

TWO-BEDS IN "PRIVATE" ROOMS



In order to care for as many people as possible, practically all private rooms at Marion Hospital have been converted to semi-privates. Here a 9x13 room originally built for one bed, is used by two patients, who share a bedside table. When both patients have visitors at the same time, the room is even more crowded. (Photo by Wilfred G. Best)

Progressive Farmer 'Man Of Year' Named

Raleigh—The Progressive Farmer announces its 1949 award of "Man of the Year in Service to North Carolina Agriculture" to Rev. Dumont Clarke and cites his notable contributions in enriching rural life by helping build stronger rural churches.

In January, 1930, Dr. Clarke became religious director of the Farmers Federation, a cooperative farmers' organization with headquarters in Asheville. Now continuously since then he has given 20 years of his life to promoting "The Lord's Acre" movement among rural churches of all denominations.

PLAN OUTLINED

Just what is "The Lord's Acre" plan? The basic idea was that of having each church member plant one acre to some crop, tend it and nurture it as being indeed our Lord's acre, and give the proceeds to his church. It was always realized, however, that many church members could not conveniently cultivate exactly an acre in this way. "Some should give more, some less. But anyhow grow or raise something—even if it is only a pig, a hen, or a bushel of potatoes—with your own hands and give it to the Lord," Dr. Clarke urged. And thousands—many thousands have responded. Many churches now do not use the name Dr. Clarke advocates. But most of them got the idea from "The Lord's Acre" and from Dr. Clarke's 20 years of missionary zeal in promoting it. He rejoices that so many thousands of church members have had their spiritual lives enriched and ennobled by the happiness of doing something for the Master day after day



REV. DUMONT CLARKE

all along through the year and consequently feeling a joy and glow in their hearts never known before.

Dr. Clarke began with six churches of three denominations in Buncombe county. Since that time he has personally presented the Lord's Acre plan in 31 different states, and in two tours of Canada. The movement is now active from Maine to California and from Canada to Mexico; also in foreign lands Every year missionaries come to Asheville to consult with him and to study "The Lord's Acre" plan for use on mission fields of the world.

Distinguished North Carolinians who have previously received Progressive Farmer "Man of the Year" awards include: W. Kerr Scott, I. Q. Schaub, Harry B. Caldwell, Frank P. Graham, B. W. Kilgore, T. E. Browne, T. J. W. Broom, E. G. Moss, Frank W. Hancock, L. D. Bayer, R. Flake Shaw, Dr. D. James H. Hilton. No man is recognized more than once.

Home Demonstration Club Schedule

The program theme of Home Demonstration clubs during the month of December will be "Recreation," Miss Elsie Garrett, county agent, said in announcing the schedule.

Meetings arranged to date are as follows:

Nebo, 7:30, December 8, home Mrs. James Parks.

Dysartsville, two o'clock, December 9, home of Mrs. Bruce Cowan.

Glenwood, 7 p. m., December 13, Methodist church.

Providence and Greenlee joint meeting, 7:30, December 14, office.

White Pine, 7:00, December 15, home Mrs. Fred Searcy.

Bethlehem, two o'clock, December 15, lodge hall.

Turkey Cove, two o'clock, December 19, home Mrs. H. G. Washburn.

Chapel Hill, 7:30, December 19, club house. Husbands of members will be invited.

North Cove, 7:30, December 20, Mrs. Guy Lonon's.

Old Fort, 2 o'clock, December 29, home of Mrs. Cody Porter.

RELISH CUPS

Hollow out bright oranges and use the fruit to combine with cranberries in a relish. The colorful relish then goes back into the orange cups for a delightful plaster accompaniment.

Mrs. Vess Passes; Funeral Rites Held Monday

Mrs. Mary J. Vess, 88, widow of J. Harvey Vess, died at the residence in Old Fort early Sunday morning after a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted in Cherry Springs Baptist church Monday at 2:30 p. m. by the Rev. J. F. Floyd, assisted by the Rev. Franklin Justice. Burial was in the church cemetery.

She is survived by four daughters and two sons, Mrs. Millie Davis of Marion, Mrs. Malinda Smith and John Vess of Old Fort, Mrs. Ida Justice of Cherry Point, Mrs. A. A. Conner of East Marion and Rassic Vess of Swannanoa; 17 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson.

Walker Receives "Well Done" Award

James M. Walker, fireman apprentice, USN, of route 4, Marion, has received a "well done" from Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, USN, newly appointed Chief of Naval Operations, who was Commander of the Sixth Task Fleet to which the Navy's man's ship, the aircraft carrier USS Iteye, is attached.

Full text of the message from the Navy's CNO to the men who served under him in the Mediterranean follows:

"On detachment after nearly two years initially as Commander, Naval Forces, Mediterranean, and later as Commander, Sixth Task Fleet, I wish to express gratitude to all hands on the efficient manner in which they have always applied themselves to all tasks assigned them and also my pride in their accomplishments and in their standards of loyalty, duty and discipline.

