

Society News

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Dance Called Off.
The Valentine subscription dance which was announced for Saturday night at the Selwyn hotel has been cancelled, owing to the conflicting dates, the managers for the occasion state.

Stunt Night At High School.
An interesting event of Saturday is the stunt night to take place in the auditorium of the Alexander Graham high school at 8 o'clock Saturday night. The proceeds to go to the High School Parent-Teacher Association. Many interesting features will be on the program, and the public is cordially invited. Prizes of the \$5 and \$3 are offered for the best stunts.

First Philathea Class To Meet.
The first Philathea class of the First Baptist church will meet on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the studio of Miss Marie Helen Day, 515 South Tryon street.

Miss Wearn to Honor Bride and Bride-Elect.
A delightful social event of Saturday will be the afternoon tea to be given by Miss Marjorie Wearn at her home on North Church street in honor of Miss Rosalie Doer, bride-elect of next week, and Mrs. Charles DeFoor, a recent bride, formerly Miss Julia McNeill of Marietta, Ga., who is making her home in Charlotte.

Greeting the guests at the door will be Miss Eloise Doney and Miss Adelaide Caldwell. The receiving line will stand as follows: Miss Doney, Miss Terry Eland, a classmate of Mrs. DeFoor's at the National Cathedral school in Washington, Mrs. DeFoor, Miss Fannie Furlow.

Serving in the dining-room will be Miss Frances Pitts, Miss Adele Cross, Miss Lois Rogers, Miss Margaret Clark, Miss Margaret Wearn and Miss Billie McDonald.

Over a hundred guests will call during the afternoon to enjoy Miss Wearn's hospitality.

Mrs. Cotten to Speak At St. Martin's.
Mrs. Lyman A. Cotten of Salisbury will arrive in the city Sunday afternoon and will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Thomas on Elizabeth avenue until the early part of next week.

Mrs. Cotten is coming over for the purpose of addressing the congregation of St. Martin's Episcopal church Sunday evening at 7:30, on the subject of missionary work in Japan. She is extremely well-informed on this subject, having spent several years in Tokio, where her husband, Captain Lyman A. Cotten, U. S. N., was naval attaché.

Mrs. Cotten is a delightful speaker and a charming woman, and is widely known in Charlotte. She was formerly Miss Bessie Henderson of Salisbury, and has often visited here.

Wedding Rehearsals Progressing.
Rehearsals for the mock wedding to be given by the Lillian Shaw circle of the Tenth Avenue Presbyterian church on Monday evening in the lecture room of the church are progressing splendidly, and the affair promises to be a great success and a most amusing affair. The proceeds will go to the benevolent fund of the church, and a silver offering will be taken.

The public is cordially invited, and plenty of fun is promised to those who attend.

Called Meeting of Children of Confederacy.
There will be a called meeting of the Julia Jackson Chapter, Children of the Confederacy Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Hanna Hall, Y. M. C. A.

Master Balsinger Better.
Master James Balsinger, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Balsinger of North Davidson street, is much improved after a severe illness with grip.

Mrs. Forney Doing Nicely.
Mrs. J. A. Forney is getting along nicely following the removal of her tonsils at the Charlotte sanatorium on Thursday.

Mr. Hargett Improving.
The friends of Mr. David A. Hargett will be glad to learn that he is convalescing after undergoing an operation for appendicitis recently.

Miss Gertrude Dickinson left Saturday for a visit to her cousin, Mr. G. E. Evans, in Anderson, S. C. From there she will go to Monroe, Ga., where she will visit her uncle, Mayor W. H. Roberts. She expects to be gone for some time.

Society Personals

Mrs. M. H. Davidson will return to her home in Cohoes, N. Y., Saturday evening after spending several weeks here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Bass Brown, the latter her sister, at their home in Myers Park. Mrs. Davidson has been honored at a dozen or more delightful parties, and has been one of the most charming visitors of the winter.

Miss Louise Gibson and Miss Virginia Whitlock, who accompanied the girls' basketball team of the Alexander Graham high school to Greensboro and Winston-Salem, will remain over from Saturday till Monday in the Twin City as guests of Mr. Mitchell Rogers, a kinsman of Miss Gibson.

Arthur Campbell is improving at the Presbyterian hospital after undergoing an operation there several days ago for appendicitis.

Colonel C. C. Moore, clerk of the superior court, is rapidly regaining his health after a stay in Miami, Fla., where he went some days ago following an attack of cold. He writes that the climate is superb and that he expects to be himself again shortly. He may remain in the Florida city several weeks yet.

FOUR BURN IN FIRE.
Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 12.—Four persons, two of them women and two children, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the upper floor of a two-story frame dwelling at 675 Pontotoc avenue here today.

