

RIDGECREST ... ramblings

Mrs. Leonard Biddix
Dial 4966

meaned a lot to the community. We of Ridgecrest express our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Braun and will remember her in our prayers.

Ridgecrest Church News.
The attendance at the Ridgecrest Baptist church Sunday was again below normal. The pastor, the Rev. Cecil M. Perry, preached a most inspiring sermon on "The Great Investment" with his scripture from Luke 19:11-27. It was good to have Mrs. R. L. May at the organ after an absence of several Sundays.

The third class of "Studies in Hebrews" was taught Wednesday night by the Rev. C. M. Perry, and an increasing attendance was shown.

The Ridgecrest church voted at their morning service to sponsor a Boy Scout troop which will be organized in the near future. A committee to govern the operation of the troop was appointed by the church and the members are: Fred M. Burnett, chairman; Paul Turner, Leonard Biddix, A. C. Thomas, W. M. Pate, Joe Hollifield, and Hensley Snydes. More news about this in the future.

Intermediate's Valentine Party.
Despite bitterly cold weather on the evening of February 11, a dozen young people and several adults had a happy time at a Valentine party in the Intermediate department room of Ridgecrest church. Pretty and artistic decorations lent a festive atmosphere to the occasion. Seasonal games, directed by Mrs. Elbert Hardin, seemed to be enjoyed by the fine, cooperative group. Mrs. W. M. Pate and Mrs. Joe Moore served delicious refreshments appropriate for the Valentine frolic. After two hours of fun, a brief, but meaningful devotional thought was given by the new Director of Girls' Camp, Miss Arvine Bell.

Those present were: Martha Bradley, Barbara Denny, Shirley Kuykendall, Evelyn Peck, Maye and Faye Peck, Doris Snydes, Dorothy Tolley, James Allison, Paul Allison, William Creasman, Joe Moore, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pate, "Miss Norma" Moore, Miss Arvine Bell, and Mrs. E. F. Hardin.

Record Ruined.
Sunday S. C. Gill missed Sunday school after attending 110 Sundays straight. For two years Mr. Gill

had a perfect attendance and was recognized as one of the few in Ridgecrest with this record. But sick and Mr. Gill felt that he just had to stay at home with her. We walked in the door and he failed to hand us the church bulletin.

Attend Anniversary.
In August 1923 Mr. and Mrs. Elbert F. Hardin went to Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. For two years prior to this time, Mr. Hardin was pastor of this Holly Springs church, Spartanburg county, S. C. This is a large rural church with a rich and interesting history. Last week it observed its 150th anniversary by worshipping in its beautiful new auditorium speaking each night. Mr. Hardin preached there on Thursday evening. Mrs. Hardin accompanied him to Holly Springs on Thursday, where they enjoyed visiting with old friends until next day.

The Rev. Thomas L. Neely is the present pastor of this great church. He was formerly a missionary to Venezuela, and is a cousin of "our Lawtons."

Allison Funeral.
On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Elizabeth Allison of Old Fort died at her home after a short illness. The funeral was held at Piney Grove Methodist church on Friday afternoon and burial was in the city cemetery. She was survived by several grandchildren of which seven are from Ridgecrest; also of the great-grandchildren; five are from Ridgecrest. Walter Allison, her son, works at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. We express our sympathy to all the family.

Class Party.
Mr. and Mrs. Miller Jackson entertained with a Valentine party Friday night at their home for members of the Booker T. Washington class.

Games appropriate for the occasion were played and prizes went to those holding the largest number of points.

An attractively decorated Valentine cake was served with accompanying refreshments to Johanna and Alma Whiteside, Annette, James, Elaine, and Virginia Conley, Verta Weaver of Black Mountain, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wright, Warren, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and Beth.

Following the social period a brief devotional was repeated by all present.

Personals.
Mr. and Mrs. Haywood G. Trotter of Charlotte spent from Friday to Monday with their aunts and uncle, Mrs. Della B. Hurst, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Burnett.

Howard Wright of Burnsville spent the week-end with his family at End of the Lane. He reported much snow over that way and the roads required chains to travel on them.

Mrs. Raymond Lanning and infant daughter, Mary Josephine, came home from the hospital the first of the week and spent until Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Jesse Quinn. On Sunday they returned to their home on Yates avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reems of Skyland and Mr. and Mrs. Lewin Reems and family of Brevard spent Sunday afternoon visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Reems

BUSINESS WOMEN STUDY UNDER THE NORTH STAR

The Business Women's circle of the First Baptist church met Feb. 8 with Mrs. Worth Cook. Mrs. Cook presided during the business session. Miss Ruth Gilbert reviewed several chapters of the missionary story "Under the North Star" by Harold E. Dye.

A tasty salad course with coffee was served to Mrs. John Rice, Mrs. Carl Moore, Mrs. James Love, Mrs. Robert Queen, Mrs. Nilla Hall, Miss Ruth Gilbert, Mrs. Irvin Page, Mrs. Fred Higgenbotham, Mrs. Harry Carland, and Mrs. Worth Cook.

MRS. WARE IS GUEST SPEAKER FOR CIRCLE

The monthly meeting of Circle 2 of the Presbyterian church was held at the home of Mrs. W. C. Greene with Mrs. R. T. Greene serving as co-hostess. Mrs. Ray Harrison gave the Bible study on "Getting Right with God" taken from Romans III, 21 through 31 verses.

Mrs. Henry T. Ware of Blue Ridge was guest speaker, using a historical background she told in a most interesting way the mission work in India, Pakistan, and Ceylon.

Refreshments carrying out the Valentine motif were served to Mrs. S. S. Cooley, Mrs. M. C. Burnett, Mrs. Fannie Allen, Mrs. Rose Crawford, Mrs. Fannie Fitzgerald, Mrs. Dinsmore Crawford, Mrs. J. H. Gruver, Miss Lyde Willson, Mrs. S. L. Woodward, Mrs. C. D. Miller, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. B. H. Pearce, Mrs. James Skelton, Miss Mary Bell Stephenson, Mrs. A. F. Tyson, Sr., Mrs. J. O. Williams, Mrs. A. F. Tyson Jr., Mrs. Ware, and Mrs. Don Wright.

and their sister, Mrs. Joe Hollifield.

Mr. and Mrs. Claiborn Black of Thomasville spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Biddix and Jerry. Claiborn is a brother of Mrs. Biddix.

Miss Arvine Bell arrived in Ridgecrest Wednesday night to take over her duties as director of Camp Crestridge For Girls at the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

Several Ridgecrest children missed school last week because of colds and other sickness. Some of them were: Adelia Ann Dozier, Martha and Paul Allison, Ann, Sandra, Tony, and Stanley Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Snydes spent the afternoon Sunday in Canton visiting Mrs. Snydes' relatives.

Hezekiah Greenlee has been very sick for the past two weeks with the flu which almost went to pneumonia. At the time of writing he is beginning to get outside a little and is slowly regaining his strength.

Mrs. Lillie Ballentine returned home Saturday after spending two weeks with her grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Bob May, in Fayetteville. Mrs. Ballentine flew back to the Reems and family of Brevard spent Sunday afternoon visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Reems

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