

# CELEBRATES HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

### MRS. HELENA NEILSON WELL REMEMBERED BY FRIENDS SUNDAY — HAS SIX GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

Mrs. Helena Neilson, of 45 Paterson street, mother-in-law of Neilson G. Rutgers, was the recipient yesterday of many handsome bouquets, sent by relatives and friends as a surprise on her 90th birthday. Yesterday afternoon the venerable lady received her friends. Among those present and sending flowers were:

Justice and Mrs. Willard P. Voorhees, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Kellogg, of New York; Mrs. Sidney Carpenter, Miss Helen Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kearny Rice, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Rice, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. D. Simons, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson Runyon, Rev. William H. Neilson, of Plainfield; A. R. Neilson, of New York; W. D. L. Morrison, Miss Swift, Charles W. Ludlow, Mrs. Howard, of Newport. Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Williamson and family, Mrs. David Murray, Miss Armstrong, of New York; John D. Neilson, Miss Catherine Neilson, Dr. Austin Scott, Mrs. Charles A. Boggs, Miss Molt, Miss Phillips, Misses Hill, Miss Cook, R. A. Cook, Charles J. Bulkeley, Charles Dickinson, Rev. and Mrs. W. Detzen Dale and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Simons, of Elizabeth; Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Joyce, Dr. and Mrs. J. Warren Rice, Mrs. Smith and Dr. Laurence Runyon.

Mrs. Neilson has three children, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren living, many of whom were present yesterday. The children are: Mrs. N. G. Rutgers, Miss Lena Neilson and Henry O. Neilson.



JOHN SEARS, EX-MEMBER OF COMPANY H, SECOND REGIMENT, WHO WAS PUT ON TRIAL TO-DAY FOR MURDER.

# ROCKY HILL STAGE IN UPSET

### Sidney Smalley Injured and Many School Children Scared When Horses Run Away While Stage is Conveying Scholars to Princeton.

A boy was slightly injured and many school children had a narrow escape from being hurt when a team of horses attached to the stage running between Princeton, Rocky Hill and Kingston ran away Saturday.

Sidney Smalley, the thirteen-year-old son of Edward Smalley, who conducts the stage line, was run over by the wagon, but escaped with slight injuries.

Clara Buchanan, a school girl, tried to jump from the vehicle and in doing so fell and rolled down a hill striking a barrel of oil. She was badly shaken up, but escaped injury.

Many children living at Rocky Hill attended the public school at Princeton and make the trip in the stage. They were in the vehicle on their way to Princeton when the accident happened.

Young Smalley was driving and when about a mile from Kingston it began to rain. He stopped to adjust the storm curtain in the front of the vehicle. The noise of the curtain scared the animals and they started to run away.

The boy climbed upon the pole to grab the reins, when he slipped and fell. The animals had gotten good start and the youngster was unable to stop them as he lay between them on the pole.

Just before the horses reached Kingston young Smalley fell and was run over. Several of the children managed to jump out and escaped injury, while others were frightened to move and remained in their seats.

The Buchanan girl tried to jump from the high step in the rear and fell, falling down a hill and striking a barrel. The animals collided with a pole and the stage was badly damaged in the front. The horses ran until they came to a store in Kingston, where they make the regular stop for passengers.

Young Smalley, who lives at Rocky Hill, was treated by Dr. Reeves, of that place.

The other stage is now running between Princeton and Rocky Hill and Kingston.

# FROM NEIGHBORING TOWNS

## SOUTH RIVER.

### ENTERTAIN WITH "500" PARTY

#### Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Wright Give Delightful Affair at Home—Baptist Sock Social Tuesday—Other Notes of Interest.

SOUTH RIVER, Jan. 30. — Miss Virginia Van Hise spent the weekend with her brother, Raymond Van Hise, of Milltown.

A regular meeting of the official board of the M. E. Church will be held to-night at the home of Wm. H. Peterson.

"500" PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Wright entertained a "500" party Saturday night at their home on Main street. Their daughters, Misses Mabel and Edna, assisted in receiving the guests.

Wilbur Conover and Charles Cottrell, of Yakima Valley, Cal., spent Saturday morning digging claims along the beach near South Amboy.

Ross Hendrickson, the popular plumber, is recovering from a recent illness, for which he was treated at a hospital.

Charles Booram and son, Willett, were week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cathcart, Jr., of New York.

William Pitt, who was employed by John Fee, has returned to his home in New York State, after an absence of 10 years.

Charles Armstrong, now of Pleasantville, N. Y., was a week-end visitor at his home here.

Miss Beatrice Rue, of Long Branch, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Edward Smith.

Don't forget that the Ladies' Aid of the Baptist Church will hold its sock social to-morrow evening in the lecture room of the church. Refreshments will be served.

The funeral services of the late Thomas Daly, who died suddenly in St. Peter's Hospital from an attack of pneumonia, were held on Saturday morning.

## CRANBURY.

CRANBURY, Jan. 30. — Mrs. Wm. S. Applegate, who was taken very ill last week, suffering a stroke of apoplexy, is now somewhat improved.

The Ladies' Reading Circle met Wednesday with Mrs. N. F. Clayton. The subject for the afternoon was "The Professional World and Woman's Place in It." Mrs. Van Dyke, Mrs. Clayton and Mrs. Spaulding, committee. The program was very interesting, including a talk by Miss Jessie Van Derveer, of Asbury Park.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. James Applegate, of Lawrenceville, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Everett.

