

NEIGHBORING VILLAGES HAPPENINGS IN OUR

WE had a good sermon at Oak Ridge Baptist Church Sunday, the 16th, by our pastor, Rev. T. C. Stallings. He preaches the gospel. Everybody comes out to hear him. We have services the first and third Sundays at 11 a. m. and Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. Come out and bring some one with you. The young ladies of the Sunday school gave a box supper at the school house Saturday night for the benefit of the church. They realized \$27.00 or more.

CHINA GROVE ROUTE ONE.

Christmas is almost here and we are looking forward to Santa Claus' coming. Miss Myrtle Karrikor spent the week-end in Kannapolis and near Mooresville with relatives and friends.

PINE BLUFF SCHOOL.

A most delightful birthday party was given Saturday night by Misses Carrie and Vera Mabrey, in honor of Miss Irene Black. After many interesting games had been played the guests were invited into the dining room, where cake, custard, pickles and fruit were served. The guests left wishing Miss Black many more happy birthdays.

SCHOOL BOY.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. Lonnie Yow Saturday night and took away his beloved wife. She leaves to mourn her departure her husband and a little baby. Mrs. Yow was loved by all who knew her, and will be greatly missed. The bereaved family has our deepest sympathy.

LOCUST.

Mr. Paul Reinhardt has moved here into the house with his sister. He will be to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Barbee on Saturday morning, December 15, a daughter, Mary Belle. Mrs. D. C. Haughm, of Oakboro, is spending a few days here with her sister, Mrs. R. W. Barbee. A surprise dinner was given Mr. Jno. L. Turner last Tuesday at the home of his son, Mr. J. E. Turner, in celebration of his 84th birthday. Mr. Turner appeared and enjoyed the good things to eat and also having his children and other relatives with him.

CODDLE CREEK.

Our school is progressing nicely with Mrs. Oney Penninger as teacher. Mrs. Penninger has planned to have the Christmas exercises December 22nd, and also to have a Christmas tree and everybody is invited to bring their presents and put them on the tree.

U. S. NOT TO NEGOTIATE WITH SOVIET RUSSIA

Secretary Hughes Says America Not Proposing "to Barter Away Its Principles." Washington, Dec. 18.—Secretary Hughes informed Russian Soviet officials today in a statement transmitted through the American consul at Reval "that there would seem to be at this time no reason for negotiations" with the soviet government such as suggested in the message from the soviet foreign minister yesterday at the White House. The Secretary's statement said that the American government "is not proposing to barter away its principles."

The biggest store in the world under one roof is in Moscow. It is a gigantic department store or bazaar, under a thousand different heads selling all kinds of goods and carrying on every kind of business.

LOCAL MENTION

The choir of Central Methodist Church will have practice tonight at 7:30 o'clock. There will be the regular services at Trinity Lutheran Church in No. 4 township Sunday, December 23rd. The condition of Mrs. C. O. Earnhardt, who has been critically ill for the past four weeks with rheumatism, is reported today as unchanged. The condition of Mrs. B. F. Rogers, who has been ill for several days, is reported today as improved. Mrs. Rogers is now able to sit up for a short period of time each day.

ROBERTA.

There will be a Christmas exercise at the Roberta Baptist Church on December 25, 1923, in charge of Mr. R. C. Osborne and Mr. S. S. Dulin. The public is cordially invited. The exercises will begin at 6:30 o'clock.

BROWN EYES.

The condition of little Deris Easley is improved. The condition of Mrs. Correll Smith is not much improved.

NO. 10 TOWNSHIP.

Christmas will soon be here. Everyone seems to have the Christmas spirit. The farmers were never in better shape to provide things that will be necessary to fulfill the expectations of the little ones.

CONCORD ROUTE THREE.

Barrier school is progressing nicely with Mr. A. M. Penninger as principal and Miss Ruth Brantley as assistant. Mr. J. Fred Barnhardt is remodeling his home on Route 3.

Bluefield.

A message received Thursday from Mr. C. B. Suther of Bluefield, W. V., states that Mrs. Suther (nee Miss Eulah Bost of Bost Mill) has entered a hospital there and had submitted on the second operation. She was resting better today, the message stated. Friends here were not advised of the trouble. Her little daughter, Hazel, also has had her tonsils removed at the same hospital.

Abandonment of Cotton Acreage Doubles in a Year.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Cotton acreage abandoned after June 25th this year amounted to 4.6 per cent. as compared with 2.9 per cent. last year and 3.7 per cent. in 1921. The Department of Agriculture announced today. The area picked was announced as 37,420,000 acres. The per cent of abandoned acreage by state was announced as follows: Virginia 0.5 per cent.; North Carolina 0.5; South Carolina 2.0; Georgia 11.0; Florida 15.0; Alabama 3.5; Mississippi 8.1; Louisiana 4.0; Texas 2.0; Arkansas 5.0; Tennessee 4.5; Missouri 10.0; Oklahoma 8.0; California 1.0; Arizona 3.0; and New Mexico 14.0.

