

LOCAL AFFAIRS

Mrs. Don Hagaman of Reese, was a business caller at "the shop" last Saturday.

Miss Margaret Clay spent Saturday in Johnson City on a shopping trip.

Mr. Lon Hagaman, a student at Wake Forest College, is at home for his Christmas vacation.

Miss Maud Reese of Morganton is a holiday guest of relatives and friends in this section.

Miss Ruth Blair who is teaching near Winston-Salem is at home for the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Blair.

Miss Hazel McGuire and Mrs. Ala Young who have completed their course in beauty culture in Charlotte are at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Qualls of Wake Forest College are spending Christmas with Mr. Qualls' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Qualls.

Elmer Rankin who has been teaching in the High School at Kannapolis is at his home here for the Christmas holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Gaither, Jr., announce the birth of a son on last Sunday evening. The lusty young fellow has been named J. M. III.

Jack Hodges, a student at Mars Hill College, is with his parents Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Hodges for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Kay Boatright, of Kingsport, Tenn. are expected Thursday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Boatright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hodges.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy West of Roanoke are expected to arrive Wednesday and will spend Christmas at the home of Mrs. West's parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Trivett.

Miss Ruth Benfield, a teacher in the Cabarrus county schools is expected to arrive Wednesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Benfield.

Since the recent bountiful rains the lawns are taking on a coat of green that would ordinarily do justice to April. In fact if the warm weather continues, cattle could soon live on the pastures again.

Misses Tiny Crow and Polly Hawkins spent the week end with Miss Crow's sister, Mrs. Tom Cushing. They, together with Mr. and Mrs. Cushing will return to spend the holidays with home folks in Asheville.

Miss Mary Francis Linney, student at Salem College, is spending the holidays with her mother Mrs. F. A. Linney. Her sister, Mrs. Paul Coffey, went to Winston-Salem and accompanied her here.

Mrs. Enoch Adams of Vilas sends the Democrat man two fine cabbage heads, which are unusual in that they are deep red in color. Mr. Dallas Edmisten also remembers the editor with a selection of fine apples. Both these kindnesses are duly appreciated.

Those who contribute society news to these columns are urged to report notes of Christmas gatherings as rapidly as they happen in order that the increased number of these contributions may be handled in the next issue without undue inconvenience to the publishers.

"Red" Eggers, former popular employee of the Boone Drug Company, who has been residing for the past two years with relatives in the state of Kansas, is spending the holiday season with relatives and friends in town and county.

Title Inspector J. C. Fletcher of Lenoir, with his two daughters spent a few hours in Boone Sunday. Mr. Fletcher for the past two months has been working in Georgia, but is off for a short vacation with his family.

Mrs. R. H. Askew of Blowing Rock has left for Wilmington, N. C. where she will spend the holiday season with relatives and friends. Mrs. Askew is teaching in the Blowing Rock High School where she has taught for several consecutive years, which speaks much for her efficiency.

Mr. T. M. Greer and daughter Virginia, residents of Gastonia, where Mr. Greer is manager of a Carolina Store, were in the city a short time Friday. On their return they were accompanied by Mrs. Greer who has taught in the Boone schools during the year, and she will spend the holidays at Gastonia.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Brendall, Jr. left Monday for a ten days visit to home folks in Greensboro. From there the visit will be extended to Norfolk, Va., the girlhood home of Mrs. Brendall. He only misses one appointment here by taking the little holiday outing and the members of his church are glad for them to take advantage of it, and wish for them a most pleasant trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Swift of Reese were shoppers in Boone Saturday, and gave the Democrat an appreciated business call. Mrs. Swift is a daughter of that good man and everybody's friend, George Sherrill, 82 years old, of that section, who has been in rather poor shape physically and mentally, for several months. The daughter however, brought the good news that he is now, to all appearances, considerably improved.

Mrs. Frank Edmisten of Blowing Rock was a caller with the Democrat Saturday and ordered the Democrat sent to the address of her sister Mrs. Dakota Shall at Manhattan, Kans. Thanks, good lady, a real Christmas gift that is. They are coming in right along. Haven't you some friend to whom you would like to send your home town paper?

