

Town Topics

Edith K. Benedict
I SHALL RETURN
I've always claimed that more interesting things happen to the Styles family than to any other I know—either

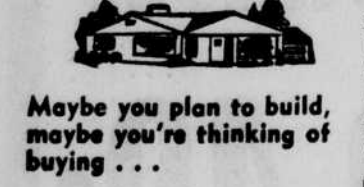


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that—or Harriett has a knack for the telling of a story that makes it sound hilarious. This includes the tall tales about the skunk in the kitchen and the snake in the game room—unbelievable but true.

Although the latest interesting event is not of the humorous nature, it is most interesting. Senior Girl Scouts attended a dinner given by the Council last Saturday night to acquaint the girls with opportunities for national and international meetings of all sorts and how they may prepare for these opportunities.

Speaker for the evening was a most attractive woman from Peru, a Senora Dorrigo de Raffo, president of the National Association of Girl Guides of Peru. The Guides in Peru are a branch of the Girl Scouts.

Following the meeting the group was asked if anyone there would volunteer to take the Senora to Cherokee to visit the Indians since she is extremely interested in the Indians of her own country. Mrs. Styles would take the visitor, so along with Anne Stubbs and Dede the trip was made.

One interesting person with whom they visited was Mrs. Chiltowsky, school librarian at Cherokee and neighborhood chairman of the Girl Scouts of Cherokee. Mrs. Chiltowsky, although the name appears to be Russian, is from a Western tribe; her husband's name is Going Back. This couple is among the several who are expert wood carvers and whose work may be seen each year at the Craftsman's Fair in Asheville.

WHO PUT THE JELLY IN THE DOUGHNUT?

It has been a mystery to me for years how the jelly gets in the middle of these raised doughnuts. Now I know. Last week while inquiring about jelly doughnuts at the Krispy Creme shop at the center there were none prepared but the accommodating lady said that if I would wait a few minutes she would fill some for me. Since I was the only person around and expressed an interest in seeing, she allowed me to go close enough to watch the jelly being shot into the doughnut from a machine which funneled the homemade raspberry jelly. By turning the confection the jelly filled the inside which, by the way, was not empty as most people believe, but the jelly is forced through the texture until it permeates the inside. Quit drooling ... That now brings another thought to mind: is this the way tooth paste is put into tubes? If so then how are the stripes so uniform and clear-cut in that type of paste? And how is rippled ice cream made so that it lies in layers instead of marbled effect like marble cake?

UNUSUAL PICTURE

Christine Davis (Mrs. Walter) of Christmunt, has a most unusual photograph of her father made during the last depression by a roving photographer. The traveling man came into the country store in Wendell, N. C., which Mr. R. B. Whitley operated for about 50 years and snapped the picture as he was seated in his chair by the stove in one corner. Around him are commodities one as-

sociates with a general store—not in sight but easy to imagine its presence somewhere in the background—must have been the cracker barrel and round of cheese.

No one in the family ever saw the picture made by the photographer but years later a cousin was in New York City visiting one of the art galleries and recognized Mr. Whitley for whom he had worked during the time the picture was made. He returned home to tell Mrs. Davis' brother, who in turn went to N. Y., and tried to buy the picture, which was called "The Country Banker". (In addition to being operator of the store he organized and ran the bank of Wendell.) The gallery would not sell the picture but told Mr. Whitley he might have copies made through the Library of Congress. This the family did, and the study of Christine's father as he reclines in "his" chair in that country store

is something rare. One sees character and integrity in the old gentleman's face, (he was around 75 when the picture was made.) We thought the history of the picture most interesting.

