

## Mr. Calvin Walker Dines the Fire Boys.

The home of Mr. Calvin Walker, fifteen miles in the country, in Alamance county, but near the Caswell place was the scene of great activity last Sunday, the occasion being a dinner by Mr. Walker, complimentary to the Burlington Fire Boys, their friends and the friends and relatives of Mr. Walker, or Uncle Calvin, as he is generally called by his younger friends and acquaintances. The Fire Boys and their friends hiked themselves out in automobiles, automobile cabs, carriages, buggies and other conveniences of travel, the early arrivals began about 10 a. m., and lasted until about 2 p. m. Those who came late fared as well as those who came early, and there appeared to be as much left as there was consumed. More than seventy-five guests and fifty-five servants were served. The tables were groined under the weight of the most delicious food that a genial host could provide. The day was most pleasantly spent, and every one shouting the praises of Uncle Calvin, and hoping that all present might live a thousand years and meet every year upon a like occasion.

## L. W. Ray Dead.

Mebane, Dec. 20.—L. W. Ray died Thursday night at his home a mile east of here. While he had been a sufferer for years from a form of Bright's disease, Mr. Ray had always been a hard worker till within a week of his death. He was 57 years of age.

Rev. W. E. Swaim, of the Methodist Protestant Church, conducted the funeral services. The interment was in the Presbyterian Cemetery Friday afternoon.

Besides the widow, there survive two daughters, Mrs. Robert Dinger and Mrs. Joseph Shakin, both of Mebane; one sister, Mrs. Calvin Webster, of Durham; and two brothers, Anderson Ray, of Chapel Hill, and G. S. Ray, of Mebane.

## Off Go Official Heads Dockery, Logan, Seawell.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Orders for the removal of Marshals Dockery and Logan and District Attorney Seawell were forwarded to North Carolina by Attorney General McReynolds today. This action was taken as a result of a visit to the Department of Justice by Senators Simmons and Overman this morning. District Attorney Holton will not be removed until the controversy over W. C. Hammer is over. The Attorney General will confer with the President before he formally endorses or declines to endorse Mr. Hammer.

There is however a possibility that Attorney General McReynolds will send the names of Dorth, Winston and Webb to the President early tomorrow and let them go right to the Senate so that they can be confirmed before it takes recess for Christmas. The Observer correspondent was told tonight that Mr. McReynolds would like to do this if he learns that Dockery, Seawell and Logan have been removed.

Unless Judge H. G. Connor, of the Eastern District appoints W. T. Church temporary Marshal and F. P. Winston temporary District Attorney and Judge Boyd Charles A. Webb temporary Marshal of the Western District, the Democratic candidates will not go in until after the holidays. It is expected that Judge Connor will name Messrs. Dorch and Winston to succeed Messrs. Dockery and Seawell. There is some doubt as to whether or not Judge Boyd will name Mr. Webb. Mr. Webb's appointment will likely be deferred for some days.

The indications point to an early settlement of the whole business. Mr. Hammer may go through unless something else comes to block his way. Senators Simmons and Overman demanded immediate action and the Attorney General went as far as he could.

## Celia Ellis Shot Dead While Talking to Her Husband.

Wilson, Dec. 19.—About 7:30 o'clock tonight, while Celia Ellis was sitting by the fire talking with her husband and children, a shot was fired through the window of her room, taking effect in her brain and producing death instantly. The deed was committed on the Applewhite plantation, a few miles from Stantonburg. There is no clue to the perpetrator, but Sheriff Rowe and a posse left immediately to investigate the horror.

## Robert E. Lee Loses His Life in Fire.

Robert E. Lee, who resided at the old Constant Sellers home place, and looked after the home and property, lost his life in a fire which consumed the building in which he was asleep Saturday night. It is reported that upon seeing the fire neighbors went to the house but could not rescue Mr. Lee from the devouring flames. Mr. Lee was about 65 years old and married a Miss Crisp, who died about a year ago. The remains were buried at McCray's, but in order to prove the death by a physician and Mr. K. K. Lively, who has charge of the Virginia Life Insurance Company, at this place, with whom Mr. Lee carried insurance, the remains were removed from the burying place Monday evening.

