

Pinehurst Paragraphs

One of the most delightful social events of the season, was the party given by the Tri U Class of the Community Church School on Friday evening in the Brotherhood Chapel. The men of the Brotherhood were guests of the women on this occasion. Beautiful baskets of chrysanthemums lent a festive air to the otherwise sedate room. Under the charming leadership of Miss Dorothy Jump, an enjoyable program of stunts and games was carried out. Among the features of the program were the male quartette composed of Messrs. Morton, Mills, Donald Currie and Rassic Wicker, who sang "Juanita" and "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean," and a violin solo by Miss Cloud with Mrs. Larry Hensley accompanying at the piano. After the festivities, Mrs. L. V. Henderson and her committee served refreshments.

Richard Vino was host to fifteen of his little friends last Friday afternoon at a most enjoyable party at his home here.

On Wednesday evening, Master Peter Dupont delightfully entertained a number of his young friends. Games were enjoyed, after which Mrs. Dupont served the dainties which appeal to children on such occasions.

For a number of years Mrs. T. A. Cheatham and her corps of efficient helpers have held sewing classes at the Pinehurst public school where the girls in the grammar grades were divided into groups according to age and aptness and taught hand sewing. These classes were begun on Tuesday afternoon of this week with a record enrollment, which is a fine tribute to the women who give their time and effort to helping these young ladies learn to fashion attractive and useful articles from odds and ends. Among those assisting Mrs. Cheatham on Tuesday were Mrs. Alec Innes, Mrs. J. S. Dunlop, Mrs. Foster Kelly and Miss Idell McKenzie, head of the Domestic Science department in the school.

Mrs. J. C. Westcott received a message on Sunday night informing her of the death of her husband, which occurred that evening in a sanitarium in Onancock, Virginia, where he had been a sufferer for several years. Mrs. Westcott, who holds a secretarial position with the Pinehurst Warehouses, had returned only a few days before from a visit with her husband. With her two young daughters, Martha Ellen and Dorothy, she left immediately. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hagood, the latter being her sister. Mrs. Westcott has made her home in Pinehurst for the past three winters and a large circle of friends here sympathize deeply with her in this bereavement.

Little Helen Louise Fields celebrated her seventh birthday on Wednesday afternoon of this week with a lovely party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Fields. The



Shhh! Shhh! Don't wake up the baby.

Signs of optimism are in the air. Even the newspapers carry numerous paragraphs spreading the glad tidings that still more factories have provided employment for a few thousand needy workers.

If this keeps on, it won't be long before tin cans, socks and deposit boxes will disgorge their idle funds, money will go to work again, jobs will be plentiful and business will boom.

And when that time arrives won't these sandhills hum? In an article entitled "Happy Days Will Come Again" in October Harper's Elmer Davis points out that the sage and prudent who passed up their chance to see the world during the last boom, only to see their savings wiped out by the depression, will never be fooled that way again. Just as soon as they are able they will go places and see things as never before.

This great and glorious section of ours will surely attract its lion's share of the vast number who will resume the pursuit of peace, pleasure and prosperity, so let the knockers and crepe hangers wrap their hammers in the somber cloth they have been trailing about for the past two years and consign them to oblivion, and when ever Old Man Gloom appears in our midst let's all make it our duty to soak him in the solar plexus with the spirit of good cheer.

Then "Happy Days Will Come Again."

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usual festivities were enjoyed, followed by the refreshments that never grow old, ice cream and cake.

For some time now, Mrs. F. H. Craig has been in the Pinehurst library every afternoon, and announcement is made that this schedule will continue through the winter. Many new books have been added and the most versatile reader may be sure of finding something pleasing on Mrs. Craig's shelves.

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Pinehurst schools will hold the November meeting next Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the school auditorium. Mrs. Gordon Cameron, of the association, says this will be a very interesting meeting and more than the usual good attendance is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Griffith and Miss Ruth Hoilon of Charlotte and J. P. Woodhull of Dover, New Jersey were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Piquet in their home, Fairview.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald and Miss Belle Fitzgerald, who motored down from Oyster Harbor, Mass., arrived in Pinehurst Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald will open the Mid-Pines Club at an early date and Miss Fitzgerald will be at the Carolina for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Woodall and little daughter, Jacqueline, of High Point are house guests this week of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sally.

