

CHURCH GROUP MEETS AT HOME OF MRS. GUDGER

Mrs. George Gudger and Miss Carrie Many were hostesses to St. Anne's Guild of St. James Episcopal Auxiliary Tuesday, June 24, at the Gudger home. Mrs. Charles Aiken, leader, presided. Miss Mary Walters was in charge of the program and led the group in a study of "Holy Scriptures."

It was announced that the general meeting of the auxiliary would be held at the home of Mrs. Charles Aiken, Tuesday, Aug. 5. Plans were made for the benefit bridge party to be held at the club house on Aug. 8. It was also announced that the United Thanks offering would be taken Sunday, Aug. 3.

Those attending were Mrs. Robert Martin, Mrs. Rush Whiteside, Miss Sarah Kitchen, Mrs. Aiken, Mrs. B. A. Moller, Miss Walters, Miss Mary MacKay, Mrs. Percival Gregory, Mrs. William Faucette, Miss Minnie Drinker, Mrs. Clyde Glenn and the hostesses.

Dr. Stupka Will Use Slides To Illustrate Talk

The last previous issue of the NEWS carried the announcement of a special meeting of the Black Mountain Garden club July 31 with a lecture, illustrated with natural color photographic slides, with an outstanding speaker. This



speaker is Dr. Arthur Stupka, chief naturalist of the national park service of the U. S., who for more than 17 years has spent his entire time studying, photographing, and leading walking tours through the Southern Appalachians. His colored photographic slides, with which his lecture is illustrated, gives the listener an understanding and appreciation of the natural beauties of our immediate surroundings and will help him to know what to look for, and where, and when.

The date: July 31, 8 p. m. The place: Community club building, Lake Tomahawk; The speaker: Dr. Arthur Stupka, chief naturalist,

OES DISTRICT SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION SET

The district school of instruction of the O.E.S., 20th district, will be held in Esther chapter room, Saturday, July 12, at 2 o'clock.

All members of the local chapter are urged to attend.

U. S. national park service, Great Smoky National park.

The subject: "Wild flowers in the Southern Appalachians", illustrated with natural color photographic slides; admissions: FREE to all people in this community, their families and friends, and all Summer guests.

Light refreshments will be served after the lecture.

Norton - Ragan Wedding Held

Miss Jo Ann Norton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Norton, became the bride of Max Eugene Ragan, son of Mrs. Fred Matthews of Petersburg, Va., and Black Mountain and D. A. Ragan of Hickory, Saturday, June 28.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Eugene Byrd.

The bride wore a dress of white nylon with white accessories. Her corsage was a white purple-throated orchid. Miss Eloise Norton, sister of the bride, was her only attendant. Albert White served as best man.

Following the ceremony the couple left for a wedding trip to Virginia. For traveling Mrs. Ragan wore a navy crepe dress with navy and white accessories.

Mrs. Ragan is a graduate of Black Mountain High school. Mr. Ragan attended Black Mountain schools before entering the navy. He has been stationed at Midway Island.

BUCKEYE COVE

By Mrs. Clyde Pickens

Little Elizabeth McElrath, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McElrath, underwent an operation at St. Joseph's hospital on Thursday.

Mrs. Ruth McClure and children, Larry and Janet, are spending a week with Mrs. McClure's family on Bald Creek.

David McElrath spent last week in Tennessee visiting his grandparents.

Mrs. Ernest Plemmons and daughter, Ernestine, visited with Mrs. Plemmons' mother, Mrs. Stroupe on Jim's Branch on the Fourth.

The Young People's B.T.U. had a hamburger fry and swimming at Big Ivy picnic grounds on Saturday, July 5. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Peek and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pickens accompanied the following on the excursion: Laurel Allen, Gene Peek, Frank Spann, Carroll Peek, Daniel Peek, Jimmy Vess, Johnny Vess, Stevie Peek, Tommy Vess, Mary Helton, Margie Helton, Mildred Spann and niece, Jackie Lynn, Doris Peek, Clara Ann Pickens, Margaret Duncan, Betty Duncan and Virginia Pickens.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. James M. Powlas July 2 in St. Joseph's hospital.

Sabra Briggs visited with her grandfather Briggs in Bald Creek last week.

Mrs. Curtis Hall and children, Curtis Jr., Teddy, David, and Elizabeth, went with friends on a picnic to Mt. Mitchell on the Fourth. The Rev. Mr. Thomas took them to visit with him for several days in Granite Falls.

H. A. Martin spent the holidays on a hike to Fontana with the Boy Scouts.

The Rev. and Mrs. Black visited their son Loyd in Spruce Pine on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Glenn and family of Spruce Pine visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buchanan of Swannanoa on the Fourth.

Ridgecrest Staffers visited with the Buckeye congregation on Sunday evening in preparation of the Youth Revival to run from July 13-20. The Rev. Mr. Black turned over the worship service to them. David Strebeck introduced the staff and led in the song service. Jimmy Bost gave a testimony and impressed on the group the need of prayer for the revival. Jim

Paul R. Banner Taken By Death

Funeral services for Paul R. Banner, 73, of Swannanoa, route 1, who died Thursday, July 3, in an Asheville hospital after a brief illness, were held Sunday at 2 p. m. in the chapel of Harrison Funeral Home, Black Mountain.

The Rev. M. M. Workman and the Rev. T. A. Groce officiated and burial was in Bethel church cemetery, Swannanoa.

Pallbearers were Robert Brown, Robert Cooper, Russell R. M. Rice, Garfield Harrison and Walter Cooper.

He was a native of Greensboro and had resided in the Swannanoa Valley and worked at the Azalea Woodworking company since 1907, retiring in 1940 as plant superintendent.

Otis gave a testimony and asked each to tell others. Lynnal Coleman led in prayer, he and Walter Burnette are to be the youth week preachers. David read scripture, Matt. 27: 19-23, and brought the message "What Will You Do With Jesus?" Jeanie Branyan was pianist.

Clara Ann and Virginia spent Monday and Tuesday in Swannanoa with their grandparents.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Dickie Gash Banner; one daughter, Mrs. Gene Mills of Swannanoa, route 1; one son, Mike Banner of the U. S. Navy, stationed in California; one brother, R. Banner of Greensboro; and one grandchild.

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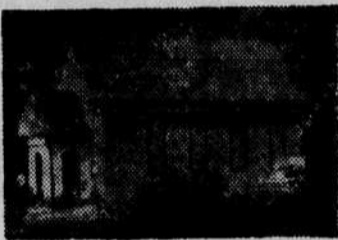
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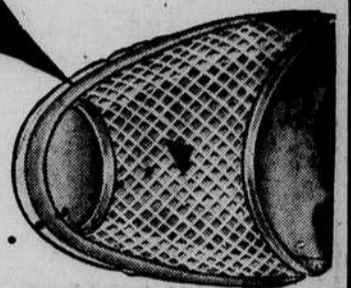
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