MRS. HUDSON'S LETTER

Mrs. George Hudson of the Ridgecrest Gift Shop has a letter which she prizes very highly from Helen Wagner, who portrays Nancy Hughes in "The World Turns" on TV. This, you remember is the same serial in which Margaret McLarty (Eileen Fulton) is sometimes seen as Lisa. Sometime within the past weeks Mrs. Hudson sent the party aprons to both Margaret and Helen ... but here is the letter. Dear Mrs. Hudson: Eileen Fulton gave me the pretty organdy tea-party aprons which you had sent up here. It's a beauty and I shall very much enjoy using it. Thank you for thinking of me. Sincerely yours, Helen Wagner, "Nancy Hughes".

RIDGECREST RAMBLINGS

MRS. ELBERT F. HARDIN
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At the Church: Pastor George L. Hocutt and Wayne Chastain left Monday morning for Wilmington, to attend the State Baptist Convention being held there November 11-14.

The Pastor's absence, Mr. W. K. Weeks agreed to lead the Wednesday evening Prayer Service here.

Ten members of Ridgecrest Womens Missionary Society met on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 5, in the home of Mrs. Charles Jolley for the regular monthly meeting. The hostess, being vice-president, conducted the business session in the absence of Mrs. T. E. Walters. Mrs. R. H. Stevens gave the Royal Service program on Japan in a very fine way, using additional material of much interest. Focus center for the calendar of Prayer period was a cardboard cross with the cut-out figure of a kneeling Japanese woman.

Mrs. F. M. Burnett assisted the hostess in serving dainty and delicious refreshments at the close of the meeting.

The Intermediate S. S. Department had a special treat on Tuesday evening of last week when Herman Saunders, a new teacher in the department, played host to the teenagers to see the Harlem Globe Trotters play basketball in the Asheville City Auditorium. John May and W. L. Snypes assisted in transportation. Young Peoples' Training Union group decided to join the Intermediates, so Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Snypes furnished transportation for them. About thirty Ridgecresters enjoyed the evening's entertainment.

In the Community:

Now we know it is winter, because the Cravens have left for Florida! On last Thursday Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Mohr of Lakeland, Fla., arrived to help in plans and preparation for her father's trip home. Mrs. James Craven and her son, Joe, who have for weeks cared for the home and its invalid owner, left for Lakeland shortly after the arrival of the Mohrs. On Tuesday, Nov. 12, in a Morganton ambulance and accompanied by a Mrs. Presnell who had been one of his special nurses during his stay in Grace Hospital, Mr. Craven started the long journey back to the land of orange groves, flowers, and singing birds. Mr. and Mrs. Mohr followed in their car.

It will be far better climate for the winter than here, but we like to believe that half of Mr. Craven's heart stays in Ridgecrest and that spring will bring him back to us—walking and well.

On Sunday afternoon W. C. Styles of Statesville and sons Johnny and Billy, spent a few hours with the boys' grandfathers, Mrs. L. H. Stepp. When they returned to Statesville they took with them their ten-year-old son and brother, Bobby Styles, who has been living with Mrs. Stepp for some weeks and attending school in Black Mountain. Bobby, a victim of asthma, seems to enjoy better health here than in Statesville.

Chaplain (Major) Louis M. Jackson, stationed in Ft. Hamilton, N. Y., in Chaplains' School, spent the week end here with his family. He brought with him a friend, Chaplain (Captain) Ahn

Choon Young, of Seoul, Korea. Chaplain Ahn proved to be an interesting and delightful guest. At the close of Sunday morning's church service he and young Mrs. Joe Moore (so recently from Korea herself) enjoyed a little chat together in the language of their homeland.

Mrs. L. Mack Johnson of Sumter, S. C. met her son, Chaplain Jackson, here on Saturday night and will remain for a visit of some days with his family.

Lloyd Smith, Jr. was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith in Memorial Mission Hospital, Asheville, on September 21, 1963. He is now a fine, healthy baby, almost two months old, but his arrival is just appearing in print because this reporter only learned the important fact herself in time for this issue of the News. Lloyd, Jr. lives with his parents next door to the John B. Mays, and is a fine addition to the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Didier of Norfolk, Va., spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Moore of Haw Creek, coming over several times to see her grandmother, Mrs. Lewis H. Stepp.

