

SOCIETY

NEWS

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Silent Hills.
Silent hills seem lonesome,
Looked at from afar;
Only when you creep up close
You see them as they are,
With happy fields their faces
Upturned against the sun,
With happy fields their faces
That leap and laugh and run,
And birds in song amusing
The dapper morning star.
Though silent hills seem lonesome,
Looked at from afar.
—Richard X. Evans, in George-
town College Journal.

**Tuesday Afternoon
Bridge Club To Meet**
Mrs. Renn Drum will be hostess to members of the Tuesday afternoon bridge club at a regular meeting on Tuesday morning at her home on Cleveland Springs road at 10:30.

**Hint For The
Housekeeper.**
If your seasoning hand gets a little "heavy" and you find there is too much salt in any dish, just add a teaspoonful of sugar and the same amount of vinegar. The family will never discover your mistake in salting.

**Methodist Circles
To Meet Monday.**
Two of the circles of the Central Methodist church will meet as follows, on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.
The Betty Lineberger circle with Mrs. W. R. Newton; and the Fanny Thompson circle with Mrs. Talmadge Gardner.

**Presbyterian Auxiliary
To Meet Monday.**
The Woman's auxiliary of the Presbyterian church will meet at the church on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. This will be the regular monthly business meeting.

**Mrs. Horace Eason
Entertain For Guest.**
Mrs. Horace Eason was hostess at a delightful, informal small tea on Thursday afternoon, entertaining in honor of her guest, Mrs. John Stevens, of Wilmington. About fifteen intimate friends of the hostess were present. A pleasant half hour was spent in companionship after which the hostess served sandwiches and tea followed by an ice course.
**Pretty Party For
Young Visitor.**
Misses Ruby Morgan, Margery Bolinger and Elizabeth Falls were joint hostesses on Monday evening at a pretty party in honor of Miss Nina Eskridge, of Chester, S. C., entertaining in the lovely garden at the Falls home. The early part of the evening was spent in playing games after which Misses Sara Louise Falls and Bernice Shylte served punch, ice cream and cake.

Ex-Gaston Man Finds Fortune In Oil Gusher

J. M. Dickson Moves From Gaston To Texas, Struggles With Business—Strikes Oil.

Gastonia—Like the fable of Cinderella and the silver slipper reads the story of J. M. Dickson, a Gaston county man who left his farm home near Gastonia more than 40 years ago to seek his fortune in the little town of Kilgore, Texas.

For nearly all of those 40 years J. M. has been operating a wholesale grocery business in Kilgore. Six months ago he was hanging onto his little establishment by sheer main strength and awkwardness, fighting the wolf of bankruptcy from the door. He even thought of having a receiver appointed and giving up the ghost.

Today, six months later, J. M. has nothing to do but sit and watch his bank account grow to \$140 a day.

Oil, elusive phantom that flits thither and yon through the sleeping hours of the get-rich-quick dreamer, was the thing that did the trick for J. M.

It happened so suddenly that J. M. and his family hardly knew what it was about. Along about last Christmas when J. M. was wondering where he could scrape up enough cash to buy trimmings for the Christmas tree, a great gusher of oil burst forth on a small farm near Kilgore that he had taken over under mortgage when a debtor had been unable to come across.

The oil shot into the air at the rate of 35,000 barrels a day. The Dicksons made whoopee—or, if they didn't, at least they should have.

All Kilgore began making whoopee. The depression vanished from the little Texas town like water from a duck's back. At Christmas time the population of Kilgore was in the neighborhood of 800. Today it boasts 10,000 people and a daily

**Recipe For
Quick Nut Bread.**
Two cups Graham flour, 1 cup white flour, 1 1/2 teaspoon salt, 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder, 3/4 teaspoon soda, 3/4 cup cold water, 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/2 cup molasses, 3/4 cup milk, 1 cup nuts.
Mix the dry ingredients. Pour water over brown sugar and stir until lumps dissolve; add molasses and milk. Combine the two mixtures, beat well and stir in the nuts. Bake in greased loaf pan at 350 degree F. for 1 hour.

