

ATTEND CIRCLE UPPER AND MEETING

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Sawyer of North Fork road, entertained members of Circle 3 of the Methodist church with a hamburger-fry and the trimmings at their outside Tuesday evening, Aug. 19.

After a most delightful meal, Mrs. William Hickey conducted an interesting study on "Disciples to a Lord" by Albert E. Barnett. Mrs. Hickey used scriptural readings, Mark 13:1-37 in the discussion of "Jesus and the Future" and "Prelude to Calvary." Mrs. J. M. Goodman presided during the business session.

Those attending were Mrs. Hickey, Mrs. Clyde Watkins, Mrs. T. Ross, Mrs. D. P. Dinwiddie, Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. D. O. Mingle, Mrs. L. L. Pence, Mrs. Fin-Stepp, Mrs. Fred Cook, M. S. J. Tamm, Mrs. M. C. Dickens and the host and hostess.



Bittersweet by Oden Walker

At this time of year a lot of housewives (and some househusbands) are cooking crowder, or field peas. They are in the roasting stage, and delicious indeed, but extremely hard to get from the shells. A few afternoons ago Minnie had started to shell a mess of these delectable seeds; she had already broken a couple of fingers prying them from the hulls. Fred Schmeiz came along and told her how to do it with ease. Just pour the unshelled peas in a pot and cover with water, bring to a boil for four minutes, drain the hot water off, and run cold water over them. As soon as they are cool enough to handle you can strip them from the shells without the least bit of trouble. This will also work on soy beans.

I want to tell you again that to tie a cotton twine loosely above the ankles will stop cramps in the legs. I have worn these strings being bothered. This disagreeable ailment used to cause me to have to walk the floor at night.

Well, that was quite a picture of the News staff in last week's paper. This group has done a lot

for the community, it is the first paper that has lasted so long. (Now that they have been "mugged", maybe we ought to have them "fingerprinted".)

Charlie Godfrey has started laying sills for John Morris' new house across the street. The neighbors are very interested, and visit the job every few days. We are looking forward to John and Nellie living there, they are most delightful folks. John sent a substantial check, via this column, to the Operation Youth, Inc., fund.

Fred Schmeiz showed some of his lovely color slides here Thursday night—guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. Perry, and Charles and Bobby Price (Earl Mease's grandsons).

Another of our most beloved friends has passed on to a better land, Miss Helen Wicker, affectionately known to us as Miss Nellie. I guess I have known and loved her for more than 40 years. The Wickers came from one of the fine Virginia families, started coming to Montreat, and then to North Fork a long time ago, and then retired on North Fork later, and here they lived for many years.

It was a happy occasion for all of us.

There was a lovely memorial service in memory of Miss Nellie Wicker Sunday evening at "Wickersham." It was to have been on the lawn, but due to inclement weather, the service was held inside. The Rev. Robert Clayton, and the Rev. Eugene Byrd officiated. Minnie and I sang "Beyond The Sunset," and "Precious Memories." There were friends and relatives from several states, many

had been cracked up to be. The music of the Waynesville Jazz Ratz was a little brassy, but we like brassy music now and then. The songs and skits between acts certainly were good.

We would like to have seen more of the doings of the Silo Circle playhouse, and have got acquainted with the cast. Maybe we will have better luck next year. This has surely been a great thing for this section.

After church this Sunday we went to the Tabernacle church homecoming. We got there just in time for dinner—I never saw so much good food, the tables were groaning, and after everyone had eaten there was enough left to feed a small army. We met so many cherished friends. There was a program of singing after dinner. Mrs. Tom York was there. She is 89 years old, and has been a member of Tabernacle church for 72 years. Mrs. Ella Kerlee, at the age of 92, was also present. Aunt Nora Grant, and many other rather elderly people were there.

Carroll Walker and family of Washington, are visiting his father, Ernest Walker of Stratford road in Asheville. They came to see Mrs. J. A. Walker Sunday afternoon. (Mama is getting steadily weaker).

