

SOCIETY

News

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News Items Telephoned Miss Roberts Will Be Appreciated.

Afternoon

Dinner Party.

Thursday 3:30 p. m.—Afternoon dinner No. 1 of Woman's club will meet at the club room with Mrs. G. Dellinger, chairman of hostess committee. All members are urged to return unsold Christmas seals.

Dinner Party.

Capt. and Mrs. B. L. Smith delightfully entertained the school board Monday evening at their home on W. Marion street with a five course dinner. Covers were laid for Messrs. Thad. Ford, R. M. Laughridge, H. C. Cox, L. P. Holland, Dr. Tom Gold and Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

Bridge Dinner.

Mesdames Guy Roberts and Itead Young were joint hostesses at a lovely bridge dinner Thursday evening entertaining at the home of Mrs. Young. An elaborate menu and salad course followed by a delicious sweet course was served by the hostesses assisted by Mr. Ray Lutz and Miss Thelma Young. Following the dinner bridge was played at eight tables. The high score prizes were won by Mrs. Ray Allen and Mr. Oren Hamrick and the consolation was cut by Paul Whisman.

The rooms and tables were beautifully arranged with Christmas decorations. Miss Frances Roberts who teaches at Sanford was a special guest and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Burgess of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Bridge Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Hamrick were genial hosts Friday evening at their home on W. Warren street with a lovely bridge party. The lower floor was arranged with a profusion of Christmas decorations. The table covers, tallies and markers were done in Christmas designs. Bridge was played at nine tables and the top score prizes were won by Mrs. Carlos Grigg and Mr. Dean Leverette. The second high score prize went to Mrs. Basil Good. At the close of the games the hostess was assisted by Mesdames Paul Wellman, Merie Green and J. C. Bowling in serving a delightful salad course and accessories. Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Leverette of Sanford.

Progressive Party.

The following young social set of the city enjoyed a progressive party Friday evening: Misses Elizabeth Blanton, Sara Hamrick, Mary Greiner, Mary Alice Ingram of La Grange, Ga., Sara Lee Hancock, Alice Goode King, Mildred Weaver, Sara Thompson and Fields Young, jr., Pegram Holland, J. P. Smith of Columbus, Ga., J. B. Gold, jr., Harvey Wray, George Blanton, jr., and Henry Lee Weathers.

The party assembled first at the home of Miss Alice Goode King where grapefruit was served. The salad and meat course was served in the home of Miss Elizabeth Blanton and the last course consisting of ice cream, molded in Santa Claus designs with fruit cake, candy and nuts was served by Miss Mary Greiner at her home in Belvedere after which games and dancing were indulged in.

Mrs. Morris Gives Musical Tea.

One of the most charming affairs of the Christmas season was the musical tea given by Mrs. Roy W. Morris Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, entertaining at the Woman's club room, honoring Miss Elizabeth Suttle, who will be married to Mr. William J. Erwin January 18. The club room was never decorated more beautifully than on this occasion with quantities of holly, mistletoe, ferns and lighted red tapers, placed on piano, tables and stairway, tied with red tulle.

The guests were greeted on their arrival downstairs by Miss Betty Suttle, gowned in cerise velvet and chiffon and Mrs. Frank Kendall wearing orchid chiffon. At the top of the stairway were Mrs. Shem Blackley wearing black chiffon velvet and Mrs. Charles Hoey in cream georgette with shoulder bouquet of pink roses and swansonia. Mrs. Morris, handsomely gowned in char-truse chiffon, introduced her honoree, Miss Suttle, who was beautifully in ecru satin with red lace yoke and corsage of sweetheart roses and valley lilies. Miss Dorothy Clement of Greensboro, house guest of the hostess, was lovely in orange crepe. Mrs. Joe Cabaniss of Hartford, Conn., was attired in silver and gold brocade. Mrs. D. R. Sibley, also of Hartford, Conn., and sister of the bride-elect wore purple tulle net over satin. Mrs. J. W. Suttle, mother of the honoree, wore black georgette and Mrs. E. B. Lattimore, mother of the hostess, was gowned

in cerise georgette.

Receiving at the entrance to the large reception room were: Miss Rosalyn Nix wearing rose colored moire, Mrs. B. O. Stephenson in black lace and Miss Ruth Moore of Forest City in egg-shell satin with corsage of Columbia roses.

