Mrs. Ralph Maxwell's 3rd period Bible class.

Leading characters in Act 1 of this drama, "Pilate's Audience Chamber," were Howard White, who played the part of Pilate, and Jennie Barbour, playing the part of Procula, Pilate's wife. Others in this act were Franklin Giles, a centurion; Pat Lewis, soldier; Frank Kelly, Nicodemus; Lewis Surlis, priest; James Roland Dixon,

Joseph of Arimathea.

"John's Home in Jerusalem" was the setting for Act II. The time was Saturday night before Christ rose on Sunday. Guyton Smith played the part of John; Charles Dorman, Cleopas; Exum Kirby, Andrew; Margaret Tart, Miriam; Rivanna Kennedy, Rhoda; Stacy Johnson, Peter; and Clarence Corbett, Mark.

Patsy Cromartie sang "The Holy City" between the second and third acts.

The climax of this drama took place early Sunday morning at the tomb of Jesus. Mary, the mother

of Jesus was portrayed by Reba Altman; Mary Magdalene by Helen Godwin and the Voice from the Tomb, Thelma Ivey. Exum Kirby was the Voice of Jesus.

"Low in the Grave He Lay" was sung by the High School Glee Club at the close of the program.

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Watson V. D. Investigator
Robert Watson of Elizabethtown has assumed new duties as venereal disease investigator for the Harnett County Health Department, it was announced here today by Dr. W. B. Hunter, county health officer.

He was assigned to Harnett by the State Board of Health and will serve both Harnett and Johnston counties.

His job is keeping check on all venereal disease cases and enforcing the law to see that all persons known to be infected take treatments as prescribed by law.

He will divide his time between the county health office in Lillington, the Dunn Health Center in Dunn and the Johnston County health office in Smithfield.

Balsam Harvest Brings Profit

RALEIGH, March 26—Two Madison County brothers have found a new and profitable use for idle land along creek and river banks, according to John E. Ford, assistant forester for the State College Extension Service.

William and Mack Rice of Route 4, Marshall, decided to plant balsam poplar—or balm-of-Gilead as it is called in the mountains—on a small piece of moist land running through their farm. The strip is about 10 feet wide and is located between the nearby road and a creek.

The brothers cut balsam poplar twigs several years ago and pushed them into the moist earth halfway between the creek and the road. These cuttings soon grew into small trees.

About two years ago the Rice brothers topped the trees and picked off the buds. The buds brought 65 cents a pound from a local herb dealer, who sells them to a medicinal supply house. An aromatic resin which covers balm-of-Gilead buds is used in making certain medicines.

Topping the balsam poplars caused them to sprout and become bushy, thus furnishing still more buds for the next harvest. Now the brothers are getting ready to harvest the new crop which they expect to sell at a price of 85 cents or more per pound.

The extension forester says balsam poplar grows well in the mountain section, especially in the area from Madison to Watauga counties. While many farmers in the area have harvested the buds for sale, few have made use of their idle land to grow the trees for commercial purposes, Ford believes.

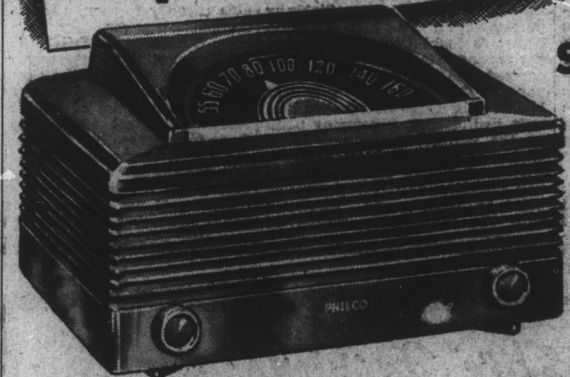
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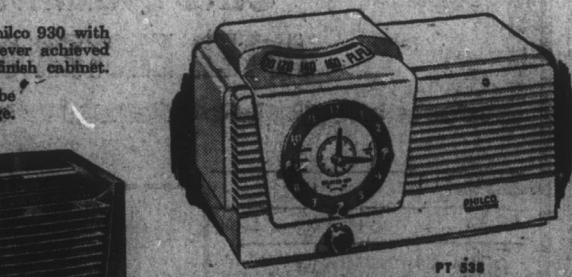
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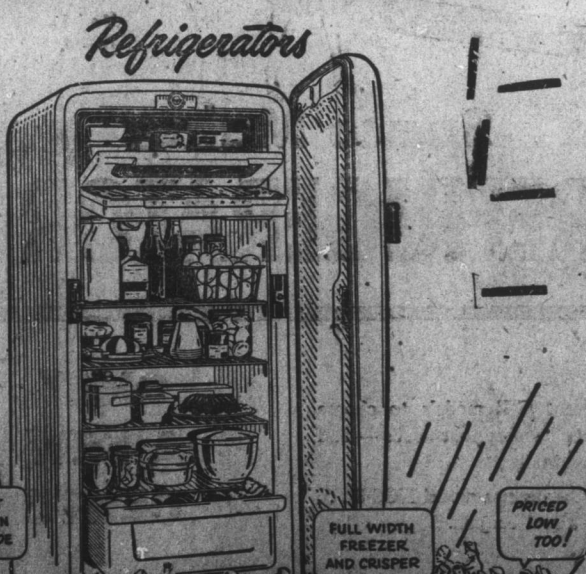


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