

# Kenansville News

## Past Matrons and Patrons Club

On Monday night, Dec. 3, 16 members with two visitors met at the Rose Hill Restaurant for the Past Matrons and Patrons annual Christmas party representing Kenansville Chapter #215, Order of the Eastern Star. Dora Evans welcomed those present and called on J.B. Stroud. After the dutch supper, Christmas gifts were exchanged and door prizes drawn. Thelma Murphy was in charge of this part. She had made miniature wreaths for each one present to wear as favors and get in the Holiday mood. Members present were Celia and J.B. Stroud, Pannie and Walter Rhodes, Doris and Robert Chestnutt, Joyce and Kermit Williams, Louise K. Boney, Ruby G. Newton, Thelma B. Murphy, Dora W. Evans, Eunice K. Brock, Margaret G. Johnson, Edna E. Brinson and Inez B. Chestnutt. The visitors were Amos Brinson and Hazel Holland.

## Liberty Hall Bridge Club

Mrs. W.M. Ingram was hostess for the Liberty Hall Bridge Club Wednesday night with several additional guests. Visitors were Mesdames E.S. McGowan, Martha Swann and Martha Sitterson. High scorer for members was Eloise Ryder and Mrs. Swann for the visitors. For refreshments Mrs. Ingram assisted by Mattie Barbee served coconut cake, corn chips and coffee.

## Contract Klub has Luncheon

Mesdames Martha Swann and Carolyn Hall were co-hostesses at a luncheon for the Kenansville Contract Klub on Thursday, Dec. 6th at noon in the home of Mrs. Hall. The menu consisted of chicken divan, baked onions, tomato aspic, hot buttered rolls and a relish tray with choice of coffee or tea. For dessert the group enjoyed custard pie. All members were present but one and her vacancy was filled by Lorena Vestal. After several progressions of bridge, Virginia Penney was declared high scorer. Mrs. Vestal was also given a gift.

## Friends of the Library

John Michaud, who has been

librarian for the Dorothy Wightman-Duplin County Library for the past two years, was given a farewell party last Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 5, in the library. It was co-hosted by the Friends of the Library and the Arts Council.

Tom Fife, president of the Friends of the Library, welcomed those present and presented Mr. Michaud with a Paul Revere bowl. He is going to work in the Pitt County Library and will be living in Greenville.

Entertainment was by Connie Regan and Barbara Freeman, folk-tellers, who were introduced by Merle Creech, executive director of the Arts Council. Punch and party cake squares were served by Carol Klemm prior to departure.

## Open House

Thelma and H.D. Taylor held open house on Sunday afternoon. The home was cheerfully decorated in the Christmas spirit. After greeting the guests at the front door, they were invited into the dining room where cake squares, salted pecans, mints and cranberry punch were served by their granddaughter, Brenda Carter of Magnolia. Goodbyes were said to Janet Kornegay, a niece of Mount Olive, who also kept the register where about 40 guests registered. Eldon and Margarite Brown were host-and hostess-at-large.

## Personals

Miss Jessie Bell Raiford of Goldsboro spent a couple of days here last week with Mrs. Nannie Brinson. They went to Teachey on Wednesday to visit Mrs. Louise B. Ward.

Clarence Jones of Portsmouth, Va. visited the Roscoe Jones on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Jones shopped in Goldsboro on Monday.

## Birth Announced

Gary A. and Jenelle B. Exelby of Blytheville, Arkansas, are the parents of a son, Joshua Christian, born November 22, 1984, at Blytheville Air Force Base Hospital. Grandparents are Kenneth Exelby of Seattle, WA and Bob and Phyllis O'Brien of Arlee, MT and Sid and Carol Trager of Kenansville, and Donald Best of Warsaw.



## Wallace-Hafel Engagement

Mrs. Angela Dail Thigpen of Chesterfield, Va. and Mr. Karl W. Hafel of Goldsboro would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie Michele Hafel to Stephen Dale Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Wallace Sr. of Route 1, Albertson. The bride-elect is also the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmore (Bill) Dail. The wedding is planned for December 30th at Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Church at three o'clock in the afternoon. No invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited.



## Marsh-Smith Engagement

Mrs. Olive E. Outlaw of Carolina Beach and Mr. Herbert H. Smith of Magnolia announce the engagement of their daughter, Wanda Sue, to Elias Joseph Marsh II of Wilmington. The wedding will be held at 3 p.m. February 9th at Springview Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church in Wilmington. Marsh is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Marsh of Fort Myers, Fla.