The property which belongs to Mr. James B. Sellers, of White Plains, N. Y., was valued at about \$2,000. The origin of the fire is a mystery, which will doubtless never be solved.

## Hughey-Pritchett.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 21.—On Wednesday a home wedding, beautiful in simplicity, united in marriage Miss Margaret Florence Hughes and Mr. Edgar Wills Pritchett.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. W. Robinson in the spacious parlor of the elegant colonial home of Dr. J. M. Turner, the bride's uncle. A mass of blooms in pink and white and shaded lights shed a soft radiance as the bridal couple, attended by Mr. and Mrs. James Poindexter, of Elkin, entered to the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, rendered by Miss Nell Rousseau.

During the ceremony "Hearts and Flowers" was softly played. The bride was attired in a going away suit of dark blue, and carried a bouquet of white roses. Mrs. Poindexter was gowned in cream charmeuse and carried pink roses. In the library lovely red and green decorations were gifts of silver, cut glass and linens, which attested the popularity of the couple. The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hughey, of Salisbury; Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Hughey, of Statesville; Miss Mollie Roby, of Elkin; T. H. Cowan, of Nashville, Tenn. An elegant collation was served. After an extended visit South, Mr. and Mrs. Pritchett will make their future home at Elon College.

## Court of Appeals Confirms Judge Boyd in Gaston Bank Case.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 19.—In an opinion by Judge Knapp, of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals today confirmed the decision of the District Court at Greensboro in the case of the City State Bank of Mangum, Oklahoma, against Sheriff McLean, of Gaston County, North Carolina, growing out of this shipment of fifty bales of cotton from Oklahoma.

O. L. Gibbons, a cotton broker of Mangum, sold the cotton to C. W. Cook & Co., of Spartanburg, S. C., for delivery at the Vivian Cotton Mills, Cherryville, N. C. He then drew on the Spartanburg firm in favor of the Mangum bank, but the drawee refused to honor the draft, claiming that it had already directed the sheriff of Gaston County to attach the cotton to cover an indebtedness growing out of a previous transaction which does not appear in the court records.

The lower court, which is now upheld, decided in favor of the Oklahoma bank. The amount involved is about \$3,000.

## Gregg-Boland.

Mr. B. G. Gregg, Jr., of Florence, S. C., and Miss Cal Boland, one of Burlington's fairest young ladies, will be married Wednesday afternoon at 4:15, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. S. G. Boland. Mr. Charles J. Boland, brother of the bride, will sing "Oh, Promise Me." Miss Byrd McClure will preside at the piano. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. J. B. Gible. They will leave on train No. 22 for northern cities. Mr. and Mrs. Gregg will be at home at Florence about January 5th.

## Wyatt-Hayes.

Mr. G. E. Wyatt, of Mebane, and Miss Mary Hayes, the popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hayes, of Mebane Street, will be married tomorrow, Wednesday, at the Methodist Protestant Church, the ceremony to be performed by Rev. Curry. A full account will appear in our next issue.

## Tree Surgeons "Doctor" Trees.

Some of the most interesting work in dealing with nature that has ever been done in Burlington is going on now on the lawns of some of our best citizens. Men who are known as "tree surgeons" and whose business is the "doctoring" of the trees that nature has herself planted, are busily engaged in treating the big trees and in helping them to heal over the wounds which some creatures of humanity have so unmercifully inflicted upon them.

Trees have life the same as human beings, and in some respects are treated as human beings if their full beauty is ever reached, and if they grow to their proper size. It is said that tree surgery does for the trees just what surgery does for the human body. It removes diseased parts and preserves the healthy tissues remaining. Often a valuable tree can be saved with a trifle of expense if the right kind of treatment is given the plant.