The following talented artists gave this delightful program:

"Sing, Smile and Slumber," by Gounod, "My Thoughts of Thee" beautifully sung by Miss Adelaide Roberts; "Irish Tune" and "Country Gardens," by Percy Grainger, played by Miss Clement, who is an accomplished piano teacher of N. C. C. W. in Greensboro; "Old Fashioned Song," by Squires, "Mammy Song," by Gilbert, Miss Myrtle Warren of Gastonia, who has favored Shelby audiences often before. Miss Mary Helen Lattimore, who is one of Shelby's most gifted musicians played two numbers, "Nocturne," by Chopin and "Rhapsody in G," by Brahms, after which she played Lohengrin's wedding march at which time little Miss Betty Dorton the beautiful young daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Dorton entered wearing a handsome ivory satin wedding gown made princess fashion and long court train with long tulle veil caught with orange blossoms, carrying a box of dainty lingerie, which she presented to the bride-elect for her trousseau from the hostess.

A delicious salad course, with hot tea and red and white minis, emphasizing the Christmas colors of red and green in the decorations, was served.

The out-of-town guests present were: Mrs. George Shuford, of Cliffside, Misses Mary and Ruth Moore and Mrs. Terry Moore of Forest City, Mrs. O. M. Gardner, of Raleigh, Mrs. Gene Burgess of Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs. C. R. Hoey, Jr., and Robert Limer, of Canton, Mrs. Estelle Briggs of Raleigh, Miss Reka Gardner of New York, Misses Myrtle and Lottie Warren of Gastonia, Mesdames Sibley and Cabanis of Hartford, Conn., Mrs. John Fox, jr., of Teaneck, N. J. and Miss Clement of Greensboro.

Mesdames Hamrick Give Series Of Dinners.

The Hamrick home on N. La Fayette street was beautifully decorated with Christmas holly and suggestions last week when Mesdames G. P. and Earl Hamrick delightfully entertained a number of their friends with a series of elegant dinners. On Christmas day the guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Marion Ross and family and Mrs. Marion Putnam of Charlotte, and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Geier of Canton.

Thursday dinner guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Toms Dover and Mrs. Toms, jr., of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Roberts and family of Red Springs, Mr. and Mrs. John Fox, jr., of Teaneck, N. J., Miss Katherine Dover and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dover.

Friday dinner guests were: Dr. and Mrs. Zene Wall, Capt. and Mrs. B. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Eason and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Quinn.

On Saturday evening, Mesdames Hamrick surprised Mr. Earl Hamrick with a stag dinner and covers were laid for the following: Messrs. A. A. McMurry, Walter Dilling, of Kings Mountain, Jack Dover, Chas. Roberts, Robert Laney of Monroe, Alton Quinn, D. W. Royster, C. C. Blanton, Forrest Eskridge, F. R. Moran, Ladd Hamrick, Grady Lowance and Earl Hamrick.

Hemessa-Wilkins Marriage.

(S. B. Daily, Friday.)

In a ceremony of dignity and simplicity Miss Evelyn Norwood Wilkins daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilkins, and Mr. Meredith Hunter Hemessa, son of Mrs. P. L. Hemessa, of Shelby, were married this morning at eleven o'clock at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. M. E. Robinson, on South William street.

The entire house was in festive array with Christmas greens, and particularly beautiful was the south living-room where the vows were said. The improvised altar of evergreen, flanked with tall cathedral candles of red, was arranged in an alcove formed by a bay window against a background of long leaf pine and smilax.

The wedding music was in charge of Miss Lillian Stroud, who was assisted by Miss Marie Felton. As a prelude to the ceremony Miss Felton sang "Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life" and "At Dawning." As Miss Felton finished the songs, Miss Stroud began the opening bars of the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin, and simultaneously Master Clarence E. Wilkins, jr., brother of the bride, came in and lighted the candles.

Mrs. Olin Sikes, of Monroe, sister of the bride, one of the dames of honor, entered the living-room

next, followed by Mrs. Brevard Hemessa, of Scotland Neck, sister of the groom, who was the other dame of honor. They wore afternoon gowns with which their arm bouquets of yellow and pink roses, respectively, harmonized.

The groom approached the altar with his best man, Mr. Jesse Washburn, of High Point, and there was met by the bride, who entered the room on the arm of her father.

The vows were pronounced by Rev. George Mathis, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Clinton, who used the solemn ring ceremony.

