

Duplin County Society

State Garden Club Meets In Raleigh

Luncheons, teas, banquets and business sessions filled the program of the busy delegates to the 27th annual convention of the Garden Club of North Carolina last week. One of the most charming affairs planned for the members was a tea given at the Governor's Mansion.

Mrs. R. N. Simms and Miss Carmen Jones received guests at the door and Mrs. C. A. Graham of Rameur met them at the door leading to the South drawing room. Mrs. L. B. Harrill, president of the Raleigh club, hosted group to the members, introduced the receiving line.

Mrs. Walter Sterns received for Mrs. Kerr Scott and with her were Mrs. Roy Homewood of Chapel Hill, State president, Mrs. J. C. Spillers of Tulsa, Oklahoma, president of the National Council of Garden Clubs; Mrs. Karl Bickel of Sarasota, Florida, Atlantic Regional Director, Mrs. Anne Wertner Wood of Swainore, the evening speaker; Mrs. Ralph McLean of Asheville, first vice-president, Mrs. E. A. Palmgren of Charlotte, second vice-president; Mrs. R. O. Caviness, third vice-president; Mrs. H. W. Doub of Aberdeen, recording secretary, Mrs. J. T. Gobbell of Chapel Hill, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. W. B. Carroll of Siler City, treasurer.

The past presidents received in the library — Mrs. R. D. Gapan of Reidsville, Mrs. S. H. Tomlinson of High Point; Mrs. J. B. Cranmer of Wilmington; Mrs. Wesley Taylor of Greensboro; Mrs. H. E. Tutten of Chapel Hill; Mrs. R. L. McMillan, Raleigh; Mrs. D. J. Lybrook, Advance; Mrs. Robert T. Cecil, Asheville; Mrs. S. Michener, Raleigh and Mrs. J. M. Tyler, Kinston.

Mrs. Graham Egerton and Mrs. Rufus Hunter were in the hall between the library and dining room to greet guests. Pouring punch were Mrs. Henry Stevens, Mrs. Charles Cannon, Mrs. Cecil Long and Mrs. J. Wilbur Bunn.

The feature of the formal banquet at the Hotel Sir Walter was the speech of Mrs. Anne Wertner Wood, horticulturist of Swainore, Penna. Her subject was color and texture in the garden. With the use of slides she pointed out how interest can be achieved in gardens by texture, color and form contrast. She emphasized the need of planning a garden with as much care as interior decorating.

Mrs. C. A. Cannon of Concord presided at the luncheon session. The life members were honored. Mr. R. J. Pearse, landscape architect, pointed out the need for individuality in each home garden. Plans should be chosen to suit the location, not a location suited for a plan, and he stressed concentrating on one or two types of plants and learning all about them.

Many awards were presented at the dinner session. The Maslin Award for outstanding work over a period of years was given to Mrs. Emma Ormsby Griffith of Winston-Salem and the first horticultural award was presented to Miss Cora Annette Harris of Charlotte. The Cross Creek Garden Club of Fayetteville won the primary award for conservation; the Hanover Garden Club of Wilmington won an award for dogwood planting and the first

Millionth Visitor To Zoo From Duplin

Mrs. Blanche S. Wilson, formerly of Warsaw, and one time secretary of the ration board of Duplin County, now of Cadillac, Michigan, was feted recently as the millionth visitor to San Diego's world famous zoo.

As she passed through the turnstile the zoo's executive director tapped her on the shoulder, and gently asked her to step into the office. She received gifts honoring the occasion. Mrs. Wilson, a Gold Star mother, was postmistress at Warsaw for 14 years before moving to Michigan.

These Are My Jewels

As any kid in Kenansville can tell you, I love children — of all ages. They are as dear to my heart as if they were my own — from Billy Craft, not yet ten months old who can say "Hi" now, Niddy Hasty who at three is already a heart breaker, and who behaves like an angel in Sunday School, David McKy who is one of the friendliest young men I have ever seen, full of fun and who teases me regularly, and Margaret Grady who can tell you enchanting stories of the fairies and whose eyes grow as big as saucers when you tell her tales of long ago, to almost grown up kids like my good friends, James Edward Brinson, and Gail Newton and Sylvia Gooding and all the grand kids I've met at scout meetings, and the slightly older ones still in high school, whose manners are beautiful and whose sweetness is as refreshing as our flower laden air, lovely girls like Diane Stokes and Millie Burch and Yvonne Patterson, Barbara Mitchell and Sally Newton. There are many more of them — not only in Kenansville but all over the United States and abroad. I feel a deep sympathy with them, I am delighted when they share their dreams and their jokes with me, their hopes and fears. You can learn a lot from them, all of them. They are the most honest critics you will ever have and will keep you on your toes mentally and physically — kids like Steve and Jimmie and John Gilbert who challenge me to some new test daily, or play some joke on me. These kids are our future, and our hope for a better world. We have no right ever to be too busy to help them, to talk with them, to play with them, to lead them, to give them all the benefit of our accumulated heritage, to stimulate them into daring to do better than we have done!

award for the best scrapbook; The St. Paul's Garden Club won an award for conservation of trees, birds and wild flowers.

