

THE GOLF CLUB'S NEEDS SET FORTH

Circular Letter Issued by Committee of Retail Merchants' Association, Which Strongly Urges Support of the Country Club in Its Campaign for a Larger Links, Etc.—Recommends That Merchants Do All in Their Power for Club.

The committee from the Asheville Retail Merchants' association recently appointed for the purpose of looking into the Asheville Country Club proposition has made report strongly recommending that the Merchants' association do what is within their power to assist the Asheville Country Club in providing a good golf course. The report to this matter the president of the organization, H. Taylor Rogers, and the secretary, J. P. Howatt, have sent out a circular letter clearly setting forth the needs of a golf course and the advisability of the business men of the city to encourage the proposition. After referring to the committee's report endorsing the movement for a fine golf course the circular letter says:

The Asheville Country club as newly reorganized has purchased 42 acres of the land formerly used as a golf course by the old Swannanoa Country club, and has completed the greater part of the payments upon this property. Upon this land has been laid out a part of a golf course, but there is not sufficient room for a full course. The club has, therefore, within the past month leased about 10 acres additional upon a long term lease with the privilege of purchase, and therefore feels that it is permanently and advantageously located for many years to come, provided the proper encouragement and support is given to the club by the merchants and residents of Asheville. For those who do not care for the social feature there is still an important commercial value in the benefit accruing to the city by means of a live and up-to-date place of entertainment for our guests and friends.

First Indoor Contest By Y. M. C. A. Juniors

The first annual indoor contest by the junior department of the Y. M. C. A. will be held Saturday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock in the association gymnasium. The contests for the championship of the junior department and all members or practically all the members of that department will compete. The contest will be interesting and will doubtless be well attended by parents and friends of the Juniors. The junior work is in charge of Physical Director Huntington and since

the opening of the fall classes the attendance in the junior department has increased at a rapid rate while the interest in the work is perhaps more pronounced than at any time since the establishment here of the Y. M. C. A.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

(Continued from page 2.)
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl, nearly five years old. I want you to bring me a pretty dolly with curly hair, a set of dishes, and a carriage to roll my dolly in. I want plenty of oranges, candy, nuts and bananas.
Your little friend,
EULALA MICHAEL.
P. S. Don't forget my little brother, Morris, don't forget my father and mother.
Asheville, N. C., Dec. 11.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy nearly two years old. I want you to bring me a little set of tools and plenty of nuts, candy, oranges, and apples.
Your little friend,
MORRIS MICHAEL.
Asheville, N. C., Dec. 11.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy, eight years old. I think I have been a good boy this year. Santa, please bring me an air gun, some nuts, oranges, candy, and bananas, and don't forget to bring my little brother, Morris, a hammer, and Santa, don't forget the dear little children who have no father or mother.
Your little friend,
EDGAR MICHAEL.
Asheville, N. C., Dec. 11.
Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good girl. I want you to bring me a locket and ring. I want some nuts, oranges and candy. Do not forget my little brother and sister.
Your friend,
THELMA MICHAEL.

of shoes; I want some oranges and candy and a little wagon, so I think this is all. Remember my brothers, John and Edward. Bring them something nice.
Your friend,
DIEVER LAWRENCE.
No. 27 Buttrick street.
Canton, N. C., Dec. 16.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy seven years old, and I will tell you what I want. I want a little wagon, a toy automobile, some candy, some oranges, a hole lot of good things. Yours truly,
MILLARD DEFORD.
By, by, old Santa.
Asheville, N. C., Dec. 13.
Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a "choo-choo" train, a steam train, horse, ball, some blocks, automobile, and anything else nice for a little boy five years old. Goodby, Santa.
Your little friend,
THOMAS ARMSTRONG.
P. S. Also a Teddy bear.
Asheville, care of Gazette-News.
Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a dollie and doll bed, some little gishes, stove and lamp, and a rocker horse. Be sure to bring little brother a Teddy bear, and don't forget my dear grandpa. He lives in the country.
HELEN HAMPTON.
Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll, a set of dishes, a trunk, table, oranges and nuts. Yours truly,
FLAUTEY LOGAN.
Dear Santa: Please bring me a banjo, some nuts, candy, oranges and a ball and a wagon. Yours,
CLIFFORD CONLEY.
Dear Santa: Please bring me a wagon, a banjo, some candy and nuts. Yours,
RAYMOND LOGAN.
Asheville, care of Gazette-News.
I want you to bring me a great big dollie, some little dishes, and doll bed and lots of good things. And I will be so good. Brother wants him a Teddy bear so bad. Come on Santa, for a can't wait long.
LITTLE NEIL HAMPTON.
"THIS IS MY 73RD BIRTHDAY."
Alexander Agassiz.

