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## IVE LETTER

Three Christmas Trees Being Arranged For By the Churches

## COMMUNITY TREE

Warehouses To Close Dec. 21—School Closes Dec. 15—New Teacher For School—Birthday Party For J. W. East—Other News.

Walnut Cove, Dec. 13.—The various Sunday Schools are arranging for Christmas entertainments and all of them will have their services prior to Christmas day. The Episcopal church has arranged for Thursday night, Dec. 21, Baptist Friday night, Dec. 22 and the Stokesburg M. E. church for Saturday night, Dec. 23. A move is on foot to have a community tree for the entire vicinity on Sunday night, Dec. 24. If arranged for this tree will be prepared with care and will be brilliantly illuminated with electricity. If the weather is fair it is planned to have it at some convenient place in the open and if not fair it will probably be placed in the warehouse. The community at large will be invited to use the tree for the exchange of gifts. If the affair is carried out Santa Claus has consented to be present and the entertainment of both young and a real Christmas spirit will prevail.

The school at this place will close on Friday, Dec. 15, and the teacher will be on Monday, Jan. 1. It is expected that practically all of the faculty will spend the winter at their respective homes. Prof. Rhyme is expected to leave for Scotland Neck; Miss Leister at Fallston; Miss Adams at Red Shoals; Miss Nixon at Tensell, and Mrs. Wall at Andrews.

At a recent meeting of the county board of education it was ordered that an extra teacher be added to the faculty of the high school here. This action was taken on account of the unusually large attendance this year, practically all of the children being enrolled. The new teacher has not yet been chosen but will be selected in time for the opening of school on the first of the year. The new board of read-commissioners for Sauratown township, Messrs. A. A. Miller, M. E. Smith and Dr. E. Fulp, met at their offices at the Bank of Stokes County for the purpose of perfecting the organization. Dr. E. Fulp is the chairman of the board.

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## MRS. TAZ SHEPPARD PASSED AWAY MONDAY.

Was the Mother of J. A., C. H., E. C., Z. R. and J. R. Sheppard—The Deceased Was More Than Eighty Years of Age.

Mrs. Taz Sheppard, an aged and highly respected lady who resided near Lawsonville, passed away Monday night about nine o'clock after a lingering illness following a stroke of paralysis.

The deceased was more than eighty years of age and is survived by several sons and daughters, her husband having preceded her to the grave a number of years since. The surviving sons and daughters are Messrs. J. A., C. H., E. C., and Z. R. Sheppard, and Mrs. Willie Moore, of Stokes; Mr. J. R. Sheppard, of Williston, N. D., and Mrs. Charlie Joyce, of Guilford, all of whom are excellent men and women.

The funeral and interment will take place today at the old home place, the family burying ground being near the home of the deceased. Elder J. A. Fagg, of Walnut Cove, has been requested to preach the funeral.

## THE QUICKSTEP CO.

Stockholders Meeting of this Well Known Company On Dec. 30.

OVER 500 MEMBERS

Service Fee of \$3.00 Is Charged All Members Who Have Telephones—Large Attendance Expected At Meeting.

The annual meeting of the more than five hundred stockholders of the Farmers Quickstep Telephone Company has been called for December 30th, 1916, at the Tabernacle in King. From the fact that this company has so many stockholders and the meetings are always so largely attended the occasion is always looked forward to with pleasure.

This year the company is assessing each stockholder \$3.00, with the privilege of deducting fifty cents if the assessment is paid before Jan. 1st. In addition to this assessment there will be a considerable amount of money turned into the treasury from tolls collected by the various switchboards and members who have telephones.

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## CORN CLUB DAY TO CLOSE DEC. 20

Forty Or More Thoroughbred Pigs To Be Given the Prize Winners.

AT DANBURY, DEC. 21

Several Addresses To Be Delivered and A Large Attendance Is Very Much Desired—County Agent Holt Getting Things In Readiness.

County Farm Demonstrator W. P. Holt is a busy man these days securing the final reports from the one hundred and seventy members of the Corn Club and otherwise getting things in readiness for the meeting of the Corn Club members in Danbury on December 21st.

It was stated yesterday by Mr. Holt that in addition to the various other prizes to be offered the winners in the Corn Club's contest there will be forty or more thoroughbred pigs given away. These pigs will be worth from \$10 to \$15 each.

There will be an address on the Farm Loan act, as well as one or two addresses on agriculture in general, and the farmers of the county are urged to come out and hear these addresses.

Every member of the Corn Club is expected to be present and the ladies are cordially invited to attend also. If reasonably good weather prevails there will no doubt be a large attendance.

