

# The Watauga Democrat.

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### Shull's Mills Items.

The holidays were passed in the most pleasing manner by the people of Shull's Mills. Many of the Boone Fork Lumber Co. went out to the city of Bristol, Tenn. and other places of interest, and upon their return reporting a very pleasant trip and a Christ mass of fun and merry-making.

Rev. C. C. McFarther seems to be convalescing slowly after a few days of serious illness. Mr. John Yelton, who has been with M. McFarther for several years as a student and member of his family, has gone back to King College, at Bristol, Tenn. after spending the holidays at Shull's Mills.

During the holidays there were many interesting things planned of at and in the neighboring vicinities of Shull's Mills: the Valle Crucis Industrial School invited some of the boys of this place to attend a ball given by the school. Those who went report a very enjoyable occasion. Next, the daughter of Mr. C. D. Taylor, living in the same community, extended another invitation, which was accepted by a larger number of the young people of this place. Now there seems to be a common talk among a certain class of people here that Valle Crucis is the place to have a good time in the way of splendid entertainment.

Then, as a later occurrence, might be mentioned the play given by one of the Sunday School classes at Henson's Chapel, which was entitled "Out in the Street." This play was presented in a most striking manner, which would teach the present that Watauga has some dramatic talent. The most interesting thing about this entertainment was the part presented by the negro clown. It is given by all present that he is the best comedian that has ever gone on the stage in this mountain country. Another feature of this entertainment that was very pleasing was the splendid music that was given by Messrs. W. R. Lamb, J. B. Murphy and Roby S. Hall.

In mentioning things that have recently happened in and around this town, we would not forget to mention Misses Thelma Trammel, Mary Godsey and Mr. Roland, all of Bristol, Tenn., accompanied Misses Grace and Bessie Burkett home to spend the holidays. The Misses Burkett are in school at Bristol. The visit of Miss Godsey might, perhaps, be one explanation why Mr. R. D. Burkett did not spend all of the holidays in the city of Bristol. We feel sure that every one who met the lady while here are of the opinion that Dewey has great ability in selecting his friends of polite manners, of great intelligence and of classic education.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Whiting are now at Shull's Mills. Each member of the Sunday School expressed, by their words and acts, yesterday, their great appreciation of the presence of Mrs. Whiting. Mr. Whiting came on the evening train yesterday. In behalf of each and every employee of the Boone Fork Lumber Co., from the Supt. down, we take this opportunity to say that we, as a whole, are always the honored guests with us at any time.

Boone Fork Lumber Co. is the only organization whose plant is in operation at the present time that we know anything about.

And the reason, as we think, might be justly attributed to the business policy adopted by this company some months ago and which policy has been mentioned in the columns of this paper many times before. Industrial Democracy has proven to be very successful, both to this company and the employees as a business policy and will prove to be more successful in the future.

### REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WORK IN WATAUGA COUNTY.

The Public Health Nurse began work in Watauga County Feb. 9, 1920, working under the supervision of the Southern Division American Red Cross, and the N. C. State Board of Health, carrying out the program prepared by the Bureau of Nursing Service and Infant Welfare, in co-operation with the Bureau of Medical Inspection in Schools, the Bureau Engineering and Sanitary Inspection and the Bureau of Tuberculosis.

Locally the work is under the direction of the Nursing Committee of the Watauga Co. Public Health Service, and up to Dec. 31, 1920 includes the following:

28 days spent in nursing work in families where it was necessary to stay 24 hours or more. 102 visits to homes to do nursing work which occupied less than one half day. In each case where nursing care was given a fee was charged, if the family was able to pay. \$72.00 collected in this way has been turned in to the Watauga Co. Public Health Fund. 301 visits to mothers and young children; 128 mothers advised in care of babies; 30 mothers advised in care of themselves, 5 babies and six mothers referred to family physician for advice. Names of 143 mothers and babies referred to State Board of Health for literature on care of mother and baby, 4 birth certificates obtained and sent to local registrar. 18 midwives were interviewed. Those who did not understand the state law requiring the use of Silver Nitrate Solution in the eyes of new born babies, were advised how to use the solution. Explained the importance of registration of all births as required by N. C. State Board of Health. Silver Nitrate Solution and Birth certificates ordered for 14 midwives; 25 visits to tuberculous persons. 12 cases reported to Supt. Co. Welfare.

229 sanitary visits (In compliance with the State Privy Law, 100 sanitary privies have been built in Boone; 65 in Shull's Mills by Boone Fork Lumber Co; and 84 in Blowing Rock.

60 schools have been visited. Talk on good health habits given at each school. Of the 2,030 children examined 913 were found to have enlarged tonsils, 1,827 had defective teeth, 690 had defective vision and 436 had defective hearing. 99 children had tonsils and adnoids removed in clinic for school children held in Boone Aug. and Sept., 1920, under the supervision of the State Board of Health. The number of defective teeth has been greatly reduced by the splendid work done by Dr. L. R. Bingham, School Dentist, provided by State, who has just completed 99 days work in the Watauga county schools. The State as yet does not offer opportunity for relief of defects of ears and eyes, but it is gratifying indeed to note that many parents are having their children who have defective vision fitted with glasses.

Home nursing classes were conducted in four different towns and 24 lessons were given to the classes. During January, 1921, I will give to the students of the A. T. S. the Red Cross certified course of 15 lessons in "Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick. I will also have one class of town ladies.

M. STELLA MCCARTNEY,  
Public Health Nurse.

[NOTE: From the above facts it is the opinion of the Public Health Committee that no more impor-

tant work has ever been undertaken in the county. We are fortunate in having secured the services of one of the most capable public health nurses to be found anywhere. Miss McCartney has made it a point to discover the most needful conditions in the county and to give these conditions her first attention. Of course it has been impossible to meet all the needs, but the work has just begun. The Committee hopes to secure the services of Miss McCartney for this year, so that the work may be carried on by her. Our material needs are great and should be looked after, but the greatest need of our county is to see that the health and characters of our boys and girls are protected. This can be done through a well organized, active public health work.

I. G. GREER, Chm. of Com.

### Card of Thanks.

We take this method of thanking our many kind friends and neighbors for their loving kindness and help shown us during the illness and death of our dear husband and father. May God bless each one, is our fervent prayer.

MRS. S. E. DEAL,  
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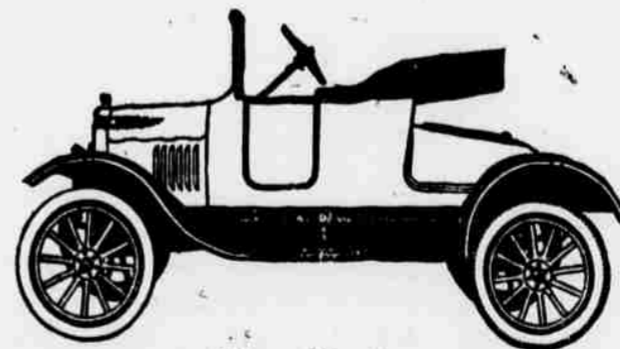
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