

Kannapolis Social Items

(By Lois Wineoff Barnhardt. Kannapolis, May 9.—Mrs. James Brown, Mrs. H. B. Rogers and Mrs. Henry Brown, entertained the Fine Arts Department of the Woman's club at the home of the former on Friday of last week.

"American Painters" was the subject for study. Mrs. N. S. Stewart presented a highly interesting paper on William Laird Taylor and showed reproductions of several of his paintings. Mrs. L. A. Peeler followed with a discussion of Francis B. Millet and his works. The last painter in the series Eastman Johnston, was presented by Mrs. Lois Barnhardt.

Following the program a business meeting was held. Mrs. James Walton, who has served so faithfully as chairman of this division, asked to be relieved and in her place Mrs. L. A. Peeler was unanimously elected. Mrs. Walton then agreed to serve as secretary, succeeding Mrs. M. L. Ridenhour, who has filled this place for three years. A pleasing surplus was found in the treasury and after reserving a sufficient amount of money with which to defray the expense of next year's study course, a tidy sum was given to aid the flood sufferers of the Mississippi section. Plans were discussed at length relative to continuation of the circulating library of current fiction maintained by this branch of the club.

Dainty refreshments, consisting of molded fruit-ice, angel-food cake, and iced tea was served by the hostesses.

The picnic supper served in honor of the teachers of Kannapolis' schools on Thursday evening was a most successful affair. Long tables were arranged on the lawn of central school and service was made cafeteria fashion. Frequently one heard a sigh, "Oh for a country picnic dinner" is compared with the feast prepared by the three Parent-Teacher associations of this city the usual rural picnic can't make a showing. There was fried chicken, ham, roast fresh meats, a dozen kinds of salads, sandwiches, pies, cakes and pickles of every sort, plus iced tea. After supper the "Y" Glee Club gave a splendid program.

Mrs. M. L. Ridenhour was chairman of the committee on arrangements and she and the association

members left nothing undone in their efforts to make a pleasing occasion for the teachers.

Mrs. S. C. Simmons, of Opelika, Ala., arrived Friday for a visit to Mrs. H. L. Lipe. She is a former resident of the city, Mr. Simmons having been a former vice-president of the Cannon Mfg. Co.

Mrs. Simmons delighted the congregation of Trinity Church with the singing of "The Lilies." Her's is a rich clear soprano voice.

During her stay she will be guest of honor at several social affairs.

Mrs. W. S. Kelly, of Stateville, is the guest of Mrs. Sam Kelly at her home on Concord road. On Friday afternoon Mrs. Kelly entertained for her guest and Mrs. S. C. Simmons, of Alabama, who is visiting Mrs. H. L. Lipe.

Mrs. and Mrs. W. C. Graham spent Sunday at Mocksville with Mrs. Graham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cartner.

Miss Lelia Cannon, of the South School faculty, is confined to her bed by a severe attack of influenza.

Miss Ruth Moser is kept in her room by an infected foot. It is feared she is suffering blood poison.

Mrs. J. Hugh Parks is recovering from a recent indisposition.

Miss Vivian Walter returned on Thursday from Charlotte, where she spent several days with Mrs. Eustace Griffin at her home on Central avenue.

Miss Katy Lou Steele, of Statesville, is the guest of Mrs. M. I. Troutman, Mrs. Troutman and Miss Steele are sisters.

Mrs. Bruce Abernethy and Mrs. Joe Glass left Monday for Durham to attend the meeting of the Woman's club. Mrs. Abernethy is vice-president and Mrs. Glass is treasurer of the local club. A meeting of the Kannapolis club will be held on Tuesday evening at the Y. M. C. A.

Mrs. Charles Ewan and Miss Amanda Ewan returned Saturday from a stay of six weeks with relatives in New Jersey.

Miss Carolyn Craven spent last

week in Charlotte with her aunt, Mrs. E. W. Bailey.

Mrs. S. H. Orr left Saturday with friends of Concord on a motor trip through the Valley of Virginia.

