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CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORMAL SCHOOL

Sunday the third was a happy day for the Methodist people of Boone. They had a hard struggle to build and pay the debt on their church even with the liberal aid that the Conference and General Boards have given. They had been carrying a part of the debt in the Building and Loan by the liberal aid of the Sunday School. The officials of the church finally decided that the best thing to do was to pay off the debt even though it might mean a struggle to do so. After taking private subscriptions they found that they still owed \$1005.00. So on Sunday they laid the matter before the congregation and every one present seemed to be of the same opinion of the officials, as subscribed freely until the last dollar was raised and they all went away happy.

It is but just to say of the Methodists that they have shown a truly heroic spirit and loyal to the great cause that the church represents, first to build a church that is sufficient to accommodate the large student body of the late Normal and then in struggling against odds until all was paid. A part of the building is yet to be finished, but they will work for that as soon as possible.

Mrs. Story mother of the rather noted Romy Story, died in Boone at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lora Cook on Saturday and was buried on Sunday. She was 69 years 9 months and 19 days old. Her son Romy Story died some years ago. He was a graduate of the High School Department of the Normal and attended the University but died before he finished. He was a most excellent young man, apparently loved by everyone, and quite distinguished in athletics, so much so that no one in his day could surpass him in the north. The mother goes to meet her noble son.

J. M. DOWNUM.

WORTH WHILE CLUB

Mrs. J. F. Greer with Mrs. Huggins associate hostess entertained the members of the Worth While Club and their husbands at the Annual holiday social usually given by the club.

Frolic and fun was the order of the evening. Everyone who went for the purpose of having a great deal of fun surely was not disappointed in their expectations.

Misses Lucy Moretz and Hazel McGary and Mr. Hugh Watson furnished the music and assisted in the games.

A mock wedding proved to be a fun provoking affair. The button hole contest was exceedingly interesting for the men. Mr. Chas. Stevenson won the prize.

At a late hour the guests were invited into the dining room where imperial salad, saltines, cocoa and mints were served.

ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC AT NORTH WILKESBORO

Cheer has been brought to the hearts of many cripples of this county by the possibility of improvement through the treatment offered them by the Kiwanis Orthopaedic Clinic of North Wilkesboro. This clinic is held on the second Saturday of each month in the Commercial Club rooms, opposite the post office in North Wilkesboro. The next meeting will be on Saturday January 9.

Crippled children and disabled men and women with clubbed feet, deformed backs, crippled hands, arms and legs are having their deformities corrected through the treatment afforded them free of charge by this clinic.

At the first session of this clinic on November 14, seventy cripples reported for examination and treatment. A number were found who cannot be treated in the clinic, but require operations necessitating, they going to Winston-Salem where a hospital bed is furnished by the Rotary Club of that city or to the State Orthopaedic Hospital at Gastonia. A number of cripples have already been treated and helped both at the clinic and at Winston-Salem.

COVE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY LOCALS

Among those spending the holiday season with home folks were Carlton Mast from V. P. L., Blanche Horton from Meredith College, and Mary Lizzie Horton from the Appalachian State Normal.

Miss Gertrude Bandy of the Home Economics department spent Christmas with her parents at Jamestown, N. C.

Prof. J. F. Spainhour and Chas. J. Greene spent the holidays at their homes in Morganton and Morristown, Tenn.

Mr. Grover Atkins has purchased the home of Mr. Joseph Mast and will move into it soon.

Of interest to their many friends was the marriage on December 24th of Miss Blanche Henson to Mr. Lewis Reece. We extend congratulations.

S. F. Horton spent the holiday season in Florida.

The following pupils were perfect in attendance for the first four months of the school year.

First grade: Helen Banner, Ruby Johnson, Ruby Mast.

Second grade: Ruby Glenn, Ora Mast, Pauline Mast, Margaret Mast.

Third grade: Carson Mast, David Horton, Len Wilson, Joe Banner Nell Henson, Jack Henson, Frances Mast, Josie Mast, Clay Mast, Bob Bingham.

Fourth grade: Louise Johnson, Francis Mast, Ruth Sherwood, Fleanor Hodges.

Fifth grade: Ruby Wilson, Gladys Mast, Muriel Horton, Susie Banner, Erin Smith, Henry Henson, Tommy Presnell, James McBride.

Sixth grade: Dora Deane Sherwood Hardie Moody, Don Henson, Cecil Glenn, Jim Banner, Finley Bingham.

Seventh grade: Ada Banner, Blanch Bingham, Grace Bingham, Frances Brinkley, Doughton Green, Buia Mae Henson, Mary Kate Henson, Robert Horton, Buia Mast, Edward Mast, Dean McBride, Perry Moody, Mattie Laine Sherwood, Paul Taylor, Elizabeth Wilson.

