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FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB ENJOYS WATCH PARTY

The Friday afternoon club enjoyed a most delightful evening at the Critcher Hotel on Monday evening the 31st. It met there with its guests—the husbands—to keep watch over the out-going of the old and the incoming of the New Year.

The hotel reception room was beautifully decorated and many old time games were played. An interesting contest that tested the participants' knowledge of the State's geography resulted in the prizes being awarded to Mrs. B. J. Connel, Mr. E. S. Coffey, Mr. Coffey and Mr. South tied, but the "short straw" fell to Mr. South and their rivalry was easily adjusted.

Refreshments were served at 10:30 and so thoroughly enjoyed that all were wide-awake when the old year ticks its last minute.

Just as the old year went out a number of the old time songs were sung by all, and when "Home Sweet Home" was rendered the New Year's time had passed more rapidly than any seemed to realize, so stealthily had pleasure stolen attention.

The club and its guests are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Critcher for the most delightful evening of the old year.

HONOR ROLL OF THE COVE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

First Grade: Joseph Banner, Bob Bingham, Johnnie Brinkley, Fred Green, Benjamin Horton, David Horton, Carrie Isaacs, Stanford Brown, Nell May, Nell Norris, Wilma Stout, Gilbert Walker.

Second Grade: Velma Brown, Odie Hodges, Hensel Stokes, Marvin Deal, Louise Johnson, Howard Simpson, Jr., Jincy Fletcher, Ruth Sherwood, Len Wilson, Eleanor Hodges, Glenn Sherwood.

Third Grade: Scott Bingham, Lester Fletcher, Blanche Lewis, Sissie Banner, James McBride.

Fourth Grade: Finley Bingham, Raja Fletcher, Cecil Glenn, Ora Isers.

Fifth Grade: Dean McBride, Kathryn Horton, Oscar Brown, Ada Banner.

Sixth Grade: Blanche Banner, Pearl Henson, Myrtle Matheson, Hal Dugger, Earle Isaacs, Iva Dean Wilson, Hazel Hicks, Bonnie McBride, Doughter Greene, Edie Isaacs.

Ninth Grade: Blanche Mast, Eleventh Grade: Carlton Mast.

Perfect Attendance Record

First Grade: Francis Mast, Josephine Mast.

Second Grade: Carson Mast, Hensel Stokes.

Third Grade: Mary Lizzie Banner, Blanche Lewis, Henry Clay Hensel, Gladys Mast.

Fourth Grade: James Banner, Ora Isaacs, Cecil Glenn, Smith Mast.

Fifth Grade: Ada Banner, Rena Mast.

Sixth Grade: Blanche Banner, Earl Isaacs, Edie Isaacs, Pearl Henson, Iva Dean Wilson.

Seventh Grade: Annie Tet Brinkley, Lucy Glenn, Ruby Mast, Loy Campbell, Cora Isaacs, Bonnie Mast.

Eighth Grade: Ophia Bingham, Maxie Mae Greene, Clay Mast, Phyllis Bingham, Rabbi Greene, Alice Mast, John Henry Brinkley, Emma Isaacs, Edith Mast, Thomas Elliott, Fannie Jean Lewis, John Sherwood, Ted Glenn, Wiley Lewis, Iva Lee Fester, James Tester, Effie Winebarger.

Ninth Grade: Allen Adams, Theodore Robinson, Paul Bingham, Forest Wilson, Blanche Mast.

Tenth Grade: Vaughn Mast.

Eleventh Grade: Edith Brinkley, Jennie Mast, Winnie Combs, Thelma Perry.

COVE CREEK NEWS ITEMS

Written on issue of the 27th. The school closed for the holidays on Thursday. A short program was given by the children of the grammar grades on Thursday afternoon followed by a Christmas tree. The spring session will open on Wednesday January 2nd.

Most of the teachers have gone to their homes for the holidays. Misses Rhodes and Thornburg to Lincoln Co. Mr. Hill to Newberry S. C., Misses McMillan and Reeves to Alleghany, and Mr. W. E. Wilson to his home in Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mast left on Thursday for Maryland where they will make their home.

The protracted meeting conducted by the pastor Rev. Ed Hodges at the Willowdale Baptist Church resulted in 22 additions to the church.

