

RIDGECREST RAMBLINGS

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Church Affairs:

On New Year's Day the W.M.S. had its January meeting in the home of Mrs. B. S. Meeks with Miss Edith Van Duzer as joint hostess. Fourteen members and three visitors were present. Plans of the Mission Study Committee were accepted and the Society looks forward to an all-day study of "The Chains Are Strong" (Home Missions

book), with Mrs. E. F. Baker teaching in the home of Mrs. R. E. Hurst and Mrs. F. M. Burnett on February 5. According to Ridgecrest custom, the pastor presided the program at this first meeting of the year. Mr. Hottel did this in a fine way, giving an interesting account of the history and growth of the Home Missions Board. Members of the Adult Wo-

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men's Bible Class who attended this meeting presented Mrs. Hottel with a gift from the class in appreciation of her services to them. Coffee, cake, and bonbons were served by the hostesses during the social hour.

Beginning on Wednesday evening, Jan. 2, the church began its special Bible Study for the new year. Dr. W. E. Allen is the excellent teacher. Classes will continue each Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The text book is "Studies in Matthew" by Leavell.

On Sunday morning, Jan. 6, a special feature of the worship service was a brief speech by Ralph Fore of Biltmore Baptist Church. Mr. Fore is one of many laymen who spoke that day in churches all over the county, emphasizing the matter of personal witnessing for Christ.

By time of the evening service the gifts to the Lottie Moon Offering had reached \$1,176.20. It is hoped more will yet be given.

Letting type for one paragraph of last week's column, a mistake changed the entire meaning. The writer spoke of the mammoth construction job on the Swannanoa tunnel as "this mighty undertaking"—not "mightily," as the line read.

Also, the Fred Stinsons did not get home to Ridgecrest last week as reported, but do expect to be here early this week.

And, quite unintentionally some good friends were omitted last week from the list of Christmas visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jolley and their three children from Camden, S. C. were here to make the holidays full of joy for his mother, Mrs. Charles Jolley.

Community News: Sympathy from all of Ridgecrest goes out to Mrs. F. M. Burnett because of the death of her mother, Mrs. D. C. Gendron, on Saturday night, January 5, in North Troy, Vermont. Mrs. Gendron was 81 years of age and had been a semi-invalid for some time. Last May Mrs. Burnett spent a happy two weeks in Vermont with her mother and family, but existing circumstances made it seem best to forego the long trip to attend the funeral.

The George M. Hudsons are home after three weeks of happy holiday visiting. With headquarters in Charlotte at the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Stillwell, they visited friends and relatives in Concord, Mooresville, Davidson, Huntersville, Kannapolis, and Mills with their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Eber Hudson and daughters.

Rev. and Mrs. Tommy Payne and children, Anna Marie and Tommy Joe, from Robersonville, visited Mrs. Payne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Sutherland, from Wed. to Sat. of last week. Most of Mr. Payne's time was spent at the North Carolina cottage on Ridgecrest Assembly grounds, where a conference was held for all the Regional Directors of Baptist Sunday School work in N. C.

We have just learned the distressing news that Dr. O. R. Thompson is moving his practice to Asheville where he will be located in the Doctor's Building. This is a matter of deep regret to his many friends and patients in this community. Black Mt. and vicinity truly suffers great loss in his going.

Mrs. Elsie Allred, enroute home from her Christmas visit in St. Petersburg, Fla., ran into serious trouble when her car broke down some distance from a small south Georgia town. But "all's well that ends well." Anyway, instead of a 1954 Lincoln, Mrs. Allred came home driving a new "Chevy II" which she seems to like very well.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Snypes, Miss Alva Snypes, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Snypes and Linda and Henry all spent Sunday afternoon in Nebo, visiting their parents and grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. M. V. Snypes, Mr. and Mrs. James Rhinehart (nee Helen Snypes) and their children, Jimmy and Janice, from Monroe, N. C. were also present for this partial family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Poteat of Morganton were supper guests of the E. F. Hardins on Sunday evening. After several days in the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, Rev. J. J. Johnson is now at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. Z. Strader in Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Saunders are home again after visiting relatives in Rocky Mount, Wilson, and Zebulon. One and part of their visit was the death and funeral of a sister-in-law, Mrs. Luther Saunders, who was buried in Zebulon on Sunday after Christmas.

Mrs. L. H. Stepp was on last Thursday called to Stateville because of the illness of her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Styles, Jr. Herman Stepp accompanied his mother.

It is good to see Sam Hosmer out again after his hospitalization and long inactivity from broken bones. This time healing is progressing steadily and it is hoped he can soon throw away his crutches for the rest of his life.

