

FRANKLINVILLE NEWS

The first quarterly meeting of Franklinville-Ramseur charge of the M. E. church was held at this place Sunday and Monday.

On Sunday morning Rev. H. C. Byron preached an able sermon on the birth of Christ and at night presiding elder J. H. Weaver in his discourse showed his congregation the beauty of living on a high plane of Christian perfection where Christ would be at their side.

On Monday morning the official members of both churches met at the M. E. church where the business session was held and the reports show that every thing is in nice working order in good shape for a prosperous year.

Mr. T. A. Slack made a business trip to High Point Tuesday.

J. T. Buie visited in High Point and Greensboro last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Prof. D. M. Weatherly went to Greensboro Saturday morning returning Saturday evening accompanied by his step daughter, Miss Wiley Bagwell who has been in school for some time at Roanoke, Va.

Mrs. Emma Phillips spent Saturday and Sunday at Liberty with her son, Mr. R. L. Elkin.

Miss Lena Hughes spent Saturday at Asheboro.

J. R. Lutterloh made a business trip to Greensboro last Wednesday.

Carl Hughes left Monday morning for Bristol, Tenn., where he has secured a position with a railroad force.

Mr. J. F. Brewer left Monday for Denton for a few days visit to relatives and friends and will also enjoy a big hunting expedition.

Miss Mattie Black, who is teaching in the graded school at New London, is at home for the holidays.

Daniel Hurley, of Buie's Creek Academy, accompanied by H. B. Cook came up Saturday to spend the holidays with Mr. Hurley's father, Mr. Chas. Hurley.

Mrs. W. C. Vestal, of Hamlet, is in the city for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. J. T. Buie left Tuesday morning for Greensboro to purchase ornaments and toys for the Xmas tree at the M. E. church.

Several thousand pounds of pork have been killed in the last few days, and we submit for publication a few of the average: J. W. Tippett, two, one 264, pounds, the other 334 pounds; J. M. Tippett, two, 350 and 370 pounds; W. S. Buie, two, 328 and 358; Oliver York, two, 343 and 360 pounds; W. P. Moon, one, 320 pounds; Miss Grace Moon, one, 296; Mrs. Margaret Woodell, one, 260 pounds; C. H. Julian, two, 330 and 430 pounds; T. M. Jennings, two, 430 and 440; C. H. Ellison, one, 345 pounds; B. F. Craven, one, 465 pounds; Hugh Parks, Jr., eight, weighing 2,518 pounds, average 314 2/3 lbs.

TO THE NEGROES OF RANDOLPH COUNTY.

Prof. L. A. Harris, of the Asheboro colored graded school, has issued a strong appeal to the colored people of Randolph county to be in Asheboro January 1 to celebrate the 53rd anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. An extensive program has been arranged.

The exercises will begin at the graded school building at 1:30 p. m. The Williams orchestra, of Mt. Airy, will furnish music for the occasion. At 7:30 p. m. there will be a musical program by the Williams orchestra, assisted by local talent. An admission fee will be charged. Tickets are on sale at the following places until Friday noon, Dec. 31: J. W. Brewer's store, G. T. Waddell's store, and Ingram and Garners barber shop.

Rev. R. W. Winchester, Supt. of Winston District M. E. Church, is the orator of the day.

All white people are especially invited to be present at the night services.

RICE-PIERSON

This card of interest to Randolph people has been received: Mr. and Mrs. Peter C. Pierson announce the marriage of their niece Harriet Homberg

to Mr. Thomas D. Rice on Monday, December the twentieth nineteen hundred and fifteen Washington, D. C.

FARMERS' MUTUAL TO MEET

The Randolph branch of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association will meet in the courthouse in Asheboro on Monday, January 3rd, 1916, at 12 M., for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year and to transact such other business that may come before the association. All appraisers or persons having claims for loss will send them in at once so the secretary may complete his report. All policy holders are requested to be present.

B. S. Cox, President.
W. R. Julian, Secretary.

RAMSEUR NEWS

J. H. Way, who has been in school at Guilford College, has been home a few days with a slight attack of la grippe and will remain at home until after the holidays.

