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## Hotel Serves Xmas Dinner to Kiwanians

The Raeford Kiwanis Club met on December 22 at the Raeford Hotel, as guests of the Hotel, Mr. V. St. Cloud, manager. This meeting was held on Tuesday night instead of the usual time on Thursday, which came on Christmas Eve.

St. Cloud served a most delicious turkey dinner, which was thoroughly enjoyed and a vote of appreciation was extended to Messrs St. Cloud and Lewis for their hospitality. Lewis was officially inducted into membership by Geo. Pickard, who welcomed into fellowship of the club.

St. Cloud put on an intelligence drawing three names from a hat. These were asked questions pertaining to the war. The one answer to most questions was given a prize. White was the winner. A quartette rendered several numbers, which were well received.

Holland was in charge of the singing. He made a splendid talk on Christmas, its origin and what it means to us, especially at this time.

**THE McLEAN WEDDING**  
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On Monday, December 26, Miss McLean became the bride of James Halley Bythe, son of Mr. Bythe and the late Mr. Huntersville, at the home of the bride's father, W. A. McLean, 101st Airborne Division, Camp Wheeler, Ga., assisted by Rev. Mr. George Pickard, pastor of the church.

Speeches were spoken in the living room before an improvised altar decorated with evergreens and candelabra bearing lighted tapers.

Mrs. H. R. McLean sang, accompanied at the piano by Miss Jessie Bright Ferguson.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Wallace Alexander McLean. She wore a beautiful blue suit with vintage accessories and a corsage of orchids.

Miss Rachael Williams of Charlotte was the bride's attendant. She wore a rose dress with matching accessories and a corsage of better times.

The best man was J. C. Blythe, brother of the bridegroom. Tapers were lighted by H. G. McLean and H. V. Stuart.

The bride's sister, Mrs. H. V. Stuart, wore a black crepe dress with a corsage of better times roses. Mrs. Blythe, the mother of the bridegroom, wore a powder blue dress and a corsage of talisman roses.

After the wedding, an informal reception was held. Guests were directed to the gift room by Miss Josephine Hall. Mrs. Julian Wright presided in the gift room, and Mrs. H. McLean at the register. Miss Belle Graham and Mrs. R. M. Adams presided at the dining table. Mrs. Ryan McBrady poured. Mrs. F. B. Sexton, Mrs. W. McLean and Miss Alma Ferguson were serving.

A wedding trip, Mrs. Blythe will resume her work at Huntersville and Sgt. Blythe will return to Fort Bragg.

Mrs. Blythe is a graduate of Queen's College and for the past several years she has been a teacher in the Huntersville High school. Sergeant Blythe was associated in business in Charlotte before entering the United States Army.

**HOKE COTTON OUTPUT EXCEEDS 1941 CROP**  
A census report from the Department of Commerce in Washington states that 13459 bales of cotton were ginned in Hoke County from the crop of 1942 prior to December 13, as compared with 11192 bales for the crop of 1941.

**EMPLOYEES OF DAVIS STORE ENTERTAINED**  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Davis were host and hostess to their employees at a most enjoyable Christmas party at their home Friday before Christmas. Fashioned games were played and delicious refreshments were served.

Miss Claus peeped in at the window before coming down the chimney with his pack of gifts. He remembered every one present. This closes the first year of the operation of Davis's 5-10-35 Center in Raeford. It has been a most successful year and Mr. and Mrs. Davis and their staff have made many friends in Raeford.

## Light Docket In Recorder's Court

There was a light docket in Recorder's Court last Tuesday, but eleven defendants facing Judge W. B. McQueen. Lester Leach, Henry Hollingsworth and Clyde Ratley paid the costs after being found guilty of being drunk and disorderly. Willie Shaw was found guilty of driving a car while under the influence of liquor and paid fifty dollars and the cost.

John A. Copeland, who was found guilty of abandonment last week, was this week charged with bigamy. He was held for Superior Court under a bond of \$300. Norman Graham was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, but the case was settled by the payment of \$10 to Ed Stewart and the cost of the case.

