

# BENSON SOCIETY

## 76th Birthday Celebrated By A. E. Surlis Sunday

All the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Surlis assembled Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Surlis near Benson, to celebrate the 76th birthday of A. E. Surlis. When all had gathered about the bounteous spread at noon, the invocation was said by Rev. H. O. Lanning after which the twin granddaughters of the honoree, Linda and Brenda Surlis, sang "Happy Birthday."

Members of the immediate family attending were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Surlis, Mr. and Mrs. Quesada V. Moore, Mrs. Dorothy Moore Simpson, Quesada V. Moore, Jr., Miss Betty Moore, and Walton Warren of Smithfield; Leut. and Mrs. Raeford Dixon and children of Fort Bragg; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Edward Whittington and children of Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. Harold

Woodall and children of Selma; Mr. and Mrs. David Surlis and children of Fayetteville; Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Surlis and children of Angier; Miss Faye Surlis, Linda and Brenda, Robert, Billy, and Larry Surlis of Barclayville; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Whittington; Mrs. Elgie S. Woodall, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodall, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Whittington, all of Benson.

Many friends and relatives of the community and nearby towns called during the day.

Mrs. Horace Ryals and Mrs. C. C. Canaday, Jr. spent Tuesday in Parkton with Mrs. David Parnell. Mrs. Ed Johnson, who had been visiting Mrs. Parnell, returned home with Mrs. Ryals and Mrs. Canaday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Parker had as guests during the week end Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Allen, relatives, of Durham.



ALFRED PARKER, JR. who arrived at his home in Benson after serving four years in the U. S. Navy.

A hospital mate 2-c, he arrived home Sunday after receiving his discharge in San Diego April 30. Upon being discharged, the young Benson man purchased a car and went alone on a 10,000 mile sight-seeing tour through the western states. He visited 4 national parks, the Grand Canyon, Mt. Ranier, Death Valley and many other interesting places. He traveled up the west coast to Washington, and then crossed into Canada, continuing on to the east coast.

Parkton poured lime ice. Serving nuts and green and white party sandwiches were Misses Kay Francis Ryals, Doris Faye Carroll, Marian Jones, and Della Brady of Benson and Miss Margaret Stafford of Fayetteville.

Throughout the calling hours recordings of bridal music in soft tones were heard.

Mrs. Leslie Smith said goodbye to the 150 friends who called.

## Bride-Elect Given Party In Benson

Miss Rosalyn Harris, member of the Benson school faculty, whose engagement to Preston Ryals of Benson was recently announced was the honor guest at a party given Thursday evening by Mrs. Archie Penny at her suburban home. Roses and arrangements of Dutch lilies and fever few decorated the attractive Penny home on the Raleigh highway.

On arrival Miss Harris was presented a corsage of white carnations and later was presented a hostess gift of china in her chosen pattern.

During a period of entertainment the hostess gave a mirth-provoking reading portraying a lover asking the father for the hand of his bride-to-be. A series of games followed including bridal bingo. Quite as a surprise to the bride-elect was the shower of miscellaneous gifts presented to her, among them being a weekend bag filled with additional useful gifts.

Attending with Miss Harris were Mrs. O. A. Barbour, Mrs. Milton Allen, Gloria and Maurilla Allen, Mrs. Jamie Penny, Carolyn and Andy Penny, Mrs. E. Dallas Langdon, Mrs. Ernest McLamb, Mrs. J. G. Dixon, Mrs. R. Garland Vann, Mrs. Joe Moore, Jr., Miss Sophia White, and Miss Melba Langdon.

The hostess served ice cream and cake squares iced in white and green nuptial colors and decorated with lilies of the valley.

## Girls Meet With Mrs. M. Woodall

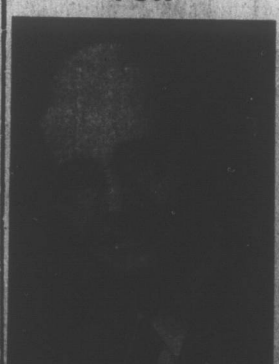
The Virginia Highfill Girls' Auxiliary of the Baptist Church met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Marshall Woodall with twenty-one members present.

Diane Overby, president, called the meeting to order with the group repeating in unison the G. A. watchword and Allegiance and then singing the G. A. Hymn, "We've a Story To Tell" after which Camille Levinson led the group in prayer. Pat Tripp, secretary, called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting and Carol Levinson, treasurer, took up the collection and gave the treasurer's report. A report was made on the G. A. rally at Mount Moriah church near Garner on Friday evening, May 14, and at which several members of the local G. A. appeared on the program.

