

LOCAL

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilcox, in a Winston-Salem hospital, a son.

Miss Elaine Greer, of Winston-Salem, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Ben Miller.

Lieut. Ben Miller, of the maritime service, is expected to spend the holidays with his family in Boone.

Miss Helen Underdown, register of deeds, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Underdown, of Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Greer expect to leave Sunday for Bertie county, where they will spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Beach will leave Sunday for York, S. C., where they will be holiday visitors with relatives.

Mr. W. Ralph Winkler left Friday afternoon for Miami, Fla., where he will spend the holidays with Mrs. Winkler and children.

Mr. G. G. Wilcox is a patient at the Baptist Hospital where he has undergone a serious operation. Information is that he is showing a normal improvement.

Mr. Harry Johnson, aged citizen of Beaver Dam township, recently suffered a serious fracture of the hip, in a fall on the ice. He is now a patient at Banner Elk Hospital.

S-Sgt. Claud W. Moretz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Moretz of Deep Gap, has returned home from Hamilton Field, Calif., and has been discharged after serving five years and six months in the army.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Arnold, Bristol, Tenn., and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Manship, Jr., and family of Asheville, are expected as Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Burwell.

Mr. Stanley South has been discharged from the navy and has returned to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin E. South. He had been located in Washington, D. C.

Miss Wilma Baird, who recently resigned her position as secretary of the Watauga Agricultural Conservation Association, and who is now employed in Charlotte, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Baird, Valle Crucis.

Mrs. Charles Younce and daughter, Kathryn, who are teaching at Miller's Creek, have opened their home here for the holiday period. Miss Joyce Younce, student at East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, is also spending Christmas at home.

Graham Teague has been discharged from the navy and is now with his family in Boone. He has just returned from the Philippines, and had been in the Pacific area for 18 months. He had been in the navy for almost two years.

Miss Mary Elba Smith, of Abingdon, Va., has arrived to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Smith. A daughter-in-law, Mrs. Louis H. Smith, Jr., will also visit during Christmas in the Smith home.

The following students from Watauga county will return home for the Christmas holidays from Mars Hill College: Margaret Eggers, Nancy Jane Wilcox, Boone; Betty Austin, Shulls Mills; Eula Mae Coffey, Blowing Rock. The holidays began December 19 and will end January 2nd.

Mrs. Lena Penick Lewis, of Bristol, Tenn., is spending the holidays with homefolks in the vicinity. Her husband, Sgt. Robert D. Lewis, who has been in the Pacific area for near two years, has returned to the States, but has been unable to get transportation from California. He thinks he may arrive by the New Year.

Mrs. Esther S. Boone has her three sons at home for the Christmas holidays. They are: Cpl. John H. Boone, Fort Benning, Ga.; Walter Boone, petty officer, third class, navy, who has been at sea in the Pacific, and Charles Boone, who is with the maritime service in Atlantic travel. They expect to remain here until the first of the year.

Olsen Has Management Of Local Pipe Factory

Mr. Richard A. Olsen, who until recently was executive secretary of the local ration board, and who has been in the employ of the D. & P. Pipe Works for some time, has been given full management of the local smoking pipe business, with all the rights and authority to make contracts or attend to any business, Mr. D. P. Lavietes, president of the organization, has announced.

Mr. Lavietes, in relinquishing active management of his local enterprise, states that he will now attend to sales, and re-establish his headquarters in New York City.



MRS. LOUISE FRANCES KANUCKLE, daughter of Mrs. Carrie S. Adams and the late Mr. Adams of Boone, whose marriage on October 27th to Sgt. Harold Kanuckle of Danville, Ohio, has been announced. The ceremony was performed in Greenup, Ky. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kanuckle. They have established their residence at Danville, Ohio.

From Our Early Files

ITEMS FROM THE DEMOCRAT OF DECEMBER 20, 1906

Dr. J. W. Jones has been ill since Tuesday. Dr. Henry Perry of Valle Crucis, was over to see him yesterday and he is now some better. Misses Bina Garvey and Addie Howell, pupils of the ATS, left Monday for their homes in Ashe county to spend the holidays.

Miss Emma Blackburn, who has been teaching in Caldwell since August, has finished her school and is now visiting relatives here. The new Baptist church on Middle Fork is now near enough completed that it can be very comfortably used. Revs. Payne and Miller

Wike Gets Position With State Division Of Game, Fisheries

Gene Wike, recently placed on inactive service by the navy, and formerly connected with Appalachian State Teachers College, will become public relations director for the division of game and inland fisheries on January 1, Commissioner John D. Findlay announces.

Wike handled press relations and taught some classes while he was at Appalachian. His salary will be \$3,000 a year.

