

Local and Personal

Miss Sallie Martin and her friend, Miss Margaret R. Smith, have come from Hollis Institute to spend the holidays. Miss Smith's parents are in Panama. Miss Ruth Abernethy from Salem Academy and Miss Mary Shuford from St. Mary's school are also at home for Christmas vacation.

Dr. W. P. Beall, of Greensboro, renewed acquaintance with old friends in town this week. He had been summoned to Lenoir in consequence of the illness of his aunt Mrs. G. W. F. Harper.

Mr. R. L. Gwynn of Lenoir was in town Wednesday.

Parents who visited the Grade School Friday were much gratified by the progress of the children and one mother proudly announced on returning home "Johnnie was the prettiest and sweetest looking boy in his grade." The other mothers doubtless make the same remark about Tommie, Jimmie, Frank and Willie.

Mrs. H. D. Abernethy's Kindergarten gave a very interesting entertainment to parents and visitors Friday afternoon. Little Alice Ciley led the march of the fairies.

The friends of Mrs. Bettie A. Folk, of Lenoir, are much concerned about her serious illness. She is the widow of the distinguished and astute lawyer, Col. George N. Folk, whose death some years ago marked a great loss to the Bar of the State. Mrs. Folk is an Aunt of Hon. W. B. Council of this town and of Mrs. Emma Taylor. We hope to hear encouraging news of Mrs. Folk's condition. She is widely known as a brilliant, high-spirited, kind-hearted lady.

Miss Eva Moody has returned from St. Mary's College, Raleigh, to spend the holidays with her parents.

Misses Mattie Abernethy and Pinkie Forney who have been in school at the State Normal College, Greensboro are at home to spend Christmas.

Mr. V. W. Miller of The Democrat force, will leave today for Elkin to spend Christmas with his mother.

Mr. Chas. W. Hendrix, spent a few days in the city last week the guest of Mr. V. W. Miller. Mr. Hendrix has been in school at Mars Hill and was on his way to Elkin to spend the holidays with home people.

Mr. H. A. Bolick, Conover, R. F. D. No. 3 offers for sale three tracts of fine farm lands near in, much of it timbered.

Messrs Weston Clinard and Roscoe Mouser from the University at Chapel Hill, are spending the holidays with their parents in this city.

Mr. Frank McComb who is in school at A. & M. is in the city to spend Christmas.

Mr. O. Glenn Henkel who is in school at Mebane will spend the holidays here with home people.

Mr. C. C. Fultor, resident engineer, of the city street improvement and Construction force, leaves today for Dover, Del. to spend the holidays with his parents.

Dr. W. P. Beall, of Greensboro, who had been in attendance upon his aunt, Mrs. G. W. F. Harper at Lenoir during her last illness, came down on the 15th inst. to meet his wife who was going to the funeral.

Mrs. Rufus L. Gwynn was down from Lenoir on Wednesday, the 15th inst.

Mr. Hugh Torrance, of Charlotte, was a visitor to the city last week.

"A rollicking rush of rampaging revelry" is promised for the Fiddler's convention at Morganton on Dec. 27 and 28 at the auditorium. It is for the benefit of the Confederate Soldier's monument fund and fiddlers are expected from Burke, McDowell, Caldwell, Catawba and other counties. Prizes will be given for best fiddlers, banjo pickers and clog dancers.

Mr. Harrison Huggins of Lenoir was in town this week visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. J. P. Cook, the editor of the Uplift, and chairman of the board of trustees of the Stone-wall Jackson Reformatory at Concord, paid the Democrat a visit last week.

If any one reading this, will place a free-will offering in the hands of M. Abernethy, of Newton, Box 107 before Friday night, Dec. 24th, he will take it in the shape of a treat, to the inmates of the "County Home" on Christmas day. Turn to, and read Mathew 25-40, then Mathew 25-41, then decide. If you fail meet the one above named before the 24th just put your contribution in an envelope (in the form of a little bill or check) and mail to him.

Mr. Nolan Sigmon came in today from Mars Hill College. He will spend his Christmas vacation at home, and at the Rev. Mr. Stringfield's. Returning to resume his work in school the first of the year.

