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## MANY FESTIVITIES MARK HOLIDAYS

Christmas Gala Time in Morganton; Reunions, Banquets, Entertainments; Few Incidents Mar Happiness.

Though celebrated in a moderately quiet manner the holidays in Morganton have occasioned many festivities and have been the time of many happy reunions, trees or entertainments of some form or other have been held in practically all the churches. The fraternal orders have either already had their annual banquets or will have them this week.

The town has been glad to welcome home in large numbers sons and daughters from a distance and their coming alone would have made it a gala season.

Merchants tell us that the holiday trade was the largest ever experienced here and the throngs of Christmas shoppers were evidence that everybody had the spirit of Christmas giving.

There were remarkably few drunks and unpleasant occurrences to mar the pleasures of the time were very few.

The Christmas of 1919 will be remembered as a happy season.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

T. N. Duckworth to J. K. Duckworth, 6 acres in Morganton township.

Anthony Martinet to Ernest Martinet, 1 lot at Valdese.

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F. P. Brittain to Oxford Machine Shop & Garage Co., 2 lots on Green street.

John Lytle to A. M. Kistler, 1 lot in Morganton.

Sue S. Goode to J. T. Stover, 1 lot in Rutherford College.

J. E. Erwin and S. M. Sloan to James Powell, 1 lot in Morganton.

Mary Landreau to A. B. Whitener, 20 acres in Silver Creek township.

T. C. Fleming to Mrs. Alma Johnson, 2 lots in Morganton.

Jim H. Green to J. E. Bolick, 21 acres in Lovelady township.

R. T. Setzer to A. M. Kistler, 1 lot in Morganton.

James Gallion to Jacob and Thomas Settlemyre, 13 acres in Silver Creek township.

W. I. Keller to John Reep, 15 acres in Lead township.

J. C. Sain to H. A. Lowman, 179 acres in Lower Fork township.

R. L. Berry to C. A. Clark, Payne property on Green street.

Mrs. Ella Hildebrand to M. P. Lipe, 10 acres at Hildebrand.

M. P. Lipe to H. M. Lipe, 10 acres in Hildebrand.

C. B. Scott to Willie A. Epley, 6 acres in Silver Creek township.

Elizabeth Abee to J. M. Abee, 52 acres in \_\_\_\_\_ township.

S. T. Evans to John Evans, 1 lot in Morganton.

T. E. Garrison to C. E. Stroup, 8 acres in Morganton township.

Mary Huffman and others to trustees of St. John's Missionary Baptist church, 1 lot.

J. H. Mullis to J. S. Scott, Jr., 1 lot in Morganton.

Ollie Glass to T. R. Glass, interest in Glass estate.

G. M. Goodwright to W. C. Power Co., 20 acres in Smokey Creek.

H. S. Danner to W. C. Power Co., 2 tracts in Lovelady township.

## A FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Houk had the pleasure of having on Christmas day a reunion of their family at their home on Morganton, Route 5. It was the first time in seven years that the family had all been together and it is needless to say that they were all very happy in the reunion occasion.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Shadolt, Pier Point, Md.; Mr. Lave Houk, Eagle Pass, Tex.; Mr. Robert Houk, Knoxville, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Harman Brinkley and two children and Mr. C. A. Houk of Morganton, the latter a brother of Mrs. Houk.

## MR. PATTON VERY ILL.

His friends, and he numbers them by the hundreds, will be deeply pained to learn that the condition of Rev. R. L. Patton is exceedingly critical and hope that he can live very much longer has been almost abandoned.

He has been sick for several years, and his system has been gradually weakening under the strain of continued illness. Those who love him are suffering with profound sorrow the flickering out of one of the most useful lives.

## YOUNG MAN KILLED SUPPOSEDLY BY TRAIN

Charlie Ballew Killed at Drexel Night Before Christmas—Body Found on Track.

Christmas morning the body of Charlie Ballew, young son of Mr. Pink Ballew, of Drexel, was found on the track at Drexel. The supposition is that the young man was killed by a train.

It is said that young Ballew returned to Drexel from Valdese on train No. 35, which passes those towns around midnight and the last any of his companions saw of him he had started home. The theory is that he probably thought to get a "lift" on a passing freight, and possibly fell between the cars.

