

MONTREAT

Miss Julia Stokes

The banquet given by the Women of the Montreat church and the Men of Montreat was a big success inspite of the snow of Sunday night. The good sun and breeze got rid of the danger from the snow so most everyone got out. Only one accident and that was not caused from the snow. About 68 attended the supper.

Miss Elizabeth Hoyt, retiring president presided. She gave credit to the helpers, Mrs. Sam Woods, Mrs. Noyes Wilson for the artistic decorations, to Mrs. Karl Snyder, vice president for her help in the programs through the year.

Mrs. H. I. Woodhouse, the oldest member was honored with a life membership in the Women of the Church. Cyril Woodhouse with a lavender orchid corsage, the life membership pin was also pinned on Mrs. Woodhouse.

Miss Hoyt also the historian gave a delightful account of the history of the church and women's work for the past year. A memorial was given to the five members who have died in the past year.

C. A. Stubbs, president of the Men of Montreat gave a clear account spiced with humor of the Men of Montreat. Miss Hoyt gave, as she said "Her fairwell address" which was delightful and humorous account of the work of the women for her two year term.

Mrs. W. Frank McElroy was given the gavel and she presented the new chairman of the circles who read the names of their members for the coming year. Dr. A. F. Fogarty had a fine installation service for the officers of the Women of the Church and the Men of Montreat. Officers of the women are: Mrs. W. Frank McElroy, president; Mrs. Karl Snyder, vice-president; Mrs. W. J. Gammon, secretary; Mrs. Joseph Hopper, treasurer.

The officers of the men are: Rev. W. J. Gammon, president; Marion Corbett, vice-president; Dr. Karl Snyder, secretary-treasurer. New circle chairmen are: Mrs. L. Nelson Bell, Mrs. Joe Wilkerson, Mrs. Noyes Wilson, and Miss Elizabeth Woodhouse.

The birthday party given by the Women of the Church for their oldest member, Mrs. H. L. Woodhouse on Thursday, Dec. 10, was a happy affair. The home was lovely in Christmas decorations. A three tier birthday cake topped the decorations and was enjoyed by all the guests, coffee and the punch were served. Miss Elizabeth Hoyt presided at the cake cutting, she was assisted by Mrs. Karl Snyder and Mrs. Goodman and Miss Elizabeth Woodhouse.

Also on the 10th a Christmas party was enjoyed by the members of the Sunday school and their parents from 7 to 8 in Howerton recreation room. The kindergarten group dressed to represent shepherds and angels, formed a tableau while the primary group recited the Luke Christmas story. The pioneer class led in the singing of carols after which the juniors announced leaders of recreation for the evening. Each group participated in games led by some of the mothers. Punch and cookies were served by the High school group. There were 33 children and 17 parents present. Miss Jo Thomas served as chairman of the planning committee.

The morning worship service was held in Gaither Chapel at 11 o'clock on Sunday. Dr. A. F. Fogarty preached on "Behold Your God," Christmas music was led by the college chorus. John Ireson, baritone of Montreat college, sang as solo "The People That Walk In Darkness" from Handel "Messiah." The college chorus led by John Ireson sang "Laudamus" Ten-Muller, they were accompanied by Miss DeLores Joyner at the organ, and Miss Beth Morse on the French Harp. The church was decorated with greens ready for the Nativity play which was held at 8:15 p.m. in Gaither.

On next Sunday the Christmas service will be held in the lobby of the Assembly Inn. Mrs. G. W. Slight will be at the piano, and Mrs. Wayne Wilhelm will be soloist. The next three Sundays will be held in the Inn. We always look forward to these during the Christmas holidays.

Word has come of the serious illness of Mrs. M. R. Kirkpatrick in Talledega, Ala. She was in a coma, but the last word received December 4 is that she was improved and taking nourishment. Mrs. Kirkpatrick has many friends throughout the church as she was hostess in the South Carolina Home for some 35 years. She was in Montreat in September and enjoyed seeing her many good friends.

Montreat college held open house on Saturday in Howerton hall, and gave a college party on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. in Howerton. The friends outside of the college were invited. This was a delightful event.

Mrs. G. W. Slight had as guests on December 6, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Butler of Kings Park, N. J., and Mrs. L. B. Atwell of Salisbury.

John Farrior, son of Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Farrior was sent to the Orient by the State Department. He spent several weeks in Fomosa then went to Tokio. When he returns to this country he will go back to Washington, D. C. He with his wife and two daughters and several pets will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Farrior in their home on Assembly drive.