The Ladies Aid Society, of Franklinville, gave a very entertaining and laughable play, "The Suffragette's Club," here last Saturday night.

The Ramseur graded school and the former students of our school will give a box party at the academy Saturday night.

J. E. Covington and J. F. Aiken, both "gentlemen of the grip" are with us for the holidays.

J. C. Luther is riding in a nice Ford car which he recently purchased.

Santa Claus will do well to look over Ramseur before making up his pack of toys. He can find plenty for all and to spare. The joyous Christmas feeling is in the air and we are beginning to get it "into our bones." This is the greatest occasion of the year if we observe it properly, because it commemorates the central event of the world's history, the event from which time is reckoned, the birthday of the Savior of men, the greatest gift ever made to humanity. Let us give such gifts as we can to those who most need help and good cheer. We can all give kindness, spread the spirit of gladness and sunshine everywhere to humanity and above all we can give our hearts to our Maker.

MILLER-ELKIN

Mr. Roscoe Miller and Miss Mamie Elkin were married Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the M. E. parsonage, Rev. J. E. Thompson officiating. The ceremony was quietly and impressively performed in the presence of only a few of the intimate friends of the bride and groom.

Miss Elkin is the accomplished daughter of Mrs. Emma Elkin Phillips, of Franklinville, and is a most estimable young lady. Mr. Miller is a promising and substantial young business man. He holds a responsible position with the Southern railway with headquarters in Asheboro.

After returning from their honeymoon to Washington and other points north, Mr. and Mrs. Miller will make their home here.

GRAY'S CHAPEL NEWS

Mr. Ed Walker has been suffering for some time with an attack of kidney trouble.

Page Routh has moved his saw mill to the John Cox place on Sandy Creek.

Erastus Routh is building a nice house for Sam Wood near Red Cross.

Mr. M. V. Andrews will soon move his saw mill to the Emmens Holden timber which he recently purchased.

Corn seems to be plentiful and is rather dull at 75 cents per bushel.

Mr. Lester Redding and bride have moved to the C. H. Redding place.

Mr. C. L. Trogon has sold his timber to some parties at Asheboro. The consideration was thirty-five hundred dollars. This has always been considered a fine tract of timber.

There will be a Christmas tree here on Friday afternoon before Christmas.

WEST CONCORD NEWS

A team of mules belonging to Mr. Chisholm Becher ran away Saturday of last week and one of the mules was so badly hurt that it had to be killed. Fortunately the other horse and Mr. Becher escaped injury.

Mr. Carl Becher has purchased a saw mill.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Varner visited Mr. Varner's father, Mr. A. V. Varner, a few days ago.

Ben Crowell and sister, Miss Lyla Marie, visited friends and relatives in Stanly last week.

Announcement has been made of a Christmas tree at Canaan school house for Christmas eve.

DANIELS' NAVY PROGRAM

The five-year navy program submitted by Secretary Daniels calls for an expenditure of \$502,482,214 and provides for dreadnaughts, battle cruisers, destroyers, submarines, and a reserve supply of ammunition. The program for building new ships and the completion of those already under construction extends over a period of five years. The Secretary's program differs slightly from that made by the general board, but the expenditures involved are about the same.

PLANS IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Edwin Binney has sold his estate in Moore county to Mr. Camp, of Tennessee, who is planning extensive improvements. The timber which is estimated at about ten million feet will be cut and the land sown in grass crops for the feeding of cattle which Mr. Camp intends to raise. There are quarries of mill stones on the estate also and Mr. Camp is planning to develop these.

CHRISTMAS

There is a time of the year when men and women rise above the sordid struggle for the things of this old world, when they unconsciously come closer to the one great mystery of life, when a new happiness and a new peace suffuse the whole being, when there is only kindness, and love, and tenderness in the heart, when a new meaning is given to "Peace on earth; good will to men"—and this one time of the transfiguration of the whole human being is Christmas.

It is the time when the people of the nation are drawn closer into the fellowship of man and the disensions that have divided men's thoughts through the vista of years are momentarily forgotten for the simple pleasures and joys which open the heart on this occasion to share in the spirit of the Christmas day. It is the time when that magnetic picture of that simple joyous Christmas of "the little house by the side of the road" turns the thoughts homeward and brings the wanderer and the prodigal back again to welcoming arms in the glow of the old fireplace under the roof that sheltered them in childhood.