Among those attending the convention from Duplin County were Mrs. Vance B. Gavlin of Kenansville; Mrs. A. J. Jenkins, Mrs. R. E. Wall, Mrs. Henry Stevens, Mrs. E. P. Ewers, Mrs. E. C. Thompson and Mrs. Hector McNeil of Warsaw. Mrs. Stevens installed the new officers at the formal banquet on Thursday night, and presided at the punch bowl at the tea at the Governor's Mansion.

Kenansville Girl Wins Musical Honors

Miss Sally Newton, the lovely and talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Newton of Kenansville, has just received the Paderewski Memorial Gold Medal, given by the Paderewski Foundation to students who have been national winners for ten years. Her young sister, Gail Newton, 12, has received a superior rating for the seventh consecutive year. Both of these girls are the pupils of Mrs. W. J. Middleton, Jr., of Warsaw.

I have known both Sally and Gail since I first came to Kenansville and I enjoyed interviewing Sally very much. Sally is highly versatile. She is a straight A student in school, and sews well enough to be a designer. I can vouch for the fact that she learns anything quickly — we had several hours of French conversation one week and I have never met a girl with such a memory or who has so much tenacity and application.

Sally has studied music for ten years, and she practises at least two hours daily. She told me that she had been encouraged all her life in her work by her parents, Alton and Ruby Newton and by her aunt, Miss Kate Newton. Gail and Sally received a Stelway Baby Grand for Christmas from their parents this year.

Sally prefers classical music to that of modern composers, although she likes Cyril Scott and Debussy. Of all composers, her favorite is Johann Sebastian Bach, and her interpretation of the great master is truly remarkable. Her interest in modern composers is very evident from her interpretation of them, especially MacDowell.

Sally loves science as well as music — and has not yet decided which will be her ultimate career. Which ever it is, I know that she will do it well, and bring credit not only to her family and her teachers but to Kenansville and Duplin County as well.

Helen Caldwell Cushman

Three Young Girls Give Joint Recital

On Monday night at the Kenansville High School Auditorium, Mrs. Henry Selby of Brodgen presented three of her talented pupils in a joint recital. The girls were all lovely in white organdy, and received after the recital. As is natural when three students are presented at once, the program was long and varied, and all the numbers showed great preparation. The general opinion of the audience was that Miss Betty Ingram excelled in her interpretation of Dittienhavers Mardi Gras. Miss Ingram plays with much expression. Miss Millie Burch gave a stirring rendition of the familiar Liebestraum of Liszt, and played Mendelssohn's Spinning Song with feeling and vivacity. The playing of Miss Barbara Mitchell was notable for her flawless memory and her excellent sense of rhythm. She played with great understanding the Petite Russian Rhapsody and the tricky Russian in Hong Kong of Chasins.

Misses Moore and Best Brides-Elect Are Feted At Party By Mrs. W. J. Middleton

On Tuesday, May 13th, Mrs. W. J. Middleton, Jr., entertained Miss Julia Moore and Miss Lois Best, popular teachers of Warsaw, who plan to be married in June.

The party was in the form of a soft drink fete. Purple larkspurs, white carnations and red baskets of pansies were attractively used in her floral arrangements.

Soft drinks, salted nuts, party sandwiches and potato chips were served during the evening. Mrs. Middleton was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Allan Draughon, Jr. At the conclusion, she presented a set of silver ash trays to Miss Moore.

Silver tea costers were given to Miss Best.

Those attending were the following: Mesdames Milton West, J. W. Farrior, Kathleen Snyder, John Pierce, John Anderson Johnson, J. P. Harmon, Allen Draughon, Jr., Miss Virginia Easley, Miss Julia Moore and Miss Lois Best.

Mineral Springs Home Dem. Club

Mrs. W. C. Wilkins, Mrs. Bob Henderson, Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. W. H. English and Mrs. James Sauls were hostesses to the regular monthly meeting of the Mineral Springs Home Demonstration Club. The feature program was a dress revue sponsored by A. Brooks, Inc. of Warsaw. A. Brooks Inc. awarded prizes as follows: First prize, Mrs. Robert Smith; Second, Mrs. John Smith; Third, Mrs. James Sauls.

In order to further interest in home sewing the yard goods was purchased from Brooks and made by the club members. The acting judges were: Mrs. Kathleen Snyder, Mrs. Robert Blackmore and Mrs. Morris Jordan. They were presented with lovely corsages and novelty gifts by the club members.