**Marriage Of Interest
Is Announced.**
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Everett Putnam announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Frances, to Mr. Harold Wesley Bowling, on Saturday, March 28, 1935. The marriage was solemnized at Gaffney, S. C. The groom is a son of Mrs. J. C. Bowling and the late Mr. Bowling. The young couple are making their home for the present with the groom's mother at her home on S. Washington street.

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newspaper, even if it is one of only four pages. And the people are still pouring in.
But the 35,000-barrel well wasn't all. Just a few days ago, J. M. was informed that another 35,000-barrel well had come in on his land.
Seventy-thousand barrels a day, J. M., of course, gets only 8 per cent of the income from the oil. The remainder goes to the oil company that drills the holes, erects the oil elevators, and does all the other work. But with oil selling at 25 cents a barrel, J. M. draws his daily pay of \$140. And the grocery business is booming, too, with the Kilgore population on the brow by leaps and bounds.

RARE VOLUMES GET GOOD PRICES

Book Picked up For Ten Cents May Sell For \$10,000, Great Numbers Worth \$1,000.

New York—Possibly none of those thrills which are supposed to come once in a lifetime can equal that of picking up a book for 10 cents and sell it for \$10,000—or even \$1,000.

That there are plenty of books in the world that sell for \$1,000 or more has been demonstrated time after time at book auctions and private sales. In fact, there is a bookshop in New York which sells nothing but books and manuscripts priced at \$1,000 or more.

Do any of these extremely valuable books ever come to light in attics, old trunks or in the dime bins of bookstores? Yes, occasionally; just enough times to cause hope to spring eternal in the heart of the bibliophile that some day he will come upon a copy of Poe's first volume of verse or some other rare and valuable work.
Just the other day Mrs. Charles

L. Couch, wife of the president of a Buffalo coal firm and a book collector, attended the sale of household effects and antiques in a Buffalo home, buying a half dozen books for 25 cents each. Later she found that one, a copy of Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter," was a first edition, usually quoted at more than \$1,000.

Although more than 2,000 copies of the first edition of the "Scarlet Letter" were published in the middle of March, 1850, time has taken its toll and a few survive today. As a bibliographer observes: "The 'Scarlet Letter' has done uncommonly well for a book that inaugurated its commercial career for 75 cents a copy. It has become, particularly in recent years, one of the great collecting desiderata of American literature."

"At the sale of the Wakeman collection of American authors in the spring of 1924 a copy of the first edition, which Hawthorne presented to his sister Elizabeth, sold for \$350. In December, 1928, another copy of the first edition, inscribed by Hawthorne to his sister-in-law brought \$1,250. At that time the ordinary good copies of the book without inscriptions were being quoted at from \$200 to \$300 in book-sellers' catalogues. The upward trend has become so pronounced,

however, that succeeding seasons are certain to record advances in value, particularly for fine copies.

This turned out to be a fact. Later catalogues quoted the book above a thousand dollars. Only one other of Hawthorne's books has a greater value. The pinnacle was attained by "Fanshawe," for which Hawthorne unwittingly created the market through suppression.

While "Fanshawe" is a rarity it cannot compete in bibliographical or romantic interest with "The Scarlet Letter," considered one of the few great productions of American letters. The latter was a success from the start. The first edition was exhausted in ten days, two more followed quickly, and for 80 years it has remained a steady seller.
The first edition was bound in brown cloth and bears the imprint of Ticknor, Reed & Fields of Boston.

Local Talent On Air At Gastonia Sunday

The Hoey Bible class quartet will broadcast from WSOB, Gastonia, Sunday afternoon from 5 to 5:30. The quartet is composed of C. H. Swofford, Dewey Freeman, Worth Newton, W. D. Swofford with Mrs. Paul Blanton accompanist.

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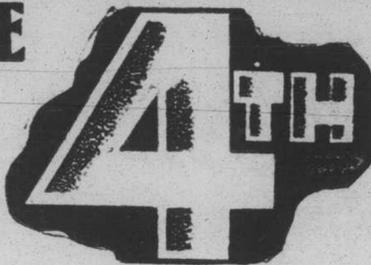
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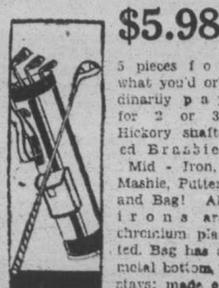
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