

News and Personals from Vass

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Methodists Surprise Pastor

The Methodist congregation gave their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Walter C. Smith, a surprise Sunday night that really was a surprise. D. H. Williams, chairman of the board of stewards, told Mr. Smith that he wanted to make an announcement just prior to the benediction. His announcement was an invitation to the congregation to go down stairs for a fellowship period.

Set up near the foot of the stairs was a refreshment table, covered with a white damask cloth. At one end was a crystal punch bowl and at the other a grouping of African violets surrounded by ivy and backed by candelabra holding white candles. Plates of cookies were between Mrs. Curtis Thomas and Mrs. Mack Callahan served.

Mr. Williams then called the pastor and his wife forward and told them that the fellowship hour was in their honor, as a token of appreciation of their fine work. Four of the young people, Agnes Boggs, Nadine Mashburn, Lois Key and Roy Frye, sang a song to the Smiths, recounting their service here, giving the last stanza, which announced a pouncing, in declamatory style.

Immediately, a long line of young people and children appeared, bringing pantry supplies which had been smuggled into a classroom near the rear entrance. These were piled on the refreshment table, and on the floor.

This was the young couple's first experience in receiving a "pounding," and after Mr. Smith had slightly recovered from the shock, he expressed his gratitude to the large crowd present.

He had secretly wondered why he had been asked to hold the service half an hour earlier, also why the children's choir, which sang at the service, had not assembled at the usual place beforehand, but after the shower all the pieces of the "puzzle" fell into place.

The affair was sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service with the entire church participating. The committee in charge, Mrs. W. A. Muse, Mrs. C. P. McMillan and Mrs. S. R. Smith, was assisted by Mrs. H. A. Borst and Miss Louise Leslie.

Mrs. C. C. Loftin was hostess to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Vass Baptist Church Tuesday night of last week at her home. "Pointing the Chosen People to the Way" was the topic of the program, which was under the direction of Mrs. Ray Griffin,

with Mrs. R. L. Beal, Mrs. A. B. Webb, Mrs. J. B. Parker and Mrs. G. W. Brooks also taking part.

Mrs. J. B. Parker, president, presided over the business session and Mrs. A. G. Crissman closed the meeting with prayer. The hostess served refreshments.

Woman's Club
The Vass Woman's Club will meet at 7:30 tonight (Friday) at the home of Mrs. N. N. McLean with Mrs. P. A. Wilson as co-hostess. Mrs. C. P. McMillan of the Education Department is in charge of the program. Miss Blanche Monroe of West End will speak on the speech clinic held in Moore County.

WCS Meetings
The Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service met Tuesday night of last week in the home of Mrs. H. A. Borst. Miss Ethel Davis presided and gave the opening meditation. Mrs. E. L. Finch led a program on "Religion in the Home." Mrs. S. R. Smith led the responsive reading, Mrs. G. E. Griffin discussed "The Christian Home," and Mrs. H. C. Callahan's topic was "Teachers of Religion." Mrs. W. D. Matthews conducted a Bible study on "The Upward Look."

Sunday night, February 13, was set as the time for a mission study, at which time the pastor, the Rev. Walter C. Smith, will review "The Master Calletth For Thee" at the church, with the congregation invited to be present.

The hostess served a salad course with Russian tea.

Attend Funeral
Among those attending the funeral of Miss Sallie Cameron Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Perry of Wake Forest, Mrs. Steve Malard and daughters, Merle and Pat, of Wallace, Ed Shaw of Broadway, Misses Kate and Lela Shaw and Mrs. Mack Cameron of Jonesboro Heights RFD, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cameron and Lee Cameron of Olivia, and the following from Sanford: Mrs. W. T. Cox, Mrs. R. L. Waddell, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Blake, Miss Margaret Blake, Mrs. Joe Godfrey and children, Mrs. Neill Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Vick Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Keith, John C. Muse, Miss Lizzie Cameron and Mrs. John Cameron. Many others from Southern Pines, Aberdeen and nearby towns attended.

Personals
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bullock and daughter Marjorie Leslie, returned Thursday night of last week from Sparta, Tenn., where

they made a short visit to friends. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morgan and family spent the weekend in Ansonville with Mrs. Morgan's mother, Mrs. Annie Shankle, who was sick.