Honor Roll

First grade: Helen Bingham, Ruby Johnson, Leola Atkins, James Sherwood.

Second grade: Mamie Isaacs, Pauline Mast, Margaret Mast, Ben Horton.

Third grade: Marion Deal, Nell Norris, Nell Henson, Mattie Lou Harman.

Fourth grade: Anna Trivett and Fleanor Hodges.

Fifth grade: Lucile Trivett, Erin Smith, Susie Banner, Tommy Presnell, Ruby Wilson.

Sixth grade: John Stansberry, Mae Norris, Blanche Green.

The perfect attendance record for the high school was 55 out of an enrollment of 120.

THE NEWS OF PENLEY

Mr. Edgar Bradshaw, Angeline Bradshaw, Blanche Greer, Hite Ford and Nellie Bradshaw went fox hunting last Saturday.

Mr. Edgar Bradshaw fell on the ice last Tuesday and was badly hurt but is improved now.

Mr. Charlie Story and Mrs. Della Triplett visited their parents Mr. Will Story Saturday.

There was a corn shucking at Mr. Milton Bradshaws Tuesday night.

Mr. Bud Nelson bought a very fine cow Saturday from Mr. John Hawkins.

The Bradshaw school will be out next Friday afternoon.

Mr. Henry Barrier's children have the whooping cough.

Mr. Alex Greene is going to Lenoir some time this week on business.

Mr. Lum Bradshaw is building a new barn on Rock House Creek.

Mr. Millard Coffey got his eye hurt with a chip of wood last week. It has been very bad weather here for two weeks.

Mrs. Carolina Bradshaw is visiting her daughter Mrs. Julia Penley.

Mr. Henry Barrier has quit working at Lenoir.

Miss Blanche Greer is going home next Saturday.

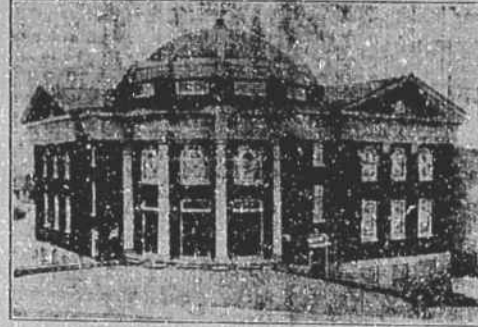
There was a corn shucking at Mr. Lum Bradshaw's Friday night.

Mr. Conrad Story spent last week end at home with his parents Mr. Will Story.

Mrs. Della Triplett went to Morganton to see her husband Mr. Luther Triplett last Sunday.

Miss Nelia Robbins went to Finley Friday on business.

METHODISTS OF BOONE REJOICE AS DEBT IS LIFTED FROM ELEGANT CHURCH



The contract for the Boone Methodist church, the building shown above was drawn in the year 1920, at which time Rev. J. R. Walker was pastor. Rev. Mr. Walker was on the charge for one year, during which time the foundation for the new structure was laid, and the sub-flooring put down; also the old church building and site were sold and the Methodists began worshipping in the court house.

Rev. G. C. Brinkman came next as pastor of the Boone charge, and finding practically all the rough lumber and brick on the ground, he began at once to work on the walls of the building. It was during the pastorate of Mr. Brinkman that the real struggle for the building of this plant took place. There was an indebtedness of about \$13,000 and there was no money in sight to complete the work. An appeal was made to the outside and contributions from Greensboro, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, as well as other towns of the state were made. The Conference and General Board of Church Extension came to the call of the Boone

Methodists and made liberal contributions. However the real burden of this struggle has been with the local congregation. Although comparatively small it has undergone many hardships and denials to keep the building program moving. It has been faithful and courageous and at no time has it thought of giving up this stupendous task of erecting a church adequate for Boone and the students at the college. It is known that there are some finishing touches to be made yet, but the Womans Missionary Society and Sunday School, together with the help of all are planning to complete the building entirely at an early date. Then the church will be adequate for a standard B type Sunday School.

This building which has cost approximately \$45,000.00, will be entirely free from debt after this week. The last of the indebtedness, about \$4,000.00, was raised last Sunday.

In the last six years the Methodist membership has increased about 70 per cent in spite of the fact that the congregation worshipped away from home about three years.

VALLE CRUCIS NEWS

The Christmas holidays which were filled with festivities for the young people are over. The unusually prolonged cold weather of last week held the ice on the river and creeks and gave ample opportunity for sliding and skating to the school children by day and to the older young people by moonlight.

Wilson and Clarence Lowrance and Clyde Calloway went to Florida last week and Julius Yates is also about to start.

Mrs. P. G. Spainhour has been indisposed for the past week and is unable to hold her classes in art at the Cove Creek High School.

Mrs. Lydia Harrell, mother of Jake Harrell died of pellagra just after Christmas and was buried at Matney.

