

Socials-Personal Items ...

B & P W CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Decorations suggestive of the Yuletide season and a fire in the huge fireplace at the Wayside community building made a cheerful setting for the Christmas party given by the Raeford Business and Professional Women's Club on Monday evening of this week.

Soon after their arrival the sixteen members present gathered around the fire and sang Christmas carols, accompanied by Mrs. Rurita Shelton at the piano, after which several interesting games were played.

Christmas gifts, which were put in a large red stocking by the mantle upon arrival, were exchanged later in the evening when Miss Louise Blue played Santa Claus.

Each member of the club took canned and fresh fruits and vegetables to be distributed between two needy families for Christmas.

At the end of the evening delicious refreshments consisting of dainty sandwiches, toasted nuts, stuffed dates, mints, cookies and coffee were served.

MISS DOWNER ENTERTAINED

Miss Irene Downer, whose marriage to Sgt. Leon Thrower will take place, Sunday, December 21st, was honoree at a party given by Miss Marguerite Stephens and Mrs. James Stephens, at the home of the latter, Friday evening of last week.

The entertaining rooms, where bingo and bridal games were played were artistically decorated in Christmas motif.

After the hostesses had served refreshments of ambrosia, cake and nuts, the honoree was presented a shower of many lovely and useful miscellaneous gifts.

Miss Elsie Upchurch of Brenau college, Grainsville, Ga. arrived last night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Upchurch.

Jim Howell has accepted a position with the Watson-King Funeral Home in Rockingham.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wright, Misses Myrtle and Shelby Jean Wright visited in South Carolina Sunday.

K. A. MacDonald was a patient at Highsmith hospital several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Snead and son of Rockingham and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Snead and children of Red Springs visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Younger Snead Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. McDonald have as their guests, Mrs. McDonald's mother, Mrs. Nash, of Goldsboro.

Miss Allyne Smith of Raleigh spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Lucy Smith.

The employees of Bruce's 5 and 10 Store will have a Christmas party tonight at the home of Miss Doreen Duncan.

Misses Faye and Phyllis Baker of Meredith college will arrive today to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baker.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Owen announce the birth of a daughter, Friday, December 12, at Moore County hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Durham of Norfolk, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, December 16, at the Leigh Memorial hospital, Norfolk.

Mrs. Durham is the former Miss Elizabeth Brandon of Raeford.

Dr. and Mrs. Howard Baucom of Goldsboro announce the birth of a daughter, Thursday, December 11. Mrs. Baucom was formerly Miss Nancy Pierce of Philadelphia, Pa.

MUSIC CLUB ENTERTAINS VETERANS SUNDAY

Several members of the Chaminate Music club went to the Veterans hospital Sunday evening and presented several numbers. Those participating in the chorus were Meslames A. K. Currie, A. L. O'Brian, J. W. Walker, Fred Culbreth, R. L. Murray, Harry Greene, Luke Bethune, Thomas McLaughlin, Marshall Thomas, Miss Josephine Hall. The chorus was directed by Mrs. Kerr Stevens with Miss Jessie Bright Ferguson at the piano.

PARTY GIVEN FOR MISS DOWNER

On Tuesday evening of this week Miss Irene Downer, bride-elect of this month, was again honored when her cousin, Miss Lucille McLeod, entertained at a lovely party, given at her home in the country.

The entertaining rooms, where hearts and bingo were played, were attractive with Christmas decorations. Mrs. James Stephens won the prize in hearts, and Miss Downer was awarded the bingo prize. Miss Downer was also presented a lovely corsage upon arrival, and a piece of silver in her chosen pattern.

Delicious refreshments consisting of green and white ice cream, fruit cake and coffee were served.

EASTERN STAR TO MEET MONDAY

Mrs. Helen Rimmer, district deputy, will pay her official visit to the Raeford Chapter of the Eastern Star Monday night, December 22. All members are urged to attend and bring a gift for the Christmas tree.

Misses Marie Cameron, Joan Johnson, and Mary Stuart Covington of Peace college will arrive today to spend the holidays with home folks.

Mrs. Ina T. Lentz left Saturday night for Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Martin Bishop. While away she will also visit another daughter, Mrs. Clyde McInnis, at Miami.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow McLean and son, George, of Clinton spent Sunday in the home of W. A. McLean.