The tree surgeons now working on the trees on these lawns are preparing the giant oaks for yet many years of life and service for the people of the town who in their future shall enjoy their hours of recreation on the lawns. Where wounds have been made, the limbs are being sawed off, and the hollow holes filled with concrete. Before the concrete is applied, the holes are disinfected and the outer surface that is to be left exposed is painted and made watertight. The hole is then filled with the concrete mixture, and smoothed over and left for nature to heal. Some of the finest specimens of the work can be seen on the trees that have already been treated, and it is very interesting indeed.

Mr. Leslie M. White, who has charge of the surgery work now going on, is a former student of the noted Dr. Rankin, of Cornell University. He has made a specialty of the work and is well up on the diseases and ailments of trees. He says that many of the trees in the groves will be spared many years longer because of the scientific treatment that is being given them.

This is a comparatively new science and but very little of it has ever been seen in North Carolina. More perhaps than in any other one place may be seen on the Capitol Square in Raleigh, where the big trees in that park were treated by the tree surgeons two or three years ago. Many of the big holes in the trunks of the trees were filled, and in this way it was made easier for nature to heal over the wounds that had been made. There is scarcely any job that the surgeons cannot handle. They climb the trees with the utmost care, refraining from the use of spikes or spurs in order not to scar the bark. Their treatment and care of the trees are very much on the order of the same handling of human beings, only of course, not in any manner so delicate.

## Girl by Mail.

When the mail arrived here this morning postoffice employees were surprised to find in it an 8-year-old girl bearing a tag which had been placed on her by New York immigration officials, reading as follows: "This child, Julia Kohan, is going to her father, John Kohan, Box 117, R. F. D. No. 4, New Lexington, Ohio."

After a breakfast supplied by the postmaster, the child was taken in care of a rural delivery carrier to the home of her father, who lives six miles south of here. The trip of 7,000 miles from Bayaria, was made by her alone.—New Lexington, Ohio, correspondence New York Tribune.

## Vinson-Moore.

A very pleasant wedding came off on the night of December 21, when Mr. William T. Vinson and Miss Rachel Moore were united in wedlock by Elder W. C. Jones. Quite a number of friends were present to witness the ceremony which was performed at the home of Walter Moore on James Street.

We wish for them much pleasure as husband and wife. W. C. J.

## Box Party at Oaks.

The box party at Oaks last Saturday came off a success. There was a large crowd and an enjoyable time. The proceeds amounting to over \$22. This will be used to purchase a library for the school.

## Alamance County School News.

Teachers and people are realizing that it takes more than four walls to equip a school house. Box parties and entertainments are being held all over the county and many school needs are being supplied with the funds realized from these meetings. Each school is urged to keep a strict account of the improvement work done this session. The County Association for the Improvement of Schools will give a number of prizes for improvement work and we hope all schools will enter heartily into the race.

New Union School, Albright's township, had a box party on the 17th of December and raised \$14.35. With this money the school authorities are buying floor-oil, a water tank, blackboards, window shades, a shovel, an axe, and a washpan.

The Woodlawn School had a Christmas tree and an entertainment Friday, Dec. 19th. Everybody had a good time. The Woodlawn people are expecting to add a second room to their school building soon.

The school children at Saxapahaw were treated to a delightful Christmas tree Friday afternoon when the school closed for the holidays.

Deep Creek School, Faucette township, had a box party December 19, and made \$13.80. This money will be used to paint the school house—outside and inside.

Friendship High School gave a most entertaining play Saturday night, Dec. 20. The door receipts amounted to \$14.50.

The women and the girls of the Spring District organized a School Betterment Association on Friday, Dec. 19, and we expect some fine improvement work to be done there. On Friday night the men of the district organized a Country Life Club. This club proposes to meet once a month for the discussion of farm topics. The club expects to work for a Community Fair at Saxapahaw next fall.

Bethel School purchased a globe several days ago.

Long's Chapel School, Pleasant Grove township, had a box party Dec. 20, and raised \$71 for improvement work. This is a small one-teacher school.

The Christmas vacation is a good time for painting and cleaning up the school building and grounds—

"Little beds of flowers,  
Little coats of paint,  
Make a pretty school house  
Out of one that ain't."