Put Plate of Open Bible on Engine

Greensboro, Dec. 28.—Many strange and unique gifts have been presented at Christmas time since the Virgin Mary gave birth to the Christ Child in the manger in Bethlehem, 1923 years ago. But David J. Fant, the well-known engineer on the Southern railway, who is widely known as the "engineer evangelist," and who has visited Greensboro in this capacity several times, having conducted a week's revival here under the auspices of the Salvation Army recently, made a presentation the past Christmas that never has been duplicated in the nearly 2,000 years and probably never will be.

Beneath the headlight of Engineer Fant's favorite locomotive which is No. 14,125, is engraved a metal plate showing a copy of the Holy Bible opened. Engraved thereon are the words: "Thy word is truth" and a few inches below is inscribed "John 17:17." The full verse referred to is "Sanctify them through thy truth: Thy Word is truth." They are the words of Jesus praying to his father to preserve his apostles.

Mr. Fant has been in the service of the Southern 35 years, most of that time having been in charge of a locomotive, Engine No. 14,125 pulls trains No. 36 and 33 between Greenville, S. C. and Atlanta, Ga. The boy, the devoted engineer and the locomotive leave Greenville at 12:30 a. m., pulling the Piedmont Limited to Atlanta and return at the head of No. 36, which reaches Greenville about 6 p. m.

DOE RIDGE BREVITIES

Christmas passed away very quietly around this place.

Mr. Hard Greene had a candy-pulling for the young folks at his home Christmas Eve night. They all enjoyed themselves to the limit.

Mr. Breece Lane who has been in Ohio for the past three weeks looking for a home in that state arrived at the home of his father Mr. R. G. Lane yesterday. Breece seems to believe there is no place like home.

Rev. Edmon Greene of Hades Gap visited at the home of Mr. W. B. Culler one day last week.

Mr. John Hodges presented to Mr. Hubert Hardy a tooth pick which he made while in prison in Camp Chase, Ohio in time of the war between the states.

On Christmas day Mr. R. G. Lane's riding came to some ice in the road. He thought it best to get off his horse and lead down the ice. His horse, becoming frightened, threw him down, and dragged him some distance. Mr. Lane suffered a good many bruises.

Married one day last week Mr. Finley Brown to Miss Florence Vannoy. Finley is one of our hustling young men. His bride is a fine country school teacher.

Health of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hardy, while splitting wood with a double-bladed axe, cut his head pretty badly.

SAYS FOXES ARE NO LONGER PROTECTED BY LAW

I beg to state to the people of Watauga County that at the last session of the General Assembly I repealed the law protecting the foxes in Watauga County. You have a right to kill them any time anyway you want to. Go to it.

(Signed) BLAINE COFFEY

At a conference of the Cove Creek Baptist Church on last Saturday the Reverend W. E. Wilson was elected pastor.

The people of this entire section were grieved to hear of the death of Mr. A. M. Mast who died at his home at Rufus Caldwell county on Friday. Misses Blanche Horton of the A. T. S. and Messrs Greer Glenn and James Mast of the University are at home for the holidays.

A powerhouse is now being built by Mr. John H. Mast to replace the one destroyed by fire several weeks ago. He hopes to have the plant in operation by the first of February.

David Mast is home from the University.

On Friday night Mr. Rowe of Johnson City, Tenn. gave a humorous lecture at the school.

BLOWING ROCK NEWS ITEMS

Happy New Year to everybody. One of the most charming holiday entertainments was given by the students of the Graded School. Each grade won special applause.

There has been in the past week some big real estate deals here. Mr. C. S. Privette our hustling merchant has bought out Lentz Brothers & Co. and will erect a large brick building where the old frame building was destroyed by fire.

Mr. W. L. Alexander has just closed a deal for the beautiful Holt property, better known as the Stringfellow estate.

Our very popular teacher Mrs. Pearl Hartley entertained a number of her friends at a charming Christmas dinner. Lots of good eats and a good time for everybody.

Mr. and Mrs. Tipton Greene were hosts at a lovely dinner party given at their home on Walker Heights. The guests present were: Annie Lee Crisp, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Crisp, Miss Ella Crisp, Mr. Wade Hartley, Mrs. Mrs. Cecil Critcher presented her husband with a fine ten pound boy Dec. 26. His name is Cecil Ray. Cecil Sr. wants to know who can beat that for a Christmas present.

