

### New Hope Community News

MRS. SAM RAY - Phone 8-3792

Mrs. Mattie Craig is confined to her home with an illness and is showing improvement.

The Florence Root Circle of New Hope Church will meet Tuesday night at 8 at the home of Mrs. Kelly Davis. Mrs. James Tippens will lead the Bible Study Lesson.

Birthday greetings and best wishes to John Lockhart and to Kelly (Butch) Davis Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Campbell and family have returned to their home in Newark, N. J. after visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris of Elon College were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tapp. Joe lived with Mr. and Mrs. Tapp while doing graduate work at UNC. This school year he will teach in the Durham County school system. Mrs. Harris will teach English at Elon College.

The Day Circle of New Hope Church will meet in the fellowship hall of the church Wednesday morning at 9:30.

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Dr. Ed Wilson is a patient at Memorial Hospital for observation and treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hicks and family will leave the community soon to move into their recently completed home on Orange Grove Road.

### Social Workers To Meet Sept. 12

The Eastern North Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers will hold its first meeting of the 1963-64 program year in Raleigh on Sept. 12. The meeting will be held in the old Senate Chamber in the Capitol, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The program will be concerned primarily with possible programs for the coming year.

The Eastern North Carolina Chapter includes the Chapel Hill-Durham area, in addition to the eastern part of the State. Officers are Dorothy Keister of the Institute of Government, chairman; Mrs. Isabelle K. Carter of the UNC Graduate School of Social Work, vice - chairman; Mrs. J. L. Pierce, executive director of Family Service in Raleigh, secretary; and Miss Virginia Long, chief of psychiatric social work at Memorial Hospital, treasurer.

Committee chairmen are: Miss Geraldine Gorley of the UNC School of Public Health, Social Action; Frank Peirce of the Graduate School of Social Work, Program Committee; Harold Demonade, executive director of Family Service in Durham, Public Relations; and Mrs. Elizabeth McCubbin, director of Women's Prison in Raleigh, Membership.

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### Provisional Classes Set By League

The Provisional Training Class of the Chapel Hill Junior Service League is currently being formed and will hold its first meeting at the home of Mrs. Clarence Cheek, Greenwood Road, on Tuesday, September 17, at 8 p.m. Anyone desiring to make application should contact Mrs. Rollie Tillman, membership chairman, by September 10.

Mrs. William G. Long, president of the league, and Mrs. T. L. Tolbert, Country Store chairman, will be on hand to welcome the new members and to help acquaint them with the purposes of the organization.

Membership in the League is open to women who plan to be in Chapel Hill for at least two years to the best of their knowledge and who were under 35 years of age on past June 1, 1963.

League projects include Health and Welfare, Christmas House, Community Recreation, Civil Defense, and the Country Store. Members are required to do at least 50 hours of work in these areas, as well as in certain other community service projects. Persons wishing to become members must have provisional status from September to May. After fulfilling the requirements, they become active members at the annual May luncheon.

There will be four special provisional training classes during which provisional members will be introduced to the League—its projects, purposes, and officers.

Regular meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month, usually at 2 p.m. although there are approximately two morning meetings during the year.

### Blitch-Bailey Wedding Friday

Miss Elizabeth Blitch of Atlanta, Georgia, and Mr. William B. Bailey of Chapel Hill were united in marriage Friday afternoon at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Family. Officiating priests were the Rev. Loren Mead, Rector of the Parish, and the Rev. Clarence Parker. Mr. Mead witnessed the Solemnization of Matrimony and Father Parker celebrated the Nuptial Mass. Mr. Dayton Estes served as acolyte.

Miss Blitch is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee W. Blitch of Atlanta and Mr. Bailey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherill O. Bailey of High Point. The bride was given in marriage by her father, and the father of the bridegroom was best man.

The bride is a graduate of Emory University and currently working toward an M.A. at UNC. The groom is a 1960 graduate of UNC. He is Eastern Area Director for the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Attending the wedding besides members of the immediate families were Miss Nancy Lawson of Oxford, and Mrs. William R. Williams, Mr. Ronald N. Lamb, and Mr. Robert Pace of Chapel Hill.

After a brief wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey will be at home at 381 1/2 Tenney Circle.

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## Diamonds Are Their Good Friends

By PAQUITA FINE

Louise Veasey Sloan, wife of jeweler Richmond Sloan, is one of the few women in the world who has worn the fabulous Hope Diamond. It all came about at a jewelers' convention in Virginia where the diamond, heavily guarded by detectives, was on display. "I just happened to be the only woman available when the photographers decided to make a picture of it for a magazine," said Mrs. Sloan. "I don't know what I was expecting—probably a big flashing blue-white stone—but when I saw a dark stone instead, I was disappointed. It just looked like a blob of blue. Actually, once I had adjusted my thoughts from a blue-white stone to one of indigo blue, I realized it was very beautiful, but it still looked more like a sapphire than a diamond to me."

Mrs. Sloan, who assists her husband in their store, Wentworth and Sloan, is familiar with diamonds since the major part of their business comes from prospective brides and grooms seeking engagement and wedding rings as well as the traditional silver, china and crystal patterns. "Diamonds are graded by weight, purity, color and cut," she said. "The story of precious gems is much like that of blooming flowers—dull lumps of minerals that burst into jewels when cut and polished. The word 'gem' means 'bud' and it's very appropriate. Richmond and I find that the brilliant cut diamonds in modified Tiffany settings are the most popular. Diamonds are the traditional stones for engagement rings, probably because the ancients called them the 'flame of love' and associated them with innocence. Pearls to the bride are usually the bridegroom's gift on the wedding day, and pearls are symbolic of purity—but often, we get requests for diamond pendants or a gold charm bracelet with the first charm engraved for the occasion. Others, who know the interpretations given by the ancients to precious stones, may choose a ruby for contentment, an emerald for love and success, or a peridot which today represents married happiness. But pearls are still the first choice.

