

### EIGHT CHILDREN ARE 'BATCHING' ALONE

Eight children, ranging in age from 18 months to 16 years live within the corporate limits of Brevard, by themselves, the eldest boy and the eleven year old girl being mother and father to the other six.

When visited by a Times reporter the oldest boy was engaged in "getting out the wash" and had made a fairly decent job of the few clothes that made up the family wardrobe. Of course he did not know the knack of getting the clothes snow-white, and neither did he understand just how they were to be hung on the line, but they had been boiled, rinsed and hung out in the sunshine, which at least showed that he was trying.

The girl, eleven, was busily engaged with a worn-out stick broom in sweeping out the rooms that were bare of furniture with exception of a table, one or two chairs and beds.

In the kitchen, naturally not as clean as one would hope, yet far more clean than some that are supposed to be kept by housewives, the young old man was utilizing the cook stove to boil the clothes in process of laundering, while the several other children, frightened at the visit of a "stranger," grouped about mute and staring.

And such a stare came from some of the eyes—beautiful, round brown eyes that would appeal to the hardest heart in the world, looking in dumb wonder at "that man" and wondering in their little hearts just what the visit meant.

To add to their fear of "that man" was the fact that "the sheriffs"—meaning policemen, had been there during the day looking for some stolen property that two of the little brown-eyed codgers had taken the day previous.

"Yes, Ma'am" and "No, Ma'am" were barely audible when direct questions were put to the children, although the interviewer was a man.

"She's been dead seven months," was answer to the query of where was the mother....and "He's in the

### SELICA SCHOOL TO CLOSE NEXT FRIDAY

Closing exercises for Selica school will be held on Friday afternoon of this week at 1:30 when a short program will be given by students of the school.

Seventh grade graduates who will enter high school from Selica next year are L. C. Wilson, Gould Tinsley, Beatrice Lane, and Josephine Bryson.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy during the year include Gould Tinsley, L. C. Wilson, Mae Wilson, Nell Lance, Joe Flem Tinsley, Van Huggins, LeRoy Tinsley, Ross Wilson, Grace Mull, Brisco McGaha, Bruce Tinsley, J. L. Bryson, Margaret Bryson and G. D. McCall.

Professor Ruffin Wilkins and Miss Marian Henderson are teachers at Selica and patrons are well pleased with the manner in which the school has been conducted this year.

#### NEW ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Shipman announce the birth of a son, Kenneth Dudley, on Monday, May 7.

#### Former Resident Ill

Word has been received in Brevard of the serious illness of Walter Grogan, son of W. G. Grogan Sr. Mr. Grogan resides in Sanford, Fla., and has many friends in Brevard.

CC" was reply when asked about the father.... "oh, we get along alright, Mizzes Patton she comes around to see about things.... no, we ain't hungry, Daddy makes twenty-five dollars in the CC and Mizzes Patton she gets us things to eat."

An older sister, 19 or 20, lives in Greenville or Spartanburg, "but she won't stay with us.... Daddy comes home every time he can, though." Questioned about where they came from and who their folks were the oldest boy ventured the information that they had moved here several months ago from Haywood county "after Daddy got in the CC" and that "Uncle Jim" lived in Madison county, but they didn't know where.

Poorly baked bread, some canned stuff, and a small amount of other food was seen in the cupboard, which of course was far from being as clean as it should be—the whole house, while a good shelter for the kids, a place where they could all be together, a home such as it is, is not home as people know home—it lacks the mother, it lacks the guiding hand, it lacks someone to love the bright-eyed youngsters that could be made into something sweet and lovely, something to be cuddled and taught that life has happiness, that there is something more in the sunshine and the birds song than just light and noise.

The children are not starving for something to eat, they are not naked for clothing—it is a plain case, an all too true case of need of someone who understands, someone to kiss the mashed fingers, bind up the stumped toes, teach them to say their prayers, and see that the covers are tucked in at night—see that the hands, and bodies and the dingy little faces that carry such beautiful, trusting brown eyes are true reflections of something better than "just staying here 'till Daddy gets straightened out."

Since the above was written two of the youngsters have been carried to the Jackson Training School where they will be given training and supervision by the State of North Carolina.

England Presents Ultimatum  
London—Great Britain presented a virtual commercial ultimatum to Japan late Friday in an effort to halt the damaging encroachment of Nipponese trade in the dominions.

