

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Miss Mary Barber entertained last evening at a dinner party at the Battery Park hotel in honor of Miss Margaret Mary Smith, of Worcester, Mass., England, who is the guest of Miss Florence Griffith Miller at her residence on Montford avenue. Covers were laid for twelve and after dinner the guests enjoyed the dance given by the management of the hotel.

Miss Elizabeth Kent, who is spending the vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kent at their home on Chestnut street, will be hostess at a card party this afternoon at which a number of her young school friends will be the guests.

A number of the young ladies of the city have arranged a Leap Year dance to be given this evening at the Masonic temple from 9 o'clock until 12 o'clock. This is the first of a number of such parties being planned during the winter.

A dance will be given this evening in the Recreation hall at Oteen hospital for the soldiers stationed there. Mrs. O. C. Hamilton will be among the chaperons for the affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Warlick entertained a few friends on New Year's eve with a watch party and candy pulling at their residence, 30 South French Broad avenue. Late in the evening refreshments were served. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Green, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Treadway, Miss Elmer Willson, Miss Bonnie Smith, Miss Rosella Curtis and Master Willie Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Smith have issued announcements of the marriage of their daughter, Miss Era Ruth Smith, to Mr. Laurin James Bennett. The marriage ceremony took place on December 27 at Kernersville. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett are at home at 28 Victoria place, this city.

Miss Christine Memminger entertains with a small tea this afternoon at the Piping Hot tea house.

The New Year's ball given last evening at the Battery Park hotel proved one of the most enjoyable dances given at the hotel in some time. A large gathering of the college set and the younger social set of Asheville were present for the affair which was the most enjoyable. Several dinner parties preceded the affair.

There will be a called meeting of the alumnae and former students of the North Carolina college for women, at the home of Miss Margaret Wiley, 239 Montford avenue at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. This meeting is called for the purpose of organization, by Miss Ethel Ballinger, state alumnae secretary, and a full attendance is desired.

The History club will meet this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with Mrs. E. C. Chambers at her home 75 Edwin place, Grove Park. The program will be in charge of Mrs. R. E. Smith.

The Saturday Music Club will hold the regular January meeting on the second Saturday of the month, as is the usual custom. The meeting will be held in the Presbyterian church house.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Towe entertained Tuesday evening at their home in Biltmore, in honor of their daughter, Miss Grace Towe. During the evening various jolly games were played after which delicious refreshments were served. Those present were: Miss Agnes Knighten, Miss Della Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Capps, Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins Balty, Mr. P. McCaslon, Mr. T. Featherstone, Mr. William Shuttles and Mr. Raymond Roy.

Mrs. Charles H. Lance, Jr., of Fletcher, gave an informal tea at her home Wednesday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. Wade Hampton Hadley, of Sily City, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. W. Sumner. The invited guests were: Mrs. Hadley, Mrs. T. W. Sumner, Mrs. J. C. Sherrill, Mrs. J. P. Fletcher, Mrs. R. W. Fletcher and Mrs. J. C. Sales.

A large attendance was present at the meeting of the Asheville chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. C. Murrow on Chestnut street with Mrs. Murrow and Mrs. Clayton as joint hostesses. The following new members were voted upon: Mrs. A. D. Stoner, of Biltmore; Miss Pauline Simathers and Miss Helen Vance Keely. The chapter decided to invite Major and Mrs. Vance, of Black Mountain, to be the honor guests at the January 19 celebration when the Zebulon Baird Vance picture will be presented to the veterans. A committee from the Asheville chapter and from the Fanny Patton to arrange for the Lee-Jackson celebration will be as follows: Mrs. W. P. Pagnum, Mrs. Hynum Sumner, Mrs. Ernest A. Ogle, Mrs. J. W. Neely, Mrs. E. M. McCulloh and Mrs. L. B. Stone for the Asheville chapter and Mrs. W. P. Ransdolph, Mrs. James H. Wood, and Miss Athalia Lord from the Fanny Patton chapter. Tributes to the life of the late Captain Francis Nash Waddell, of the Confederate army, were read and will be filed in the chapter records. It was voted upon to give a silver tea for the benefit of the Confederate Women's home at Fayetteville, at some early date. Mrs. L. E. Fisher was elected chairman of this committee with Mrs. James M. Gudger, Mrs. James C. Ernst, Mrs. J. R. Oates and Miss Albert Jackson. During the social hour delicious refreshments were served.

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spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hamrick in West Asheville.

Captain David Fuller has returned to Oteen hospital, after spending Christmas at his home in the eastern part of the state.

Mr. Walter Smith and Mr. William Edgerton, of Hendersonville, motored to the city to attend the New Year's eve ball given by the Cotton club Wednesday evening.

Mr. Arnold Simms, of Talladega, Ala., came yesterday for a brief stay before returning to the University of North Carolina.

Captain William Shipp left yesterday for Camp Meade, Md., where he is stationed, after spending a short leave here.

Mrs. N. H. Turbyfill, of Bingham Heights, left yesterday for an extended visit to friends and relatives at Candler and Canton.

Mr. Falk Gruner left today for the University of Indiana, after spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Bertha Gruner at her home on South French Broad avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Headle will leave today for Miami, Fla. Mr. Headle will remain through the month of January, and Mrs. Headle will spend the remainder of the winter at Palm Beach.

Miss Lottie Stroup and Miss Alma Stroup, of Shelby, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. M. W. Hamrick at her home in West Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Carpenter, of Akron, Ohio, are among the visitors in Asheville for a stay before going to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry, of Greenville, S. C., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Granville Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson expect to arrive shortly from Virginia to visit Mr. Patterson's sister, Mrs. D.

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SKATING CONTESTS WON BY JEWTRAW

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Charles Jewtraw, of Lake Placid, carried off the honors in the eastern amateur skating championship tournament here today, winning the mile, half mile and quarter mile contests. The ice was in wretched condition for the contest due to the rain early in the day and the warm sunshine later. The winners of the various contests were: quarter mile championship, Jewtraw, first; G. Pickering, Vernon Lake, second; J. Walker, Arance Lake, third; time 43 1-5 seconds. Half mile championship, Jewtraw, first; Ray Bryan, Lake Placid, second; G. Pickering, third; time 1 minute and 30 seconds. One mile championship, Jewtraw, first; J. O. Moore, Lake Placid, second; R. Wheeler, Montreal, third; time 3

minutes 13 1-5 seconds. One mile novice, E. W. Kleinart, Brooklyn, first; Arthur Flog, Arlington, second; Harry Rose, Arlington, third; time 3 minutes 43 3-4 seconds.

R. R. DEVELOPMENT AT LOW EBB IN 1919

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Statistics compiled by the Railway Age show that the year 1920 begins with the development of the railways of the United States nearer a complete standstill than at any time since the first rail was laid in America. "In the year 1919," says the Railway Age, "the total mileage of new lines built in the United States was 886 miles. This is the smallest figure which has ever been recorded by this paper. Furthermore it does not represent a net increase in mileage. During the year 689 miles of main line

railway were abandoned for operations. Prior to the year 1915 the mileage of the country was steadily increasing, although the rate at which it was increasing had been diminishing for some years and especially since 1910. The available statistics indicate that since 1916 the mileage of line abandoned has been substantially greater than the new mileage built."

MARTIN WINS FIGHT

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 1.—Bob Martin, A. E. F. heavyweight champion, knocked out Jack McFarland here today in the fifth round of a scheduled 10 round bout. Martin had the better of his opponent all the way, landing telling blows practically at will. McFarland was saved by the bell in the third.

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