The old Blue Back spelling match at the graded school last Thursday night was well attended and a lively interest shown. It made the old folks feel young again, so here's hoping we will have another spelling match soon.

Thomas Coffey, Jr. college student spent the holidays with home-folks.

Miss Annie Green, high school student, spent the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Green.

Miss Annie Lee Crisp, a teacher in the Hudson High School, spent the week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lee Crisp.

Miss Dorothy Sudderth visited her home folks during the holidays.

Miss Inez Howell and M. Ernie Green were married on Saturday the 22nd at Jefferson, N. C. the officiating minister Rev. Stone. They spent Christmas with the bride's father and mother Mr. and Mrs. John Howell of Riverside. The bride is an attractive young woman with a large circle of friends. Mr. Green is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Green of Brownwood and enjoys the confidence and esteem of his many acquaintances. He is at present employed by the surveying crew of the Lost Province Railroad. The bride will spend some time in Blowing Rock with her aunt, Mrs. A. M. Critcher.

Messrs Paul and Snas Casey of Wilkesboro visited friends here during the holidays.

Mr. Wayne Eller visited Miss Lillian Johnson during the holidays.

Miss Ella Crisp has taken charge of her sister's school in Hudson for a few weeks.

Miss Dorothy Hayes a college student spent a few days with her parents during the holidays.

"MILK SICKNESS IS SAID TO BE DUE TO SNAKE ROOT"

Cincinnati Dec. 31.—The science of living things had its day today at the convention of the American Association for the advancement of Science.

Zoologists, botanists and entomologists took up discussion of plant and animal life.

Dr. C. Dwight Marsh, physiologist of the United States department of agriculture told botanists of the discovery of the cause of an age-old disease, milk sickness which affects man and animals alike. A small weed known as white snake root has been responsible for the malady which has prevailed in the central states for almost a century, and which according to historical records was responsible for the death of Abraham Lincoln's mother. Cattle become affected by the disease through eating the weed, experiments have shown and supposedly transmit the same to man through their milk.

Crop damage from lack of rainfall contrary to general belief is almost five times as great as that done by myriads of insects which obtain sustenance from plant life, according to Dr. R. L. Webber of the North Dakota agricultural college. Over a period of 14 years deficiency in moisture caused 12.1 per cent of the crop losses, while only 2.5 per cent was attributed to insects. While dry weather of itself is the direct cause for heavy losses, it also increases the damage done by insects and climatic conditions too, have their effect upon the work of the insects.

Most Powerful Gun in the World Has Been Developed by the U S A

Army ordnance experts have developed what they believe to be the heaviest and most powerful gun of its type in the world.

The new weapon is of the 14-inch, 50 calibre type and is a post-war development. It is capable of hurling an armor-piercing projectile of 1560 pounds for a distance of 23 miles and can be mounted on wheeled carriages and drawn along railroad tracks.

An electrical apparatus is provided to lower the gun into position for passage through railroad tunnels and elevating it to firing position. The total weight of gun and carriage is 700,000 pounds.

One feature of the monster weapon is its ability to fire either from its carriage upon the tracks or when rolled on concrete emplacement. For this purpose wheeled supports are provided which can be removed within 30 minutes.

Because of the great weight of the gun, war department officials believe that some railroad bridges may not be sufficiently strong to carry it across, and department officials have opened communication with railroad companies in an effort to have stronger bridges built in the future.

SUGAR LOAF ITEMS

Miss Alice Barnes who has dropsy is improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Farace Moretz of the Red Mountain section with their little daughter visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Cornell Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. John Barnes, Jr., is building an addition to his residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Culler returned home Sunday from a week-end visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cutler.

The people in this section are very busy with their Christmas shopping and a nice time is expected with all.

Miss Elizabeth Reese is a very sick lady, but we hope for her recovery soon.

Mr. G. W. Winkler visited the home of Mr. R. S. Jones Sunday.

Mrs. Rhoda Winkler went with her son Grady to the last day of his school Wednesday at Chestnut Grove. She states that they had a nice entertainment, and that the children were all pleased with their guest.

