

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

S. Brigman of Belva was in town Monday.

Mr. William Henderson was in town Monday.

See ad of James' Cash Store in another column.

Mr. M. L. Church was in Hendersonville Sunday.

Mrs. Robbie Huffman came Wednesday Evening.

W. M. Lawson was here from Hot Springs, Monday.

Thomas Lawson was up from Hot Springs Monday.

Mr. George Wild was down from Big Pine Monday.

Ira Plemons was here taking orders for flour Monday.

Joe Johnson who has been sick is again in the office setting type.

Hon. T. J. Murray has been indisposed but is much better now.

Special values in Mens and Boys clothing at James' Cash Store.

Mr. N. B. Tweed was in Knoxville last week purchasing goods.

Prettiest lot of Dress Silks at James' Cash Store at reduced prices.

The Board of Commissioners met last Monday Tuesday and Wednesday.

Don't forget the Square Deal Clothing Store, when you go to buy your suit.

Hon. Jasper Ebbs was in from Spring Creek for Board of Education meeting.

Miss Stockton is teaching the kindergarten on the mill side and began last Monday.

The Finance Committee of the County met last Wednesday to settle up the books.

Buy your boy an Overcoat at James' Cash Store. Very low prices during the Holidays.

The new well is progressing very well in deed and will go down faster rock is passed.

Of course you want a Square Deal, then buy your suit at the Square Deal Clothing Store.

Mr. Troy Redmon has accepted a position as Bookkeeper for The Bank of French Broad.

The County Board of Education met last Monday it being the first Monday of December.

Ladies Kid Gloves-Blacks and Tans-worth \$1.00 but selling for 60 cents at James' Cash Store.

Mrs. Will Sprinkles and Dr. Charles attended the Annual at Mars Hill College this last week.

T. A. Center of Greenville, S. C., is visiting friends here this week.

All the County officers settled with the Finance Committee this week.

Mr. Zade Sprinkles is living in the Roy Gudger House having moved his family here last week.

If you want to do business with a good bank in a good town call and see us.—Bank of French Broad.

James' Cash Store is offering Nos. 2-1/2, 3, 3-1/2 and 4, Ladies Shoes at cut prices to reduce overstock.

Mrs. A. W. Perry, nee Miss Dovie Lowe, of Raleigh, is visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Mr. Posy Fisher has placed a line of clothes in his shop and is selling them in connection with his pressing club.

Mrs. Byers who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Stabler, returned to her home in South Carolina last Saturday.

Miss Clota Sprinkle has returned home after spending several weeks with her Grand father, Mr. Geo. Bryan, on R-2.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Stamey have returned to their home on Spring Creek after having spent some time working in the mill.

LOST.—Somewhere between Rutherford Station and Walnut Gap, purses containing sum of money and other papers. Liberal reward for return of purse with contents. **CLYDE HURDT**, Walnut House, N. C.

Mr. Guy V. Roberts went to Raleigh last Monday to argue a case before the Supreme Court on Thursday. He returned Wednesday.

Mr. J. G. Cassada brought to the Editor a 3 lb and 1/2 ounce sweet potato which we enjoyed very much. It was of the best quality and sweet.

Several persons had birthdays this last week. Miss Catherine Runyon, Eugene and Howard Rector and the editor advanced a year on the 8th of December.

Mr. N. B. McDevitt is placing a high board fence between his property and the livery stable. He will reside in his house from which Mr. Everett Tweed lately moved.

WANTED.—orders for fine frost proof cabbage plants, all varieties, \$1.25 per 1000, cheaper in larger lots, satisfaction guaranteed.—**F. T. CANNON**, Meggetts, S. C. 4-1-18

Mr. Roy Runyon and Miss Hattie Runyon were united in marriage on last Thursday at the residence of Mr. Clarence on Walnut Creek. The News-Record wishes them much happiness and long life.

