

HAPPENINGS IN OUR NEIGHBORING VILLAGES

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS We furnish stamped and self-addressed envelopes free to all our regular correspondents. When you need a supply, let us know and we will send them at once. Give name and address.

LOCUST. Mr. and Mrs. Noah Honeycutt, of Plyer, visited here over the weekend.

Mr. N. J. Carter returned Monday from Raleigh, where he had spent the past week on business.

Mr. Adam Barbee has disposed of his real estate and part of his personal property and will move his family here on the farm of Mr. D. W. Turner.

Mr. A. J. Furr has moved the Barbee store room and annexed it to his store to be used as a warehouse.

LOWER STONE. Mr. George Fisher, of the Cabarrus Motor Company, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Fisher.

The Sunday school at Lower Stone was re-organized on the first Sunday in January, as follows: R. L. Holshouser, superintendent; Ray Brown, first asst. supt.; C. V. Klutz, second asst. superintendent; Glenn Brown, secretary and W. S. Wagoner, treasurer.

Mr. Ray Holshouser, our garage man, is enlarging his garage.

A large crowd attended the Memorial service of Mrs. W. A. Beaver at Emanuel Lutheran Church last Sunday.

Mr. Harry Barnhardt and son, Harry Flowe, who have been sick for several days, are improved.

Miss Lella Cannon, primary teacher of Patterson school, is on the sick list.

Messrs. Marvin Cook and Hubert Smith are spending a few days near Boone, N. C.

Mr. Ross Castor spent Tuesday in Kannapolis.

Miss Meta Castor has an attack of jaundice.

Miss Maggie Lou Castor will be with Mrs. D. B. Castor and family a few months.

Rev. C. A. Brown, of China Grove, spent a few hours with Mrs. Ed. M. Cook Tuesday.

Miss Sarah Kime, of Liberty, N. C., spent several days with her sister, Mrs. D. B. Castor.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Eddleman, of near China Grove, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Eddleman one day last week.

A most delightful occasion was observed on last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. R. M. Cook, on Barrow street, Concord, when the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Cook gave them a miscellaneous shower.

The Lutheran League of Center Grove Church held its last regular meeting last Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The League will hold its regular meeting on Sunday afternoon, January 21st.

WEATHER FORECAST. Fair tonight and Tuesday; colder tonight.

LOCAL MENTION

Mr. Hubert Bost is confined to his home by an attack of la grippe.

Mrs. Eugene Martin is confined to her home with an attack of la grippe.

Miss Katherine Harris, the daughter of Mrs. M. R. Harris, is confined to her home by illness.

Mr. Charlie Walter is able to be out again, after being confined to his home with illness for some time.

Miss Ruth Moore, who has been ill for the past week, is reported today as very much better.

The Virginia Dare Book Club will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. R. E. Ridenhour at her home on West Depot street.

The friends of Mr. L. A. Ridenhour, who has been ill for the past ten days, will be glad to know that his condition is slightly improved today.

Only a few minor cases were on docket for trial in recorder's court this morning, and these cases were of little importance, police officers stated.

The condition of Mrs. L. H. Moose, who has been sick for some time, is slightly improved today.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the White-Parks Mill Company will be held in Concord on Wednesday, January 17, at 2 o'clock at the Calvarius Savings Bank.

Jimmy Morrison and Neva Gerber are the stars in the new Ben Wilson picture, "A Yankee Go-Getter," at the Piedmont theatre today.

Mr. Frank Pounds and Mr. J. Scott Tudor, of Baltimore, left this morning for Greenville and Greer, S. C., on business connected with the Standard Oil Co.

Mr. W. A. Overcash, who will open a men's furnishings store here about March first, left last night for the northern markets.

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Several new officers have been named for the Fred Y. McConnell post of the American Legion.

It is not too late now to make a contribution to the fund for the continuance of the dental clinic in this city for another month.

The January term of Cabarrus Superior Court was resumed this morning, after a week-end holiday.

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TANKS ON RHINE ARE NOT ANXIOUS TO QUIT

Movement Order is a Blow to Coblenz and Citizens Are Grief Stricken, Coblentz, Jan. 11.—Gloom, if not consternation, has descended upon the 1,200 soldiers of the Eighth United States Infantry who are now preparing to bid farewell to this lovely spot on the beasted Rhine.

While the news of the withdrawal of the Americans was officially confirmed only this morning, it was known yesterday through the message of the Associated Press telephoned from Paris and speeded throughout the city.

The world-wide political significance of the departure of the troops, however, is apparently lost to all save the commanding officers.

"We are sorry to see you leave; we do not know how we can do without you, nor what will happen to us soon. We are sorry to see the Americans going, leaving us so excited and at such a dreadful time. However, we trust matters will right themselves, and we wish all the best things to General Allen and his troops."

