

# Lillington Social Happenings

**VISIT SISTER**  
Mrs. Maude E. Harris of Norfolk and Mrs. Lucy Insold of Fayetteville spent several days here recently with her sister, Mrs. J. R. Baggett. Mrs. Harris returned to her home on Monday.

**IN DUKE HOSPITAL**  
Mrs. L. C. Bulley of Bule's Creek is a patient in Duke University Hospital in Durham.

**BROTHER DIES**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts have been called to Jamestown, New York by the death of Mrs. Roberts' brother, Marvin. Neathery, Mr. Neathery, a native of Granville County, died on Saturday in Jamestown where he had lived for many years. Accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Roberts to Jamestown were his other sisters, Mrs. Lambert Morris of Atlantic and Mrs. Broughton Waller of Durham.

**NEW DRUGGIST**  
Noah Simpson, a native of Glen Alpine is the new druggist for the Lafayette Drug Company in Lillington. He was graduated in 1953 from the School of Pharmacy of the University of North Carolina and following his graduation had been employed in a drug store in Spindale. Prior to entering pharmacy school he had served several years in the U. S. Navy. He is married to the former Miss Betty Leonard, also of Glen Alpine, who is a niece of Frazarman, R. B. Leonard. For the present, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson are making their home with the Leonards pending the erection of a new house which is being built for them near the teahouse by the drug store owner, A. D. Johnson.

**BACK FROM KANSAS**  
Frank Lewis returned on the week end from a seven day stay in Wichita, Kansas where he attended a special training school in heating and air conditioning sponsored by the Coleman Furnace Company. Lewis was selected to attend the school by the company's distributors in Charlotte and made the trip to and from Kansas by plane. While there he inspected the factory, met the company founder

32 year old W. C. Coleman and attended daily classes.

**AT LOVINGS**  
Mrs. Hank De Court of Washington, D. C. arrived on the week end to spend the remainder of the week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Loving. Mrs. De Court is the former Miss Dot Loving.

## Eastern Star Holds Installation Rites

Lillington's newly painted Masonic Hall was the setting for the formal installation on Tuesday night of the officers of the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Families and friends of the officers and a number of out-of-town members of the same order from Lumberton and Raleigh were present for the ceremony, the order's one public service of the year. Mrs. George Souders was installed as worthy matron and Mr. Souders as worthy patron. They succeeded Mrs. A. J. Jackson and Malcolm Fowler in the same respective positions.

Mr. and Mrs. George Farley of Lumberton, who instituted the chapter nearly ten years ago, served as installing officers. Mrs. Iva Johnson Sloan was the installing marshal, and Mrs. L. C. Pinnix the installing organist.

Beautiful arrangements of yellow and white flowers represented by jonquils, sprays and pompons interspersed with red quince decorated the hall and formed an attractive setting for the ceremony. A special musical number, "The Lord's Prayer," sung by Mrs. Harold Smith was dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Harley. The Rev. Claude Graham of Raleigh pastor of Harmony Baptist Church and pastor of the new worthy matron led in prayer.

Mrs. N. R. Sessoms presented the past worthy matrons jewel to Mrs. Jackson, and Mr. Sessoms made the representation of the past worthy patron's pin to Malcolm Fowler. Both retiring officers made brief acceptance speeches and thanked the chapter members for cooperation given in their terms of office.

Refreshments of punch, cakes and salted nuts were served following the installation. A silver punch bowl was encircled with deep rose carnations and the fruit punch was also rose in color. Decorated cakes were in green and white. Mrs. Iva Sloan and Miss Margaret Shaw headed the committee in charge of refreshments and decorations for the refreshment table. A variety of other committees assisted them in other phases of the installation.

Mrs. W. D. Harrington of Broadway, Route 1 and her sister, Mrs. Lena Harrington McFarland of Pinhurst, were dinner guests on Tuesday of Mrs. Lizzie Kelly.

Mrs. J. Stanly Byrd of Bunnlevel, who underwent a heart operation last Thursday at Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, is reported to be recuperating very successfully following the surgery. She is the wife of one of Harnett County's new rural police officers.

