

**Bethel High School  
And Community News**

Mr. C. M. Dickson and daughter, Miss Bonnie and Miss Betty O'Neal took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Kincaid Sunday.

Some days ago two committees consisting of two high school boys and two girls from each grade were appointed to formulate in brief form some suggestions which they think will be helpful to the school.

The suggestions of the boys are as follows:

1. Don't make a beauty parlor out of the school.
2. A better building.
3. Co-operation among students.
4. If those desire to be held wise, be so wise as to hold thy tongue.
5. We need more subjects on the things that will help us to make a better living in the future.
6. Safeguard the rights of the little folks.
7. Library in new building with enough books and magazines.
8. Never say or do anything that might in any way damage your school.

Suggestions by the girls:

1. Co-operation among the students.
2. Respect for fellow students and teachers.
3. Live up to school standards.
4. Individual pride.
5. Improvement of school library.
6. Subscription of good magazines.
7. More teachers and a greater variety of subjects.
8. More and better laboratory equipment.
9. Encouragement

or others. 10. Beautification of campus. 11. More playground equipment. 12. School telephone and a dictionary in each room and a waste basket in every corner.

An interesting program was given by the Literary Society Friday evening.

Friday evening on December 20, beginning at 7 p. m., a play, "Light-house Ann," will be given by Bethel High School students. A small fee of ten cents will be charged for all school students, and twenty cents for outsiders. Everybody is invited to attend.

Mr. C. M. Dickson attended Appalachian High School Association at Boone Saturday evening.

Mid-term examinations are being held this week.

**Valle Crucis News**

The Woman's Auxiliary met with Mrs. Dargin Butt last Wednesday afternoon. At the close of the meeting delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Last Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Olsen honored Miss Wilma Byrd at a surprise birthday party. After several progressions of bridge many useful gifts were presented to the honoree. A lovely birthday cake and hot chocolate were served.

Mr. Ray Farthing, who is a student at State College, Raleigh, arrived in the valley to spend the holidays with his parents.

Miss Gladys Taylor was hostess to a number of her "aunts and uncles" at a delightful Sunday dinner. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shull, Mr. and Mrs. Finley Mast, Mrs. Mollie Mast, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mast, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mast, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Horton and Rev. Mr. Parker.

Miss Margaret Caudill, who holds a position in Washington, D. C., is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Caudill.

Dr. and Mrs. R. O. Glenn and Miss Wilma Baird were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Olsen Sunday.

The Valle Crucis Mission School will close for the holidays on Wednesday of this week. A Christmas pageant entitled "Why The Chimes Ring," will be presented by the students Wednesday afternoon followed by a Christmas tree.

Mrs. W. H. Wagner and Miss Polly Bason motored to Asheville Friday on business.

**CAN YOU BEAT IT?**

The Raleigh colored woman who recently stated that she had been the mother of six sets of twins in nine years was a rank amateur compared to Etta Avert, living near Whitakers, who wants a reward from the government for bearing 22 children in 14 years of marriage.

"I have given birth to twins five times, singles five times, quadruplets once and triplets once," she said in a letter to the Nashville Welfare Department.

"I am 32 years old. If I can I would be very glad to get a reward from the government," her letter said.

**LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES**

**MIDNIGHT SERVICES AT ST. LUKE**

Midnight services beginning at 11:30 Christmas Eve night (Tuesday night) at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The Rev. E. Dargan Butt, of Valle Crucis, will be the preacher. Communion will be celebrated at this service by the Rev. E. D. Butt, assisted by L. C. Maples.

**ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Dr. F. E. Warman, Pastor Christmas Sunday with the Christmas tree to illustrate the Sunday morning message of Love, Good-will toward others, and Giving to others. 10 a. m., the Sunday School remembering the little ones. 11 a. m., sermon, "God's Christmas Tree." 6 p. m., Loyal Workers' meeting. 7 p. m., The Christmas Story and the Visit of the Wise Men.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to consider anew with us the Christmas Story and to have a part in the Christmas spirit.

**CALENDAR OF LUTHERAN SERVICES**

St. Marks, Blowing Rock: Preaching service on the first Sunday of each month at 2:30 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 a. m. Miss Marie Bradshaw, Superintendent; Prayer meeting Wednesday night of each week at 7:30; Luther League every Sunday, 2:30 p. m.

