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HOLIDAY MARRIAGES

Mr. Bolch and Miss Nichols Married Sunday Evening—Gilkey-Kirby Nuptials Today.

Sunday night at 9 o'clock at the home of W. H. Hawkins on Depot street, a very quiet wedding took place when Mr. Lindon L. Bolch and Miss Ethel Nichols, daughter of Mrs. J. A. Finley, were united in marriage, Rev. Edward Long officiating. The marriage was quite a surprise to friends of the young couple.

The bride is an excellent young woman of amiable disposition and has a wide circle of friends. Mr. Bolch is a sturdy, reliable young man and stands well with his associates. For several years he has been a most efficient employee of THE PROGRESS and his services have been highly valued. He is a splendid young man of excellent qualities, and he and his bride have the best wishes of a host of friends for a long and happy life.

The happy young couple left Monday for Hickory where they will spend a few days at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bolch.

Mr. W. K. M. Gilkey left yesterday for Charlotte where to-day he will receive as his bride Miss Hattie Kirby, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Kirby of that city. The wedding will take place at the residence at 6 o'clock p. m. after which the bridal couple will leave for Marion where they will be at home to their friends on Main street.

Mr. Gilkey is a popular and prominent young business man of this place with a large circle of friends by whom he is held in the highest esteem. Miss Kirby is an attractive young woman and quite popular. She will be given a warm welcome to Marion by the many friends of Mr. Gilkey.

Mrs. H. W. Dysart is just in receipt of news of the marriage of her sister, Mrs. Miriam Swinney Roscoe to Mr. Norman M. Fox of Asheville. The former is well known here having made her home for about a year with Mrs. Dysart.

Mr. Fox has been an employee of the Southern Railroad for several years, and is at present chief clerk to District Freight Agent Orr.

The wedding took place in Spartanburg S. C., in November. The couple kept it secret and sprung a New Year's surprise upon their friends. Mr. and Mrs. Fox will reside in Asheville.

J. M. Swann, of Spruce Pine, and Mrs. Nannie Elliott, of Rocky Pass, were married at home of the bride at Chapel Hill, December 28, Rev. M. L. Kaylor officiating. The happy couple left for Spruce Pine the following day accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Poteet and A. McGee.

Forest Cobb and Ethel Jones both of Rutherford County, were married at the Baptist parsonage, Monday at 11 a. m., Rev. Edward Long officiating.

Marriage Near Old Fort.

On Thursday, December 28th, 1911, high noon, at the home of the bride's parents, near Old Fort, Miss Mary Juanita Noblitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Noblitt, was married to Mr. Rexford Morton Maugans, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Maugans, of Wolfsville, Md., Rev. W. G. Mallonee officiating. Mr. Maugans is an ex-

cellent business man, and now holds a position as bookkeeper for the Maryland Lumber Company of Denmar, W. Va. Because of his admirable qualities and irreproachable character he is highly esteemed by hosts of friends. Until November 18th, Miss Noblitt held a position as stenographer for Liipfert-Scales Tobacco Company, Winston-Salem, N. C., where she won the friendship of many because of her ambitious business ability and her amiable disposition.

The couple left on the Asheville Express for Denmar, W. Va., where they will make their home.

Quiet Christmas in Marion.

Christmas in Marion passed off comparatively quiet. The weather was so disagreeable that few people stirred about much. Saturday the stores were packed with eager Christmas shoppers, and that evening the streets were thronged with men, women and children, all hurrying hither and thither, purchasing gifts, most folks from the country as well as many town people having waited until the last moment to do their trading on account of the bad weather during the week.

There was considerable popping of firecrackers and an abundance of other fireworks used, but no special effort seemed to be made to enforce the ordinance, more liberty being allowed on such occasions. The absence of disturbances or accidents common to such occasions is noted with delight.

Quite a number of folks attended the Christmas entertainments at the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches Saturday evening. At each of the churches there was a tree and very pleasing exercises.

On Christmas day the banks were closed and other business houses were closed the greater part of the day, thus allowing merchants and clerks a day of rest and pleasure.

Some New Year Resolutions.

I resolve the following year that I will not drink any, unless I am dry—very dry.

That I will let people mind their own business and assist them all I can.

That I will agree to obey my superiors, if I have any.

That I will always forgive my enemies, especially those I can't whip.

That I will strive to be in love and charity with my neighbor, if I see I shall need him to back me in some pursuit of life the coming year.

