

## COURT ADJOURNED ON MONDAY MORNING

Session Comes to An Abrupt End When Many Cases Were Continued; No Civil Cases Heard.

Court adjourned rather abruptly Monday morning, the greater number of the cases on the docket having been continued for one reason or another. Judge Ray left Monday morning for his home at Burnsville.

This week was set for civil cases, none of them were taken up. The following is a brief summary of the record from Thursday morning through Saturday:

State vs. Charlie Moody and Willie Robinson; incest; found guilty.

L. Goodson vs. Rosie Goodson; divorce granted.

State vs. Frank McDowell; no case.

J. McDowell vs. Frank McDowell; divorce granted.

State vs. Harry Setzer; carrying concealed weapon; guilty; judgment continued upon payment of fine.

State vs. Henry Anderson; carrying concealed weapon; not guilty.

State vs. Cleo Costner and Ernest Costner; larceny; nol pros with costs.

State vs. Grayson Moses; retailing stolen goods; called and failed.

State vs. Albert Ledford; assault with deadly weapon; guilty; 12 months on the roads.

State vs. Cleo Griggs; defaulting on bonds; \$50.00 fine and cost.

State vs. Fonz Pearson and James Nelson; gambling; guilty; \$100 fine and cost.

State vs. Tom Mull; disturbing religious services; guilty; 6 months on the roads.

State vs. Tom Mull; assault with deadly weapon; 6 months on the roads.

State vs. Glenn Beach; receiving stolen goods; guilty; 2 years on the roads or fine.

State vs. Lawrence Burns; receiving stolen goods; guilty; 18 months on the roads or fine.

State vs. Will Rector and Harvey Rector; manufacturing liquor; guilty; six months each in jail or on the roads.

State vs. Western Carolina Power Company; temporary restraining order; contempt continued.

State vs. Clef Murphy; affray; judgment continued.

State vs. Neal Rhoney; disturbing religious worship; guilty; judgment continued.

State vs. William Largent; assault with deadly weapon; judgment continued.

E. Lindsey vs. E. H. Clement; company; compromised.

## CHRISTMAS SEALS

mailing the last-minute letters packages don't forget the Christmas Red Cross seals. They can be bought from Morganton or secured from Mrs. A. M. Old, who is chairman of the sale.

## MORGANTON HIGH SCHOOL ACCREDITED IN SOUTH

At a recent meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges held in Orleans the Morganton high school was accepted as one of the accredited high schools of the South. It has been accredited for several years with the colleges of this State.

## CHRISTMAS TRADE HAS BEEN VERY GOOD

Merchants Have Had Excellent Holiday Business; Scattered Brisker During Week Through Month But

The holiday trade in Morganton, in spite of several draw-backs, has been well up to the average of other years and considered by many merchants to have been better than usual. Rain during the month with a good deal of general illness from colds and influenza has somewhat interfered, but practically all who have been satisfied with the results of their investments and efforts.

This year more than usual it has been noted that Christmas buying has been scattered through the month in a gratifying way and the general trade that has been used for several years to shop early and mail early is beginning to show effect. However, human nature cannot be changed altogether and this week witnessed the usual Christmas rush of late shoppers.

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Special Christmas services will be held at the Methodist church next Monday morning. The church will be decorated for the occasion, special music will be rendered by the choir and the pastor Rev. W. R. Ware, will give an appropriate talk.

## DEATH OF INFANT DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. DAVIS

Friends here regret to learn of the death of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Davis, of Hickory, who died at her home in Hickory on Monday of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Davis, of Hickory, six weeks old. Funeral and burial services were held in Hickory Monday morning, interment being at there.

## CHILD DIES AFTER VERY SHORT ILLNESS

Daisy Ross Victim of Pneumonia Which Did Its Work Quickly; Buried Monday

Daisy Ross, six years old daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ross, died Sunday night at the home of her uncle, Mr. J. M. Ross, with whom she had made her home since the death of her parents several years ago. The child was sick less than twenty-four hours. About bedtime Saturday night she had an attack of croup, pneumonia developed and she died at nine o'clock Sunday night. Rev. W. R. Ware and Rev. J. C. Gentry conducted the funeral services Monday at Salem, where the little body was buried near the graves of the parents.

Daisy was a bright, lovable child, and her death is sincerely mourned.