Miss Myrtle Caudill who is teaching school at Springhope, was at home for Christmas.

Miss Annie Clarke, Gordon, Henry, James and Frank Taylor, and Phil and William Mast were at their homes in Valle Crucis for the Christmas vacation and have now returned to school and college.

Misses Virginia and Ruth Shipley came and spent a couple of nights with their aunt, Mrs. J. K. Mast.

Mr. J. H. Shipley who has been ill for some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Mast is improving in health.

Mrs. John E. Baird has gone to Elizabethton to see her sick daughter Mrs. Ed Lowrance.

The saw mill crew has returned to work on T. C. Baird's property after their Christmas holiday.

An oyster supper given on Dec. 29 at the V. C. School for girls under the auspices of the Womans Auxiliary netted about forty dollars for the new church building fund.

Miss Alice Taylro has joined the faculty of the Valle Crucis School for girls for the next five months.

Dr. Powell of Richmond, Virginia and his bride, who was Miss Elsie Farthing, visited in the homes of her brothers, B. W. and R. A. Farthing during the holidays.

Mr. B. W. Farthing is at home again since the close of the Beaver Dam School.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clarke spent several days visiting in Lenoir and their old home, Statesville.

Misses Lola and Wilmetta Rowe are now at home after closing a successful school term at Grandfather.

BAPTIST CHURCH

(F. M. Huggins, Pastor)

Sunday School 10 a. m., W. R. Gragg, Superintendent.

Worship 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
B. Y. P. U. 6 p. m.

Prayer Service and choir practice Wednesday night at 7 p. m.

We extend a cordial welcome to everyone to worship with us. Start the new year right by attending the church services next Sunday.

We were glad to have had many students in college return for the holidays. We hope they have had a good Christmas, and that they may have the best year possible in their work.

The ladies of the W. M. S. have raised money to furnish a room in one of the dormitories of the new Meredith college plant. This was a very fine thing for them to do. We hope to have a young lady at Meredith every year to occupy this room.

The pastor preaches Sunday morning from the text: "Rise, let us be going" and Sunday night on "Iron Chariots."

May the year 1926 be the best year we have had, the best for ourselves, the best for our church, the best for our town and country. But if it is the best year, bold and continuous effort must be put forth. Let us strive to make it the best year in every way.

FOSCOE

Christmas passed off quietly and the folks all seem to be happy. The school had a good program and the children did fine. There was a box supper at the church which was a success.

Mr. Jess Coffey of Canton, Ohio, spent Christmas with home folks here.

Miss Olena McCain and Emma Coffey went to Boone to the fiddlers' convention Friday night, and reported a good time.

Mr. Ralph Story was in the village this week on business.

Mrs. Watson spent the holidays with her grand daughter Mrs. Grover Robbins in Blowing Rock.

Mr. Frank Garmon of Boone spent Christmas here with his family.

Mr. John Presnell has moved to the Cone farm at Blowing Rock.

Now as we start in the New Year we should plan to read the Good Book more and practice its teachings, which will make us better men and women, that will make the world a better place to live in.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Attorney J. B. Council of Jefferson transacted legal business here today.

Mr. D. Clinton Nance, Editor of the Northwestern Herald spent the week end in Boone.

Mr. Paul Coffey returned Tuesday from a business trip to Greensboro, and Winston-Salem.

Misses Eunice and Essie Goodnight have returned home after spending the holidays with friends and relatives of Lincoln county.

Mr. Sam Atkins who recently bought the Wiley Mast farm at Vilas is moving there this week, having sold his home in Boone.

Mrs. Edna Hodges, who is teaching at Mt. Pleasant Cabarrus county has returned to her work after spending the holidays at her home in Boone.

A little son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Watson of Boone is seriously ill with pneumonia. This forenoon however the little fellow was thought to be slightly improved.

The baby daughter of Mr. B. C. Johnson who has been ill for several days, remains but little improved. A trained nurse and two physicians are in attendance, but her recovery is yet considered doubtful.

Prof. and Mrs. J. A. Williams have returned after having spent the holidays down state, Mrs. Williams at Mehane, and the Professor at Wilmington. The trip was made by motor.

Miss Jennie Coffey, who has been living at the home of Mr. John F. Hardin since the death of her brother Mr. W. C. Coffey, some five years ago, moved into her own apartments New Years day. There are other families living in her building and she is quite nicely located.

Miss Minnie Culver who has been employed in the school for the feeble minded at Kinston, as a nurse, for the past eleven years, has given up her work there, and will do local nursing when her services are needed. The Culvers are former Wataugans but now live at Butler, Tenn.

Mrs. Lou Shull, relief of the late Mr. Joe C. Shull of Shulls Mills has been visiting friends in Boone since early in the week. Mrs. Shull is somewhat advanced in years but is still enjoying good health and is jolly as a girl. The Democrat, as are all of her numerous friends in Boone, is always glad to see her come.