Charlie Oxendine and Ashley Peavie were found guilty of trespass and paid the costs. The charge against Charlie Oxendine of violating the game laws was not pressed.

Probable cause was found in the case of John Sig Frye, charged with attempt to commit rape and assault with a deadly weapon, and he was bound over to Superior Court under bond of \$250. Helen Groom alias McFadyen was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Probable cause was found and she was bound over under bond of \$100.

**MRS. MARSHALL THOMAS ENTERTAINS BRIDGE CLUB**

One of the most outstanding social events of the Christmas season was a dinner party given by Mrs. Marshall Thomas to members of her bridge club and additional guests at her home, Monday evening, at 7:00 o'clock.

Beautiful flower arrangements and Christmas decorations made Mrs. Thomas' home an attractive setting for the occasion.

After a delicious dinner served in the dining room, two tables of bridge were held in the living room. Several interesting progressions were played. Mrs. Arah Stuart won high score prize for club members and Mrs. Israel Mann received visitor's high.

**With The Army People**

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The army Personnel living in Raeford wishes to take this means of extending to the people of Raeford, the local merchants, and the News-Journal a most cordial and sincere New Years greeting.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
Lt. and Mrs. S. S. Baker, Jr., and two year old daughter, Elizabeth Jane, of Los Vegas, New Mexico, moved into the apartment in the W. D. Brown home last week. Lt. Baker is with the 101st Airborne Division.

Capt. and Mrs. Eldridge Naugher, of Mississippi and Texas, have recently taken the upstairs apartment in Mr. Ed Bethune's home. Capt. Naugher is also with the 101st Airborne Division.

Major Ralph E. Hewitt has been temporarily transferred from Fort Bragg to Columbia, S. C. He left for his temporary station Monday morning.

The Raeford officers' and wives' club will have its semi-monthly luncheon-bridge, next Thursday, January 7, at 1 o'clock, in the B. R. Gatlin home. Mrs. Arah Stuart will serve the luncheon assisted by the hostesses, Mrs. Carroll Anderson and Mrs. Ralph Hewitt. All wives of officers living in Raeford are urged to attend this meeting. Luncheon reservations are to be made by calling the hostesses, phone 530-6 not later than Tuesday noon.

Cpl. Heslon Rose, of Camp Rucker, Alabama, spent the Christmas holidays with his wife, baby, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rose, of Raeford.

**McKEITHAN-BRANTON**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Branton, of McColl, S. C., announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret Mae, to John Daniel McKeithan, of Raeford, on Dec. 29th, 1942, in Bennettsville, S. C.

Buist Bethune states that he will probably assume control of Walter Reed Hospital in Washington when he returns.



**THE** year 1942 is now a closed book, and we enter 1943 with new zeal, new hope and new objectives. One of our main objectives is to serve you still better. We thank you cordially for the support you have given us during a year that has tried men's souls, and wish you every blessing that 1943 can possibly bring.

**The News-Journal and Staff**

## English Pastor Writes Mrs. Innis

Mrs. W. C. Innis received a letter this week from Rev. S. Rees-Tyrer, pastor of the Temple Cowley Congregational Church, Oxford, England, in regards to her son, Frank, U. S. Army, who had visited in his church. The letter follows:

October 31, 1942.  
Dear Mrs. Innis:  
I expect you are wondering who it is that is writing to you from England. As you see I am a Congregational Minister in Oxford and I am glad to say that while he was stationed here your son Frank came along to our church regularly both on Sundays and during the week.

You will be glad to know that he was looking very fit and was quite happy with the folk in my church. Not only did he come to church himself but he persuaded several American boys to come along with him. One Sunday he brought 12 along. We were ever so pleased and proud.

It is a pity that he has now been moved from Oxford to another part of the country. I shall keep in touch with him as best I can, and I have told him that he can come along to see me any time. Your thoughts must be very much with him; we shall do our best to look after your American lads while they are here. Some years ago I had the privilege of visiting your country. I did not, unfortunately, come as far as South Carolina. I received a great welcome from everyone I got in touch with. Some day I hope to come over again.

