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RAILROAD SCHEDULE. GOING EAST—No. 112 (mixed) due 1:45 a. m. " 108 " 9:17 " " 22 " 5:00 p. m. GOING WEST—No. 111 (mixed) due 5:23 a. m. " 21 " 11:13 " " 139 " 6:16 p. m. All trains carry mail, and Nos. 21, 22, 108 and 139 carry express.

LOCAL NEWS.

It is less than a week till Christmas. —The days are now at their shortest.

Mr. John H. Vernon is reported very sick at his home in Burlington on influenza.

Dr. C. G. Vardell of Red Springs preached at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning and evening.

The Gleaner will not appear again until after Christmas, and it wishes everyone a happy Christmas.

Stop at the Red Cross booth at the postoffice and enroll for 1919. Your dollar will perform an invaluable service.

Dr. J. J. Barefoot has been mustered out of war service and is back at his home here and will resume the practice of his profession.

Graham Loan & Trust Co. is moving its office up stairs in its building and will have the vacated room on the ground floor fitted up with shelves and counters for a store.

It snowed like whiz for two or three hours in the middle of Monday night, but it was too wet and not cold enough for it to stick till the next morning. This is the second snow this winter.

Dr. J. N. Taylor has moved from his former residence on the North side of Albright Avenue across the street to the residence almost opposite that lately occupied by him and now occupied by Rev. F. C. Lester.

Mr. J. Elmer Long left nearly two weeks ago to visit Mrs. Long at the home of her mother, Mrs. Thos. Peay, near Pittsboro, and has been sick from influenza. He is reported able to be up, but does not expect to be home until about January 1st. Mrs. Long has also had a slight attack of influenza.

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Cotton ginned prior to December 1 was 9,563,124 running bales, including 134,150 round bales; 10,170 bales of American Egyptian and 25,741 bales of sea island.

Vice President Marshall presided "informally and impersonally, not undertaking to exercise any official duty or function," at the cabinet meeting on December 10. President Wilson asked the Vice president to preside.

Legislation designed to carry into effect the recommendations of the federal trade commission to regulate Wilson that the government regulate the meat packing industry, was proposed in the house at Washington by the interstate commerce committee.

The German finance minister says that if the war had ended in the fall the amount of money required from imperial taxation would have reached fourteen billion marks. These calculations have been upset by recent events.

David Lloyd-George says that Great Britain's navy must remain supreme, no matter what the action of the peace conference.

A voice interrupted the British premier when he was speaking in Bristol the other day and said the superiority of the British navy: "Then watch Wilson!" "Well, I hope to meet him in a fortnight. I will tell him what you say," instantly shouted the premier.

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PERSONAL.

Miss Blanch Scott spent Tuesday in Greensboro shopping.

Mr. Chas. F. Cates, near Mebane, was in town Tuesday evening.

Mr. George Clendenin of Lincolnton spent Thursday and Friday here.

Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Barefoot and Masters Jack and Rill arrived here Tuesday from Raleigh.

Lieut. Haywood Henderson arrived Tuesday from Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky.

Mr. William Scott returned this morning from Fishburne's Military School at Waynesboro, Va., for the holiday vacation.

Mr. E. S. Parker, Jr., has been in New York and other points North on business since Sunday.

Mr. J. Dolph Long spent the latter part of last week in the Eastern part of the State on legal business.

Rev. Joseph G. Walker of Greensboro visited his mother, Mrs. I. D. Walker, here the first of the week.

Mrs. J. J. Henderson left Tuesday evening for Washington, on business and returned this morning.

Miss Lorena Perry arrived home Tuesday from Meredith College, Raleigh, to spend the Christmas holidays.

Misses Nell and Alberta Thompson, Annie Ben Long and Conley Albright are at home from the State Normal at Greensboro for a three weeks' holiday.

Mr. Walter Story of Burlington has been mustered out of the U. S. Naval Reserves. He returned home Saturday and has been here a day or so this week.

Misses Louise Moore and Daisy Bell Page of Charlotte spent Sunday here at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore.

Miss Helen Simmons left Saturday for her home in Durham after spending several weeks in Graham. Major Steven Simmons is also in Durham on a short furlough.

Lieut. Jerre W. Bason, son of Mr. W. H. Bason of Swepsonville, has received his discharge from Camp Hancock and returned home yesterday. He is a brother of Mr. Walter E. Bason of Graham.

Mr. Frank Wilson and Master Frank, Jr., of Gastonia, passed through town today on their way to visit Mrs. Wilson at the home of her father, Mr. John W. Stockard, near Saxapahaw. They expect to remain till after Christmas.

Mrs. W. G. Stafford, who has made her home near Oaks for the past few years, was in town today on her way to Asheville to visit her brother, Maj. Robert Bingham. From there she goes to Dowling Park, Fla., to spend the winter.

Methodist Pastors in Durham District.

Below are the assignments of Methodist ministers made this week at the annual Conference at Goldsboro, in which the members of M. E. Church of the Durham District and the public in general naturally feel an interest:

Presiding Elder, J. C. Wooten. Burlington—S. E. Mercer. Burlington Circuit—W. F. Galoway.

Brookdale—J. A. Russell. Chapel Hill—E. H. McWhorter. Durham—Branson, J. A. Martin; Calvary, L. D. Haynes; Carr, H. C. Smith; Lakewood, Samuel Maxwell, supply; Memorial, M. Bradshaw; Trinity, C. J. Harrell.

West Durham—W. C. Martin. East Burlington—E. C. Glenn. East Roxboro and Longhurst—J. L. Shaver.

Graham and Haw River—J. E. Edwards. Hillsboro—M. W. Hester. Leasburg—R. E. Atkinson. Mebane—B. F. Boone. Milton—J. E. Blalock. Mt. Tirzah—L. L. Smith. Orange—B. O. Merritt. Pearl Mill and End—W. L. Rollins.

Pelham—J. A. Long. Person—J. A. Daily. Rougemont—D. A. Petty. Roxboro—O. W. David. South Alamance—N. B. Strickland.

Yanceyville—S. F. Ficks. Professor of Biblical Literature Trinity College—H. E. Spence. Chaplain United States Army—A. McCullen. Student Boston University—H. E. Myers.

Contribute to Soldiers' Christmas.

In order that the soldiers may have a happy Christmas, Dr. John L. Weber, General Camp Secretary, Y. M. C. A., Camp Jackson, S. C., asks that contributions be sent by friends. The following is his letter to the good people of North Carolina:

Christmas is coming and I will find a large number of soldiers here in Camp Jackson, many of whom will be lonesome and unhappy. Now, it is my wish to do everything possible to give these men a taste of real Christmas joy. I am appealing to the good people to send for them, through me, whatever they feel that they can contribute to the success of a happy Christmas day.

I will be glad to have smaller good things to eat, and money to be applied to the purchase of fresh fruits and other delicacies.

In addition to these men in Camp Jackson, between 50 and 60 Red Cross Nurses, the finest girls in the whole world, and I want to see that they have a happy Christmas, so I am also making an appeal for them.

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