

KIWANIANS MAKE CHANGE IN MEET

Decide On Every Other Friday Night Instead of Weekly; No Meeting to Be Held This Week.

The regular meeting of the Kiwanis club was held last Friday evening in the Kiwanis Room at Hotel Elkin, and was presided over by President J. G. Abernethy.

No regular program had been mapped out, and the time was consumed in discussions relative to the tobacco growers co-operative association and the prospects for its organization. The distribution of day-old chicks by the club to those who are interested in receiving them, was also discussed. While numerous requests have been received, no acknowledgment has been made, and to those who are interested in the movement The Tribune is asked to say that the club is working on the proposition and will make a definite announcement at an early date.

Considerable interest has been shown since announcement was first made, and it is expected that the idea if put into practice will greatly stimulate the poultry business through this section. It is planned to distribute a liberal number to those who desire them, under the condition that they not be sold or killed for a period of two years, giving assurance that they will be used for the purpose intended—to create flocks of thoroughbred chickens as an extra income for the farmer. On January 2, the Kiwanians will hold their annual Ladies' Night program, and a lively affair is anticipated. At this meeting the newly elected officers of the club will be installed, and a full attendance is desired.

Christmas Program On Wednesday Night

The Methodist church of Jonesville will hold its Christmas exercises on Wednesday night, featuring a Christmas tree with an appropriate program in connection. The exercises will begin at 7 p. m.

Early Service Held On Sunday

On account of the slippery condition of the streets and sidewalks of the city, the Sunday evening church hour was moved up about two hours in order that those attending might eliminate much of the danger of night travel.

The Tribune Goes To Press Tuesday

In order that the force of The Tribune may enjoy a few days off during the holiday season, the paper is being issued early this week, going to press Tuesday afternoon.

While it has been a custom in past years to issue a "dummy" edition, containing only four pages and filled with legal and other advertising that must be printed consecutively to comply with the law, The Tribune comes to you this week in a little less abbreviated form, and is filled with Christmas messages from the leading business firms of the city, together with the latest news obtainable, in addition to Christmas stories and the very latest photo of Santa Claus, himself, who is expected to pay a visit here tomorrow night.

The Tribune desires to express its sincere appreciation for the loyal support given it in the past, and wishes for every reader and friend a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

SAM MATHIS IS HURT BY AN AXE

Mr. Sam Mathis, of Jonesville, was painfully injured early Monday morning while cutting wood in the basement of his home. Unaware of a rope that had been tied overhead, the axe became caught in it and rebounded to his head, inflicting an ugly gash, which bled profusely.

Injured Pouring Oil In Furnace

Eugene Hall, young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hall, was painfully injured Tuesday morning when he attempted to pour kerosene oil into the furnace while recuperating from the flu.

The flames rushed out the opening of the door, and burned the young man severely about the face before he could withdraw from the close range at which he was working.

Jones (buying new overcoat): I can't wear this, dear; it's three sizes too big.

Wife: Yes you can! Remember it's got to go over the radiator of the car in cold weather. That's what we have to consider first.



WANT A SONG? PUT OUT CANDLE

The members of the Epworth League of the Methodist church will sing Christmas carols throughout the city on Wednesday evening, leaving the church at 7:30 o'clock.

The League will be divided into groups, under the leadership of Mesdames Fred Colhard and J. O. Bivins, and will sing Christmas songs in various parts of the town, especially where it is known there are shut-ins.

In order that no home may be overlooked, where it is desired to have the Christmas carols sung, it is requested that a candle be placed in the window or other place where it may be seen, as a guide for the League groups.

Free Cripple Clinic Postponed a Week

Many readers of The Tribune will be interested in the following announcement, which appeared in the Mount Airy News last week, relative to the free cripple clinic, which has been postponed a week on account of the Christmas holidays.

Due to the fact that everyone will be engaged in enjoying the holiday season, the next cripple clinic will be held in the County Health office, Friday, January 2, 1931 instead of the fourth Friday in December.