Mr. Bob Daywalt was a week-end guest of friends at Greensboro.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

Monday May 9, 1927. On this date 423 years ago Columbus sailed on his last voyage to America.

One year ago today Lieut. Com. Byrd made his famous aeroplane flight to the North Pole.

Former Empress Zita, consort of the last of the Austrian emperors, is 35 years old today.

Thousands of pilgrims will visit Bruges, Belgium, today to witness the annual Procession of the Holy Blood.

An outdoor Life Exposition will be opened in Chicago today and continued through the remainder of the week.

The American Child Health Association, of which Herbert Hoover is president, will open a three-day conference today in Washington, D. C.

Governors of five mid-Western States have been invited to confer in Chicago today on uniform methods to conserve natural resources.

Reduction in plate glass tariffs will be demanded by the Association of Imported Glass Consumers at a hearing before the Tariff Commission in Washington today.

Canberra, the new federal capital of the Commonwealth of Australia, is to be formally inaugurated today when the Duke of York will preside at the opening of the Commonwealth Parliament there.

Mexico has recently imported from the United States 45,000 fruit trees, 30,000 white-mulberry cuttings, 20,000 scions of other trees for grafting, a multitude of strawberry plants, and 10,000 packages of garden and flower seeds. These are for use in school gardens throughout the Republic in carrying out the purpose of the federal ministry of education that every school shall have fruit trees and a garden, so far as possible.—School Life.

Jumping to conclusions is dangerous exercise because one so often alights on one that is not sound.

SNYDER MURDER CASE WILL BE ENDED TODAY

Jury Will Get Case of Mrs. Snyder About 3 O'clock in Afternoon. New York, May 9.—Mrs. Ruth Snyder and her consort salesman paragon, Henry Judd Gray, ate their Monday morning prison breakfast with the knowledge—comforting or not as the case may be—that their fate probably will be decided before another breakfast is brought to them.

Testimony in the trial at which they are charged with the murder of Albert Snyder, the woman's husband, was completed at the closing session of the third week and summations will begin at 10 o'clock tomorrow. On the length of the summations and the judge's charge will depend what time the jury will receive the case.

If the summations are one hour each, which seems probable, the case will go to the jury about 3 o'clock. If two hours, supper will intervene before deliberations are begun. It has been indicated, however, that court will stay in session until they are completed.

Mrs. Snyder's summation will come first, then Gray's, and then the state's. The judge's charge is expected to be brief, a mere outline of the various verdicts, which are numerous, that the jury may bring in.

They may be found guilty of first or second degree murder, first or second degree manslaughter, or justifiable homicide. They may be acquitted. One may be found guilty on one count and the other on another, or one may be found guilty and the other innocent. Or the jury may disagree on one, rendering a verdict on the other, or it may disagree on both.

The possible penalties range from a fine not to exceed \$1,000 to death in the electric chair. The indictment charges first degree murder, for which the death penalty is mandatory.

Whatever the jury does it will have effect on the payment of insurance. Gray carries \$30,000 insurance, and \$96,000 had been written on the life of Albert Snyder, the victim of the killing. Mrs. Snyder is the beneficiary of her husband's insurance and should she be found innocent it would be paid her. Should it be found, however, that she was responsible for his death her right would lapse and the money would go to her nine-year-old daughter, Lorraine.

Gray's insurance is affected only if he is convicted of murder in the first degree and is executed. In that event his wife, the beneficiary, would get the \$30,000. If he should be found not guilty, or guilty of any lesser degree of murder or manslaughter, of course the policy would remain in force and not be payable until his death.

Mrs. Snyder is confident that she won't die. New York, May 7.—Mrs. Ruth Snyder today expressed herself as being confident of escaping the death penalty on a charge of murdering her husband, Albert Snyder, art editor. She smiled today when shown a letter from a Texas rancher who said he sympathized with her and was certain she would be acquitted. He offered to meet her on the "front stoop" of the Queens county court house when she walked out a free woman. He said he would wear a yellow flower for identification.

