

WOOD DEPARTMENT

A Happy, Prosperous and Successful New Year to each of you!

PLEASE GIVE THE NEWS TO US

As we begin the new year we wish to thank our readers for their patience with our efforts and ask that they bear with us as we attempt in our feeble way to boost our village and community and in giving the local news as far as possible each week. We feel that we have met with in the past few months the approval of many and hope that from this on we will improve as we go.

We thank those who have helped us by their contributions, criticisms, suggestions and words of encouragement to continue this department each week.

It is a matter of impossibility for us to cover each happening in our community and we depend upon contributions in writing and verbal statements from those who are interested. If you intend to take a trip, give a party, have visitors, give a swell dinner or answer Dan Cupid's call we will appreciate highly and thank you very much if you will let us know either leaving it in writing at Dr. Beam's office or tell us about it.

We hope you had a pleasant Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year. Thank you!

LOCAL NEWS

It was a great pleasure to have with us during the vacation our young ladies and boys who have been teaching and attending school in other localities. It seemed like old times to have them with us. We bid them God's speed and wish them much success in their work and hope they will return to us in the spring with a vim and vigor that will encourage us to look higher all the time.

Misses Ruth and Pearle Gupton and Messrs. Corbett Cash and Gus Wester visited Wilson Tuesday.

Mr. Morris T. Griffin was a visitor of Louisburg Tuesday.

In and around our village there has been a party of some kind almost every evening during the holidays. All report amusement galore at each place. Among those entertaining were Mrs. A. A. Shearin, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Leonard, Miss Minnie Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Gupton and Mr. Plummer Gupton. Our community certainly can do itself well when it comes to anything.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Griffin and daughter, Hilda, were guests of Mr. J. J. Lanier Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Burnett, Midway, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burnett Friday.

Mr. Morris Lancaster, Louisburg, was guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lancaster Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Turner and family, Skipwith, Va., were guests of parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Gupton during the holidays.

Misses Ruth, Pearle, and Irene Gupton and Messrs. Raymond Shearin, Gus Wester and Corbett Cash visited Miss Lucile Harris, Royal, Wednesday.

We cannot refrain from commenting upon the excellent behavior on the part of every one at the Sunday school social Tuesday evening. The attention was perfect and it certainly speaks well for the people of our community. Keep it up people!

Mrs. Emmett Bailey and family, near Nashville, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Radford and family last week.

Miss Flora Frye of our school faculty, spent the holidays with parents in West End.

Messrs. Frank Raynor and Walter Harper and —, Robertson, Rocky Mount, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Raynor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Griffin and family, Nashville, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Shearin.

Master Donald Griffin, Centerville, spent several days here with his mother, Mrs. G. M. Raynor, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Joyner and daughters, Mary and Annie Mae, Rocky Mount, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smith Sunday.

Misses Ruth and Pearle Gupton and Messrs. Corbett Cash and Gus Wester attended the Shrine Circus, Rocky Mount, Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Joseph E. Barnes and daughters Mildred and Dorothy, Raleigh, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fuller and family.

Mrs. Annie Drake and Messrs. Dewey Bachelor and James Stephenson, Castalia, and Miss Mary Coppedge, Red Oak, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Shearin Sunday.

Mr. John Heath visited his sister, Mrs. Robert Huckstep, Emporia, Va., and brother, Mr. L. R. Heath, Petersburg, Va. during the Christmas vacation.

Messrs. Stephen Odom and John Thompson spent the holidays with parents in Areola.

Mr. P. B. Griffin, Louisburg, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gupton and Wilbur Raynor went to Louisburg Monday.

Messrs. Joseph Barnes and —, Jones, Raleigh, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fuller Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norward Joyner and daughters, Annie Mae and Mary, Rocky Mount, were guests of relatives and friends here last week.

Mr. E. H. Wicker and son, Irving, of Sanford, were guests of his daughter, Mrs. W. P. Leonard last week.

Mr. E. J. Fuller went to Henderson Saturday.

Miss Bonnie Dora Fogleman of the school faculty, spent the holidays with parents in Greensboro.

Mr. L. Coleman Denton, who has been on the sick list is greatly improved.

Mr. Ruskin Hunt, Royal, was a visitor here last Tuesday evening.

Up to the Christmas holidays our local gin turned out 1179 bales. The largest bale was ginned for Mr. W. J. Galloway. It weighed 535 pounds.

Rev. Walter C. Ball, Trinity College, Durham, spent the holidays with his father, Mr. J. B. Ball and family.

