

# Social Events

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## Surprise Party For Miss Ferguson

Officers and staff of the Bank of Raeford had a surprise party Monday night for Miss Jessie Bright Ferguson. Miss Ferguson, a vice president and cashier of the bank, has been confined to her home with a broken hip.

The hosts brought a covered dish supper to Miss Ferguson's home on Fulton Street. She was given a hand-crocheted Christmas corsage and each host presented her with a gift. After supper everyone gathered around the piano and sang carols.

## U.D.C. Meets Friday Afternoon

Mrs. Glenn Wood and Miss Sarah Lytch were hostesses to members of the Raeford Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at the home of Mrs. Wood on Friday afternoon.

Miss Josephine Hall has charge of the program which was on music and poetry of the South. She reported that the first song recital in America was held in Charleston, S.C., on February 26, 1733. The South also witnessed in 1735, at Charleston, the first recorded performance of an opera in America, the ballad-opera "Flora".

The writers and songs associated with the Civil War occupy a unique place in song literature and national history. In many ways the songs are historical documents, as they afford a study of the contemporary state of mind of both sides of the conflict.

Miss Hall was assisted by her sister, Mrs. J.B. Eubanks, who played a number of recordings during the program. Among these were "Dixie", "Eating Goober Peas", "The Boll Weevil Song", "The Yellow Rose of Texas", and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic".

Refreshments, suggestive of the holiday season, were served during the social hour.

## Bankers' Dinner Held Saturday

The annual district bankers Christmas dinner party was held Saturday night at the Country Club of North Carolina.

Included in the 50 guests from Raeford were directors and staff of the Bank of Raeford and Southern National Bank and their wives and husbands.

## Personals

Mrs. Danny Pannell of San Clemente, Cal., arrived Friday for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Warner. Lt. Pannell will join her here next week.

Mrs. W.E. Freeman returned Monday from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. J.L. Carver, in Chapel Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fountain and daughter Kathryn of Rocky Mount, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. J.H. Blue.

## Walter Coley and Mike Wood's PHARMACY PHLASHES

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## Bridge

Mrs. Niven

All members were present for the club's annual Christmas party Thursday night at the home of Mrs. William Niven. She served dessert and coffee when guests arrived and Cokes, cheese biscuits and candy during play.

After two progressions of bridge, members had a social hour and exchanged gifts. Each member received a gift from Mrs. Niven.

Prizes went to Mrs. Carson Davis Jr. for high score, to Mrs. Lewis Upchurch Jr. for second high, to Mrs. Benny McLeod for bingo, and to Mrs. John Pecora for consolation.

Mrs. Gordon

Mrs. Earl Gordon was hostess for the Christmas bridge party for her club on Monday night. She invited guests into the dining room for dessert and coffee.

Before the bridge game members exchanged Christmas gifts and were given presents by the hostess.

Punch, candies, nuts and cheese biscuits were served during the evening.

Mrs. Joe Upchurch won the high score prize and Mrs. Walter Coley won the bingo award. The consolation went to Mrs. Bennie Kelly.

Miss Currie

Miss Ellen Currie was hostess to her bridge club last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. W.S. Hood in Thomasfield. Mrs. Max Jones and Mrs. John Campbell were visitors.

A dessert course was served before the game and nuts and Cokes during play.

Mrs. Carlton Niven and Mrs. Campbell won the high score prizes.

## Yule Dinner

The Board of Directors of Southern National Bank entertained their ladies at dinner last Friday evening.

Eighteen couples gathered for a Christmas dinner party at the Little Whale Restaurant.

Amy and Jennie Nicholas of College Park, Md., are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burnett.

Mrs. Frances McColl of Fayetteville, spent the weekend with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Shankle.

## Couples Club

Mr. and Mrs. T.B. Lester were hosts for the Couples Bridge Club on Saturday night at their home on W. Donaldson Ave. The house was decorated with Christmas arrangements.

Guests with the members were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lowe and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burnett.

The hosts served dessert when guests arrived. During the evening, they served sausage biscuits, sesame sticks, candy and punch.

Charlie Morrison won the club prize and Mr. Lowe received the visitor's prize.

## Children Sing For Music Club

The Chaminade Music Club met Tuesday, December 9, at 7:45 p.m., at the Hoke Civic Center.

Mrs. Ed Brown, program leader, introduced the program for the evening, a children's choral group from the Episcopal Day School in Southern Pines, under the direction of Mrs. Ralph Chandler and accompanied by Mrs. Myra Robinson.