Mrs. J. C. Byrd of Bunnlevel and Mrs. Alta Melvin of Lincolnton returned home on Tuesday night from a sight seeing trip to New Orleans. They went South by way of Georgia and Alabama and returned by Mississippi and Tennessee to Asheville and Mrs. David A. Fierce of Asheville and Mrs. Claude Sexton of Florence. S. C. daughters of Mrs. Melvin, accompanied them on the same journey.

Mrs. W. A. Johnson and son, Glenn, went to Raleigh on Wednesday to visit Mrs. Johnson's aunt, Miss Virginia Marshbanks who is a patient at Rex Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Kelly have returned from Greensboro where they were the week end guests of their daughter, Mrs. V. C. Hodges. They went to Greensboro with their granddaughter, Miss Sarah Kelly, who was the week end guest of Miss Sara Hatley at Womans College.

**TO FUNERAL**  
Mrs. Caviness Brown has returned from Newton where she attended the funeral on Sunday of Mrs. Ralph Corpening, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moss, Sr. and Joe, also attended same the funeral. Mrs. Corpening was the sister-in-law of Mrs. Brown and the mother of Edward Corpening, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Moss.

**AT WHITES**  
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. White have as their guest, Mr. White's brother, George O. White and daughter, Mrs. William Galloway and sons, Davie and George, of Chatanooga, Tenn.

Little Miss Elizabeth Hood of Fayetteville arrived yesterday to spend two days here with her grandmother, Mrs. B. P. Gentry. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Hood.

**TO FETE BRIDE**  
Mrs. Archie Woodworth will entertain at a bridge party on next Tuesday night at her home complimentary to Mrs. A. M. Bullik, the former Miss Jean McKay.

**TO UNIONTOWN**  
Miss Dorothy Secrest is spending the spring holiday in Uniontown, Pa. as the guest of her Duke University roommate, Miss Barbara Sangston, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Russell D. Sangston. The two Duke girls left Durham last Thursday by plane. They stopped for a brief visit in Washington, D. C. with Hoyle D. Secrest, father of the Lillington student, before going to Uniontown.

**SPRING HOLIDAYS**  
Four Lillington students, who are enrolled at Womans College of F. N. C. at Greensboro, arrived home on the week end to spend the spring holiday at their respective homes. They are Addys Henry Baggett,



**JAYCEES IN THE MAKING** — Lillington young business men are planning the organization of a Junior Chamber of Commerce. This is the group which turned out for the first discussion on the project. An organizational meeting was also held at the courthouse on Monday night. Young men reading from left to right at the table are: Commie Gainey, Sam Mann, Robert Chaffin, Thomas R. Brown, Jr., Worth Lee Byrd, and on the right side: Robert L. McDonald, W. F. Poythress, Jr., E. Gibson Crews, Kenneth Faucett, and Buddy Gregory. Standing are: Joe Tom Long, Norman Suttles of the Dunn Jaycees Club, Neil Ray Johnson, Lillington; Roy Lowe, president, Dunn Jaycees; James Roberts, and Hubert Peay. Young men 21 to 35 are eligible for membership. (Photo by T. M. Stewart)

## Lillington Seniors Will Present Play

The Lillington Senior Class will present "Call Me Darling," a three act comedy by James Stone on Friday, April 2, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. Admission charges will be twenty five cents for children and fifty cents for adults.

Eight senior girls and four senior boys make up the cast. Characters, with their stage names listed first are as follows: Smitty, Fadiné Byrd; Mary Jane, Pat Woodley; Mom Haskins, Ann Johnson; Aunt Annie, Nellie Brown; Virginia Gregg, Sarah Kelly; Pamela Payne, Polly Coleman; Billy Haskins, Earl Johnson; Neely, Marion Phelley; Pop Haskins, Marion Byrd; Mrs. J. Francis Hamilton, Elizabeth Latta; Lorelle Hamilton, Annie Jackson;

Frances Louise Atkins, Grace Gastineau and Sara Hatley. They are among the more than 2400 students at W.C. who have a holiday extending to April 5.

