

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Now Complete—To Be Held in the Riverside Warehouse

Everything will be in readiness for the great event Saturday evening at seven o'clock, and it is earnestly desired that every man, woman and child in the community be present.

The tree has been placed in the Riverside Warehouse, made beautiful with Christmas decorations, electric lights and candles. Its limbs covered with 273 presents, for the children twelve years old and under in the corporate limits, and the children whose names are on the roll of the Methodist, Baptist and Episcopal Sunday schools of said ages.

Fruits and confections have been prepared for all 500 bags having already been filled. Let everyone come early, because promptly at seven o'clock a beautiful musical program, consisting of hymns and carols by a full choir, songs and readings by the small children, and other interesting features will make the opening exercises.

The presents will next be delivered after which both old and young are asked to remain and join in the old fashioned Christmas games that will be played. Let us all come together on this occasion with the old time community spirit, and make our celebration as great as any that will sweep thousands of towns and cities this year with a profound magnetism, making of all creeds and kinds one people in humble reverence before the babe of Bethlehem, the greatest the world has ever known.

Bunn News

There has been quite a number of marriages recently. Mr. R. H. May has moved his stock of goods and family to Roseville.

Mr. Lynnwood May has moved in the house vacated by his father. Mr. Charlie Weathers has moved to the Bill Williams place.

Mr. Gus Jones moved to the place vacated by Mr. Weathers.

Mr. Calvin Coppedge moved in the house vacated by Mr. Lynnwood May. Mr. Joe Dodson has moved to the house Mr. Jones vacated.

Mr. Darius Horton moved in the house vacated by Mr. Dodson.

Mr. E. L. Pippin has purchased the Sid Mullen place in South Bunn and moved his stock of goods there.

Mr. A. S. Wiggs is moving his family and stock of merchandise to Margaret.

The young people are looking forward to the holidays.

Mr. J. A. Pippin brought his bride home last Wednesday. We welcome Mrs. Pippin in our midst.

Mr. B. C. Montgomery has moved into town in the Mrs. Maggie Sykes house. We are glad to have them among us.

A few Sundays ago Mr. Clyde Mullen and Miss Eula Privett went over to Nashville and returned as one.

The Children's Mission Band of the Bunn Baptist church will give a recital in the school Auditorium on Wednesday night December 29th at 7:30 o'clock. This band is known as the Sunbeams and they send you a cordial invitation.

Admission all under 12 years of age 10 cents, adults 25 cents. All are urged to come as we need the proceeds for the benefit of the Baptist church.

Jones-Arrington

Invitations as follows have been received by friends here:

Mrs. Linda N. Arrington request the honor of your presence at marriage of her daughter Viola Davis to

Mr. Robert Hugh Jones Tuesday morning, Dec. Twenty-Eight nineteen hundred and fifteen at ten o'clock

At Bethlehem Church Arcola, North Carolina

The bride is one of Arcola's most beautiful and accomplished young ladies whose many friends regret to lose her from their social life.

The groom is the son of Mr. J. R. Jones, of Katesville, and is a young man of splendid ability and attainments.

The many friends of this popular young couple will look forward to the coming event with much interest.

Another New Firm Next Year

The Ricks Grocery Co., incorporated is the style of another new firm for Louisburg for the New Year. The authorized capital stock will be \$25,000.00 and they will carry a complete line of heavy and fancy groceries. Mr. G. A. Ricks, the secretary and treasurer is a son of the late F. B. Ricks, one of Nash county's prominent business men, and possesses much business energy which will assure his success. Their location will be in the new building next to F. W. Wheelers.

Anti-Usury Law to be Presented in Congress Soon

Washington, Dec. 21.—The banking and currency committee of Congress are preparing to work out soon after the holidays a law to prevent usury.

Several bills have been introduced, one by Senator Gore which proposes that every national banking association shall keep a sched-

ule under regulation of the treasury showing the rate of interest charged on any loan, discount, note or other evidence of debt, and that all excessive interest charges be reported to the attorney-general by the comptroller of the currency.

