

Society
Mrs. P. D. Herndon, Editor

Mrs. James Dickey Hostess To Methodist Circle

Circle No. 8 of Central Methodist Church met Monday with Mrs. James Dickey. Thirteen members and one visitor were present for the December meeting.

Mrs. Dickey presented the devotional based on scripture taken from the 23rd Psalm after which the group paused for a moment of silent prayer.

The program was centered around the birth of the Christ Child with the manger scene. Lighted candles and familiar Christmas carols were used throughout the evening. The "Gift of the Wisemen" was also emphasized in the program conducted by Mrs. Dickey.

Gifts of food were taken up at the meeting for a needy family and delightful refreshments were served the members present.

Methodist Circle No. 7 Met With Mrs. McKinney

Circle No. 7 of Central Methodist Church met Monday night with Mrs. J. C. McKinney.

Mrs. Clarence Jolly read the Christmas story from Luke. Mrs. George Tolleson told a Christmas story, and Mrs. David Saunders read a Christmas story.

Mrs. Saunders presided during the business. Gifts were collected for a needy family.

During the social half hour, gifts were exchanged between members. Sandwiches and fruit cake, garnished with whipped cream were served the 12 members present.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Foster spent last weekend with Mr. Foster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Keeter and Mrs. L. L. Benson visited Mr. Benson at Black Mountain Sunday. Mr. Benson is improving each week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Moorehead were Sunday visitors in Blacksburg and Union, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Wright spent the weekend in Cullowhee going especially to attend the Christmas cantata, "Light From the Realm of Glory", presented by the Baptist choir under the direction of Dr. H. P. Smith.

Monday guests of Mrs. Wright Falls were her sister, Mrs. McCarter and Mrs. Nipper of Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dilling and daughter, Annie Mobely were Charlotte visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Shipp Falls has returned home from Pittsboro and is recuperating from pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Davis were guests of relatives in Georgia over the weekend.

Miss Pearl Adair and J. K. Miller returned from Georgia with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Davis for a few days visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cornwell and mother, Mrs. Winnie Ware left Wednesday morning for Tarpon Springs, Fla. where they will spend the winter months.

Jack Rhea has returned to his naval base in Virginia after spending a ten day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Grady Rhea. He spent several days of his leave with a sister, Mrs. Marty Folding and family in Phonexville, Pa.

Mrs. B. T. Wright, Jr. May Queen At W. C. T. C.

Mrs. B. T. Wright, Jr., the former Martha Blankenship of Cullowhee and Asheville, a senior at W. C. T. C. will reign as queen of the May Day festivities, with Miss Eloise Jarrett of Shelby as maid-of-honor.

Mrs. Wright has been a member of the May Court in each of her three previous years, being maid-of-honor last year. She has also been in the Home coming court.

Hunting, Fishing Keep Sportsmen Busy In State

If Uncle Sam is a mind to put his thumbs up, salt water fishermen are soon going to be able to get exactly 600 feet closer to those fabulous schools of channel bass off the Dare Banks — and never get wet. R. D. Owen, of Nags Head has applied for permission to build a pier of that length near Rodanthe. If the request is approved, it will be the only ocean fishing pier between Nags Head and Atlantic Beach.

Plans submitted call for the pier to be 12 feet wide and 600 feet long — extending out into the ocean 470 feet beyond the mean high water line. The District U. S. Engineers Office in Wilmington says anyone objecting to the idea should submit their opposition, in writing, to their office.

The pier would be on lands to be included within the new Cape Hatteras National Park... which is why Government permission is so necessary before the project is begun. If the application is approved, the new facility will enable anglers to extend their range, into one of the most prolific channel bass areas in the world.

A Pamlico County resident, who prefers to remain anonymous, but who insists he knows what he's talking about, says that if hunters in his area weren't so duck, goose, and deer happy, they could have a lot of fun and considerable success going after wild turkeys in Pamlico. The native says there are plenty of the big gobblers around Oriental. All you have to know is where. And he knows. But, like we said, he prefers to remain anonymous.