C. L. Brittain wishes to announce that he has opened a Pressing Club and is ready to serve all his friends at most reasonable rates. The club will be located in the Allison building and there Mr. Brittain will give you fullest satisfaction.

The Mars Hill faculty gave an entertainment at the Court House last evening.

The hour of going to press does not allow us to give an appreciation of the entertainment. Which will be done next week.

Miss Mary Gudger gave a novelty shower for Miss Lucy Smart on last Monday afternoon. Quite a number of the younger set were present and the presents were arranged on a Christmas tree. The shower was from four to five o'clock.

The numerous fires lately make more pointed the warning of the News-Record some time ago. We would reiterate this warning. Examine the flues see that the gutters are cleaned out. Dead leaves in this dry time are likely to catch fire. Clean out the gutters by all means. Insure your house and feel secure. "A stitch in time saves nine."

Blackwell-Smart.

On Thursday December 5th, Henry Blackwell was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Smart daughter of Mr. James Smart, Register of Deeds. The ceremony took place at home of the brides parents and afterward the newly married couple left for their future home at Erwin Tenn., where Mr. Blackwell is employed with the C. C. & O. Railroad. The News-Record wishes them much happiness.

Walnut News Items.

The revival meeting that was conducted here in the Free Will Baptist Church two weeks ago, was quite a success. The meeting was conducted by Rev. Tom Cole and the Free Will Baptist preachers of Walnut.

This was an old time Holy Ghost revival, where people showed the praises of God and where people were saved from sin.

There were 34 converted and reclaimed, and the church was greatly revived. Fourteen joined the Free Will Baptist church, and there are others yet to join. Several will join the other churches of our town. There were eight baptized last Sunday evening, and quite a number yet to be baptized.

The collection at the close of the meeting for Bro. Cole was \$15.24.

Revs. Cole, Ballard, Reeves and Ramsey, have been holding a revival meeting at Dry Branch for the past two weeks. We understand at this writing that they are having a good meeting.

The little two year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Chandler died last Sunday with croup, and was buried Monday in the Walnut cemetery.

Money Plenty in Madison.

As an evidence of the prosperous condition of the people of our county at this time it is pleasing to note that the deposits in The Bank of French Broad on November 26th as shown in their statement published in this paper shows an increase of nearly \$20,000.00 over their September statement. Most of this money has been deposited on interest which shows that the majority of our citizens are well fixed financially and are placing their money where it will be safe and working for them at the rate of 4 per cent.

The Bank of French Broad began business nine years ago the first day of this month being the first day in Madison county. During all these years this Bank has had a good business and has been a profitable investment for its shareholders as well as a strong and safe institution for taking care of the money deposited with it. The deposits in The Bank of French Broad on November 26th, 1912, were more than \$138,000.00 all of which is money belonging to individuals and business firms and does not include any State, County or Government funds.

With capital stock paid in \$25,000.00, earned profits of nearly \$20,000.00 and total resources MORE than \$180,000.00, The Bank of French Broad is starting in on its 10th year better prepared than ever before to serve the banking needs of the citizens of Madison county. Read their detailed statement on the opposite page.—Advertisement

How Bananas Are Shipped.

BANANAS are cut green, at different stages of development, depending upon the market for which they are intended. Those destined for New York and Boston, a large part of which are consumed at those ports without an additional haul by rail, are cut at a more advanced stage of development than fruit going to more distant ports, of which is to be re-shipped to the interior by rail. Thus a large proportion of the fruit entering at New Orleans and Mobile is cut earlier than that sent to New York; the fruit for the English markets is cut still earlier. The first is called "full" and the last "three-quarters."

As all fruit is sold delivered at the railroad, each farm is provided with its own tramway leading from the fields to the railroad, the cars being drawn by mules. Notice is given to the grower to deliver a specified quantity of fruit alongside the cars on a given date, for shipment by a certain vessel, and within twelve to eighteen hours after the fruit is cut it has been transported to Port Limon and loaded aboard ship ready for sea.

