

LOCAL AFFAIRS

Mr. Walton spent the holidays with his family in Richmond, Va. Misses Marguerite and Lucille Miller spent Wednesday in Charlotte. Mrs. Grace Council, of Charlotte, spent the holidays visiting with Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Council. Miss Mary Francis Linney, of Charlotte, spent the holidays with homefolks here. Miss Louise Critcher spent Christmas in Greensboro, the guest of Mrs. Clyde Rich. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mattox, of Bristol, spent Christmas with homefolks in the city. Mr. J. P. Steele visited during the holidays with his parents who reside in Marston, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Wilson were holiday visitors with homefolks in Appalachia, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Berry and little daughter spent the holidays with Mrs. J. L. Goodnight. John Critcher, of Asheville, was a week-end visitor at the home of his mother, Mrs. Jennie Critcher. Miss Loree O'Daniels spent Christmas in the home of a brother, Mr. James O'Daniels, of Lenoir. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Adams spent the week-end in Bristol with Mrs. Adams' sister, Mrs. Guy Mattox. Mr. Glenn Coffey has returned to Charlottesville, Va., after a holiday visit to homefolks in Blowing Rock. Rev. J. C. Canipe and family have returned from Augusta, Ga., where they spent Christmas with relatives. Mr. Charles Miller, of Mabel, was a business visitor to town Wednesday and made a pleasant call at the newspaper office. Miss Janet Butler, of Mountain City, Tenn., spent the week-end with her cousins, Sarah Rebekah and Jimmy Emeline Rivers. Mrs. James L. Winkler, who has been seriously ill for the past several weeks, is reported as being considerably improved. Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Randolph and daughter, of Lenoir, and son Robert of Charlotte, spent Christmas with relatives near Boone. Miss Martha Winkler has returned home from Banner Elk hospital where she has been taking treatment. Miss Hamby, of Winston Salem, was here Tuesday in the interest of instituting a recreational project under the WPA. Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Hollifield have returned to Anokish from a holiday visit with Mrs. Hollifield's mother, Mrs. J. D. Council. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Black, of Staunton, Va., were holiday visitors with Mrs. Black's mother, Mrs. E. S. Coffey. Mr. and Mrs. Remmel Porter, of Jonesboro, Ark., were Christmas visitors with Mrs. E. S. Coffey, Mrs. Porter's mother. Mrs. M. W. Beach and daughter, Annelie, of North Wilkesboro are spending the week in Boone with friends. Prof. W. L. Winkler has returned to his school at Spring Hope, after spending the holidays with his family at Shulls Mills. Mr. Charles Norton, who is teaching at Marshall, spent last week at the home of his mother, Mrs. A. M. Norton. Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Greer returned last evening from Lewiston, where they spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Greer's parents. Mr. Frank Greene, of Cleveland, Ohio, was a Christmas visitor in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Roby Greene. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Johnson and children of Farmington, N. C., spent Christmas with Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Greene. Mrs. A. S. Harris left Monday of last week for Alexandria, Va., and Washington, D. C., to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. C. B. Elliot. Mr. Herbert Butler, of St. John, Kansas, is spending the holidays visiting his mother, Mrs. W. R. Butler, and his sister, Mrs. Jim Rivers in Boone. Mrs. Claude Smith and Miss Pauline Bingham returned to Forsyth county to resume teaching after spending the holidays with relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. Guy West have returned to Wheeling, W. Va. Mrs. West's mother, Mrs. W. L. Trivett, returned with them and will be away for two or three weeks. Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson, of Hickory; Mr. and Mrs. Cloy Winkler, of Elkin; Miss Anita Winkler, of Shelby, and Mr. Frank Winkler, of Sylva, spent Christmas week with their mother, Mrs. James L. Winkler.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Dunn and son, who were motoring from Albany, N. Y., to Mineral Wells, Texas, stopped with Mr. R. R. Hodges at the Misses Rays last week. Mr. Sam Brookshire, of North Fork, W. Va., spent his vacation at his home on New River. Miss Mary Brookshire, of the Davis hospital, Statesville, spent Christmas day with her father. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey B. Carlton and little daughter of Philadelphia, made a short visit in town as they passed through on their way to Atlanta, Ga., for the holidays. They were accompanied by Miss Sallie Ray, who had spent the past month visiting the Carltons in Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hodges, of Knoxville, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Kay Boatright, of Kingsport, and Mr. Grant Hodges, of Weesbury, Ky., were Christmas visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hodges. Mr. Grant Ayers, of the New River Light & Power company force, leaves next Saturday for Chicago, where he will enter Covne Electrical Engineering school. He attended Appalachian College last year and during the summer was employed at the steam plant of the New River Light & Power company. Elder W. L. Atkins, a minister of the Seventh Day Adventist church, has established his home at Valle Crucis, and will be the pastor of the Clarks Creek and Banner Elk churches. Rev. Mr. Atkins is known by many people in Watauga, where he conducted meetings several years ago. He comes to Valle Crucis from Columbia, S. C. Hayes-Greene A marriage of interest to their many friends was solemnized at the home of Edw. N. Hahn, magistrate, Tuesday evening when Pauline Hayes became the bride of Ralph Greene. Mrs. Greene is the daughter of Jas. and Bessie Hayes, of Triplet. Mr. Greene is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Greene, of Deep Gap. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Hahn. Cooke-Brookshire On December 16, Mr. Howard Brookshire and Miss Gladys Cooke were married at Elizabethton, Tenn. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cooke, of Rutherford, the youngest of the talented quartette of musicians, who were known as the "Cooke Sisters." Mr. Brookshire is the oldest son of Mr. J. C. Brookshire, of New River, and is a popular young farmer. Miles-Wilson A simple ring ceremony, witnessed only by the family and a few intimate friends, united Miss Zilda Wilson and Kelly G. Miles, both of Boone, in marriage. The vows were solemnized Christmas afternoon at 5:30 at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. W. L. Brown, of Kannapolis, N. C. Rev. B. H. Henry officiated. The bride wore a lovely dress of white satin and a shoulder corsage of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. The home was decorated with magnolia leaves, ivy and tall white tapers in crystal holders. An improvised altar was arranged in the living room against a background of evergreens. On either side of the altar were baskets of white carysanthemums. The couple will make their home in Boone. Davis-Cook Miss Foy Belle Cook and Mr. Williford Davis were married in a ceremony performed in Mountain City, Tenn., last Thursday evening, by Rev. Mr. Davis, of the Baptist church. Mrs. Davis is a daughter of Mrs. Lona Cook of Lenoir, and has resided in Boone for several years. She is well known in this section and has a host of friends. Mr. Davis is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Davis of Boone, and is a building contractor. For the past several months he has been engaged in the supervision of the construction of a school building at Mabel, and is one of the town's most substantial young men. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have established their permanent residence in Boone. Miss Hope Eller is Hostess To Junior Music Club Miss Hope Eller delightfully entertained the Junior Music club on December 15 at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Cicero Greer. Many Christmas Carols, including English, German and French, were played and sung by various club members, and the story of the Christ Child was read by the teacher, Mrs. Stallings. Several Christmas stories were told around the fireplace and a history game proved very instructive and interesting to the various guests. The home, with its decorations of Christmas greens, candles and berries, lent itself to the Christmas spirit. A delectable party plate with red and green colors predominating, was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Greer. A goodly number of club members were present. Messdames O'Neal and Farthing Hostesses to Demonstration Club The Bethel Home Demonstration

