

LOCAL AFFAIRS

Miss Maizie Jones, who is teaching at Whitsett, is at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. W. Jones, for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Stallings leave Tuesday afternoon for Forest City, where they will remain over Christmas visiting with relatives.

Mrs. Maude C. Gibbs of Morganton, is spending the week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Clay.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Payne are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Payne's parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Matheson, at Sanford.

Residents of the community and county will confer a favor on the Democrat by reporting holiday visitors, parties, etc., promptly, so that the next issue may carry a complete picture of holiday activities.

Mr. D. F. Warren of Mable, in town Monday, tells of the death of Mrs. Daly Combs, well-known resident of his section, which occurred Sunday night. The aged lady had been ill for a long time. Other information, funeral details, etc., are unavailable.

Sunshine Music Club Meets With Misses Winkler

The Sunshine Music Club met with Carolyn and Mary Sue Winkler for the December meeting. The following members were present: Mary Alice and Lucille Cook, Alma Ruth Hagan, Stella Chioe Rogers, Edith and Frances Walker, Jennie Lee Bingham, Louise Taylor, Doris Wright, Mary Sue Winkler, Betty Clay, Carolyn Winkler.

A most interesting Christmas program was given by the club members, after which delightful and appropriate refreshments were served by Mrs. Winkler. Names were drawn for Christmas gifts and then the club adjourned to meet again in the New Year.

Maids and Matrons Entertain Husbands and Friends at Party

One of the largest social events of the holiday season took place Thursday evening at the Caro-Jean Inn when the members of the Maids and Matrons Club entertained their husbands and friends. A four-course dinner was served in the dining room which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Bridge was played during the evening and when scores were added, Mrs. Remmel Porter and Mr. Kenneth Linney were holders of high score. Each received attractive prizes.

Mrs. Frank Williams was presented the club prize for having the highest score among club members for the year.

Those enjoying this delightful occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Redmond, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. David Greene, Mrs. Anos Abrams, Mrs. Ruth Porter, Mrs. Virginia Rivers, Miss Annie Dougherty, Miss Virginia Wary, Miss Eric Greer, Mr. Herbert Adams, Mr. Frank Hodges, Mr. Bernard Dougherty, Mr. Kenneth Linney, Mr. Graydon Eggers, and Mr. Passage.

PIANO RECITAL

Piano students of Miss Blanche Blair were presented in recital Tuesday evening, December 17, at the Demonstration School auditorium. The following program was given:

On the Farm (G. Martin); Christine Eggers; Down a Crooked Lane (H. P. Hopkins); Marjorie Hodges; The Meadow Brook (G. Martin); Derald Daniels; A Little Journey (Jessie and Geo. Timmons); The Big Bass (H. P. Hopkins); Kathleen Greer; At the Country Fair (C. Martin); Margaret Miller; In a Turkish Bazaar (H. P. Hopkins); George Timmons; Laughing Buttons, Kathleen and Velda Greer; Tepees and Totem Poles (Mortimer Wilson); Truett Greer; Christmas Song (Ward Conant); March of the Boy Scouts Chorus (G. Martin); Earle Greer; Evening (Helen and Marjorie Hodges); Happy Childhood (G. Martin); Jessie Timmons; Pretty Butterflies (M. Greenwald); Velda Blair Greer; Happy Farmer (R. Schuman); Velda and Earle Greer; Morning Prayer (Morgan Gebel); Helen Hodges; Waltz (Johan Strauss); Truett and Velda Blair Greer; There's a Song on the Air (Karl P. Harrington) chorus.

WILL PUNCH DRIVERS' LICENSES AFTER JAN. 1st

State highway patrolmen will begin punching the drivers licenses of all drivers who are arrested, stopped or warned for various traffic law violations on and after January 1, Captain Charles D. Farmer said.

In addition, the name and address of every driver, the number of his driver's license and the violation will be taken down and sent to the central office of the patrol in Raleigh, where it will be made a part of the record of that driver, in the files where the duplicate licenses are kept.