## New Deputy Sheriffs.

Sheriff S. P. Christian Saturday swore in Deputy Sheriffs for Meadows and Big Creek townships, as follows: Jas. H. Baker, of Germantown Route 1, and T. M. Smith, of Francisco. Mr. Baker is a son of Mr. Frank Baker, who was killed by Jesse Smith of Smithtown some 30 years ago. He is a successful young farmer, and a good man. Mr. Smith is a son of the late Drue Smith of Francisco, who has been dead some years. Both of these boys are made out of the right kind of stuff, and will prove good officers.

## Mr. E. O. Caudle Finds His Automobile

About a week since, Mr. E. O. Caudle, of Rural Hall, who is a former Stokes citizen, had his automobile stolen. The machine and the three men who are charged with its theft, were found at Abbington, Va., Monday. The men are John Childress, Royal Wilson and Rufus Robinson, and the three are now in Forsyth county jail. Mr. Caudle went to Abbington and identified his car.

## Confederate Reunion In Washington June 4.

New Orleans, Dec. 11. William E. Mickle, adjutant general of the United Confederate Veterans, announced tonight that the week beginning June 4 had been decided upon as the date for holding the 1917 reunion of the veterans in Washington, D. C.

## Hon. J. C. Buxton III.

Hon. J. C. Buxton, of Winston-Salem, is quite ill at his home, and has been confined to his room for several weeks. Mr. Buxton has many friends in Stokes who will regret to learn of his illness.

## Winston-Salem Warehouses Decided On This Date Saturday.

OPEN AGAIN JAN. 2

Walnut Cove Market Will Close On Thursday, Dec. 21.—Sales the Past Week Averaged Nearly Nineteen Cents.

At a meeting of the Tobacco Board of Trade at Winston-Salem Saturday it was decided to close the warehouses there for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday, Dec. 20th, and to open again on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd.

The Walnut Cove warehouses will close on Thursday, December 21st, for the holidays and will open again on January 2nd.

During last week the sales on both the Winston-Salem and Walnut Cove markets were large and prices good. The Winston-Salem market sold during last week 1,065,682 pounds of the weed at an average price of \$18.94.

A great deal of tobacco has passed through Danbury so far this week and there are good breaks on the markets at this writing.

There seems to be a difference of opinion as to the amount of tobacco in the hands of the farmers yet, the different estimates ranging all the way from one-tenth to one-fourth of the crop.

## MR. V. B. HUMPHREYS.

Father of Mr. J. D. Humphreys, of Danbury, Passed Away Yesterday At His Home Near Reidsville.

A telephone message received at Danbury early this morning told of the death of Mr. V. B. Humphreys at his home near Reidsville, in Rockingham county, last night about 10 o'clock. Mr. Humphreys had been ill for some time, but his death was not expected, as he had recently been improving some and the news of his passing away was a severe shock to his relatives and friends.

The deceased was the father of Mr. J. D. Humphreys, of Danbury, and Mr. Humphreys left here early today to attend the funeral and burial.

Of his immediate family Mr. Humphreys is survived by his wife, three sons and one daughter, as follows: Messrs. J. D. Humphreys, of Danbury; Ira and Thomas Humphreys, of Reidsville, and Mrs. Thomas Stewart, of Evansville, Ind.

The deceased was a high-toned and most excellent old gentleman, and was greatly loved by a host of friends. He was in his seventy-fifth year and was an old Confederate Veteran, having served throughout the civil war. He was a prominent member of the Missionary Baptist church.

The interment was made this afternoon at Lebanon church burying ground, right near the home of the deceased.

## Schedules Changed.

The schedule of the trains of the Southern railway between Mt. Airy and Greensboro were slightly changed Sunday. Trains now pass Walnut Cove at the hours mentioned:  
Going west 9:08 a. m.  
" east 10:15 a. m.  
" east 5:34 p. m.  
" west 6:29 p. m.

## Rawles-Crumpler.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Crumpler of Germantown have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Iris Lorene Crumpler, to Mr. Fletcher H. Rawles of Preston, Cuba, the wedding to take place in the early spring.

Messrs. Tilley and Choate were in town Saturday evening with a drove of stock. Mr. Tilley is of Smith, this county, Mr. Choate of Grayson county, Va. They have been trading together for years, and are well known to the people of the county and of creditable standing as business men.

## FIVE MILLIONS SURPLUS SHOWN BY DEPARTMENT

Postmaster General Burleson's Report Shows 12 Millions Surplus In Three Years.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Postmaster General Burleson's annual report—issued Friday—declares there was a postoffice department surplus of \$5,200,000.00 during the past year and enumerates as among the year's accomplishments improvement of the parcel post, extension of city and rural deliveries, and the development of postal savings system.

A surplus of \$12,500,000.00 is shown, says the report for three years of the four the administration has been in office, and it calls attention to deficits under previous administrations.

