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Local and Personal

The Community Club will meet tomorrow afternoon.

The local recruiting office has not been having much action this week, but it passed 18 loyals on to training camps last week.

Rev. S. B. Stroup and Mr. M. H. Yount, directors of the Thompson orphanage, attended a meeting of the board in Charlotte Tuesday. They motored through the country.

Mr. W. S. Pollard brought the first strawberries of the season to the local market today. He had barely a pint, but they were fine, juicy berries. In a few weeks the market will afford plenty of Catawba berries, which, by the way, are the finest in the world.

Alvin Miller, who sold what he called "julep" at Lookout, was convicted in county court at Newton Tuesday and fined \$100. He appealed and his bond was placed at \$500. According to the evidence, what he was dispensing was at least as strong as wine.

City council held its regular meeting Tuesday night, but only routine matter was taken up. The life of the mayor and two members of the board expires Monday morning, May 7, at 10 o'clock, when Mayor-Elect Yount and Councilman A. P. White-mer and Councilman-Elect F. A. Abernethy will be sworn in.

MORE ENTHUSIASM FOUND IN RUSSIA

London, April 25.—The Daily Express' Petrograd correspondent contributes an interview he has had with A. F. Kerensky, minister of justice in the new Russian government, whom he called the Lloyd George of Russia.

While insisting Russia would only wage a defensive war and countenance no annexations, M. Kerensky emphasized the fact that greater enthusiasm existed in Russia today than ever before for a defensive war. Even the Lithuanians, Poles, Little Russians and Finns, who had no war zeal under the autocratic regime, were now prepared to defend their country to the utmost, said the minister.

"If President Wilson was expressing the will of his people and not merely making a democratic move," said M. Kerensky, "I am in complete sympathy with the war aims he suggests as being most compatible with an enduring peace."

While not objecting to the principle of compensation, especially in its application to Poland and Belgium, M. Kerensky declared that he was directly opposed to examinations for any purpose whatever.

The correspondent remarks on this question of reparation that M. Kerensky is not in agreement with some of his colleagues. Asked about the Russian attitude toward the British people, M. Kerensky said the entry of the United States into war after the overthrow of the autocracy had given the United States a popularity such as the British had rarely enjoyed.

The minister of justice painted a grave picture of the state of affairs under the autocracy. He said a German spring offensive under the old regime would have meant defeat. Asked about the insistent call of the Socialists for peace, M. Kerensky said:

"Foreign observers fail to understand that the call for peace was greater under the old regime, but owing to the policy of darkness, it never appeared on the surface. Now, with freedom of speech, it appears in the full light of day to attract attention, but to receive little strength."

FOURTEEN COUNTIES ASK FOR MEDICAL INSPECTION

That every school child of the state shall be given a physical examination every three years is according to a law passed by the recent session of the general assembly, providing that one third of the state's counties shall arrange with the state board of health and the state department of education for medical school inspection every third year.

At a recent meeting of the North Carolina health officers' association in Asheville, Dr. G. M. Cooper of the state board of health asked for volunteer counties or those who desired to be included in the first thirty three counties to have this work this year. Fourteen counties readily responded, those being Wake, Mecklenburg, Vance, Sampson, Haywood, Buncombe, Martin, Pitt, Guilford, Davidson, Forsyth, Catawba, Swain and Nash. Other counties desiring this service this year, or interested citizens, will make arrangements with their county physician and county superintendent of schools by or on the first Monday in May and notify Dr. G. M. Cooper of the state board of health, Raleigh.

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Society

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Mrs. Hutton Entertains

Mrs. G. N. Hutton was hostess yesterday afternoon to the Limited Auction Club. Two tables were arranged for cards. Mrs. Walker Lyerly was the lucky winner of the high score prize and Mrs. E. L. Shuford won the consolation. Ice cream and cake were served after the game. Those playing were Mesdames W. A. Hall, Walker Lyerly, George Yoder, Long of Newton, J. H. P. Cilley, J. L. Riddle, E. L. Shuford and Horace C. Lutz.

Miss McComb Hostess

The O. O. Club was delightfully entertained last evening by Miss Elizabeth McComb. Four tables were arranged for progressive rook. Special guests of the club were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Henkel, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McCorie, Misses Janie Lyerly and Mary Knox Henderson, and Messrs Cedric Dellinger and Tom Pruitt. A delicious ice course was served. Miss Margaret McComb will have the next meeting.