Miss Aleen Woodburn, of the school faculty, spent the holidays with parents in Elizabethtown.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Raynor and son, G. M. Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Shearin visited Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Shearin and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Raynor, Rocky Mount, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris T. Griffin spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Edenton and Hertford.

Mrs. J. S. Shearin and Messrs. Bunn and Raymond Shearin visited relatives in and around Castalia Friday.

Master Clinton Gupton accompanied Miss Flora Frye home to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Jim Burnett was a guest of Mr. J. B. Burnett, Midway, Saturday.

Misses Jessie Mitchell, Henderson, Ruth Burroughs, Robersonville, and Mrs. Sallie Lancaster, Henderson, were guests of Miss Minnie Lancaster last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Evans and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Burnett have made our village their homes last week. We welcome them.

Messrs. Ed Parrish, Red Bud and father, Mr. William Parrish, Hickory Rock, were visitors here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Leonard have moved into the Taylor home. It gives us great pleasure to know that these good people have decided to remain in our midst this year.

Mr. W. D. Fuller and daughter, Elizabeth, and son, Edgar, visited his mother, Mrs. D. T. Fuller, Moulton, Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Parker, Miss Ruth Parker and Mrs. Cathrine Fields were Warrenton visitors Sunday.

Misses Ruth Parrish, Centerville, and Beulah Cyrus, Louisburg, and Mr. John Robert Montgomery, Spring Hope, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Shearin Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smith spent Christmas day with parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Joyner, Rocky Mount.

Miss —, Clark, Enfield, was a guest of Miss Pearle Gupton Monday.

Mr. Richard Pullen, near Hollister, visited friends here during the Christmas vacation.

It certainly is a fine girl at Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dement's, born Tuesday morning, weighs 10 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Parker, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Mrs. Cathrine Fields, Los Angeles, California, who spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Parker returned to their homes Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Denton and family made Wood their home last week. We are glad to have them in our midst.

Mr. Corbett Cash, Royal, was a visitor here several days last week.

Mr. W. D. Fuller went to Henderson Monday on business.

Mr. Spruill Upchurch was a visitor here Sunday evening.

Miss Irene Gupton who spent the Christmas holidays with parents here returned to her school in Durham Tuesday.

Miss Vera Shearin, Castalia, is visiting Miss Bertha Hamlett.

Misses Minnie, Claude, and Lillian Collins and Minta Gilliam and Messrs. Clinton Gupton, near Louisburg, and Bernard Davis, of White Level, were guests of Miss Odell Thompson Saturday night.

Messrs. Cleary and Harvey Gupton and Kenneth Ayescue went to Skipwith, Va., Sunday.

Miss Mary Ball, Weldon, visited her parents, Mr. J. B. Ball and family during the Christmas vacation.

Mr. L. T. Tucker, Chase City, Va., visited relatives and friends here during the Christmas holidays.

Messrs. M. F. Parker and son, Thomas W. went to Warrenton Wednesday.

Miss Viola Gupton and Messrs. Buddie Gupton and Charles Burnett visited Louisburg Friday.

Miss Lucy Bell Denton spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Harris, Apex.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Galloway spent the Christmas holidays here with parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Galloway and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Denton.

Messrs. J. P. Leonard and Elijah Gupton were Louisburg visitors Monday.

Mr. W. D. Fuller went to Lynchburg, Va., Thursday on business.

Mr. Cleveland Gupton went to Raleigh Monday.

Miss Dell Leonard, Castalia, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pearce and family.

Messrs. Raymond Shearin and Ed-die Gupton who have been spending the holidays with parents here returned to Mars Hill College Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Parker and Mrs. C. Fields went to Louisburg Thursday.

Miss Mary Galloway, Hamlet, was a guest of parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Galloway last week.

Misses Nancy and Annie F. Gupton and Lucy Belle Denton and Messrs. Buddie Gupton and Charles Burnettette went to Warrenton Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Harris and Miss Lola Harris visited Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Denton and family Tuesday.

Misses Emma Leigh and Mary Griffin, Nashville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith during the Christmas holidays.

Lets not forget that when we wish some real music that our Juniors can produce it. We have a right to boast about them when visitors from the Pacific Coast highly commend them. Lets boost and train them. They are justly due the praise we give them.

Miss Lucy Gupton who has holidayed with her family returned to Raleigh this week where she is attending King's Business College.

Some of our "bachelors" must have become afraid of the New Year (?)

W. M. S.

Neve Circle met in the home of Mrs. A. A. Gupton, Dec. 13, 1923.

The following program was rendered: Song—No. 51.

Prayer—by Bertha Burnette.

Bible Study, Ps. 103, 19:22—by Penola Burnette.

The Pioneer Doctor—by Mrs. B. M. Gupton.