The attorney-general would institute proceedings against offending banks to recover the amount of excessive interest. Offenders also would be liable in damages to the government for an amount equal to the excess charges.

Representative Howard of Georgia has prepared a resolution which he will submit after the holidays directing an investigation into allegations recently made by treasury officials that certain banks have been charging excessive interest rates.

Prospect Items

Messrs. Bruce Shearin and D. L. Wells of Louisburg were present at our Sunday school Sunday, after being absent some time. Glad to have them back.

Mr. J. C. Pearce killed a deer at the mouth of Cedar Creek last week weighing 112 pounds.

Mr. Otis Burrows and Miss Nora Lee May visited Katesville Sunday.

We will have a Christmas tree at Prospect church Tuesday December 28th, at 3 o'clock. Everybody is invited to come.

Mr. Walter Perry won the prize for the best hemmed apron last Tuesday night.

Miss Florence Joyner, of Louisburg, was at our entertainment last Friday night.

Mr. Elias Beasley, of Louisburg, was a caller at Prospect Friday night.

We extend our thanks to Mr. S. L. Holmes for bidding the aprons off and Miss Ruth Catlett for keeping the fishing pool.

Old Santa Claus passed Prospect today, Monday. Some of the small children wondered why he did not stop here.

Prospect school will close Wednesday December 22nd, for Christmas and open January 3, 1916.

We hope everybody will have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

With best wishes to the Times and its readers.

W. O. B.

Ingleside Items

We continue to hear of big hogs and meat a plenty all around here. Mr. George Wrenn killed a nice lot of hogs a few days ago. He does not claim any very large ones, but he had enough to make about 1150 pounds of good bacon.

Messrs. Frank and John Revis, of Kearney killed five fine porkers that averaged 300 pounds each. Fifteen hundred pounds of meat from five hogs looks like living at home, even if they do not always board at the same place. Both of the young men are bachelors.

The Ingleside Academy closed for the holidays Tuesday evening. Prof. W. D. Loy left Wednesday for his home near Burlington, and will hang his stockings under the parental roof. All wish Mr. Loy a pleasant visit and a very happy Christmas.

Negro Shot In Face

Tom Perry was shot in the mouth on Sunday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock near the home of Mr. W. C. Holmes, with a single barrel gun by Hilliard Harris, both colored. The shooting was claimed to be an accident, but a few facts leaked out that caused the holding of an inquest on Monday with Mr. J. A. Turner as special coroner and a jury composed of Messrs. B. N. Williamson, J. W. Pearce, I. J. Pearce, W. C. Holmes, R. L. Harris and A. F. Johnson; R. W. Hudson being officer. After visiting the scene of the shooting and hearing the evidence the jury thought it best to hold Harris for an investigation by the grand jury and ordered him in the custody of the officer under a bond of \$1,000.00. After returning to town more evidence developed and the coroner withdrew the bond of \$1,000.00. The defendant was placed in jail to await the next term of court.

Fire Near Town

The old Joe Fuller place about one and one-half miles south of Louisburg, now belonging to Mr. J. P. Timberlake, and being occupied by Mr. Willie Freeman, was burned on Saturday morning about 2 o'clock. The origin of the fire is unknown. The building and an out house were completely destroyed with practically all of their contents, together with forty dollars in money. The estimated loss is between \$2,000.00 and \$2,500.00.

New Supply Firm

It is reported that Messrs. G. W. Ford and E. S. Ford will open a big supply business in the store rooms on Nash street occupied by Mr. E. S. Ford on January 1st. This will be a strong firm and will no doubt be a popular one with the farmers.

Louisburg Baptist Church

Public worship Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m., conducted by the pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. B. Y. P. U. Monday 7 p. m.

Pastor Gilmore will fill his regular appointment at Randall's Chapel Sunday 3 p. m.

A year of depression, and yet one of plenty. Ever see the like before?

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

(By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.)