At the wharf the fruit is transferred from car to ship at the rate of two thousand bunches per hour, by mechanical loaders, specially designed to carry it without bruising, over canvas rollers and into the ship's hold. Upon arriving at its over-seas destination the fruit is unloaded in the same manner, and within a few hours after the steamer has docked, its cargo has been placed aboard special trains of refrigerator cars, waiting to carry it to interior points of distribution.

Thus the bunch of bananas hanging at the corner grocer's, in the small town of the Middle West, or New England, has been, in most cases, less than fifteen days out of its native habitat in the tropics.—*The National Geographic Magazine.*

Drives Off A Terror.

The chief cause of death in the winter and spring months is pneumonia. Its advance agents are colds and grip. In any attack by one of these maladies no time should be lost in taking the best medicine obtainable to drive it off. Countless thousands have found this to be Dr. King's New Discovery. "My husband believes it has kept him from having pneumonia three or four times," writes Mrs. Geo. W. Place, Rawsonville, Va., "and for coughs, colds and croup we have never found its equal." Guaranteed for all bronchial affections. Price 50 cents, and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at Tripletts & Rector.

Christmas will soon be here, and the little hearts of the children will be made glad. Santa Claus letters are in order.

Upper Big Pine School History And Closing Exercises.

Editor News-Record:—The closing exercises and the history of the School of Upper Big Pine this year is so much worthy of being known abroad in our County that I, as one especially interested in our County Schools, would like to see it printed in your next issue, if you have space.

The unusually splendid history of this year's work which I chanced to see in the register that was handed in to our County Superintendent at the close of the school, stands as follows:

The adoption of new books in the State for this year made the question of securing new text books for each district the first difficult task which confronted each teacher who taught in Madison County. Realizing this fact, Miss Clyde Daniel of Wake County, the Primary Teacher, and I, knowing that we would teach at Upper Big Pine this year, visited every home or saw the parents of every home in the District two weeks before school opened, and so far as was possible, we graded the children and gave them a list of the books which they would need at the opening of the school and urged all to start to school the first day and attend regularly. Through these tireing efforts at our own expense and loss of time, and through the kindness of Mr. Geo. W. Wild, who agreed to order the books for us and place them within reach of the patrons of the school, giving them the advantage of exchange prices on new books and allowing them to pay for books with any kind of produce when they could not pay money, we had in an order of more than \$70.00 worth of books at the close of the first day of school and a full number of pupils to begin with. With this supply of books and a smaller order which was made a week later, our school was amply supplied with all the new text books and each student was placed in his respective grade at the beginning; thus giving them an advantage of progress far beyond what they would have had without this forethought and labor considering the fact that new books could not be had in the county for some time after schools opened.

When school was begun we planned an entertainment by means of which we raised \$19.00. This money was in securing a \$30.00 School Library, an up to date Standard Sectional Map case of eight maps on spring rollers, and a new Geographical and Historical map of North Carolina in a spring roller case for our school building. Those, we are sure, will add greatly to the progress and success of the next school at this place.

In addition to visiting, grading and ordering books, securing a library and maps, the building has been furnished with a supply of fine new blackboards which are of invaluable aid in teaching and the broken window-panes have been replaced.

Since there were only four months provided for by the County fund, we as teachers took it upon ourselves to give two week's service free of charge to the community. Thus our school was lengthened to four and one half months.

Notwithstanding the fact that we did not enroll so many as was enrolled last year on account of the exchange of books and the near by school to which many children went rather than to buy new books, our daily average, which counts for most, has held up much better during the whole term. Especially do the Primary Grades show a decided increase, which when compared with last year stand as follows:

Daily Average	Last year	This year
1st month	42.5	40.5
2nd month	31.75	39.0
3rd month	21.15	32.
4th month	17.75	29.55
Total for all grades compare as follows:		
Daily average	Last year	This year
1st month	90.65	72.05
2nd month	57.5	68.7
3rd month	45.8	68.7
4th month	40.9	50.3

These figures speak for themselves and assert that our efforts this year have not been in vain. Students surely have improved

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When trading, ask the first merchant from whom you buy for your rebate certificate. BOOKLET WILL BE FURNISHED ON REQUEST.