Honor His Memory



REV. DAVID GREENE

to whose memory a tribute was paid by the Three Forks Baptist Association, when his picture was used as a frontispiece to the recently published book of minutes. Rev. Greene is well remembered by Wataugas generally as the father of Mr. R. M. Greene of Boone and Mrs. Ida Jones of the Meat Camp section, and the following information concerning the beloved minister was used with the photograph:

"David Greene, son of Squire and Annie McBride Greene, was born January 26, 1849; joined Meat Camp Church October 21, 1866; married Elizabeth Brown Nov. 11, 1869; ordained February 7, 1878; father of Mrs. Ida Jones and R. M. Greene; served more than half of the churches in the Association as pastor; died Sept. 9, 1909. Elder Greene was lovable, sympathetic, courageous, pious, faithful and full of wisdom."

C. C. Wright, superintendent of the Wilkes schools, Mrs. C. C. Wright and Mrs. D. R. Wright and two children, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wright, Calvin Wright, Mrs. John Burgartner and Miss Della Burgartner, all Wilkes county residents, spent Sunday afternoon with Prof. and Mrs. J. T. C. Wright and family of this city.

Dr. W. B. Hodges of the Hodges Gap section, after taking treatment for some several weeks at the Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, returned several days ago, and is now convalescing at the home of his brother, Ex-Sheriff John W. Hodges of Boone.

He was suffering with a complication of diseases and when he was taken to the hospital, but little, if any hope was entertained for his recovery. For days, we are told, his life was hanging in the balance, with grave odds against him. He has lost considerable flesh, but is now able to walk slowly about town and without unusual troubles arise, hopes for his ultimate recovery are entertained.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Dean Bingham Entertains the Maids and Matrons.

Mrs. Dean Bingham was hostess to the Maids and Matrons Club last Friday evening at the Critcher Hotel. The spacious parlor of the hotel was artistically decorated in holly, mistletoe and other evergreens indicative of the approaching holiday season. Prior to the game a short business session was held during which arrangements for the Club Christmas party were completed.

Three tables of bridge were in play and after a number of progressions Mrs. David Greene was presented an attractive prize as the winner of the high score.

Refreshments consisting of a delicious salad course and coffee were then served to the following: Misses Louise Critcher, Erie Greer, Ruth Coffey, Annie Dougherty, Mesdames Frank Williams, A. B. Cole, David Greene, J. C. McConnell, Fred Hodges, Douglas Redmond, Baxter Linney, Paul Coffey, Dean Bingham and M. P. Critcher.

U. D. C. Session With Mrs. Tracy Council.

(Deferred from last week.)

Watauga Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy was entertained by Mrs. Tracy Council at her home in the eastern section of the town on last Tuesday afternoon. Mesdames B. J. Council, H. J. Hardin, Frank Critcher and Miss Metta McRary took part in the program, following which the hostess served a delicious salad course.

Special guests included Mesdames B. J. Council and Frank Critcher.

SPECIAL FOR XMAS

GENUINE EUGENE PERMANENT WAVE

\$6.50 (WAS \$8.00)

OFFER ENDS WITH THIS WEEK QUEEN ANNIS BEAUTY PARLOR



THE Blackmer family were temporarily in difficulties, and the approach of Christmas presented a quandary. At a family conference, early in December, Mr. Blackmer said: "Now, I'm very sure that by the first of March everything will be straightened out, but that is too long a time to have things charged at the stores, and there's no spare cash for gifts. We can manage a good turkey dinner, but presents are out of the question."

"I suppose we could make things," said Norine, who was clever with her hands.

"But even that takes good material," objected her mother; "and, you see, father and the boys couldn't make things."

"Nothing but promises, anyway," put in Ned.

"Now, there's an idea!" exclaimed Mr. Blackmer. "Couldn't we all make promises?"

"And have them done up in cute ways of some kind!" added Gladys.

"Now, here's a chance to exert a little of the originality this family is always talking about," said Mrs. Blackmer.

"Good," said her husband. "Only, remember not to promise things that cost much, for we'll need a good deal of our money when we get it, to fix up the house."

The family all accepted the scheme with enthusiasm, writing to Howard at college, to plan accordingly, and there was more than the usual amount of brainwork as the days passed. The only thing missing was the arrival of



"A Pad With All Our Names Written on It."

magisterial parcels, and these were not needed to create a Christmas atmosphere. A family of six meant the concocting of thirty ideas with as many ways of expressing them, for the plan stimulated invention.

