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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Edited By Miss Sarah Cook

Dr. J. P. Anderson conducted the prayer services at the Baptist church on last Wednesday evening in the absence of the pastor.

Mr. Walter Wilson, of Ada, Okla., is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Mattie A. Taylor.

Miss Sarah Cook, chief operator for the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, at Murphy, is confined to her room on account of illness this week, her many friends will regret to learn. She has also been editing our local column now for sometime and no doubt our readers recognize, as we do, something missing, and will be glad when she is able to return to work again.

Misses Allene Richardson and Rosemond Cooper, who are attending the North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro, arrived last Saturday to spend the holidays with their parents.

Mr. Richard Brendle, of Wilmington, N. C., is visiting relatives and friends here during the holidays.

Mrs. J. H. Phaup and Miss Catherine Abernathy are visiting in Atlanta this week.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club for December has been postponed until sometime in January, officers of the Club stated this week.

Mrs. J. H. Woods, mother of Mrs. H. G. Elkins, is reported sick at her home this week.

Mr. F. G. Walker, assistant superintendent of the Carolina division of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, was here this week inspecting and seeing about the Christmas needs of the Murphy store.

The Murphy Carnegie Library will be closed during the holidays according to a statement this week by Miss Josephine Heighway, Librarian. Closing next Saturday night, it will open again on Wednesday, January 2nd.

Miss Dorothy Heighway returned this week from Statesville, where she is attending Mitchell College, to spend the holidays with her family.

Miss Mary Bell, who is teaching in the Winston-Salem Orphanage, will arrive this week to spend Christmas with her mother.

Mrs. J. W. Axley and daughters, Miss Cathleen Axley and Mrs. Glen Bates, spent last week-end in Asheville.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard P. Powell spent Monday in Franklin.

Mrs. F. A. Maxwell, who has been spending sometime with her mother, Mrs. Lettie M. Rich, and Rev. and Mrs. Howard P. Powell, will spend the holidays with relatives in eastern North Carolina.

The many friends of Mr. R. F. Williamson, are glad to see him out again after undergoing an operation for appendicitis recently at a Knoxville hospital. He returned to Murphy the latter part of last week.

Mr. Elmer H. Brown and Miss Rae Fredrick, of Robinsville were married at the Presbyterian manse in this city on last Thursday afternoon. Dr. J. P. Anderson performing the ceremony in the presence of several witnesses. Both young people are very popular in their home town.

Mr. R. D. Lovingood and family motored to Isabella, Ducktown, Copperhill, and over the Kinsey Mountain Sunday.

COLLEGE EXTENSION SERVICE LOSES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 21.—Accepting a promotion in salary offered in the commercial agricultural field, James M. Gray, assistant director of extension and state agent in charge of farm demonstration work at State College, has resigned his position with the college effective January first.

Mr. Gray has accepted his position as state manager for the educational bureau of the Chilean Nitrate of Soda organization, succeeding Homer H. B. Mask, who has been promoted to the headquarters office in New York City.

"We regret deeply to lose the services of Mr. Gray," says Dean I. O. Schaub, in making this announcement. "He has been state agent in charge of our farm demonstration division since 1922. Prior to that time, he was district agent in charge of the mountain territory and had been a county agent in Durham and Gaston counties. He has been one of our most efficient workers and the county agent system has developed favorably under his supervision."

Mr. Gray is a graduate of State College. His first important position was as agricultural instructor at Brevard Institute in Transylvania County in 1910 and 1911. He was then connected with old farmers' institute organization headed by T. B. Parker of the State Department of Agriculture. From that position, he went to Durham County and was promoted to Gaston County and finally to be district agent of the mountain district. During the six

MAXWELL'S SITUATION

God put it into the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Slagle to perpetuate the memory of their little boy by the gift of 540 acres as a Home for homeless boys. Asheville Presbytery was ready to back such a laudable enterprise, accepted themselves energetically to the task.

The Presbytery, led by Dr. Smith, labored zealously—buildings were erected, homeless boys came and Dr. Smith gave largely and laboriously of his best thought and effort. The school prospered—the future was bright, everybody was delighted. Then came the world war, calling our boys away and sadly disrupting the work.

For a number of years the situation was unsettled and uncertain. Then the men of the Church took charge. The farm was run down and badly in need of drainage. Its location was a handicap, far from Asheville, and the roads, sometimes impassable. The Men's committee, headed by Mr. H. A. Osborne, labored diligently, and Mr. Osborne gave loyally and unstintedly of his valuable time. Several Superintendents served successively and gradual improvement was made.

Under Mr. J. E. Lancaster, the soggy bottom acreage was drained and converted into fine farming lands and diligent effort was made to place the farm in position to assume a larger measure of self-support.

At the time the development of sturdy Christian manhood was paramount and numbers of boys have gone out into really useful Christian citizenship a result of Mr. and Mrs. Slagle's splendid deed and Asheville Presbytery's generous support.

The Home Mission Committee has always loyally supported this cause in recognition of the fine possibilities.

Mr. H. A. Osborne, of Canton, has most loyally given of his time, serving as chairman of the committee for a number of years. At present, Rev. H. B. Dendy, of Weaverville, is chairman under the Home Mission sub-committee.

Most of all—right now—they NEED, must have, and urgently appeal for contributions in cash, large and small, to clear up the indebtedness for actual expenses incurred since Presbytery charged them with this labor of love.

The Farm is in good shape now for cultivation. Supt. Watkins has addressed himself faithfully to the task of making a real crop that will very materially aid in the support of the Home (and maybe have a "wee bit" left over for our little ones at Black Mountain). Considerable expense has been incurred for seed, fertilizer, etc., and this is added to bills payable.

While the boys are waiting for God's sunshine and rain and their own hard licks to contribute toward their support—won't YOU—a friend of homeless boys, send your check now to R. L. Prevost, Treasurer, Waynesville, N. C., or to Dr. R. P. Smith, Asheville.

The NEED is pressing—God is calling. Help these boys NOW. Asheville Presbytery has always responded.—Contributed.

Livestock growers interested in learning more about the job will enjoy the meeting of the Southern Livestock Association to be held at State College in Raleigh, December 18, 19, and 20.

Tom Tarheel says that city merchants who expect to get all the trade of farmers nearby should also expect to buy from the farmers.

John Sparks of Morganton, reports that he harvested 225 tons of cured alfalfa hay from 40 acres this season.

years Mr. Gray has been located at State College in charge of farm demonstration work, many important changes in extension work have occurred. New methods of conducting demonstrations, new ideas in extension teaching and more attention to the details of organization have been brought about.

While Mr. Gray will leave the college organization he will not leave North Carolina but will have his headquarters at Raleigh, and will continue to be available to farmers of North Carolina.



The more important soils of North Carolina are described and their plant foods given in agronomy information circular 18 recently published by the school of agriculture at State College.

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Makaschind CHERRIES, 3-oz. jar 10c

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Jelly DESSERT 2 pgs. 15c

PICKLES, qt. jar 35c

Iona PEARS 2 No. 2 cans 25c

Stuffed OLIVES, sm. 23c

FRUIT SALAD lge can 43c

PRESERVES, 5-oz. jar 10c

KETCHUP large bottle 23c

PECANS, lb. 45c

CORN 2 No. 2 cans 25c

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PEAS 2 No. 2 cans 25c

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