Grace, Boone: Preaching service every Sunday at 11 a. m.; Vespers at 7 p. m. on 2nd and 4th Sundays; Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 a. m.; Prof. George L. Sawyer, Superintendent; Luther League each Sunday night at 6 p. m.

Holy Communion, Banner Elk; Preaching service on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 2:30 p. m.; Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 a. m.; Luther League at 3 p. m. on first, second and fourth Sundays. We most heartily welcome the public to all these services.

On the 4th Sunday of each month we hold services at Hanging Rock Chapel at 2:30 p. m. The public invited.

All the congregations are preparing a most impressive Christmas program.

REV. J. A. YOUNT, Pastor.

**BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday, December 22, 1935 9:45 Sunday School, 11, worship and sermon with the pastor in charge. 6 p. m., Baptist Training Union. 7 p. m., worship with a Christmas music program, led by the choir. Directed by Mrs. Ruth Porter.

We take this opportunity to thank all our friends for the kind co-operation and beautiful Christian spirit shown the pastor and his family during the past year. We wish for each and everyone of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. To the Editor and force of the Watauga Democrat we say "God bless you for allowing this space for our church publicity." To all the members of our local church next Sunday morning that we may have a heart-to-talk like a family of God's children. It's the Sunday before Christmas and I believe that Christmas will mean more to you if you will come to this worship service. Wise men came miles and miles from the East to worship Him.

J. C. CANIPE, Pastor.

**METHODIST CHURCH**

There will be special Christmas services at the Boone Methodist Church Sunday. Sunday School will be at 9:45. At the 11 o'clock service, the pastor, Dr. Ernest C. Widenhouse will take as his subject, "Making Room For Jesus." At 7:30 in the evening there will be a Christmas pageant given by the young people of the church.

The pageant is entitled "The Star of The East." A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

**Robber Gets Six Bits From Newspaper Safe**

Monroe.—The office of The Monroe Journal was broken into sometime Wednesday morning and the safe rifled. But, according to the editor, the joke was on the burglar.

"The Journal feels like the darkey who, when asked if he could change a \$10 bill, said no, but he was much obliged for the compliment," said the editor. "The only money in the safe was a 25 cent piece and a fancy half dollar, both being kept as curios. The visitor took these.

"There is never any money in The Journal safe and the front windows are never locked, so any other burglar who wants to try his hand is welcome. But if another should make a try for money in that safe, we want him to bring along his own prize. We don't want any burglar monkeying with the editorial shears. He might break the points off."

**TAKE BIDS ON BOOKS**

The State Board of Education received bids until noon Thursday for English and foreign language textbooks to be used in the public schools for the next five years, and is expected to award the contracts soon. Representatives of the publishers whose books were approved by the High School Textbook committee, three or four texts that are acceptable in each study, appeared before the board and presented the good points of their books last Wednesday and Thursday.

**Let Us Look At The Record**

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We have cancelled mortgages on homes in Watauga County in the year 1935	\$14,600.00
Amount paid out to installment stockholders in cash	3,050.00
Profits paid to installment stockholders during the year 1935	2,859.66
Profits earned and paid out to fullpaid stockholders during the year 1935	6,489.21

We hope you will analyze the above statement, give it careful thought and decide for yourself whether or not we merit your future confidence and continued patronage. We also hope you will decide to investigate our institution thoroughly and decide to take some shares either fully paid up, which will bring you 4% interest and we pay the tax, or installment shares, which have always earned 6%. You can give no better Christmas present than building and loan shares.

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Time or distance, however, may prevent your visiting a few close friends and relatives whom you would so much like to see. Then all you have to do, as many folks have learned, is to let "long distance" bring you and your friends together for a voice-to-voice visit.

It doesn't matter whether you call on Christmas day or not, you will both get a real thrill from your telephone visit any time during the holiday season.

The pleasure you will experience from your visits by telephone is not expensive. For example, by using Station-to-Station service after 7 P. M., you can talk 150 miles for about 50 cents, and other distances for similarly low cost.

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