The bride was charming in a suit periwinkle tweed with gray hat, shoes, and bag. She carried a bouquet of Tullman roses showered with Parma violets.

Mr. and Mrs. Hemessa left by automobile after the ceremony for a trip to Atlanta and other Southern points, after which they will be a home in Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Mull Entertain Informally.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Mull entertained informally Saturday evening at their home on N. La Fayette street honoring Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Smith of Columbus, Ga. At the close of the evening delicious refreshments were served consisting of ambrosia, fruit and pound cake, stuffed dates and nuts.

Christmas Dinner.

Mrs. J. Y. Irvin gave a delightful Christmas dinner yesterday at her home east of the city. The guests included: Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Lattimore, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Lattimore, Bill Lattimore, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hord, and Miss Nancy Hord of Kings Mountain, and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Nix and Miss Rosalyn Nix.

Carpenters Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Carpenter entertained at dinner Sunday, the list of guests including Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Carpenter, Messrs. M. S. and J. A. Carpenter, of Gastonia; Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Carpenter, Messrs. Oscar and Wriston Carpenter and Miss Louise Carpenter, of Kings Mountain, and Mr. and Mrs. James Crane, Miss Elsie Hardin, Moselle Cornwell, Miss Eunice Westbrook and Miss Isabel Williams of Shelby.

Dinner Party.

Mrs. Loy Thompson entertained with a lovely dinner party Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the Wayside restaurant with a five course dinner honoring her house guest, Miss Ellen Brantley of Charlotte. Christmas decorations were attractively arranged and covers were laid for Miss Brantley, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Al Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Houser, Hackett Blanton, jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson. Following the dinner bridge was played at three tables.

Buffet Supper For Mr. and Mrs. Falls.

Miss Sara Louise Falls and Byard Falls entertained a number of their cousins Friday evening with a buffet supper at 6 o'clock at their home on W. Warren street honoring their cousins Mr. and Mrs. Brevard Falls, of Atlanta, Ga., who were married Christmas Eve. Mr. Falls is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Falls and is taking a dental course in Atlanta. His bride was Miss Martha Eubanks and is a charming young lady of Atlanta and daughter of a prominent dentist there. Assisting, Mr. and Mrs. Falls in serving five elegant courses were: Mrs. Docia Esker, Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Blanton, Elizabeth and Virginia Falls.

Following the supper "Bunces" was played at five tables.

The guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Brevard Falls, Miss Fay Warlick, Lester and Glennard Warlick, Miss Ruth Falls, Vess and Cline Falls, of Lawndale; Misses Blanche Esker, Martha and Helen Falls and Ralph Falls of Belwood, Miss Willie Falls and Robert Falls of Lattimore, Miss Benthia Beam and Clyde Whisman, of Polkville, Miss Edith Reid Ransour and Harrison Yarborough, of the city.

The municipal authorities are planning to tax whiskers, beards and moustaches at Kastamouny, Turkey-in-Asia. A \$1 tax will be imposed for a full-grown beard, 50 cents for a Van Dyke, 25 cents for a moustache and 10 cents for a three days' hair growth on the face.

Penny Column

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DEATHS INCREASE IN UNITED STATES

Increases Mounting Ills Of Middle Age To The Strain Of City Life And Rich Diets.

Total deaths in the United States this year will approximate 1,494,000 an increase of 49,000 over 1928, according to statistics presented by Dr. Henry W. Cook, vice president and medical director of the North-western National Life Insurance company of Minneapolis, to the convention of the association of Life Insurance presidents at the Hotel Astor.

The increase in deaths from influenza alone, which assumed epidemic proportions early this year, more than accounts for the year's increase in the general death rate. Dr. Cook said. Another serious factor, he continued, was the alarming rise in deaths from automobile accidents, which were almost 16 per cent more than in 1928.

Degenerative Ills Mount.

While the fight against disease and death from all the communicable diseases except influenza and pneumonia has produced encouraging results, the so-called degenerative diseases of adult life show a steadily mounting death rate, Dr. Cook said.

Heart disease which claimed more victims than any other specific cause and was responsible for more than 16 per cent of deaths from all causes, still has an upward trend and the cancer rate also advanced steadily, according to the survey.

In spite of all modern science can do, four typical diseases which attack the middle aged, heart disease, cancer, diabetes and appendicitis, cause a rapidly increasing number of deaths, Dr. Cook said. This, he continued, is especially regrettable because of the toll taken from our national leaders, younger than seventy-five.