Africa Leads in Gold Production.

(Washington Dispatch.)

The world's production of gold in 1911 was estimated at \$467,449,800, according to the U. S. Geological Survey. Africa was by far the greatest producer, with \$102,972,100; the United States came second with \$96,233,500. Australasia third, \$59,187,000; and Mexico fourth, \$29,196,000. Other large producers were Russia and Finland, \$24,865,000; China, \$10,000,000 British India, \$9,762,100. South America as a whole produced nearly \$17,000,000.

Falls A Foot Plot.

When a shameful plot exists between liver and bowels to cause distress by refusing to act, take Dr. King's New Life Pills, and end such abuse of your system. They gently compel right action of stomach, liver and bowels, and restore your health and all good feelings. 25c at Tripletts & Rector.

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Swat The Rats.

The rat must go. It has been so decreed. He is not only a pest, and maybe a transmitter of disease, but he is a destroyer of property. That fact is known. Secretary Wilson some time ago, called attention to the enormous damage done to crops and property in this country by these rodents. A similar complaint has just been made in France. An organization with the formidable name of the Incorporated Society for the Destruction of Vermin estimates that the damage done in that country amounts to \$40,000,000 a year. This means a tax of about \$1 a year to each inhabitant. "This is to high a tax to pay to the rat tribe," says the spokesman of the society, "and the ever-present danger from the rodents' propagation of maladies like the plague and pneumonia shows the wisdom of carrying on a determined war of extermination." The extermination of rats, flies and mosquitoes there is a task worthy of the twentieth century and one that will certainly entitle it to the blessings of posterity, even if it accomplishes, nothing else for the amelioration of the race.

JAMES' CASH STORE

Pins 1 cent per paper	Waukegan barb wire \$2.50 per 100 pounds.
Wire Hair Pins 1 cent dozen	Wire Stables 2 1-2c per pound
Spool Thread 4 cents	Wire Nails 2 1-2c per pound
Soda 3 pounds for 5 cents	Extra good 10c Outing for 9c.
Matches 7 1-2c dozen boxes	Regular 50c Underwear 42 1-2c
10c Children's Stockings 7 1-2	Regular \$1.00 Dress Shirts 75c
"Big Jack" Overalls 75c	Regular 50c work Shirts 45c
"Eagle" Overalls 75c	Good 50c enameled dish pans 25c

The above prices are not new to thousands of people in Madison county. They heard of them for the first time two years ago when we adopted the Cash System and they have been coming to our store and receiving the benefit of them ever since. They are held down by the CREDIT SYSTEM and its HIGHER PRICES. They were tempted to buy because it was so easy—just take the goods and have them charged—prices wasn't considered—So easy. Now they never have a cent truly their own. They owe it all. Let us advise you to get your nose off the grindstone. Be independent. Own your own money and be free to spend it where you can get the best bargains.

The above prices are only samples of the values we are giving our customers. Similar reductions apply to Clothing, Shoes, Dress Goods, Notions, Hats, Caps, Groceries, Hardware, Etc.

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regularly as a result of more regular attendance.

LOANS E. ALLMAN
Principal.

Surely this report, copied from the register, is a credit to any district and to be sure the people of Upper Big Pine are proud of it.

School closed Wednesday and Wednesday night the 27th. The day exercises consisted of choruses, drills and recitations by the small children before noon. A splendid dinner was spread on the ground for the

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Public Stenographer

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night was so wonderfully good that all present declared themselves charmingly pleased with the exercises. Both children and teachers should be congratulated for their tireing efforts and splendid success.

One Present