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Social Notes

Miss Annie Little delightfully entertained at a porch party last Thursday evening at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. Clay Conley. For the occasion the porch was prettily decorated with Japanese lanterns and Indian heads, the affair being an Indian party. The guests made frequent visits to the wig-wam at one corner of the porch where they were served with iced grapejuice by Miss Martha Whitten. "Progressive Indian" was played at five tables. The score cards were hand-painted arrows. At the close of the game refreshments were served.

One of the most enjoyable social affairs of the season was a "farewell party" given by Miss Martha Decker at her home on south Main street. After a very unique and interesting game of Travel, the hostess served delicious refreshments. Those who enjoyed Miss Decker's hospitality were: Misses Kate May Streetman, Julia Burton, Gladys Goodson, Annie Barber, Estelle Seratt, Agnes Garner, Moffitte Sinclair, Nell Blanton, Messrs. Will Blanton, Robert Haliburton, Joe Giles, Dod McCarry, Ben Price, Winnie Keeter, Roland Morris, John Henderson, Eccles Gray, Pedro Lonon, and Kenneth Kirby.

On Thursday, September 4th, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Gray delightfully entertained in honor of their attractive guest, Miss Agnes Garner, of Washington, D. C. The guests spent several pleasant hours in indulging in various games of interest, after which delicious refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Nelle Blanton, Julia Burton, Blanche White, Annie Barber, Estelle Seratt, Birdie McBroom, Moffite Sinclair, Rhoda Mason, Bessie Dula, Gladys Goodson, Kate Mae Streetman, Martha Decker; Messrs. Will Blanton, Kenneth Kirby, John Henderson, Eccles Gray, Joe Giles, Ben Price, Dob McCarry, Lester Williams.

From Monday to Wednesday of last week Miss Mary Gorden Greenlee and Mr. R. L. Greenlee entertained a large house party at the Club House at Buck Creek Falls. Various amusements made the time pass all too rapidly. The beautiful scenery and rugged rocks of the falls afford a constant opportunity for lovers of climbing and kodaking. The water was fine for wading and swimming, and the drop pools were—and still are—full of wary trout. The large porch of the new club house presented an ideal spot for lovers of the square dance and Virginia Reel, as well as of the more modern waltz and two step. Devotees of forty-two, set-back and bridge found full exercise for their favorite games, and if there were any in the party who "live to eat" their life's purpose was well fulfilled thrice daily when all gathered at a bountiful board. It was with unspeakable regret that the party finally broke up and returned to town, and by unanimous consent they voted their host and hostess the embodiment of hospitality, and the trip one of the most enjoyable occasions of their lives.

SINGING CONVENTION

Large Crowds Attend Convention at Dysartsville and Hear Real Singing.

Written for THE PROGRESS.

Last Friday, Saturday and Sunday were great days for Dysartsville. The Singing Convention had been looked for with great interest and some anxiety. But Dysartsville, just as she always does, was ready when the time came. The crowds were immense all the time. On Sunday there was no less than twelve hundred people present and the speed at the noon recess would have done credit to any community in the State.

The Dysartsville singing class was at its best and every visiting choir acquitted itself with credit. Special mention should be made of the leaders, Mr. Geo. D. Taylor, Mr. Price and Mr. Street, of Cane Creek.

We have never seen a more enjoyable occasion. Of the entire crowds attending during the convention no one misbehaved in the least and every one enjoyed the singing.

There can be nothing more enjoyable than a real singing convention and no place on earth more fitted than Dysartsville to have such a meeting. There you will find real singers to sing with the best that can be brought from any quarter and a hospitality on the part of all of the people that simply can't be beat anywhere. We hope that many more conventions will be held and that the custom will live.

The After School Club.

All club women, mothers and teachers will read with interest the expression of opinion given below from the pen of Mrs. R. R. Cotten, president North Carolina Federation of Woman's clubs:

"All that helps the mother in the training of children; all that gives to the child higher ideals of life; all that brings into closer union the home and the school should be welcomed and utilized. The After School Club of America seems to have woven into one strong cord the three important factors in life, the mother, the child and the school.