This clinic will be the fourth in the series of Cripple Clinics to be held every fourth Friday in every month of the year. These clinics are made possible by the Mount Airy Kiwanis Club, and are under the supervision of an Orthopedic surgeon, Dr. R. A. Moore, of Winston-Salem. These clinics are also in accordance with and affiliated with the State Department of Vocational rehabilitation. At each clinic a member of the State Department is usually present to outline the training to help make every cripple self-supporting. The state also aids in buying braces and helps to pay hospital bills for those who are unable to pay.

Many have taken advantage of these clinics from Surry, Alleghany, Wilkes, Stokes and Yadkin. Several have also been treated from Virginia. Examinations and treatments are done in Mount Airy with the exception of operations, which are done in the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem.

The Health Department, Kiwanis Club, and State Department of vocational rehabilitation are very anxious for every cripple in the four named counties to have proper examination and treatment, and if possible become self-supporting. The next clinic will be held in the County Health Office in Mount Airy, January 2, 1931.

County News

Henry C. Hampton
Dobson, Dec. 22.—W. M. Gray Register of Deeds, issued marriage license to the following couples during the past ten days: C. C. Hardy to Stella Bullin, both Siler; James Mabe, Pinnacle to Laura Pack Pilot Mountain; Dock Golden to Lovie Flippin, both Round Peak; C. E. Edwards, to Cloa Baker, both Mt. Airy; William Callahan, to Mary Gillespie, both Dobson.

Bausie Marion, authorized license selling agent, representing the department of Conservation and Development, Division of Game, sold resident county hunting license for the season 1930-31 the past week, to the following citizens: Connie Butcher, Kapps Mills; J. E. Davis, Rockford, Geo. Davis and D. Y. Marion, Dobson.

Mrs. W. W. Hampton and family wish through the columns of this paper to thank their friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness shown them during the illness and death of the late W. W. Hampton.

Misses Julia and Catherine Comer left Saturday for Bluefield, W. Va., where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wright.

The W. M. S. of the Dobson Methodist church, held their December meeting Tuesday evening with Mrs. Grady Cooper. The president, Mrs. Elmer Simpson, was present and presided. The devotionals were conducted by Mrs. R. C. Freeman, Jr., Mrs. W. B. White was program leader. The topic for discussion "Christian Education in Mexico" was interestingly discussed by Misses Minnie Chandler and Bertha Byrd. The meeting closed with a prayer by Mrs. Simpson, with the members feeling that the year's work had been a success financially and much spiritual good had been derived from the Bible and Mission study courses. During the social hour the hostesses served delicious refreshments. Mrs. J. E. Monday was added to the membership roll. The January meeting will be held with Mrs. R. C. Freeman, Jr.

The Dobson Baptist Sunday school will render their Christmas service exercises at the church Thursday evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock. A Christmas tree for the children will be one feature of the occasion. The Sunday school of the Methodist church will render their Christmas Service exercises Wednesday night beginning at 7:30 o'clock. A Christmas tree for the children will also be one feature of the occasion. They are making every effort possible to get their heating plant installed by that time.

Miss Lois Folger, who has been a patient at the Martin Memorial Hospital, Mt. Airy, for several days returned home Saturday much improved in health.

Misses Lucile Freeman, and Kathryn Folger, students at N. C. C. W., Greensboro, Bill Freeman, Roy Parks, and Ed Allen students at State College, Lakey Harkrader, student at Duke University, and Claude Monday, student at Roanoke College, Salem, Va., are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives here.

The heaviest snow fall in many years fell here last Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, practically to a depth of 20 inches. All traffic was suspended until about noon; before the streets were cleared of snow sufficiently for cars to run. The local school which would have closed Friday for the holidays, did not open and was suspended until December 29th. Busses from the rural schools were unable to run. Rural mail carriers were unable to go their rounds.