club met on December 15 with Mrs. J. B. O'Neal and Mrs. C. J. Farthing at the O'Neal home. About twenty club members enjoyed the meeting, beginning with a brief business session. Roll call and reports of the meetings came next. Miss Clea Jones, home demonstration agent, being absent, Mrs. A. C. Clay discussed the receipts on Christmas candy. The time was then given to Christmas hymns: Christmas story by Miss Carrilee Farthing, and readings were given by members of the club, also music by Miss Betty O'Neal. The members were then invited to the Christmas tree where "Santa" presented each one with a useful gift. Delicious refreshments were served with Christmas candy, making the social hour a most delightful one. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Paul Norris as hostess on January 28. Milton Mast Entertains Music Club On Tuesday, December 22, the regular meeting of the music club (Mrs. Norton's music class) was held at the home of Milton Mast. The program consisted of Christmas songs, readings and piano solos. Edith Walker read the Christmas story and Frances Walker played "There's a Star in the Sky." Ruby Kirkman sang "Star of the East," accompanied by Louise Taylor. Betty Clay played "Christmas Bells." Martha Hamby, Josephine Miller, Alma Ruth Hagaman and Lucile Cook sang "Away in a Manger" and "Dear Old Santa Claus." Mary Alice Cook played "Christmas Eve," accompanied by an orchestra of bells, tamborine, triangle and claps. The entire club sang "Jingle Bells," with orchestra accompaniment. After the program a contest of pinning the head on Santa Claus was greatly enjoyed. Mary Alice Cook won first prize and Alma Ruth Hagaman, the booby. Beverly Townsend was an invited guest. Refreshments, consisting of hot chocolate, cake and cany were served by Mrs. Mast, Lucile and Milton Mast. Mrs. F. A. Linney Hostess to Friday Afternoon Club Mrs. F. A. Linney delightfully entertained the members of the Friday Afternoon club on December 18 at its annual Christmas party. The Christmas spirit was prevalent in every place of entertainment during the afternoon. The spacious rooms were artistically decorated with Christmas flowers (poinsettias), lighted red candles, Christmas greens and a beautiful tree made more beautiful by tiny electric lights in varied colors. After a social hour of much merriment and good cheer, the president presided over a short business meeting. At this time a committee was appointed to purchase and send each or mail some Christmas packages to various persons in the community. Next, a short program prepared by the hostess was rendered as follows: Christmas Carols, by club members, Mrs. A. E. South at the piano. Christmas Story, Miss Jennie Todd. Piano solo, "Star of the East," Mrs. A. E. South. It is the custom of the club to draw a name each year at a meeting previous to the Christmas party in order to have their gifts ready at that time. Mrs. David Greene was selected this year to present these exchange presents. Much pleasure and happiness mingled with (a woman's) curiosity is experienced when opening these presents and finding the giver's name. Mrs. Linney, assisted by Mesdames Paul Coffey and Baxixor Linney, served delicious Christmas refreshments in two courses. Every one present will long remember the beautiful party and the generous hospitality of the hostess. Invited guests were Mrs. Abernethy, Mrs. J. D. Rankin's mother, and Mrs. Paul Townsend. Mabel News Solomon Eggers seems to be the king farmer around Mabel. Here is a report of two acres he cultivated this year: Three-fourths acre planted in tobacco. He marketed 1,290 pounds, sold at New Burley warehouse, Greenville, Tenn., for \$695.35, kept for home use 50 pounds; harvested and sold 150 bushels potatoes for \$150, kept enough potatoes for home use and seed, harvested and sold \$75.12 worth of cabbage and kept enough for home use. Total cash sale from two acres, \$950.47. In addition to the above named cash crops, Mr. Eggers raised 75 bushels of corn and other farm products on his 22-3-acre farm. Mr. Eggers is 67 years old, works every day at something on the farm. He and his family are among our most industrious people. Beat this if you can! Spencer Dishman planted three-tenths of an acre to tobacco and marketed 906 pounds for \$484.28. He averaged about 50 bushels of corn per acre on one acre and made 60 bushels on one acre, in addition to improving the soil. Mr. Dishman raises colts for sale. He sells a pair every year for a good price. He has one of the best pair of mares in the county. In addition to raising these colts, these mares do Mr. Dishman's farm work. Charlie Miller had a small patch in tobacco, and marketed 414 pounds for \$185. Jim Burchett had one acre in tobacco, and made 1,428 pounds for which he received \$474. On his 60-acre farm, Jim also harvested and had harvested 515 bushels of corn. He usually keeps two or three good fox hounds and still can sing on any and all occasions. Mrs. Ham Thomas is still improving. Mrs. Hazel Mast, our efficient school teacher at North Fork, is going forward with the work most satisfactorily. She is always on time and is holding up the attendance