One day, Ned, picking up one of the girl's lists by mistake, threw it down honorably, saying: "I feel like exclaiming with the ghost of Hamlet's father—'List, list, oh, list!' for every time I look for a scrap of paper I find a pad of something with all our names written on it, and some cryptic symbols attached."

"I hope they're cryptic," said Norine, "for I wouldn't have you know ahead of time what I'm going to promise you, for anything."

Christmas morning there was much busting in and out of the dining room, for though Mr. Blackmer had been made receiver and distributor, many last-minute directions created a pleasant excitement. When all were assembled and saw the ray mounds of packages at each plate, it looked so much like the usual gift array that some suspected a breaking of the rules.

"No," said Mr. Blackmer. "I have the sworn word of everyone that these are only promises. There are some things in the library from the relatives who refused to conform, but this family, as we all know, has been law-abiding."

Great shouts arose as each "promise" was unwrapped, for there were no two alike. Mrs. Blackmer, undoing a large, gay box, exclaimed: "Oh, but Gladys, this is a gift!"

"No, it's some iris bulbs Miss Hefner promised me last fall for your garden, and she was glad to give them to me now—said it was legitimate, for if bulbs weren't promises, what were?"

Mrs. Blackmer received from her husband a note for \$500 payable in three months for the coat she had put off buying last spring, and Mr. Blackmer's favorite gift was a hand-painted card from Norine, with this message:

"Dear Dad: I know you hate the idea of my smoking, even once in a while, so I promise for at least one year (maybe forever) to abstain from the weed."

Howard, who had been wanting some golf socks "like mother used to make," received a package containing some knitting needles in a set-up of garnet wool, a small skein of which his mother had found in her work table.

Gladys, who was becoming an expert typist, had drawn a cartoon of herself at the typewriter, inscribed: "The young typing genius, copying her brother's theses—a welcome gift to Howard, who had no typewriter, and had been worrying about that part of his college work."

Ned's big list was this doggerel to his mother: My beautiful sis is lying abed in the morning. When I ought to be the faculty board advisor. Dear mother, I promise you, hoping to win your praise. To be up here (at breakfast, 265 days). (Ch. 197, Watauga Newsprint Co.)

Because of Christmas By Violet Alleya Storey in Good Housekeeping

Let a mother's lullaby Fall softly on wee, curl-brushed ears. In every simple note and croon, There is a prayer the Father hears. "Lord, be unto my child a Song! God listens, well remembering when He heeds the angels sing a Child His 'Peace on Earth, good will to men!'" But let a mother light a lamp Beside her growing baby's bed, God sees a prayer in that smother glow Enshrouding the little head. A prayer gold-white as asphodels— "Lord, be unto my babe a Light! God sees, for He only lit a star Above a Baby's crib at night!"

Church Announcements

ADVENT CHRISTIAN REV. J. T. GREENE, Pastor Sunday School each Sunday at 9:45. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Evening service at 8 o'clock.

FIRST BAPTIST REV. P. A. HICKS, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a. m., J. T. C. Wriech, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.; B. Y. P. U., 6:00 p. m.; Brotherhood, 6:00 p. m.; mid-week prayer service on Wednesdays at 7:30 p. m. Choir practice on Wednesdays at 8:15 p. m.

METHODIST CHURCH REV. J. H. BRENDALE JR., Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 a. m., J. D. Rankin, Superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Rev. Brandall. Epworth League, 6:15 p. m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7 p. m. Choir practice on Friday, 7 p. m.

Calendar of Services at THE LUTHERAN CHURCH St. Mark's—Blowing Rock Service with sermon the first Sunday of each month at 11 a. m. Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 a. m. Luther League every Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Light Brigade Saturday before the first Sunday at 2 p. m. Grace—Boone Service the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 11 a. m. and on the first and third Sundays of each month at 7 p. m. through the fall and winter months. Please note the change of time: Vespers at 7 p. m. instead of 8 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 a. m. Luther League every Sunday at 6 p. m. Ladies' Missionary Society meets on Monday after the second Sunday of each month at 2 p. m. Light Brigade meets on Wednesday after the second Sunday of each month at 4 p. m. Holy Communion—Clark's Creek Service every third Sunday of each month at 11 a. m. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Luther League meets every Sunday at 2 p. m. Light Brigade at 2 p. m. Saturday before the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Banner Elk Services on the fourth Sunday of each month at 3 p. m. We do most heartily welcome the public to any or all of these services.

