

At DAR Meeting

# Rich Heritage Of Jewelry Discussed

A subject of wide interest, "Rich Heritage of American Antique Jewelry" was discussed by Mrs. Ray N. Anderson of Rutherfordton at the May meeting of Col. Frederick Hambricht Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The members had been invited to bring any articles of this nature to add to the collections the speaker brought. The articles were fascinating, some pieces dating back to the early 1800's.

Mrs. Anderson introduced her discussion with the comment, "period jewelry is probably one of the most interesting subjects that people talk about." Fashions in jewelry follow cycles. What was considered hideous in one period may become quaint and desirable in another.

Three main periods were discussed, Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian, embracing practically two centuries from 1714-1910.

The custom of wearing precious stones and metals for personal adornment has been established for many generations, but the settings and designing of jewelry familiar to the modern eye has been influenced by science and the opening of new mines and markets. The

Georgian Period was an age when precious gems were considered more important than the metal in which they were set. The prosperous middle class wanted to be in fashion by wearing elaborate pieces of glass beads, rhinestones, and cut buckles.

The Opal enjoyed wide reputation in the Victorian era, due to the opening of mines in Australia. The diamond, then as now, was widely used and generally the most appreciated of all stones. Their elegance was shown by the wearing of necklaces, bracelets, and tiaras which appeared at all festive occasions.

From the Edwardian days to the present, jewel trends have been closely allied to the styles in dress designs. The delicate fabrics have influenced the style of jewelry.

Crystals, pearls and gold filigree were widely used. For daywear, plain silver buckles, ribbons, and hair combs were in high fashion. Except for two periods, a few years during the 40's and again in the 90's, earrings have been constantly in vogue.

During the Victorian era and the present time, ears were pierced. Grandmothers of several generations back would have been shocked to see a wedding ring of any metal other than gold and it should be plain — no stone at all.

Until the white precious metal platinum was discovered, gold was used exclusively.

Locketts, cameos and pendants were favorites for personal gifts, especially between lovers.

It was during this period that the fashion dolls called "Babies," came into use. These were sent out from England and for a fee of five shillings, gladly paid, a lady could examine the dolls and get ideas for her wardrobe for the coming year.

Lancaster Wins Award At Clemson

David H. Lancaster of Kings Mountain has won the Keramos Honor Society Merit Award at Clemson University. Lancaster was recognized as the most distinguished rising senior majoring in ceramic engineering at Clemson.

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# Musical Program Highlights Ladies Night

A musical program by President Charles Ed. Jaycee Al Moretz and Mrs. Lion Bill Bates welcomed the ladies and Mrs. Edwards; Moretz.

Rev. Clyde Buckner, minister of music of Forest City Baptist Church, highlighted the program of the 40th annual ladies night banquet Tuesday of the Kings Mountain Lions Club.

The club also took the occasion to honor three members for membership; Lion W. K. Mauney, Jr., a member since the chartering of the civic club 40 years ago; Lion Edwin Moore, a member for 35 years; and Hal S. Plonk, a member for 25 years.

President George Sherrill was master of ceremonies and Lion George Thomasson recognized guests and widows of Lions, Mrs. Martin Harmon and Mrs. Lela Wellmon. Other guests were Mayor and Mrs. John Moss, City Comm. Jim Dickey and Mrs. Dickey; City Comm. Humes Houston and Mrs. Houston.



Photo By Lib Stewart

LIONS CLUB PROGRAM — Rev. George Sherrill, right, president of Kings Mountain Lions Club, welcomes Clyde Buckner as speaker at the annual Ladies Night banquet Tuesday night of Kings Mountain Lions Club. Mr. Buckner, minister of music at Forest City's First Baptist Church, presented a program of entertainment. The club honored three Lions, W. K. Mauney, Jr., Edwin Moore, and Hal Plonk for long services.

Mrs. Bates responded. Members also introduced special guests.

Lion C. P. Barry led the invocation and Lion C. A. Allison led the pledge to the flag.

Presentation of favors to the ladies were made by Lion Johnny Reavis and Lion Jack Hauser.

A menu of rib-eye steak, baked potato, and green salad was served from tables made festive with yellow cloths and yellow and white daisies.

The Lions Club charter was signed by 19 charter members in 1938.

The record of service of the present 19 members included a record collection of \$806 to White Cane for Blind project; \$20

for Camp Dogwood; \$100 Boys Home; \$60 to Cal Dogwood; and \$500 to local community activities.

"We are quite proud of the accomplishments of the Lions during the past year," said President Sherrill.



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