"That's an appointment I'll keep," she told a jail attaché.

The suburban housewife who said she attempted to restrain Henry Judd Gray from killing her husband asked for a beauty specialist this afternoon. When she goes into the court room Monday to hear the summations she will look her blond best.

WOMAN KILLS HUSBAND AS HE STARTS TO STRIKE HER

P. H. Wade, Who Lived Near Dunn, Slain by Wife in Presence of Son. Dunn, May 8.—Pearly H. Wade, 42, prominent farmer who lived one and a half miles east of Dunn, is dead and his wife, a few years younger, is in the custody of Sheriff Kye Matthews of Harnett county, charged with firing the shot which brought almost instant death to her husband at seven o'clock this morning.

The fatal shooting took place in the Wade home, the only eye-witness except the husband and wife being their only child, a son eleven years old.

Sheriff Matthews did not place Mrs. Wade in jail, but she is being cared for in the home of a neighbor under guard. According to the evidence brought out by the coroner's jury today the victim of the shooting was drinking and was in the act of striking his wife when she fired at close range, the bullet piercing his breast. The bullet was fired from a thirty-two caliber Smith and Wesson pistol which was found lying on the floor in the hall. The pistol contained a full round of cartridges, one of them having been fired. The son stated that he was awakened by his father cursing his mother, that he saw him back her into a corner of the room in which he slept and raise his hand as if to strike her. At that time the pistol fired and his father fell across his bed. The father had been abusing and threatening the mother most of the night he said.

Ford Motor Company Settles Suit for \$2,000,000.

Detroit, May 9.—The \$2,000,000 suit of John M. Blair, building contractor, against the Ford Motor Company for alleged breach of seven contracts has been settled out of court, it was announced today.

Five of the contracts were not in dispute, it was said, and were paid in full. The other two contracts will be arbitrated, each side selecting a man, and the two agreeing upon a third.

It is understood that criminal charges against Blair, who was charged by Charles E. Sorenson, general manager of the Ford plant, with having bribed Ford purchase agents, will be dropped.

PAPA SPANKS MAMA.

Chicago Father Retaliates When Child is Punished. Chicago, May 9.—A spanking for Betty Jane, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schultz earned a spanking for the mother and almost got one for the child's father today. The mother had the father in court. "When I spank the baby, he spanks me," she bitterly complained. Schultz insisted the baby was spanked too much but the judge decided against him and threatened to spank the father if he interfered with spanking the baby.

GOOD ROADS AIDING FARMERS OF STATE

Making It Possible for Them to Get Produce to Market Easier. Raleigh, May 9.—A striking example of the benefits to be derived by the farmer from good roads is afforded in North Carolina, from which thousands of crates have been moved by truck this season. The story was told by George Ross, chief of the Division of Markets of the State Department of Agriculture, upon his return from Wallace, where he saw a large fleet of trucks from Delaware loading berries for Eastern points.

"These trucks," said Mr. Ross, "were standing in the market yards when I first observed them. I had heard they were on the way. They carried from 125 to 200 crates of berries each, as compared with 175 to 236 crates loaded in freight cars."

The outstanding fact pointed out by Mr. Ross was that North Carolina's good roads, on which approximately \$100,000,000 has been spent, promise the farmer a competitive basis on which to deal with the railroad in the future. As a matter of fact, according to this marketing expert, there is already a movement on foot to secure feed express cars to move berries next season, in the place of freight cars now used.

"There have been this season," he continued, "as high as 2,000 to 3,000 crates of berries hauled from Wallace and Rose Hill in one day. Some of the trucks make three trips South each week, with a running time of 8 to 25 hours, going Richmond, Washington, Baltimore and other cities. Some have gone as far as Philadelphia and New York."