Dr. Cook's remarks on this subject were especially significant in view of the sudden death from heart disease of Chellis A. Austin, president of the Equitable Trust company, who had addressed the 300 executives assembled at the convention Thursday. Resolutions of sorrow and regret were adopted by the convention before adjournment.

Modern urban civilization with its noise, speed, unhealthy environment and rich diet was blamed by Dr. Cook for breaking down the resistance of the middle aged to the degenerative diseases.

Try Star Wants Ads.

Live At Home Plan Is Boosted Along

State College Announces Plans To Carry On Gardner's Program. Make Facts Public.

Raleigh.—Officials of North Carolina State college here have announced that following the annual conference of agricultural extension workers to be held at State college during the week of January 6 to 11, and "intensive effort" will be made to carry the facts of the live-at-home program and of better farming to the people of North Carolina.

The executive committee of the Board of trustees has authorized President E. C. Brooks to make public recent data secured from a study of food production and consumption and to make the facts available to the farmers in each county.

It is planned, officials explained, to work up the data in mimeograph form suitable for publication in the weekly newspapers of the state and to supply daily newspapers and farm organs with the information. For several weeks C. A. Sheffield, assistant director of extension, cooperating with the four district agents and the agricultural economists, has been tabulating information derived from a study of the food production situation. The survey indicates how far each county goes in producing its own home food supplies and what changes are needed to make the county self-supporting.

A conference has been held at which time details were worked out for preparing the available data for publication. It was attended by Dr. Brooks, Dr. Clarence Poe, chairman of the executive committee of the board of trustees, Dan I. O. Schaub, C. A. Sheffield, Dr. G. W. Forester and F. H. Jeter.

MAN SPITS AT NEWSBOY AND PAYS \$10 FINE

Asheville.—Spitting at a newsboy who persisted in trying to sell him a paper cost J. E. Perkins, Asheville plasterer \$10 and the costs.

The newsboy was Tom Harrison, jr. Perkins said the boy had been "worrying" him for months to sell him papers. Thursday, he declared, the boy was particularly persistent and he spit at him. He declared he did not spit on the boy, however, because the boy was "out of range."

The newsboy produced witnesses who testified it appeared to them that Perkins actually spat on the boy. Judge Nettles found Perkins guilty of assault and imposed the fine, warning him against being "supersensitive."

At The Theatres

The inimitable, wise cracking, rib dislocating pair—Moran and Mack—are featured at the Webb today and tomorrow. The title of the hilarious comedy is "Why Bring That Up?" These two comedians, as most know, are the two black crows, of phonograph and radio fame. With their droll fun, and homely philosophy, they have become an institution in the land. Evelyn Brent is in the cast. The picture is a Paramount, and of Paramount quality.

"4 Devils," the picture now playing the Princess theatre with Janet Gaynor, the star of "Seventh Heaven," is acclaimed by the critics as one of the greatest pictures of the year. The Philadelphia News says of the picture: "4 Devils" is the best screen fare of the year. Janet Gaynor once more proves herself the most charming person on the screen." A special New Years program will be offered at this theatre Wednesday.

Five Bales On 2 Acres.

Charlotte News.

For the second successive year J. Wilson Alexander of the upper part of the county has been acclaimed as the outstanding cotton producer of Mecklenburg in a test that is open to planters throughout the South, conducted under strict and rigid terms and under supervision of the authorities who have initiated this movement. Mr. Alexander's performance this year is a duplicate of his first this year. He produced five bales of cotton on two acres of land and, this being an experiment in fertilization, it is entirely reasonable to assume that he has accomplished this distinction merely by an intelligent use of commercial fertilizers, coupled with the ordinary processes by which cotton farming is conducted.

Of course, it is not within reason to assume that Mr. Alexander has set a mark that can be uniformly attained unto by all farmers of this county who are devoting so much of their attention to cotton culture. Conditions are not generally favorable, neither is the average farmer prepared to run his whole farm as an experiment station, but there is much definite and useful information coming out of his experiences for those who have the aptitude to apply the commonplace principles that are necessary for successful farming.

A cough dislodged a nail which had stuck for two years in the throat of Percy Hayden, 9, of Petersburg, Va., after several operations had been unsuccessful.

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