## Society News and Club Activities

#### MISS SMITH BECOMES BRIDE OF MR. MITCHELL

A pretty home wedding was solemnized Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith in Brevard, when their daughter, Dorothy Lee, became the bride of Mr. Thomas M. Mitchell Jr. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. H. West, pastor of the Brevard Methodist church, in the presence of a number of friends and relatives.

The wedding took place in an attractive grove on the lawn of the Smith home, under a canopy of natural greenery formed by the trees and shrubbery. The bride approached the scene of the wedding on the arm of her father, where she was joined by the groom. She was attractive in organdie and accessories in white, wearing a corsage of lilies of the valley and violets.

Following an informal reception, the bride and groom left on a short honeymoon trip, after which they will return to Brevard to make their home, residing temporarily with the groom's parents in North Brevard.

Mrs. Mitchell came to Brevard two years ago from Piedmont, S. C., and has made many friends during her residence here. For the past year or more she has been connected in a secretarial position with the local welfare and emergency relief office.

Mr. Mitchell is a graduate of the Brevard high school, having always made his home here, where he is popular among a wide circle of friends. He is connected with the local B & B Feed and Seed company.

#### KELVINATOR SCHOOL TO BE HELD FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Announcement is made of a Kelvinator hostess school which will be held at the show rooms of the local Southern Public Utilities company Friday afternoon, May 18, beginning at 3 o'clock.

The school will be conducted by Mrs. Leila A. Fleming, an experienced home economics expert of Greenville, S. C.

A cordial invitation is extended by the local company for the ladies of the town to attend this school and demonstration.

#### METHODIST SOCIETY HAS INTERESTING PROGRAM

An interesting program was given at the regular meeting of the Women's Missionary society of the Methodist church held Thursday afternoon in the ladies' parlor.

The program was presented by several members, depicting various phases of the life and customs of the people of Brazil and in the mission fields. The following took part on the program: Mrs. J. S. Nicholson, Mrs. J. B. Pickelsimer, Mrs. W. B. Trantham, Mrs. D. L. English, Mrs. Lula Miller, Mrs. W. L. Aiken, Mrs. L. K. Ratchford and Mrs. Ralph Fisher.

Different members of the society who attended the recent annual meeting in Hendersonville gave echoes of the convention.

Mrs. Laura Miller conducted devotionals, after which the business session was in charge of the president, Mrs. Oliver Orr.

#### D. A. R. TO MEET MONDAY AFTERNOON

June meeting of the local chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will be held Monday afternoon at the home of Miss Florence Kern. The program will be in charge of Miss Annie Jean Gash.

#### EASTERN STAR WILL MEET TUESDAY NIGHT

The Eastern Star will meet Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Masonic lodge hall. The Worthy Matron urges all members to be present. After the regular transaction of business, a practice meeting will be held.

#### CIRCLE NO. ONE MEETS WITH MRS. T. E. PATTON

Circle No. one of the Presbyterian church met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T. E. Patton Jr. for the regular meeting.

Miss Mamie Lyday, chairman, presided. The program on the negro work in the Synodical was discussed by different members present. Mrs. Patton led the Bible lesson taken from the book of Mark. An interesting report of the recent meeting of the Presbyterial held in Bryson City was given by Miss Annie Jean Gash.

Refreshments were served by the hostess at the conclusion of the meeting.

#### AUXILIARY AND GUILD MEET WITH MRS. RAWLS

Regular meeting of the Auxiliary and Guild of St. Philips Episcopal church was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Eric Rawls.

In the absence of the Auxiliary president, Mrs. David Ward, the meeting was in charge of Mrs. Frank Jenkins, who also conducted the program on the Prayer Book.

Mrs. Rawls, president of the Guild, presided over this meeting following the Auxiliary meeting.

The hostess served refreshments during a short social period.

#### MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM IS GIVEN BY Y. W. A.

In observance of Mother's Day, a special program was given by members of the Y. W. A. of the Baptist church at their regular meeting held Monday evening at the church. Mothers of members were also present as special guests of the occasion.

The following program was presented, in charge of Miss Beulah Garren: Song, Faith of Our Mothers, by the group; story, A Missionary Mother, told by Miss Elizabeth Duckworth; reading, Miss Nell Duckworth; Juet, Mrs. Roy McCall and Miss Nell Duckworth.