LAW REGARDING SLOT MACHINES, PUNCHBOARDS, ETC.

Bill Introduced by Representative From Cabarrus and the Law Is Statewide. It is now a violation of law to operate slot machines, punch boards, or other gambling devices anywhere in the State. This bill was introduced in the House at the last session of the General Assembly by Representative J. B. Sherrill, of Cabarrus, and became a law March 3, 1923. It is as follows: Chapter 138—An act to make the operation or the possession for the purpose of operation of a slot machine, punch-board, or other gambling device, a misdemeanor. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact: Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to operate, keep in his possession or in the possession of any other person, firm or corporation, for the purpose of being operated, any slot machine that shall not produce coin or give to the person who inserts coin or money, or the representative of either, the same return in market value each and every time such machine is operated by placing money or coin or the representative of either of them. Section 2. Each time said machine is operated as aforesaid shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 3. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to operate or keep in his possession, or the possession of any other person, firm or corporation, for the purpose of being operated, any punch-board, machine for vending merchandise, or other gambling device, by whatsoever name known or called, that shall not produce for or give to the person operating, playing or patronizing same, whether personally or through another, by paying money or other thing of value for the privilege of operating, playing or patronizing same, whether through himself or another, the same return in market value, each and every time such punch-board, machine for vending merchandise, or other gambling device, by whatsoever name known or called, is operated, played or patronized by paying money or other thing of value for the privilege thereof. Section 4. That each time said punch-board, machine for vending merchandise, or other gambling device, by whatsoever name known or called, is operated, played, or patronized by the paying of money or other thing of value therefore, shall constitute a separate violation of section four (4) as to operation thereunder.

Section 5. That a violation of any of the provisions of this act shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine or imprisonment, or in the discretion of the court, by both. Section 6. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are, to the extent thereof, hereby repealed. Section 7. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this 3rd day of March, A. D., 1923.

Guimares Sentenced to Prison

New York, Dec. 18.—Albert E. Guimares, a central figure in the investigation of the murder of Dorothy King, today was sentenced to Atlanta for three years after he had declared he had resorted to swindling operations in order to keep the affections of a woman on whom he had spent \$60,000.

King George is Five Feet Seven Inches in Height.

Nothing is more profitable than preparation. Two million men, according to estimate, are employed in the woods, mines, and factories of the United States in producing materials used directly or indirectly by the railroads.

ROTARY MEETING

Members of High School Football Team Guests of the Club. The regular weekly meeting of the Concord Rotary Club was held at the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday at noon. President Sam Rankin, presiding. The meeting was opened with prayer, after which there was a song. The members of the Concord high school football team, Manager Brown and Messrs. McLeod and Moore, of the faculty of the school, were the guests of honor. Other guests introduced were: Harper Erwin, Jr., of Franklinton, by A. G. Odell, and Lewis Thomason, of the Charlotte Rotary Club. Chairman Maury Richmond, of the program committee, announced that the meeting next week would be in charge of the business methods committee, Frank Niblock, chairman, and the meeting two weeks hence in charge of Wayne Banks. John M. Olesby was program chairman and introduced the members of the football team after which short talks were made by Captain Aubrey Hoover, Jr., Manager Brown, and Messrs. McLeod and Moore. The speakers thanked the Rotarians for supporting the football team and taking an interest in the affairs of the school and made an earnest plea for closer co-operation between business men and the work of the high school students and faculty. At the conclusion of the program the Rotarians made a donation to the football team.

Make Christmas Season of Joy.

The committee of Kings Daughters making preparation for the big White Christmas states that on account of weather conditions many extra calls are being made for Old Santa and that the needs of a greater support for the Christmas baskets is more than last year. Several nice donations have been received from farmers living out of the city and it is hoped that the good people of Concord will not let this opportunity slip to send in without delay their contributions to the Kings Daughters in order that they may have ample funds to send a real White Christmas into every need home. The distribution will be made from the Y. M. C. A. next Monday afternoon and the time is very short in which to make this free will offering. We want to sing the beautiful Christmas carols around the tree, but unless the public responds generously it will be with heavy hearts, for no White Christmas is complete without the spirit of giving and giving generously to those not able to do for themselves.

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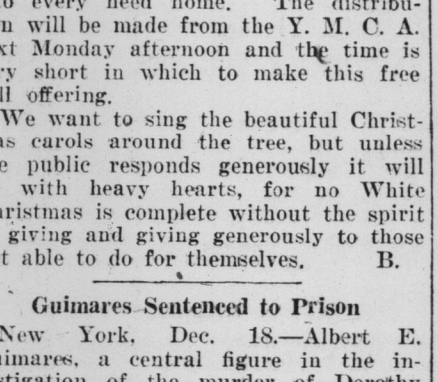
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