

Society and Personals of the Sandhills

Announce Engagement of Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Bogle of Granite Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret V., to George W. Richardson, captain in the Army Air Corps, of Boston, Mass., and Detroit, Mich.
Plans are being made for a February wedding, the day to be announced later.

Mrs. William Wilson Hostess at Bridge Tea

Mrs. William Wilson entertained at a bridge tea Thursday afternoon, Jan. 24, in the Southern Pines Country Club.
Her guests at the four tables in play were Mrs. Marshall Barney, Miss Pauline Holmes, Mrs. Dante Montesanti, Mrs. Richard Hassell, Mrs. Lennox Forsyth, Miss Anne Cameron, Mrs. M. L. Hutchinson, Mrs. Harold B. Smith, Mrs. Alfred Chiswell, Mrs. A. Bynum Patterson, Mrs. Jack Weatherley, Mrs. Charles Patch, Jr., Mrs. Russell Mills, Miss Millie Montesanti and Mrs. Westcott Clinton.

Thomas Kinnard Tardy

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Walter E. Tardy are the parents of a son, their second, born Thursday, Jan. 17, in Moore County Hospital. They have named him Thomas Kinnard Tardy. His brother, Rhodes Earle, is four years old.
Col. Tardy, stationed at Fort Bragg, and Mrs. Tardy and their family are residents of East Vermont avenue.

Mrs. E. M. Medlin Garden Club Hostess

At the Southern Pines Country Club, on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 22, eighteen members of the Aberdeen Garden Club were the guests of Mrs. E. M. Medlin, Aberdeen, hostess for the January meeting.
The program included a book review given by Mrs. E. T. McKeithen, and several musical selections by Mrs. Medlin.
Following the program tea was served informally to the guests.

Birthday Party

On the afternoon of her sixth birthday, Friday, Jan. 18, Ann Marsh Tadlock was hostess to a group of her young friends at Mrs.

R. P. Brown's Private School. Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian H. Tadlock.
Her guests included Barbara Ann Johnston, Lillian and Loy Clark, Dianne Clinton, Patsy Hackney, Margot Campbell, Emma Day Collins, Gail Given, Andy Patterson, Tony Alfa deCosta, Bill Eckbert, George Reams, David Barney, Rhodes Tardy and Roger Bello.

Army Men Return to Southern Pines

The return of the 82nd Division to the United States has brought together several families in Southern Pines after many months of separation.
Maj. Ronald F. Thomas is spending his forty-five day leave with his family, Mrs. Thomas and daughters, Mary Frances and Omer, at their home, The Corral. Mrs. Thomas and her daughters met Maj. Thomas in New York. Capt. and Mrs. Ray McMullen have returned from New York City and are guests at the home of Mrs. McMullen's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Milliken.
Maj. Robert Sherrer is spending his leave with his family, Mrs. Sherrer and three children, at their home on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Highland Pines Inn

Registering at the Highland Pines Inn this week, Lt. and Mrs. J. O. Bousch, Annapolis, Md.; Mrs. Charles F. Rowley, Chestnut Hills, Mass.; Mrs. Edward Davis and Miss Mary McCaddam, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. F. C. VanHoester, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. E. R. Walsh, Jr., York, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. A. Burt Rumpson, Cleveland, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Purnell, Dallas Texas; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Carter, Marietta, Ga.

Hollywood Hotel

Mrs. Wilbur Fisk entertained at a bridge tea at the Hollywood for Mrs. H. A. Gould, Mrs. Hugh Flack of Manchester, N. H., and Mrs. Frank B. Pottle, Monday afternoon, Jan. 21. Mrs. Pottle was holder of high score for the game.
Mrs. C. D. Welwood was hostess at a bridge tea on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 22.
Among the guests who have arrived recently for the winter season at the Hollywood are Miss Mary Pearson and Mrs. A. W.

Preston from Middletown, N. Y. With them are their brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Brooks, of Pottsdam, N. Y.
Mrs. Ivan Finkler of Toronto, Ont., has returned for another season.
Guests departing Florida-ward for a few weeks are Mrs. M. W. Gilmore and Julius Cowles. They will return in the spring.
Mrs. Osborne Dwelle will arrive soon for her usual visit at the hotel.
Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Gregory have as their guests at the hotel, Mrs. Cecil Schaefer and son, of Unadilla, N. Y.
Mrs. W. S. Thomas and son of Toronto are the guests of Mrs. Thomas' sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Shanklin, also of Toronto.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Alexander arrived recently from Jersey City.