## Church Announcements.

There will be services at the Church of the Holy Comforter on Christmas day at 10:30 a. m. The offering will be the regular annual one for the General Clergy Relief Fund. The musical program is as follows:

Processional Hymn, 49—"O, Come All Ye Faithful." Kyrie Eleison—Tours in F. Adeste Fideles.

"Gloria Tibi," Anon.  
Hymn before sermon, 59, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."

Ascription and "Gloria Patri," Robinson in E Flat, (Double).  
Offertory Anthem, "Sing O Heavens," Tours.

"Sanctus," Yield in A.  
Hymn 223, verses 1 and 4.  
"Gloria in Excelsis," Old Chant.  
"Nunc Dimittis," Gregorian.

Recessional Hymn, 51, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."  
Public cordially invited. Pews free. Vested choir.

Rector Revd. John Benner Gible.  
G. Scott-Hunter, Organist and Choirmaster.

## Judge Boyd Signs Decree Dismissing The Observer Case.

Greensboro, Dec. 19.—Judge Boyd in United States District Court today signed a decree dismissing the case of Ambrose E. Gonzales and J. C. Hemphill against D. A. Tompkins, George Stevens, W. H. Wood and the First National Bank of Charlotte, known as The Charlotte Observer case. The plaintiffs were taxed with the costs.

As a conclusion of law the court holds that there was no partnership between the parties and the contract between them is void under the laws of North Carolina.

## Sacred Cantata.

There will be a cantata rendered at Bethel Methodist Protestant Church, Alamance Circuit, in the afternoon of January 10th, 1914, beginning at 2 o'clock.

The proceeds to go toward buying a church organ. Everybody invited.

## New Money System One That Is Far Reaching.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The new bill affecting the currency, banking and finances of the country, which both branches of Congress prepared to pass before adjournment tonight, and which goes before President Wilson for his signature, is one of the most far-reaching measures relating to finance that has been enacted in many years. The magnitude of the subject, the diversity of interests affected and the length of debates in both branches of Congress have made it difficult for the ordinary observer to follow the changes and grasp the essentials of this highly technical measure in its important bearings on money, finance, banking and the entire range of fiscal subjects, public and private, which it affects. With a view, therefore, of presenting succinctly and in non-technical language an epitome of the salient features of the measure as finally framed the following summary is given of the bill as a whole and of its principal details:

Generally speaking, the first steps in bringing into operation the nation's new financial system will be through an organization committee, consisting of the Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of Agriculture and Comptroller of the Currency. Banks have 60 days within which to file their applications for membership in the new system, and one year's time is allowed before the government will compel the dissolution of any national bank that refuses to join.

The new law will make little direct change in the operation of the present national banks, except to allow them to loan a certain amount of their funds upon farm mortgages. Its chief purpose is to add a new piece of machinery to the banking system that will "take up the slack" during the changing business conditions of each year; that will give the banks a place to quickly convert their assets into cash in time of need, and that will bring out new federal currency when it is needed and retire it when money becomes "cheap."

Banks are now required to keep a certain percentage of their deposits as "reserves" part in cash in their own vaults and part of which may be deposited in the banks of New York, Chicago, St. Louis and other designated cities. In times of sudden financial demands, when banks have loaned up to the full limit of their resources, the reserves furnish little relief, because if they are paid out to meet demands the banks are left in a precarious condition.

The basic principle of the new law is to get these reserve funds out into circulation when necessary, without lessening the safety of any bank; and to provide a place to which local banks may rush in a crisis and get cash for the "prime commercial paper" they hold in their vaults.

This is to be accomplished through a chain of regional reserve banks, or "reservoirs of reserves," in which all banks shall deposit a stated part of the money they are required to hold as reserves. Under the new system, when a financial flurry comes, the banks can take commercial paper, such as notes, drafts and bills of exchange, to these "reservoirs" and secure the use of their own reserves, or if necessary even the reserve of other banks, by depositing security.