"With the marvelous facilities for education along the most vital of all lines, the study of training of child nature, its specialized organization to meet these special demands, and its array of child welfare workers, who are giving time and talents to this work, the After School club cannot fail to be a blessing to all who share its benefits.

"The home council department seems of special value, because it reaches the individual mother and helps her solve her individual problem in child training. It is the individual mother, in her universality upon whom primarily develops the solution of racial problems, and what helps her help all humanity.

"Hoping the After School club may reach and help every mother in America."

Knoxville, Tenn., Saturday voted in favor of the commission form of government.

NEWS OF THE STATE

Happenings of General Interest Condensed for Busy Readers.

Six cotton mills at Concord have been shut down on account of the dry weather.

It is estimated that there will be about one-third of a crop of apples gathered in Yancey county this fall.

The Dallas Cotton Mills were placed in the hands of a receiver last week with liabilities of about \$60,000.

The laundry of the Toxaway Inn at Lake Toxaway was completely destroyed by fire Monday morning, the loss amounting to about \$2,000.

The entire plant of the Statesville Lumber Company with a large amount of timber on the yard was destroyed by fire Saturday. The loss is estimated at \$8,000.

Avery county's tax levy for the current year is only 89 cts. on the \$100 valuation of real and personal property, while Mitchell's levy has been fixed at \$1.43. —Avery Vin.

According to careful estimates made by the Southern railway people, the number of visitors in the mountains of western North Carolina now is from 40,000 to 50,000.

While fighting fire last Saturday at the Statesville Lumber Company's plant at Statesville, Hyman Harrison, a young man 16 or 17 years old, became overheated and fell dead.

The Erwin cotton mills at Durham and Duke, which had been closed down for two weeks to let up on a market crowded with denims, as well as other goods, resumed work last week.

J. H. Edge, of Celon, Yancey county, has found a massive crystal of mica 34x28x17½ inches, from which he will receive several hundred dollars, according to the opinion of H. C. Rizer, chief clerk of the United States geological survey.

A Hickory man, writes the Newton News, figures that the severe droughts come every 30 years, or thereabouts. His father told him of a severe drought in 1815. Just 30 years later was the drought of 1845, 36 years later the drought of 1881, while drought of 1911 falls just 30 years after 1881.

A State-wide meeting has been called for September 12th, to be held at the Selwyn Hotel in Charlotte at which meeting a State "Back Home" organization will be perfected. Leading editors and heads of commercial organizations over the State are behind the movement and a number have already signified by letter their intention of being present at the meeting.

Eight Coal Cars Derailed.

Sunday morning at 8 o'clock eight loaded coal cars of the second section of freight train No. 72 were derailed at mile post 115, a short distance from Old Fort. The derailment tied up traffic until late in the afternoon. No. 22 east-bound passenger train was the first train to get through, arriving here about 5:30 p. m. Train No. 11 and two special trains carrying 400 soldiers from Norfolk to San Francisco were also delayed.

No one was hurt as a result of the derailment.

MARION'S FUTURE.

Being naturally by far the most beautifully located town in the most beautiful section of country in the world—Western Carolina—Marion can be made with less effort the leading resort.

Centrally located with the grandest of railroads, climbing mountains north and west within a few miles, shadowed by the lofty and lovely Roan, with Mount Mitchell, or Black Dome, highest point east of the Rockies, rising seven thousand feet, capped by snow clouds and frosty mists, visible from every point, and only a few miles away.

Being on the very edge of the great National Appalachian Park upon which the government is spending two million dollars annually with millions to follow in beautifying. With auto roads, hotels, and sanitariums fast occupying our mountains, where every breeze has kissed a thousand cascades and fountains; where bare foot children and speckled trout revel in the same pools; with malaria unknown, hay fever and mosquito are night-mares of other climes; where maidens blush can only deepen and even the minds of the untaught are as bright as the morning star; where refreshing sleep sends us forth to enjoy the early dawn.