The subject of Dr. Murphy's sermon next Sunday morning will be "The gifts we bring to Jesus."

Mr. W. B. Hickey, of Spruce Pine is spending the holidays here with his daughter, Mrs. Dellinger.

Miss Margaret McComb is home from the Presbyterian College at Chorlette to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Kirschbaum is here this week from Chorlette till after the Christmas holidays.

Mr. R. E. Ingold is home for the holidays from Atlanta where he is attending the Atlanta Dental College.

J. P. Rawley, of the Charlotte Observer, was a business visitor in the city Tuesday.

A colored woman, wife of Luther Whitener, was found dead in bed from heart failure Monday morning.

A colored woman, one of whose boys had smallpox skipped out Tuesday while Dr. Blackburn was looking for a way to transfer the child to a place of quarantine. A searching party was immediately instituted.

Mr. C. C. Bost who has been in school at the A. & M. is spending the holidays here with home people.

Miss Clara Bowles, who is attending the Statesville Female College is at home for Christmas.

Lost—Fountain Pen. Reward, Whitener & Martin.

"Along the Kennebec."

"Along the Kennebec," a New England comedy, comes to the Hickory Opera House Tuesday, December 28th. The play is now in its third successful season and has met with popular approval wherever presented, and has been used as a text by two ministers in their sermons. The play is full of comedy hits. It is a comedy that a girl or woman can laugh at and not blush at the same time. The burlesque duel scene in the third act between Zeke Dasher and Bunlick Tubbs is said to be one scream from start to finish and five other comedy characters keep the audience in a happy frame of mind. All special scenery is carried for the production, and it is said to be strictly a scenic production from first act to last.

BERGTHOLD-KINZER.

A Blowing Rock Romance Culminates in a Happy Marriage.

A romantic episode which united two lives in a happy marriage culminated in the holly-decorated Manse of the Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon, when Miss Inez Kinzer, of Newbern, and Mr. J. W. Bergthold, of Raleigh, were wedded.

The ceremony in which the ring was beautifully performed by Rev. J. G. Garth, former pastor of the bride at Newbern. The bride is an old friend of the pastor and formerly visited at his home here. She wore a handsome going-away gown of noutard with hat to match and carried bride's roses. A handsome couple surely never stood before a minister to take the solemn vows. Mr. J. D. Kinzer, brother of the bride, was present, along with a party of friends from the city.

The marriage is the last chapter of a trip to Blowing Rock by a party of young people from this city a year or so ago. Mr. Bergthold is secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at A. & M. College in Raleigh, and he and Mrs. Bergthold will go to house keeping at once.

Nice candies, nuts, oranges and lots of other delicious things for Christmas. Willis' Cafe.

The Week in the Women's Clubs.

Miss Geitner entertained the Hickory Book Club Wednesday, December 15th. After the usual program of quotations, discussion of books read and current events, the hostess spoke very interestingly in detail of her book, "Queen of the Rushes," by Raine, a Welsh story. The social part was emphasized a round the festive board with its suggestion of the approaching Christmas season, in the good cheer the crimson glow of candlelight holly and mistletoe. Adjournment to the New Year January 5th.

Thursday, Dec 16, Miss Person was the hostess of the Travellers' Club. Mrs. Beard and Mrs. Winter of New York were guests of the Club. After quotations on "Music," all enjoyed Miss Essie Seagle's fine Synopsis of the Merchant of Venice, the play for the day. Mrs. Chadwick presented a study of Portia with several illustrative readings for the play. Two trios by Calcott were sung by Mesdames J. H. Shuford, E. Chadwick and W. L. Abernethy the casket song, "Tell me where is fancy bred," and "How sweet the moonlight sleeps upon this bank." After current events, the genial hostess served a profusion of fruit as refreshments which closed a delightful evening. The next meeting will be January 6th with Mrs. Royster.

An unusually pleasant meeting of the Round Dozen Book Club was held with Mrs. Bost on the 15th of December a round Dozen in attendance. Mrs. Bost gave much information about her book, "The Breath of the Gods," and its author, Sidney McCall, together with some criticisms of her other books. Miss Margaret Bost gave a humorous reading, "Counting the Eggs," and sang a song, both of which were much enjoyed. The club was then invited into the dining-room which was beautifully decorated, the centerpiece of holly and malaga grapes, surrounded by a dozen candles was very effective. Christmas cards and a bunch of holly marked the places. A delicious four-course dinner was served by Misses Margaret and Constance, beginning with quail on toast and ending with cake and ambrosia.

