

**Social and Personal**

The Halloween party given at the Parish house by Donald Ellis to the children of Biltmore was a most attractive affair. The decoration of autumn branches and pumpkin lanterns was most effective. The stage in the large hall was made to resemble a corn field through which the rising moon appeared and showed in relief an eerie owl. A large eagle fluttered overhead with some field rodent in his talons, which made a very realistic picture. Miss Maude Waddell decorated and took charge of the party for the children, who were Misses Jane and Marguerite Ericson, Josephine and Jack Carr, Ella and Grace McClain, Lina Ellis, Charlie Lipe, and Robbie Porter, Donald Ellis, Swain Ellis, John Brookshire, Fife Ellis, Albert Hamilton and Carson Ellis.

Miss Rebecca Cushman entertained last evening with a Halloween party at her home in Arden. The party was delightfully informal and the number of guests enjoyed the affair immensely. The guests were Miss Georgia Hankin, Miss Betty Siles, Miss Agnes Carter, Miss Susannah Wymore, Miss Katherine Moran, Messrs. Curtis Bynum, Grier, Harper, Thomas Marsh and Edward Marsh.

Miss Nellie Marian Boykin having completed her prescribed three years course of study and practice in the training school for nurses at the Clarence Barker hospital, was the latter part of the week given her diploma and hospital pin. Miss Boykin has made a fine record as an efficient and capable nurse. The presentation was made by Dr. S. Westray Battle, medical director of the hospital.

An interesting meeting was held at the Parish house, Biltmore, during the week. There were several addresses made the subject of which being the missionary work of the Episcopal church, by Bishop Knight of Cuba, Mrs. F. Pickens Bacon, president of the auxiliary of the district of Asheville, and by Mrs. Thomas Wetmore of Arden.

At All Souls church, Biltmore, this afternoon, the music will be especially interesting. Some of the solos, choruses and duets from Mendelssohn's Elijah will be sung under the direction of Mr. Harker, Mrs. Westfall, Mrs. Harker, Mr. Sikeleather and Dr. Hinger and the soloists. The evening service is at 5 o'clock.

The junior and senior Philathea classes will entertain Monday evening with a Halloween party given for the junior and senior Barcon classes of the Ora street Presbyterian church. The party will begin at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. R. F. Campbell gave a reception Friday, the last of several given during the month. Miss Ruby March received the guests as they entered. Mrs. Campbell assisted by Mrs. Little, Miss Marcia Burbank, Miss Marsh and several of the younger girls, received the guests in the drawing room. Mrs. William A. Wood and Mrs. Louis Everhart served tea and coffee in the dining room. There were over a hundred guests.

The masquerade Halloween dance at the Hillside convent last evening was a most charming affair and will be long remembered by the students. The party was given by the students of last year for those of this year, and in all there were about ninety present, and from their seats of honor, enjoyed the merrymaking of the younger people. The costumes were beautiful and original and each character was well represented. At half after nine o'clock the guests unmasked. The small children were invited to the party also and played games for which various prizes were offered, until bedtime, which came at ten o'clock. The three large rooms of the lower floor were thrown together, and the floors waxed making an excellent ball room. After the guests unmasked many Halloween games were played and the usual "bobbing for apples," etc. Later refreshments were served, ending a most successful and enjoyable party. The verandahs were illuminated with Japanese lanterns, used in the interior decorations, which were otherwise of autumn leaves and the blue and fawn convent colors in flags and pennants.

Mrs. R. C. Allen entertained the Friday Five Hundred club at the Elton, Friday evening. There were

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part of the week, will be of interest to many Asheville people. Miss Lucas is a strikingly handsome girl and with her brother, Mr. Russell Lucas, spent a part of the summer at the Battery Park hotel and has frequently visited Asheville, where she is well known. The following is from a New York exchange, which also published a likeness of Miss Lucas. "Guests at a luncheon given at the Hotel Astor by Mrs. Arnyln Franklin Lucas, of Charlotte, N. C., who intended to announce before it was over the engagement of her daughter, Miss Richmond Lucas, to Ensign Harry Hildebrandt Forgas, U. S. N., were about as much surprised as was Mrs. Lucas when a clergyman stepped from behind a screen in the room and performed the marriage ceremony then and there. No one except Miss Lucas, Ensign Forgas and the clergyman the Rev. Dr. Joseph Rushton, assistant rector of St. Timothy's Episcopal church in West 27th street, had the slightest idea that they would witness a marriage ceremony. That they had this unusual experience at an engagement luncheon was due to the fact that the battleship Idaho, to which Ensign Forgas is assigned, is to leave the League Island navy yard, Philadelphia, soon for the Mediterranean. Half an hour after the ceremony, Ensign Forgas had to run for a train and get back to his ship. When after the unexpected wedding, his mother-in-law caught her breath, she said her daughter would probably go to some Mediterranean port and meet her husband when the Idaho touches there. Ensign Forgas and Miss Lucas met for the first time four years ago in Philadelphia. The ensign was graduated from the Naval academy in 1908. He and Miss Lucas decided some months ago they would be married. They had not intended to announce the engagement for some time, but a few days ago the Idaho received her orders for the Mediterranean. Mrs. Lucas thought a luncheon at which an announcement of the engagement would be made before the steaming of the Idaho, would be the right thing.

There will be communion service this morning at Central Methodist church and in place of the usual sermon, there will be a musical service. Guenod's "Send Out Thy Light" and during the offertory, "A New Heaven and Earth," from Gault's Holy City will be sung. Mr. Burnett Jordan will be the soloist and will on this occasion sing for the last time publicly in Asheville. During communion, the choir, will sing the Lord's Prayer, a Sanctus and a Gloria in Excelsis. In the evening the music will be sung by a male quartette.

The Strollers will give a farewell supper tomorrow evening in honor of Mr. Burnett Jordan, who organized and steered their craft to success during the last several years. Mr. Jordan has been prominent in matters artistic in Asheville and has given a large portion of his time to the musical life and work of the

five card tables and the evening was very pleasant. Refreshments were served. Those present were Miss Mangus, Miss Davis, the Misses Watkins, Mrs. James Rickett, Mrs. John Clarke, Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. Marck, Mrs. Allen, Col. Cozard, Mr. Elmore, Mr. Steadman, Mr. Owen, Mr. Max, Mr. Lutz, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Cohn and others.

Miss Marie Smathers will entertain at her residence in Haywood street with a Halloween party Monday evening. A number of invitations have been issued.

The Pen and Plate club held a most interesting meeting Thursday evening at the Battery Park hotel. Dinner was served in the private dining room after which Dr. W. L. Dunn read a comprehensive essay on "Perjury in connection with the law, courts, tax matters, etc. Various members of the club responded. There were quite a large number of members present at the monthly meeting.

The following account of the marriage of Miss Richmond Lucas of Charlotte, which occurred under rather romantic and unusual circumstances at the Hotel Astor the latter

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