

PINK HILL-SMITH-CRABBY NEWS & VIEWS

PFY Meets Friday

The Presbyterian Youth Fellowship Group will meet at the Pink Hill Church for a regular meeting at 8:30 p.m. Friday, January 6, with a full attendance is urged.

School Council Sponsors Dance

The Pink Hill high school student council sponsored a dance in the school cafeteria from 8 to 11 o'clock December 21. Christmas decorations were emphasized. The refreshment table was centered with white candies surrounded by greenery, loaf drinks, cookies, potato chips and salted peanuts were served buffet style.

Mrs. May Hostess To Bridge Club

A silver and gold Christmas motif was used when the Pink Hill Wednesday afternoon bridge club and additional guests were entertained at the home of Mrs. and Mr. J. F. May Wednesday night. In the dining room a large silver tree decorated in gold, was the featured attraction. A miniature tree, also decorated in gold, centered the buffet. The table was overlaid with net over white satin, with streamers of gold ornaments, dangling from each corner. A horn-of-plenty in the center was flanked by silver candelabra, holding gold candles.

Following three progressions of bridge guests were invited into the dining room for refreshments. Mrs. D. W. Ruffin poured punch and ham biscuits, potato chips, fruit cake and coffee were served buffet style. Mrs. Jones Smith received a prize for ladies high score, and Mr. Lynwood Turner won the high trophy for men. Mesdames Rudolph Davis, Floyd Heath and Ike Stroud were bingo winners, and Mrs. Davis won the deer prize. Attending the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Alton Tyndall, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Davis, Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood Turner, Mr. J. K. Smith, Mesdames H. C. Turner, Jack Perkins, I. J. Sandlin, G. M. Turner, Sr., T. A. Turner, J. M. Jones, Jasper Smith, W. H. Jones, D. W. Ruffin, Ike Stroud, Floyd Heath and Jones Smith of Pink Hill and Mrs. Don Headstrom and Mrs. "Micky" Sutton of Kinston.

Personals

Mrs. T. W. Whitehurst of South Mills and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Culpepper of Deep Creek, Va., were recent guests of Mrs. Whitehurst's daughter, Mrs. J. D. Tyndall, Mr. Tyndall and Ann Denny.

and Mrs. Ethro Hill and Jeffery on Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis have returned from a visit with relatives at Hazelwood and Asheville. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Smith visited their son, Boyce Dean, a senior at Barium Springs, on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wells, Don and Connie Jo Wells returned Sunday from Charlotte where they visited their son, Mr. Hugh M. Wells, Jr., and family, and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Morrison and family spent New Year's Day with relatives near Clinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Friedman of Washington, D. C., spent Christmas in Pink Hill with Mrs. Friedman's parents, Rev. and Mrs. N. P. Farrier, and her sister, Mrs. Hazel Stapleton and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Worley were recent guests of the Mercer family at Fountain. Mr. and Mrs. Herald Latham and twin daughters, Dian and Lynn and son, Jeffrey of Norfolk, Va., Miss Sarah Ann Maxwell of Richmond and Mr. and Mrs. Lydon Maxwell and son, Scott of Winston-Salem have returned to their homes following a holiday visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Maxwell.

Mesdames J. F. May and D. W. Ruffin were guests of Mrs. Forrest Hargrove (the former Virginia King Palmer) at her home in Clinton Friday.

Mesdames W. M. Rivenbark and J. B. Southerland of Wallace visited their mother, Mrs. W. J. Smith on Wednesday.

Mr. L. H. Turner returned to Bowling Green, Ky., Monday for a brief stay on the tobacco market and was accompanied as far as Asheville by his brother, Mr. H. C. Turner, who spent the holidays with his family. Mr. Johnny Williams left Saturday for Nashville, Tenn. where he is to enroll at the Nashville Technical College for 8 months training in Diesel engines. He was accompanied to Nashville by his father, Mr. L. A. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper D. Tyndall and Ann Denny spent Christmas Day with relatives at South Mills. Mr. Horace Wallace with the U. S. Navy stationed in New York spent a two weeks holiday leave with Mrs. Wallace and children on Pink Hill, R. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Ethro Hill and baby were recent guests of Mrs. Hill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Thornton at Newton Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee Overman have returned to their home at Lenoir following a holiday visit with Mrs. Overman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis.

All at their homes during the holidays include Miss Lula Tyndall and Mrs. Woodrow W. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace King and son of Warlick, Va., were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Seth B.

Children's Home Society Of North Carolina Needs Help Of Tar Heels

Tar Heels are the most successful matchmakers on earth! That does not mean, necessarily, they are any better than folks from other states in getting suitable mates for Aunt Lizzie or Cousin Susie, neither of whom is getting any younger.

Besides, such a feat as that would not necessarily be "successful." It'd be more "miraculous" than anything else.

Right now we're not so interested in miracles as we are in the brand of success found in bringing together people who will love each other forever.

And where would you find—where could you find—more successful matchmaking than at the Children's Home Society of North Carolina?

The successful process has two primary ingredients. First, we have happy babies who don't know they are without parents to care for them. Then we have the childless married couples who want nothing in life so much as a baby to care for.

Since the Children's Home was organized in 1902, the two primary ingredients have been carefully brought together for over 6,000 babies and their new parents.

It may be surprising to some that there are more couples wishing to adopt babies than there are babies to be adopted. In fact, for every baby at the Children's Home, there are 15 couples who apply to adopt a child.

That bit of information may bring the question: "If that's the case, then why does it cost \$163,000 a year to operate the Children's Home?" And another: "Why are they asking for \$55,000 of it as Christmas time?"