Duke University students have the same holiday, March 28 to April 5. Home from Duke are Veva Caviness and Mary George Kelly.

Mildred Clayton and Sharon Turlington, students at Meredith College will begin their spring holidays on Wednesday.

Laura Mae Edwards will come from Wake Forest on April 2 for a four day holiday.

Reba John White, student at St. Mary's School and Junior College, is also at home for her spring holiday.

**IN HOSPITAL**  
Mrs. J. A. Redfern is a patient at Watts Hospital in Durham. Her daughter, Mrs. J. Grady Johnson visited her on Monday there.

**WEEK END GUEST**  
Miss Elizabeth Chandler of Wilson, former member of the Lillington faculty, was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gouglas. Miss Chandler was accompanied to Lillington by Miss Carolyn Dees, twin sister of Miss Gladys Dees, member of the Lillington teacher and spent the week end at the teahouse. Miss Chandler was also a luncheon guest there on Saturday.

**TO FESTIVAL**  
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Spears, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hudson and sons, Miss Jane Granford, Miss Frances Louise Atkins, and Patrolman Heiman Ward were among the Lillington people attending the Azalea Festival in Wilmington on the week end.

**VISIT MOTHER**  
Miss Judy Fontenbacher of Charlotte spent the week end here with her mother, Mrs. Julian Fontenbacher at the Lillington teahouse.

**FROM FAYETTEVILLE**  
Connor Bradley of Fayetteville was the week end guest of his mother, Mrs. Bets Bradley.

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and Mr. Chalmers, Angus Strickland.

Actions of the comedy takes place in the Haskins home in the town of Ann Arbor, U.S.A. The family is all in a dither because they are expecting at any moment the return of their only son, Billy, who through his heroic exploits during a shipwreck has become a national hero. He brings with him his pal, Neceley, who is mistaken for the hero. There are other complications, the robbery of a filling station, an elopement, and a publicity contest.

Marion Phelley who urges all to "Call Me Darling" will play the leading role. Between acts there will be a variety of musical numbers. Margaret Coats will sing "You Call Everbody Darling." David Pinnix will play a piano solo and a quartet of senior boys, Jack Long, Wayne Colman, Harold Stewart and Cyrus Stewart will sing.

Miss Belle Hockaday, senior sponsor, is coaching the play and rehearsals are being held nightly.

## Benson News

**SPECIAL SERVICES**  
Special pre-Easter revival services will be held at the Benson Methodist church beginning on Sunday, April 4 and continuing through Sunday, April 11.

Dr. R. H. Sales, faculty member of the School of Religion at Duke University, Durham, will be the guest minister.

Services will be held each evening throughout the week.

**DINNER PARTY**  
Mrs. Ed Johnson varied the usual procedure of entertaining members of the John Charles McNeil Book Club, junior at a dinner party at home when she took the group of twelve ladies to the Village Inn at Cameron Village, Raleigh on Friday evening for a dinner party.

Ushered to a table gaily decorated with spring flowers the guests were served a course dinner.

Attending were Mrs. Wade Johnson, Mrs. Brad McLamb, Mrs. Howard Denning, Mrs. Roy Smith, Mrs. Marshall Woodall, Mrs. Roy Medina, Mrs. Evert Denning, Mrs. Booker Lawton, Mrs. Ralph Whittington, Mrs. Hiram Rose, and Miss Vera Turlington.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cameron and Mrs. Anna Thornton of near Benson spent the weekend in Portsmouth, Va. with Mrs. Thornton's granddaughter, Mrs. Netral Parker, formerly of Erwin.

Mrs. Roy Smith, Mrs. Vianle Smith, Mrs. Roy Medina, and Mrs. Hugh Flowers, Jr. spent last Thursday in Goldsboro.

Mrs. Graham Cagle, Nancy and

Connie Cagle spent Sunday here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Almon Rackley of Wallace spent Monday here with her sister, Mrs. Allen Johnson and her brother, Zeb V. Stephenson, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Woodall and Mr. and Mrs. Will Woodall spent a while Sunday at Laurel Lake.