Mrs. George Ennett is leaving this week for Edgefield, S. C., where she will spend much of the winter with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Tompkins.

Miss Alice Hardie left last week for Baltimore, Md., to spend some of the winter with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardie. Her nephew spent a few days here with Miss Hardie and then drove her to Baltimore.

Mrs. Mellinger Henry and Miss Julia Stokes will hold Open House on December 23, 3:30 to 5:30 in their home on Virginia road. All friends invited.

The Junior Sunday school class attended a catechism class at the home of Mrs. Karl Snyder for six weeks prior to Thanksgiving. As a result, three Juniors and one Primary recited the Childs Catechism of the Presbyterians church. These who memorized the catechism are: Stephen Young Wilkerson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilkerson; Munford Harding Saunders, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. M. H. Saunders; Ruth Bell Graham, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Graham; Eric Cunningham Snyder, son of Dr. and Mrs. Karl Snyder.

New Testaments provided

by the Board of Christian Education were presented to these children during the church service on Sunday, December 13 by the pastor, Dr. A. F. Fogarty.

After the Nativity play on Sunday night the college students went about singing carols. It was very beautiful to hear the sweet singing in the night air and every one enjoyed hearing them. It was a cold night, but the moon was beautiful and made quite a lovely picture. A good crowd attended the play and it was all beautifully done.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Marion Corbett in the death last week of Mr. Corbett's brother.



NORTH FORK NEWS

By Mrs. Howard Willett

Our Sunday school attendance was 130 this Sunday with the Junior boys class getting the banner.

Mrs. Pat Willet, teacher of the Junior girls will have their Christmas party at her home Friday night.

We will have our Christmas Cantata Sunday night, Dec. 20. The Christmas tree and the play will be on Christmas Eve.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. J. A. Cordell is sick. Gordon Lunsford and Kay Willet have been sick but are on the road to recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Crowe brought their little son to church today. He is about three weeks old.

BRIDGE WINNERS

Last week's winners in the duplicate division of the Get-Acquainted club were: North-South, Mrs. Claudia McGraw and Mrs. Helen Perley; second, Mr. and Mrs. Don Livingston; third, Miss Martha Covin and Mrs. Louise Miller. East-West, Mrs. Fred Dawson and Miss Peggy Dennis; second, Mrs. R. T. Greene and C. H. Fellows; third, Kenneth Donald and Woodrow Beddingfield. Anyone interested in bridge is invited to attend these sessions at the Monte Vista hotel each Wednesday night.

Poel's Corner

Conducted by Anne K. Sharp, Chairman Creative Writing Group

A LETTER FROM SANTA Dear Girls and Boys: Your letters I have read. My reindeer whisk my sleigh, piled high with trains— And dolls with curls, and men of gingerbread, Bags of candy, and silver aeroplanes.

I've seen the warm sweet pleasure Christmas brings To all you little friends I hold so dear, What presents would I like you ask? The things You do for others, every day next year!

You have it in your hearts each one of you, So keep a list of nice things do for me, And then next year when I come riding through I'll know by all the smiles that I shall see.

So now I must be leaving, but I pause To say, God Bless you—Love from Santa Claus.

Courtesy of Etta Handt-Blanchard, Asheville Pen Women.

CHRISTMAS

Long ago, so long ago, my poor tired earth Thrilled with hope and life anew at a Baby's birth. Tenderness was in his heart, None too high and none too low for his love to reach.

Christ was born on Christmas morning, still the angels sing When a loving thought is born worth the caroling. For our Savior showed the way, leaving us a heaven, Always at the birth of love carols sound from heaven.

Angel songs and flaming star quicken into birth Mercy, pity, tenderness on our struggling earth. Christ is born in every heart where His precepts are; Sing again, O heavenly Host, shine, O radiant Star!

—Miriam Moore Whitehead.

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The Christmas season was really opened with a joyful and moving program at the Methodist church here last Sunday evening with a "Round the table" carol sing. All three choirs participated in the program which was presented and directed by Mrs. J. W. Bergthold, organist and music director. Mrs. Stanley Garland and Mrs. Albert Garding opened with a piano duet of Christmas medleys. Rev. J. L. McWhorter was the announcer. Two lovely vocal carols were given by Mrs.

A. W. Wilhelm while she played the autoharp. Mrs. Mary C. Gonzalez presented two readings in the Christmas spirit which were very touching. Refreshments of "figgy pudding," fruit cake and punch were served by the Guild and the WSCS after the program.

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