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Alexander Agassiz, the eminent naturalist, was born in Neuchâtel, Switzerland, December 17, 1812, the son of Professor Louis Agassiz. He came to the United States in 1848, and completed his education at Harvard University and the Lawrence Scientific School. For several years he was connected with the United States Coast Survey. From 1866 to 1869 he was superintendent of the famous Cairn and Hecla copper mines on Lake Superior. He surveyed Lake Titicaca, Peru, in 1875, and subsequently conducted explorations and scientific investigations in the Hawaiian Islands, in Australia, among the coral reefs of the West Indies and in other parts of the world. For a number of years Professor Agassiz has been director of the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University. He has served as president of the National Academy of Science and has been honored with membership in many prominent scientific and learned societies of America and Europe.

GREENSBORO CONGREGATION PLEASUED WITH NEW PASTOR

Greensboro Telegram.
West Market Street Methodist church was crowded Sunday morning, the occasion of the gathering of the large congregation being the first sermon of the new pastor, Rev. E. K. McLarty.
He made a fine impression. He speaks with the most perfect naturalness and in a strong but agreeable voice. He is youthful in appearance, taller than the average, clean-shaven, and his countenance indicates strength and decision of character.
In making the announcement, he said he always looked forward with great interest to the first mid-week prayer meeting when he went to a new charge. He urged a large attendance upon these meetings, adding that the people who go to prayer meetings are usually the folks who have to be depended on to do the church work.
His text was John 15, 7, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Prayer was the topic of the sermon. The text, he said, was a philosophy of prayer.
Before entering specifically on the discussion of prayer, he called attention to the fact that the text was found in the "vine and branch" chapter. The significance of an organic connection between Christ and his followers was explained.
One of the lessons that the gifted young preacher drew out of the text was the free agency of man as suggested by the word "abide." He defined the word "abide in me" as keeping Christ's commandments and obeying the law of the love of God.
Mr. McLarty said that there is a crying need for more prayer in the churches. For one to say that he hasn't time to pray is as preposterous as it would be to say that he hasn't time to stop and take on coal and water. The great men of the church prayed a great deal—their work was in proportion to their prayer. "The amount of time we give each day to prayer," Mr. McLarty said, "is our estimate of the value of prayer." He pointed out the fact that Christ spent whole nights in prayer. We need not think we are one and out how little we pray—our spiritual weakness and flabbiness give us away. Prayer costs time.
The scientific spirit of the time, Mr. McLarty suggested, had something to do with the lack of inclination on the part of Christians to pray as much as they ought. Science says that everything happens by a fixed law, so why waste time praying over what is fixed? "This," said the minister, "is making law a good and forgetting the great personal power behind the law. It is our privilege to modify law." Instances of modified natural law were given as being the manufacture of ice and the use of flying machines.
A very striking definition of prayer that Mr. McLarty gave was that prayer is giving God a chance at us.
Another striking remark was "The fatherhood of God is the challenge to prayer." Elaborating this thought, he went on to say that God wants us to ask for what we want and delights in giving it to us if it is for our good.
Mr. McLarty expressed his desire to get acquainted with the members of the church as early as possible. "Let us lose no time in formalities," he enjoined, "let us come right up and get to work." He told his congregation that they could criticize him as much as they chose—for he wasn't a bit sensitive—but one thing he would rigidly insist on, that is that they must always pray for him before criticizing him.
The choir presented a very enjoyable program including a solo, "Oh, God Be Merciful," splendidly rendered by Miss Josephine Gilmer of Greensboro. This was also repeated from the Thanksgiving cantata, an anthem in which Mrs. F. J. Sparker took the solo part most acceptably.
Rev. Mr. McLarty preached a splendid sermon at the night service from the text "I know that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

