

The Watauga Democrat

Local Affairs Town and County

Dr. George K. Moose returned on Monday from a business trip to Charlotte.

School has adjourned for the holidays and most of the large student body are off for their homes.

Rev. F. M. Huggins left on Monday morning for a meeting of the State Mission Board in Raleigh. He expects to return Wednesday.

Both of the banks of the town will be closed on Christmas day and it would be well for those who have business to transact to remember this.

Measles has about spent its force here, still there are occasional new cases breaking out. The latest are in the homes of Messrs Wyke and Setzer.

Mr. Fred Aldridge son of Mr. J. A. Aldridge of Fessco is with home folks and friends for the holidays. He is doing service for Uncle Sam in the navy on the Pacific coast. He was in town Monday.

We are told that the Teague boys sons of Mr. George Teague of Brushy Fork, have rented the garage on depot street owned by Mr. Floyd Ward and will open a general jitney business here in the near future.

The Peoples Bank & Trust Co. have made some very material changes in their banking rooms which add much to the convenience of both the public and the operatives of the busy institution.

Deputy Sheriff George Hayes captured, or rather found hid in the woods, a still and equipment for the making of moonshine liquor. It was found somewhere in the Lance's Creek section of the county.

Pastor Ed Hodges assisted by Rev. A. J. Greene closed a most wonderful revival at Willowdale Church last Sunday, there being 24 conversions and additions to the Baptist Church. A new and modern church for that place is being agitated.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson left for Baltimore last week. Mrs. Johnson to take a short course of treatment in Johns Hopkins hospital. A letter received from them to the effect that the good lady is getting on nicely and they are expected home within the next few days.

Two trucks loaded with turkeys and bound for the market in Wilkesboro, passed through town on Monday. One truck owned by Messrs Jno. Greer and Wes Fletcher had 250 turkeys that averaged 12 pounds each. The other was carrying 125. Since then several others have gone through bound for the same market.

Consulting Engineer Parsons of the Appalachian and Northwestern R. R. completed the survey Monday from Deep Gap to Hodges Gap, the entire survey being made on a one per cent grade. He also reports a very satisfactory grade on the east side of the ridge. The railroad camps will be moved from Deep Gap to Valle Crucis and the engineering corps will continue the survey to Butler, Tenn.

The Watauga county Bank has a supply of American Almanac Calendars on hand. In addition to being a good calendar it contains a lot of information valuable to farmers. Any person can get one by calling at the bank.

Every person who possibly can should have a savings account. It will come in good in case of sickness or misfortune. It is fine to have the money in hand when a good investment is offered. The Savings Department of the Watauga County Bank is at your service. Try it. (Ad)

TRIPLETT NEWS

Mr. A. J. Miller with his new Ford and Mr. C. C. Triplett made a business trip to North Wilkesboro Friday. He purchased quite a lot of Christmas goods.

Mr. A. J. Miller, Coy Triplett and others went on a hunting trip to the Grandfather with their dogs and of course plenty of ammunition. They brought back three raccoons and one opossum. They said game was plenty.

Mr. H. C. Hodges, Miss Eliza Wheeler, J. S. Hayes and little daughter went to Boone Saturday shopping.

Mr. Monroe Hampton of Blowing Rock, R. F. D. was at C. C. Triplett's store Saturday buying fur.

Mrs. Riggins of Rich Mountain is visiting her daughter Mrs. Ida Johnson.

I am so interested in our school that I must say something about it. It's progressing nicely. We will have exercises and a Christmas tree on Monday the 24th. Everybody cordially invited.

Mr. Joe Wheeler is nursing a case of measles.

MRS. W. A. THOMAS ILL

Mrs. W. A. Thomas has been confined to her bed at her home on Stony Fork for some days and her condition is considered critical. Her husband has been with her since her illness and is there for away from his store in Boone. A new man is in charge of the business however and solicits your trade.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS ITEMS

Mr. W. L. Coffey on Sunday afternoon visited his son Mr. Dell Coffey.

Mr. Willett Burkett and Mr. Clyde Stinson were recent visitors to the home of Mr. Dell Coffey.

Miss Cora Jeffcoat left Monday for Holy Communion on Clark's Creek and will remain there until Monday of next week.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper was celebrated at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church on last Sunday. One new member was received into the church by certificate of transfer.

Miss Bohah Moretz made a business trip to Todd on Saturday.

A Christmas tree and program will be held at Mt. Pleasant on Christmas morning at eleven o'clock.

Miss Winnie Moretz made a business trip to Todd Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Col Norris who has been visiting at the home of Mr. P. P. Moretz Copover, N. C. and helping out during an epidemic of measles returned home on last Saturday evening. All of Mr. Moretz's family have had the measles and are up again.

Mrs. R. L. Norris and daughter Miss Cynthia were guests at the parsonage on last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. J. F. Moretz went to Todd on business one day last week.

Dr. Jedicat and Mr. H. C. Moretz made a business trip to Boone and Clark's Creek on Monday.