## WILL START HEARINGS EARLY IN THE YEAR

Miners and Operators Are to Present Position at the Opening Meeting.

Hearings relative to wages and prices in the bituminous coal industry will be started January 12 in Washington by the commission of three, representative of the miners, operators and public appointed by President Wilson under the recent coal strike settlement.

The commission, in announcing its decision to conduct hearings, said that telegrams had been sent to Thomas T. Brewster, of St. Louis, chairman of the scale committee of the central competitive field operators, representing the States of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and western Pennsylvania, and to John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Workers of America, advising them that the first hearing was "for the purpose of having the miners and operators' scale committees of the central competitive field present their respective positions."

Opening of the hearings, the commission said, was delayed in order to permit the miners to conclude the work of the special convention which has been called to meet in Columbus, Ohio, beginning January 5th.

## FASTIDIOUS AMERICANS KEEP HIGH PRICES UP

If People Would Be Content With Cheaper Clothes, the Prices Would Drop.

The insistence of the public upon cloth made from fine wools is a large factor in the present high prices of clothing, according to William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen Company.

Mr. Wood, who recently charged that some of the merchants in Lawrence were demanding excessive prices for necessities and were in the habit of raising prices with every increase in wages in the company's mills in that city, gave out a prepared statement in response to a request for his views upon the high cost of clothing.

"If our people would consent," was his conclusion, "to wear good, substantial, durable clothes made of the coarser wools clothing would be purchased at considerably lower prices than those which now prevail."

His statement in part, follows: "It is generally thought that the cost of cloth is the controlling factor in the cost of clothing, but the fact is that the cloth cost is less than half the cost of a completed suit and other factors contribute to the price of clothing quite as much as the cost of the cloth.

"In the last five years the price of cloth in the ordinary suit of clothes has advanced no more, indeed has advanced a little less, than the cost of labor and other materials that go into the making of the suit. The following figures show this, which I have from a manufacturer and merchant of clothing of the highest prominence in Boston.

"The cost in 1919 of the cloth for a suit of clothes of a particular grade is \$13.69. The corresponding cost in 1914 was \$4.58, showing an increase in the cost of cloth of \$9.09.

"The 1919 cost of making this suit is \$14.47. The corresponding cost in 1914 was \$4.98, showing an increase in the cost of making of \$9.49.

"These figures show that cloth contributes slightly less than labor and other materials to the increased cost of clothing. Therefore to your question why prices of clothing continue so high throughout the country, the reply is because the cost of labor and cloth and other materials that go into clothing continue so high."

## WORLD'S LARGEST BIBLE IS NOW BEING WRITTEN

Leading Men and Women Writing By Hand—Will Be Five Feet High, Three Wide.

What is said to be the world's largest bible now is being written by hand by leading men and women of the United Kingdom. Among those who are participating in the work are King George, Queen Mary, the Prince of Wales and the cabinet ministers.