That I will subscribe for The Progress and promptly pay for the same.

That I will trade at home and try and get back some of the money I squandered abroad the past year.

Report of Old Fort graded school for term ending December 23rd, 1911: First grade, enrollment 42, average 39; second grade, 36, average 34; third grade, enrollment 30, average 29; fourth grade, enrollment 26, average 23; fifth grade, enrollment 15, average 14; sixth grade, enrollment 17, average 13; seventh grade, enrollment 18, average 16; high school department, enrollment 18, average 15; total enrollment 202; total average 183. J. W. McCall, Supt.

HOLIDAY SOCIAL EVENTS

Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. Hopper and Others Entertain During the Holidays.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week the attractive home of Dr. G. S. Kirby was the centre of Christmas festivities when Mrs. Kirby entertained twenty friends at "Forty-Two." The house was profusely decorated in Christmas greens with large bowls of white hyacinths. Mrs. Kirby was assisted in dispensing hospitality by Mrs. W. W. Neal and Mrs. Minnie Blanton. After a very spirited game a most elaborate "six o'clock tea" was served at two long tables in the dining room, where the decorations were holly with an abundance of exquisite red carnations. The entire affair was one of beauty and delightful sociability and prominent among the social affairs of the holiday season.

Friday afternoon, from 3 to 6 o'clock, Mrs. John S. Hopper entertained at her hospitable home in compliment to The Friday Club and a few other friends, Bridge being the afternoon pastime. Mrs. Hopper was assisted in receiving her guests by Mrs. H. W. Dysart and Miss Jessie Ratliffe. The decorations were exceptionally attractive, being in Christmas greens, and the beautiful Poinsetta, the dainty score cards and place cards in water colors, the work of the hostess, were much admired. After a delightful hour at cards the sixteen guests were seated at one long table in the dining room where the decorative scheme was in keeping with the drawing room and reception hall. Here each place was marked by the poinsetta and a very unique basket of delicious bon bons, both the work of this artistic hostess. A beautiful box of fine stationery was awarded Miss Winslow for the highest score, also one similar was awarded to Mrs. Hugh F. Little for the next highest score, while a handsome poinsetta poster was given as consolation to Mrs. A. Blanton. The entire function was artistic in every detail.

Mrs. Hopper entertained ten young lady friends at a formal Christmas tea Wednesday p. m. The Christmas holly and decorations gave a charming touch of color to the handsome gowns worn by the guests. This was an exceptionally merry party made joyous by the radiantly happy guests and their hostess.

The young men of Marion gave a reception last Thursday evening at the Marianna hotel in honor of the girls who are spending the holidays at home from various colleges. The couples as they arrived were shown to the parlor, and when all had put in their appearance, they repaired to the dining room where delicious refreshments were served, after which various games were enjoyed very much by all. The following young people were present: Misses Julia Burton, Kate Mae Streetman, Nelle Blanton, May McCurry, Pearl Gibbs, Annie Baber and Mary Poteet; Messrs. Will Blanton, Ed. Kanipe, Byron Conley, Eccles Gray, Ged Giles, Joe Giles, Frank Morphew, Roland Morris, and

Winfield Keeter.

Miss Annie Baber entertained at a Leap Year party Monday night, January 1, 1912. This party proved to be one of the most enjoyable of the season, especially for the young ladies present. Misses Julia Burton, Mary Poteet, May McCurry, Frank Leibart, Moffit Sinclair, Louise and Maude Green, Julia Sinclair; Messrs. Frank Morphew, Ed. Kanipe, Kenneth Kirby, Grafton Bird, Will Blanton, James Owen, Eccles Gray, Ged and Joe Giles, Will Poteet, Fred Hemphill, Winnie Keeter, Doc McCurry enjoyed Miss Baber's hospitality.

The Misses Davis delightfully entertained a number of friends last Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Mary Hubbard, of White Stone, Va. The rooms were prettily decorated with Christmas bells and holly. Progressive games were played at five tables. After enjoying these for a while the young men proceeded to find partners for refreshments by matching cards on which were written Christmas toasts. These and Leap Year fortunes afforded much amusement until a late hour when the guests reluctantly departed.

A few young men of the town delightfully entertained the young ladies of their set at an informal party Tuesday evening, December 26th, at the home of Miss Mary Gordon Greenlee. Games were played and enjoyed by all. After partaking of delicious refreshments the guests made merry until a late hour when they departed, thanking the hosts for the good time they had had.

