

## Tea Honors Bride-Elect

A candlelight tea Dec. 10 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Austin on Sherwood Lane honored Miss Anne Arthur Thomasson, bride-elect.

Miss Thomasson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Thomasson, will wed Paul G. Parker, III in First Presbyterian Church April 22.

Mrs. Austin greeted arriving callers at the front door and welcomed them into the living room where Miss Thomasson, her mother, Marion Thomasson, and her grandmother, Mrs. J. B. Arthur received friends.

Mrs. Jerry Eskridge, Mrs. Dennis

Conner, Mrs. Paul Hendricks, Jr., and Mrs. Andy Neisler served party pickups and hot spiced tea in the dining room.

The Austin home was beautifully decorated for the holiday season in Christmas red and green and was lighted by candles. Refreshments

were served from pewter appointments.

Mrs. Austin took the occasion to present Miss Thomasson with a wedding gift and a red poinsettia as a hostess gift.

One hundred friends called between 3 and 5 p.m.



COOKING DINNER FOR 100 - Annie Lee Mitchem, left, Mozelle Green and Alice Mitchem, right, prepare to serve turkey and ham with all the trimmings to 100 friends at Mount Zion Baptist Church, an annual holiday project.

## A Green Tradition

### Mozelle Green Has Fed Friends Christmas Dinner For 46 Years

This is the 46th Christmas season that Mozelle Green has sponsored a Christmas dinner for 75-100 friends.

Mrs. Green, active member of Mount Zion Baptist Church, started the tradition in her home when she offered to cook dinner for her fellow members of Nancy Caldwell Circle. About 25 attended the first holiday gathering but the next year each member invited a friend and soon the house overflowed and Mrs. Green moved the holiday occasion to the fellowship hall of Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Tuesday night, nearly 100 people filled the hall and Mrs. Green, assisted by other circle members, entertained them royally. Mrs. Green and her assistants in the kitchen, Annie Lee Mitchem and her sister-in-law, Alice Mitchem, had spent the day putting the finishing touches to the meal which included turkey and ham with all the trimmings, rice and gravy, green beans, cranberry salad, pickled peaches, candied yams, turnip greens, cornbread and fresh coconut cake.

Alice Mitchem provided her own recipe for cranberry salad and Mrs. Green cooked the 19 pound turkey and baked four of her yummy coconut cakes in addition to supervising all the cooking. In addition, the hostesses picked out Christmas presents for the guests and decorated the hall with Christmas decorations which included a big tree. Each member of the circle invited guests and bought gifts for their special guests.

Keeping traditions at Christmas has always been important to the three women and to the circle they have belonged to for many years. "It was our way of saying Merry Christmas to our friends," recalled Mrs. Green who said that in 1952 she began the tradition because the circle had completed a good year and the celebration was much deserved.

Mrs. Green has worked for Senator and Mrs. J. Ollie Harris for nearly 30 years and she often cooks their favorite dishes. For several weeks now the three women have been baking and freezing goodies and planning the event.

"It just wouldn't be Christmas without this dinner," said Mrs. Green. Those attending the Tuesday event agreed wholeheartedly.

#### MOZELLE GREEN'S COCONUT CAKE

- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 cups flour
- 4 eggs
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- 2 or 3 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup milk

Cream sugar and butter. Add eggs one at a time. Then, add alternately the flour, which has been sifted with baking powder, and milk combined with vanilla. Bake in three greased and floured 9 inch cake pans at 350 degrees. While layers are warm, sprinkle coconut milk on cake layers. Use white icing for coconut cake.

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#### ALICE MITCHEM'S CRANBERRY SALAD

- 1 orange quartered and seeded
  - 2 cups cranberries
  - 2/3 cup sugar
  - 1 envelope plain gelatin
  - 1 pkg. cherry jello
  - Small can crushed pineapple, drained
- Put oranges and cranberries through food chopper. Add sugar. Mix well. Soften in 1/2 cup water. Add to hot jello. Mix well. Add remaining juices to cranberry mixture. Chill and mold.