In addition the driver's permit of every driver arrested or stopped will be punched or marked according to a special code so that any patrolman in any part of the state, can look at the driving permit and tell whether or not the driver has been arrested before and if so for what violation.

From Our Early Files

Items From The Democrat of December 24, 1896

Deputy Collector Horton is off on a business trip to Elk Park.

The Democrat may not appear next week, and if it does not, remember the holidays are on.

T. Fin Coffey has returned from Virginia with a nice lot of horses and mules for the southern market.

Attorney Fletcher moved to his home, the Dr. Reeves building, immediately after his marriage.

The pension checks from the state to the veterans of Watauga are now in the hands of the Register of Deeds.

Dr. Ed Madron was married some days since to Miss Ettie, daughter of Thomas Bingham of Cove Creek.

We are sorry to learn that our friend, Mr. Adam Critcher, of Bamboo, is in ill health. We hope that he will soon be better.

N. N. Colvard left on last Saturday to visit his brother in Virginia. W. H. Woodring left on the same day for Cottonwood, Idaho.

Coffey and Council began sawing on Howards Creek yesterday. The mill is decidedly the heaviest that has ever been brought to this part of the country.

FLUORESCENT CHRISTMAS TREE SETS AN 'OH-S' AND 'AH-S' RECORD

Philadelphia.—There's something new in Christmas trees at the Franklin Institute. The thousands of children and grown-ups who are trooping into the auditorium to see it, join in emitting delighted "oh-s" and "ah-s" as periodically the hall is plunged in darkness and the quite ordinary looking tree suddenly glows into a mystic luminosity of its own.

Its every needle shining, this "Magic Christmas Tree" stands like a frozen fountain of pale, greenish light, with the glass ornaments hanging about it glowing in different colors and with brilliant stars of different hues brightly outlined against the black curtains of the background. In the air above it hangs a radiant parachute, while around its foot rattles a luminous electric train.

As the auditorium lights come on again, the scene takes on so prosaic an air that children rub their eyes, wondering whether they imagined its appearance of a moment ago.

But a guide explains the "magic" to them. The tree has been sprayed with fluorescent paint, he says—hoping they understand what he is talking about—and the glass balls

and stars have been painted with different mixtures of the same kind. These paints glow like fire, he tells them, when ultra-violet light, which is invisible, shines on them. This light has been directed on the tree, the guide points out to the little crowd which has gathered close to him, from the back of the two huge candles placed as decorations on either side. They are in glow and inside them are mercury vapor lamps covered by special screens.

Many a parent on the way out of the auditorium is being importuned to buy some fluorescent paint himself and give the family Christmas tree a treatment. He is able to point out, though, that this paint was specially made for the occasion by experimenters connected with the Franklin Institute.

The first regular portrait to be painted in fluorescent colors by a recognized artist also being shown in connection with this special Christmas exhibit. It is a portrait of Benjamin Franklin and was completed on Dec. 14 by Miss M. May Gray, Philadelphia painter, whose work has been hung in the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and the Brooklyn Museum.

Washington Duke of Durham has given \$100,000 to Trinity College with the understanding that girls are to be admitted on equal terms with men. Mr. Duke previously gave \$55,000 to the same institution, and perhaps these sums are the largest ever given by any North Carolinian, and puts Mr. Duke to the front as the greatest philanthropist of the state.

Boone High Life

Contributed By Boone Hi School Journalism Club

Star Stacy: Starr Stacy. Oh! Oh! what a fool. Tries to keep the study hall at school. What a poor ole soul. Tries to keep us off the honor roll. You receive bad marks galore, if you but snore. He takes great pleasure in taking our treasure such as chewing gum, rubber bands and candy. Now ask yourself isn't he a dandy. He gives you an hour or two if you but chew, chewing gum during his hour. Because he is always sour. To the office you must go, if you even stum your toe. Our warning, "Never do anything bad." Because it always makes him mad. He always says study your books. We can't because of his looks. He never cracks a smile. Because it is never worth his while. All the girls he tries to date. Don't even give him a break. We asked him how many different ones he took to the show? He said, "You find out, then you'll know." The Freshmen are his pick. But none of them, to him, stick. He has the charm you can't resist. The girls, when they see him, forget about this. We hope that he will be more kind. Because of this little rhyme.

