

# Oteen and Azalea

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The Fifth class of Oteen Baptist church held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday night, Jan. 6, at the home of Mrs. Ethel King, Azalea road, with 19 members present. Mrs. Mildred Brown, vice president, presided. Mrs. Thelma Love gave the devotions, reading the 2nd chapter of Corinthians, commenting on same and leading in prayer. Secretary and treasurer reports were given, also reports from various committees. Plans were discussed for talking a religious census. Also plans were discussed for visiting the women's wards of Oteen hospital at Thanksgiving. Names were drawn for secret pals. The meeting was closed with sentence prayers with petitions going up from every member present. A social hour followed with Mrs. King, the hostess, serving refreshments to the following: Mrs. Thelma Love, Mrs. Mildred Brown, Mrs. Mae Swann, Mrs. Vivian Wooley, Mrs. Tommy Lyda, Mrs. Nancy Lyda, Mrs. Christine Stepp, Mrs. Evelyn Green, Mrs. Mabel Mungo, Mrs. Edith Carter, Mrs. Edith Ensley, Ruth F. Wiers, Mrs. Mary Knotta, Mrs. Alma Long, Mrs. Dot Robinson, Mrs. Goldie Condry, Mrs. Ethel Bailey, Leo and Bobby King, Dorothy and John Condry, Paul Lyda, Cherry, Gail, and Joyce Wiers, Patsy and Jimmy Wooley.

Mrs. Lett Maloney, Black Mountain highway, left Jan. 5 for Lakeland, Fla. She will be away for about two months.

The W. M. S. of Oteen church held their regular monthly business meeting Monday night, Jan. 5, in Henderson hall with Mrs. Ben Briggman, president in charge. The meeting opened with the singing of a hymn. Mrs. Briggman read and commented on a portion of scripture. Mrs. Esther Bierer led in prayer. Secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved. Offering was taken. Plans were discussed for a study course in the near future. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. B. Padgett. Members attending were: Mrs. Briggman, Mrs. Bierer, Mrs. Padgett,

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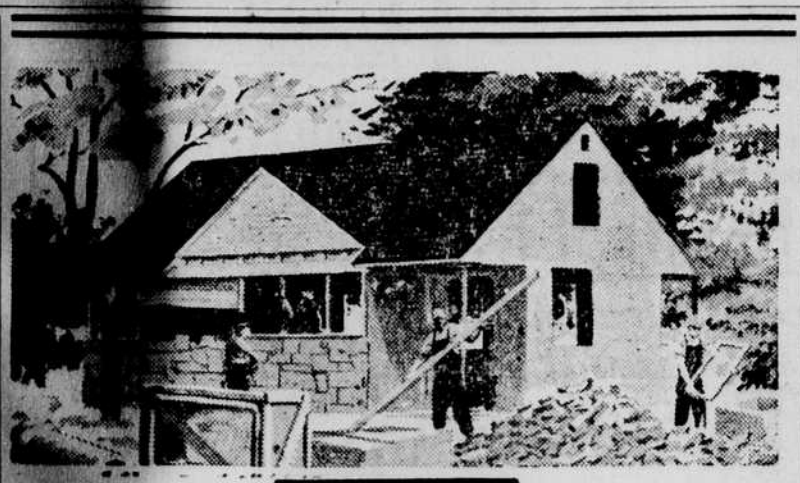
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# WASHINGTON WEEK

Some Republicans are now using their press contacts to harass each other instead of the Democrats.

Reports at Eisenhower headquarters are that the new Administration has gotten off to a good start. Despite Taft's blast at Durkin, Ike's appointments have been well received. The press does not like the way headquarters is being run; and the knives are out for Adams, Vandenberg and a few others—but on the whole the new Ship of State is doing well on its shake-down cruise. Ike is thriving in his role as President-elect, and obviously loves the job. Frequent health checks show that the new President will come into office in fine condition. Fears of many that the controversial Richard Nixon might soon take over seem groundless, insofar as human forecasts can be made. The tucked-out look which Ike displayed during the campaign is not now in evidence. Opinion around the Hotel Commodore is that the team

Roy Armstrong led in prayer. After business session the hostess served refreshments to Mrs. H. M. Allison, Mrs. Paul Allison, Mrs. Bessie Brown, Mrs. R. S. Brown, Mrs. C. L. Hall, Mrs. Kert Homphill, Mrs. Robert Meadows, Mrs. W. E. Padgett, Mrs. Dell Penley, Mrs. Gernie Ray, Mrs. Allen Reed, Mrs. V. T. Shope, Mrs. S. T. Sales, Mrs. Betty Sorrells, Mrs. Elsie Lewis, Mrs. Roy Armstrong and one visitor.

