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SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF WEEK

Porch Party for Miss Gibbs—A Lawn Fete—Automobile Party Tuesday.

Miss Hattie M. Gibbs has been the recipient of much social attention since the announcement of her approaching marriage; but in no particular has there been a more delightful affair than the porch party on Thursday afternoon, when Mrs. J. H. L. Miller was hostess. Her guests were welcomed and seated on the wide piazza, which was tastefully set with potted plants and baskets of daisies, and gracefully garlanded with a daisy chain. Slips of paper bearing the letters D-A-I-S-Y, written vertically, were distributed, and each lady asked to write good wishes for the bride-elect. The reading of these rhymes was the source of much merriment. The sheets were gathered into a booklet, whose cover was artistically decorated with daisies and given to the honor guest. An original poem, by Miss Maud Barnard, was then read. It was entitled "The Daisy Girl," and is indeed worthy of mention, being a fitting and well expressed tribute to Miss Gibbs. Mrs. Craig and Miss Hannah Gibbs assisted Mrs. Miller in serving a delicious salad course.

Immediately following the luncheon, the strains of the wedding march sounded from the Victrola, and down the length of the piazza came the daintiest bit of femininity, clad in bridal robes. The diminutive bride was little Miss Jeannette Gilkey, the filmy veil and lace only adding charm to her unusual beauty. In her right hand she carried an enormous daisy. As she stood before Miss Gibbs a mock ceremony was read, after which the daisy was presented. It proved to be a most unique "shower." Each soft white petal was a handkerchief, and the center was formed of yellow crepe de chine handkerchiefs.

About twenty guests enjoyed the hospitality so graciously dispensed by Mrs. Miller.

Three charming hostesses, Mrs. J. Quinde Gilkey, Mrs. J. William Pless and Mrs. D. Edward Hudgins, received on the lawn of "Lone Beach," the home of Mrs. Hudgins, at 5 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. Receiving with them were Mrs. Edwin T. Booth and Mrs. J. B. Swindell, of Nashville, Tenn., who are the attractive guests of Mrs. D. F. Giles and Mrs. D. E. Hudgins. Mrs. R. F. Burton and Mrs. E. H. Dysart presided at the punch table, the improvised punch bowl being a huge block of ice which was surrounded by Queen Anne's lace, daisies and ferns. At the eight tables placed beneath the trees "Daisy Dice" was played, after which delicious refreshments were served, the color scheme of green and white being carried out here also. The Marion band furnished the music, which added much to the pleasure of the guests.

The hospitable country home of Mrs. J. L. Morgan and Mrs. Pescud Craig was again the scene of a delightful gathering on Monday afternoon, the honor guests on this occasion being Mrs. E. T. Booth of Nashville, Tenn., and Mrs. Hubert Potteet of Wake Forest.

Progressive Rook was played at seven tables placed on the broad veranda and in the living rooms which were tastefully decorated in rhododendron and ferns. The guests were invited to the dining room where salad and ice courses were served.

A number of the younger set motored out to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Beaman Tuesday evening to meet her guests, Miss Beaman of Knoxville, Tenn., and Miss English, of Asheville. A spirited contest, "An Automobile Romance," was enjoyed by the guests. Miss Beaman, the winner, was presented with a miniature automobile. After refreshments were served an hour or two was spent in dancing.

Delightful Party.

The following from the Winston-Salem Sentinel of the 17th will be of interest to friends here:

The attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Ambler, on West Fifth street, was the scene of a very delightful party last evening when their two lovely young daughters, Misses Bessie and Luna Ambler, entertained quite a number of the younger set in compliment to their house guests, Misses Margie White and Ruth Kirby, of Marion, N. C.

The house, bright with flowers and lights, made a beautiful setting for this happy gathering of young folks who entered into the guessing contest, which had been cleverly arranged, with much enthusiasm. Miss Mary Lybrook Lasater proved herself the most skillful in guessing the various advertisements, and was presented with the prize, a pretty box of bon-bons.

During the evening delicious refreshments were served, and good-nights were said with regret, all enjoying this delightful evening with the Misses Ambler and their attractive honorees.

Fourth of July at Nebo.

