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**RIDGECREST . . .**

Shown here is the auditorium at Ridgecrest which will seat 2,600 people and will house in congregational style and classrooms 5,000 people simultaneously.

Ridgecrest is the summer capitol of Southern Baptists and derives its name from its location on the crest of the Blue Ridge mountains overlooking Royal Gorge. It is called the land of perpetual vacation and botanical paradise; a garden of pleasure in "The Land of the Sky."

Under the direction of Robert Guy, who is entering upon his second year as manager, Ridgecrest will this year celebrate its 40th anniversary. During this period thousands of leaders have come here for instruction and inspiration. Among the speakers and teachers are to be found some of the nation's best in the religious and educational field. More than 3000 delegates will attend the Southwide Baptist Student Retreat which will be held from June 9 to 16. Ridgecrest is operated by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Convention, Nashville, Tennessee.



**SOCIETY**

Clubs - Parties - Meetings

**MRS. SOBOL HOSTESS  
AT BRIDGE PARTY**

Mrs. Chester Sobol entertained with three tables of bridge at her home last week. Miss Lou Lindsey held high score and Mrs. Woodrow Beddingfield, low. Floating prize was won by Mrs. W. W. White.

Other guests were Mrs. C. C. Godfrey, Mrs. Reid Tull, Mrs. H. H. Brooker, Miss Madeline Fortune, Miss Doris Byrd, Mrs. Pat Randolph, Mrs. Berendt Nordheim, and Mrs. William Hickey. Delightful refreshments were served.

**REV. McDONALDS SPEAKS  
TO MONTREAT STUDENTS**

The Montreat College Youth Fellowship Vespers were held on the lawn of Central Park last Sunday evening. The Rev. Thad McDonald of the Black Mountain Methodist church brought the message. His topic was "Beauty in Nature and in Life." Special music was sung by a double quartet.

**MRS. ENSLEY HONORED  
WITH DINNER PARTY**

Mrs. Fred Ensley was honored Monday night with a dinner party at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. J. L. Stepp. Those present were: Mrs. Fred Albertson of Blacksburg, Va., Mr. and Mrs.

**RIDGECREST . . .**

Pritchell Hall, the main hotel of the Southern Baptist assembly at Ridgecrest, is one of 158 buildings maintained for the accommodation of the 30,000 guests which come here annually to attend summer conferences. The assembly is open during June, July, and August to more than a score of religious conferences, comprised of people from more than 25,000 Baptist churches in 20 southern states.



**DIXONS HOME FROM TRIP**

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dixon returned last Wednesday from a two week's trip through Carolina. The first week was spent in Eastern Carolina and the last in visiting Roaring Gap, Boone, Linville, Blowing Rock, and Little Switzerland. Mr. Dixon reports that it was extremely cold at Blowing Rock.

William Neal, Jr., of Newport News, Va., and Miss Martha Covin of Black Mountain.

**ANNOUNCE COMING  
MARRIAGE**

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Williams announce the coming marriage of their daughter, Miss Dorothy Jean, to James Kelly Wilkinson of Marion, N. C. Mr. Wilkinson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wilkinson also of Marion. The wedding date is set for some time in June.

**NEEDLEWORK GROUP  
NAMES OFFICERS**

On May 17 the Needlework group of the Arts Club met at Mrs. Keith's. The following officers for the year '48-49 were elected. Mrs. Lloyd Stinchcomb, chairman, Miss Elizabeth Zernow, secretary. The next meeting will be in September.

**Methodist Bible  
School May 31  
Through June 4**

A one week vacation church school will be held at the Methodist church May 31—June 4. The sessions will last from nine to eleven o'clock each morning. Instructors for the several age groups are as follows: Beginners: Mrs. L. H. Gregory and Miss Marilyn Cook; Primaries, Mrs. Dempsey Whitaker and Miss Joyce Gnieu; Juniors, Mrs. B. E. Nordhielm and Mrs. Thad McDonald. The theme for the week is "Our Father's World."

The children participating in the school will have charge of the church school rally day program Sunday, June 6. Following the worship service a picnic lunch will be served on the church lawn for all members of the church.

The vacation church school is open to any child wishing to attend.

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**EXECUTIVE HERE**

Raymond Robinson, vice-president and general manager of the Dr. P. Phillips company of Orlando, the largest independent packing company in the state, has spent two weeks at the Monte Vista. Mr. Robinson, who has spent many summers in Black Mountain, expects his family to arrive soon.

**DR. TIPTON AT CONVENTION**

Dr. W. H. Tipton attended the Southern Baptist convention held last week at Memphis, Tennessee. On Friday morning he went to the breakfast for foreign missionaries at the Peabody hotel. Approximately 90 missionaries from various countries were there.

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