Hickory Music Club

There are fourteen members of the Hickory Music Club and all but one were present at the last meeting of the season, which was held at Mrs. George Bailey's last evening. There were four visitors, Mrs. Bailey and Miss Jennie Bailey of New York, Mrs. George Yoder and Mrs. E. B. Menzies. The composers for the evening were Smith, Lynes, Metcalf, Beethoven, and Rockwell. Those taking part in the program were Mrs. E. L. Shuford, Miss Margaret McComb, Mrs. George Hutton, Mrs. Karl B. Patterson, Mrs. J. H. Hatcher, Miss Lillie Bell Hallman, Mrs. Geo. Hall and Mrs. E. A. Smith.

It was decided to continue the study of American music next year and this will include Hawaiian and South American music. This past year has been a very delightful one for the club and has been well attended and all have shown enthusiasm. The following officers were elected, Mrs. J. H. Hatcher, president; Mrs. G. N. Hutton, vice president; Miss Essie Seagle secretary. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Engagement Announced

The reception at the home of Miss Estelle Wolfe last evening was a most enjoyable occasion for the Methodist Philatheas and their friends. The house was beautifully decorated with a great profusion of dogwood blossoms and wild honeysuckle. The guests were received by the hostess and directed to the punch bowl where Miss Kathryn Peterson presided. Each person was asked to register wishes for the brides in six little booklets which were presented as souvenirs to the guests of honor viz: Mesdames Henry C. Cline, Ivey Starnes, Earle Townsend, Guy Robinson, Missus Ola Griffin and Lina Johnston. A lively contest was then held. In the different rooms were posted twenty-four pictures advertising articles needed by brides with which to begin housekeeping. The answers were varied and amusing. At the conclusion each honoree was presented with an attractive Philatheas Cook Book, with best wishes from the class. Piano selections by Misses Marjorie Whitener, Clara Bowles and Mabel Monce were thoroughly enjoyed.

Delicious cream and cake was served by several Philatheas and, at this point, came the surprise of the evening. Between fancy cakes tied with white ribbons were placed cards to which was written "K. M. P. and J. F. C., June fifth," thus announcing the engagement of Miss Kathryn Peterson to Mr. Frank Carriker.

The bride-to-be is well known in the city. She held a responsible position with the Hutton and Bourbonnais Co. for some time and, because of her vivacity and pleasing disposition, has many friends here and elsewhere. For the past four months she has held the office of business manager of the Methodist Senior Philatheas class, which under her direction, has accomplished splendid results. Mr. Carriker's gain will mean a distinct loss to this class. She has the best wishes of a host of friends.

Mr. Carriker of Knoxville, Tenn., is a young man of splendid ability and was employed by the Hickory Daily Record as printer for about several months. He made friends during his stay here who will be glad to know of the happiness in store for him. REPORTER.

THE LIONS MUST WAIT

Denver News.
Mountain lions—puma—destroyed nearly \$4000 worth of livestock in Montrose county, well within the ring of civilization, in two years, according to official figures. We fear Montrose farmers will have to bear with the evil or take up arms against themselves for Col. Roosevelt will be engaged elsewhere for some months to come.

OUR FLAG FLIES HIGH

Cleveland Plain Dealer.
Recent German official reports of air battles along the French front dwell on the losses of "British, French and Americans." Such reports are significant from the standpoint both of the allies and of America. The young men of the United States who volunteered to fight on the side of civilization are at last fighting under their own flag. Their sacrifices, now, are directly for the United States. Hitherto in a sense they have been fighting the battles of the United States for France fights for enlightenment, for progress, for democracy, but only indirectly could these American volunteers be considered American soldiers. It is sentimentally gratifying that the American flag in the world war first appears high in the clouds. It may be taken as a symbol of America's high motive in entering the war.

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"Men whose vision is dim?
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What he begs is but his need.
Will the hand the help be ready from you,
Serving the baby's need?

What does the baby give to you,
"Men whose vision is dim?
He gives you sun to lighten your way;
He gives you hope for each dark day;
Have you paid your debt to him?
Have you smoothed his path and guided his way,
Guarded and shielded him?

What does the baby keep for you—
"You whose need is vast?
He keeps faith and hope and joy for you,
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Are you earning the gifts he is keeping for you,
"You who are going past?
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