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Mrs. J. L. Webb Is Complimented On 81st Birthday By Her Daughters

Mrs. O. Max Gardner and Mrs. M. Webb Riley were hostesses yesterday afternoon, at the Webb-Gardner home on South Washington street, at one of the most beautiful parties of the autumn season, which was arranged as a compliment to their mother, Mrs. J. L. Webb, on the occasion of her eighty-first birthday. Guests present were members of the Chicora club, the Twentieth Century club, the South Washington bridge club, the Cecelia Music club, and a few other friends and relatives, including a number from Gastonia and Forest City.

Mrs. Webb, seated in a large chair before the living room mantle, which was banked with pink roses, received guests in a dress of black crepe, with which she wore pearls, a black lace shawl and a bouquet of orchids. She held in her lap a nosegay of pink rosebuds. Mrs. Gardner wore a becoming afternoon dress of a rosy-rust crushed velvet; Mrs. Riley's gown was of green crushed velvet, and both wore sprays of orchids.

Many bowls of regal gladioli, dahlias and pink roses, arranged about the rooms, lent added charm to the atmosphere of the home.

Mrs. Riley, said a few words of greeting to guests present, in which she called attention to the birthday of Mrs. Webb as the happy inspiration for the party. Mrs. Gardner introduced the numbers on a program of entertainment, which included musical numbers by Mrs. Arthur Dixon and Mrs. Hugh Query of Gastonia and a talk by Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey of Raleigh. Mrs. Dixon opened the program with a group of three vocal numbers: "Do You Know My Garden" by Haydn Wood, "I Hear You Singing" by Coates, and "To A Hill Top" by Cox, for which Mrs. Query played her piano accompaniments.

Mrs. Hoey, always a charming speaker, delighted her audience with an informal account of some of the thrill-spots of her life since she became North Carolina's first lady. She closed with a beautiful tribute to Mrs. Webb as a friend who had always merited her admiration and affection. Mrs. Hoey wore a modish frock of hunter's green suede cloth with off-the-face hat of the same color, a belt of mulberry red and flecks of the same color in her veil, and a spray of orchids.

Following her talk Mrs. Dixon again sang a group of three numbers, using "Nocturne" by Pearl G. Curran, "The Night Has a Thousand Eyes" by Oley Speaks, and "Mountains" by Rasbach. As an encore and a tribute to the guest of honor she sang "Mother O' Mine."

The program over, Mrs. Webb's youngest grandson, Max Gardner, jr., and her three-year-old great granddaughter, Suzanne Gardner, brought in the birthday cake. Suzanne wore a floor length dress of pink dotted swiss with blue velvet ribbon sash and bows for her hair. She brought in the pink iced cake, bearing green lighted candles, on a pink draped doll carriage and presented it to her great grandmother.

Mrs. William Andrews, Miss Louise Andrews, Mrs. Roberts Andrews, Miss Austine Brackett, Mrs. F. D. Quinn, Mrs. J. W. Gardner and

Miss Lily Taylor helped Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Riley to pass refreshment plates of salad, sandwiches, wafers and coffee. As a second course, ice cream, pink-iced cup cakes, each holding a green candle in the center, and decorative cookies were passed.