J. A. Yount, Pastor Corn Jaffeant, Parish Worker Amy L. Fisher, Parish Nurse.

WATAUGA CHARGE REV. H. M. WELMAN, Pastor Hanson's Chapel—Second and Fourth Sundays, 11 a. m. Sunday School at 9:45. J. B. Horton, superintendent. Epworth League, 6 p. m. Valle Crucis—Preaching every First and Third Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday School 10 a. m., J. M. Shull, superintendent. Epworth League every Wednesday night.

Mabel—Preaching every Second and Fourth Sunday at 3 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m., Robert Castle, superintendent. Salem—Preaching every first Sunday at 3 p. m.

Valle Crucis Associated Missions of THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH Rev. Leicester F. Kent, Rector Valle Crucis, N. C. Rev. George W. Hulbert, Assistant Valle Crucis, N. C. Captain William R. Smith, A. C. R. Linville, N. C. Services

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, Valle Crucis—Celebration Holy Communion every Sunday, 7:30 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon, 11:00 a. m. SAINT ANTHONY'S, Dutch Creek—Church School every Sunday, 2:30 p. m.; evening prayer and sermon on first, third and fifth Sundays, 3:15 p. m.

STRINGFELLOW MEMORIAL at Blowing Rock—Evening prayer and sermon every first Sunday, 7:00 p. m. ST. LUKE'S, Boone—Services as announced.

ST. MATTHEW'S, Todd—Morning prayer and sermon, second and fourth Sundays, 11:00 a. m. Church school every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

ST. MARY'S, Beaver Creek—Evening prayer and sermon, second and fourth Sundays, 3:15 p. m. HOLY TRINITY, Glendale Springs—Evening prayer and sermon, second and fourth Sundays at 7:00 p. m.

COLLIE PUPS FOR SALE—From parents that can handle more cat than ten men. Ed. W. Wilson, Toccoa, N. C. "I can leave my maid alone in the house all day and know exactly what she will be doing until I get back." "What?" "Nothing."

Advertisement for NYAL cough syrup. Includes text 'GET SERIOUS ABOUT THAT COUGH', 'TAKE NYALYPTUS', and an image of a man coughing. Text: 'You owe it to friends and family as well as yourself to stop that cough. It's contagious. And coughs and colds are easy to check with NYALYPTUS, the tried and tested remedy. This cough syrup is good also for bronchitis, hoarseness and loss of voice. Large size—75c.'

Hodges Drug Company

Advertisement for 'Little by Little' Christmas Club. Includes text 'Little by Little... Sings Santa' and an image of a child. Text: 'A check from the Watauga County Bank in sufficient amount to cover Christmas Gift needs—that is the visit anticipated by our many Christmas Club members. It comes as a surprise—because the small amounts saved each week are never missed—nor does it seem possible that a sizeable amount could be the result of such easy saving. Enjoy the same freedom from 1932 Christmas expense worries that so many of your neighbors will this year. Plan now for a debt-free Christmas—saving regularly is the easiest way. Thirteen hundred and eleven dollars and fifty cents is being distributed to Christmas Club members by the Watauga County Bank this year.'

Advertisement for Watauga County Bank Christmas Club. Table showing deposit amounts and weekly amounts. Text: 'JOIN OUR 1932 CHRISTMAS CLUB TODAY'. Table: '25c CLUB—DEPOSIT 25 CENTS EACH WEEK. AMOUNTS TO 12.50', '50c CLUB—DEPOSIT 50 CENTS EACH WEEK. AMOUNTS TO 25.00', '1.00 CLUB—DEPOSIT \$1.00 EACH WEEK. AMOUNTS TO 50.00', '2.00 CLUB—DEPOSIT \$2.00 EACH WEEK. AMOUNTS TO 100.00', '5.00 CLUB—DEPOSIT \$5.00 EACH WEEK. AMOUNTS TO 250.00'. Text: 'Watauga County Bank THE HOME OF THRIFT'

Advertisement for Motor Express Service. Text: 'We are now operating a daily motor express line from Boone to Lenoir, Hickory and Asheville, connecting at these places with lines to all parts of the east or south. WEEKLY TRIPS TO RICHMOND. Our rates compare favorably with railroad rates, and we solicit your business. 12-17-St SMITH'S TRANSFER CO.'