The new regional banks will receive about one-half of the bank reserves of the country. They, in turn, will be permitted to loan back to the banks all but 35 per cent. of these reserves, so that in case of emergency, millions of cash can be brought out into circulation quickly. The banks will have to pay for these loans, however, as individuals have to pay for a loan from any local bank; and this charge is expected to prevent the too-free use of the reserves held by the regional banks.

A new form of paper currency is also provided for, to come out in case of emergency, and which is expected to go back into the hands of the government when times are normal. These "treasury notes" will be printed by the government and issued through each regional reserve bank, and will bear the guarantee both of the regional bank and the government.

If the demand for currency in any section of the country exceeds the supply, of circulating money, a regional bank can secure this new money from the government and put it into circulation, but a gold reserve of 40 per cent. and commercial paper equal to the full value of the note, must be

## Not Connected With Southern Power Co.

The Twice-A-Week Dispatch, Burlington, N. C.

Dear Sirs: We note in your issue of December 16th, an article with reference to the Piedmont Railway & Electric Co., under title of "Mr. Long's Statement." In the course of this statement it is said "Many people think that the Piedmont Railway & Electric Co., is merely a branch of the Southern Power Co." We would be glad to have you correct this impression through your valuable paper.

The Southern Power Company has no interest in or connection with the Piedmont Railway & Electric Co. Every cent of the money that has gone into this development, from the organization of the company to date, has been put up by the following individuals: J. R. Paschall, C. Boice, Warner Moore and James Mullen, of Richmond, Va.; J. H. Bridgers, of Henderson, N. C.; E. S. Parker, of Graham, N. C. and your fellow-townsmen J. W. Murray and J. M. Cook. These men, after a thorough investigation, believing in the great possibilities of growth of your section, deemed it a god investment to place their money in your territory and they are still satisfied that if they get the cooperation of the communities which the Company will endeavor to serve, they will not have cause to repent their undertaking.

Electric power available at a reasonable price with natural resources in the territory served should result in a steady growth and development of your city and the neighboring territory. Trusting that you will be able to use the information given above, I am,

Yours very truly,  
JAMES MULLEN,  
Secy. Piedmont Railway & Electric Company.  
Richmond, Va., Dec. 19, 1913.

## John R. Coble Found Dead in His Room.

Greensboro, Dec. 23.—John R. Coble, a prominent real estate man of this city, was found dead in bed yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock in his apartments, 334½ South Elm Street. Mr. Coble's death comes very unexpectedly, as he was always in good health, with the exception of the past few days, during which time he suffered a great deal from a severe cold.

Sunday night about 7:30 o'clock a physician called to see Mr. Coble in his apartments. About an hour later R. W. Pickett, who rooms in the Coble building, called to see Mr. Coble, and he states that he did not appear to be in a serious condition at that time.

The death of Mr. Coble was discovered at about 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning, and a physician and County Coroner George L. Stansbury were immediately notified, and they investigated the affair. A coroner's jury, composed of W. J. Sherrod, J. R. Bell, W. J. Mitchell, W. H. Lea, J. B. Minor, and H. F. Watkins, was summoned by Coroner Stansbury after investigating the matter and examining the body they stated that the could find no evidences other than that the deceased came to his death by natural causes.

The remains were carried to an undertaking establishment, where they were prepared for burial, after which the body was removed to the home of Mrs. J. O. Shoffner, 321 Gorrell St., a sister of the deceased. The body will be carried to Mt. Pleasant Church in Greene Township, this morning and the interment will be made this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the church burying grounds.

Mr. Coble has resided in this city for more than 20 years and he was a man of considerable means. He had no immediate family and lived in his own apartments on South Elm Street. He was well known throughout this section of the country and he had numerous relatives in the city and county. He was 48 years of age.

(Mr. Coble was the son of the late Dr. W. A. Coble, who died during the early part of the year. He is well known in Alamance county, the old home being located not many miles from the Alamance Battleground. He was a brother of Mr. C. M. Coble, a groceryman of this city. He leaves another brother, Mr. Thomas Coble, of Hartshorn, and four sisters.—Ed.)

held as a reserve behind each note so issued. This provision is expected to be the influence that will drive the new money back into retirement when it is no longer needed.