Daniel Applegate spent Wednesday in Trenton.

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## SAYREVILLE.

SAYREVILLE, Jan. 30. — Frank Samsel, of Newark, was a week-end visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Samsel, Sr.

Miss Martha Bossong was a New Brunswick visitor on Friday.

Louis Zack, of Newark, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Zack, of Hillside avenue, on Friday.

The regular meeting of the Sayreville school teachers was held Friday afternoon at the close of the session in School No. 1.

Miss Dorothy Hendrickson spent the week-end with Miss Florence Stearns at Red Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert, of English-town, and Miss Davis, of Red Bank, have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis, of Main street.

P. Groben, of New Brunswick, was the guest of Sayreville friends on Thursday. While here he attended the basketball game.

Gottlieb Lutehardt was a New York visitor on Friday.

Word was received here Friday that Mrs. Wm. West, of Newark, died in that city on Friday of pneumonia. Mrs. West was pretty well known here in Sayreville, she having been a frequent visitor at the home of Postmaster Gildersleeve. She will be buried from her late home to-day.

Frank Chan, the man in charge of Sayre & Fisher's slaughter house, while skinning a ham on Friday cut an ugly gash in his hand. Mr. Chan is quite crippled, but hopes soon to have the use of the wounded member.

Gottlieb Lutehardt, one of Sayre & Fisher's butchers, moved to South River last week. He lives in the house formerly occupied by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Fox. Mr. Lutehardt spent most of his vacation of one week in moving and getting settled in his new home.

John Galenski bought the house formerly owned and occupied by Gottlieb Lutehardt on Maple avenue.

Harry Rush, who was operated upon a little over a week ago for appendicitis at Wells Hospital, is quite ill with the grip.

Word has been received from Mrs. John V. Tappen from Mandarin, Florida, stating they have been having very warm weather with doors and windows wide open.

The next meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Reformed Church will be held at the home of Mrs. Luther E. Riddle on Friday of this week, Chapter IV in "Westra Women in Eastern Lands," will be the literary subject of the meeting.

Mrs. Charles E. Mundy and her sister, Mrs. William J. Wagner, attended the funeral of an uncle in Jersey City last week.

The first class meeting of the "American University Society" will be held at the home of Mrs. Frank Orton on the evening of February 19, at 8 p. m. Miss Josephine Haganan, of Oak Tree school, will act as class leader.

Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Harold Edgar, Mrs. H. B. Johnson and Mrs. Litterst were guests at the bridge party given in honor of the opening of the new Railway Club House.

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# Says Breeding System Is Failure

WOODBURY, Jan. 28. — From reports received from the Gloucester County Breeders' Association, the venture of the State livestock commission has not been a success so far as this county is concerned. Three years ago the State appropriated \$20,000 for the purchase of prize stallions, and 12 horses were secured from Europe.

One of the stallions was placed in charge of the Gloucester county association. After two years' service not a single colt lives. Four were foaled the first season, but they died. During the last season there has not been a single foal. It is said similar records mark the venture in other counties.

# MR. AND MRS. FRANK GERRITY GIVEN FAREWELL RECEPTION

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gerrity, who will shortly move to New Brunswick, from Trenton, were given a farewell reception last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Temple, 28 Wall-nut avenue, that city. Selections were sung by a quartet composed of Lincoln Smith, Leverton Amison, Frank Smith and Harold Temple. Solos were sung by Miss Sarah Coyle and Miss Lillian Dautbert. The couple received numerous gifts. Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lloyd, Mrs. Lincoln Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Temple, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Sam Barely, Mrs. Laura Colgan, Mrs. Louisa Simpson, Misses Pauline Temple, Lizzie Collier, Katie Cleaver, Janet Taylor, Etta Lloyd, Messrs. Arthur Kelley, Roy Temple, Frank Kelley, Fred Lloyd, Fred Wilson, Russell Temple and Mr. Kennedy.

# MRS. JOHN M. BENEDICT BURIED THIS AFTERNOON

The funeral of Mrs. James McAlpin Benedict, widow of the late Chas. W. Benedict and mother of Mrs. Neilson T. Parker, of College avenue, this city, took place this afternoon from her late residence, No. 1 West 72nd street, New York City, at one o'clock.

The deceased, who died Saturday of pneumonia, was 88 years old.

# MUST BE FIT, SAYS GOVERNOR

TRENTON, Jan. 30. — Interest in the appointments that the Governor may make has been revived by the passing of the United States Senatorship. Needless to say, the Governor is confronted with a mountain of applications. There will be no lack of material when it comes to filling any vacancy.

Governor Wilson has probably had less to say regarding patronage than upon any other of the important subjects that he has been called upon to consider since the election. In this connection he has emphasized only one point, that fitness will be a matter of first consideration. No doubt he will give weight to the recommendations of county organizations and influential Democrats in making his appointments, but the endorsements even of organizations will be futile unless the Governor is first convinced that the endorsed has special fitness for the job.

The choosing of a successor to State Roads Commissioner Gilkyson is attracting the greatest interest just now. Mr. Gilkyson's term in office expired on Saturday and the filling of that position is naturally expected to receive earliest consideration. It is said that there are 50 applicants for the office, but the Governor has made no sign as to his choice.

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# BIG GROCERY HOUSE COMING

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