Everybody is cordially invited to come to Nebo Saturday, July the 3rd, and enjoy a big time with us. At one o'clock the fun will begin. All kinds of athletic games, a ball game, and a good time in general. Free lemonade for all the children, and a free supper at 5 o'clock. Everybody is asked to bring well filled baskets. Fine music will be furnished by the Nebo string band.

At eight o'clock a concert will be given at the High School auditorium. The young people will give "Dot, the Miner's Daughter," a drama in four acts.

J. H. HEMPHILL.

Seven People Killed by Storm.

Kansas City, June 18.—Seven people were killed in a wind and rain storm which swept over this section last night. Over 20 people were injured. At Westmoreland, Kansas, Charles Morris, president of the Kansas Southern and Gulf railroad, his son Guy and another man were drowned when a bridge went down under their gasoline rail car.

Three people lost their lives at Richmond, Mo., and one man was killed by lightning at Wamego.

Gastonia has voted a bond issue of \$100,000 for the city schools.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

DYSARTVILLE

Dysartville, June 21.—Mrs. Jonas Holler died Friday, June 18th, and was buried in the Methodist cemetery. She leaves a husband and six children, four sons and two daughters, all of whom are married except one son. Mrs. Holler was a good woman and had many friends. Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Jones and daughter, Mrs. R. L. McCurry, of Marion, attended the funeral service Saturday which was conducted by Rev. B. B. Harris.

Miss Bertie Taylor and Miss Beth Neal of Bridgewater spent the weekend with Miss Lona Goforth.

J. L. Laughridge of Marion visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. J. M. Goforth spent last week in Nebo with her daughter, Mrs. G. D. Taylor.

Miss Hattie Mangum of Marion spent several days with homefolks recently.

Mrs. T. B. Landis visited her sister, Mrs. G. D. Taylor, last week in Nebo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Duval and family of Blacksburg, S. C., are visiting the former's father, W. L. Duval, who is very sick.

Miss Mary Daves went to Marion Sunday to visit relatives.

Key Landis and J. M. Goforth made a business trip to Marion today.

Mr. and Mrs. Ad. Yelton of Union Mills visited J. L. Daves Saturday and Sunday.

THOMPSON'S FORK.

Thompson's Fork, June 21.—Miss Jay Simmons, who has been taking a business course at Raleigh, has returned home.

Mrs. A. E. Rowe was in Marion shopping Saturday.

Bruce and Ralph Tate of Nebo visited their grandmother here one day last week.

J. H. Hemphill and son, Fred, attended the ice cream supper at Bridgewater Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Anderson and Mrs. Anna Simmons visited relatives at Nebo, Sunday.

W. C. Jaynes, who has been sick for a few days, is improving.

Miss Jay Simmons was shopping in Marion, Saturday.

Wilborn Cuthbertson of Nebo was a business visitor here one day last week.

SUNNYVALE

Sunnyvale, June 19.—The worst hail storm we have had this year occurred here Thursday.

Miss Bessie Johnson has been very ill. Mrs. Will Lewis and children of Garden City are visiting relatives here.

J. B. Haynes has accepted a position with the government surveyors here.

Mrs. Julia Lewis and niece, Miss Alice Lewis, visited relatives near Garden City last week.

Action Against Burke Register Dismissed.

Newton, June 19.—The county court has dismissed an action instituted by A. W. Helton, of Catawba county, against John B. Holloway, register of deeds for Burke county, in which the plaintiff alleged that the register had issued license for the marriage of a daughter who was under age and sought the recovery of the \$200 provided in such cases by law. The dismissal of the suit was upon motion of R. L. Huffman, of Morganton, who argued that the case was within the jurisdiction of a justice of the peace, and that under an act passed by the last legislature, service in such cases would not be made beyond county lines. Should the plaintiff, who is taxed with the costs in this action, press his suit, he will have to carry it in superior court, and very probably in the county of the defendant.

Family Reunion.

On Sunday, June 13th, the ten children, twenty-two grand children and all the sons-in-law and daughters-in-law, except one, of Mrs. Rebecca Tate gathered at her home near Greenlee in a family reunion. The gathering was composed of the following families: Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Hild and two children and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Frisbie and six children, of Stroudtown; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carson and six children and Mrs. M. C. Finley and four children, of Marion; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Tate and three children, of Greenlee; H. A. Tate, of Statesville; C. L. Tate, of Canton; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tate and one child and Miss Hattie Tate of the "home place."