Despite the bad roads due to the recent snow there was a large number of people who attended the funeral services held for Rev. Ed Wright Sunday afternoon at the New Hope Baptist church. Interment was made in the church cemetery. He died Thursday evening following a brief illness. He was widely known and highly respected. He was about 60 years of age. He has many friends throughout Surry county who mourn his passing. He was a minister of the Union Baptist Faith. Surviving are his wife and several children.

The funeral of M. G. Whittington, 65, which was held Saturday afternoon at the Dobson Baptist church, was largely attended. He died suddenly Friday evening of heart trouble. Rev. Everett Draughn conducted the services. Interment was made in the Dobson cemetery. He was born and reared in this community and was well known and highly respected. For thirty years he had been a consistent member of the Dobson Baptist church and took an active part in all of its activities as long as his strength permitted. For the past ten years he has served as a Magistrate. He will be greatly missed in this community. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Rosa Whittington, four sons, Lindsay, Beverly, John and Jim Whittington, two daughters, Mrs. M. A. Brooks and Mrs. T. L. Cox, all living in Surry County. The pall bearers were Emmett Gillespie, Spafford Cave,

Marvin Collins, Ben Folger, Early Collins, and Chas. Fowler.

A red fox about half grown was caught within a distance of three miles of Dobson, during the recent deep snow. The fox was brought to Dobson and is being safely kept by a resident here.

Robert Windsor, of Galax, Va., is spending his Christmas vacation here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Windsor.

Christmas Time

Advice Martha Banning Thomas
"There is a custom," said the oak,
That ancient tree who seldom spoke,
"At Christmas time for men to hew
The spruce and pine and hemlock, too,
"Down to their roots with saw and shout
And drag them through the woods and out."
He paused, and rustled through his leaves
(Now old and thin) like one who grieves,
While spruce and hemlock whispered low
Among themselves—"And you must go
"Away from this familiar place
To entertain the human race,
"They'll set you up in street and store,
In huts, hotels and mansions for
"The children's pleasure. They will trim
Each tiny branch, each sturdy limb:
"Instead of snow, your green will wear
Tinsel and baubles everywhere;
"Instead of stars, your eyes will see
Electric bulbs . . . but you must be
"Patient and strong: your boughs will sag
Under their gifts: your arms will drag
"Down to the floor, and night and day
You'll have no rest in any way,
"You must endure the thirst for rain,
The need of night, the aching pain
"Of loneliness," thus said the oak,
That ancient tree who seldom spoke,
"But here's one dream by which to live—
Think of the Christmas joy you'll give!"

That First Christmas

By Katherine Edelman
OVER Judea the night clouds had fallen,
The wide-spreading country lay quiet and still,
And all were at rest save a few humble shepherds
Who herded their flocks on a far lonely hill.
THEN on the stillness there came strains of music,
Songs that never had fallen there before,
Over and over the glad news repeating:
"Earth can rejoice, for the long night is o'er."
MAN from his bondage of darkness and doubting
Now can be free, for a Savior is born,
God has come down from the glory of heaven,
To bless and to gladden the earth on this morn.
OVER in Bethlehem, hallowed forever
Because he has chosen the place for his birth,
There, as a baby, lies Jesus the Savior,
Lord of the heavens and Lord of the earth.
HE, who could come on the wings of the morning,
In power and splendor, to palace or hall,
Has chosen the humblest and poorest of dwellings,
A stable in Bethlehem—a cold manger stall.
HE who is mighty beyond any telling,
Whose hand guides the sun and the stars on
their way,
Has come from the glory and splendor of heaven
For love of mankind on this glad Christmas day.
THRIILLED by the message, the shepherds stood
watching,
Awe-stricken, speechless, they gazed at the sight,
Listening enchanted as angel songs echoed
Over the hills on that wonderful night.
HE, too, can hear the glad songs of the angels,
And feel their deep music so true and sublime,
If we open our hearts to the beautiful message,
To the joy and the peace of this glad Christmas time.