I HEAR along our streets Pass the minstrel throngs; Hark! They play so sweet, On their hautboys, Christmas songs! Let us by the fire Ever higher Sing them till the night expire!

IN December ring Every day the chimney; Loud the gleemen sing In the streets their merry rhymes. Let us by the fire Ever higher Sing them till the night expire!

SHEPHERDS at the grange, Where the Babe was born, Sang with many a change Christmas carols until morn. Let us by the fire Ever higher Sing them till the night expire!

THESE good people sang Songs devout and sweet; While the rafters rang There they stood with freezing feet! Let us by the fire Ever higher Sing them till the night expire!

NUNS in frigid cells At this holy tide, For want of something else, Christmas songs at times have tried. Let us by the fire Ever higher Sing them till the night expire!

WHO by the fireside stands, Stamps his feet and sings; But he who blows his hands, Not so gay a carol brings. Let us by the fire Ever higher Sing them till the night expire!

AUSTRIAN CHARGE DISCUSSES ANCONA

Plans Informal Basis For Settlement of Controversy With Vienna

Pending receipt of Austria-Hungary's reply to the second American note regarding the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona, Baron Erich Zwiadinek, charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, is conducting, or farming a basis to conduct, in formal negotiations with Secretary Lansing looking toward an amicable settlement of the controversy.

An intimation to that effect was received at the State Department today after the charge had conferred at some length with the secretary. It is understood Baron Zwiadinek is attempting negotiations similar to those conducted by Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador following the sinking of the steamship Arbia. It is considered improbable, however, that such negotiations can develop to an important stage until after receipt of the next formal communication from Austria-Hungary, which is expected sometime within the next week. Neither Secretary Lansing nor Baron Zwiadinek would discuss their conference today, having been agreed that, beyond allowing it to be known that the Ancona case was under discussion, the matter should be regarded as confidential.

Word of the receipt in Vienna of the second American note had not been received at the State Department tonight. However, the communication was stated by cable Sunday afternoon to Ambassador Penfield. Normally, thirty-six hours is sufficient for a diplomatic cable message to reach Vienna, consequently, Ambassador Penfield should have received the note sometime today, and it should reach the Minister of Foreign Affairs tomorrow.

Mr. E. A. Crudup Dead

News of the death of Mr. E. A. Crudup, which occurred at his home at McColl, S. C., on Sunday was received by his relatives here on Monday and his body arrived Wednesday night.

Mr. Crudup left Louisburg about fifteen years ago and went to Florida where he became engaged in the railroad business. He afterwards purchased an orange grove and had made good in his new home. He was a native Franklin county boy

being born near Louisburg. Never having married he leaves only the following immediate relatives to survive him: Four sisters, Mrs. R. P. Taylor of Louisburg, Miss Columbia Crudup of New York, Miss Lillian Crudup of Henderson, Miss Annie Davis Crudup of Wake Forest and three brothers, Dr. Jones Crudup of Julian, Neb., Dr. C. Percy Crudup of Nebraska, City and Rev. Josiah Crudup of Timmonsville, S. C.

The remains were interred at Oaklawn cemetery yesterday with appropriate ceremonies in the midst of many friends of the family. Those of the family who were from a distance attended the funeral.

Wilson is to Send Col. House Abroad

New York, Dec. 21.—Col. E. M. House, confidential adviser of President Wilson, stated late today that he shortly will sail for Europe at the request of the President.

Colonel House declared the sole purpose of his trip would be to deliver certain American Ambassadors information regarding this government's attitude on various international matters now pending. He denied emphatically that his trip will in any way be a peace mission.

Colonel House said he expected to sail from here within the next two weeks and probably would be in Europe about six or eight weeks.

"I am going to Europe at the request of the President, and the Secretary of State for the purpose of taking information to some of our Ambassadors," he said, "in order that they may have a more intimate knowledge of this government's attitude regarding certain phases of international questions and in order to obtain from them their point of view on these matters."