The Witch Doctor—by Lella Coley.

Reading, From the all skill and science flow—by Mrs. Charlie Denton.

The Doctor Christmas day—by Mrs. A. A. Gupton.

The Doctor prescription—by Mrs. R. P. Jones.

I will watch over them—by Mrs. J. M. Griffin.

If I be lifted up—by Ida Coley.

Song—No. 11.

Prayer—Penola Burnette.

Present 7, absent 9, new members 1, visitors 4, contribution 60 cents.

Personal service report: Visits to the sick 20, boxes of fruit carried 4, baskets of flowers 4.

Neve Circle will meet next in the home of Mrs. J. H. Radford, Jan. 17th, 1924.

Mrs. Charlie E. Denton, Jr., Chairman.

Our school maintains its pace. In the Fall it received the prize for the best school parade at the Fair.

Recently it was awarded the prize of \$19.00 for having the neatest kept school rooms. Onward Faculty, Patrons and Pupils!

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The Sunday School was the donor of much merriment and feasting on Christmas night, when practically all members of the Sunday School, and quite a number of visitors enjoyed a Christmas Social. This was an event next to Santa Claus' visit of the night before. And Santa was not lacking here, for there he was in all his glory accompanied by Mrs. Santa Claus, and four little Santa Clauses who were kept quite busy for awhile delivering goodies to every one present.

Mr. and Mrs. Galloway and Mr. Leonard were so very generous as to cut, bring, put up, and decorate a beautiful Christmas tree which added much to the splendor of the evening.

The children were entertained first by a Christmas story by Rev. W. C. Ball of Durham, then under the direction of Miss Pearle Gupton we enjoyed a selection by the Wood Mixed Quartette, and a silhouette guessing game which was entered into with a vim by the children, as each picture was one of a familiar person.

Then the children were taken in charge by Mrs. A. A. Shearin, of Centerville, and entertained with stories while the grown people engaged in a contest—naming Bible characters, the highest score being won by Mr. W. C. Ball and Mrs. Alex Wester. They how ever, left the prize to be won by the

Sunday school scholars who made the highest which was Raymond Sturges and Miss Bertha Burnette.

The enlarged pictures of the Calvin Class, Rebecca Class and whole Sunday School were presented to each respective group by Dr. Beam to be hung on the walls of their class rooms.

Among the gifts one of interest was a watermelon grown by Mr. J. M. Wilder, and given by him to Dr. Beam.

Miss Pearle Gupton was the recipient of a beautiful token of esteem from the Calvin Class, which was presented by Mr. Galloway with a very appropriate speech which follows elsewhere.

Miss Gupton also accepted it with very timely words of appreciation.

After the delivery of goodies the benediction was pronounced by Mr. A. A. Shearin.

It was very gratifying to see the children behave so well, for that part of the program was just as good as anyone could expect.

Mr. Galloway's Speech of Presentation

Miss Pearle, I have been chosen by the Calvin Class of the Wood Baptist Sunday School to present you with a little token of our love and esteem, and for the faithful and efficient service which you have rendered, and we hope that you will accept it—not for its intrinsic worth or value—but with the same spirit in which it is given. It is a small emblem of pure gold. It is yours to wear throughout an honorable life and if it is your request, at your death to be placed in the casket with your earthly remains, and when at last, your weary feet shall come to the end of your toilsome journey and when from your nervous grasp shall drop forever, the book of the word of God. May your life and conduct be as pure as this little emblem which I place in your hands tonight—and when your soul shall stand naked, and alone before that great white throne. May it be your portion to hear from Him who sits, as judge supreme, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" we the Calvin Class thank you.

All together now for a good school term this year. Parents lets send our children from the very first to the last day and help our Faculty keep up our excellent record.

Christmas Witnesses Two Accidents On State Highway

Early Tuesday morning as a party consisting of Messrs. Esse and Clyde Gupton and John Leonard were returning home from Centerville on the State Highway between Centerville and Castalia they met with what at first seemed to be a very serious accident. The party were riding in a Ford touring car, Mr. Esse Gupton driving. When going up the hill after crossing Sandy Creek bridge toward Castalia they met a large car which

took the left side of the road. In trying to avoid a collision Mr. Gupton got too near the edge of the fill, the car after the left wheel striking a large boulder turned somersault, demolishing the front wheel top and other damage to the car.

Mr. Esse Gupton received a severe cut on his right hand which required several stitches and minor bruises. Mr. Leonard received a scalp wound of an inch or two in length, while the other occupants received minor bruises and a general shake up.

The following morning a similar accident happened at the same place but on the other side of the road.