Jefferson Inn

Among the winter season guests staying at the Jefferson Inn are the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Cady, Weston Mills, N. Y.; Mrs. S. W. Kitching, Medford, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sherwin, Rindge, N. H.; Mrs. Mary Wilkes, Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Maultby, Newton Center, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. John Hanna, Newark, N. J.; William Souter, Tampa, Fla.; Mrs. Laura Stinson, Rockland, Me.; Miss Margaret Chambers, Corning, N. Y.; Maj. Milton M. Canary (Fort Bragg) and Mrs. Canary and daughter, Patricia Anne, Indiana.

Personals

Mrs. J. H. Walton of Winter Haven and daughter, Mrs. James Wilson of Haines City, Fla., and daughter-in-law and son, Sgt. and Mrs. Harry Adams of Camp Edwards, Mass., were the guests of relatives and friends in Southern Pines and Manly last weekend. Sgt. and Mrs. Adams left Sunday evening to return to Camp Edwards.

Drake Skull was a recent visitor in Southern Pines after three years of overseas duty in Europe. He has returned to General Hospital in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., where he had been convalescing since his return to the United States.
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Dey and son, Robert, of Cornwall, N. Y., are the guests of Mrs. Dey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bradley Smith, Piney Woods.

Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins and Mrs. O. E. Hedge attended the luncheon for the North Carolina Women's Division of the War Bond Drive in Raleigh Thursday.
Sgt. Leonard Morrison, who has recently reenlisted in the United States Army, is spending his nine day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Morrison. Sgt. Morrison is stationed at Fort Bragg in the Recruiting Office.

James S. Milliken, Jr., left Saturday night for Atlanta, Ga., where he has accepted a position with the General Electric Company as Assistant Electrical Engineer.
Mrs. J. F. Ferguson returned to her home in Parkton Sunday after visiting her son, John Ferguson, and Mrs. Ferguson and family.
Mrs. Eric Molitor and daughters, Mickie and Mimi, returned from Washington, D. C., last week and have leased Mrs. Helen Wicker's home on Ridge Street. Gen. Molitor is with the Army of Occupation in Trieste.
Mrs. George Buttry has returned from a three weeks' stay in Washington, D. C.
Mrs. Jean Edson is ill in Moore County Hospital.

Mrs. L. M. Cobb of Seabell, Va., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Philip Weaver, and Mr. Weaver at the Gertrude Apartments.
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cox of Jacksonville, N. C., spent the weekend with their parents, the Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Cox, Resthaven Apartments.
Mrs. Max G. Backer returned Sunday from a trip to Philadelphia and Washington. While in Washington she visited her daughter, Mrs. Clyde K. Kendrick (Petsy Jean Backer), and Mr. Kendrick.

Basil B. Wells left Saturday morning for Baltimore after a short visit with his sister, Mrs. Nellie Wells Mann, and family.
Dr. and Mrs. John Kennedy, Miss Jane Kennedy, Mrs. Lawrence Wilkinson and Mrs. Mark Orr of Charlotte were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Trossell last Sunday.

J. A. Hudson of Vass Receives Commendation

J. A. ("Dutch") Hudson of Vass, now stationed on the California coast has recently received a commendation ribbon and the following letter, signed by Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, U. S. Marine Corps:

"The Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, takes pleasure in commanding Pharmacist's Mate Second Class Junior A. Hudson, United States Naval Reserve for service as set forth in the following citation:

"For meritorious and efficient performance of duty while serving with a Marine antiaircraft artillery battalion during operations against the enemy on Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, from 4 April to 21 June, 1945. As a medical corpsman attached to a heavy gun battery, Pharmacist's Mate Second Class Hudson quickly and efficiently established the battery aid station each time the battery went into position. Although under frequent aerial bombardment, he carried out his duties in an exemplary manner, regardless of danger or personal fatigue. During an intense air raid, when a member of a gun crew became a casualty, he administered first aid to the man and then took his place in the gun crew. His courage, initiative and unceasing efforts during this period were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."
"Dutch" is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Hudson of Vass. His brother, James, is now serving in Japan.

Personals

Miss Gertrude Proudman left Monday evening for several months' stay in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Moore and daughter, Miss Jane, left Monday morning on a motor trip to Miami Beach, Fla., where they will remain for several weeks' vacation. Miss Moore will enroll as a student in the University of Miami.

Dr. Frank Moran of Durham was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Thomas Barron, and Mr. Barron last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Simonds left Saturday for St. Petersburg, Fla., where they will spend the next three months.

After Herbert A. Harkins and Father Nicholas Liston will attend the Confirmation Exercises at Fort Bragg Sunday, a Jan. 27.