Two Local Educators Write For Magazine

In a recent issue of the School Review, a nationally known magazine, an article appeared by two local educators, Dr. Ralph W. House, of the college, and Mr. Cratis Williams of the high school. Each have made a special study of the use of diacritical marks, and in this recently printed article, they present some of their findings. They give the problem they were working on, the teaching of diacritical marks in the tenth grade, the methods used in the teaching process, the findings from this teaching period and their conclusions and recommendations. Dr. House and Mr. Williams are to be congratulated on this achievement and the distinction which comes to them as a result of the acceptance of this article by a nationwide educational magazine.

Facts Boards to Examine Books of Employers

President Truman stated Thursday that fact-finding boards investigating labor disputes "should unquestionably have the right to examine the employer's books."

"This does not mean that the government or its fact-finding board is going to endeavor to fix a rate of return for the employer," he added. In a formal statement, the President said it was essential that a board have such authority "whenever it deems it necessary" and later told a news conference that boards also should have power to examine a labor union's books.

"Ability to pay is always one of the facts relevant to the issue of an increase in wages," the President's statement set forth.

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are conducting a meeting there this week. Rev. J. H. Brendall filled the 11 o'clock appointment there last Monday.

Capt. E. F. Lovill, state senator-elect from this district, left Sunday for Oxford to attend the annual meeting of the board of directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, of which he is a member. He will not return until the legislature adjourns, as he will spend the intervening time with relatives in Iredell and other counties east of the ridge.

Friend George Sudderth, who has been teaching in the Cone school for some months, surrendered that job on Monday of last week to A. J. Greene of Mabel, to accept the position as cashier of the Blowing Rock Bank, to which he had been elected by the directors. George is a young man of fine business qualifications and is well fitted for the responsible position.

This pencil-pusher, type-slinger and general office roustabout, now bids his many readers farewell until after the holidays. As he has not lost a single day during the year 1906, he feels that he is entitled to a little rest and recreation further than that found within the narrow confines of a country print shop.



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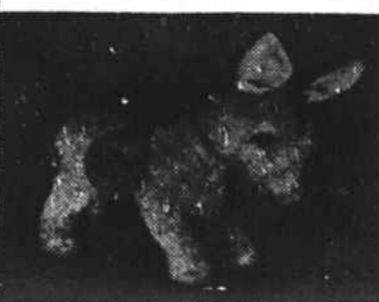
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Origin of Stockings And Shoes for Gifts

Why have stockings come to be the traditional receptacles for family Christmas gifts? Although historians can give no completely authentic answer, they point out that children's stockings are usually hung by the chimney to keep warm or dry out, so it was natural that Santa



Claus should pick them as the place in which to deposit gifts.

In certain regions of France it is the shoe that is put out on Christmas Eve. Some authorities say that shoes and stockings were put near the fireplace for the same reason that an old boot was associated with a wedding—in order to bring good luck and drive away evil spirits.

One Christmas story stresses the good luck feature. St. Nicholas, it is related, once dropped a purse down a chimney. Instead of falling on the hearth, the purse dropped into a stocking, and ever since then the happy custom of filling the Christmas stocking has been universally popular.

'Xmas' Has Authentic Basis Of Use Throughout History

While many people frown on the use of "Xmas" for Christmas, this abbreviation has an authentic basis in history.

The "X" is the first letter of the Greek word for Christ. Christian scholars of the middle ages are said in their writings to have abbreviated the spelling of the Nativity celebration into X-mass or simply Xmas. In the same way "Xn" was used for Christian and "Xty" for Christmas.

In the catacombs of ancient Rome, X is frequently found to stand for Christ. The earliest Christian artists, when making a representation of the Trinity, would place either a cross or X beside the Father and the Holy Ghost.

The average width of Chile is little more than 100 miles.

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Dutch Would Adopt 18,000 U. S. Graves

New York, Dec. 21—Grateful Dutch have asked their government for permission to "adopt" graves of 1,000 American soldiers in a cemetery at Margraten, Limburg province, says the Netherlands Information Bureau.

In the nearby city of Maastricht the residents of entire city blocks are joining together to tend a number of graves. Plans have also been prepared to erect a memorial to the Americans who gave up their lives when the Allies drove the Germans from the province in 1944.

In addition to taking care of the graves, the Dutch living near the cemetery would keep relatives in the United States informed of scheduled memorial services.

NOTICE I have sold my business in Boone, known as the Gateway Cafe, to Jack A. Gragg and L. G. Flick. I am not responsible for any obligations of the cafe after December 3, 1945. This December 10, 1945. 12-13-4p GEORGE C. GREENE.

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Colorado Pioneers
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SATURDAY, DEC. 29 7:00 O'CLOCK

THE SPIDER
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