DARKENING OF VENUS TO OCCUR TOMORROW Astronomers Are Making Plans to Observe Passing of Moon Between the Two Planets.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 12.—Harvard astronomers made arrangements today for observations of the darkening of Venus tomorrow morning when the moon will swing between that planet and the earth.

For those in Jacksonville, New Orleans and Chicago it will begin about 5 a. m.; in Denver an hour later; in Washington at 6:20. New York at 6:45. Here about 7 a. m. San Francisco will see nothing of the spectacle which will take place below the horizon there.

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L. H. NELSON DIED IN RALEIGH THURSDAY NIGHT Was Assistant State Horticulturist.—Death Followed Attack of Pneumonia.

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CLAUDE KITCHIN'S CONDITION IS SAID TO BE SATISFACTORY. Scotland Neck, Jan. 10.—The condition of Representative Claude Kitchin, minority leader of the house, who is seriously ill here with pneumonia was reported at 8 o'clock tonight as satisfactory.

ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL. Washington, Jan. 12.—A standing army of 125,000 enlisted men and 12,000 commissioned officers, the same as authorized last year, is provided for in the army appropriation bill reported today by the House.

About 7,000 species of fish are known to scientists.

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SUICIDE OF DR. GORDON SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

Former Assistant Rector of Fashionable New York Church Shoots Himself. New York, Jan. 12.—Medical Examiner Norris announced today that he intended to conduct an investigation into the tardiness of the police in notifying him of the suicide yesterday of Rev. Dr. Percy Gordon, former assistant rector of fashionable St. Bartholomew's church.

Dr. Norris indicated that on Monday he would call before him the manager of the Hotel Wolcott, where the clergyman was found shot through the head, in the bathroom of his suite; the first patrolman who worked on the case and his lieutenant.

According to the medical examiner he was not notified until nearly five hours after death had occurred. Dr. Norris was unable to advance a motive for the suicide, asserting that he had turned over to the police unopened two letters found in the suite.

Dr. Paris showed a decided disinclination to discuss the case. At the office of the church, a young woman pointed out as the secretary, would only say:

"No statement is to be given out, as Dr. Gordon was no longer connected with the church. It is a very distressing affair."

As mysterious as the motive leading to suicide was the case of Dr. Gordon's resignation. None of the vestry would comment upon it. Nor could anything be learned regarding a letter he was reported to have received in the lobby of the hotel shortly before he went to his suite and shot himself.

Dr. Gordon was separated from his wife for several years. She is reported to be living in Florida. The body was shipped to his old home in Savannah, Ga., tonight.

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AID FOR MOTHERS IS PROPOSED IN NEW BILL

Bill Would Provide Money For Certain Mothers Who Have No Means of Livelihood. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 12.—A bill to provide aid for mothers who are mentally, morally and physically able to care for their children, but who are financially unable to do so will be proposed to the general assembly by various civic and fraternal organizations in the state including the North Carolina Legislative Council of Women with the approval of the state board of charities and public welfare.

It was announced here today. Such aid will mean the annual expenditure of \$100,000 by the state and the sever- of \$100,000 not to be separated from the state appropriate \$50,000 a year from which appropriations made by the counties which take advantage of the bill will be matched dollar for dollar. It will be permissive with the several counties whether use is made of such provision.

There are now approximately 3,000 in the state who are in need of the benefits of such legislation and for whom there is no room in the orphanages of the state, declared Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, commissioner of public welfare. The whole idea of a mother's aid law is that the home is the most satisfactory place for the rearing of the child and that mother and child should not be separated for reasons of poverty only, it was explained.

It is generally admitted, the commissioner said, that institutional life, however good, can never be as advantageous for the development of the child as normal home life.

No new machinery will be required for the administration of mother's aid in North Carolina, according to the commissioner, as the fund would be administered by the state board of charities and public welfare through the county welfare officers acting under their respective boards of the county commissioners.

Recommendations for the benefit under this law would be made by the judge of the juvenile court and the county board of public welfare subject to the approval of the state board of charities and public welfare after investigation.

North Carolina is one of six states only which at present have no form of mother's aid. The idea is steadily growing in popularity, understanding and execution. The law differs in different states as to the requirements for the mother who shall receive aid. In the proposed law for the state a mother shall be eligible for benefits if she be a widow or divorced or deserted, if it be found impossible to require the husband to support her, or the husband is found to be mentally or physically incapacitated to support his family, or if he is confined to any penal or eleemosynary institution, provided no relative is able and willing to undertake to aid the woman efficiently. The beneficiary must also have been a resident of the state for three years and of the county one year. Each case will require a thorough investigation and constitute a particular problem and it is here that the careful supervision of the state board of charities and public welfare will be of special value.

An interesting system of mother's aid is being used at present by Rev. M. L. Kesler, superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville. Mr. Kesler has been administering mother's aid to more than 150 families and has expressed his opinion that much better work can be done when families are kept intact.

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