

LOCAL AFFAIRS

Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, of Linville, spent Monday in town visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Howard Gragg, who has been suffering from influenza for several days, is fast recovering, and is now able to be out again.

Messrs. Fred Church and Gordon Taylor left Wednesday for Chicago, Ill., where they will seek employment. They are making the trip by motor.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reeves, who reside on North Water Street, has been quite ill for the past several days, but is now recovering satisfactorily.

Mr. Alfred Adams, for reasons unknown to us, has moved from his home one mile west of town to the Luther South property just off of Water Street.

Mrs. Frank McGhee got quite a fall last Saturday, and as a result has been using a crutch ever since. No broken bones but a badly bruised knee.

Mr. W. D. Turner, president of the Carolina Stores Corporation, was a visitor in town Monday, looking after business interests and mingling with friends in the city.

A. B. Cole, of Blowing Rock, returned Tuesday night from Kentucky, where she attended the funeral of her father, Dr. Lyons, who died suddenly last week.

The real ideal weather we enjoyed for several days came to a sudden termination Tuesday night, which is followed this (Wednesday) morning by a drop in temperature and the lowering clouds indicate that rougher weather is to follow.

Mr. Kenneth Linney, a student at Duke University, recently underwent an operation at Dr. Long's Sanatorium at Statesville. He is now convalescing at his home in Boone, but will resume his studies about the first of February.

Mrs. J. C. Rivers returned home Tuesday morning from Bristol, where she accompanied her mother, Mrs. W. E. Butler, who has been seriously ill for several weeks at Mountain City. Mrs. Butler will undergo examination and treatment at the Kings Mountain Hospital.

Mrs. Luther South was called to the Beaver Dam home of her father, Mr. Houck, last Saturday evening, on account of the serious illness of that aged gentleman, and has not yet returned home. Mr. Houck's condition is somewhat improved at this writing.

The Asheville Citizen is maintaining a good schedule since inaugurating the new paper route into Boone. Mr. George Loven is the carrier and is able to bring the paper across the country from Ingalls each morning by 8 o'clock, bettering the time of other State papers by about 1-2 hours.

Professor E. F. Abernethy, of Gastonia, was a week-end visitor with his sister, Mrs. Rankin, and took his mother, Mrs. R. S. Abernethy, with him on his return Sunday. Mrs. Abernethy will visit in Gastonia, Cherryville and Shelby. Her host of Boone friends will look forward with pleasure to the time for her return.

Mrs. E. S. Coffey, Misses Carrie and Nellie Coffey, Messrs. Hubert Coffey and Rimmel Porter spent Sunday in Charlotte, with Miss Ruth Coffey, who is undergoing treatment at the Charlotte Sanatorium for a broken thigh. Miss Coffey, while suffering a great deal of pain, is said to be getting along as well as could be hoped for.

Professor and Mrs. I. G. Greer will leave for Columbus, Polk County on Friday, where in the evening they will present to a gathering of the teachers of the county a folklore program. On Saturday Professor Greer will deliver the principal address to the educational assembly, his subject being, "Uplifting the Profession."

Attorney J. L. Grayson of the law firm of Grayson & Butler, Mountain City, Tenn., was in town on legal business a short while Monday and took time in his rush, to give the Democrat a call and renew his subscription to the paper he refers to as the best in Western North Carolina or East Tennessee.

Plant larger gardens, using the best seed procurable, thereby becoming a member of the great "Live-at-Home" organization that is covering the State from Cherokee to Currituck. A good garden is always a good index to a good farmer and without it, no farm, be it ever so large and productive, can be a complete success. Let "bigger and better" gardens be the slogan of Watauga this year.

Mrs. Augusta Hine, for many years a beloved resident of Boone, died Tuesday morning at her home in Erwin, Tenn., due, we suppose, to the inevitable weakness of age. She was more than 90 years old, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her. She leaves two children, Mr. Thomas Hines, with whom she lived and where she died, and Miss Mattie Hines, of the same home; and two grandchildren. Interment was made in the cemetery at Johnson City yesterday. The news of the death of this most estimable lady will bring sadness to the hearts of her many friends in this and surrounding counties.