Last week, in enumerating the Boone home comers for the holidays we failed to note that Jim Rivers, formerly the "baby" of this print shop, was, with his wife, a visitor here, but on his part a very brief one. He came Christmas days and returned Saturday. Mrs. Rivers prolonging her visit. Jim is now holding a good position with the Winston-Salem Journal.

Mr. John Earp, a resident of this town for many years, died of paralysis at the home of his son Walter in Boone, last night. John was a faithful worker and a harmless citizen. He was advanced in years but up to the time of his first affliction, more than a year ago, he was very active and rarely missed a days work. The old man will be missed.

Mr. Kelsey Atkins of Norton, Va. has been in town this week. He tells the Democrat that he is moving back to Shulls Mills as the Whiting Lumber Co., has completed arrangements for starting work again. The railroad to Beech Creek from Shulls Mills is now a certainty he says, and the big boundary of fine timber purchased by Mr. Whiting will be manufactured at the Shulls Mills plant. Work is to begin at once putting the machinery in shape and finishing up some odds and ends of timber belonging to the company. Just when the grading on the road will begin we are not informed but it will be soon. Mr. Atkins also told us that Mr. Shaler Gilley of East Laporte will also again locate at Shulls Mills on account of the big operation opening up work again. This move means much for this section.

LOCAL POSTAL RECEIPTS SHOW MARKED INCREASE

The following figures compiled by Postmaster Farthing show a comparative statement of postal receipts for 24-25.

Total for year ending Dec. 31, 1924 \$7659.69
Total for 1925 9311.71

Total, last quarter 1924 \$2126.00
Total last quarter 1925 2564.51

Total December 1924 \$852.54
Total, December 1925 914.07

ITEMS FROM VILAS

The Christmas holidays passed off very quietly here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Reese have left for Cleveland, Ohio, where they will make their future home.

Rev. A. J. and Mrs. Greene pleasantly entertained last Saturday night in honor of Gordon and Aubrey Eggers of Carson and Newman College. The following were present, Rev. R. N. and Mrs. Brooks, Tom Elliott, Misses Thelma and Alma Hayes of Montezuma, Annie Smith, Lura Shoun Grace Smith and Virginia Bingham.

Mr. V. M. Presnell left last Friday for Florida. He expects to be gone for some time. He was accompanied by Jim Bingham and Ronda Fox.

Mrs. Will Isaacs is very much indisposed this week.

Misses Annie Smith and Lura Shoun who have been teaching at Dutch Creek, spent the week end here.

Misses Alma and Thelma Hayes of Montezuma have returned to their home after spending some time with their aunt Mrs. V. M. Presnell.

AN AYRSHIRE CHAMPION

Glen Goerd Marion Star, a daughter of the champion and tracing to six champions all leading sires, has proven worthy of her ancestral lineage. Freshening as a senior three-year old Marion Star gave 18,783 lbs. milk, 736.22 lbs. fat, ranking her third among red and white producers, claiming her as the living champion at this age, and titling her to the silver medal award of the Ayrshire Breeders' Association. She was bred and is owned by Glen Foard Farnus of Pennsylvania.—The Ayrshire Breeders Association.

J. Frank McGhee left Tuesday for Durham where he proposes to take work on Duke University until spring.

Mrs. Story widow of the late Mr. John Story of the Blowing Rock section, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lora Cook, of Boone, last Friday, after a short illness which resulted in pneumonia. Interment was made in the burying ground near her old home the following day. Mrs. Story was 69 years of age and a splendid woman. Two daughters survive her.

Mr. James H. Green and family of Shulls Mills, R. F. D. left this forenoon for Kingsport, Tenn. where they will make their future home. Mr. Greene has secured work there. He has acted wisely however by retaining his farm, having sold nothing but some of his personal effects. His daughter, a graduate of the State Normal, was in yesterday to have the Democrat changed to their new address.

Mr. Frank Ray of some town in Pennsylvania and Miss Annie, sister of Mr. Kelley Osborne, were married in Boone Tuesday afternoon, Judge J. W. Bryan officiating. After the ceremony they left for a visit to Ashe county before returning to their northern home. Mr. Ray is unknown to us, but the Democrat wants to congratulate him upon winning the heart and hand of one of our choice girls.

Mr. A. E. South of the Watauga County Bank force, has been granted leave of absence from his labors for a period of 90 days by the Board of Directors, and Mr. Charles Younce has been added to the bank crew for a like period of time. Mr. South will, during his leave of absence install a new hookkeeping system in the Boone Novelty Shops (he being a stockholder), audit the books of the company, and in the meantime, try to get a short respite from labor, before returning to the responsible position he has so faithfully and efficiently held for so many years.