

SOCIETY

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wagoner are spending several days in Pamlico, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Odell, Jr., Mrs. J. M. Odell and Mrs. Josie Durant left Wednesday for Staunton, Va., where A. G. Odell, Jr., will enter the Staunton Military Academy. The rest of the party will visit places of interest in Virginia before returning home.

Miss Lydia Fitzgerald, of Clarksdale, Miss., arrived Wednesday evening and is the attractive guest of Miss Catharine Goodman.

Miss Rebecca Dayvauld was a visitor in Winston-Salem Wednesday.

Miss Margaret Pounds, of Charlotte, spent Wednesday in Concord with her sister, Mrs. Clyde Propst.

Mrs. L. R. Byrd and family, who have been living in M. R. Dry's house on Academy street, have moved on Douglas avenue, as Mr. Dry has sold his house.

M. F. Ritchie, Jr., left on Tuesday for Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, Ga., where he will attend school this year.

Miss Ruth Crowell was a visitor in Winston-Salem Wednesday.

Mrs. J. S. Stricker and Miss Edith Lucile Wright, of New York City, are visiting Mrs. Stricker's mother-in-law, Mrs. A. B. Stricker, on West Depot street. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stricker will be glad to learn that they are moving to Salisbury.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Mauldin and Misses Edith and Louis Guffy have returned from White Lake and Lillington. While in Lillington they visited Misses Guffy's mother, Mrs. H. P. Guffy.

Mrs. G. F. Stallings, of Salisbury, is the guest of Mrs. A. B. Stricker and Miss Loda Stricker on West Depot street.

Miss Carrie Mae Griffin left Monday for Greensboro where she will enter N. C. C. W.

Mrs. E. M. Cook, Mrs. James Cook and Miss Miriam Stewart have returned from Durham, where they were the guests of Mrs. M. W. Cook.

Harry Lentz left this morning for Raleigh, where he will enter State College.

D. L. Maness has returned from a week's evangelistic work, assisting pastors in the North Carolina conference.

Miss Mary Grady Parks left Wednesday for Columbia, S. C., where she will attend school at Chicora College this year.

Miss Bertha Ferguson has returned from Wilmington, Wrightsville Beach and Lake Waccamaw.

Miss Helen Reed is attending school at North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro this year.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Caton and Jerry Whitman accompanied Hiram Caton to Chapel Hill today, where he will enter school this year.

G. H. Thibirt has returned to his home in Laurinburg, N. C., after spending two weeks here with relatives.

Misses Annie Grace Sappenfeld, Myrtle Fink, Anna Margaret Cress and Maude Miller are in Charlotte assisting in the dollar day sale at Eard's.

Rev. H. F. Fogleman, of Henderson, is spending the week in the city with friends.

Mooresville Enterprise: Miss Vernie Goodman, of the Jackson Training School at Concord, arrived today to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. B. Good.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Jones Yorke are leaving tonight for Norfolk, Va., where they will join Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Royal, of Goldsboro, for a motor trip through Canada and Nova Scotia.

Miss Alice Yorke and Joe Barrier left Wednesday for Raleigh to attend the Debutantes Ball. They were joined en route by Miss Ida Clifton Galloway.

Miss Anne Cannon left this morning for Raleigh, where she will attend the Debutantes Ball.

Mrs. Clyde Propst Entertains at Bridge. Mrs. Clyde Propst entertained at one of the loveliest bridge parties of the early fall season yesterday afternoon at her attractive home on South Union street.

Beautiful garden flowers were artistically arranged throughout the rooms where six tables were placed for bridge. After several interesting games an elaborate course of refreshments were served, carrying out the color scheme of green and yellow.

Mrs. George Fisher an attractive piece of pottery was given as high score and second prize, a lovely bridge score pad, was won by Mrs. Karl Cline.

To Mrs. Patterson Ritchie, a recent bride, a handsome jeweled picture frame was given.