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#### ALICE MITCHEM'S BUTTERMILK PIE

- 2 cups sugar
  - 1/2 cup margarine
  - 3 Tbsp. flour
  - 3 eggs
  - 1 cup buttermilk
  - 1 Tbsp. favorite flavoring
- Cream sugar, margarine and flour, add eggs one at a time. Combine with mixture with milk and flavoring. (She uses nutmeg) Alice says to use your beater the entire time you're mixing the ingredients. Place in unbaked pie crust and bake for 45 to 50 minutes at 325. Makes two pies. It turns out perfectly every time and guests at Tuesday's dinner were asking for her recipes.

## Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. William Lee Tolbert of Columbia, S.C. announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet Lee Tolbert, to Michael Owen Ramsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blair Ramsey of Anderson, S. C.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Columbia High School and is employed as a Claims Representative for The Travelers Insurance Company in Columbia, South Carolina.

The bridegroom-to-be holds an AB degree in mathematics from Erskine College in Due West, S.C. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Owens of Kings Mountain and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ramsey of Gastonia.

## It's A Girl For Childers'

Tony and Teresa Childers announce the birth of their daughter, Morgan Neely, born on Dec. 3 at 4:06 p.m., weighing 8 pounds 5 ounces and 19 1/2" long.

Morgan is the granddaughter of James and Pat Childers, Ralph and Linda Shirkey and Terri Johnson, Bill and Gail Childers. Morgan is also the great granddaughter of Neely Keeter Shirkey and Doris Johnson, Charles Childers.

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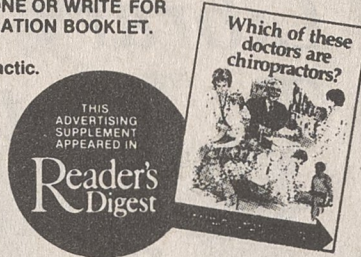
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## Citizens, Merchants Aid Project

Christmas will be merrier for students of Cleveland Vocational Industries thanks to numerous merchants and citizens of the Kings Mountain area who have made gifts of cash and presents for handicapped citizens.

Seventy-five citizens at CVII will celebrate the season on Friday morning at a party at Bethel Church in Lawndale. Party refreshments will be served and treat bags and gifts will be presented by Santa Claus, assisted by Sam and Dot Teseniar and Harold Phillips.

The Christmas project was headed by Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Teseniar who acknowledged fruit from Cameron Ware at Mountain View Farms and donations of cash or gifts from the following: Smith Insurance Agency, Pathway Baptist Church, Gaffney Barber Shop, Citizens Who Care Club, Otis Falls, Jr., Kings Mountain Chiropractic Center, Linwood Produce and Restaurant, Silver Villa Restaurant, Sagesport, Dellinger's Jewel Shop, Mr. and Mrs. Al Moretz, B.F. Maner Agency, Kings Mountain Florist, McGill's East King Exxon, Allen's Flower Shop, Patrick Yarn Mill, Allen's Grocery, McGinnis Department Store, Plonk Brothers, Karl Moss, George and Pam Wood, Margaret and Marvin Chappell, Heilig-Meyers Co., Thomas W. Howard, Charles Webber, Mayor Kyle Smith, Fred Finger, Ole Country Store, Kings Mountain Volunteer Fire Department Toys for Tots, Bridges Textiles, Inc., Nicholson Heating & Air-Conditioning Co., Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Holt, Geraldine W. Myers, and Elizabeth Stewart.

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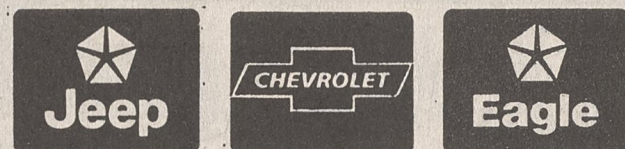
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