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I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own,  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.

Miles wrote not only the words, but the music, too. Its popularity testifies to the fragrance of its memories and its tender-hearted atmosphere.

The author was born in 1868 in Lakehurst, N. J. He began his musical career at 12 in a rural Methodist church. Later in life, he became a publisher of hymns, and was the editor of scores of hymnals. He died in 1946.

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Ticket sale for the annual Spring concert at Owen High school is now being conducted by the P.T.A. The concert will benefit the music programs in Black Mountain and Swannanoa schools and will be held April 24 at 8 p.m. at Owen High under direction of Woodfin C. Rhodes. The orchestra will include this brass section, left to right: Russell Ronquillo, Carolyn Moore, Harold Fender, Jim Nevins, David Bashaw, Sue Penley, Julia Smith, and center, front, David Sexton. (Photo by Noah)

# MONTREAT

MISS JULIA STOKES

The afternoon circles of the Women of the Church met Tuesday, April 14, Circle 1 met in the home of Mrs. M. C. Wood. The hostess served refreshments as guests arrived. Mrs. W. J. Gammon, chairman, began the meeting with the reading of memory verses and a prayer led by Mrs. L. Nelson Bell. A woman's prayer also was read. After a short business session, Mrs. Karl Snyder led Bible study. At the next meeting Mrs. Billy Graham will be moderator. Those present were: Mrs. Gammon, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Sam Woods, Mrs. E. C. Sherry, Mrs. F. N. Wilson, Miss Margaret Hopper, Miss Julia Stokes, Miss Mary Ward, Mrs. Karl Snyder, Bunny Ruth Graham, Mrs. Wood and Miss Lillie Woods.

Circle 2 met with Mrs. Frank Donoho. After refreshments, the chairman, Mrs. Joseph Hopper began the meeting with reading of verses and prayer. Mrs. John Payne Williams led Bible study. Those present were: Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. George Ennett, Mrs. J. P. Williams, Miss Edna Zeigler, Miss Elizabeth Woodhouse, Mrs. Donoho and Mrs. Sybil Corbett Riddle of Birmingham.

Circle 3 met with Mrs. Joe B. Hopper. The chairman, Mrs. W. Frank McElroy, began the meeting with devotionals and a short business session. Bible study was led by Mrs. Stanley Bennett. Refreshments were served to Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Collins Lee, Mrs. Pearl Jones, Mrs. Stanley Bennett, Mrs. Harold Coburn, Mrs. J. S. MacRae, Mrs. M. C. Carleton, Mrs. Ella Rose, Miss Mamie Ross and Miss Winifred Wood. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Collins Lee.

On Monday, April 20, a senior music recital was held in Gaither at 8:30. On Saturday, May 2, will be a faculty recital with Allan Guy, haritone, and Barbara Mitchell, Guy, contralto, assisted by Nancy R. Dunford and Benjamin Dunford, pianists, and Clair F. Hardenstone, organist.

Also on May 2 at 4 p.m. will be the crowning of the May Queen. This is an event that all look forward to each year. This is held each year in the park near Anderson. Miss Charlotte Osborne of Virginia is May Queen.

Worship service was held in Gaither chapel on Sunday at 11 o'clock with the pastor, the Rev. Stanley Bennett, in the pulpit. The College chorus, led by Allan Guy, led singing and sang the anthem. Many visitors were in Montreat for the week-end. Two groups of young people held a retreat here. The Pioneer group of the First Presbyterian church, Charlotte, with about 30 in attendance,

# GOIN' FISHER?

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was in Assembly inn for the week-end. About 18 young people of the Avondale Presbyterian church, Charlotte, held a retreat at the inn.

The Men of Asheville Presbytery District 3 were to hold a spring rally in First Presbyterian church, Asheville, on Wednesday, April 22 at 6:15 p.m. for dinner and meeting. The main speaker was to be George Sanderson Hand of Christ school. All men of Montreat were urged to attend.