Cotton Ceiling May Come

Advance notice of proposed ceiling prices on the 1946 crop of cotton was given today by the Office of Price Administration, with the approval of the Department of Agriculture.

This notice, which is required by law to be made 15 days ahead of the normal planting season, states the specific ceiling price proposed for each grade and staple, to apply to sales at public warehouses and on cotton delivered at the mill.

For 15/16 inch middling American upland cotton, which is the basic grade upon which prices on all other grades and staples are based, the proposed grower's ceiling is 24.09 cents per pound for Area One, which includes Moore County. This represents, in general, today's parity price, converted to the price for 15/16 inch middling, with an allowance for transportation costs plus a "cushion" to allow for possible subsequent advances in parity between now and the end of the year, when the bulk of the 1946 crop will be marketed.

OPA explained that the purpose of the announcements is to put growers on notice of the maximum price they can expect to get. If the price of cotton becomes stabilized before the 1946 harvesting season, however, it may not be actually necessary to put the ceiling into effect. Today's action put OPA in a position legally to impose ceilings if necessary.

In announcing the proposed cotton ceilings, Price Administrator Chester Bowles said the step was necessitated by the recent sharp advance in prices of raw cotton. "The rise of cotton prices now threatens the whole stabilization program in the cotton textile field," Mr. Bowles said. "In fairness to farmers, consumers and manufacturers it would not be proper to refrain from announcing the proposal to establish ceilings on cotton under the provisions set up by Congress in the Price Control and Stabilization Acts."

Respected Colored Resident Of Vass Passes Sunday

"Uncle Basil" McKeithen, highly respected colored citizen of Vass, died at his home Sunday afternoon after an illness of several days. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Allen's Chapel Methodist Church, and burial followed at Lakeview.

A resident of the Vass community before there was any village or any railroad there, "Uncle Basil" had become a fixture and enjoyed the friendship and esteem of people of both races. For many years he worked for the late A. Cameron, and his loyalty to his employer's descendants remained steady to the last. Only last month he walked to the Cameron home place to see one of the grandchildren who was at home for Christmas.

Industrious and steady, "Uncle Basil" set a fine example for the younger generations and a number of his grandchildren are outstanding among their associates. Surviving are his wife, "Aunt Charity," one son, Isaiah McKeithen of Vass; three daughters, Mrs. Thornton Sellars and Mrs. Ellie Huston of Vass and Mrs. Nannie Diggs of Southern Pines, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

3 Million Lotted Rural Electricity

Furthering of the postwar program for expansion of rural electric systems is a key item on this year's budget for the Carolina Power and Light Company, those living in un-electrified areas of Moore County will be glad to learn. The planned acceleration of rural construction by the C P & L, forecast last fall, is expected to increase the total of the company's rural consumers by 10,000. At the meeting of the Board of Directors in Raleigh some days ago, a total of \$3,000,000 was approved for the continuance of rural construction postponed during the war. This sum, which provides for the addition of about 2,500 miles throughout counties serviced by the C P & L, was the largest single allocation on the 1946 budget of nearly \$6,000,000. The expansion of rural systems actually has been underway since the release of construction materials at the close of the war, it was pointed out, and approximately 300 miles of the proposed electrification have been completed.

Covering nearly 90 different items, the budget as approved provides funds for high-voltage transmission lines, substations, transformers, substation improvement, additional lightning-protection equipment, and plant improvement. Funds also were allocated for the extension of urban lines in towns and cities throughout the system to add about 5,000 new urban customers.

Victory Over Inflation Still To Be Won

Ceiling prices for citrus fruits, restored to OPA controls January 4, will again appear on the new community price lists posted in food stores, Theodore S. Johnson, OPA District Director for North Carolina, said today.

Prices appearing on the community lists in the eight southeastern states range from 6 1-2c to 8 1-2c per pound on Florida white grapefruit, from 11c to 15 1-2c on lemons; and from 7c to 9c on Florida oranges, he said. The director pointed out that when fresh citrus fruit was suspended from price control in November it generally was selling below ceiling prices and a bumper crop was reported. Instead, prices for fresh citrus, especially oranges, continued to increase until restoration of control, he added.

Asserting that OPA wants to get rid of controls wherever possible, Johnson said, however, that they must be maintained until it is definite that their removal would not result in sharp increases in prices.

CHURCH OF WIDE FELLOWSHIP

The sermon theme for the Church of Wide Fellowship on Sunday, January 27, will be "God's Crosses Are Never In Vain."
Guest speaker for the Forum at 8:00 o'clock Sunday evening will be Dr. C. H. Storey of Aberdeen.

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