Miss Lillie Magnan entertained informally at cards on New Year's night in compliment to her two brothers, Messrs. Norman and Bert Magnan, who return shortly to their business in Asheville. Dainty refreshments were served at a late hour, and the entire evening was delightfully informal.

During the week Misses Julia Burton and Mary Poteet entertained in honor of the boys and girls who were home for the Christmas holidays.

Death of a Child.

Old Fort, Jan. 3.—The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ebbs will be pained to hear the death of their little son Buster, which occurred at their home in Knoxville, Tenn., last Friday morning at two o'clock. The remains were brought to Old Fort Sunday morning and the funeral service was conducted from the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Williams, Monday afternoon. Interment was made at Old Fort Cemetery. Mrs. Ebbs before her marriage was Miss Lollie Williams and has many friends here who sympathize deeply with her in the loss of her little babe.

North Carolina made the best showing in the number of prison commitments of any state in the union for the year just ended, according to a statement issued by the census office Saturday. There were only 123 commitments for every 100,000 inhabitants in North Carolina, while Arizona's proportion, which was the highest for any state, was 2,992 for every 100,000 people. The entire prison population for the United States was 113,579 and the number of commitments 479,763.

BRIDGEWATER DOINGS

Miss Logan Injured in Accident—A Marriage and Other Events of General Interest.

Bridgewater, Jan. 1.—Misses Julia Rust, Myrtle Hemphill and Hattie Mae Ballew of Asheville, Florence and Nettie Hemphill of Glen Alpine High School, Pearl Tate of Sevier, Carrie Tate of Stroudtown, Eddie Young of Nebo, and Abner Seals and Walter Rust of Virginia, Ruffin Rust of Berea College, Ky., and Ivey Pool of Trinity College, spent the holidays here with homefolks.

Miss Sadie Seals, who has been in Dr. Long's training school for nurses at Statesville for the last few months, came home to spend Christmas but had an acute attack of appendicitis and was taken back to the hospital. She is getting along nicely now and will be able to be out again in about a week.

Miss Clemmie McCannless of Asheville spent Christmas here with her cousins, the Misses Ballew.

Carl and George Crawford of Sugar Hill were visitors on the creek last week.

Holt Tate of Union Mills spent a few days here last week with relatives.

Miss Annie Lewis spent Christmas at Union Mills with homefolks.

The K. of P. banquet was given Thursday, December 28. Owing to the fact that the report got out that the picnic would be postponed on account of bad weather, the attendance was not as large as usual. But nevertheless every one enjoyed themselves. Rev. Murphy of Hickory and C. F. McKesson of Morganton made interesting talks on education, which every one enjoyed.

W. Lysterly and family spent last week in Hickory with homefolks.

Ramond Parker and Robert Gibbs, Roscoe Orders, Clifton Pitts and Paul Scott of Glen Alpine, spent Thursday here.

E. Geer and family spent Christmas here with Mrs. Geer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hemphill.

Ben Martin has been seriously ill for the past week. R. A. Abernethy has been in charge of the store during his illness.

Miss Eva Logan had the misfortune to get one of her lower limbs broken in several places below the knee one night last week. She and Miss Lewis and Fulton Gibbs were driving to a neighbor's house, and the night being dark, they turned off into an unused road where the buggy ran into a gully and turned over, Miss Logan falling underneath the buggy. She was taken to her boarding house at Bridgewater where a physician set the limb. She was taken a few days later to the mission hospital at Morganton where the limb was reset. She is getting along nicely considering the fact that the bone was broken in four places. Miss Logan is one of our graded school teachers here and we sympathize with her in her misfortune and hope for her a speedy recovery.

W. J. Ballew of Marion spent Sunday night at home here.

Miss Kary Tate was quite ill a few days last week.

Wilfong C. Tate and Miss Addie Lee Wilfong, of near Hickory, were married December 24 at the bride's home by Rev. Copenhagen, in the presence of the family connection. Mr. Tate is a son of S. P. Tate of this community, and has been for several years engaged in bridge construction work for the Virginia Bridge Co. in Virginia. Miss Wilfong is a daughter of James Wilfong of Catawba county. Mr. and Mrs. Tate are now at the former's home here, where they will visit for several weeks before returning to his work. We wish this couple a high future.