Miss Carol Sue Dougherty of the Senior Class of Woman's College, Greensboro, spent the week end of Nov. 1-3 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dougherty.

Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Morgan of S. C. spent last Saturday here in their Bowers Ave. home.

Miss Arvine Bell returned on Thursday night from her recent sad trip to Little Rock, Ark. Callers in Hills of Home on Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Manford Farr, their son, Gaston and Deryl Farr, and little Miss Debbie Morris, all of Lenior, N. C. Mr. Farr is U. S. Navy recruiting officer, stationed now in Lenior. Fourteen years ago, Rev. Elbert F. Hardin performed the wedding ceremony for the young Farris, in the living room of "Memory House" here in Hills of Home, so there is a special bond of affection between this family and the Hardins.

Miss Carol Kennedy of Valley Stream, N. Y., spent several days of last week visiting her grandmother, Mrs. J. G. Buchanan, Sr. When Miss Kennedy returned to N. Y. on Friday her grandmother and aunt, Mrs. Russell Edwards of Spartanburg, S. C., went with her for a visit.

Levis Stepp, Jr. of Long Beach, Calif., arrived Thursday for a visit with his mother and brother, Mrs. L. H. Stepp and Herman.

"At Home Week" is a semi-annual occasion observed by the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn., when all the field

workers and other members of the Board are called together for special conferences. This took place November 4-8. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Weeks, already in Nashville for a previous week of Board meetings, remained until Thursday to attend these also.

On Saturday, November 2, they spent the day in Clarksville, Tenn., at the State Baptist Student Union Convention being held in First Baptist Church of that City. Many of their friends and "ex-staffers" were there, making the day most enjoyable for their Ridgecrest "Mom" and "Dad".

On Saturday and Sunday afternoons a number of former "staffers" of the Assembly and their friends came from Mars Hill College to visit Mr. and Mrs. Weeks.

A broken power line on Dunsmore Ave. early Monday morning caused a bit of excitement because it kept setting fire to leaves on what is known as the Walker Estate.

Mr. W. I. Willis fought blazes for about an hour before someone called the Power Co. and the cause was stopped.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Willis

spent a large part of October in Charlotte with their laughter, Mrs. Thos. J. W. Burnett and her family. The annual Flower Show on October 1-2 was a main attraction, and proved even more interesting because Mrs. Burnett won the Blue Ribbon for table decoration contest. Another delightful event, sponsored for benefit of Charlotte Mint Museum, was a tour of homes in that city. Eight historic places were included, one of which was that of former Governor Morrison. All these held authentic furnishings of earlier periods of history except for one done in ultra modern style, for contrast.

In one of the older homes the Willis' saw a "gold room" belonging to the peddlered gray poodle, pet of the present occupants. The dog's bed was an elegant brass four-poster, sized for him. Thick carpet covered the floor, and there was even a private bath with the dog's picture on all fixtures and linens. Mrs. Burnett remarked she was glad she didn't bring her dog because "he might get ideas."

Last week Mr. and Mrs.

Willis were for several days visiting their sisters in Greenville, S. C.

Mrs. Miller Jackson was guest soloist for the November meeting of W.M.S. of First Baptist Church in Black Mountain on Monday evening and Mrs. E. F. Hardin was also an invited guest. A very fine program was given by Mrs. E. F. Baker, Mrs. Ben Ivey and Mrs. W. M. Pate. Because of the close relationship, the Ridgecrest church still feels for the Pates, we rejoice over the good work she is now doing as new president of the Black Mountain W.M.U.

Miss Margaret Hocutt, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. George L. Hocutt, has accepted a position with Southern

Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La., and will be leaving within a few days to begin her work.

Rev. E. F. Hardin supplied the pulpit of Victor Baptist Church, Greer, S. C., last Sunday.

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