Mrs. Woodall introduced the subject "What Does Rich Mean?" explaining to the girls the responsibility of possessions and that there are many things which money cannot buy. Susan Wood told the story of Old King Midas and Brenda Johnson told the story of kind heart and the benevolence of the world's largest manufacturer of cheese, J. L. Kraft. Bobbie Woodall read "Sarah Lou's First Tithe," and Mrs. Woodall told the story of "Virginia Brown's Quarter." The program was concluded with the group singing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

During the social hour a discussion was held concerning the G. A. summer camp in Fruitland, N. C., which it is anticipated a large number of Benson girls will attend.

## VOTE FOR



GEORGE ARTHUR JACKSON as CONSTABLE for AVERASBORO TOWNSHIP

## Miss McLamb Wed To Randy Goodman

Miss Meta McLamb, daughter of Mrs. I. B. McLamb of Benson and the late Mr. McLamb became the bride of Randy Goodman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goodman of Dunn on Saturday, April 17, in Dillon, S. C. The vows were pledged before Judge Travis Ford of that city.

The bride wore for the ceremony a cielo blue suit, navy accessories, and a corsage of Sweetheart roses at her shoulder. She is a 1953 graduate of Benson High school. The bridegroom is a graduate of Lunn high school and expects to enter military service shortly. At present the young couple will live in Benson.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Utley presented a group of her Four Oaks music students in a program of entertainment at the county council dinner meeting of the Johnston County Parent-Teachers Association in the Wilson Mills school auditorium last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. P. T. George spent the week end with Mrs. Fred Lee in lower Johnston County.

Mrs. Winnie Smith and Miss Neta Turlington spent Sunday with Miss Clara Woodall in Smithfield.

Miss Margaret Stafford of Fayetteville visited friends here Saturday.

Mrs. Will Woodall and son, spent Tuesday in Fayetteville with Mrs. Keith George.

Arriving by air during the week-end were Miss Agnes Bonds of Washington, D. C. and her cousin, Miss Jean Francis of San Antonio, Texas, who will spend some time here visiting Miss Bond's brother, S-Sgt. W. A. (Doc) Bonds and Mrs. Bonds.

Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Whittenton of Zebulon spent Sunday here with Mrs. J. W. Whittenton.

Dr. and Mrs. DeWitt Woodall and children visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Jimmy Wilson is spending several weeks with relatives and friends in Long Island and Manhattan.

Mrs. Marshall Woodall, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Tom Lassiter of Smithfield, spent Tuesday in Fayetteville with relatives.

Mrs. Connie M. Lee will leave Friday evening for Washington, D. C. where she will visit her niece, Mrs. R. F. Copenhafer for a few days after which she will go to Newark, New Jersey to visit

# Cinemascope 'Robe' Cost \$5,000,000 With Rome, Jerusalem, Capri Shown

In the very beginning there was only the book — "The Robe," and eight paintings by famed artist Dean Cornwell who had visualized some of the great moments in the final film. Gaspis of awe involuntarily escaped from visiting spectators when they glimpsed the barren hill with its three crosses starkly silhouetted against the 650-foot panoramic background that shows Jerusalem and the surrounding hills and valleys.

These same visitors could wander through the streets and catacombs of first century Rome and the byways of Jerusalem that were extended through eight of the studio's 16 sound stages as well as 60 percent of the 30-acre backlot. These stages required twice the candlepower to light than was used in the actual city of Rome at the time of the story.

Whereas the Calvary set inspired a respectful and thoughtful silence, the setting for a Roman bath and adjacent tavern brought out a wolley of exclamation on the modernity; the sets of the ancient slave market and the summer palace of Tiberius on the Isle of Capri drew exclamations of praise-worthy comment, but it remained for the Emperor Caligula's palace in Rome to overwhelm them with its magnificence.

So massive and beautiful was this set that even with the 650

people that were employed on it, it seemed no more crowded than a summer resort in mid-January. Two hundred twenty-five feet long and ninety-five wide, it was a mass of marble walls, heavy candelabra, columns and multi-colored draperies. At the south end was the throne area with the throne an exact replica of the original in the famed Paris Louvre Museum.

Everything about and including "The Robe" has the handmade look. Wardrobes for the thousands in the cast were either of hand-woven fabrics dyed in ancient processes or faded to irreproducible shades; sculptors, woodcarvers, jewelers, cosmeticians worked eagerly to make the actors "genuine" Roman citizens.

Behind the cameras to record these efforts in the new screen process was 3-time Academy Award winner, Leon Shamroy, noted for his color photography. Cinemascope makes possible the feeling of participation — goal of the earliest Greek dramatists, and the new stereophonic sound, enabling vibrations to come from the exact point of origin, contributes further to the lifelike vitality of the film.

The sum total of the efforts expended for "The Robe" gives proof that the motion picture is a collaborative art requiring the perfect blending of the efforts and talents of thousands.

## V-O-T-E

FOR

- Good, Clean Law Enforcement
- A Man With Proven Experience
- An Honest Man With No Strings Attached

VOTE FOR

# O.R. PEARCE FOR SHERIFF

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