Christmas Day Services

Christmas day will be celebrated at St. Paul's Church at 11 a. m. Rev. I. Harding Hughes officiating. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

French Go Home Over Christmas

Paris, Dec. 21.—Probably 100,000 men from the front will spend Christmas with their families. The military administration has been generous with leaves and soldiers are now allowed six days at home, not counting the time of going and coming. Formerly the period was four

days. The American aviators, Lieut. Wm. K. Thaw, of Pittsburg, Sergeant, Norman Prince of Boston, and Sergeant Elliott C. Cowdin of New York have been allowed eight days in America, exclusive of the time for the voyage. They are on board the steamer Rotterdam.

While Christmas in Paris will be less gay than usual, the mothers, as is indicated by the crowded shops, are buying freely for the children. The government will not permit restaurants and cafes to remain open later than the usual closing hour of 10:30 o'clock and there is no more reserving at high prices of tables in noted restaurants for midnight supper parties. Also there will be none of the onetime street frivolities. The church services will, according to present expectations be unusually impressive.

PERSONALS

Mr. Ben T. Holden went to Raleigh Monday.

Judge C. M. Cooke is at home for the holidays.

Attorney General T. W. Bickett, is at home for the holidays.

Mr. W. M. Person spent Saturday in Raleigh on professional business.

Miss Jesse Thomas left the past week for Hillsboro to spend the holidays.

John Burt Hill returned from Chapel Hill to be at home during the holidays.

Mrs. J. A. Turner, Mrs. A. D. Wilcox, and Mrs. W. E. White went to Raleigh Monday.

Maj. and Mrs. J. B. Thomas left the past week for Maysville, Ky., where Major Thomas will buy tobacco.

Mr. J. R. Collier, Chief Clerk to the House Claims Committee returned home from Washington Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Person and little daughter, Lydia, left Tuesday to visit her parents at Millikin, Louisiana.

Raymond Taylor returned the past week from Harvard University to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. J. J. Harris returned Monday from Chapel Hill to spend the holidays with his people near town.

Graham Egerton and Thomas Ruffin came home from Chapel Hill the past week to spend the holidays.

William Bickett returned from Porter's Military school in Charleston, S. C., the past week to spend the holidays.

William Neal returned the past week from Porter's Military school of Charleston, S. C., to spend the holidays with his people.

Mr. C. W. High, who is attending a business college at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., returned home Tuesday for the holidays.

Mrs. Dr. Marie Millikin Parker, of Charlotte, who has been on a visit to her sister, Mrs. A. W. Person, left Tuesday to visit her parents at Millikin, Louisiana.

William Allen, Charles Cooke, John Harris, Lawrence Egerton, Aubrey Waddell and Joseph Davis returned from the A. & M. Raleigh to spend the Christmas holidays at home.

List of Letters

The following is a list of letters remaining in the postoffice at Louisburg, N. C., not called for December 24th, 1915:

Mr. L. Alston, K. P. Allen, Douglas Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Banks, Miss Claud Knight, Mr. Watt Parker, Mr. S. L. Parrish, Mr. J. T. Riddy, Mr. J. T. Tharrington, Mr. F. D. Whorton. Persons calling for the above letters will please say they saw them advertised.

R. H. DAVIS, P. M.

No Paper Next Week

Owing to the fact that the Times force has been serving its readers for two years without holiday and in keeping with a custom as old as the publication with the exception of only once or twice there will be no regular publication of the Franklin Times next week.

Each one of the force joins the editor in extending to you most hearty good wishes for the best and most enjoyable time of your life in the coming holidays.

Graded School Closes

The Louisburg Graded School closed on Tuesday to observe the holiday season. It will reopen on Tuesday, January 4th, 1916.

Out of 325 Presbyterian ministers interviewed 275 went on record in favor of a program of military and naval preparedness against war and consequent invasion of our country. These men of God can see the handwriting on the wall, can discern the imminence of the mailed fist that threatens our peace and security—but how about you, brother, how about you?

"It is more blessed to give than to receive," says the ministers when the collection plate is passed. Fact, b'gosh But editors are under the painful necessity of receiving before they can do any elaborate amount of giving.