Christmas selections from memory by the group included, "All I Want For Christmas is My Two Front Teeth", "I'm Getting Nothing For Christmas", "I Saw Mama Kissing Santa Claus", "Lullaby For Christmas Eve", "Jingle Bell Rock", "Suzy Snowflake", "I Wonder As I Wander", "A Child In The Manger", "Amen", and "Twas The Night Before Christmas".

After the program, members joined in singing "Away in a Manger" and "Silent Night", accompanied by Mrs. Hugh Lowe.

Following refreshments with the choral group, a short business meeting was held.

Hostesses were Mrs. Carson Davis Jr., Mrs. Ralph Huff, Mrs. Norman McKenzie and Mrs. Robert Calhoun.

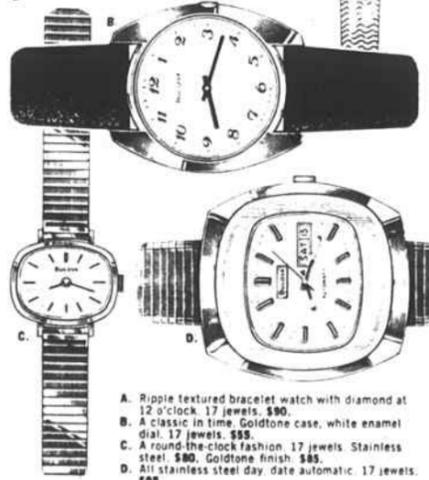
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## Parties Honor Deborah Easterling



Circle No. 3 of Bethel Presbyterian Women of the Church gave a shower Friday night for Miss Deborah Easterling, December 27 bride-elect. Pink carnations, candles and greenery centered the refreshment table which was spread with white linen. A pink umbrella with pink ribbon streamers decorated the gift table. An arrangement of pink flowers was used on the piano. The 25 guests were served cake, nuts, mints, cookies and punch.

On Saturday, Miss Easterling was honored with a luncheon in Aberdeen given by her aunt, Mrs. M.T. Davis, and Mrs. Adrian Alfred, the honoree's cousin.

The table was covered with a gold cloth overlaid with net and centered with Christmas decorations. Places were marked for 15 guests.

Miss Easterling received a corsage of white carnations and a gift of lingerie.

## Hospital News

### MOORE MEMORIAL

Mrs. J.K. McNeill Sr.  
J.H. Blue  
Stewart Smith

### DUKE

John Best  
Mrs. Dan Wilkes

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Chandler Roberts

Miss Ann Howell, who has been in Europe since September, arrived Wednesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Howell.

## Births

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Alden Manning announce the birth of a son, Bryan Alden, on Dec. 9 at Moore Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Manning is the former Susan Nixon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McBryde vacationed in Florida last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stone spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. W.S. Hood, on their way back to Falls Church, Va., after a visit with their sons, Robert and Dr. and Mrs. Harold Stone Jr., in Jacksonville, Fla., and a trip to Key West.

Leon Gatlin of Charlotte, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Gatlin.

## Church Hosts

### Sandhills Choral

Piney Grove Baptist Church will host the Sandhills Choral Society, under the direction of Russell McAllister, Jr., Sunday Dec. 21, at 5:37 P.M. as the Society presents a Christmas Cantata, "Born A King", by John W. Peterson.

This is the first local concert that the Choral Society has presented since the death of its former accompanist, Walter L. Green, Jr. earlier this year.

The public is invited to share in this beautiful and moving Cantata accompanied by Robert Murphy. Soloists for the Cantata are Gloria McLaughlin, soprano; William S. Dockery, tenor; and Allen Morrison, baritone.

## Upchurch Concert

The Upchurch Christmas Concert is scheduled for tonight (Thursday) at 7 P.M. at the Upchurch Auditorium.

Two separate choruses will be presenting the program.

The seventh grade chorus will sing such selections as "Sing We Now Of Christmas" and "Let It Snow".

The eighth grade chorus will also sing a number of songs including "While By My Sheep" and "The Christmas Song".

The seventh graders will be accompanied by Wendy Mansfield and the eighth graders by Melinda Quick.

The choruses will be conducted by Mrs. Linda Huff.

The concert is free and the public is invited.

**WANTED** - News for social page. Residents of Raeford and former residents are all interested in the comings and goings and items of social interest of their home town people. I need help from each of you to keep me informed. Please call me at my home number, 875-3785, after 5 o'clock or on Saturday, Mrs. Carlton Niven.

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