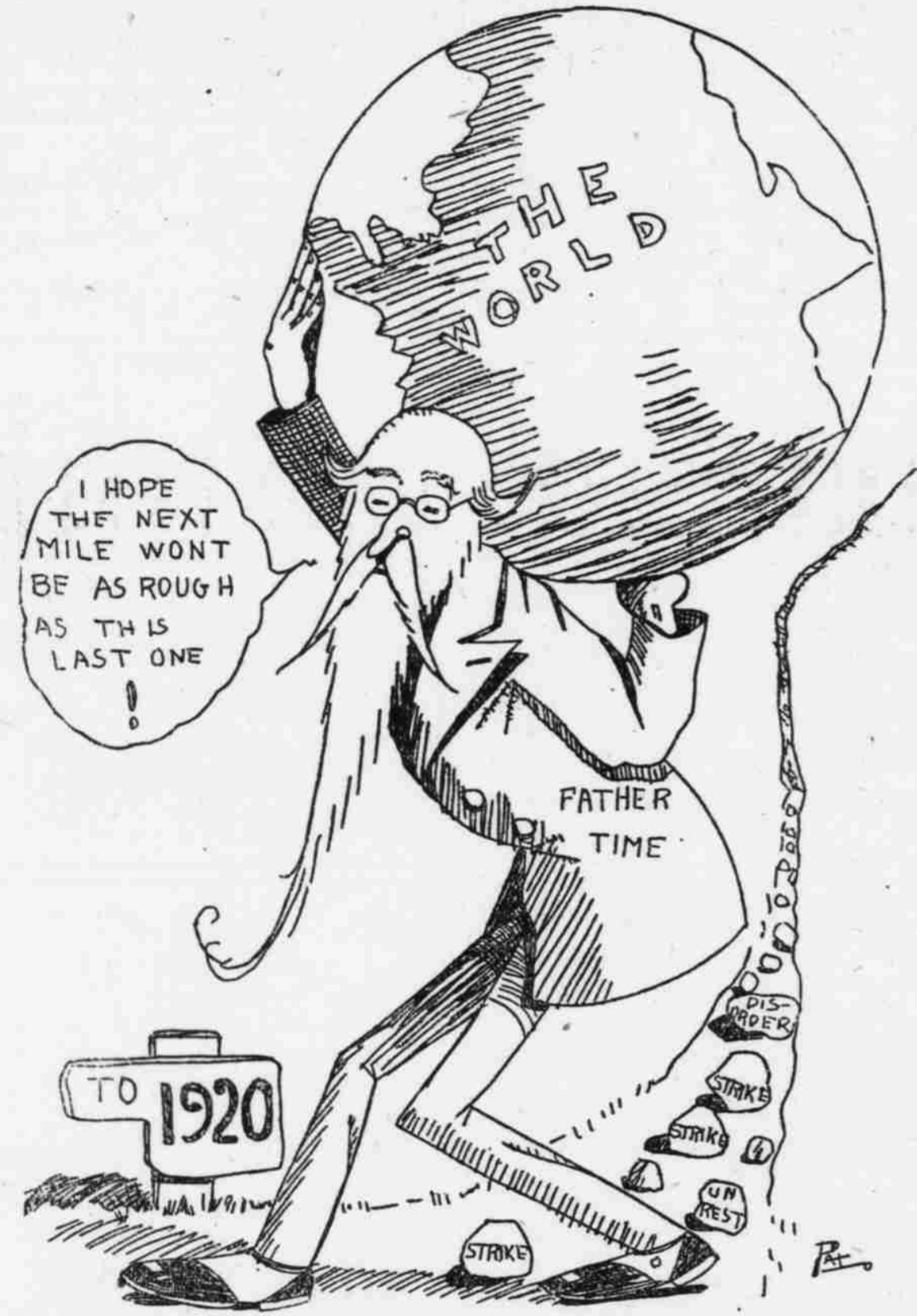
The book will contain the complete text of the authorized version from Genesis to Revelation, and there is space in it for 12,000 handwritten contributions. It will be five feet two inches high and three feet six inches wide. Twelve goaskins were required for the binding, which is done in red levant Morocco leather.

This huge book will be exhibited in various places, the idea being to attract support to the Bible crusade in 1921. It is even hoped to take it overseas to the dominions, where it would be shown in a motor car provided with a folding platform and pulpit.

## MOVED TO SOUTH CAROLINA

Mr. J. R. Hennessee has moved his family from Bridgewater to Wallaceville, S. C., where he is engaged in the saw-mill business. They left for their new home just before Christmas.

Mrs. Hal Brown and baby, of Fairmont, Mrs. W. M. Morris, of Gastonia and Miss Virginia Clark, of Davenport College, Lenoir, spent Christmas here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Clark.



## LOCAL BRIEFS IN AND AROUND TOWN

Short Items of Local and Personal Interest Gathered During the Week.

Mr. James Drury spent Christmas in McDowell county, near Linville Falls, with his uncle, Mr. Edd English.

School will open again next Monday after a holiday vacation of two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. McNeel have moved this week to their pretty new home on "Terrace Place."

Pleasant Ridge Baptist church reports \$406.00 raised on the Baptist Campaign. Its quota was \$300.00.

Mr. J. H. Mullis, who was killed for several weeks in December, is able to be out on the streets again.

Mr. J. M. Clark has purchased the Payne property on Green street from Mr. H. Beach and has moved his family there.

A letter from Mr. Bruce Hallman, who has been on the U. S. S. Seattle, states that he has been discharged from the navy. He is expected home shortly.

