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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 from 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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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.

Mr. 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.

Celery. —As the years go by Mr. McBride Holt improves in the art of growing celery. In years past he has grown some that was very fine, but he has excelled himself this year. It is as fine as one could wish.

Mr. A. M. Hadley Hurt by Elevator. Yesterday afternoon Mr. A. M. Hadley, who formerly lived here, now living near Salem church in Thompson township, was caught by a descending elevator in Burlington. The force of the blow was received about the face. His nose was broken and a jawbone also appears to be broken. He also suffered other injuries. He was carried to Rainey Hospital for treatment. His friends will regret to hear of his misfortune.

Pounded. Last night at half past seven the members of the New Providence and Graham Christian churches congregations met at the latter and proceeded to the residence of their Pastor, Rev. F. C. Lester in a body. They carried ham, flour, meal, cereals, chicken, potatoes, coffee, canned fruits, preserves, jellies—in fact everything necessary for the table. It was a generous donation. It is great to be a preacher—sometimes.

Mrs. Fannie A. Williamson Dead. About 3 o'clock yesterday morning, Dec. 18, 1918, Mrs. Fannie A. Williamson died here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Menefee. She was in the 82nd year of her age, having been born the 14th day of July, 1837. She had been ill and almost helpless for nearly two years.

Mrs. Williamson was the widow of Dr. John L. Williamson and a daughter of Edwin M. Holt, the pioneer cotton manufacturer in the South. She was the eldest sister of the late Gov. Thos. M. Holt. She is survived by two brothers, Mr. L. Banks Holt of Graham and Mr. Lawrence S. Holt of Washington, D. C., one sister, Mrs. Jas. N. Williamson of Graham, one daughter, Mrs. J. W. Menefee of Graham, and five sons, Mess. Ed. H. and L. Banks Williamson of Fayetteville, J. Walter Williamson of Wilmington, Finley L. Williamson of Burlington and Lawrence A. Williamson of Graham. All the sons with their wives were present at the funeral, and a number of relatives from a distance were present.

The funeral services were held from the residence at 2:30 this afternoon, conducted by Dr. E. C. Murray of Alamance church, her former pastor, and the interment was in the family plot in Linwood Cemetery. Beautiful floral tributes completely covered the grave.

The large family connection in this and other States will regret to hear of Mrs. Williamson's death.

Is there anybody in Holland to talk to the Kaiser like the proverbial Dutch uncle?

BIG FIRE IN BURLINGTON.

Hardware, Furniture and Other Stores Suffer Heavily—Loss About \$125,000.

Tuesday morning Burlington had the most destructive fire in the history of the city. The fire broke out about half past eight o'clock in the upstairs of M. B. Smith's furniture store. It had made considerable headway when discovered and before the firemen could get to fighting it had spread to adjoining buildings.

The Graham firemen were called and promptly responded, and with the Burlington firemen they were fast staying its progress. The Greensboro firemen were also called and came by special train. The three companies soon had it under complete control.

The heaviest losses were sustained by M. B. Smith furniture store, \$30,000 stock, almost complete loss; McLellan, 5c and 10c store, \$20,000 stock, almost complete loss; Burlington Hardware Co., \$50,000 stock, loss heavy; Kirk Holt Hardware Co., \$60,000 stock, heavy loss. Others that suffered from removal of goods and water damage were J. M. Crawford, dry goods; C. V. Sellers, art gallery and automobile supplies; C. F. Neese, jewelry store; Patterson Grocery Co., and H/ Cohn, dry goods.

None of the firms were insured for as much as half the value of their stock, except the 5 and 10 cent store which is reported fully insured.

All the buildings were badly damaged, but the insurance will hardly cover the damage.

The loss to the merchants over and above the insurance carried will amount to around \$75,000, and to the buildings, somewhere about \$20,000. The entire loss on stocks of goods and to buildings will run up to between \$125,000 and \$150,000.

We are glad the Graham firemen were near enough to render valuable assistance. The good people of Burlington are highly appreciative of the work done by the Graham fire-fighters and frankly say, but for their timely help, the entire block would doubtless have been burned.

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 smothered 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.

Whatever is sent by any friend of our great citizen army will be used for the benefit of the men and will contribute much toward giving them a joyous occasion.

Address all communications and packages to Dr. John L. Weber, General Camp Secretary, Y. M. C. A., Camp Jackson, S. C.

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Mrs. Lillie B. Small, wife of Mr. Grover Small, died here of pneumonia at the Hotel Graham last Thursday evening about 8 o'clock, aged 39 years. Her husband, two children, a boy and girl; four brothers and three sisters survive her. The interment was in Pine Hill Cemetery, Burlington.

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- 25.00 ladies' coats 17.95
30.00 ladies' coats 21.50
2.75 Boys' Shoes only \$1.79
3.00 Men's Pants, all sizes, \$1.49
5.00 Men's Heavy Work Shoes \$2.98
6.00 Men's Shoes only \$3.98
5.00 Ladies' Skirts, black and blue, \$2.98
2.50 Men's Shirts \$1.24
4.00 Men's Pants \$2.98
22.50 Men's Suits only \$15.48
10.00 Boys' suits, all sizes, \$5.98
10.00 Wool Serge Skirts \$4.98
25.00 Ladies' Coats \$17.48

- 20.00 ladies' coats 14.95
25.00 wool poplin suits 17.95
30.00 and 35.00 wool serge poplins 21.95
4.50 boys' 3 to 8 years 2.98
1.50 ladies' shirts and pants 74c
1.00 ladies' shirts and pants 69c
15.00 ladies' serge dresses 8.98
3.00 men's hats, all styles, 1.98
8.00 children's coats only 4.98
2.75 children's coats, 3 to 8, 1.89
10.00 men's shoes, sale price 6.98
50c men's half-hose, 29c

Skirts and dresses also reduced to less than cost. Come, do your Christmas shopping here—we have anything you want for the entire family.

Fair Dept. Store Graham, N. C.

If you want Rubbers for the entire family, come TO THE FAIR

Gift Suggestions. Candy—Nunnally's and Jacobs' Fountain Pens, Manicure Rolls, White Ivory Toilet Sets, Stationery, 50c to \$3.50, Kodaks, Cut Glass, Mirrors, Picture Frames. GRAHAM DRUG COMPANY, GRAHAM, N. C., PHONE 99.

Electric Lighting Rates. The following are the Electric Light Rates as fixed by the Corporation Commission: For the first 50 K. W., 12c per K. W. For the next 200 K. W., 9c per K. W. For the next 500 K. W., 7c per K. W. All over 750 K. W. 5c per K. W. 5 per cent discount allowed if bills are paid by the 10th of the month. Piedmont Power & Light Co. AT YOUR SERVICE

Your Public Utilities. THE GOVERNMENT is asking us to use our advertising space to ask you to economize in every way in the consumption of Electric Current. PIEDMONT POWER & LIGHT CO. Burlington, Graham, Gibsonville, Elon College, Haw River, Mebane.

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