J. C. Woodall has returned to his home near Benson after receiving treatment at Johnston Memorial Hospital, Smithfield, for several days.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Boren, III, of Richmond, Va. spent the week end here with Mrs. Boren's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Denning.

C. C. Canaday, Sr. is a patient in Johnston Memorial Hospital, Smithfield where he is receiving treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Denning of near Benson spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Hardee in Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Cecil Farlow of Sophia, after a three weeks visit here with her daughter, Mrs. John Greesh Cagle, returned home Sunday with Mr. Farlow and Mrs. Catherine Farlow Andrews of Mount Gilead, who spent Saturday and Sunday here with the Cagles.

Mrs. Hunter Denning spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Miller Patterson, in Fayetteville.

Dr. and Mrs. Davis of the Rocky Mount Conservatory of Music in Rocky Mount visited Mr. and Mrs. Mack Overby during the week end. They accompanied Randy Overby home following his visit with them when plans were made for Randy to enter the Conservatory in June.

Neil Creech Cagle returned to his home here Saturday after a three weeks visit with relatives near High Point.

Mrs. J. W. Whittenton, who has been ill at her home here for the past few weeks, is much improved.

Clarence Britt, resident of Benson, who has been associated with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad in Dunn for many years, is improving following a serious operation undergone last week at Johnston Memorial Hospital, Smithfield.

In exercises held at the Georgia Military Academy at College Park, Ga. on March 15, Cadet Sergeant First Class Don Johnson, son of Mrs. Ware Johnson of Benson was advanced to Cadet Second Lieutenant.

Miss Bunny Lynn Morgan of Benson, member of the senior class at Meredith College, Raleigh, is one of the leading members of the 50-member College Folk Dance Club at the college. She participated in the eleventh annual Spring Dance Contest held at the college on Saturday evening, March 20.

Miss Morgan is a daughter of

## Parker Services

### To Be Wednesday

Carl Franklin Parker, 52, automobile mechanic of Washington, N. C. died while driving his car Monday afternoon at 2:50 p. m. He had had a heart condition for the past year.

He was born in Johnston County, son of Iuanna Thornton Parker and the late Young B. Parker. He had been making his home in Washington for the past 15 years. He was married to the former Wenia Mae Pollard of Johnston County, who survives.

He was a member of Banners Chapel Advent Church and a member of Tau Tribe 18, Improved Order of Red Men, and was a past Sachem of Tau Tribe.

Survivors beside his wife and mother are: one son, Thomas F. Parker of Washington, N. C.; three daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Lindsay of Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Alva Crisp of Washington, N. C.; eight grandchildren; four brothers, Lester D. Parker and James Parker of Baltimore, Md., Elton Parker of Benson, George L. Parker of Washington, N. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Irene Martin and Mrs. M. W. Hudson both of Dunn.

Funeral services will be held at the First Christian Church Wednesday morning at 10:30 conducted by the Rev. Raymond Alexander, assisted by Vernon McGehee. Burial will follow in the Banner Chapel Church Cemetery at Benson Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Graveside services will be in charge of the Rev. John W. Smith. Members of Tau Tribe 18 will have charge of the graveside rites and furnish pallbearers.

**MR. LEWIS DIES**  
Hardy B. Lewis, 70, died at the home of a son in Roanoke Rapids early Sunday morning. Among the survivors is one brother, Roscoe Lewis of near Dunn.

**WASHINGTON** — There were 62 executions by civil authorities last year, the lowest figure since the Federal Prison Bureau began compiling statistics in 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse T. Morgan.

Gadet A. T. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Telt Johnson, and Cadet 2nd Lt. Don Johnson, son of Mrs. Wade Johnson, arrived in air last week end to spend spring holidays here with their parents.

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For the purpose of nominating or recommending candidates for the various offices of the county and State, as follows: Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Five County Commissioners, Surveyor, House of Representative, and Senate, Coroner, County Executive Committee, and Candidates for Constable and Justices of the Peace for each township, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the convention.

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