I shall be glad to have a letter from you to let me know that you have received mine. I shall send a copy of this letter in a few days in case it gets lost on the way over. I am so anxious for you to know that Frank is well and eagerly looking forward to the day when he can return home to tell of his experiences among the English people.

With every good wish and assurances of our prayers and thoughts,  
Yours very sincerely,  
S. Rees-Tyrer,  
Covley, Oxford.

**MORRISON-BROWN**  
Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Brown announce the marriage of their daughter, Rosa, to Charles Edward Morrison, of Ceredo, W. Va., in Portsmouth, Va., on Thursday, December 24th, 1942.

The marriage took place at the home of J. W. Reaser with Rev. L. A. Russell officiating. Miss Eleanor Brown attended her sister as maid of honor and Howard Bernstein was best man. The double ring ceremony was used.

The couple came to Raeford for a short visit with the bride's parents but returned to Portsmouth Sunday. The bride is the second daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Brown. After graduating from the Raeford High School she attended Louisburg College and Eastern Carolina Teacher's College. She later took a business course in Raleigh. She holds an important clerical position in Portsmouth.

The groom is now in the Navy. They will be at home for the present at 85 Ericsson St., Portsmouth, Va.

## SCHOOL NEWS

All schools in the county re-opened after the Christmas holidays on Tuesday morning at 10:00 o'clock. It is hoped that the later hour will make it easier on the bus children during January and February.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education has been postponed from January 4th to January 11th on account of the failure of the ODT to get the necessary information on bus transportation through in time for the Board's action on the first Monday.

The Ashmont school plumbing froze and burst during the recent cold snap. The school operated under serious handicap for a few days.

Pupils who were present every day during the third month at the Rockfish school are:  
First Grade—Lydia Ann Boahn, Will C. McMillan, and Charles Lockamy.  
Second Grade—Mary E. Guin, Helen McDougald, Ann Wood, Ham Dees and Ava Jane Porter.  
Third Grade—Patricia Ritter, Magalene McMillan and Betty Jo Lovette.

Fourth Grade—Charles Porter, Etta Mae Dees, Louise Gibson, Nannie Lee Ray, Mattie Stephens and Betty Jean Wood.  
Fifth Grade—Marion Wood, Lucy Boahn, Susan Porter Margaret Ritter.  
Sixth Grade—Marcellus Boahn, Wade McDougald, Donald Wood, Sara Neil McKeithan, Bud Weston Stephen, Worth Wood and Margaret Willis.

Seventh Grade—Melvin Dees, Pearlie McDowell, Armaitha Lee, Geneva McDowell and Lena Terrell.

All of us are glad to see Mildred Koonce back in school. She had been kept at home for several days with a slight attack of pneumonia.

Principal Ray's sixth and seventh grades rendered a very interesting and entertaining program Wednesday morning in the chapel assembly. "It Was an Angel," a Christmas play, was given by Arnold Monroe, Margaret Willis, Catherine Potter, and Lena Terrell, Pearlie McDowell, Marvin English and Davis Parker gave a negro sketch with the title of "Negro Spirituals."

The fifty new song books recently purchased by the Parent-Teachers Association for the school, are being used almost daily by teachers and pupils.

All grade mothers gave the children apples, oranges, candy, raisins, nuts and chewing gum.

Students and teachers returned to school Tuesday, December 29 after the Christmas vacation, probably a bit reluctantly but willing to get back to work again after a few days of rest, relaxation and Christmas festivity.

Mrs. N. A. McDonald is taking the mathematic position of Mrs. Clyde Upchurch, who recently resigned.

Coaches Dowd and Kendrick have scheduled the following games: Hoke High vs Laurel Hill Friday night, January 1, at Raeford; Hoke High vs Red Springs January 15 at Red Springs. Transportation is proving a problem and the school officials hope different people in town will consent to make one trip during the season.

The percentage in attendance for the white schools for the third month is as follows: Hoke High, 96; Rockfish 92.7; Raeford Graded 91.8; Milledou, 91.3; Antioch, 86.7; Ashmont, 86.5.