"Each truck has two drivers, and the actual running time is 21 hours to Philadelphia and 25 hours to New York. Shippers report that they sought in vain a better schedule from the railroads before the season began, claiming that, a few years ago, berries shipped on Monday, for example, were marketed in New York on Wednesday, while now it is Thursday."

"So the truck movement began and it has succeeded. Railroads, however, have assured growers they would get together and endeavor to work out a plan for faster service. What the producers and shippers want is the use of feed express cars."

"The practice of hauling strawberries North in trucks began several seasons ago but the service was extended to North Carolina only this year. The movement probably began in the New Jersey strawberry belt and was later extended to the Eastern shore of Virginia. However, the seasons are later in New Jersey and Virginia and so the trucks are now being employed in transporting berries from Eastern North Carolina. Although it is highly probable that improved train service may be secured, yet it is entirely likely that the movement by truck will also continue, due to the excellent roads in North Carolina and the fact that Virginia, to the North, is improving its roads. Undoubtedly, however, an object lesson has been given and the result will be far-reaching, meaning the saving of thousands of dollars to our strawberry growers."

This season's strawberry shipments, made by train, are now fast approaching a 2,000-carload mark, and there is a probability that when the season is over the 2,046-carload record, made in 1924, will have been broken. Last year's total for the season was 1,252 carloads.

PENNEY CO. WIDENS SHARING OF PROFITS

Store Managers to Participate in General Earnings as Well as in Units. New York Times.

A readjustment of the corporate structure of the J. C. Penney Company by which store managers will share in the profits of the general business as well as in the profits of the store units and by which provision is made for an expansion of the company's activities in the United States and abroad was announced yesterday. The company employs 15,000.

The classified common stock, which previously represented interest in individual stores, has been exchanged for common stock and 6 per cent. preferred stock of the J. C. Penney Company. Of an authorized issue of \$15,000,000 of Class A 6 per cent. preferred cumulative stock, \$8,468,000 has been issued; of an authorized issue of \$10,000,000 in classified common stock, \$8,530,000 has been issued, and of an unclassified common stock of no par value, 35,184 shares have been issued.

The company heretofore has allowed the partners and managers in any single store or group of multiple stores to participate only in the earnings of the store or group in which they were interested. The new plan conforms to one put into effect some years ago, when all employ holders of common stock who were not identified directly with the management of individual stores converted their classified holdings into stock of the entire system. The restriction by which any except employes were prevented from owning this stock have been removed.

Previous to the adoption of the present plan the stockholder of each individual store participated only in the profits of that particular unit.

The J. C. Penney Company has purchased F. S. Jones & Co., operating fifty-four general merchandise stores in the West, bringing the total stores owned by the Penney chain to 885, including a number to be opened this year. The business done this year is expected to reach \$150,000,000.

HUDSON MAXIM DEAD.

Inventor of Smokeless Powder and the Maxim Gun Passes Away. Lake Hopatcong, N. J., May 9.—Hudson Maxim, inventor, died at his home Friday afternoon. He was 74 years old and had been suffering from anemia and stomach trouble for the last two months.

Mr. Maxim's death ended his experiments to make naval torpedoes more deadly. Believing that another great war was approaching, he was eager to develop primary experiments in the substitution of nitrolycerin for

superheated steam as a motive power. He was confident that this would more than double the range and effectiveness of the so-called automobile torpedo.

A foe of the pacifist to the end, he maintained that the country was poorly equipped for the impending test of battles in which he believed it would be involved.

He became ill from anemia in January while on the vacation on the Pacific coast. With Mrs. Maxim, he returned to New Jersey early in February, both of them questioning if his chief ailment might not be homesick-

ness for the birds and trees, and laboratories of his great estate near Lake Hopatcong.

Among the other more important achievements with which Mr. Maxim was credited were perfection of "Stabilite," a smokeless powder producing better ballistic results; invention of the United States service detonating fuses for high explosives; armor-piercing projectiles; invention of "motorite," a new self-combusting material for driving automobile torpedoes, and of processes and apparatus for manufacturing reperfected power gains.

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