"I am confident that, under your new commander, you will continue as a powerful factor in maintaining the policies and prestige of the United States in the Mediterranean.

"Well done."

High School Girls Defeat All Stars In Cage Tourney

A group of over 200 enjoyed an evening of real fun at the Marion High School gymnasium last Wednesday. The Marion High School girls won over the All-Stars 16-14. High score was Barbara Gibbs with 6. The men's game was between the Marion Teachers and the Marion All-Stars. The all-stars won 15-11. High score was C C Elledge with 6.

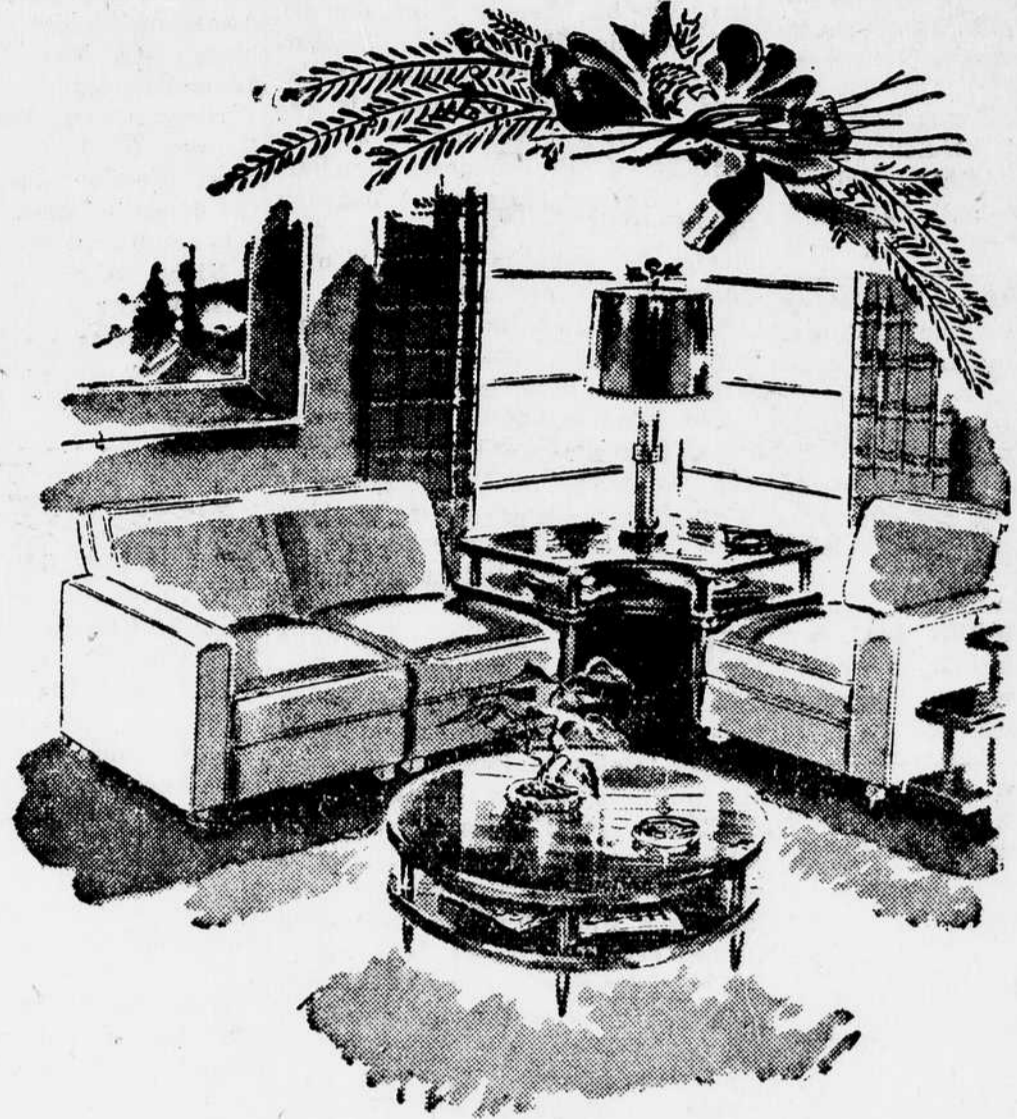
Admission received at the door totaled \$32. This has been turned over to the Hospital Fund by the N. C. E. A., who sponsored the game.

After drifting down hill for about five years, the number of milk cows in this country seems to be leveling off.

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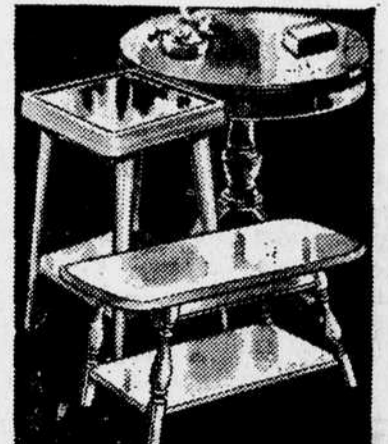


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