Dr. Alvis Dickson left over the week end to report for duty at Bethesda, Maryland.

Miss Mary Lewis, who accepted a position with the American Automobile Association in Charlotte about a month ago, has been transferred to their office in Raleigh.

Mrs. Carol Mawby is visiting friends at Wellman, Iowa, from where she will go to California to spend the Christmas holidays with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McNeill returned Monday after spending several days at Portsmouth, Va. with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Spivey.

Miss Alice Walker had as her overnight guests Friday her mother, Mrs. J. G. Walker and grandmother, Mrs. O. G. Jones of Forest City, and her sister, Miss Mary Olive Walker of Gastonia. They came especially to attend "The Messiah" at Flora Macdonald college Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Heyward had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mabry and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mabry of Kannapolis.

Mrs. Harold McDiarmid of Elon college spent the week-end in the home of her mother, Mrs. Ina Lentz.

Mrs. L. B. Sutton of Live Oak, Florida, has arrived for a visit in the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Matheson.

Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander, Miss Leonora Currie, Lee O'Brian, Pete Webb, Dan Campbell, Jr., Herbert McKeithan, Jr., all of UNC, Chapel Hill, have arrived for the holidays.

MRS. FRANK WILLIAMS HONORS GRANDMOTHER

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Frank Williams was a gracious hostess at her home on Donaldson Avenue when she entertained her grandmother, Mrs. Jennie Blue, and several of her grandmother's close friends and contemporaries.

The spacious living room was most inviting with a bright log fire in the huge fireplace, lighted red candles and attractive arrangements of greenery with mandina berries and holly. Mrs. J. C. Thomas directed the games and singing which caused much merriment. There were a number of contests with prizes. The most interesting one was a drawing contest in which Mrs. "Sis" McKeithan showed most talent and originality.

Delicious refreshments and confections were served with hot coffee. Mrs. Williams was assisted in dispensing this hospitality by her mother, Mrs. N. B. Blue, Mrs. Lawrence McNeill, and Mrs. Paul Dixon, Sr.

EDUCATIONAL CLUB WILL MEET TUESDAY

The Educational club will meet Tuesday afternoon, December 23, at 3:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Robert Gatlin. A Christmas program has been planned, and all members are urged to attend.

KING - PEELE

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. King of Laurinburg announce the engagement of their daughter, Vera Gene to Jephtha Franklin Peele, son of Edmond L. Peele, and the late Mrs. Peele of Raeford. The wedding will take place in February.

Mrs. Marion Doshier of Fayetteville was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Gatlin.

Hugh McLaughlin of St. Pauls and Tom McLaughlin of Davidson college spent the week end with their mother, Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin.

Misses Ida and Mattie McLaughlin received word Monday that their cousin, Benjamin McL. Covington, had died at his home in Wadesboro that morning.

Little Mary Neil Senter, 1 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Senter, was a patient at a hospital in Greenville, Tenn. several days last week and the first of this week. Mr. Senter is with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. in Greenville.

T. A. Marshburn of Mayport, Florida, arrived Friday night to spend the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, Jr. and Mr. Gatlin.

Misses Nita, Martha Ben and Ethel Sue Gullege and Gloria Brinkley were week end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Pascal in Greensboro.

Mrs. G. W. Gasque has been a patient at Highsmith hospital since last Thursday.

A. C. and H. T. Edens spent Tuesday in Rocky Mount.

Mrs. A. D. Currie of Wilson is spending several days this week with Miss Margaret Gainey.

Mrs. B. R. Gatlin, Mrs. Arsh Stuart, Hallie and Marion Gatlin, and Mrs. W. E. Freeman of Aberdeen attended the funeral of Mrs. Gatlin's sister, Mrs. Ellen Andrews, near Hartsville, S. C. last Friday.

Sgt. and Mrs. Bob Staley, who have an apartment in the home of Mrs. C. H. Giles, left Tuesday to spend the holidays at Monroe and North Wilkesboro.

Misses Betsy Anne Cole, Elmira Whitley, Eleanor Leach, Lydia McKeithan, Elizabeth Parker and Mary Black McBryde, all of WCUNC, Greensboro, arrived this week to spend the holidays here with home folks.