**LIBRARY NEWS**  
Hoke County Public Library will be closed New Year's day, but will reopen Saturday, Jan. 2.

A few new books, adult and children's have been put on the shelves, and a number will be received soon. We regret to announce the resignation of Miss Helen Rosser, who has been County Librarian for the past 5 months. Miss Rosser has resigned to accept the post of full time librarian at Camp Davis. She felt that she could perform a greater service at Camp Davis than she could here on a part time basis. We regret very much to lose Miss Rosser's services, but wish her much success in her new work.

The Library Board will meet a few days to make plans for securing a new librarian.

## Kiwanis Club To Hold Ladies Night

The Raeford Kiwanis Club will celebrate Ladies Night on January 7th at 7:00 o'clock P. M. The club intended to start the year off right with this important event. Practically all the members are married, and the other ones should be. Consequently, the membership wishes to issue their weekly "night off" and are going to try to give the ladies the time of their lives.

The program committee consisting of Marcus Smith, chairman, Lewis Upchurch and Israel Mann are not going to ask the ladies to do a thing but have a good time. The committee is bringing a program from the F. A. R. C., at Fort Bragg, consisting of Sgt. Ernest Heldman, magician and master of ceremonies.

Dick Hevilland, Broadway comedian, Pvt. Blackie Shackner, Harmonica artist, formerly with the Borah-Minneveitch Harmonica Band that has been featured on the Kate Smith radio hour.

Other numbers are being arranged. The annual installation of officers will take place during the evening. Cecil Dew, president, C. L. Thomas, vice-president, Currie McLaughlin, secretary-treasurer, and the newly elected directors will be installed at this time.

The committee urges that all Kiwanians and their ladies make plans to attend. If you expect to bring guests the secretary must be notified in advance.

**LT. AND MRS WILLIAM COVINGTON HONORED**

The outstanding social event in town during the holidays was the reception that Mrs. W. T. Covington gave on Tuesday evening in honor of Lt. William Covington and his bride, now of Norfolk, Va.

The spacious home was brilliantly lighted and attractively arranged with Christmas greens; a welcome contrast to the very inclement weather outside.

Guests were welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Roland Covington and directed to the cloak room by Mrs. J. W. Currie, Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin, and Mary Stewart Covington. Receiving in the living room were Mrs. W. T. Covington, Mrs. William Covington, Lt. Covington and Lt. and Mrs. W. E. Suddath.

Mrs. John Walker and Miss Pattie James, of Laurinburg, stood between the living and dining room. Mrs. J. C. McLaughlin and Miss Lila McLean seated at either end of the dining room table poured tea. The table was covered with a lace cloth and centered with a beautiful flower arrangement in a silver bowl. Miss Mary Falls Peale and Miss Marjorie McKay directed the serving which was done by Misses Katherine Anne Walker and Josephine McLaughlin, and Hugh and Tom McLaughlin. A variety of delicious and attractive pastries, small cakes, fruit cake and salted nuts were served with the tea. Goodbyes were said to Mr. and Mrs. Roland Covington.

There were a number of relatives and friends from Laurinburg as well as a large number from Raeford who called.

**METHODIST TO HAVE NATION-WIDE WATCH NIGHT SERVICE**

On New Year's Eve, Thursday, Dec. 31, at 11:15 P. M., the Methodist Church will have a Nation-wide watch night program. The music will be by the Emory University Quartet and the message by Bishop Arthur Moore.

A radio will be installed in the Raeford Methodist Church so the congregation there may get the program. Continuously from 8:00 P. M. to midnight there will be music, meditation and prayer in the Raeford Methodist Church. The Christmas decorations are still up, Deep in and join the people there in prayer and meditation in preparation for the New Year.

Also special New Year Services Sunday, Jan. 3.

**EDD BROOKS MOVES TO BURGAW, N. C.**

Edd Brooks, who has been a popular member of the sales department of Israel Mann's store for the past few years, has moved to Burgaw, N. C., where he will be in business with his cousin, Mr. Margolis.

**CORRECTION**  
Mr. and Mrs. Chazy were married November 1, 1942 instead of November 1, 1941.