"Birthstones for birthdays and Christmas are popular in rings, pins and charms, a hangover from the superstitious belief that a birthstone protects one from evil. Opals, once considered bad luck unless you were born in October, are coming back into popularity. I can't imagine why they were ever thought of as 'bad luck'; they're so lovely. Black opals, which emit flashes of other colors, are the most valuable, with white opals next. "Oddly enough," said Mrs. Sloan, "although most people are a little superstitious and many are addicted to reading their horoscope in the newspapers, zodiac signs as charms for bracelets are not particularly popular. Customers are usually looking for something to commemorate some particular occasion."

Mrs. Sloan also commented on several things of which many customers are not aware: "Often people think a discontinued pattern in silver means that it can no longer be purchased—but pieces can be bought once a year during the months of January and February. On discontinued patterns, the manufacturer lets orders accumulate until he has enough for a special order in that pattern. It usually takes about six months for delivery. "Another thing to remember is in regard to crystal. Some of the more fragile pieces chip easily, and people have a tendency to set them way back on their shelves or throw them away—but if the chip is tiny, it can be ground out. The goblet may be a fraction shorter than the others, but this will scarcely be noticed. "A third thing which some customers are curious about is what to do about having stones in old-fashioned settings reset. We usually suggest they give us



Richmond and Louise Sloan Showing Gems

a rough drawing of what they want in a mounting, then we send the drawing to a manufacturer who sends back a detailed drawing in color so the customer will know exactly what he has ordered and whether it meets with his approval."

Richmond Sloan was one of the first married students to attend the University, and he and Louise were one of the first ten families to move into Glen Lennox where they lived for five years until they moved to their present home on Roosevelt Drive.

"In 1947, Richmond and Herb Wentworth were looking for a retail business," said Mrs. Sloan. "Neither knew a thing about the jewelry business; but White's, a small jewelry store that catered more to novelty jewelry than to traditional jewelry and silver lines, was for sale. My brother, John Veasey of Durham who had been in the jewelry business for several years, agreed to help them. Johnny stayed with us for 13 years. Richmond and Herb may not have known much about the business when they began, but they did a wonderful job; they acquired all the better franchises on silver, crystal, and watches, and made the store into Chapel Hill's first 'real' jewelry store. It was also the first air-conditioned store in town."

A native of Richmond, Va., Richmond Sloan came to Chapel Hill as a small boy when his father became police chief here. He later moved to Hillsboro for eight years while his father served as sheriff of Orange County. When his father returned to Chapel Hill as police chief, Richmond became a freshman in the high school here. In 1942, he graduated from the University with a major in accounting. One vivid recollection of his childhood is that of accompanying his father and several deputies on a liquor raid at a nearby farm. "I was 12 and I was completely fascinated by the search my father and the deputies made. They finally located the whiskey beneath a chicken house when one of them stepped on loose boards beneath some straw. Underneath was a tunnel which led to a room. They must have smashed 21 barrels of white lightning on that raid."

Louise Sloan, a native of Durham, attended the Durham public schools. She and Richmond met during his freshman year at UNC, and their only interest in jewelry at that time was an engagement ring.

Mrs. Sloan's personal taste in jewelry is both unusual and conservative. She dislikes "showy" things but likes a touch of originality. Her types favorite pieces, all gifts from her husband, are a "pinkle" ring (for her little

finger which is a cluster of tiny pearls set in an unusual mounting of gold; a lariat necklace of pearls fastened with a detachable diamond clasp, and a gold charm bracelet with jeweled charms which were given to her by her husband and her 16-year-old son Ricky as birthday and Christmas gifts. The first charm, an anniversary gift from Richmond, is a jeweled "tree of life."

The Sloans' favorite hobby is traveling to all parts of the United States, just sightseeing and often visiting other jewelers. They are now remodeling their store for more attractive display space inside and a more interesting store-front.

Commenting on the hazards of display, the Sloans recall their one and only "break-in", a display window from which the thief took only watches, ignoring the diamonds right beside them. "He was really an odd thief," said Mr. Sloan; "he took only one cigarette lighter out of a display of six. He evidently knew just what he wanted; watches and a cigarette lighter, about \$700 worth."

Not all thieves strike at night as Louise Sloan will tell you. "We were 'took' by a very accomplished con-artist about five or six years ago, right after Christmas. This young man, who said he was a student at Columbia University, claimed to have been chosen by his fraternity to purchase a gift for a retiring dean of students. He had a check for \$500, and he said he was visiting his mother who lived in Pittsboro. Richmond and I showed him several pieces of silver, and he finally decided on 12 silver beakers, a tray, and a pitcher, part of which was to be ordered from the factory and sent to Columbia University. He paid for the order with a printed fraternity check—a very handsome check—and although we might have been suspicious ordinarily, he had won us over completely with his personality during the hour he took to select the gift. We had already made out bank deposit, and the bank was closed; so I took \$125 out of my purse to give him his change—and I want you to know he still had the nerve to stand around and chat with us for another 30 min-

utes!"  
If Louise is indignant about giving the con-artist change out of her own purse, Richmond is just as indignant that the man ordered the beakers engraved. "Four had already been engraved by the company before we discovered the check was bad—so, until we find someone whose name starts with a 'D' and who needs four sterling silver beakers, they're ours," he said.  
The most unusual legitimate request the Sloans ever received was for seven money clips, valued at \$140 each, for ushers' gifts, and paid for with cash.

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