After a visit of ten days with her niece, Mrs. Murdoch McLeod, Miss Rebecca Wilson of Hongchow, China left this week for Sumter, S. C., where she will visit relatives. Miss Wilson spoke to large and appreciative audiences several times during her brief stay in Pinehurst and will be remembered by all who heard her informing and inspiring message.

Miss Clara Fausue and Miss Elizabeth Miller of the Teacher's Club spent the past week-end in Charlotte and were guests of the Misses Louise and Marjorie Morrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fields were hosts at dinner on Sunday, having as guests the Rev. and Mrs. Murdoch McLeod and their guest, Miss Rebecca Wilson.

Mrs. M. C. McLeod, who spent the summer at Saranac, New York, joined her husband here last Saturday.

Miss Miriam McCollough, teacher of the fourth grade in the Pinehurst schools, spent the week-end with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. H. A. McCollough in Columbia, S. C.

Many friends here will be interested in the announcement by Mr. and Mrs. Carey McLeod of the birth of a daughter, Sarah Margaret, at their home in the Eureka community on Friday, November 6, Mrs. McLeod, before her marriage, was Miss Rozella McCollum, a popular teacher in the Pinehurst schools for several years.

Mrs. A. P. Thompson motored to the Jugtown Pottery last Friday afternoon, taking with her Mrs. Mary E. Pinkerton and Miss Rebecca Wilson, visitors in Pinehurst, and Mrs. F. C. Pinkerton and Mrs. Murdoch McLeod. Mrs. Joseph Stanley and her two little daughters, Mary Louise and Helena of Cleveland, Ohio came to Pinehurst Sunday and are in the Syracuse cottage for the winter. Mary Louise and Helena are pupils of Miss Chapman at the Cottage School for the season.

Mrs. Horner H. Johnson arrived in Pinehurst Saturday and has opened her home, Ivy Point.

Miss Kate Matthews spent the past week-end with her mother, Mrs. Mary Matthews at her home in Wagram.

Mrs. O. H. Stutts has as her guest this week, her mother, Mrs. Lawrence, of Franklin, Virginia.

Miss Miriam McCollough received a message Tuesday night telling of the serious injury of her young brother, who was a first year high school student, in an automobile accident in Columbia, S. C. She left for her home in Columbia Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McBryde and Mrs. Mamie Dixon of Raleigh were Sunday visitors at the home of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tyson in Vass.

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Cameron Claims Most Robbed Store in U. S.

Ten Burglaries in 13 Months, 16 in Jail, Five More Awaiting Trial and Police Still on Hunt is Believed Record by T. A. Hendrick, Long Suffering Merchant

By Mrs. S. R. Smith

"You can't turn a rogue out a place when he sets his head to go in; he'll go in some way," asserts T. A. Hendricks of Cameron, the country's most frequently robbed merchant, and Mr. Hendrick's assertion is based on his own experiences.

As proof of his statement, Mr. Hendrick cites any inclined to believe otherwise to the many devices which he has contrived in his efforts to keep thieves from his store, and in spite of them all he has suffered loss from ten burglaries within the past thirteen months.

Sixteen men connected with the robberies are now serving sentences of from three to five years in State Prison, a seventeenth, the alleged ring leader of the gang, has recently been apprehended and is in jail awaiting trial, and four more persons, two men and two women, are in jail charged with breaking and entering, larceny and receiving stolen property. Officers are on the trail of two more.

Mr. Hendrick has been in business in Cameron since 1921. His store is located just off the main street of the village, but within easy speaking distance. The building is of cement block construction, one story, with two small windows in the rear, a double door in front, each section of which has two long, narrow panes of glass. Over the door are two sections of glass, and the two front windows are composed of several medium-sized panes. The interior is unique both as to content and arrangement. The stock is made up of everything imaginable from Japanese parasols and oil wicks to fresh vegetables and cosmetics, with clothing, dry goods and hardware crowded here and there. Perhaps it is this wide variety that makes the store so popular.

The Robberies Start

For the first few years, the business went well, but thirteen months ago the story changed. It was at this time that the first robbery of any consequence occurred. Entrance was gained by breaking the glass in a rear window. A second visit soon followed, this time through the other rear window, by removing a pane of glass. Mr. Hendrick then added heavy wire fencing to reinforce the glass windows.