## ADDITIONAL GAS TAX; 15 MILLIONS FOR ROADS

Highway Legislative Committee Outlines Its Program For Coming Year

Police power for State highway patrolmen whose roads so often are pre-empted by the agriculturist who drives his mule and plough into the ditches and clutters up the roads while machines balk and further power of the highway commission to say to railroads what grade crossings must be eliminated, are among the major recommendations, not hitherto guessed, made by the legislative committee of the State highway commission last week.

While the commission took up interurban motor bus franchise tax and a tribute from the heavy haulers which now go without paying anything on the roads they weigh down, this was done informally and no recommendations were made, as to these features. The commission likes the Maryland law, but will not recommend it now. The committee adopted the three-cent gasoline tax and recommended the issuing of \$15,000,000 bonds by the next general assembly for the completion of the highway program.

## DEATH OF SYBLE GILLAM

Little Syble Gillam, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blane Gillam, of Ridgecrest, died last Thursday afternoon in an Asheville hospital from injuries received in an automobile accident.

The little girl was severely burned when the automobile in which she and her parents were riding, was wrecked near Asheville a short time ago. In the accident her mother sustained injuries from which she is now recovering.

Funeral services were held from the residence in Ridgecrest, Friday afternoon, Rev. G. Ray Jordan, pastor of the Black Mountain Methodist church, officiating, and interment took place in the Tabernacle cemetery. Mrs. S. M. Fleming and Miss Belle Fleming attended the funeral.

Much sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Gillam in their loss. Mr. and Mrs. Gillam formerly lived here. Mrs. Gillam was before her marriage Miss Carrie Nantz. They are now spending several days with relatives here.

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY ALL THE YEAR ROUND

The effect of long vacations has begun to excite serious apprehension. A few cities are solving the vacation problem by running the schools the entire year. Newark, N. J., may be given as an example. In that city many of the elementary schools and one high school are in session 48 weeks in a year.

The children who attend all the year like the plan. One boy says: "Going to school all the year keeps you from hanging around the streets and saves you from trouble." A mother living in a tenement district says: "If there were no summer schools I would not know the whereabouts of my children. They would leave home early in the morning and run all over the city."

A school physician says: "There is less sickness among the school children in summer than in winter. The children who attend during summer are in better physical condition in September than the children who have not been to school."

A few other cities have organized all-year schools. Most cities conduct summer schools of six weeks, which is a step toward the all-year school. The all-year school is coming. Why not? It must, however, not be a school of mere text-books, but a school where children may live normal lives in working with their hands, in studying, and in playing.

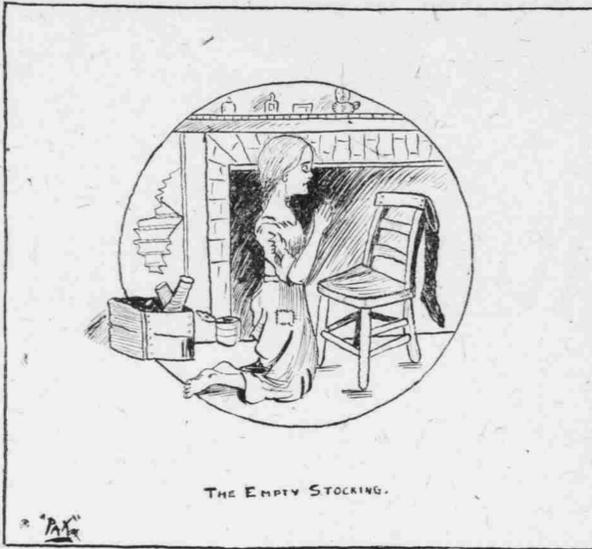
## TARBORO WOMAN DIES FROM SHARK BITE

The body of Miss Catherine Wimberly Bourne, who died Thursday at San Juan, Porto Rico, after being bitten by a shark while in bathing, was brought to her former home in Tarboro for burial. Miss Bourne was teaching at St. John's school, a mission school of the Episcopal church in San Juan and this was her second year there. Previously she had taught at Northampton, Chapel Hill and Salisbury.

## WALLACE REID NEAR DEATH

Wallace Reid, motion picture star, is on the verge of death, and for several days has not been expected to live, according to Mrs. Wallace Reid (Dorothy Davenport) in an interview in Los Angeles, Cal.