Mrs. J. P. Hawkins celebrated her seventy-first birthday Saturday, December 27th at her home near Enola. Her sons, Messrs. Terrell, Jim and Bob Hawkins, spent the day with her.

Mrs. Tom Anthony has given up her school work near Connelly Springs and has come to Morganton to live with her father Rev. R. L. Patton, who is desperately ill.

The Christmas mail at the Morganton post office was almost double what has ever been before. To give an idea of its enormity there were checked out for one train a few days before Christmas 67 bags.

Mrs. Ernest Walker went to Brown's Summit last week to attend the marriage of Miss Anna Doggett to Mr. L. W. Doggett, which occurred there on the 27th. Miss Doggett is pleasantly remembered here, having visited Mrs. Walker on several occasions.

The many friends of Mrs. Ralph Kibler will be glad to know that she is able to return to her home after an operation for appendicitis at Grace Hospital. Her mother, Mrs. Wells, of Spartanburg, S. C., who was called here on account of Mrs. Kibler's illness, returned home yesterday.

Mr. R. E. Coleman had a Ford runabout stolen from him on December 16th and has so far had no trace of the missing car. He had left it standing in front of his home and it was taken sometime during the night. The same night there were evidences of an unsuccessful attempt made to take Mr. J. H. Wilson's Buick touring car.

Mr. L. B. Abernethy, of Connelly Springs, writes The News-Herald: "I lost my purse and every cent I had in Southern train No. 15 December 26. Possibly some honest man found it. I am a poor man with family to feed and it was my all. It had one 20-dollar bill, one five-dollar bill, one two-dollar bill and some ones. Please help me find it."

Friends of Private B. C. Gwaltney will be glad to learn of his arrival in Morganton. The young man served in the 91st division and in the St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne and Lys-Schedt drives. He was wounded in the last drive November 3, 1918. Up to the time of his discharge he has been in the Walter Reed Hospital, at Washington. Mr. Gwaltney is a son of Rev. J. S. Gwaltney, of Morganton, Route 5.

Miss Florence Fleming, of Asheville, spent Christmas with friends at Grace Hospital.

## PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN JANUARY 12TH

Prof. M. T. Hinshaw County Director—Meeting to Be Held At Court House on 12th.

Prof. M. T. Hinshaw, president of Rutherford College, is county director of the movement for World Prohibition. A meeting of those he has appointed to assist him in the campaign in this county has been called for January 12th, to be held at the court house here. A business meeting will be held in the afternoon, as he announces elsewhere in this issue, and a public speaking at night. Dr. H. T. Laughbaum, of Oklahoma, of national prominence, will speak at the night meeting.

The following have been appointed by Mr. Hinshaw to assist in the campaign in this county:

Clegg Perry, D. A. Fullbright, Sheriff Ekard, Henderson Berry, J. W. Beach, John Rhoney, A. W. Keller, Mrs. Amos Huffman, George Hildebrand, J. R. Chapman, Santfor Carswell, J. P. Bumgarner, Will Mace, Joe Cooper, Mrs. P. M. Rutherford, Mrs. Marshall Brinkley, W. L. Kirksey, Newton Hallyburton, Mrs. E. McK. Goodwin, Mrs. Ernest Ervin, James Taylor, J. H. Giles, Mrs. Noah Pitts, Mrs. H. O. Houk, William Pitts, J. A. Lackey, Thomas Drury, Walter Taylor, Horace Tilley, Berry Moore, Joseph Baker, Jule Cox, Alfonso McGimsey, R. M. Smith, W. A. Hood, Mrs. Vance R. Powell, Jackson Barrier, Henry Daniels, Mrs. F. W. Rudisill, Euill Noblett, Thomas Hemphill, W. M. Wise.

Mr. Hinshaw urges that the members of this committee be present at the county meeting on January 12, and asks that they come prepared to stay for the speaking at night.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED.

Fred Von Cannon and Maggie May Abernethy.

James P. Lowder and Pauline E. Ledbetter.

R. Fred Kincaid and Mary E. Marlow.

Albert Dula and Pearl Webb.

John S. Moses and Mary Chapman.

Marshall Young and Lela Cline.

Charles Fox and Buena Tinsley.

John N. Watts and Effie Hoyle.

B. C. Brock and Laura McP. Taber.

R. F. Baird and Flora Ethel Baker.

Loy Williams and Willie Arney.

