

# GREETINGS

## To Our Merchant Friends



We take pleasure in expressing to the Merchants of Jackson County our sincere appreciation of their splendid cooperation during the year that is just passing. We know that your liberal patronage and support has helped us over many difficult places, and we hope our Mercantile service has been helpful to you.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and trust that throughout the incoming year we may continue our pleasant business relations.

**WE WANT THE BUSINESS OF OUR HOME COMMUNITY.**

# Mercantile Supply Company

L. C. HALL, Manager

### SHOAL CREEK

On Friday 7th our school closed until the 31st, on account of measles. On Saturday our teachers left for their homes to spend vacation.

Rev. B. S. West preached at the Baptist church Sunday morning, and Rev. A. B. Bryans at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. D. S. Flintom, of Charleston, S. C., is spending a few days among relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. P. V. McLaughlin were guests at Mrs. A. C. Hoyles', Sunday.

Mr. D. C. Hughes called at Mr. G. A. Kinsland's, Sunday.

Miss Grace Heyle visited Miss Winnie Cooper, Sunday.

Misses Pearl and Maud Cooper were guests of Miss Lorena Bradley, Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Ferguson spent Sunday night with Miss Annie Lizzie Terrell.

Mr. W. C. Martin, of Bryson City and Miss Jessie Martin, of Cherokee stopped at Shoal Creek, Sunday.

Mr. James Redmon, of Whittier, attended services here, Sunday.

Mr. Carl Campbell has moved to Whittier.

Mr. Oius Howell has moved to the J. H. Hughes farm.

Mrs. J. A. Moore returned from Canton, Monday, where she had been visiting her father, Mr. Dobson, who was seriously burned.

Misses Mary and Martha Oxner visited relatives in Wilmot, Sunday.

Messrs Jess and Taylor, Blanton called at Mr. S. M. Crisp's, Monday.

Mud and measles have proved a "stumbling block" to Shoal Creek news for the past two weeks.

### BALSAM

Rev. Otho J. Jones, in his usual gentle and impressive way, delivered a very interesting Christmas sermon to his congregation, Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Geo. Snyder, of Beta, preached in the Baptist church, Sunday morning.

Mr. W. C. Green and family left, Saturday, by motor, to spend the holidays in Georgetown and other places in South Carolina.

Mrs. T. M. Rickards visited in Canton several days last week.

Mr. Eugene Enslay, of Hazelwood was in Balsam, Saturday.

Mrs. Bob McKay, of Chester, S. C., who has been visiting Mrs. J. R. McKay, returned home last week.

Mr. A. H. Mehahey has returned from a visit in Atlanta, Ga.

The young people of West Balsam were most pleasantly entertained in

the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lee Hoxit, Saturday night. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Queen, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Walter Bryson, returned to her home in Hazelwood, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hyatt and children motored to Waynesville Monday to see Santa Claus, and to tell him not to forget to come to Balsam Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Smathers went to Waynesville, Monday.

Mr. John F. Jones was host to quite a number of young people, Thursday evening of last week.

Dr. Sam Stringfield, of Waynesville, was in Balsam, last week.

Dr. A. S. Nichols, of Sylva, was in Balsam, Monday.

Our high school boys and girls are at home for a two weeks holiday.

Balsam graded school will have an entertainment and Christmas tree, Friday night, 21st.

### SEVERAL THINGS

(By James H. Cathey)

**Dillsboro**—Dillsboro is on the Jackson county map. She has a splendid water system. The water comes right out of the Messer mountain and is as pure as can be.

She has a fine graded school with a good man and a professional teacher at its head. Good hotel; two good stores; two church houses, Baptist and Methodist, with a revival of religion just closed which promises much for the uplift of the entire community, for all time. Dillsboro now has what every community must have, good, neighborly spirit and co-operation, especially in the matter of religion.

No community is of any account without the Christian religion—practical side up with care and grace.

The Dillsboro revival was interdenominational conducted by Evangelist Harvey Stanberry and Patrick Colville—both earnest as the Crusaders and plain men with a holy mission. Stanberry is a typical mountain man, not "mountain white" for there are no other sort. Who ever heard of a mountain black or a mountain red or a mountain yellow? Oh, Lordy, how that makes me tired! Mountain whites!

How about prairie whites or Piedmont whites or Tidewater whites

Poof deluded fellows with your well-meant but humiliating epithet. We do not need your money nor sympathy when they come to us with that ignorant and pitiful imputation! We understand it.