We enjoyed looking over the art exhibit of Clara Crawford and Emily Wood at the Playhouse. We were especially interested in Emily's "North Fork Super Market."

Dr. Behre Reports From Puerto Rico

In a report from San German, Puerto Rico, Dr. Ellinor H. Behre of Black Mountain, summarizes her summer's experiences as instructor in zoology at the Summer Institute of Biology and General Science at the Inter-American university. Dr. Behre had previously been in Puerto Rico a number of years ago, under a research grant from the University of Puerto Rico, Colegio Agricultura, at Mayaguez.

She therefore knew the island and the people somewhat and was pleased to be asked to return in

this new capacity. She reports that the Summer institute has been an 8-weeks period, with a full program, lectures all morning, labs and field trips all afternoons and week-ends, and movies at night. The students numbered 50, all but 14 of them women, mostly married, with small children left in charge of grandmothers while the mothers went to school for the summer.

"The Puerto Rican teachers are paid for 12 months," she reported, "but when the actual teaching period is over, the teachers have to spend another month in some form of activity for their school or for their professional training. No three months of idleness! Here the teachers were mostly too far away from home to come and go

every day; they live in the Inter-American university dormitory and ate in the student 'comedor', as did we who taught. I could write books about the field trips, which ranged all over the island to observe resources and study its plant and animal life," Dr. Behre concluded.

—Most all North Carolina soils need lime.

With the Sick

The Rev. Carlyle Anderson is undergoing treatment at Moore VA hospital, Swannanoa. He has been a patient at Moore for several weeks.

The Rev. W. M. Hyde is convalescing at his home on Buckeye Cove road, Swannanoa, after being a patient in an Asheville hospital.

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Announcing the winners in the 1957-58 FINER CAROLINA PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce the winners in the 1957-58 Finer Carolina Program. Congratulations to you who have helped make the award possible in your town. Even though all 118 towns entered could not win an award, every town entered profited by its experience. Parks, playgrounds, improved educational and health facilities, beautiful streets and residential areas, and the many other achievements of the past eighteen months stand as permanent monuments to your efforts. Everybody is a winner who helps build a better community. Our sincere congratulations to the thousands of Carolinians who have participated in their town's plans for progress during the past program period.

GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

For outstanding accomplishment in their overall Finer Carolina Program, the following awards are presented in the three population groups.

1 - 1000 population		
1st place	\$1000	Swannanoa, N. C.
2nd place	500	Parkton, N. C.
3rd place	250	Harrells, N. C.
1001 - 4000 population		
1st place	\$1000	Siler City, N. C.
2nd place	500	Spruce Pine, N. C.
3rd place	250	Pageland, S. C.
over 4000 population		
1st place	\$1000	Dillon, S. C.
2nd place	500	Oxford, N. C.
3rd place	250	Asheboro, N. C.

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For special achievement with a single project in their Finer Carolina Program, the following clubs, groups, or special committees are presented awards.

Project Sponsor	Project
1 - 1000 population	
\$250 Castle Hayne, N. C.	American Legion Post No. 248
\$150 Hot Springs, N. C.	Women's Civic Clubs
\$100 Farmer, N. C.	Women's Clubs and Young People
1001 - 4000 population	
\$250 Liberty, N. C.	Junior Chamber of Commerce
\$150 Black Mountain, N. C.	Valley Boosters Club
\$100 Wallace, N. C.	Special Group of Civic Clubs and Groups
Over 4000 population	
\$250 Hartsville, S. C.	Special group of civic clubs
\$150 Hamlet, N. C.	National Guard
\$100 Sanford, N. C.	P.T.A. and Board of Education

Realizing that the task of building a Finer Carolina is a continuing one, CP&L will again sponsor the Finer Carolina Program in 1958-59. There are some exciting new changes in the program which we believe will help you bring about the progress you desire for your town. See your nearest CP&L representative for complete details.

Honorable Mention

Honorable mention plaques are presented to the following Finer Carolina Committees.

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