Henry Norman and Callie Watts.

Jerome Smith and Mrs. Ellen Bolinger.

Tighman Brittain and Lillian Branch.

W. J. Whisenant and Bertha May Harris.

Edwin B. Davis and Marie Ballard.

Gorman Holler and Mrs. Minnie Shuping.

F. J. Epley and Carrie Ritchie.

Wm. R. Autrey and Florence Roberts.

Aaron Pitts and Donnie McGimsey.

Sidney Brittain and aFithie Carswell.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH NOTES

The Nation-Wide Campaign returns, although not yet quite complete, show that Grace church more than doubled its quota.

## PRESIDENT NOT ASKED TO CALL THE MEETING

Has Not Been Invited to Call First Meeting of Council of the League.

President Wilson has not been invited to call the first meeting of the council of the league of nations after ratification of the treaty at Versailles has been completed, State department officials said yesterday.

There was a suggestion some time ago that the invitation be extended to him, but the question was not determined at that time. Some administration officials believe he would acquiesce in the request from the allied powers but the United States will have no part in the meeting of the council by reason of the fact that the treaty has not been ratified by the senate.

The treaty provides that the first meeting of the assembly of the league shall be called by the President, but the assembly is not expected to meet in the immediate future. The council however, must assemble within a fortnight after ratification is completed at Paris as the carrying out of some of the provisions of the treaty are entrusted to it.

## GERMANS WILL SIGN PROTOCOL JANUARY 6

Diplomatic Relations With Huns Will Be Resumed Day Following Exchange Ratifications

Exchange of ratifications of the treaty of Versailles will take place January 6, at the Quai d'Orsay. Baron von Lersner, head of the German delegation, and Paul Dutasta, secretary of the peace conference, Tuesday night settled all points in connection with the signature, except that relating to naval material, which it is expected will be solved shortly.

The Germans will sign the protocol and at the same time the allies will hand a letter to them agreeing to reduce their demands to 400,444 tons if the total available tonnage has been over-estimated or Germany is gravely menaced economically. In any case, after the signature, the allies will get 242,000 tons of material and the balance based on the reports of experts who are now checking up at Danzig, Hamburg and Bremen.

The British prime minister, David Lloyd-George, will be present at the ceremony, which will be carried out without any display. Diplomatic relations with Germany will be resumed the following day, when the French charge d'affaires will go to Berlin and French consuls will resume their posts.

Allied troops will proceed on January 12 to the territories which must be evacuated by the Germans, or where plebiscites are to be held. It is estimated that 100 trains will be needed for this purpose.

Ellis Loring Dresel an American member of the peace conference, as expert on German affairs, it is understood, will go to Berlin as soon as ratifications are exchanged. He will be accompanied by a staff. This is presumed to be a temporary expedient until diplomatic relations with the United States are resumed. He was appointed acting commissioner and charge d'affaires in October.

## A "LETTER FROM HOME"

The News-Herald will go this year to quite a number of new addresses as a Christmas gift from relatives or friends "back home." For each one of them we hope that the gift will be a weekly reminder of the thoughtfulness of the sender and will be the means of keeping fresh their interest in the affairs of their home town and county.

## CONTINUED INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY IS PREDICTED

Chamber of Commerce of the United States Issues Optimistic Annual Review.

Continued industrial activity is predicted by the committee on statistics of the chamber of commerce of the United States in its annual end of the year review of business and crop conditions. Manufacturers, the report said, have orders in excess of their capacity and in the retail trade there is a feeling of confidence of the continuation until another harvest at least of the demand of all classes of commodities.

Farmers are reported unusually prosperous because of the high prices of their products. The liberal spending of the farmers, the review asserted, is the backbone and sustaining power of the present volume of business throughout the country, as they are paying mostly cash and are purchasing more improved farm machinery and pure bred live stock than ever before.

Of the general crop situation, the report stated that rain did much damage to unharvested crops in the South and in the southern portion of some of the central States, reducing the yield and impairing quality. Winter wheat acreage will be materially reduced this fall, the report said, as the farmers believed winter wheat production at high prices was over for the present.

"Great activity in building," the committee added, "is reported in sections except where crop failures were extensive, copper mining is in a poor state, silver mining is doing well, oil production is good."

## BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER BURKE

Items of Interest Gathered From Different Sections of the County By News-Herald Correspondents

### GLEN ALPINE.

Christmas is over and has passed into history. Everything here has been quiet and pleasant. Note that I am not writing "Xmas" — quoting from Charly and Children: "We wish to raise our voice in protest against what we consider the exceedingly poor taste in the rapidly extending custom of abbreviating the word "Christmas" and making to appear "Xmas." We cannot see any excuse or extenuating circumstances for it except that it takes a trifle less time to write it so, but the extra fraction of a second saved will hardly compensate for the loss of beauty and significance in the mutilated word. By all means let us give Christmas its full spelling."

Misses Sadie Pitts and Annie Giles, Greensboro College for Women, are home taking the holidays.

The Christmas tree at the Methodist church was enjoyed by the children of the Sunday school.

People are moving and we may have to chronicle some business changes.

Mr. Loy Williams and Miss Willie Arney, daughter of Mr. N. D. Arney, were married just before Christmas.

Quite a surprise marriage occurred Sunday evening when Mr. Aaron Pitts, son of Mr. W. D. Pitts, led to the altar Miss Donnie McGimsey, daughter of Mr. J. T. McGimsey, of Bridgewater. Rev. John L. Ray officiated. We wish both of these Christmas couples long life, prosperity and happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Powell, of Salisbury, and little daughter are here with relatives enjoying the holidays.

Glen Alpine not being on the map Aycock Day was not observed at the school here. The principal tells me he had no notice from any of the school authorities.

Christmas shopping here and elsewhere has been unusually heavy. I was in Salisbury, Spencer and Lexington and you could hardly get into the stores for the crowds.

Rev. F. A. Bower has sold his car to Mr. O. H. Taylor.

Rev. A. P. Brantley held services at the Methodist church morning and night last Sunday and Rev. John L. Ray in the Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock.

Rev. Ray will serve his people on the fourth Sunday at 11 o'clock and 7 o'clock p. m. on the second Sunday night.

Rev. J. M. Clark, traveling evangelist of the Presbyterian church, who is superintending 10 counties, was here in the interest of his church.

Mr. W. R. Teer, Jr., nephew of Mrs. W. D. Pitts, is here from Pickett, Texas, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Croom of Hickory, have been visiting their relatives here.

Mr. A. E. Croom, of Bentonsville, has been here on a visit to relatives.

### BRIDGEWATER.

Misses Julia Rust, Margarite and Glennie Anthony and Messrs. Swanice Goldman and Arthur Rust attended the Christmas dance at the McDowell Hotel in Marion Christmas night.

Misses Zelda Yelton of Rutherfordton, and Ruth Yelton, of Hollis, and Mr. Astor Yelton, of Winston-Salem, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Yelton.

Mrs. Raye Hennessee and two children, of Valdese, spent the week-end with her grandmother, Mrs. A. E. Rowe.

Mrs. Ralph Abernethy and children, of Hickory, are spending the week with Mrs. Abernethy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ballew.

Mr. Harry Hunter, of Brandon, Colorado, spent a few days here last week with his sister, Mrs. W. Jay Ballew.

Mrs. Pet Justice visited friends in Hickory last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hewitt, of Conover, visited Mrs. Hewitt's father, Mr. J. T. McGimsey, during the holidays.

Misses Virginia Rust, Virginia Ballengee and Alice Holland, of Nebo high school, are home for the holidays.

There was a Christmas tree at the Bridgewater school building December 28th. Mr. Walker Lyster, of \_\_\_\_\_ (Continued on sixth page)

## PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY IS OBSERVED QUIETLY

Sixty-Third Anniversary of Mr. Wilson Finds His Health Much Improved; Sits Out an Hour

President Wilson observed his 63rd birthday quietly Sunday, much improved in health, surrounded by the members of his family with the exception of Mrs. W. G. McAdoo, who was unable to be present. Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre arrived from Cambridge, Mass., Saturday night, and Miss Margaret Wilson has been at the White House since her father's illness.

The President took his usual walk about the sick room and later sat out on the south portico for more than an hour. Part of the day was spent by Mr. Wilson reading many of the hundreds of birthday greetings that came from prominent officials and friends not only in the United States but abroad.