Viruses and colds continue doing the rounds and there is some sickness in almost every home in the village.

—Steel workers earned \$6.79 more per week in 1961 than they did in 1960, not including fringe benefits. The average steel worker earned \$123.45 per week in 1961.



This is the Law

By Robert E. Lee
(For the N. C. Bar Association)

Names of Widows and Divorcees

What name should a widow use? The same name that was proper and correct for her to use while her husband was alive. A man gives his name to his wife for life—or until she herself through remarriage relinquishes it.

What name does a widow who has remarried use? Her name is no longer identified with the name of her former husband.

If Mary Jones marries John T. Smith, and he dies, and subsequently she marries Henry D. Brown, the proper form of her signature would be "Mary J. Brown" or "Mary Jones Brown." She does not use either the surname or the initial of the surname of her former husband in her new name.

What name does a divorcee use? A North Carolina statute says that a divorced woman at any time after the granting of a divorce "may resume the use of her maiden name or the name of a prior deceased husband upon application to the clerk of the court of the county in which she resides."

An amendment to this statute in 1957 permits the same things to be accomplished by petition at the time the divorce decree is granted in favor of the woman.

The inference to be drawn from this statute is that a divorced woman in North Carolina should, in the absence of a court order, use the surname of her divorced husband.

But since a person may assume any name which does not interfere with the rights of others, a divorced woman should be able to resume her maiden name even without a court order. Courts elsewhere have generally so held. Indeed, even from a legal viewpoint in North Carolina, the name which a divorced woman should have would seem to be a matter of choice with her.

Emily Post says that it is socially correct for a divorcee to take her own surname in place of her ex-husband's Christian name. For example, if Mary Jones becomes divorced from John T. Smith, it would be in good taste if she calls herself "Mrs. Jones Smith." Continuing in her own Etiquette, Emily Post says: "If her husband's surname is distasteful, she sometimes takes her own maiden name to which she prefixes that of her mother. If her mother was a Miss Brown, her daughter calls herself 'Mrs. Brown Jones.'" A seemingly accepted custom is that of a widow who remarries. She divorces her second husband and takes back her first husband's name. The propriety of this maneuver depends upon her motive, which is usually that of wanting to have the same name as her children.

This is the last of a fall series which have appeared weekly during the past three months. They have been written for the non-lawyer as a public service of the North Carolina Bar Association. Another series will be started in the spring.

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT CLIMBS TO RECORD HIGH IN STATE DURING '62
Total non-farm employment climbed to a record-breaking average of 1,249,200 in North Carolina during 1962, according to a preliminary report released today by the State Department of Labor.

State Labor Commissioner Frank Crane said Tar Heel employment averaged 40,209, 100 average for 1961. Crane said the 1962 figure is subject to minor change when employment reports for the month of December became available in mid-January. The preliminary figures for 1962 are based upon the first eleven months of the year, he said.

Crane said factory employment in the State climbed 18,800 during the year, rising from a 1961 annual average of 509,000 to 527,800 in 1962. Non-manufacturing employment (including trade, construction, mining, service industries, utilities and government) increased 21,400 during the year, rising from a 1961 average of 700,100 to 721,500 in 1962.

SWANNANOVA NEWS

By Mrs. Hayes Conner

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Hefner of Erwin, Tennessee and Mrs. Verna Bradley and grandson, Ernie Haynes, of Alexandria, Virginia, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and son, Kevin, this past weekend. Ernie, who is 2 1/2 years old, desiring to keep his perfect Sunday School record since infancy from being broken, attended services at the Methodist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson spent a few days during the holidays visiting relatives near Albemarle, N. C. Major and Mrs. Carl Ballard and children, Carl, Mickey, and Bobby, left this past Monday for March Air Force Base, Riverside, California where Major Ballard is stationed. They had spent two weeks visiting Mrs. Ballard's parents, Major and Mrs. W. B. Stone in Grovemon.

Sgt. and Mrs. O. H. Bell and son Randy of Beaufort, S. C., are spending several days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hardin two Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wainwright of Swannanoa. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hardin and children, Jane, Jim, and Eutich, of Swannanoa and Miss Susie Tatham of Black Mountain visited Mr. Hardin's aunt, Mrs. N. L. Harris, and son, John, in Gastonia during the holidays.

Bible Study Week
January 28-February 1 is Bible Study Week in First Baptist Church. The book is "Studies in Matthew" by Roland Q. Leavell. Books for other departments will be announced.