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very nicely. She is one of Watauga's best teachers. Clip Wilson is at Mabel for the holidays with home folks. He is stationed in a C. C. camp at Bakersville. Rev. Will Cook filed his appointment at Union church Saturday. We were very much impressed with his sermon. Rev. Grady Minton preached an excellent sermon Sunday at Union. Mrs. Rachel Greene is spending the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Ab Church. Mrs. Greene's health has been very poor for several months. Boston.—The religious observance of Lent originally was a period of only 40 days.

Amarillo, Texas.—The state of Texas furnished 79 per cent of the United States production of carbon black. This commodity is made from natural gas and is an essential ingredient of manufactured rubber. MEANEST MAN OF 1936 Who was the meanest man of 1936? Read this unusual story, relating many instances of cruelties and man's inhumanity during the past year. One of the many interesting features in the January 3rd issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine which comes every Sunday with the BALTIMORE AMERICAN. Your news dealer has your copy. SOLVING A MURDER MYSTERY

SPECIAL TURKEY DINNER — At — Caro-Jean Inn, Thursday Evening 30 Cents Tickets are now on sale at the inn, and Mrs. Taylor requests reservations to be made by noon Thursday. All will have an opportunity at winning free prizes.

1/4 OFF — ON ALL — GIFT ITEMS TOYS and DOLLS that were left over. It will pay you to take advantage of this offer. REDUCTIONS — On — READY TO WEAR AND MILLINERY are as follows:

\$22.50 Coats, now \$14.95 \$16.95 Coats, now \$10.95 \$10.95 Coats, now \$7.95 \$10.95 Dresses, now \$7.95 \$ 7.95 Dresses, now \$4.95 \$ 5.95 Dresses, now \$3.95 \$10.95 Knit Suits, now \$7.95 \$ 7.95 Knit Suits, now \$4.95 \$ 5.95 Knit Suits, now \$3.95 Ladies' Flannel Robes and Satin Pajamas formerly \$5.95, now \$3.95

MILLINERY 1/2 PRICE All \$2.98 Hats, now \$1.49 All \$1.98 Hats, now 97c

MEN'S TOP COATS Formerly \$14.95, now \$11.95

HAPPY NEW YEAR BEST WISHES FOR 1937

Spainhours, Inc. "Boone's Shopping Center"

PASTIME THEATRE BOONE, N. C. "PLACE OF GOOD SHOWS"

Program for Week JAN 4 TO JAN. 9

MONDAY, JAN. 4 "OUR RELATION" with Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy

TUESDAY, JAN 5 "KING OF HOCKEY" with Anne Nagel and Richard Powell

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6 "MUMMY'S BOYS" with Wheeler and Woosley

THURSDAY, JAN. 7 "ONE IN A MILLION" with Sonja Henle and Adolphe Menjou

FRIDAY, JAN. 8 "JUNGLE PRINCESS" with Ray Millard and Dorothy Lamour

SATURDAY, JAN. 9 "STAMPEDE" With Charles Starrett

OWL SHOW SATURDAY NIGHT AT 10:30 "YOUR OWN BUSINESS" with Charles Ruggles

Special Bargain Matinee, 10c, 15c Night Shows, 10c and 25c. MATINEES AT 2:30 & 4:00 NIGHT SHOWS, 7:30 & 9:00

SPECIAL NOTICES

FOR SALE—1933 model V-8 Pickup. W. C. Greene, Laxon. 1p HAMS WANTED—Weighing from 25 to 40 pounds. City Meat Market, Boone, N. C. 1c FOR RENT—One 7-room house with bath and out buildings, a good garden. Near college and town. See Ralph G. Greer. 12-31-1f LOST—21 jewel Hamilton watch in Boone or between Boone and Sugar Grove Tuesday. Return to Democrat office and get \$10 reward. 1p DR. C. B. BAUGHMAN, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, Elizabethton, Tenn., will be in the office of Dr. J. B. Hagaman in Boone on the first Monday in each month for the practice of his profession. EYES EXAMINED—Glasses fitted. Complete modern examination room over Bank. Wednesday and Thursday each week. Other days by appointment. Glasses complete \$7.50 to \$10.50. Dr. Wellman, Mountain City, Tenn. 12-17-7p LOST—Male hound dog. Weight about 40 pounds. Black with a little tan. Notify Emmet Oliver, Route 1, Boone, N. C., and get liberal reward. 2p WE BUY 4x4 Hard Maple Boards all the year round and pay cash for each load. Also Beech and Birch. Dickson Wood Carving Co., High Point, N. C. 12-10-4c WE BUILD HOMES We have competent workmen and engage in wood, brick, stone and concrete construction. W. C. Greene, Boone and Laxon, N. C. 12-24-4p