Senator Chamberlain wants Congress to pass a law providing for universal military training between the ages of 12 and 23. The cruel old thing! Just think of requiring our delicate long haired society flapperettes spending 20 days a year in imitation of a real red blooded man!

MILITIA GUARDS JAIL AT DUNN TO KEEP PRISONERS

Adjutant General Young Goes to Scene And Plans to Prevent Rescue.

Dunn, Dec. 21.—The local military company is guarding the city jail to prevent the execution of suspected plans of relatives to liberate Bernice Smith, Jr., and another Smith.

Adjutant-General Young made a flying trip here in an automobile last night from Raleigh to personally investigate the situation and deemed conditions sufficiently acute to order military guards continuously on duty until the trial Thursday. No demonstration was made last night, though a number of friends of the men were in town.

The prisoners are accused of shooting Mrs. J. W. Stewart, of this vicinity, while she slept. A steel jacketed bullet, it is alleged, shot from the road passed entirely through the house, grazing Mrs. Stewart's forehead, but not severely injuring her. The Smiths were arrested by a posse and subsequently Federal warrants for blocking were served.

Adjutant-General Young Talks Adjutant-General Young, back from Dunn, where he was called to arrange for military protection of the jail because of threats to secure the liberation of the Smiths Tuesday gave out the following interview:

"The governor Monday night received a telephone message from the mayor of Dunn to the effect that the two Smiths arrested with housebreaking, illicit distilling and other offenses, had been arrested and placed in the jail, which was unsafe and could not withstand any attack. On account of the character of the prisoners and the men who were likely to come to their rescue, the mayor of Dunn decided to call upon the governor. About two weeks ago, it seems, the men were arrested and placed in the lock-up at Benson, where they were released by friends who forced the doors open.

"Arriving at Dunn, I detailed fifteen men, under command of First Lieutenant W. D. Holland, Company M, Second Regiment to guard the jail. They will be kept on duty until after the preliminary hearing of the two men. When I left Dunn all was quiet. At no time did there seem to be any immediate danger, but precautions were evidently very necessary."

—Raleigh Times.

Crescent Farm Entertain

On last Friday evening Crescent Farm was a scene of merriment.

When the Crescent Farm boys entertained the ladies.

The room was decorated with pot plants and ferns.

Many old-fashion games were played "wink" proving to be the most popular.

Punch, cake and fruits were served by Miss Nellie Wilder and Miss Venie Tippet. After which several vocal and instrumental selections were rendered by Misses Eleanor and Lizette Wilder and T. C. Woodliff.

At a late hour the young people departed declaring the Crescent-Farm boys royal-entertainers.

Hickory Rock

Owing to some mistake about the box party of the 31st. We wish to state that it will be for the benefit of Mt. Gilead church, and after boxes are sold there will be an oyster supper, refreshments and a musical concert. Come boys. This is the time to spend your Christmas money, its going for a good cause.

Ginners Report

The tabulation of the separate returns from the ginners for the December 13 report shows that there were 11259 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Franklin county, from the crop of 1915 prior to December 13, 1915, as compared with 11964 bales ginned prior to December 13, 1914.

Oyster Supper

On Friday night, December 31st, there will be an oyster supper given at Cedar Rock Academy by the ladies of the Betterment Association.

The proceeds will be used to purchase timber for the new school building. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

The Methodist Church

There will be services next Sunday at the M. E. Church at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 7:30 p. m. Epworth League at 6:45 p. m.

Hickory Rock

Hickory Rock and Mt. Zion Sunday schools will have a Christmas treat at Hickory Rock, Saturday December 25, 1915, at one o'clock p. m. Rev. G. M. Duke and J. H. Harper will address the audience. Each member of both schools are requested to be present.

Burned to Death

Jesse Johnson, a two-year-old negro child, was burned to death Tuesday about two miles from this place. The child was left in the room with another child. When it was discovered, its clothing was all burnt off. It died a few hours later.

This world is plum full of wooly "nuts." But of course you are not one of them.