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REAR ADMIRAL EMORY RETIRES.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Rear Admiral William Hensley Emory, who recently hauled down his flag and Hong Kong and resigned command of the second squadron of the Atlantic fleet, closed his active career in the navy today, having been transferred to the retired list by operation of law on account of age.
Rear Admiral Emory retired after forty-two years' service in the navy. He was appointed to the Naval Academy from the District of Columbia in 1862, and graduated in 1866. He was made an ensign two years later and a master in 1869. In 1870 he was commissioned a lieutenant. His commission as rear admiral came in 1906, and his last command, that of leading the second division of the Atlantic fleet, dated from January 21, 1907.

AS MODIFIED.

The usual crowd of loafers were seated around the store in the village grocery.
"I never lied to my wife in my life," began one of the bunch, when he was interrupted by a unanimous laugh that was loud and long.
"That I didn't get caught at it," ended the speaker after the laugh had subsided.
Whereupon silence reigned supreme for nearly twenty-three seconds.—Chicago News.
No Romance About That.
"And what did you do with the money you earned by the sale of your first romance?" they asked the eminent, successful author.
"I spent it," he answered.
"For some souvenir, no doubt, that would long remind you of the important epoch in your professional life," they suggested.
"No," he curtly answered. "I spent it for food."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

STOP SCROOCHING.

Sweet Singer—I asked you to show me where I could get something to improve my voice.
Low Comedian—Well, there is the place across the street.
Sweet Singer—That's not a pharmacy, why, that's a carriage shop.
Low Comedian—Sure! That's where they sell axle grease.—Detroit Tribune.

GAZETTE-NEWS ADVERTISING THAT PAYS.

DECEMBER 17 IN HISTORY.

1778—Four hundred persons perished in the burning of a theater in Saragossa, Spain.
1792—First Provincial Parliament of Lower Canada met at Quebec.
1812—Town of Derby, Vt., attacked by the British.
1824—Thomas Starr King, preacher and lecturer, who saved California to the Union in 1850, born in New York. Died in San Francisco, March 4, 1864.
1877—Edward Kent, first Wiltz governor of Maine, died in Bangor. Born in Concord, N. H., Jan. 5, 1812.
1880—Paul Kruger elected president of the South African Republic.
1891—Drexel Institute of Art, Science and Industry dedicated in Philadelphia.
Mrs. Sage's Gift to Y. M. C. A.

New York, Dec. 17.—The new building of the Long Island Railroad Fourth Men's Christian association at Borden and West avenues, Long Island City, for the erection of which Mrs. Russell Sage contributed \$100,000, is practically completed and everything is in readiness for the formal dedication this evening. Mrs. Sage has consented to be present at the dedicatory services and it is expected that there will also be many other distinguished visitors from New York and other cities in attendance. The building is a handsome structure of pleasing architecture and when entirely completed will be one of the best equipped institutions of its kind in this section of the country.
Mrs. Russell Sage has always felt great interest in the men employed on the Long Island railroad, and when the plan was suggested to erect a modest building for the use of the railroad section of the Y. M. C. A. at Long Island City, she manifested her approval of the plan by subscribing the round sum of \$100,000 in the Stuart's Bunch and Juniper is the most reliable remedy known for kidney and bladder trouble.



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