Homecoming
The First Sunday in February is annual Homecoming Day at the Baptist church. Plans are now under way for this important day.

With The Sick
Mr. Ed Roberson, Mission and doing fine; Mrs. Ceell Peterson, also in Mission; Mr. H. L. Ingle, St. Josephs; Eugene Stockton also in Joseph's; Mrs. T. J. Hunter; Mr. W. B. McCraw, Mr. Garland Doalson; Mrs. Grace Decker, Mrs. Johnny Patton, Mrs. Ha Mae-Holbert. Mr. Rector is better.

December Meeting of Garden Club
The Swannanoa Garden Club held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. George Leuschke. Mrs. Robert Davidson's Brownie Troop No. 42 gave a Christmas program assisted by Mrs. Breman McInturf, who gave several Christmas Readings. The group joined in singing Christmas Carols.

Mrs. Leuschke, assisted by Mrs. Eugene Loven and Mrs. Herman Cole, served delicious refreshments.

Church News
The Methodist Men held their monthly dinner meeting last Tuesday evening at the church. Rev. Ben Stamey gave the devotional. The men voted to have a Valentine Banquet honoring the ladies on February 6.

Circle Meeting
The Morning Circle of the Methodist Church held their January meeting at the church Tuesday, January 1. Mrs. John Setzer was hostess. Mrs. Herbert Coman gave the program on "Taking An Inventory of our Lives For The New Year." She used each letter in the word "inventory" and applied it to things we could do to be better Christians this new year.

The February meeting will be held at the Personnel on the 5th at 10 a.m. Mrs. Vernon Hall, District Spiritual Life Leader, will be guest speaker at this time and she will use as her topic, "Prayer."

Witch Service
The New Years Eve Watch-night Service held at the Methodist church was well attended and very inspirational. Carol Slaughter and Susan Gwaltney directed in several games. The WSCS of the church served refreshments at 10 p.m. At 11:15 the group went up to the sanctuary and had communion with the service ending just at the New Year came in. This was a Sub-district meeting composed of Tabernacle, Azalea, Black Mountain, Bethel, Bethesda, and Swannanoa churches.

Birthday Celebrated
Connie Connor celebrated her 10th birthday with a dinner Friday, January 4 given by her parents at their home in Grovemon. Guests included Janet Ward, Susan Davidson, Ginger Gill, and Connie's sister, Shelley.

Community Council Meets
The Swannanoa Community Council held their regular monthly meeting Thursday afternoon with Dr. Arthur Bannerman in charge. The budget for the new year was set up at this time. The Council reviewed the Community Fund Drive sponsored annually by them which was held in the fall. Some of the money collected was used to help needy families in the community as soon as the need is made known. Herbert Coman was chairman of this drive.

AND SUCH AN HONOR
"You're nothing but a quack," the irate patient shouted at the doctor. "For months you've had me come back for needless treatments. You have robbed me blind without helping me. You've gotten rich on my case alone!" The doctor shook his head sadly. "That's gratitude," he said. "And to think that I just named my new yacht after you."



THIMBLE CLUB ENTERTAINED BY MRS. CHAS. SPENCER
Mrs. Charles Spences was hostess to the Thimble Club Wednesday, Jan. 2, at her home for a covered dish luncheon. The high light of the meal was Mrs. Spencer's famous German dumplings with sour kraut and spare ribs. Members present were Mrs. S. M. Bittering and her house guests, Miss Mary Bittering, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. Dixon Connally, Mrs. M. M. Howard, Mrs. Fred Adolf, Mrs. H. E. Stinchcomb and Mrs. Dinsmore Crawford.

VISITORS FROM OXFORD
Mr. and Mrs. John Speed and son Johnny of Oxford visited with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Enslay and family of Swannanoa over the week end.

CAFETERIA OPENING IS DELAYED

Ju-Lee's Cafeteria will not open this Sunday as planned because of the critical condition of Mrs. Tiller's brother, R. B. Ashley of Durham, N. C.

Another in a series of articles in which the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles explores some of the significant facts behind last year's traffic accident toll.

North Carolina suffered 1254 traffic casualties last year as listed by the State Department of Motor Vehicles. Most of the deaths came from excessive speed. In a special breakdown of speeding cases that resulted in fatal smash ups, the agency said the picture looked like this:

Speeding under 65 mph, 149 wrecks; Speeding 65-75 mph, 150 wrecks; Speeding over 75 mph, 137 wrecks.

As a footnote the vehicles department added that with good brakes on average pavement it takes 371 feet of space to come to a stop from 75 miles an hour.

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