Guests enjoying this delightful party were: Mrs. Edward L. Eard, of Winston-Salem, and Miss Margaret Pounds, of Charlotte, sisters of the hostess; Mesdames Carl Cline, George Fisher, Frank Mund, George Graeber, R. C. Litaker, Clyde Pounds, Marvin Long, James Dorton, N. T. Deaton, Jr., A. E. Harris, E. C. Tucker, George Means, Patterson Ritchie, Leslie Bell, E. B. Grady, James Wilkinson, M. R. Pounds, Ernest Hicks, Stowe Green and Misses Margaret Ritchie, Letha Snyder, Sudie Mae Dry, Annie Lee Litaker and Margaret Miller.

Holland, Luxemburg and Abyssinia are at present each ruled by a woman.

CABARRUS IS LOW IN STANDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Ranked in State For Year 1925-26, With an Average Average Lower Than for the Previous Year.

According to a recent issue of State School Facts, Cabarrus county educationally ranked 88th among the counties of the State for the year 1925-26.

The rank is based on the following factors:

- 1.—Percentage of enrollment in average daily attendance.
2.—Average length of term.
3.—Scholarship teachers.
4.—Percentage of total enrollment in high school.
5.—Percentage of enrollment normal and under age.
6.—Average annual salary.
7.—Per capita cost of instruction based on enrollment.
8.—Total per capita cost of current expense based upon enrollment.
9.—Total current expense per teacher and principal.
10.—Value of school property per child.

For the year 1923-24 Cabarrus and adjoining counties ranked as follows: Mecklenburg 24th, Rowan 47th, Iredell 68th, Stanly 59th, Union 63rd and Cabarrus 75th. In 1924-25 Cabarrus lost 4 points, ranking 79th, with Mecklenburg ranking 13th, Rowan a 67th, Iredell 70th, Stanly 64th and Union 78th.

For the year 1925-26, Cabarrus lost 9 points, ranking 88th. Mecklenburg that year ranked 13th, Rowan 57th, Iredell 58th, Stanly 71st and Union 73rd.

STATE OFFICERS AT EASTERN STAR MEET

Met Here Wednesday Evening With Wright G. Campbell Chapter—Reports Heart.

Mrs. Grace K. Edwards, Associate Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, and Mrs. Marjorie Hogan, District Deputy Grand Matron of the Ninth District, and Grand Adah, were the guests of Wright G. Campbell Chapter No. 181 Order of the Eastern Star Wednesday evening.

Mrs. G. A. Bryant, Chairman of the Educational Committee, was also present, and gave the history of this Fund, whose object is to provide a higher education for the sons and daughters of Masons, and to the ambitious boys and girls of Oxford Orphanage. There were visitors from Mizpah Chapter, Charlotte, and Miriam Winslow Chapter, Kannapolis.

Mrs. Hogan gave a report of seven chapters which showed a net increase of 220 members for the year. The State of North Carolina has had an increase of 600 members, there being over two million members in the world. She urged that all who could, to attend the district meeting to be held with Lorraine Chapter, Gastonia, on October 7, at which meeting the Wright G. Campbell Chapter and the Miriam Winslow Chapter will have part on the program.

Mrs. Edwards made a very impressive talk on the brotherly love existing between the Masonic fraternity and the Order of the Eastern Star, which is not a part of that institution, but is closely related to it.

L. T. Hartsell, Jr., Worthy Patron, presented to the Chapter in behalf of Stokes Lodge No. 32, a beautiful American flag and staff.

The Sick Committee reported that donors had been sent to several members during the month.

Cline-Fink. A wedding centering the cordial interest of a wide circle of friends was that of Miss Blanche Fink and Ray W. Cline, which was solemnized last Wednesday, September 14th, at 3:30 p. m. at the home of the bride, with Rev. W. H. Dutton, pastor of the bride, officiating, using the ring ceremony of the Lutheran Church. The vows were taken in the presence of members of the two families and a few intimate friends.

Mrs. Cline is the youngest daughter of Mrs. J. L. Fink, Jr., of No. 6 Township, and is an attractive girl of charming personality. She graduated at Mont Amoena Seminary, Mt. Pleasant. Since her graduation she has been a teacher in the public schools of the county.