## DON'T FORGET THESE LITTLE ONES



## LOCAL BRIEFS IN AND AROUND TOWN

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

A little girl was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Suddarth. Mr. D. S. Mosteller and family, who have been living at Dallas, moved last week back to their former home in Drexel.

A little girl was born Friday to Mr. and Mrs. Commodore Burleson. Mrs. Burleson was before her marriage Miss Mary Gillam.

There will be a community Christmas tree at Fairview church Friday night, December 22 (at Joy). Everybody is cordially invited.

A cooked food and candy sale will be held Saturday at the store formerly occupied by Bryson & Snyder by one of the circles of the Presbyterian church.

John Garrison is the name of the little son born Friday to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Beasley. Mrs. Beasley was before her marriage Miss Mattie Garrison.

It is almost impossible to list all who are sick in the community with colds and influenza. No serious cases are reported but the doctors stay busy visiting the sick.

Two of the most attractive windows in town are at Walker's Market & Grocery. The Christmas "goodies," temptingly displayed, literally make one's "mouth water."

Mr. A. L. Kaylor and Miss Lou Harris were quietly married yesterday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. W. R. Ware performing the ceremony. They left immediately to visit relatives of the groom in Catawba county.

The members of the faculty of the Morganton graded school who left last week to spend Christmas at their homes were: Miss Lucretia Ashby, to Mt. Airy; Miss Ethel Boyd, to Monroe; Miss Jean Paxton, to Stanford, Ky.; Miss Fay Turner, to Hartsville, S. C., and Miss Dorothy Alderman to Wagram.

## THE OLD SOLDIERS RECEIVED PENSIONS

More Than Ten Thousand Dollars Distributed in Pensions to Veterans and Widows; Nice Christmas Gifts

Clerk of the Court Giles was mailing out yesterday pension checks to Confederate veterans and widows who had not already called for them. The checks were received on the 14th and the greater number of them had been distributed.

Burke county's pension fund at this semi-annual payment time was \$10,317. This amount to the old soldiers of the Confederacy and their widows is a deserved gift from the State and means much to the majority of them. It is a Christmas gift which they appreciate.

There are at present no veterans in the first class in this county and only one in the second class, who receives \$67.50 semi-annually. There are four in the third class receiving \$60 semi-annually, and ninety-seven in the fourth class, whose semi-annual checks are \$52.50. There are ninety-five widows of Confederate soldiers in Burke county. They get \$52.50 semi-annually, an increase of \$2.50, the widows' pension formerly being \$100 annually.

## RETURNS HOME.

Mr. W. A. Townsend, who has been in San Antonio, Texas, for several years, has returned home. Mr. Townsend has been one of the government's vocational and rehabilitation schools teaching shoe-making to the soldiers.

## COUNTY BOOKS BEING AUDITED

Mr. J. M. Clark, expert auditor, of Charlotte, has been employed to audit the books of the county and has been engaged in the work this week at the court house.

## MR. W. P. FRANKLIN DIED LAST THURSDAY

Father of Large Family and Respected Citizen Passed Away Last Week.

Mr. W. D. Franklin died Thursday December 14th, at his home near Salem. If he had lived until February he would have been 72 years of age, having been born February 28, 1851.

Mr. Franklin is survived by his wife and eleven children, 39 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He had been sick since October and during his illness has suffered much. He was conscious until the last and passed away quietly.

Mr. Franklin was one of the most prominent farmers in his section of the county and had many friends.

The funeral and burial services were held at Salem Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. J. C. Gentry conducting the services.

All his children were at home for the funeral: Mr. N. A. Franklin, of West Asheville; Mrs. Marsh Franklin, of Bessemer City, and Mrs. Abe Franklin, Mrs. Robert Williams, Mrs. Frank Clontz, Mr. Obe Franklin, Mr. Will Franklin, Mr. Don Franklin, Mr. Herbert Franklin, Mr. Adie Franklin, and Mr. Dock Franklin, all of Morganton. A brother from Elizabethton, Tenn., was also here for the services.

## HERE'S HENRY FORD'S RECIPE FOR MAN'S MARKED SUCCESS

It used to be taken for granted that our theories and our methods were fundamentally unsound. Events have killed that kind of comment but there remains a wholly sincere belief that what we have done could not be done by any other company—that we have been touched by a wand, that neither we nor any one else could make shoes, or hats, or sewing machines, or watches, or typewriters, or any other necessity after the manner in which we make automobiles and tractors. I do not agree with any of this.