NEW YORK WOMEN SCORN MORAL GOWN CLERGY DESIGNED.
The "moral gown" shown here was designed by Philadelphia clergymen representing 15 denominations. It is termed the "inter-denominational dress" and is being exhibited for the benefit of the Nurses' Home Fund. The model is formed of a non-diaphanous material. It must reach within three inches of the wearer's throat and may not be more than seven and one-half inches from the ground and shall not be close fitting at any point to conform with the regulations. New York women have scorned it as "foolish," "silly," "preposterous" and "outside the realm of the church."

Miss Therese McCabe in the "moral gown."



CHAPEL HILL IS NEARLY CUT OFF

Bad Roads Leading from University Keep Everybody at Home.

Chapel Hill, Feb. 12.—Inhabitants of Chapel Hill, hard hit by weeks of winter snow and rain which have almost ruined the temporary roads to Durham are suffering from the worst situation in transportation they have faced in 20 years and are praying hard for the return of spring and the completion of the hard-surfaced highway to Durham to bring them back into communication with the outside world.

Furthermore, judging by the snail's progress that has been made in the building of the new road, they are groaning at the prospect of another winter next year of fighting through the mud, although Engineer Easley of the state highway commission, who is in charge of the construction of the Chapel Hill-Durham highway, thinks hard-surface will be down by next fall.

The regular road to Durham has been closed since early last fall and the two 12-mile detours on county roads are so narrow and so wet that they are almost impassable and have been so for months, and the only outlet Chapel Hill has at all is by the short-line to University Station, inconvenient at best and involving long waits and much waste of time.

Motor lines to Durham, upon which the town and the University have depended to a large extent for many years, are still trying to fight through the mud, but nearly every traveler brings back tales of being stuck for hours. The former running time of little more than half an hour to Durham has been extended to an hour for the few normal trips and generally means several hours and a battle with mud and, in the end, the experience of being pulled out by farmers who live along the road.

Heavy truck traffic, which has developed largely in the past few years with the growing business done by Chapel Hill through Durham, has virtually ceased. The heavy trucks simply cannot get through.

Meantime work on the regular road is progressing slowly. A new bridge has been built over New Hope creek, a good part of the heavy grading has been done, concrete headers have been built along three-fourths of the twelve miles and some 600 feet of stone laid, but no actual paving of any sort has been done. Approximately 60 convicts have been at work, but the winter weather has been such a handicap that Engineer Easley said the number would probably be reduced soon, and there is little prospect of additional men being made to the force when spring comes. He hopes, however, to have the road completed before next winter.

The deplorable condition has led to talk of trying to have Captain Smith's Chapel Hill Special, the speed demon running between University Station and Chapel Hill, do seven days' work a week instead of six. At present no train runs on Sunday and for nearly 40 hours the town is virtually cut off from the outside world. Week-end traffic is heavy under normal conditions as many students who live close by like to go home for an occasional week end. Many inhabitants of the town think that the Sunday travel would justify the running of the train. The ancient desire of the fathers of the University to establish the institution at a place where the students would not find it easy to get away comes about as near being realized in this year 1921 as in any year since General William R. Davis and his congeners first gazed upon the Davie place in 1792.

INSPECTOR HALL IS LIBERATED BY JURY

Manassas, Va., Feb. 12.—William C. Hall, state prohibition inspector, was freed by the court here today after a three-day trial. He was charged with the murder of a man named Hudson, an alleged whiskey runner, at Fisher's Hill, Va., in March, 1919.

The case went to the jury at 3:20 o'clock yesterday. After remaining locked up all night the jury reported at 10 o'clock this morning that it had been unable to reach a verdict.

On motion of the state, Judge Brent dismissed the charge against Hall. The jury was dismissed.

Hudson and Raymond Shackelford were killed when they were held up by a squad of officers to search their automobile for liquor. The officers were charged with murder but the case against all but Hall was dropped.

The state prohibition commissioner conducted the defense for Hall at his first two trials but in this instance the former officer had no assistance from the authorities.

GERMANY ASKS THAT WE STUDY CONDITION

Berlin, Feb. 12.—Representatives of German export manufacturers at a meeting here today urged internationalizing the American governmental bodies dealing with tariff matters, setting forth present conditions among German workmen and the German industries and supplying all available data on German production. This documentary matter is intended as an argument not only that there is no purpose on the part of Germany to dump cheap war surplus on the American market but that it would be impossible for her to do so.

In speeches at the meeting exporters declared the workmen were highly paid, and would work only six hours a day, which keeps down production to such an extent that no country need fear a flood of cheap German goods. Committees were named to collect data from every important export industry for submission to America.

REALTY TRANSFERS

Charlotte Consolidated Construction Company to H. G. London, for \$5,000, a lot on East Morehead street.

The Carolina Company to M. B. Rose, for \$100 and other considerations, a lot on Crescent avenue.