The hostess served sandwiches, cookies and pink lemonade to about twenty five members and visitors.

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Angela Daughtry Heard In Recital

Angela Daughtry gave a graduation recital in the auditorium of Kenansville High School on Thursday night, May 17. She was presented by her teacher, Mrs. W. J. Middleton, Jr., of Warsaw.

Miss Daughtry, a recent graduate from high school expects to attend the University of Indiana next year and will major in music. Her varied program included selections from Scarlatti, Beethoven, Chopin, Schumann, Cyril Scott and MacDowell.

Particularly well received were Miss Daughtry's modern numbers — and undoubtedly the best played of all her pieces was Cyril Scott's Lotus Land. The young performer is amazingly at ease in recital and plays with self-confidence. Her interest in modern composers is very evident from her interpretation of them, especially MacDowell.

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Sally Newton Of Kenansville Wins Piano Auditions Medal

The Paderewski Memorial Gold Medal was awarded to Sally Newton of Kenansville under the sponsorship of members of the National Guild of Piano Teachers of this area in Wilmington Monday night, May 12th. Sally is the piano student of Mrs. W. J. Middleton, Jr., of Warsaw.

The award is given by the Paderewski Foundation to students who have been national winners in the auditions for 10 years. Sally has won a superior rating each year. The 16-year-old winner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Newton and is a sophomore at Kenansville High School.

Sally's younger sister, 12 years old, was a national winner with a superior rating for the seventh year. Gail is also a pupil of Mrs. Middleton.

Mrs. J. Carl Seymour is chairman of auditions, which were held at First Baptist Church Tuesday through Monday, Franklin Carnahan, nationally known artist-teacher of Cleveland, Ohio, was judge.

Faye Wright, pupil of Miss Louise White of Wilmington, made the highest rating in the auditions. Her grade was 100. Faye was ineligible for the awards offered, however, due to the fact that she did not play required 10-piece national program.

The Thursday Morning Music Club award offered for the highest grade among high school pupils was tied for by Janice Garrett, pupil of Miss Frances Hayes and Lynn Corbett, pupil of Mrs. Lila Head. The Sorosis award for the highest grade among junior high students was awarded to Feriba Berry, pupil of Mrs. Sam Troy, Jr.

Beth Troy, pupil of Mrs. J. Carl Seymour, won the American Legion Auxiliary award for the highest grade among grammar grade students.

The following students have been national winners for six years: Feriba Berry, Carol Doxey, William Hartog, Jr., Beth Troy, Julia Wenberg, Sandra Bullard. This group are five-year national winners: Johnny Daughtry, Theresa Doxey, Janice Garrett, Betty Jean Lounsbury, Mary Mintz, Jeanne Mintz and Beth Taylor. The five-year winners received a Mozart Gold Pin.

Other national winners are as follows: Martha Allen, Carolyn Armstrong, Carl Anderson, Patsy Baker, Virginia Batts, Ruth Beaver, Martha Bennett, Lea Jane Bernati, Marguerite Bethune, Betty Brown, Eleanor Brown, Maryette Brown, Parker Hope Bryant, Carol Bunch, Anne Chapman, Linda Colucci, Lynn Corbett;



SALLY NEWTON

Faison McGowan's Entertain At Large Family Houseparty

Mr. and Mrs. Faison McGowan entertained a large family group over the week end at a houseparty. Among those present were Mrs. John C. McMillan, Miss Mary Canady, Mr. Hoyle Canady, the Misses Martha and Linda Canady all of Hope Mills, and Mr. and Mrs. John D. Canady of St. Paul's.

On Monday the house guests accompanied the host and hostess to Greenville where Mrs. McGowan received her master's degree. After the commencement exercises, Mr. McGowan gave a dinner party for his wife and the friends who had driven to see her graduate. Included in this group were Mr. Z. W. Frazelle, Mrs. Louise Mitchell, Miss Margaret Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John Currie, Miss Florie Currie and Miss Diane Stokes from Kenansville, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Canady of Bunn Level, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Canady of Hope Mills, Mr. J. S. Canady of Fayetteville and Mrs. Pierre Delaby also of Fayetteville.

Hubert Boneys Entertain Gov. And Mrs. Scott

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Boneys of Teachey were host and hostess at a large supper party for Governor and Mrs. W. Kerr Scott on May 15. After the country-style supper, many of the neighborhood friends came in to speak with the Governor and his wife, the farmers, pastors, postmaster, the village storekeepers were all there. They came with words of appreciation for the program of rural improvements that the Governor has pushed forward. Over a hundred guests were present to meet Mr. Scott and the First Lady.

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