W. H. Gragg is not only one of our hustling business men but is a gardener (by proxy) as his lots and premises always prove. He is now developing into a considerable farmer (by proxy again, if you don't mind). Some years ago he purchased what is known as the Rivers field, containing about 20 acres, the corporate limits of the town passing through the property. The fields have been used for pasturage for a long while and as a result are badly grown up with briars and small timber. He already has a large part of the tract cleaned up ready for the plow save the burning. His idea is to cultivate it all this year, principally in potatoes, cabbage, beans and other products. The land, in the main, is rich and loamy, and there is no better prospect for a crop in this vicinity. The "old man" of the shop has spoken for a small potato patch in the field, and if he is successful in getting it, it will be something that will do your heart good to see him and Watt Gragg tickling the alluvial soil from early dawn until night. Watt is a great believer in long (?) hours!

Miss Bouchelle Entertains At Theatre Party.

Miss Ethel Bouchelle entertained a number of friends at a theatre party on Tuesday evening, January 7. After the picture, "The Mysterious Island," an unusually interesting Vitaphone production, the guests were taken to the Boone Drug Store where delicious cream and cake were served.

Miss Bouchelle had as her guests the following: Misses Esther Fleming, Eula Todd, Katherine Harwell, Elizabeth Tucker, Carrie Coffey, Jane Eliason, Estelle Pye, Annie Stanbury, Mesdames David Greene, G. K. Moose, Dean Bingham, Paul Coffey, J. M. Gaither and Misses Richardson, Spencer, Bolt and Allen.

Maid and Matrons Club Meets With Miss Ruth Cottrell.

The members of the Maids and Matrons Club and additional friends were delightfully entertained by Miss Ruth Cottrell on Friday evening at her home on College Street. Three tables of bridge were in play and four progressions were made. At the end of the game, Mrs. Fred Hodges held high score for the club's members. Miss Esther Fleming, who made guest high score, received a dainty compact.

The hostess, assisted by Miss Floy Cottrell, served an attractive party plate containing fruit salad, sandwiches, olives, saltines and coffee. Guests other than club members were Misses Estelle Pye, Jane Eliason and Esther Fleming.

Blowing Rock Has Two Delightful Parties.

Mrs. T. H. Coffey and daughter, Ellen, entertained as a farewell to Miss Lena Reeves, who left Tuesday for Richmond, Va., where she will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Davis. Four tables were laid for bridge. Mints and salted nuts were enjoyed during the game. At the close of the evening sandwiches, olives and coffee were served, followed by ambrosia and fruit cake.

The hostess was assisted in serving by Miss Teer. Miss Reeves received an honor gift.

Those present were Miss Lena Reeves, Mesdames H. E. Conrad, R. V. Norman, C. S. Provette, Harry Tharrington, Mr. and Mrs. Teer, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Greene, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Holsinger, Messrs. Eubert Holsinger, Will Suddreth and Hayes Coffey.

Mrs. Rob Greene was charming hostess to the Friday Nighters at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. T. Miller. The home was arranged with a profusion of ferns and pot flowers. The meeting opened with a business session followed by a "nut cracking." Inside each nut was a riddle to be solved. Then an interesting contest was given in which Mrs. Conrad won a dainty elephant cream pitcher. Mrs. Teer was given an elephant tray for consolation.

Cards were played until a late hour after which the guests were ushered into the attractive dining room where a delicious salad and ice course was served, followed by mints and coffee.

Mrs. Miller assisted Mrs. Greene in serving. Invited guests were Mesdames G. C. Robbins, R. V. Norman, and J. S. Williams.

Mrs. Greer Entertains Friday Afternoon Club.

The bi-monthly meeting of the Friday Afternoon Club with Mrs. I. G. Greer was in many respects typically ideal. The members, in their usual happy way, spent the time in pleasant, comradely visiting, with current events as the center of interest. A rather unique guessing contest had been prepared, to challenge one's ingenuity. The winner, Mrs. A. E. South, was presented a beautifully embroidered towel.

A salad course with coffee and individual mince pies topped with whipped cream furnished the refreshments, served in the most attractive manner. Then each one returned home with appreciative memories of the hostess, and with keener feelings of interest in each other.

The guests of the occasion were Mrs. Milton Greer of the local high school and Mrs. R. S. Abernethy of Rutherford College.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Suma Hardin.

WILL ATTEND GRAND LODGE.

Messrs. A. R. Smith and J. T. C. Wright expect to leave Monday for Raleigh where they will attend the sessions of the Grand Masonic Lodge, to be held in that city on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

BOONE R. F. D. LOCALS.