A roe shad has been caught in North Carolina salt water, by trolling, for the first time in history. Ras Wescott, who operates the Off-Island Hunting Club near Oregon Inlet, got the shad — a five pounder — on a day recently when the weather was too good for waterfowl hunting. It was caught on bucktail lure. On the same trip, Wescott and his companion George Mann got 47 striped bass, weighing from two to three pounds apiece. The roe shad was the 48th one to be taken... and the only one ever caught by that method along Dare Coast.

Those pint-sized deer that inhabit Hatteras woods can thank the fish for at least one thing

STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

QUESTION: This year I mixed frozen and fat stem tobacco with undamaged burley, and my tobacco was without support price at the market. How can I market this damaged tobacco, without hurting the price of good tobacco?

ANSWER: Keep the frozen and fat stem tobacco separate from good, dry tobacco, and dry out the damaged and fat stem tobacco before tying it into hands, according to R. R. Bennett, tobacco specialist for the State College Extension Service.

North Carolina burley growers lost two to three million dollars this year by mixing such damaged tobacco, which is usually without support price, with good tobacco, and by tying frozen and fat stem tobacco into hands before it was dried out.

Farmers can hasten the drying out of such damaged tobacco and avoid further losses next year by using the following practices, Bennett says:

1. At the end of a day's stripping and sorting, the frozen and fat stem leaves can be strung on a stick — tow leaves to a hand as primed tobacco is strung. These sticks of leaves should be hung in a dry place.

2. An alternate plan would be to tie a string loosely around a handful of these frozen and fat stem leaves about 1-3 the way

this year. In spite of the large number of the toy deer this season, not many were killed. The hunters preferred to go after exceptionally large numbers of drum and striped bass during the one-moth open season on the little deer. The season closed November 30th, so now the small shavers can quit worrying about the guns of the hunters or their beagle hounds.

The man who thought up the old saw, "silly as a goose," underestimated the mental qualifications of the goose. An estimated eight to ten thousand of them — Canada geese, that is — have moved into the haven of Lockhart Gaddy's pond at Ansonville, in Anson County... where there's no shooting allowed. In addition, Gaddy says about a thousand ducks have joined the geese at his refuge. Since the waterfowl moved into the unique area this year, visitors from 34 states and six foreign countries have registered on Gaddy's book.

down from the butt end of the stems. These bundles of leaves can then be hung astride a stick and hung up to dry. The bundle of leaves should not be larger than about 8 to 10 inches in diameter. If this tobacco can be hung in a tight room where heat can be supplied with a stove or similar heating unit, drying can be greatly increased.

3. These uncured leaves can be piled loosely on a short length of a wide board for convenience in placing the stem end of the leaves toward the sun in a sunny place on warm days. The board provides a convenient way to move the tobacco into a dry place at night and on cloudy days.

4. The frozen and fat stem tobaccos then may be spread out in a dry place on wire suspended well above the ground or floor. The frozen and fat stem tobaccos should not be tied into hands until the stems are thoroughly dried.

Loan Requirements Listed By VA

Veterans Administration announced that minimum property requirements are now in effect on all new construction to be purchased with the aid of VA guaranteed or insured loans.

Public Law 550 (Korean GI Bill) directed that such properties must meet or exceed minimum requirements for planning, construction and general acceptability if constructed after September 14, 1952.

This provision, VA reported, does not apply to homes which are completed at least a year before they are purchased with GI loans.

VA minimum construction requirements, to assure veterans sounder construction, have been mandatory since 1950. However, under the law VA's minimum requirements for land planning and general acceptability were not mandatory until the enactment of the Korean GI Bill, VA said.

Coupled with minimum construction requirements, VA's code for land planning and general acceptability will be known as VA Minimum Property Requirements.

VA's requirements for general acceptability are planned to encourage the design of dwelling units which will provide living facilities ordinarily considered desirable in the locality.

Such items as room size, storage space, lighting, ventilation, bathrooms, utility and heater rooms, safety and privacy are considered under general acceptability.

Land planning requirements are designed to encourage the development of new neighbor-

hoods, so located and planned as to provide reasonable standards of comfort, attractive surroundings for the occupants, and a continuing desirability for residential purposes.

Q. I've just been discharged from service, and I plan to apply for Korean term insurance some-

time within 120 days of my discharge. Is an application sufficient, or must I also pay a monthly premium?

A. An application alone would not be sufficient. You also must pay the required first premium before the 120-day deadline.



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