A stork shower was given in honor of Mrs. Royer Lewis by Mrs. B. K. Hampton and Mrs. A. B. Smith at the home of Mrs. A. B. Yow. Games were played, prizes won by Mrs. Walter Cooper, Mrs. Roy Sorrells, Mrs. Emmett Sorrells, Mrs. Lonnie Shelton. Many beautiful gifts were received by Mrs. Lewis. Refreshments were served by the hostess to the following: Mrs. Lloyd Hunter, Mrs. Jack Price, Mrs. Roy Carver, Mrs. Cecil Lawson, Mrs. Lonnie Shelton, Mrs. J. L. Bryant, Mrs. Herman Fender, Mrs. George Stevens, Mrs. R. L. Dyer, Mrs. Frank Lewis, Mrs. Oscar Lewis, Mrs. Roy Sorrells, Mrs. Walter Cooper, Mrs. Gus Lewis, Mrs. Emmett Sorrells, Miss Shirley Lewis, Miss Peggy Yow, Mrs. Bob Cooper, Mrs. J. B. Lewis, Mrs. Jessie Lawson, and Mrs. A. B. Yow. Many beautiful gifts were received from others not attending party.

The cottage prayer service of Azalea met Thursday at the home of Mrs. George Stevens. Those attending were: Mrs. Walter Cooper, Mrs. Martha Lamb, Mrs. George Stevens, and Mr. Rufus Jackson. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Martha Lamb.

Those sick in Azalea this week: A. B. Yow, Mrs. Frank Lewis, Mrs. Emmett Sorrells, Mrs. J. L. Bryant, Carolyn Bryant, Mrs. Pauline Lawson, Dennice Lawson, Mrs. Helen Sorrells, Mrs. George Stevens, Jonah Pressley, Walter Cooper, and Mrs. J. B. Lewis.

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few more pessimists today than we did in 1929, some of them owing no special lip service to keep sales up. They see a "slight recession" or "hardening" at the end of '53.

No one, but no one, however says that times will be bad. Unemployment, empty factories, huge inventories are still possible. Economists base their predictions upon foreseeable figures, such as government spending which extends into the life of aggression as now threatening from Russia.

With the spending of some \$80,000,000,000 ahead for 1952-1953, and with no sign that Russia intends to relent in her preparations for conquest, any economist worthy of his salt is going to say that times will remain good.

The first signs of the coming flop are evident in our relationships to Europe. The western powers have served notice that they are not going to spend for rearmament at the pace we would have them spend. They will have arms production to make civilian goods to sell to us. This will leave us with

a shrinking export market. We need extensive exports to keep about 10,000,000 workers at their jobs in this country.

Let us trace this trend. After the war, there was a demand from Europe for our raw materials and manufactured goods. However, there were no dollars. Hence, the Marshall plan. We gave them dollars, and they bought our goods, machinery, tractors, etc. Then the rearmament program which we urged upon them took the place of the recovery plan; and this venture needed our supplies and machinery.

We have been doing very well in the exporting of our goods—regardless of the fact that our own dollars were paying for them. This artificially created trade is trade nevertheless, and kept a lot of people working. Europe now wants our trade barriers down, to compete with us on an equal basis on the dollar market. It now remains to be seen whether or not we can support the program of empire without its trade advantages.

If the export chunk is bitten completely out of our economy, we cannot possibly live on our own fat because the fat is gone. We have to buy ever-increasing supplies of raw materials abroad. Up to now, we have been able to pay for these by exports of manufactured articles. Now, that trade could have to still buy oil, nickel, uranium, iron ore, copper, bauxite, tin, natural rubber and many other articles in addition abroad. Britain has to sell more and more goods to us, or she will go broke and start exporting her unemployed people. Italy is startling the world by her industrial ingenuity. Germany and Japan, both hard-working and industrially aggressive nations, have not yet risen enough to seriously challenge their late enemies. But it is certain that given freedom from restrictions, they will again undersell the free world.

The outlook for permanent prosperity must take into account our leading the world permanently in volume and value of exports. This we cannot predict with honesty. Domestically, with the industrial capacity expanded by wars, we can supply our peaceful needs with a small part of our potential effort. Without war production, without filling the needs of the free world, we would be far less busy—far less prosperous.

The crisis makes jobs, the jobs make money-spending, and the money means prosperity. During the campaign we heard that prosperity isn't real; but it is real enough for all the optimistic predictions which featured New Year's advent.

All this war spending is bound to resolve into an all-out war, an uneasy peace, or a genuine peace. In the event of the first, we will have all-out spending over an unknown period, with hardly any consumer goods. At the end we

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