## \$1.50 A YEAR

Danbury Reporter Advances Subscription Price From this Date Owing to Largely Increased Cost of Paper.

From and after this date the subscription price of the Reporter will be \$1.50 a year instead of \$1.00.

This advance is made necessary owing to the increased cost of white paper, which has advanced nearly 300 per cent. We are carrying a large list of subscriptions at \$1.00, but all new subscriptions and renewals will be on the basis of \$1.50.

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## Good Response To Appeal For Mr. Tom Lawson

In response to the appeal for funds for a cork leg for Mr. Tom Lawson in last week's Reporter the following have kindly contributed the amounts named below:

- Mrs. of Hawger Limbs, \$10.00
  - Danbury Sunday School, 2.10
  - Ladies Prayermeeting, 1.30
  - A friend from Winston, .50
  - Rev. O. P. Routh, .50
  - Mr. R. F. Joyce, 1.00
  - Mr. B. F. Jester, .50
  - Mr. T. W. Fleming, .50
  - Mr. F. E. Ptree, 2.00
  - Rev. C. H. Hutcherson, 1.00
- On behalf of Mr. Lawson I wish to thank every one who has been so prompt.

Others have promised for which we are also thankful.

In His name,  
(MRS.) J. SPOT TAYLOR,

## Keiger-McGee.

Invitations have been issued reading as follows:  
Mr. and Mrs. Hardin McGee request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of their daughter Maude to Dr. Cyrus Clifton Keiger on Thursday afternoon, December 28, at half after two o'clock at home in Germantown, N. C.

The Stokes jail has been entirely without a prisoner since the October term of Superior court, with the exception of about one week during which time a deranged colored man was confined there for safe keeping. He was taken out the past week and sent to the insane asylum for the colored at Goldsboro. The residence part of the jail building is also empty. It has not been learned who will be the next jailor.

Mr. R. H. R. Blair, who recently consulted a specialist in regard to his eyes, is not much improved, we regret very much to know.

## E. W. KISER ARRESTED

Sheriff Christian Returned Yesterday From Richmond With Stokes Man.

## PLACED IN JAIL

Wanted Here On Charge of Obtaining Money Under False Pretense—Escape From Death By Gas Last Week.

Sheriff S. P. Christian returned yesterday from Richmond, Va., bringing with him E. Wheeler Kiser, who is wanted here on the charge of obtaining money under false pretense. Kiser was placed in Stokes jail where he will be held until the next term of Stokes Superior court unless he furnishes bond in the sum of \$200.00.

It will be recalled that a dispatch from Richmond last week told of Kiser's narrow escape from death in a boarding house in that city when he blew out the gas and was almost asphyxiated. The clue to his whereabouts was obtained through this item of news and Sheriff Christian immediately wired the Richmond authorities to hold Kiser on the charge mentioned above.

The Sheriff stated that the physicians of the Richmond hospital in which Kiser was treated said that his recovery was remarkable in that he slept in a close room with the gas jet open from nine o'clock at night until six o'clock next morning while much less time than this almost invariably causes death. Kiser regained consciousness about 12 hours after being found.

## LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. Jas. H. Baker, of Germantown Route 1, was a Danbury visitor Saturday. Mr. Baker stated that he had sold only one barn of his large crop of tobacco, however, he expects to put some of it on the market this week.

Sixty million people in the United States are living under prohibition; more than 85 per cent. of the area of the United States, not counting Alaska, is dry; and at the same time production of distilled liquors is on the increase.

Dr. C. S. Foster and Dr. Jas. S. Anderson, both of Pittsburg, Pa., arrived here Sunday to spend some time hunting. They are stopping at the McClellan Hotel. These gentlemen have a trio of very fine bird dogs with them.

Mr. J. F. Hartgrove, of Mizpah, last week made probably the best all around sale of tobacco that has been made in this section of the State. He sold with the New Warehouse at Walnut Cove 5,005 pounds of tobacco for \$1536.59, an average of \$30.70.

Register of Deeds J. C. Carson spent Sunday at his home at Germantown, returning here Monday morning. Two of the small children of Mr. Carson are suffering with measles. Germantown and vicinity has recently had an epidemic of measles, probably seventy-five or a hundred cases being reported.

News is received here of the burning of the dwelling of Mr. Luther McKinney of Gap. Mr. McKinney lived with his mother, and their home was a nice one, worth probably \$1,500. It is said they had no insurance. The Reporter joins the many friends of Mr. McKinney in sympathy over his loss.

Messrs. H. McGee and W. D. Browder, prominent citizens of Germantown, and members of the Meadows township road commission, were in town a short while late Thursday evening on business. They traveled in Mr. Browder's car. Messrs. McGee and Browder are among Stokes county's biggest tax-payers.