The new road-up Howard's Creek is progressing nicely. Rev. L. C. Wilson is the foreman. The people of this section are giving their labor on it and anyone wishing to help in any way will be appreciated, by all for this is going to be one of the most interesting roads for tourists.

Rev. W. A. Pennell will preach at Camp Nelson the 3rd Sunday in Jan. at 11 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited.

BOONE FORK NEWS

Christmas is now over but not so soon to be forgotten for I think this has been one of the most pleasant Christmas seasons for the most of the people that we have had for many years.

We had a nice Christmas tree for the Sunday School at the Baptist Church on Christmas evening. We had a nice crowd and everyone seemed to enjoy it to the fullest extent.

On Christmas day the community met at Mr. and Mrs. Finley Gragg's. The children and relatives sent them their Golden Wedding anniversary dinner. The table was loaded with all kinds of splendid eats. We had an interesting talk by Hon. D. N. Coffey followed by his son Blaine Coffey, our representative from Watauga to the legislature.

Mr. and Mrs. Gragg received many beautiful presents.

We were proud to have with us Mrs. E. C. Hollifield who helped to serve dinner when Mr. and Mrs. Gragg were married, and again assisted at their golden wedding fifty years later.

We certainly feel that we are blessed to still have such a splendid couple as this living in our community. They have lived lives that would be good examples to the rising generation.

Rev. Wesley Ashley filled Rev. Amos Hampton's regular appointment at the Baptist church and preached two most interesting sermons to a large congregation. He left an appointment for the fifth Saturday and Sunday. We certainly are glad to have the brother with us.

The Sunday School at this place is progressing nicely with Brother Gwyn

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The Christmas meeting of the Friday afternoon Club was held with Mrs. D. D. Dougherty.

The spacious living room was beautifully decorated with holly and other evergreens with a brilliant Christmas tree in one corner of the room.

The following program was splendidly carried out: Christmas Songs, "Christmas" A Reading Mrs. M. P. Critcher; "The Gift of the Magi" by Miss Annie Stanbury; Solo "Knowest Thou the Land from Mignon" Miss Annie Dougherty.

The hostess assisted by her daughter Mrs. O. L. Brown served a delicious salad course.

Following this a miniature Santa Claus was ushered in who in characteristic Santa Claus style, approached the Christmas tree and delivered to each guest a stocking filled with luscious nuts and sweets. The jolly old fellow then presented each one with a dainty personal gift.

Mrs. O. L. Brown will entertain the club at its next meeting.

One of the most interesting social events of the year, enjoyable and pleasant, was the watch night party at the Critcher Hotel. The members of the Friday afternoon Club entertained their husbands and a few other friends.

Here, throughout the evening, in pleasant conversation, youthful games and music, piano solos, and community singing, the finest of good comradeship prevailed. Stand men, matrons and maidens, leaders in affairs, threw aside responsibility and engaged in entertainment and pleasure most delightful. The formal game of the occasion was a contest in North Carolina geography, prizes being awarded for the highest scores. The winners were, for the men, Attorney E. S. Coffey; for the women, Mrs. Ben Connel.

As the old year "wrapping the drapery of his couch about him, turned to pleasant dreams," and the New Year, eager-eyed, hopeful, opportunity-laden, came tripping in, the guests were enjoying an abundant spread of good eats. Many such all-around events brighten the pathways of all concerned!

The spirit and import of the occasion could be gathered by characteristic remarks heard in the halls, among the departing guests.

Said a lady known for her hospitality and wide circle of friends: "My New Year's Resolution is that I shall see more of my friends during the year."

"Meetings of this kind are worth while," remarked a professional man to which a business man replied: "Indeed they are. People who mingle in this way will not be found in any badness."

DOE RIDGE NEWS

Mrs. Luther Hardy went to Boone shopping on Saturday.

Mr. Ben Culler of Silverstone visited his brother Mr. Walter Culler Saturday night returning Sunday.

Mr. Olen Brown got his leg cut right badly one day last week. The Doctor was called at once. Three stitches were required to sew up the wound.

Mr. Vance Culler of Boone came home on New Year's day for a visit. Messrs Carson and Salmo Tate visited at the home of their grandparents Saturday and Sunday.