Following the program a pleasant social hour was spent, during which refreshments were served.

#### T. E. L. TO MEET WITH MRS. GLAZENER TUESDAY

The T. E. L. class of the baptist church will meet Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. George Glazener. It is requested that all members of the class attend this meeting next Tuesday afternoon.

#### U. D. C. HAS REGULAR MEETING

Regular meeting of the U. D. C. was held Saturday afternoon at the library.

The president, Mrs. O. L. Erwin, had charge of the transaction of business connected with the chapter work. Mrs. Roy Long read one of Edgar Guest's poems, which was an enjoyable feature.

#### CIRCLE NO. THREE IN MEETING AT THE HUT

Circle No. 3 of the Presbyterian church met at the Hut Thursday afternoon with the chairman, Mrs. J. W. Smith, presiding.

The program on home missions was in charge of Miss Cora Willson. Mrs. S. P. Verner led the devotionals.

#### STAG DINNER HONORS BRIDE AND GROOM-TO-BE

On Friday evening at the home of his mother, Mrs. Juanita Pearce, at Flor-O-Lina, Robert S. Pearce was host at a stag dinner, honoring Mr. Tom Mitchell, whose marriage to Miss Dorothy Smith was to be solemnized the following Sunday.

The spacious room was simply but artistically decorated with yellow and white flowers, and the tall tapers carried out the same color scheme upon the table. At eight o'clock Mrs. Pearce served the young men a delicious chicken dinner, after which the guests spent a pleasant hour amusing themselves until time for a local dance to begin.

The group of friends invited to this enjoyable affair were: The guest of honor, Tom Mitchell, Tom Hampton, Craig Misenheimer, Mitchell King, Ruel Hunt, Ernest McPaul, Carl Kilpatrick, Milton Sellers and Bob Pearce.

#### MUSIC LOVERS CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Music Lovers club met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. J. M. Allison with Mrs. Charles Moore as hostess.

The meeting was opened with the reading of the Federated Music clubs collect after which the president, Mrs.

Knox DeLong, called for the report of the nominating committee. The report was accepted and the following officers elected: President, Miss Janie Strickland; vice-president, Mrs. J. B. Jones; corresponding secretary, and treasurer, Mrs. Tom Hampton; reporter, Mrs. Harry Sellers; and recording secretary, Miss Lillian Jenkins.

A most interesting program on "Music in the South" was presented by Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Grady Kilpatrick and Mrs. J. E. Loftis. Mrs. Kilpatrick's paper on "The History of Southern Music" gave many facts of interest to all southerners.

The club was delighted to have once more as its guest Mr. Randolph Myers, a voice student at Peabody Conservatory, who presented a varied and lovely program. Mr. Myers' numbers were "Aus Meinen Grossen Scherzen" and "The Wanderer's Song," by Schubert, "Sylvia" by Olej Speaks, "Home on the Range" by Guyon, "Shortnin' Bread" by Wolfe, "Who is Sylvia," by Schubert, "I Passed by Your Window," by Braye, "I Must Down to the Seas Again," by John Massfield, "I Know a Hill," "The Road to Mandalay," and several popular numbers including "One Alone" from "The Desert Song," "Old Man River," "Without a Song," and "Wagon Wheel."

Mrs. Moore, assisted by Mrs. Allison and Mrs. Kilpatrick, served delicious refreshments, carrying out a pink and white color scheme.

#### FORMER BREVARD GIRL SAILS ON OCEAN TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Thiessan of 300 West 12th street, New York City sailed for Europe from Weehauken, New Jersey at midnight last Monday. They will visit England, France, Germany, Austria and Switzerland before returning in the early fall to their home.

Mrs. Thiessan will be remembered in Brevard as Miss Martine Pearce, daughter of Mrs. Juanita M. Pearce, and she spent a great deal of her life here. She hopes to be able to visit her mother before resuming her work with Lord and Taylor in September.

#### Y. W. CIRCLE MEETS AT HUT ON THURSDAY

May meeting of the young women's circle of the Presbyterian church was held Thursday afternoon at the Hut, with Miss Reba Kitchen as hostess.

Miss Kitchen, as circle chairman, presided over the meeting and also conducted the program on home missions. Mrs. Ashe Macfie led devotionals.

Refreshments were served during the social hour following the meeting.

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