Mr. Cline is the son of Mrs. W. M. Cline, of Concord. He is manager of Bulk Department Store, of Concord, and is a successful and popular young business man.

A bountiful wedding supper was served following the ceremony, after which Mr. and Mrs. Cline left for a motor trip through Western North Carolina.

The young couple will make their home in Concord. They have a host of friends who wish them the best of success through life.

Mrs. Troutman Entertains. Complimenting Mrs. C. H. Phillips, a recent bride, Mrs. H. L. Troutman delightfully entertained at her home on the Kannapolis road Wednesday evening. A profusion of autumn flowers were attractively arranged on the porch and throughout the living and dining rooms where the guests were assembled.

Miss Ruth Phillips, sister of the hostess, received at the front door asking each guest to register in the bride's book. Several interesting contests were held during the evening, the first prizes being won by Mrs. R. O. Stone, Mrs. S. B. Hagler and Miss Beatrice Fisher, while the consolation prizes were given Mrs. G. A. Shina, Miss Louise Irvin and Mrs. S. O. Stone. These in turn presented their gifts to the guest of honor.

At the conclusion of the games little Miss Herminie Gardner entered the room drawing an express wagon piled high with a miscellaneous shower for the honoree and when the gifts had been opened and admired the hostess served a delicious ice course. About thirty-five guests called and each was presented with a miniature corsage as a souvenir of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Means Entertaining at Barbecue. Of special interest to society is the barbecue being given this afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Brandon W. Means at their farm.

The affair is being given in honor of their niece, Miss Catharine Goodman, who leaves next week for Columbia University, New York, and her guests, Misses Blanche Bell, of San Antonio, Texas, and Lydia Fitzgerald, of Clarksdale, Miss.

Tom Smith, of Chickamauga, Ga., is visiting his father, T. T. Smith, 22 So. Union St., Concord, N. C.

CONFESSING TO THE CLERGY.

R. R. Clark in Greensboro News.

Criticizing the contention that confessions to the clergy should be held inviolate, Luther A. Fink, writing in Sunday's issue of the Daily News, says: "Why our American government grants such rights as this to any church, is beyond comprehension."

The answer probably is that the "American government" does not grant such rights. Information from legal sources is that there are no privileged communications, or confessions, to spiritual advisers under the common law. Special statutes enacted in some of the states, presumably by the influence of that branch of the church that recognizes the confessional, forbid the clergy to disclose confessions made to them in their priestly relation. But there is no such statute in North Carolina and legal confessions to the clergy have no standing in our state, if the information gathered is correct.

As the Daily News has already said, it is for the individual clergyman to determine whether it is his duty to reveal what may be disclosed to him by persons seeking spiritual consolation. The propriety of such revelations might be discussed indefinitely without finding a rule that would fit all cases, for there is no such rule. It is a matter for each minister to decide for himself, as he may feel his conscience directs, after due consideration. The Protestant church, generally speaking, does not recognize the confessional, and it is assumed that the ministers of that church do not, as a rule, encourage or invite confessions. If this be correct it follows that the minister, who does not cease to be a citizen when he enters the ministry, must take account of the obligations of citizenship as well as his duties in the priestly relation.

Burdened souls seek relief by telling their trouble to others. Many of the troubled ones, moved to seek the consolation of religion, unburden themselves to the minister, often to his embarrassment. And undoubtedly ministers hold sacred many confidences which would cause serious trouble if they were revealed. In their opinion the ends of justice and righteousness are best served by holding the confidence inviolate, then they should do that. But to say they should hold in confidence everything told them under all circumstances, even the major felonies, seems to be going a trifle far.

The extent of the criticism of the Reideville preacher is surprising. He is represented as an upright and conscientious man. His statement must be accepted until the contrary is shown. So far as revealed he did not pledge secrecy to the young woman who voluntarily confessed to him. Instead he promptly told her that he would have to reveal it to the officers of the law, which he did after time for due consideration. It is not recorded that the young woman protested his decision, which might be accepted as evidence that she anticipated that action on his part. Certainly there are cases on record where, such confessions having been made, the clergyman immediately urged that the confession be made to court and has done what he could to secure leniency on the ground that the confession indicated penitence.