Irvin Morgan, 4-H club member of soda to his corn as a side-application when the corn was 42 days old and produced 123 bushels on one acre of land this season.

About 300 farm boys and girl of McDowell county have joined the six 4-H clubs organized in the county recently.

Spacing sweet potato slips 12 inches apart on the row produced 200 bushels per acre of marketable roots on the farm of J. H. Carter in Union county, near Waxhaw, while 14-inch spacing produced 190 bushels.

OPIMUM TRAFFIC IN CHINA Stamping out the dreaded opium traffic in the Orient and methods used in catching smugglers is explained in an interesting illustrated article in the December 29 issue of the American Weekly, the magazine which comes regularly with the BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN. On sale by newadecalers or mailed regularly for 50 cents a month, \$5.00 a year.

WPA Certification Is Ruled Necessary

Raleigh.—Certification of works progress administration employees is necessary because "there is only so much money to be distributed," Patrick Healy, executive secretary of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, was notified Thursday in a wire from Washington.

The league officials wired Harry L. Hopkins, federal WPA administrator, several days ago calling attention to the fact there were thousands of families in North Carolina who had gone on relief rolls since November 1, and who could not, under current regulations, get jobs with the WPA.

Healy estimated tonight there were 30,000 families in North Carolina unable to get jobs because they were not on relief rolls between May 1 and November 1, this year, because of physical infirmities and other reasons.

Such a load the executive committee of the league decided here this week is too large for municipalities and local governmental units to carry, and it called on the federal and state governments to take up the relief burden.

Mule Gains Ground In North Carolina

Raleigh, N. C.—The humble mule is returning to its own in North Carolina, despite the so-called "machine age." This is shown by the most recent reports of the State Department of Agriculture, which placed the total value of all farm mules in the state in 1935 at \$37,882,000, an increase of approximately \$6,000,000 in a single year.

Not only have mule values climbed collectively, but individually, as well. In 1921 the average price per head was \$157. Then the drop began, and in 1933 it had reached a low of \$89. But not so this year. The average North Carolina farm mule is now worth \$140 per head, as compared with \$116 in 1934, or an increase of \$24 in a single year.

The value of cattle took a decisive upward turn this year, showing an increase of nearly \$2,000,000, while the average price per head increased from \$19.70 in 1934 to \$21.50 in 1935.

There are now on the farms of North Carolina 606,000 cattle, this being the highest number since 1921. The horse population this year showed an increase of around 3000, while the total value rose nearly \$1,000,000 and the average price per head is \$103, the highest since 1923.

Hoover Advances Works Plan For The Nation

A Hoover plan for relief of the nation's ills was tossed into the political arena on the Republican party—its convention city picked—concentrated on defeat of the New Deal in 1936.

The former president vigorously attacking the administration's "let-it-set-up in a St. Louis speech last night, advanced a plan to confine public works projects to those "which meet the needs of the nation. All other relief would go back to state and local authorities.

Opinion on the Hoover address was divided in Washington.

To Senator Thomas, D., Okla., the speech was a bid for the party's nomination when the delegates meet at Cleveland June 9.

To Senator Schall, R., Minn., the Hoover plan was a "good idea." In the capital, where the Republican national committee selected Cleveland, the G. O. P. leaders sought to attract anti-New Deal Democrats over to their side.

In a special election held in Michigan's third congressional district, the Townsend old age pension plan was an issue. Vernon W. Main, Republican supporter of the plan, was opposed by Howard W. Cavanaugh, Democrat, who is against the plan.