Nothing has come out of the air. We have nothing that others might not have. We have had no good fortune except that which always attends any one who puts his best into his work. There was nothing that could be called "favorable" about our beginning. When we began to make our present motor car the country had few good roads, gasoline was scarce, and the idea was firmly implanted in the public mind that an automobile was at the best a rich man's toy. Our only advantage was lack of precedent.

We began to manufacture according to a creed—a creed which was at that time unknown in business. The mechanical working out of our creed is constantly changing, but the principles we have not found Engine how it might ever be necessary to alter them.

## STONY POINT CASHIER TO MAKE RESTITUTION

A. W. White, bank cashier at Stony Point, who departed several weeks ago leaving an alleged shortage of between \$9,000 and \$14,000, has voluntarily returned to Stony Point and will make good his shortage, according to a statement by A. W. Watts, president of the bank, but he will no longer be connected with the bank. It was recently reported that Whites son had been in communication with this father, and intimations were then made that the missing cashier might be induced to return and make restitution to the bank. Mr. White is not under arrest and it is understood that the bank will not push charges against him.

## HARDWARE'S BIG EVENT COMES OFF SATURDAY

The Morganton Hardware Company's big prize-giving event comes off Saturday afternoon, scheduled to begin, as will be noted in the advertisement elsewhere in this issue, at 3 o'clock. There is no doubt but that it will attract a large crowd and interest in the drawing of the prizes will be keen.

## MORE TEACHERS NEEDED IN NORTH CAROLINA

Mid-Year Resignations and Other Causes Have Resulted In a Shortage.

Mid-year resignations and other causes have resulted in a serious shortage of teachers in North Carolina, resulting in a demand for well-qualified instructors for the opening of the new school year in January, according to announcement made last Saturday by officials of the placement bureau of the Education association.

"There is an unusually heavy demand for teachers at this season of the year," reads the statement. "Some of these vacancies are occurring in the larger school systems of the State, but there are many openings in the rural sections of different counties."

"The fact that many of the mountain schools, which opened early in the fall or late summer, are completing their work at Christmas time will help relieve the situation, but even with these additions there still are vacancies which cannot be filled with the registrations with the bureau at present."

"Well qualified teachers can secure places through the placement bureau. Teachers holding lower grade certificates can find places also if they have had successful teaching experience. Prospective teachers who do not hold certificates should take up with the certification bureau of the State department of education the matter of what certificates they will be entitled to before they begin looking for work."

"Superintendents and school committees are not willing to employ teachers who have not had the training and this is one of the causes of the shortage," the statement continues.

## MEREDITH COLLEGE IS CAUSE OF WARM FIGHT

The location of Meredith College was definitely settled after several hours' debate before the Baptist State Convention at Winston-Salem last week. This debate resolved itself into a discussion concerning the co-ordination of Wake Forest and Meredith colleges. When the final vote was taken there was practically no opposition to a ratification of the action of the board of trustees of Meredith college in selecting the new site at Method, near Raleigh.

The question came before the convention at noon when Corresponding Secretary Charles E. Maddy offered a resolution to ratify the action of the board of trustees. The convention had previously set aside 45 minutes for discussion of the question and Dr. Maddy urged that the matter be finally settled and gave as his reason, his opinion that the discussion concerning Meredith College, together with the discussion concerning Wake Forest College, had been responsible during the past year for a heavy slump in contributions to the convention. Dr. Maddy said he believed that this discussion had cost the denomination at least \$100,000 during the year.

## FOOD HIGH IN GERMANY.

The price of bread in Germany now is 300 marks a loaf, and it is predicted that it will be more than doubled by January. Germany will have to import quantities of foodstuffs, according to reports, or suffer a famine next spring.

## COMMUNITY TREE SATURDAY NIGHT

On Court Square Beginning At 7 O'clock; All Children Under Twelve To Be Given Presents.

The community Christmas tree will be held on the court square Saturday night, the exercises beginning at 7 o'clock. The choirs of all the churches in town are asked to be present and lead in the singing of Christmas carols.