The Thursday Study Club, met with Mrs. Grimes, Dec 16th, with a full attendance. Miss Johnson gave an interesting account of "The Hague," and Mrs. Bost gave the Reading. After current news dainty refreshments were served. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Harte, Jan. 6th.

A Sad Accident. Frank Fry is dead, the result of an accidental discharge of his gun while he was returning from a hunt Tuesday evening.

With a companion young Fry was crossing a fence just beyond Piedmont Wagon Company when in some unknown way, the gun he was carrying was accidentally discharged, the entire load taking effect under his chin. Death resulted in a short time.

The boy was the son of Mr. Govan Fry a night-watchman at the Hickory Tannery.

Wanted—One hundred thousand hickory spoke billets, split or sawed, 27 inches long, 2 inches square, clear of knots and other defects. Will pay \$1.50 per hundred. Ivey & Hice. 4t

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EARLY MORNING EXERCISES.

Program of the exercises to be held at Corinth Reformed Church, 6 o'clock, a. m. Christmas Day.

Organ Voluntary.....Miss Rose Campbell Shuford
Anthem—"Prince of Peace".....Choir
Invocation.....Pastor
Hymn 66.....Congregation
Scripture Lessons—Isaiah 9:6-8, Matthew 1: 18-21
Gloria Patri and Creed
Prayer
Quartette—"Crown Him King"—Mesdames J. H. and A. L. Shuford and Messrs. Warlick and Latta

Anthem—"Through the Still Air".....Choir
Solo—"The Star of Bethlehem".....Mrs. J. L. Murphy
Duet—"Bright was the Star".....Mesdames Murphy and Bost
Trio—"The Angelic Choir"—Mrs. J. L. Murphy and Mrs. C. C. Bost and Mr. Orin Sigmon

Address.....Pastor
Offertory.....
Quartette—"Merry Christmas Chimes"—Mesdames Murphy, Shuford, Bost and Shuford

Hymn 76.....Congregation
Benediction

Presbyterian Church Notes.

Subject next Sunday at 11 a. m., "Character of Jesus Christ." at 7 p. m., "The Divinity of Jesus Christ," Covenanters' subject, "The Boyhood of Jesus."

The pastor wishes to call attention to the new department of Sunday school to begin with Jan. 2, called the Home Department. Where about 130 or 140 people connected with our congregation who do not attend Sunday school, we wish to give them some tie to this feature of our work. The plan is to supply these people with quarterlies and ask them to study the lesson for 30 minutes each week, and of course there will be no recitation, only the study.

At the end of each quarter a visitor will call, and leave quarterlies and envelopes for next quarter of the year and collect the old ones. A Supt. of Home Dep. with four helpers will have charge of this work. The following are asked to serve in this capacity: Mrs. Geo. W. Killian, Superintendent, Misses Bessie McComb, Mabel Cooper, Grace Johnson and Maro Knox Henderson. A list with vows of all who do not attend Sabbath School will be given these ladies and the pastor earnestly requests ever to acquire these quarterlies and envelopes. Often wives can be of great help to their husbands in this matter and vice versa.

Christmas at the Reformed Church.

The Christmas services at the Reformed church will begin with the early morning service at 6 o'clock. This service has been held at 5 o'clock Christmas-morning for over twenty years and has become one of the most popular services held during the Festival season. Special music is being prepared and in addition to the Christmas hymns there will be a ladies quartette, mixed quartette, a trio, a solo and two Christmas anthems. Miss Rose Shuford's Sunday school class will have charge of the decorations in the church.

On Sunday morning the pastor, Dr. Murphy, will preach an appropriate sermon at which time the choir will render special music. Sunday night the service, "The Child-Divine," will be given by the Sunday school. This is a most interesting service consisting of readings, recitations and music bearing upon the birth of the infant Saviour. Mrs. Dr. Menzies, Mrs. A. L. Shuford and Miss Margaret Bost have charge of preparing the children for this service. At the service Christmas morning an offering for local charity will be received.