It seems that Ford car occupied by Messrs. Charles Burnette and Jesse Williams in coming down the hill from the bridge had to pass between several cars parked on either side of the road where the former accident happened and breaks falling to check the speed of the car in some way turned over the fill pinning the occupants beneath. They were soon rescued by onlookers. Mr. Williams was the most serious injured, receiving several injuries and bruises about the head, including a scalp wound requiring three stitches. Mr. Burnette was bruised slightly about the right shoulder.

If you attended the Sunday School social we know you will truthfully say that you had one of the best times in your lives. Didn't you?

We had a very pleasant Christmas thank you. Hope you did.

B. Y. P. U.

Sunday evening the program for the B. Y. P. U. was set aside on account of absence of leader and a social for the younger people was enjoyed.

The main feature of the evening was a distribution of two boxes sent to those of the Sunbeams who had so gladly entertained Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Body Upchurch of Red Bud on various Sunday afternoons by songs, prayers and talk. These Sunbeams greatly appreciate the thoughtfulness of these people. Their hearts were made extremely glad when they learned that they were remembered at Christmas by these ladies.

This evening closed the quarter. It will be decided soon which group receives the honor of having their picture in the FRANKLIN TIMES and who shall receive the Recorder and TIMES.

New officers will be chosen next Sunday evening. With the beginning of a new quarter if Miss Harper could tell you what she desires, we are sure the Union would renew their zeal for a Standard Union.

BALL-GUPTON

Again the wedding bells rung during the holidays. 'Twas only one week since it ceased ringing for our village. This time it was when Miss Wheelus Gupton became the bride of Mr. Luther Ball. And it was Friday of last week.

The party consisting of the bride and groom, Miss Viola Gupton, sister of the bride, and Messrs. Buddie Gupton and Charles Burnette motored to Louisburg where the nuptial vows were taken in the presence of Mr. A. W. Alston.

The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Gupton here and is a popular and charming member of our younger social set.

The groom, a son of Mr. John B. Ball, is an ex-service man and enjoys a responsible position with W. D. Fuller and Co. here.

As these young people enter upon a new life best wishes and congratulations are theirs from their hosts of friends here and elsewhere.

The roof of the school wood house has been repaired. Thanks to Messrs. Major and Elijah Gupton and W. D. Fuller.

O you Leap Year! Look out Bachelors!

PARKER-BALL

Friday evening, December 21st quite a surprise was sprung upon our village when it was learned that Mr. Mae Parker and Miss Daisy Ball, two of our popular youngsters set had slipped away to Magistrate Shearin at Centerville in answer to an urgent call of Little Dan Cupid. Some hint of Dan's work had been gained by a few intimate friends so these contracting parties hastened the appointed time from Sunday to Friday evening. They were accompanied to Centerville by Miss Bertha Burnette and Mr. John Heath.

Miss Ball is one of our most popular and charming set, being the daughter of Mr. John B. Ball. Attending her popularity is the fact that she is the teacher of the grand class of Dorcas in our Sunday School.

Mr. Parker has been one of us during the past few years and he seems one of our own young men. He holds a responsible position with the Hollister Lumber Co.

To this excellent young couple our best wishes for a long, successful, happy and prosperous life we extend.

INCLEMENT WEATHER LOWERS ATTENDANCE SUNDAY SCHOOL DECEMBER 23.

Last Sunday Closed 1st Quarter—162 Present—Collection \$7.00—Bibles 43

—Star Classes, Attendance, Raymond Class; Collection, General Officers; Bibles, Harper—New Literature Has Arrived—Monthly Reports Next Sunday.

Sunday being a beautiful day brought quite a number out to Sunday School. There were 162 who gathered at the church to enjoy the Christmas spirit and the last Sunday in the first quarter and old year. This was quite more than gathered the preceding Sunday—about seventy more. We are glad that this many attended the last Sunday in the year—but we are extremely anxious for at least 200 to attend next Sunday.

The collection the last two Sundays has fallen short of our expectations but we are glad that our people are con-

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W. D. FULLER

C. B. KEARNEY

WE HOPE YOU HAVE

Had a most enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year and that this may be your best year in health and finances.

Come to see us and we will prove to you that we can save you money by doing business with us. Our stock of merchandise inventoried too many goods on hand and we want to give you advantage in both price and quality.

Remember we have a complete line and can furnish you with almost anything you wish to purchase.

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We are wishing a most pleasant and prosperous year to all and while the year of 1924 is quite new let us resolve to make each day count for good in some life. Remember the SERVICE DRUG CO. is always at your service with a full line of necessities in Drug Supplies and Groceries.

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