## Warsaw United Methodist Church Christmas Cantata

"Ring the Bells!" is a delightfully different Christmas cantata.

The Warsaw United Methodist Church choir will present the piece as its Christmas gift to the community on Sunday evening, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary on Plank Street in Warsaw.

About 30 members will perform and the accompaniment will be a stereo tape of full orchestration supplied by the sound technician, Danny Jenkins.

Taking its theme from the moving gospel song, "Ring the Bells," it develops the story of the first Christmas in a warm and personal way.

Musically, this work is easy and varied with brightness and jubilation. To create maximum communication, several refreshingly unusual monologues have been included.

Written by Harry Bollback and Don Wyrzten, "Ring the Bells" will be conducted by Mrs. Carol Moore. Following the concert, refreshments will be served by the Warsaw United Methodist Women. All persons are invited and welcome to the concert. "Ring the Bells" is a Christmas gift for all. Don't miss it.

## Protect Plants

A few precautions taken early in the cold weather period can help homeowners avoid cold damage to certain plants that frequently fall victims to severe cold.

North Carolina State University agricultural extension specialists identify some of these cold damage-prone plants as rhododendron, boxwood and some of the other broadleaf evergreens.

The best way to protect them from icy winds and the winter sun is to plant them in protected places to begin with. Plants that are already in the wrong place may be successfully moved, if they are fairly young.

Otherwise, some type of screening protection might be provided. For prized plants, you may want to build a scaffold on three sides — east, south and west — then cover the frame with burlap or some similar material.

# A Plantation Christmas In Kenansville

Decorations are an important part of "A Plantation Christmas" which begins December 23 at Liberty Hall Restoration in Kenansville with open house and continues throughout the holiday season until December 31.

Here, in the ancestral home of the Kenan family, tinsel and foil are eschewed, and the emphasis is on those plant materials — fruits, greens, cones, seed pods and nuts that were available to 19th Century North Carolinians.

Decorations feature imaginative arrangements of such traditional or exotic fruits as apples, lemons, limes, pineapples, pears and pomegranates. Natural materials like the dried pods of okra, magnolia, dried peppers, sweet gum balls, nuts, cotton bolls, mistletoe and various pine cones are used extensively. Holly, nandina, pyracantha berries add a touch of red. Greens — cedars, pine, boxwood, yew and hemlock are combined with the leaves of magnolia or holly to create pleasing effects.

Decorations range from elaborately created nosegays for the Christmas tree in the Ladies' Withdrawing Room, to a simple spray of pine and holly on a windowsill. Elaborate or simple, plain or fancy, each decoration at Liberty Hall expresses the spirit of Christmas the Kenan family enjoyed each year and one that guests can enjoy today. The total effect is one of elegant simplicity inestimable charm and an atmosphere of love and caring at a special time of year.

The Liberty Hall Restoration Commission stages the annual open house as part of the Twelve Days of Christmas in Historic Kenansville

which is sponsored by the Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce.

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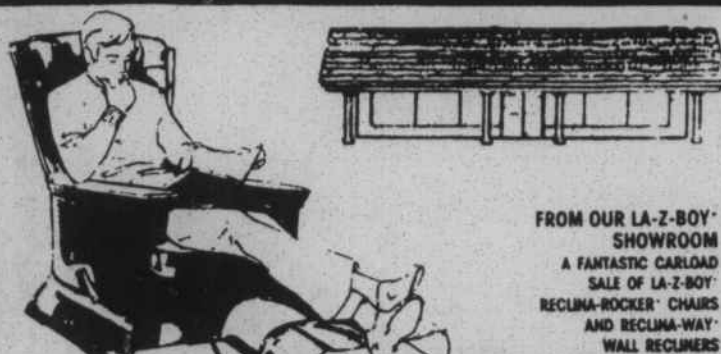
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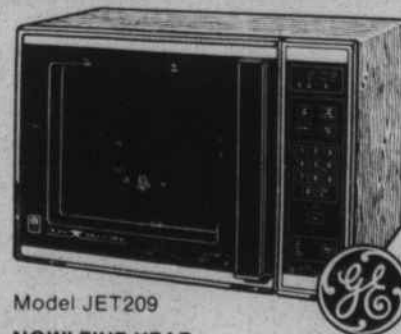
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