Z. T. Watson, of Brookside, N. C., is teaching penmanship at the Miller Consolidated School, with an average of 52 pupils. The young people are progressing nicely, with marked improvements reported. Watson will begin his next school at River View Monday, January 20.

Mr. S. G. Wall, of Baltimore, Md., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wall, remembering them with a beautiful present, consisting of a first class radio set. Guy is taking in the writing school this week and on the fifteenth will return to his work with a radio company at Baltimore.

Mrs. Eben Castle, who lives with her son-in-law, Nate Phillippe, is suffering with a very serious attack of dropsy. The aged lady continually grows worse, and her many friends have lost all hopes of her recovery.

What has become of Ed Stokes and John McNeil since Harrison Baker, the county game warden, has won the championship as a fox hunter? The oldest citizens in the neighborhood will leap out of their beds at the late hour of midnight, and stand shivering in the cold, listening at Baker's bellowing hounds as they chase the fox from hill to hill.

ITEMS FROM NEWLAND.

C. W. Wiseman, P. A. Vance and others killed a 350-pound bear near here last week.

J. D. Braswell was elected as secretary and treasurer of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company last week.

T. W. Hopkins and son, Dallas, made a flying trip to Hendersonville last Monday, where they attended to business matters.

The little tenant house of Mrs. T. A. Love was completely destroyed by fire last Sunday.

James Loveless, of Elk Park, was shot and killed by someone unknown to the public last Sunday.

School is now in session here again following the holiday vacation. Everything is moving on nicely.

Mr. R. B. Dula tells us he has fifteen carloads of shrubbery sold to be delivered up North at once.

Harvey Ferguson, 14-year-old son of Elisha Ferguson, was instantly killed on last Friday when a falling snag which he had just cut, struck him while falling.

Mr. Levi Ellis, of Cranberry, died last week after a long spell of sickness.

Mrs. T. W. Hopkins is getting along well with her work as postmaster in Newland, and everyone seems to be pleased with her service.

Rasher has four little English and bull terrier pups, this being the fourth litter of four each. The twelve puppies have sold for \$60, or \$5 each. Some income from the little mother dog.

Paul Fletcher, who has been operating the Rock House Filling Station for over a year, has moved back to his old stand in town, and Vincent Odum, of Cranberry, has succeeded him at the Rock House.

Mr. Ed Ray, of Elk Park, is reported to be very sick at this time.

J. D. Braswell could not smile any broader without having his ears set back. It's a granddaughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Hackett Smithdeal, of Elizabethton, Tenn.

THE WEATHER.

Weather report for week ending January 11, 1930, as compiled by the Co-operative Station, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, J. T. C. Wright, observer:

- Average maximum temperature, 49 degrees.
Average minimum temperature, 28 degrees.
Average temperature, 38 degrees.
Average daily range in temperature, 20 degrees.
Greatest daily range in temperature, 41 degrees, date 9th.
Average temperature at 8 a. m. (time of observation), 42 degrees.
Highest temperature reached, 66 degrees; date 9th.
Lowest temperature reached, 10 degrees; date 5th.
Number inches of rainfall (including melted snow), 0.10.
Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, 0.10 inches; date 7th.
Number of clear days, 2.
Number of cloudy days, 3.
Number of partly cloudy days, 2.
Direction of prevailing wind, south east.

SERVICES SATURDAY-SUNDAY AT COVE CREEK BAPTIST.

At 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, services will be conducted by the pastor. It is requested that all members be present. In the church conference will be determined whether the Saturday afternoon services are to be continued. Your presence will be needed to determine whether it is worth while to have Saturday afternoon services. Be sure and come, and make disposition of the matter in one way or other.

In the services Sunday at 11 o'clock, Dr. Will Gordon will discuss the subject, "The Doctor of Theology Converses With the Teacher of Christianity."

Go to church Sunday. A cordial welcome for all.