A new water system is being installed in the Lutheran parsonage.

The roads between this section and Boone are awfully muddy and cut in deep ruts, which makes it almost impossible for automobile traffic. It is even difficult for a Ford.

Thoughts for the week: "It is not enough to have a name you must have a life."

"The way things are running now it won't be long until parents will be sent to bed without their suppers because they talked back to their children."

Happiness comes from striving, doing, loving, achieving, conquering—always something positive and forceful.

Until you know how to give you do not know what Calvary means.

GALAX LEAVES

(By Mrs. C. C. Creveling) I fain would sing of galax leaves, In richest browns and reds, In glowing sheens Of lovely greens All in their shady beds.

So modest and so shy are they, Ne'er flaunting forth their worth.

Like maidens fair, With beauty rare— Of good, but lowly birth.

Defying winter's chilling blast And Summer's hottest rays, They sweetly smile In changing style Through every season's days.

Their satin dresses, pichot-edged Are lined with paler hue, While heart shaped forms Their style adorns To capture me and you.

The dying leaves of stately trees Float softly all around, Content to rest Upon the breast Of earth so richly gowned.

The brilliant holly lingers near; The waxen mistletoe, A neighbor oft, Though far aloft, On sturdy trees does grow.

Those splendid emblems of the yule Consort with galax leaves For modest worth On this old earth True honor oft achieves.

Then let us learn from galax leaves To fill each place To live more worthily— With modest grace And beauteous constancy.

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Mr. and Mrs. Colis Parlier of Rutherford visited the home of his father in law Rev. M. D. Miller Saturday.

Hall's Catarrh Medicine is a Combined local and internal, and has been successful in the treatment of Catarrh for over forty years. Sold by all druggists. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio

YULE TIDE AND THE YULE LOG

Morganton News-Herald. Yule-Tide is at hand and we hear a good deal of the "yule log." In olden time they laid stress on "yule-candle" and on "yule cake." In very olden times, five hundred years ago, they spoke of "yule-dough" or "yule baby" which was dough cut out in the form of a little boy or little girl baked and which it was the custom of bakers to present to their customers at Christmas.

"Yule" is derived either from the Scandinavian or Anglo-Saxon and there are four times as many explanations or guesses at the original meaning of the word as there are letters in it. It has been said that "yulelog" is a corruption of "ale-log" and it is set down in old chronicles that it was a custom in England more especially in the county of Norfolk and other parts of the North, to allow tenants and retainers of the Lord of the manor to drink the best of strongest ale as long as the yule-log burned. For this reason the lord's servants were interested in cutting the thickest and longest-burning log that they could find in the lord's forest. It was cut as long as the fireplace was wide, and knotty oak was usually chosen.

To the ashes of the yule-log were ascribed certain efficacious properties and they were gathered from the fireplace with care. For one thing they were mixed with cattle feed to preserve the animals from disease and also to cure them of any disease. Scattered on the lands the ashes of the yule-log protected crops against blight.

There are "authorities" who say that the yule-log was the center of the bonfires which the pagan Scandinavians lighted in honor of their god Thor, at about the time of the winter solstice, and that, Christmas coming at about the time of the winter solstice, the yule-log burning was continued by the Scandinavians after their conversion to Christianity. Another story is that the Christian missionaries, after converting the northern pagans, required them to cut down a large tree, hue from its trunk a heavy log and then burn that log as a symbol that they renounced their heathen gods. This formal renunciation of paganism and induction into Christianity was often timed to take place during the Christian celebration of the birth of Christ, and it is said that in this way the yule-log came to be a part of the celebration of Christmas.

"Yule" is spelled in so many ways by the early writers that it is confusing, and one cannot always make out what "yule" is meant. A clear and frequent way of spelling in the middle ages was "ewelee." Some writers have hit upon a theory that there is a connection between the words "yule" and "yowl" or "howl" and that this was the "yowling time" or the time for making noise and being festive—the time of greatest revelry of the year.

Says David Did Not Write all of the Psalms

Dear Editor: I saw in last week's paper the question asked if David wrote all the Psalms. No he did not. There are several others that had a part in the Psalms. All but the 34th have titles in the Hebrew Bible. The latter was called by the Rabbis orphan psalms. All of the first book of Psalms is attributed to David, all except the 1st, 2nd, 10th and 33rd. Following are the names of others that have a part in writing the Psalms Korah, Acaph, Solomon, Ethan, Herman the Erranite. Psalm 30 is credited to Moses, all that have no title to David.

M. F. HOFKINS, Elizabethton Tenn.

The Christmas Tree Wood

Ho, little fellow if you will be good, Some day you may go to the Christmas tree wood; It lies to the north of the Country of Dreams, It glitters and tinkles and sparkles and gleams; For tinsels and trinkets grow thick on the trees, Where wonderful toys are for him who will seize.