Here is health, here is pleasure, here is the place for the children to grow strong and develop both mind and body and the pale was wife to regain her blush and beauty.

If we men from stress of business are consigned to the hot and burning streets and crowded cars we can place our wives and children among the ferns, cascades, and flowers. Our consignment may be an all-wise provision tempering us for what is to come unless we relax this business strain and flee to our wives and little ones and with them commune with nature and nature's God.

The city man seldom views the heavens, and nothing so lessens a man's estimation of himself and the world as to gaze into the untold star lighted space under a clear mountain sky.

Two miles from the center of our town the Catawba river and other streams run through beautiful valleys, but upon reaching this point, nearest town, narrow to grand bluffs and lovely glens.

Between town and river there are streams and cascades among which we are constructing three lakes, surrounded by beautiful residence sites, covered by lovely trees of every kind and rhododendron of many hues.

Between these lakes are park grounds covering about two hundred acres connecting. The lakes will cover about sixty acres, beautifully irregular and thirty to forty feet deep.

We expect to have them well stocked with Bass, and Trout. These lakes are fed by two hundred springs of the finest water, and the farthest is not more than two miles from the river. These lakes and parks belong to the residents and owners of this property. Three hotel parks of thirty to fifty acres each have been reserved overlooking lakes and river.

The C. C. & O. Railway passes through this property and over a

part of the hotel river graded on a bridge eleven hundred feet long and one hundred and seven feet high. Under this bridge along the river through these gardens and fountains one of the drives passes. The river at this point furnishes fine bathing, boating and fishing. This drive, of which there will be about ten miles, passes under a fill a hundred and three feet high, through a concrete tunnel twelve feet high, four hundred and thirty feet long.

The Southern Railway and State Highway pass through this park by one of the hotel grounds and small lakes.

This park covers over one thousand acres and every drive and lot will be carefully surveyed with an eye to beauty and topography; as nearly as possible the size of lots will be one hundred feet front by two hundred feet deep. The rough ground will be thrown into villa sites of from one to ten acres and only alternate lots and sites will be sold at present.

In order to rush the work of development we would like to place forty or fifty of these lots right away to desirable parties only, and guarantee that every dollar received will be spent in building dams and opening up roads. All lots, other than lake front, at one hundred dollars each, lake front one hundred and fifty dollars each, same to be selected by the party purchasing or their agent as soon as survey can be completed, terms easy, one fourth cash, one fourth in 3, 6 and 12 months, six per cent on deferred paper, or two per cent off for cash.

This amount will be a small part of what we expect to spend on this property and books showing disbursements will be, at all times, open to inspection at our office.

We expect to complete these drives and build one commodious and up-to-date hotel overlooking river, valleys, lakes and mountains north, south, east and west as soon as possible.

Owing to the central location of our town (far enough south for the north in winter, far enough north for the south in summer) and of this property, situated between Junction, Hanks and center of town we have named it CENTRAL PARK.

There will be eight main entrances from the north, south, east and west.

This seems to us an opportune time and an opportunity to make Marion a resort and we hope you will join us as we feel confident we can double your investment and add greatly to your pleasures and profits, placing our town in the front rank of progress where she, by nature, was destined to stand.

Very respectfully,

YANCY BROTHERS,
Real Estate,
Marion, N. C.

We are prepared to build any kind of houses desired on easy terms.

Ice Cream Supper.

Glenwood, August 29.—The ladies of Glenwood Baptist church will give an ice cream supper at the school building here on Saturday evening, September 9, at 7 p. m., for the purpose of raising a fund to pay on the organ at the Baptist church. All are cordially invited to attend.

Ice Cream Supper.

There will be an ice cream supper at Sorrels Springs school house Friday, September 8, opening at 7:30 p. m. Every body is cordially invited. The proceeds will be used for school furnishings.