

JUST A GIRL, YET 'BOSS OF BARIUM SPRINGS'

Little Lady Is Station Agent, Baggage-master, Postmistress, Proprietor of General Merchandise Store and Many Other Things, in Addition to Which She Is of Course a Suffragette, and Too Busy to Marry.

BY DAISY HENDLEY. (Statesville Correspondent.)

Statesville, Jan. 20.—Miss Maud Parks is the busiest woman in North Carolina. It would be taking too much territory, I would say, to call her the busiest woman in the South, but others might claim to that title and cause trouble. The little lady of the Statesville depot, station master, baggage agent, postmistress, saleslady for her father's general merchandise store and does a score of other things at Barium Springs, a little station just a few miles out of Statesville.



Miss Maud Parks, the "Boss of Barium Springs."

In addition to all those many things, she is a girl, and as such, finds time to assist anyone in need of help. Do what household duties fall to her task and still stop a minute to give "Uncle Bob" the latest war news or sell him a postage stamp to send a letter to his grandson on the Mexican border. I had just alighted from "Captain Tom Rowland's" special passenger train No. 15, at Barium Springs a little after 7 o'clock Friday evening, when I saw the busiest woman in the State.

While I watched Miss Parks, I saw her go about the duties of directing unloading and loading of baggage. The reporter in Charlotte, who had put me "on" to the story said that he understood Miss Parks was an old maid. As I walked from the train into the depot with her, I found her to be no old maid, but just an ordinary girl, plump and cheerful and with a refractory lock of hair peeping from beneath her red cap.

Her story is a unique one and a person could readily see that although every hour and minute of a newspaper correspondent's time is crowded with excitement, adventure and work, there is not a single day put in by a newspaper woman which would begin to compare with an hour lived by the agent at Barium Springs. During the last five years she told me she had been identified with the business life of Barium. She has looked after the affairs of her father's store, ending time to attend school a portion of the day and later, as her school work began to be completed, she began taking an even more active interest in the affairs of the little station.

and just simply wanted to try a quarter's worth for luck. As we strolled up and down the station platform beneath the stars I saw the Statesville train was due to arrive. I made another interesting discovery. I found that the little agent is just a girl, like all other girls, emotional, and even frivolous and lonely at times. She is the essence of independence, caring not a whit for men and asserting when asked why, that she didn't want to marry, simply because she didn't want to.

The next time your train passes through Barium Springs and stops there for a second or two, long enough to discharge one or two passengers, look out your window and if you see a busy little person in red sweater and cap, take off your hat to Miss Maud Parks, the busiest little woman in North Carolina and the "Boss" of Barium Springs.

EXTENSION LECTURE SUBJECTS PREPARED

Special to The Observer. Chapel Hill, Jan. 20.—A total of 15 lectures will be given during the year by members of the University faculty, as shown in a recent bulletin which deals with correspondence courses and extension lectures for North Carolina communities. As many of these lectures are delivered in several places over the State, it means that the total number of extension lectures delivered will be many times the number of such lectures delivered by members of the faculty throughout the State. The bulletin states that in the past "more invitations have been received than could be accepted, and audiences in every part of the State have been reached."

WOFFORD ANNOUNCES BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Special to The Observer. Spartanburg, S. C., Jan. 20.—Wofford College will play baseball with all the leading colleges of North and South Carolina this year. The season will open at Spartanburg, March 26, with a game with the West Virginia Wesleyans. The remainder of the schedule is as follows: April 5, Erskine at Due West; 6, Clemson at Clemson; 7, Furman at Greenville; 9, Davidson at Davidson; 10, Guilford at Guilford; 11, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; 12, Trinity at Durham; 13, University of North Carolina at Greensboro; 21, E. S. College at Spartanburg; May 2, Furman at Spartanburg; 16, S. C. at Spartanburg; 17 and 18, Clemson at Spartanburg; 19, University of North Carolina at Greensboro at Spartanburg.

FOREST CITY PROMISES \$2000 COURT HOUSE

Special to The Observer. Forest City, N. C., Jan. 20.—The town of Forest City has promised to build a new \$2000 court house. The town council has just voted to purchase a lot on the corner of Main and Second streets for the purpose of building a new court house. The new building will be a two-story structure with a central tower and will be built of brick and stone. It will be the largest and most imposing building in the town.