All brought baskets and added to the bountiful supply Miss Hattie had prepared. The impromptu table under the old oaks, under whose shade all had played in childhood, did not groan long under its weight of good things, for little girls and older folks, as well as the proverbial small boy, soon lightened its load. All seemed to enjoy the day, the "old folks" talking over old times while the children played on the grass.

This family had not all been together since the death of the father in 1908. In the afternoon all assembled on the front lawn for a photograph. About four o'clock most of the families began to bid adieu, each, no doubt, with the same thought in mind—"When and where, if ever, will we all meet again." F. C. M.

Children's Day at Macedonia.

Sunday, June 13, was a great day for Macedonia. It was Children's Day and the exercises were interesting and much enjoyed by the large crowd in attendance. The program by the children well was rendered, followed by a splendid address by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Limeric, on Missions. A basket dinner was served which was enjoyed by all, for there was good things to eat in abundance.

In the afternoon a splendid talk was made by E. S. Brown on Sunday School Attendance. He was followed by Prof. M. S. Giles on The Training of the Young for the Future. Special mention should be made of the singing, especially one number by the male quarter. If you want to be treated kindly visit the good people of Macedonia. A VISITOR.

Congressman Britt to Mark Soldiers' Graves.

Asheville Gazette-News.

Congressman James J. Britt has obtained authority from the secretary of war to have marked, with appropriate headstones, at the federal government's expense, a number of graves of Revolutionary soldiers, and soldiers of Indian and later wars, in Macon county. The monuments will be set up as soon as the identifications, names, dates, and other data are completed. It is the purpose of the congressman to follow this up throughout the entire tenth district as rapidly as possible.

The 22nd series of the McDowell Building & Loan Association opens July 1st. See Secretary J. E. Neal now and get stock. If you are going to build, the Building & Loan will help you.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Of the 69 candidates who took the recent examination before the State Board of Pharmacy only 39 passed. Among those who passed were G. B. Finley of Marion, G. Blackwelder of Hickory and Newton L. Beach of Morganton.

That Mr. and Mrs. William Jennings Bryan will make Asheville their summer headquarters, not only this summer, but for the seasons to come, is the information given out by Fred L. Seely of Grove Park inn, a close personal friend of the Bryans and of whom they are now guests.

District Agent Millsaps has started a very active and interesting campaign for Alfalfa Clubs in the western part of the State. A circular letter gotten out states in very brief form a dozen things that have to be observed to succeed with this crop. His County Agents are not enlisting any farmer who will not sign the agreement to carry out instructions. They are asked to plant only an acre to begin with. After they learn how to succeed with the crop, it will then be early enough for them to extend its growth.

Slaton Commutes Frank's Sentence

Atlanta, Ga., June 21.—Leo M. Frank's sentence this morning was commuted to life imprisonment by Governor Slaton. Frank was secretly taken to the state prison farm at Milledgeville. He was to be hanged here tomorrow for the murder of Mary Phagan in April, 1913.

Governor Slaton was still at his country home when he announced his decision to the press. In making this announcement the Governor dictated the following statement:

"All that I ask is that the people of Georgia read my statement why I commuted Leo M. Frank's life sentence before they pass judgment.

"Feeling as I do about this case I would be a murderer if I allowed this man to hang. It may mean that I must live in obscurity the rest of my days but I would rather be plowing in a field that to feel for the rest of my life that I had that man's blood on my hands."

Governor Slaton was completing a long statement giving his reason for his action and he said it would be made public later.

Militia Guards Home of Slaton.

Atlanta, Ga., June 22.—State troops tonight continued to guard the suburban home of Governor Slaton, but all was quiet both there and in the city after the demonstrations of yesterday and last night by people opposed to the commutation of Leo M. Frank's death sentence.

State and city officials said they anticipated no further trouble, but as a precautionary measure additional militiamen were held under arms at the Fifth regiment armory and extra policemen were available.

Stop paying rent; take stock in the Building & Loan and buy a home with rent money. New series opens July 1st. See Secretary Neal at once.