Yes, indeed, we are white with all

that word implies. Anglosaxon even Nordic, some of us, with Scandinavian hair and eyes; hightoned, with a superabundance of native intelligence and plenty of gray matter susceptible of a miraculous development.

When it comes to our shortcomings and our needs we welcome all neighborly assistance but otherwise we are perfectly able to take care of ourselves.

Who ever heard of a Scot or an Irishman who was not himself and his posterity able to take care of themselves? That's what we are, with some tsubborn English and thrifty Dutch sandwiched in. We are thoroughbred.

Well, I started to write my opinion of men like Stanberry—they are the hope of our mountain homeland.

Stanberry is a reformed man—a converted man, if you please, believing in the Bible and the gospel with childlike simplicity. He is as earnest as Martin Luther and as modest and humble a son of our dear, old Christian grandmothers. He is personally plain of speech and action, and one of the most devoutly winsome and compelling pulpit orators I have ever heard.

A speaker who can touch the heart cords of a big-fisted, hard-headed mountaineer can touch any other human unless it were a stark natural fool or a modern scientific liberal who is too intellectual for tears.

There were eighty-odd conversions. Mr. Jones, the Methodist Pastor assisted in the meetings.

Both the evangelists are students of that institution of splendid usefulness—Mars Hill College.

The Dillsboro folks are all right and promise fine things.

### REALTY TRANSFERS

Thomas M. Keaver to C. W. Queen, 60 acres in Dillsboro, \$500.

W. H. Sutton to W. C. Queen, 2 acres in Dillsboro, \$35.00

John Norton to W. K. Hall 4 acres in Cullowhee, \$600.

J. W. Friswell to John Norton 4 acres in Cullowhee, \$650.00.

A. B. Cole to J. E. Coburn, interest in two tracts in Qualla, \$10.00.

A. B. Cole to J. E. Coburn and S. W. Black, mineral interest in two tracts in Cullowhee, \$70.00.

J. F. Fress and wife to W. B. Morris, two lots in Sylva, \$200.00.

B. J. Queen to W. L. Queen 1-2 acres in Caney Fork, \$10.00.

W. A. Sutton to E. C. Sutton 100 acres in Savannah, \$1450.00.

# SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM



## For your own protection—

The peril of the road crossing has become a national problem with the multiplication of automobiles.

The Southern Railway System has eliminated 584 grade crossings, and is eliminating more every year, but 7,000 remain to be separated on this system alone. The total cost to complete the work is a stupendous sum—probably half as much as the cost to build the railroads.

Even if the money were available, and the public willing to pay the increased freight and passenger rates necessary to provide a fair return on it, many years would be required to do the work.

Protection from the peril for the present generation at least must be found

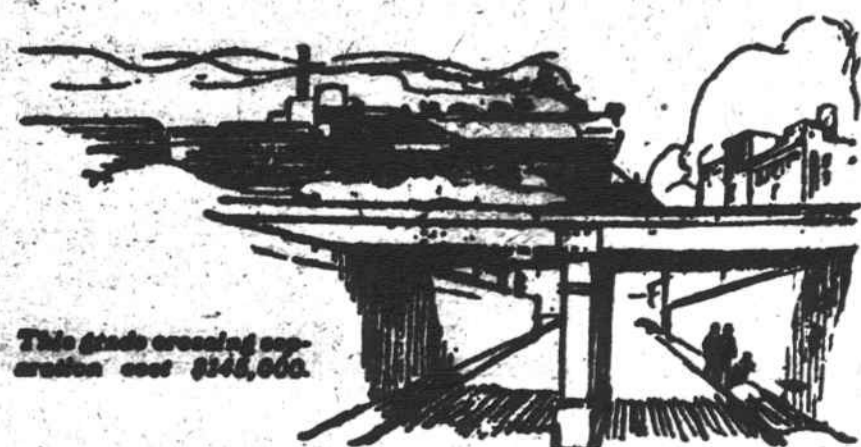
*It is better business to save a life than to save a minute.*


### Personal Responsibility

(Quoted from the Southern Railway Post)

Final dependence for a reduction in the number of railroad grade-crossing accidents must be placed upon the individual's sense of responsibility. If when approaching and crossing a railroad at grade the traveler will think of the crossing as a zone of danger to him, and regard himself and those with him as in imminent danger until the crossing is completed, the chance of accidents will be automatically reduced to the minimum.

This grade crossing separation cost \$100,000.



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