From Our Early Files. Items from The Democrat of January 16, 1890. J. F. Spainhour, of Mouth of Watson, Va., has been on a business trip to Burke County and passed through Boone on Monday on his return to his school. Mr. Spainhour will return to Boone again in the spring. Mr. E. G. Morris and Miss Roxy Edmisten of Blowing Rock were married last Thursday. The Democrat wishes the happy pair smooth seas, bright skies and a happy voyage over the tempestuous sea of life. We were presented with a map and full description of the proposed Linville development. It looks well on paper and if they work up to the plans laid down, they will have one of the prettiest towns in the State. The company will soon build a railroad from Cranberry to Linville, then the A. A. & B. R. R. will pass Linville on its way to Roanoke. We feel greatly encouraged with the prospects surrounding us. Mr. A. S. Jones, son of Mr. W. P. Jones, of Route 2, was a business caller at The Democrat office Monday. He reported that his father, who underwent an operation for appendicitis recently at Grace Hospital at Banner Elk, recovered quite nicely, but has since contracted rheumatism in a rather severe form that is giving him much trouble. Mr. Jones is of the county's substantial citizens, and we hope to hear, ere long, of his permanent recovery from his painful malady. FOR RENT—Furnished and unfurnished rooms with steam heat, lights, hot and cold water and bath. See Edwn. N. Hahn. 1-15-30. Dr. C. B. Baughman, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, Johnson City, Tenn., will be in the office of Dr. J. B. Hagaman in Boone, on the first of Monday in each month for the practice of his profession. 10-17-29. NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS. You are hereby notified that there will be a meeting of the Sugar Grove National Farm Loan Association to be held at the office of John E. Brown, in Boone, North Carolina, at 1:30 o'clock p. m. January 25, 1930, for the purpose of electing officers for the association and such other business as may come before it. L. H. HOLLER, Secretary and Treasurer. 1-16-30.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CHRISTIAN. REV. S. E. GRAGG, Pastor. Sunday School each Sunday at 9:45. Morning service at 11 o'clock. BOONE BAPTIST. REV. P. A. HIX, Pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a. m., J. T. C. Wright, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. B. Y. P. U.'s 6 p. m. Mid-week prayer service on Wednesdays at 7:30 p. m.

LUTHERAN CHURCHES. St. Marks, Bailey's Camp. Preaching service every first Sunday at 11 a. m.; Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 a. m.; Miss Synthea Moretz, acting superintendent. Grace—Boone. Preaching service every second and fourth Sunday at 11 a. m., and vespeis every first and third Sunday at 7 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 a. m.; Professor George L. Sawyer, superintendent. Holy Community, Clark's Creek. Preaching service every third Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 a. m.; Cicero Townsend, superintendent.

Banner Elk. Preaching service every fourth Sunday at 3 p. m. To all these services, we most cordially invite the public. J. A. YOUNT, Pastor.

WATAUGA CHARGE. REV. A. BURGESS, Pastor. Henson's Chapel—Second and Fourth Sundays, 11 a. m. first Sunday and third Sunday 7 p. m. Sunday School at 9:45. J. B. Horton, superintendent. Epworth League, 6 p. m. Valle Crucis—Preaching every First and Third Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday School 10 a. m., J. M. Shull, superintendent. Epworth League every Wednesday night. Blowing Rock—Preaching every Second and Fourth Sunday, 7:30 p. m. Mabel—Preaching every Second and Fourth Sunday at 3 p. m. Sunday School 10 p. m., Mr. Moretz, superintendent. Salem—Preaching every First and Third Sunday, 3 p. m.

METHODIST CHURCH. DR. O. J. CHANDLER, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a. m., J. D. Rankin, Superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Dr. Chandler. Epworth League, 6:15 p. m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7 p. m. Choir practice on Friday, 7 p. m.

A Week of Success and Happiness. Tomorrow is the 224th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, printer, inventor, statesman, diplomat, financier and still America's most famous exponent of Thrift—the wise use of money. And tomorrow America pays homage to this great man and his ideals by beginning a week of celebration called National Thrift Week. Friday, January 17, is Thrift Day. Saturday, January 18, is Budget Day. Sunday, January 19, is Share With Others Day. Monday, January 20, is Make a Will Day. Tuesday, January 21, is Own Your Home Day. Wednesday, January 22, is Life Insurance Day. Thursday, January 23, is Safe Investment Day. The real celebration of these days requires Thrift—not hoarding and deprivation, but wise spending. Co-operate for your own good and the good of others. Co-operate for a successful, happy life. WATAUGA COUNTY BANK. "THE HOME OF THE THRIFTY". MANAGE YOUR MONEY—DON'T LET IT MANAGE YOU. Success Happiness THRIFT WEEK.