Of course Santa Claus will be on hand and will have a present for every child in the Morganton graded school district under 12 years of age. The children are asked to meet at the school building at 6:30 to march in line to the tree.

Besides the choirs the Morganton band will be on hand to add to the music for the occasion and all the ministers of the town will have a part in the exercises.

The tree is already on the square it will be erected and decorated within the next few days. The occasion is being sponsored by the Kiwanis club.

## HONOR ROLL, TABLE ROCK.

First grade, Charlie Fox, Johnnie Fox, Ruby Kincaid, Joseph McGimsey, Anna Sue McGimsey.

Second grade, Lee Fox, Frances Kincaid, Lenoard Beck, Elizabeth Beck, Clifton Cox, Theresa Kincaid, Myra Ledbetter, Mary Scott.

Third grade, Zennie Cox, Max Ramsaur, Jr. Miss Thelma Powell, teacher.

Fourth grade, Virginia Fleming, Margaret McGimsey, Mary Whisenant.

Fifth grade, Mary Sisk, Mamie Williams.

Sixth grade, Carrie Ramseur. Er-in Abercrombie, principal.

## KIWANIANS ELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR

J. A. Claywell New President, J. E. Erwin Vice-President, N. C. Duncan District Deputy; Directors.

Last Friday night was the time prescribed by the constitution for the annual election of officers of the Kiwanis club. Accordingly practically all other business was dispensed with and the hour given over to the choosing of the club's officials for the coming year.

J. A. Claywell was elected president by acclamation, his being the only name suggested to the committee on nominations. J. E. Erwin was chosen vice-president and N. C. Duncan district trustee. The eight directors, who with the officers named above and the secretary to be selected later form the board of directors, are: C. A. Spencer, W. A. Harrison, L. E. Rudisill, Frank Hoffman, Fred Ross, Harry Riddle, Charles Lane and Grant Keister.

A resolution was passed expressing deep appreciation of the splendid work of the retiring president, Harry Riddle.

The club will be a year old in January. It is the general opinion that it has more than justified its existence during the past year and will enter the new year with bright prospects for usefulness to the community.

## LEARN THIS CAROL FOR CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Prepared for Community Service by Prof. Peter W. Dykem, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.)

This is one of the series of Christmas carols, "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

One of the finest Christmas carols of the less traditional group is "O Little Town of Bethlehem" by Phillips Brooks, the beloved Boston divine (1835-1893). This was written for Sunday school singing when the composer was bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Massachusetts. He first sent it out anonymously, but as the hymn gained favor the authorship became known.

The words of this carol well portray the spirit of simplicity and tranquility of Bethlehem, and its inhabitants who so little suspected that a King was in their midst. Although written especially as a Christmas song, it is of such a nature it is often used on other occasions.

Many musical settings of this beautiful poem have been made but the two that are most used are by the English composer Joseph Barnby (whose "Sweet and Low" is a universal favorite) and the American composer Louis H. Redner (1831-1908).

1. O little town of Bethlehem!  
How still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

2. O holy Child of Bethlehem!  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emanuel!

## MEDALS TO TELEPHONE HEROES AND HEROINES

Six women and four men, employees of the Bell Telephone Company, have just received the Theodore N. Vail medal for noteworthy public service and heroism on duty. One twenty year old lad received a gold medal and five hundred dollars in cash; the others received a silver medal each and two hundred and fifty dollars in cash.

The men and women who received these awards did their duty, sticking to their posts during fire and flood, rescuing others, warning imperiled people, saving threatened property from robbers, rescuing companions from electrocution, etc., without any idea of reward. Nor does the medal and cash make the heroism any greater. But it does make it more valuable to the community because it brings before others the inspiring example of those who put service above self, who risked their lives unselfishly for others, who practiced true brotherhood.

The telephone company honors itself, in honoring these, its servants. It shows that a great corporation has a heart, and an appreciation of the glory that is in that immortal sentence, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend." None of these had to lay down their lives; but they were willing; they counted not life against service.

Clubs, organizations, lodges, fraternities, looking for something to do which is not charity and yet is public service, can well consider whether a yearly award of a medal and a cash payment, to that man or woman, or those men and women, who have most inspired their fellows by unselfish heroism in their community, is not the answer to the problem they face.

Big man in College—"Say, Freshman, don't you know who I am?"  
Freshie—"No. Don't you know who you are?"—Cracker.