E. L. Gardner to L. A. Ritch, for \$1,175, lot on Harrell street.

Mrs. Esther A. Kamper to S. E. McGinn, for \$100 and other considerations, a lot in the city.

Berlin, Feb. 11.—Legislation which would prescribe the manner in which all civilian guards in Germany are to be dissolved is now being drafted by the ministry of the interior. After being submitted to the cabinet, the measure will be presented to the reichstag for approval.

The action of the Bavarian premier in placing responsibility for disarmament upon the Berlin government has created a situation quite embarrassing to the federal ministry. In view of the prolonged deliberations by the Bavarian ministers at Munich, Konstantin Fehrenbach, the foreign minister, had looked for a more emphatic declaration from Dr. von Kahr.

Fashion's Forecast

By Annabel Worthington.

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HOME BUILDING IS CLUB'S SUBJECT

Women Hear Talks on Need for Houses and How to Build Them.

Methods of acquiring and maintaining a home were discussed Friday night by several Charlotte business men before the home economics class of the Charlotte Woman's Club, at the club house on Elizabeth avenue. They afterward answered questions put to them by those in the audience who wanted to know more in detail about features of the subject they had discussed.

E. L. Keesler explained the building and loan methods of acquiring a home, telling how such organizations financed many homes in Charlotte, making it distinctly a "home owning city." State laws recognize the value of such institutions by exempting them from certain taxes, he said, and told how they were allowed to lend a larger percentage on property than were other organizations.

J. P. Quarles read a brief article by Gifford Pinchot on the greater value of a citizen who is a home owner than one who is not and explained the insurance method of assisting people of small means in acquiring homes. He called attention to the fight made years ago by the late D. A. Tompkins of Charlotte for a plan to make assistance in an insurance company feasible.

The housing situation in Charlotte was reported upon by V. J. Guthery, chairman of the housing committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Sixty-one inquiries from people who want to build homes in Charlotte have been received at the Chamber of Commerce in the last week, he explained. A twenty-six percent reduction in the price of building materials of certain classes has been recorded, he said, while in other lines of materials the price still remains high.

TABLET UNVEILED IN MEMORY OF MITCHELL

New York, Feb. 12.—Unveiling of a memorial tablet to Major John Purroy Mitchell, a former mayor of New York, who was killed when his airplane fell at Gerstner Field, Louisiana, on July 6, 1918, was included at Columbia University alumni day exercises here today. He was a member of the class of 1899.

The list of speakers included President Nicholas Murray Butler of the university, Major General Robert L. Bullard and Colonel Arthur Woods, who served as police commissioner under the former mayor.

The tablet is placed in Hamilton Hall.



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WOULD PROTECT USERS OF POWER

Bill to be Introduced in Legislature for Benefit of Electric Consumers.

Raleigh, Feb. 12.—Consumers of Southern Power's current are preparing themselves for any jolt or shock that the corporation commission may give by hearkening to the petition of that corporation to raise its hydro-electric rates.

The consumers have prepared a bill, which has not been introduced, and it is designed to protect consumers pending final settlement of an appeal from the commission's ruling. The corporation commission has not taken the Southern Power's case under advisement. Evidence for the company has been given and the consumers have declined to introduce any testimony of their own; but the stenographers have not finished their drafts of the testimony and argument is deferred for weeks yet.

The bill prepared does not contemplate taking from the corporation commission any of its prerogatives. It does judge the consuming public some sort of protection. The Southern Power Company has not admitted that it has any purpose to break contracts already made; but the consumers concede that granting the petition to raise rates will carry with it the right of abrogation. The following bill is therefore offered:

Section 1. That Section 1087 of the consolidated statutes of North Carolina be amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"That pending the final decision upon any appeal taken from any order or judgment of the corporation commission filing rates, that said rates shall be suspended, and the rates in force before the order or judgment of said commission was entered shall be collected provided that if the order of said commission increases the rates, the interested parties shall give bond in such amount and with such security as shall be approved by the commission for the payment of all sums which it shall not pay because of such increase in rates being so suspended, together with interest thereon from the time such sums would have been due if said rates had not been suspended pending said appeal, which bond shall be discharged upon the payment of such sums or the reversal of the order of judgment of said commission granting such increase in rates; and, provided further, that if said rates shall be decreased, the interested parties shall give bond with such security and for such sum as shall be approved by the commission to repay to any interested party any sums collected with interest thereon from the time of their payment to the time of their repayment which should not have been collected if upon appeal the order of said commission shall be reversed, which bond shall be discharged if the order of said commission shall be sustained upon appeal or if such sums and interest shall be repaid if such order shall be reversed."

Section 2. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict therewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification."

HARBORS AND RIVERS BILL OUT.

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