Christmas is the spring-time of the heart. Just as the flowers and the grasses of the field lift up their heads and breathe new life in the spring under the influence of the returning sun and all the landscape is turned from brown to yellow, to white, to amber, and to green; so does the coming of Christmas transfigure the human being. The storms and cold struggles of life are momentarily forgotten as the ravages of the winter season pass with the coming of May. New flowers of the heart-warm thoughts of love and good will—spring into a new existence and rise supreme over the baser emotions of men and leave us in a new and joyous peace.

PRESERVATION OF THE "REBEL YELL"

Preservation of the famous "rebel yell" for posterity has been authorized by the Texas division, Daughters of the Confederacy. They have voted to have the yell recorded on phonograph records. It is proposed to have the records made by a group of Confederate veterans.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

H. Hoyle Sink, of Lexington, has been appointed consul at Amoy, China. Mr. Sink is 27 years of age, and is a bright, capable young man.

Seven persons were killed and ten injured Saturday at Spokane, Wash., when a street car plunged through a steel bridge into the Spokane river.

Congressman Yates Webb, the author of the Yates-Webb liquor bill, will attempt to pass a measure for national prohibition when Congress re-assembles January 4.

The White Star Line has agreed to pay \$664,000 in settlement of all claims arising from the sinking of the Titanic on April 15, 1912, when more than 1,500 persons were drowned. Of this amount approximately \$500,000 would go to American claimants. If all the claimants agree to this proposition the White Star Line will be released from all further liability growing out of the Titanic disaster.

The State of Illinois passed a law against the tipping trust—the papers were full of it—every boob in Chicago knows when he hands a girl a dime for keeping his hat during dinner, it goes into the pocket of the trust. But the trust got an injunction against the enforcement of the law, temporarily, and the diners in Chicago's restaurants still fall over themselves to hand tips to the girls without pockets and with their collars so tight their tongues are hanging out. And they say we are intelligent!

As a result of an altercation which took place Sunday afternoon at the North Fork Baptist church, about 20 miles from Asheville, Martin Burnett is dead, shot through the heart, William Burnett is in custody with a slight wound in his head, and Claude McAfee, the man who did the shooting is in a hospital at Asheville in a precarious condition. The principals in the tragedy are prosperous farmers of their community. The cause of the trouble has not been ascertained.

HONOR ROLL JULIAN SCHOOL

First grade—Charley Henderson, John Henderson, Pauline Whitaker.
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PRESIDENT WILSON MARRIED SATURDAY

President Wilson and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt were married Saturday night at 8:30 o'clock, with a simple ceremony in the bride's home in Washington in the presence of only thirty guests, most of them relatives. They left soon afterwards for a two week's honeymoon at Hot Springs, Va.

Sheriff D. R. Lee, of Lee county, Georgia, is dead as a result of a fight with four negroes whom he was attempting to arrest Saturday night.

CAGLE-KING

Mr. Charlie Cagle and Miss Ethel King, both of Seagrove Route 1, were married last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. J. A. Monroe, J. P. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Nettie King and is an accomplished young lady. Mr. Cagle is a young farmer of the Union Grove church section and is a son of Mr. E. S. Cagle.

VARNER-YOW

Sunday morning at the home of Mr. A. C. Lowdermilk, on Seagrove Route 1, Miss Beatrice Yow, of near York Mill and Mr. Frank Varner, of Stanly, were married.

Miss Yow is a daughter of Mr. W. A. Yow and is a most estimable young woman. Mr. Varner is a prominent young farmer of Stanly.

THOMPSON BARNES

Mr. S. A. Thompson, of Denton and Miss Rosa Barnes, of Mechanicsville were married Sunday at the home of Squire J. S. Ridge in Asheboro.

Mr. Thompson is a son of Mr. W. K. R. Thompson, of Denton, and is a popular young man of the community. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Bettie Barnes, of Mechanicsville.

The Panama canal, which has been closed since September 18th last by the worst slide in its history, was opened Sunday for the passage of smaller vessels.

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