The third entrance was through a front window. The window was repaired by nailing boards over the opening and stout wire fencing some six feet in width was securely fastened all around the inside of both front windows. The door was chosen for entrance number four. A section of glass was broken and the intruders reached within and tripped the night latch. Calling his ingenuity to his aid, the harassed man removed the knob from the lock on the inside of the door and fastened a five-inch square of iron over the entire lock. So far, so good; the robbers were baffled, but not outdone. Going to the rear again, they effected entrance number five by disposing of both glass and wire at a window. The next time, the other rear window was the point of attack. Mr. Hendrick then placed heavy wooden shutters over the rear windows, in addition to the wire and glass, and so far the combination has stood.

On the seventh visit the thieves broke the glass from the other section of the front door and with screw drivers removed the part of the lock that the bolts slide into.

This completed the season's robberies and a check-up revealed that the store was short a thousand dollars worth of goods.

Silk Hosiery Popular

"They just mop up on silk hosiery," the merchant said, in discussing the articles in greatest demand. Shirts, shoes, dresses, overcoats and cigarettes are other favorites. The biggest haul made at any one time was values at \$500.

Through the efforts of officers from three counties, a band of seventeen thieves was rounded up in Chatham county several months ago, and an almost unbelievable quantity of goods located which had been taken from the store of Mr. Hendricks and from others in this section. Much of this was restored to the owners. It was in this round-up that the sixteen now serving time were taken and the seventeenth, according to members of the gang, filled a trunk and escaped into South Carolina.

Mr. Hendricks believed that the seven robberies were the work of this gang and had hopes of relief after their capture.

Six week ago a little shop which he had fitted up for his daughter in a small room of the building was entered and a case of silk underwear which had not been opened was tak-

en. A few nights later, this shop was again entered and the entire stock, consisting of lingerie, hats and dresses, was removed. On the same night the thieves broke the glass over the door of the main part of the building and helped themselves to goods from the store. Goods from the daughter's shop were located, but she went out of business, placing some of her stock in her father's store and carrying the hats to her home in order to prevent their being stolen.

Four Are Arrested

On the tenth visit, heavy iron bars were used in prying the door open and one section was wrenched from the hinges and left standing outside. Silk hosiery labels bearing the dealer's name led to the capture of four during the past week, who are thought to have committed the last three robberies. They were using a point in Richmond county as a distributing point, the women being engaged in this part of the business. A third man was shot and trailed for some distance by the blood, and officers hope to get him and one more thought to be implicated.

In the meantime, Mr. Hendrick is devising ways and means for carrying on his business, for he is no quitter, but he is considering trying unlocked doors with a sign, "Come in and help yourself."

LAKEVIEW

Mr. and Mrs. Milton McCrossan came down from Rocky Mount for the week-end with Miss Helene Dougherty. They were accompanied home by Miss Dougherty who will be their guest for a week.

Mrs. Henry Vinton and her house guest, Miss Sarah Barndollar left Tuesday night for Mount Dora, Florida, where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. Minnie Oldham who spent the summer in Lakeview, has gone to Pinehurst where she will again be associated with Mrs. Hagood in her shop.

Miss Pearl McNeill left Monday for Charlotte after a few days visit with her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ray entertained

at dinner Tuesday evening Mrs. Fred Utley and Miss Callie Battley of Pinehurst and Miss Carolyn Buckwell of New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Gardner and Jesse Gardner were Raleigh visitors Monday.

Miss Sarah Worthy Stewart of Pinehurst was the guest of Miss Catherine Louise Howe Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Blue of Rocky Mount spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Richardson.

Mrs. William B. Warner, Mrs. Arthur Newcomb and Mrs. N. L. Gibson spent Saturday shopping in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Spivey of Jonesboro visited Mrs. Spivey's mother, Mrs. A. A. Moore over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Butler of Sanford were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McNeill.

Mrs. Ida Williams, Mrs. Ethel Howe and Mrs. W. H. McNeill made a trip to Siler City Monday.

Mrs. Loula Taylor and Miss Johnnie Eastwood spent Sunday with their mother. They also visited their father, J. B. Eastwood who has been a patient at the Lee County Hospital for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. David Morrison and family visited their people in Harnett County the first of the week.

Mrs. S. J. Gardner and son, Joe Gardner of Angier were in town Tuesday. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Palmer Causey and daughter Miss Mildred Causey who will spend some time with them.

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