Well, Christmas belongs to children. Christmas is a time for giving. What could be more natural than giving to children at Christmas time? And what could be more rewarding, inwardly, than giving to children who have no parents?

The answer to the first part of the question is that the Children's Home is just what the name implies and it is that for 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Most of the time the home has its capacity of 20 babies. The care they get is as tender and as loving as any TLC baby ever got. And running a nursery is not inexpensive, you know.

The other expenses are wrapped up in the opening statement—the one about Tar Heels being "successful" matchmakers.

It doesn't just happen that the matchmaking at the Children's Home Society is successful. It requires careful checking of both the babies and their parents and grandparents, and of the couple to which the baby will be offered for adoption.

Say, for instance, a young mother realizes she cannot take proper care of her baby. Perhaps she is recently widowed or perhaps she is unemployed. She decides to assure her baby of a bright future by allowing it to be legally adopted through the Children's Home Society.

She will know that the baby will be examined by leading doctors when it enters the home and when it leaves, and well cared for in between.

She will not know, however, who adopts the child. It will be placed King. Their daughter, Mrs. Jim Plyler, Mr. Plyler and children, Douglass and "Christie" were also here during the Christmas season.

Ensign Alfred Wells has returned to his duties at an Air Force Base near Corpus Christi, Texas, following a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wells and relatives in Charlotte.

Miss Connie Jo Wells attended a Youth Conference of the North Carolina Synod held at Davidson College, December 27-29.

Mrs. E. M. Sills returned Sunday from a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee, Sr., at their home in Tampa, Fla.

Rev. and Mrs. N. P. Farrier were in Wilmington Monday to visit Mrs. Farrier's sisters, Mrs. Ida Black and Mrs. Milton Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Howard and son of High Point have returned after visiting Mr. Howard's mother, Mrs. John J. Howard near Pink Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Swain spent the holidays with relatives at Harrellsville and Gatesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Warren of Stillmore, Ga., were here at the week end to attend funeral services for Mrs. Warren's father, Mr. H. L. Page.



with a couple living as far as possible from her town in an attempt to prevent future anguish on the part of all concerned. Even though the baby is legally adopted by the new parents, that fact does not eliminate hurt.

Another important thing that helps give the Children's Home Society a top rating in successful matchmaking, is the way a baby and its new parents are "brought together" as often as possible according to similarity of backgrounds with some emphasis on looks.

Why do that? Why care about backgrounds? Isn't the major concern the future of the child? It is, and that's exactly why similar backgrounds and similar looks are important.

If they are similar, it will strengthen the bond between the child and its new parents. They will make it easier for other members of the family and neighbors to accept the child as one of the family.

Parents must feel there is a basic similarity of background and that they are offering the child the best opportunities possible. Parents must feel comfortable with what they know about the child's background and the child must give evidence of being able to take advantage of the same opportunities the couple's own child might have had.

One thing about looks. If a baby has a dominant strain of nationality, a couple possessing the same dominant strain likely would be the lucky new parents, all things considered, of course.

Couples seeking to adopt a child are not awarded it on a first-come, first-served basis. However, the waiting time is taken into consideration, and all things equal, couples on the list longest are considered ahead of new couples on the list.

It's all part of the Children's Home's "successful matchmaking." How good a job does the Children's Home do in pleasing in picking the right baby for the right couple?

Well, some of the nurses there cannot remember—a baby being turned down by a couple.

That choice comes at a most dramatic moment which could be called the Moment of Truth. In a car on the second floor of the Children's Home, the couple sees for the first time the baby picked for them.

The baby is placed in a bassinet and the social worker leaves the room to wait downstairs, to let the couple be alone to decide.

Naturally the couple is nervous. What a moment that must be! They can hold the baby, tickle its chin, coo at it, talk baby talk, get acquainted.

They decide whether they are drawn to that particular baby, whether they want that particular baby as their own, as their legal heir, as the child to carry on the family name.

As far as the present staff can

But tears are brushed away and the vacated crib is readied for the next arrival at the Children's Home. The process of successful matchmaking starts all over again. That process involves much money. Fifty three per cent of the money spent last year went to the casework division, where all the planning for children and parents is centered.

The next largest proportion, 21 per cent, was used to care for babies in the nursery, boarding homes or in hospitals while they waited for the decisions that would give them new futures.

Only 7 per cent went for fund raising, publicity and the important work of informing the public about adoption needs. General administration, maternity care, insurance, upkeep of property, communications, office supplies and equipment accounted for the remainder of the money received.

All that goes into the process of matchmaking. So how does that make Tar Heels successful matchmakers? Because the Children's Home is so successful a matchmaker and because the Children's Home Society would not operate without funds given it by North Carolinians.

The Children's Home Society and Tar Heels actually are one. That's why.

A fire wrecked the Philadelphia Fire Marshal's office last summer. His office in fire headquarters was ruined by an explosion of highly flammable paper and fine crackers that had been seized for safekeeping.

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Home Owners Are Blaming 'Hazel' For Everything

Although "Hazel" and succeeding hurricanes did much damage to shade trees and shrubs, the storms shouldn't be blamed for "everything" that happens to the shrubbery, says R. S. Doulass, State College extension forester.

Doulass explains that lots of troubles are still showing up as a result of these storms. However, he reminds home owners that diseases and insects are always present, and that they too can do much damage.

In addition, the spring freeze will leave its mark on shrubs next summer. Doulass says that home owners must give more attention to planting varieties adapted to the area, and also to routine checks and preventive measures for controlling diseases and insects.

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All debts and obligations incurred in the name of Western Auto Associate Store, Warsaw, N. C., on or before December 30, 1955, shall be the responsibility of William M. Craven. All debts and obligations incurred after that date will be the obligations of Richard L. Cavenaugh.

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