Mrs. A. R. Morris has been sick at her home since last week.

Mrs. Bill McQuage is a patient at a Wadesboro hospital.

Seaman First Class Jimmy Plummer of Providence, Rhode Island, arrived Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Plummer.

Mrs. H. W. McPhaul and sons, David and Donald, left Raleigh Sunday night by plane for Short Hills, New Jersey to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. McPhaul's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rosslyn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Baucom visited Dr. and Mrs. Howard Baucom in Goldsboro Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gibson had as their guests Sunday Mrs. Ed Gentry of Roxboro, Ed Gentry of Elon college, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gentry and family of Laurel Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Gentry and family of Red Springs, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams and son of Biscoe.

Mrs. Mary Smoothy of Chapel Hill is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Stephens.

Hilton Graham of Raleigh is spending awhile here with his sister, Miss Lona Graham.

Mrs. M. W. McLean, Jr. of Clearwater, Florida, left Friday night after spending last week here in the home of Mrs. M. W. McLean. She was accompanied home by Mrs. McLean, who will spend the winter in Florida with relatives.

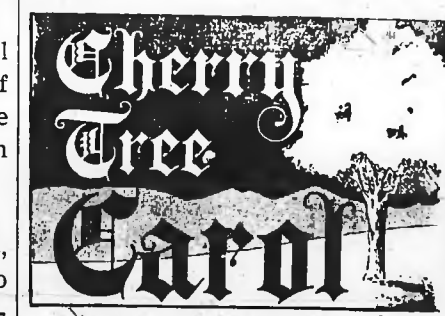
Cpl. and Mrs. Glen Collinson of Fayetteville were visitors in the home of Mrs. Collinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Campbell, over the week end.

Treating Trees To Preserve Needles

Dropping needles or leaves of Christmas trees, which strip the trees of color and litter the floor, long have been a Yuletide bane. Therefore, the discovery of the New York State College of Forestry that waterglass spray will prevent the spruce leaves from falling comes as welcome news to family and housewife alike.

Besides preserving the foliage, the waterglass spray adds to the decorative effect of the spruce by leaving a slight silver sheen to the green of the needle-like leaves. The waterglass also has been found to be a good fire retardant.

The college found that the shedding of spruce leaves also can be retarded by placing the base of the tree in a bucket of moist earth, peat moss or water. Users have reported the success of this treatment.



The old Cherry Tree carol, or the legend upon which it is based, is undoubtedly the reason for the custom of placing a branch of cherry tree in water to bud for Christmas time.

According to this legend, Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem passed a tree loaded with cherries. Mary was hungry for some of the fruit and asked Joseph to pluck some cherries for her. The tree graciously bowed down so that Mary could pick the fruit herself.

It has been customary among the Czechs and Slovaks to take the branch of a cherry tree and place it in water in the late fall so that the buds reach the blossoming stage at Christmas time.

The belief was current that if the sprig blossomed by Christmas Eve, the girl who tended it would marry during the New Year.



Legend has it that when Christ was born and Satan died, the bells in the churches were rung. At exactly midnight the tolling changed to a joyful peal, announcing the birth of the Christ.

In the dark chambers high above the turmoil and strife of human life, dwelt the Apostles of Peace, whose salutations were never so welcome as at the time of the great winter feasts of Christmas, so William Auld tells in his traditions.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morrison, Mrs. G. W. Brown, Mrs. Hubert Wooten and son, Pat, spent Sunday in Wilmington.

Crawford Wright returned home Sunday after spending the past 10 days at Moore County hospital.

Dr. Eben Black Winston, State Commissioner of Charities and public welfare, was a visitor in Raeford on Tuesday.

MAKE HER Christmas Dreams COME TRUE

Nothing in this wide, wonderful world equals the joyous thrill of giving or receiving a piece of exquisite jewelry at Christmas. You and your loved one can enjoy this thrill — select her secret dream from our sparkling holiday collection.

Wedding ensemble. Blue white diamonds, gold setting.

Exquisitely designed watches — all famous name makes.

Service for 8 Warwick China in floral pattern. \$87.50

Beautiful Roslyn Silver coffee service with serving tray. \$35.00

Large selection of Dresser Sets \$7.50 to \$35.00

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