If it be held that all clergymen are bound to hold inviolate all confessions made to them in the priestly relation, then not a few of the guilty would feel that they had satisfied all demands when they hurried to the clergyman and confessed. Clergymen might save themselves much embarrassment and worry if they would indicate to those who insist on laying their burdens on them, that they might feel it necessary to disclose the information if it involved grave infractions of the law. That is, unless they feel they are privileged to grant absolution. The layman who is privy to a murder and holds his peace might find himself under indictment as an accessory after the fact. It is difficult to understand why a minister should be required to hold his peace under similar circumstances.

DAUGHTER BORN

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Boger announce the birth of a daughter on September 14th.

PARENTS OF DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Scott, of Cedar street, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter on September 14th.

LOOK AT THAT WOMAN DRIVER

"Look at that woman driver on the wrong side of the street! The cop ought to hawl her out." "He doesn't dare; that's his wife."

McCallum SILK HOSIERY

No Knee Peeking in Peking

When a feminine knee is exposed in Peking, accidentally or otherwise, the fine is \$10, says a news dispatch. But here in the United States, we are not anti-knee. As a matter of fact we are connoisseurs on the subject. That's the reason many of our most astute young dandies go in for McCallum Hosiery.

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ROBERT CHAMPION DEAD AFTER FALL INTO VAT OF DYE

Charlotte Electrician Succumbs to Injuries Received at Brown Mill Four Weeks Ago.

Seriously injured four weeks ago when he fell from a scaffold into a vat of boiling dye at the Brown Mill here, Robert R. Champion, 57, an electrician, died late Monday afternoon at his home, 211 South Cedar street, Charlotte.

For some two weeks following the fatal accident Mr. Champion was under treatment at the Concord Hospital. Sometime during last week he was removed to his home in Charlotte.

Mr. Champion, who was employed by the Ollie Asbury Electric Co., of Charlotte, fell into the vat upon losing his balance on a scaffold at the Brown Mill. He was doing some electrical work at the time.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Tuesday from the Charlotte home by Rev. W. L. Griggs, pastor of Ninth Avenue Baptist Church, and Rev. Parks Wilson, pastor of West Avenue Presbyterian Church. Burial followed at Elmwood cemetery.

Surviving the deceased are his widow, one daughter, Mrs. Robert Pope, of Charlotte, and one brother, William Champion, of Matthews. Mr. Champion was a resident of Charlotte for 35 years.

Pool-Whitlock Marriage. Miss Ada Whitlock, of this city, and P. P. Pool, of Durham, were married in Hillsboro on Sunday, September 11th. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pool have many friends in Concord who will be interested in the announcement of their marriage.

Miss Miriam Coltrane returned today to Spartanburg, S. C., where she will continue her studies at Converse College.

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The New Fall Hats are Most Attractive And Becoming. In this most comprehensive showing of new fall hats, Madame will find reproductions and adaptations of the latest Paris imports in felt, combinations of felt and velvet, and the new Velour Soleil, in smart off-the-face, and molded-to-the-head styles, in all the newest shades for fall. Ruby, maroon, brown, beige, green and black. Specially priced for tomorrow. \$1.95 TO \$11.95 VISIT FISHER'S THE SMARTEST ALWAYS

Have You Heard This One? "Is he stingy?" "Is he?" "He wouldn't give you a peep if he owned Lookout Mountain."

her down?" Daughter: "Because she wasn't up." Mother: "Then call her up now and call her down for not being down when you called her up."

CORL SUES CANNON FOR \$5,000; SUIT IS FILED IN COUNTY Suit Results From Collapse of Wall on Corl Building Several Years Ago.—Is Second Suit. Actual damages to the sum of \$3,000 and punitive damages to the sum of \$2,000 are asked in a suit filed in Cabarrus Superior court by M. J. Corl against J. A. Cannon.