In Churches Today

PRESBYTERIAN. Knox—Services held at this church at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. G. W. Bell. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Junior Christian Endeavor at 4:30 p. m. by Rev. W. R. Laird, D. D. Public cordially invited. First—Rev. D. K. Rolston, D. D., pastor. Sunday school with departmental work and classes for all grades at 9:45 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. W. R. Laird, D. D. of Danville, Va. Special music by full chorus choir at the evening service. At 8:40 p. m. there will be a meeting for women only in this church. This meeting will be addressed by Rev. Alexander Martin, D. D. of Rock Hill, S. C. The women of the city are invited to attend this meeting. Evangelistic services at 7:45 each evening during the week.

Second—The usual services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. will be conducted by Deacon Thacker of Norfolk, Va. The services at 3:30 will be for men only. Services at 5:30 p. m. Sunday school and Baraca class meet at 9:45 a. m. The public cordially invited to attend all services. Third—Corner West avenue and Cedar street. Rev. H. M. Pressly, pastor. Bible school at 10 a. m. Public worship 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. C. E. 8:30 and 9:45 p. m. Rev. Leonard W. Matthews, pastor. Every night the past week with increasing attendance and interest, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Home Evening." A message to the women of the women present. The meetings will continue through the week. A welcome to all.

St. Paul—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Doctor Henderlite, of Gastonia, will enter upon his second week of the meetings. Preaching every night at 7:30 p. m. Everybody cordially invited to all services. Westminster—South Boulevard, Dilworth. Rev. William Hooper Adams, pastor. Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The pastor at this church during the evangelistic campaign, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All other services Sunday suspended. Session meets at close of each service to receive new members. Services held every night the coming week at 7:45 p. m. Public most cordially invited to attend all services. Program Street—Corner Program and St. George streets, Belmont. Rev. J. C. Hughes, pastor. Rev. W. A. Daniel, of Lexington, will preach the morning sermon. Sunday school at 10 a. m. of Luffkin, Tex., will preach at 7:30 p. m.

Tenth Avenue—Rev. J. S. Sibley, D. D., pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Meeting of session at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Service every evening during week, except Saturday by Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D. of Wilmington. All are cordially invited. FIRST REFORMED CHURCH. Rev. Shuford Peeler, pastor. Services in the Y. W. C. A. Chapel. Sunday school at 3 p. m. Preaching at 4 p. m. by the pastor. The public cordially invited.

CATHOLIC

St. Peter's—South Tryon and First streets. First mass at 8 a. m. Second mass at 10:30 a. m. Rosary, instruction and benediction at 8 p. m. Cavalry—Rev. A. R. Surratt, pastor. J. J. Shannon, Sunday school superintendent. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. W. L. Sherrell. At 7:30 p. m. by Pastor. Young people's devotional service at 9:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Everybody invited. Hawthorne Lane—Rev. R. D. Sherrell, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. and 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by pastor. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. by pastor. Everybody invited.

Methodist. Epworth League at 7 p. m. St. Peter's—Rev. A. L. Aycock, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Epworth League at 8:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. by pastor. Everybody invited. Cavalry—Rev. W. E. Abernathy, pastor. Rev. W. F. Elliott, P. M. pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Fred Kerr, superintendent. Preaching by pastor 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Levesville. Special music at both Levesville and Cavalry. Sunday school with men's classes, at 9:45 a. m. Epworth Leagues at 7 p. m. St. Peter's and visitors invited.

Methodist Protestant. Corner Central avenue and Hawthorne Lane. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Rev. R. C. Stubbins. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m. You are welcome to these services. Epworth League at 7 p. m. St. Peter's and visitors invited.

Lutheran. St. Mark's—Rev. John Fielding Stricker, pastor. Sunday school and Bible class at 9:45 a. m. Morning service and sermon at 11 a. m. Subject, "Our Glorious Inheritance." Evening service and sermon at 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Love's House of Many Mansions." Catechetical class at 8 p. m. Mission board at 4 p. m. Luther League Wednesday at 8 p. m. Strangers and visitors welcome.

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DURHAM TRIAL OF TWO MEN DREW BIG CROWD

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TEN MONTHS FOR ASSAULT

Salisbury, Jan. 20.—Frank Lattimore, a negro, 35 years old, was sent to the roads for 10 months by the county court for an assault he was charged with having committed on a 12-year-old negro boy Christmas.

Lattimore was administering a flogging to the boy's mother when the boy ran in and was struck on the head with a shovel.

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