Prayer meeting is held in the sun parlor of Assembly inn at 4 p.m. and in Gaither chapel at 7:15 p.m. On last Wednesday the afternoon meeting was led by the Rev. Joe B. Hopper.

The 99th General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, U. S., is meeting in Druid Hills Presbyterian church, Atlanta, Ga., April 23-28 several from this Presbytery will be in attendance. Dr. Thomas Spence will attend, while in Atlanta, Mrs. Spence will visit her sister, Mrs. Henry McCoy.

Dr. Karl Snyder attended a meeting of the Associated Southern Biologists in Knoxville, April 16-28. On April 18 he was joined by five Montreat college students who went with him on a field trip in the Great Smoky Mountains National park.

Miss Lily Woods, who spent the winter in Ormond Beach, Fla., is spending a few weeks in "Bridewood," Miss Josey Woods, who was also in Florida for the winter, is now in Richmond, Va., visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Crowell of Nashville, Tenn., spent the last week in their summer home, "Duck-In," on Assembly drive. They will soon be here for the summer.

Mrs. H. W. O'Shea is in her home on West Virginia terrace for a few weeks' stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shepard of Montgomery, Ala., are spending a few weeks in Assembly inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Campbell of Hickory spent last week in their cottage on Texas road.

Mrs. Ira Holt and daughter, Miss Jane Holt, a teacher in Catawba College, Salisbury, spent the week-end in their cottage on North Carolina terrace.

Frank Donoho has returned from Memorial Mission hospital after undergoing an eye operation.

Leland Edmunds, Jr., student at Davidson college, spent the week-end with his grandmother, Dr. Nettie Grier, and his aunts, Mrs. Sam Woods and Miss Lucy Grier. He had as guest a college mate, Don Shan also of Davidson.

Miss Inez Lakin has returned home after being in Memorial Mission hospital for a short time undergoing some tests. She is somewhat improved.

Miss Margaret Carstens is still in Memorial Mission hospital undergoing special treatment.

Col. and Mrs. Benjamin Murph have returned from Maryland and are in their home on Virginia road for a few weeks' stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Corbett have as guests their grandchildren for two weeks.



Little Miss Freida Ricketts of Black Mountain, danced at the annual Youth Jamboree Saturday, April 17, in Asheville. Freida did a tap dance, as well as a native Hawaiian dance.

She has been invited to dance at the Farmer's Federation this summer, by the master of ceremonies, McClure Clark. The master of ceremonies at the City auditorium was Hubert Hayes, who also invited her to dance. She also danced at the Youth Jamboree last year. She made her debut on Carl Story's television show last summer.

Freida is the 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Ricketts of Black Mountain. Her grandmother, Mrs. W. E. Colvin, was at the piano.

**April Marked As "Teacher Career" Month in Nation**

Marking North Carolina participation in observance of April as "Teacher Career Month" and urging the interest of all in the field of education, Mrs. Daintry Graham Allison, teacher at Fairview school, has authored a "Teacher Career Prayer" which has been disseminated among leaders in the profession here.

Mrs. Allison's prayer asks:

"Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose will it is that darkness shall never triumph over light, we bow with grateful hearts to Thee in thanksgiving for all who learn and all who teach. As we see our ranks of teachers thinning too rapidly, and too few recruits willing and ready to take our places, we pray Thee that Thou wilt reconsecrate all teachers to the task in hand; deepen and intensify their dedication to service to humanity. When discouragement creeps in, do Thou comfort with new hope, renewed vigor and tire-

**CLUB FEDERATION PRESIDENT HONORED BY ASHEVILLE CLUBS**

Mrs. Anne S. Harrison, district president of District 2 of the State Federation of Women's clubs, was honor guest at a lecture given before the Etheridge Woman's club of Asheville on April 18 at the Battery Park hotel. She was also a special guest at a tea at the Asheville Country club given by the Civic Woman's club of Asheville the previous week, and on April 24 will be guest of the Fortnightly club of Asheville at tea.

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