Henry Klingenschmidt, who was in Moore County Hospital nearly a week as a result of a back strain, came home Sunday. He is able to be up a part of the time and continues to improve.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Muse called on Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gilchrist of Cameron Sunday afternoon. Mr. Gilchrist and his bride of December 26, the former Ellen Royall Jones, had just returned from a Florida wedding trip.

Mrs. Thurley Evans entered Moore County Hospital Tuesday, expecting to undergo surgery Wednesday.

Visiting Mrs. Ora Thompson of Salem, N. J., at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thurlow Evans, Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Hulon Cole of Pinehurst and Mrs. Cole's father, James Davis, of Waynesville, who is Mrs. Thompson's uncle. She had not seen him for around 30 years.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Frye, Mrs. H. C. Callahan, Mrs. Louis Frye, Lewis Foster, Miss Edith Blue Coy Blue, Jr., and Miss Eunice Howell visited Louis Frye at the Veterans Hospital in Durham Sunday. Mr. Frye expected to come home last week, but on Sunday he didn't know when he would be allowed to leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Steed of Maxton spent Sunday with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. McMillan.

Mr. and Mrs. James Key and daughter, Betty, were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Key's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Thomas near Lemon Springs. Her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Thomas, of Greensboro, were there, also.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Edmisten and little daughter of Winston-Salem spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Evans, parents of Mrs. Edmisten.

Harold Lassiter, Henry Borst Felton and Robert Causey and Leon Crabtree visited Vick Keith's lake development several miles out from Sanford Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Charlie Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cameron visited Amos Howell Sunday afternoon. He has recently been transferred from Moore County Hospital to the Veterans Hospital at Fayetteville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gladstone, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gschwind and Mrs. P. A. Wilson called on Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Garrison in Carthage Sunday afternoon. Mr. Garrison had recently returned home after being hospitalized in

Charlotte. Barbara and Dawn Stevenson daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Stan-cil Stevenson, entered Moore County Hospital Monday for check-ups and treatment. Mrs. Ray Griffin, Mrs. R. L. Beal and Mrs. J. B. Parker visited them Monday night.

Philip Keith, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Keith who was burned shortly before Christmas when he and his brother were playing with gasoline on their parents' farm, has been a patient at Moore County Hospital since the week after Christmas. After first being treated he was allowed to come home, but he began running a temperature several days later and hospitalization was deemed wise. He is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Griffin of Hamlet and their son, Sgt. Vernon Griffin, with his wife and daughter, Betty, of Camden, S. C., visited Mrs. G. W. Griffin and

the Ray Griffins Sunday afternoon. Sergeant Griffin will leave Saturday for Italy.

E. B. Thompson was moved from Moore County Hospital to his home between Vass and Cameron last Saturday. He remains quite sick. His sons, Stacy of Chicago, the Rev. Arthur Thompson of Wilmington, and Clary of Washington, D. C., who came home because of his illness, returned to their homes early last week.

Mrs. W. E. Gladstone and Mrs. C. P. McMillan were Raleigh visitors Saturday.

Mrs. A. G. Crissman, Sr., and Mrs. Albert Crissman visited Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Culler at Manly Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Dewey Patterson and Miss Carolla Maples of Carthage attended the service at the Vass Baptist Church Sunday morning and were dinner guests of Mrs. Patterson's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Griffin.

Red Cross Will Stage Disaster Relief Training

Members of the Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross and other interested organizations will have an intensive course of training in Disaster Preparedness and Relief at the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines, February 3 and 4.

The two day session will be known as a "Disaster Institute." It is part of the constant effort of the American Red Cross to be prepared fully for the exercise of its chief function, aid to the af-

flicted during destruction by the elements and relief thereafter.

From Atlanta, headquarters of the Southeastern Area of the American Red Cross, Robert Shepler, director of disaster services, will bring a staff to "tune up" county members on what to do when the need arises. Charts and illustrations will be employed in the course of instruction; for instance, how to evacuate a family from an upper floor in case of a conflagration and how to organize effective relief on a larger scale.

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