Nineteen and twenty four has brought us some bad weather.

To bear is to conquer our fate.—Thomas Campbell.

Coffey as our Superintendent. We have had a large attendance.

Mr. Roby Gragg is busy hauling sand under his large contract for Mr. Alexander at Blowing Rock.

Our public school of Whiting district is progressing nicely with our newly married teacher Mrs. Mildred Collins.

Mr. Lincoln Sims is visiting relatives and friends at this place.

Miss Annie Sims from the A. T. S. with home folks for the holidays. We are sorry to state that Mr. A. H. Dula is in bad health.

Mr. D. W. Church is busy hauling produce to the southern markets with his new Chevrolet truck.

Mr. Hill Wright accompanied by Mr. W. H. Gragg and wife went to Newland on Friday of last week on a shopping trip.

Mrs. Beulah Coleman is spending a part of the week with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Coffey spent Christmas with her parents.

ROOF OF CANOPY OVER KING TUT IS REMOVED

Luxor, Egypt, Dec. 28.—The roof of the canopy over the sarcophagus of King Tutankhamen has finally been dismantled after about one week's work.

The task was most difficult owing to the shrinkage of the wood and Howard Carter, the head of the expedition had to summon the assistance of a native carpenter before he could pry free the last wide and heavy segment.

This section, like the others, is decorated with the protective device of Hawks with outspread wings—there are six hawks in all—incised in gold on the black, probably bituminized, background. The three sections now repose in the anti-chamber of the tomb and there they will remain for the present owing to the seeming impossibility of getting them out through the narrow entrance without cutting away the steps. It is understood the roof of the shrine suffered some little damage in the process of dismantling.

Large numbers of tourists visited the Valley of Tombs this morning, and Mr. Carter had to refuse many requests for admission to Tutankhamen's mausoleum.

Luxor, Egypt, Dec. 31.—The rack of catafalque supporting a linen pall which stands between first and second of Tutankhamen's shrines and now is in process of being dismantled is unique in the history of Egyptology. It can be compared only to the frame work of a house with the strut to carry the roof running lengthwise from one end to the other and bent at each end to fit into copper hoops inserted in the wood work of the front and back supports.

The catafalque rests on carved feet at either end, its second joints with copper hoops still tied up with strings, as left by the undertakers to royalty thirty centuries ago.

It is painted reddish gold and black in broad alternate stripes. Unfortunately the paint, particularly the black bitumen, is coming off wholesale and Howard Carter, directing the excavation, told the correspondent today, while seated on the scaffolding erected above the second of the shrines, swathing the catafalque in surgical bandages, that he was seriously exercised over the prospect of getting it down without considerable damage.

The oppressive atmosphere in that the excavators have to work under the employment of paraffin wax, the familiar preservative of ancient wood work of all sorts, altogether impracticable, as the process of applying the wax, which must be done at a high temperature, would render the air of the tomb unbreathable.

WATAUGA HOSPITAL UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Dr. H. B. Perry has purchased the equipment, rented the Watauga Hospital, and that much-needed institution will be opened again. The Doctor has arrived and opened offices in the building—his family to come a little later. The people were sorry to see Dr. Anders leave and they welcome in his stead Dr. Perry. Boone and the people at large will welcome to our midst the splendid physician and his good family.

CHURCHES WITH THE LOCAL

At the Baptist Church

Sunday School 10 a. m. Prayer meeting and choir practice Wednesday 7 p. m.

Next Sunday the pastor preaches at Blowing Rock.

The time for preaching at Boone is 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays in each month and Blowing Rock on the 1st. Cordial invitation to all to attend.

Church Directory Watauga Pastorate

Holy Communion—Saturday 2 p. m., Light Brigade 3 p. m. Woman's Missionary Society.

Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11 a. m. Morning Worship and Holy Communion.

Mr. Pleasant Friday 3:30 p. m. Light Brigade, Sunday 10 a. m. Sunday School, 2:30 Luther League, L. C. Moretz, Supt. Christmas day 11 a. m. Christmas Exercise.

Mt. Zion 10 a. m. Sunday School Wm. Winebarger, Supt. 11 a. m. Luther League.

Grace—Boone—Sunday School 10 a. m. J. M. Moretz, Supt.