You go by the way of the road of Be-Good, Whenever you go to the Christmas

LUDEN'S MENTHOL COUGH DROPS for nose and throat Give Quick Relief

OLD SANTA Says Shop at HOME

OUR TOWN NEVER CONTAINED MORE ATTRACTIVE CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS — AND NO TOWN CAN BOAST LOWER PRICES FOR GIFTS THAN PREVAIL HERE.

The Christmas spirit asks no favors of logic and wise counsel. Our money is better spent at home where it may come back to us. Let's have a big, busy, joyful Christmas indeed. And let's keep our money circulating among our friends and neighbors

- N. L. Mast, President L. A. Greene, Vice-Pres. G. P. Hagaman, Cashier W. D. Farthing, A. Cashier Austin E. South, Teller Miss Pearl Hodges, Bookkeeper



WATAUGA COUNTY BANK BOONE, N. C.

Tree Wood; And when you draw near you will notice the walls That rise high above the fair city of Dells.

Whose entrance, unless you are wanted, is barred By Tin Soldiers regiments standing on guard.

It's over in candy land, there where the shops, Forever are turning out peppermint drops; Where fences are built of the red and white sticks And the houses are fashioned of chocolate bricks, Where meadow and forest and side walk and street Are all of materials children can eat.

You sail on a ship over Lemonade Lake And drink all the waves as they quiver and break

And then when you land you are under the trees Where Jumping Jacks jump in the sway of the breeze. But only the children most awfully good Can ever go into Christmas Tree Wood. —Wilbur Nesbit from "The land of Make Believe."

THE CHRIST CHILD

Christmas—the same old Christmas That lives in the minds of men; The same old round of buying, Then buying and buying again.

The same old tinselled playthings The same old star on the tree, The same old worn out shoppers, And the same old childish glee.

Christmas the same old Christmas The faces wan and white,

That peer into my decked windows And shiver—on Christmas night!

Christmas—the same old Christmas, Time of the Christ child's birth; When the angels sang of heaven, And peace to the strife torn earth.

Thank God for the Christmas spirit, Thank God for the cherry light That streams from cottage windows When Christ child was that night —Ciara McCulley in Kansas Star.

BOX SUPPER

There will be a box supper at the Middle Fork School House Dec. 15th proceeds to go toward painting the school building.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS Sometimes End in Disaster

Don't put your money in the stock of some corporation that you know nothing about, just because it promises big returns.

Consult your banker about your investments, OR write for our investors list of carefully selected preferred stocks and bonds of well known North Carolina corporations paying 6 to 8 per cent.

Bond Department AMERICAN TRUST COMPANY CHARLOTTE, N. C. 12-20-1f

Commissioners Services for 1923

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. L. A. GREENE—Served 28 days @ \$4 per day \$112.00 Traveled 192 miles @ 5c per mile 9.60 TOTAL \$121.60

I, E. M. HARMAN, Register of Deeds for Watauga County hereby certify that the foregoing are true accounts as the same appears on record in my office. This November 30, 1923. E. M. HARMAN, Register of Deeds.

State of North Carolina, WATAUGA COUNTY I, E. M. HARMAN, Register of Deeds for Watauga County, hereby certify that the bonded indebtedness of Watauga county is \$394,000.00. This November 30, 1923. E. M. HARMAN, Register of Deeds.

CROUP For Spasmodic Croup rub Vicks over the throat and chest until the difficult breathing is relieved—then cover with a warm flannel cloth. VICKS VAPORUB Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

IF IT'S A GOOD MILK COW YOU want see J. H. Winkler, Blowing Rock, North Carolina. 12-13-2

WANTED—STUDENTS TO WORK in office while taking business course. Tuition paid from guaranteed position after graduation. Edwards Business College, High Point, N. C. 13-1tp

EXTRA FINE PURE BRED MAMMOTH Bronze Turkeys for sale by Mrs. J. R. Phillips, Sugar Grove, N. C. 12-13-4tp

FOR RENT—Five room house in the heart of town. E. L. Payne. 12-6-4

FROST PROOF CABBAGE PLANTS WE have millions of early Jersey Wakefield cabbage plants ready to set. 10¢ parcel post prepaid 30; 500 parcel post prepaid 1.35; 1000 and over 2.50. Order filled same day received. Richardson Bros. Siler City, N. C. 11-8-23-3t

LOST — ONE BENCH - LEGGED black, brown and white spotted beagle pup. Brown ears, sharp nose, leather collar. Last seen in Boone November 16. Notify Finley P. Hodges. 11-29-2tc

FOR SALE—Purebred O. I. C. pigs, \$5 each. Finley P. Hodges, Sandis N. C. 11-22-3

IF ITS INSURANCE you WANT SEE GEORGE A. BRYAN, BOONE.

SAVE YOUR MONEY One box of Tutt's Pills saves many dollars in doctor's bills. A remedy for diseases of the liver, sick headache, dyspepsia, constipation, biliousness; a million people endorse. Tutt's Pills

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