In Washington, Senator McKellar, D., Tenn., condemned the Townsend plan as "the wildest, most fanatic and most devastating suggestion produced."

But Dr. F. E. Townsend, a sponsor of the move to give \$200 a month to everybody over 60, said his group would file third party petitions in all states.

TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

Question: What will be the amount of the first payment made to tobacco growers signing the new contract?

Answer: A minimum payment of \$1.00 per 100 pounds of base tobacco production will be made as soon as possible after the contract is signed. Additional payments will depend upon the price of tobacco, and will be the amount which, when added to the farm price, will bring the returns to not less than parity on the quantity of tobacco used domestically. Tenants and share-croppers will share in the special payments in the same proportion as their interest in the 1936 crop.

Question: How can I get rid of yellow color in eggs from my poultry flock?

Answer: Shell color is inherited and the best way to eliminate the color is not to set any eggs showing tinted shells. When breeding for future egg producers head your flock with males from a source where this trouble does not exist. If the eggs with colored shells show to a large extent it might be well to do no breeding from the present flock. Keep the present flock for egg production only and get some new breeding stock from another flock that does not produce colored eggs.

Question: How can land be inoculated for growing lespedeza?

Answer: There are various commercial cultures, but a better method is to moisten the seed with molasses and then mix them with soil from a field that has grown lespedeza or some other legume crop such as vetch, Austrian winter peas, or crimson clover. Inoculated soil can also be drilled in at the rate of 200 or more pounds to the acre with the seed. The latter method is best, especially on sandy soils.

NOTICE

By virtue of an executon directed to the undersigned Sheriff of Watauga county, on the 8th day of October, 1935, from the Superior Court of said county, in that certain action entitled John E. Smith Vs. Media Wright, I will on Monday, January 6th, 1936, at the courthouse door of Watauga county, at 1 o'clock p. m., sell to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest which the said Media Wright has or had on the 27th day of September, 1935, in and to that certain tract of land described as follows:

Being in Watauga Township, Watauga county, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of T. H. Coffey and others, and being the land conveyed to Media Wright by Lum Coffey, and upon which said Media Wright has erected a dwelling now occupied by D. H. Wright.

This the 6th day of December, 1935.

A. Y. HOWELL, Sheriff.

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Advertisement for Menthomulsion cough medicine. Text: "Don't COUGH YOUR HEAD OFF. ASK FOR MENTHOMULSION If it fails to Stop Your Cough immediately Ask for your MONEY BACK."

WATAUGA DRUG STORE BOONE, N. C.

13 Killed As Bus Plunges In River

A passenger bus plunging through an open drawbridge into 30 feet of water, carried no less than 13 persons to their deaths near Hopewell, Va., Sunday afternoon. Work of rescuing the bodies was delayed, pending the arrival of divers. Identification depended on recovery efforts, since no passenger list was kept. The drawbridge had been opened

to permit passage of a tug and barge. The bridge attendant said he was looking down the river when he heard the bus crash through a guard gate 10 feet from the bridge.

Despite a poor corn yield in Union county, 4-H club members report an average yield of 41.6 bushels per acre on their club projects.

Trench silos recently opened in Transylvania county show that the silage is in perfect condition as a feed for cows.



A HOLIDAY GREETING FOR YOU

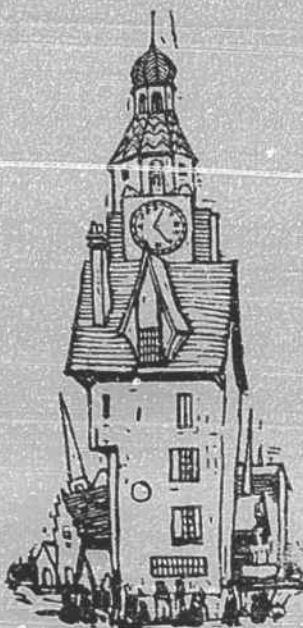
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