Land for Sale.

I offer for sale during the next 20 days the following tracts of land:

First, 25 acres, 15 acres cleared and balance timbered. 1 three-room dwelling.

Second, 82 acres, home place, about half cleared and half timbered, good dwelling, two-story house with ten rooms.

Third, 108 acres, half cleared and half timbered, no dwellings. The two latter tracts are in St. Timothy special school district, 4 miles east of Hickory. The first tract one and one half miles from home place. For price and terms address

H. A. BOLICK, Conover, R. F. D. 3.

Mortgage Deed Sale

State of North Carolina }
Catawba County }
This Indenture, Made this 5th day of January, A. D. 1909, by and between Milton Ramsour and Alice Ramsour his wife, of Catawba county, and State of North Carolina, parties of the first part, and J. C. Hoyle of Catawba county and State of North Carolina, party of the second part, Witnesseth:

That Whereas, Said parties of the first part are justly indebted to said party of second part in the sum of \$63.90 as evidenced by bond of even date herewith, bearing interest from date at 6 per cent per annum, and due and payable on the first day of November 1909 and whereas, said parties of the first part are anxious to secure the payment of said bond at maturity; Now, Therefore, in consideration of the premises, and for the purpose aforesaid, and for the sum of \$63.90 to the parties of the first part paid by party of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said parties of the first have given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm unto said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, a certain piece or tract of land lying and being in Catawba county, State aforesaid, in Bandy Township, and described and defined as follows, to wit:

By virtue of Power contained in Mortgage Deed to him executed and delivered by Melton Ramsour and his wife Alice Ramsour on the 5th day of January, 1909, will on the 24th day, Jan. 24 1910 sell for cash at the court house in Newton, N. C., between the hours of noon and 2 o'clock p. m., that certain parcel of land, in Catawba county a State of North Carolina. Joining lands with John Falls and others: Beginning on a small white oak in Anthony's line Burt Mull's corner, and runs S. 96 poles to a small sour wood in Falls line Burt Mull's corner, thence N 73 E 52 with Fall's line to a pine thence 6 N with Falls line 20 poles to a stake and pointer. Thence a new line No. 28 1/2 poles to a stone and pointers in Martin's line, thence N 75 W with Martin's line 25 1/2 poles to a stake and pointer, thence N 24 W 28 poles to a stone and pointer Anthony's corner, thence W with his line 18 poles to the beginning. Containing 2 3/4 acres more or less.

This Dec. 21, 1909.

J. C. HOYLE,
North Carolina,
Catawba County,
In the Superior Court.
Navassa Guanna Company,
(INCORPORATED.)

vs.
A. E. Cline and J. J. Cline.
Service by Publication as to A. E. Cline.

The defendant, A. E. Cline, above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Catawba County, said action being brought by plaintiff to recover of and against the defendants on three (3) certain notes, executed by the defendants A. E. and J. J. Cline, said notes being for the following amounts and were executed on the dates hereinafter named, by said defendants, to plaintiff, name:— a note for six hundred and forty (\$640.00), the same bearing date of January 20th, 1909, a note for six hundred and forty (\$640) dollars, the same bearing date of January 20th, 1909, and a note for six hundred and fifty-seven dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$657.59), the same bearing date of May 1st, 1909, each of said notes bearing interest from date at the rate of six per cent per annum. Also to recover an open account for seven hundred fifty eight dollars and fifty-nine cents, under contract dated Aug. 26th 1909.

And the defendant A. E. Cline, will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of Catawba County, to be held on the 4th Monday before the 1st Monday of March, it being the 7th day of February 1910, at the court house of Catawba County, in Newton, N. C., then and there to answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 21st day of Dec. 1909.
C. M. MCCORKLE
Clerk of the Superior Court
A. A. WHITENER
Attorney for Plaintiff

Card of Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Morton asks us to state through the Democrat, their great appreciation of the many kindnesses shown them by their friends, during their sad hour of trouble in the accident to, and death of their little boy, and that they extend their heartfelt thanks to all.

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