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CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

The rain came in torrents nearly all day. The streets were almost deserted. The quiet was not broken by the usual sound of fire-crackers. It was a day of water works rather than of fireworks.

There were two Christmas tree celebrations in town. At four o'clock in the afternoon a small crowd gathered at the Presbyterian church, where a beautiful spruce pine stood laden with presents for the children of the Sunday school. A short program had been prepared by the children, but could not be carried out in full on account of the absence of several who were to take part.

The celebration at the Baptist church at night had better weather and a larger attendance. A very interesting program was carried out, the children acquitting themselves with credit to themselves and their teachers. Following was the program:

Opening hymn by the school; scripture reading and prayer by the pastor; recitations by Carol Ashworth, four boys, "Half Dozen Snow Birds," Frank Duckworth, "Spirit of Giving," song by eleven girls, "Under the Starlight," recitation by seven girls, "Christmas Candles," recitation by Gertrude Albison, "The Naughty Elf," recitation by junior boys, "Beautiful Christmas Light," recitation by four girls, "Christmas Comes for All," recitation by Lewis Davis; recitation by eleven young ladies, "Fire Light Scene," recitations by Mildred Bryant and Irene Duckworth; solo by Miss Flora Duckworth, "The Holy City," distribution of presents.

A collection was taken for the poor, amounting to \$5.20.

CHURCH ORGANIZATION

At the Baptist church last Sunday the following officers were elected:

For the church: W. S. Price, Jr., clerk; J. B. Bridges, financial secretary; T. H. Shipman, treasurer; Miss Myrtle Kilpatrick, organist; Miss Mabel Wells, assistant organist.

For the Sunday school: Following were re-elected: Charles Jolley, superintendent; W. S. Price, Jr., assistant superintendent; Ora L. Jones, secretary; Miss Jessie King, organist. Following were elected: Joe Johnson, treasurer; J. E. Glazener, librarian; Miss Ruby Faulkner, assistant organist.

INSTITUTE NOTES

The people who remained here for the Christmas vacation are having a very pleasant time in spite of the disagreeable weather. The girls' sitting room, which was made from the old chapel in the dormitory, is commodious and cheerful, and when its furnishings are completed it will be a very pretty room. Here we meet informally every evening for social purposes, and spend a few hours in games and music.

On Tuesday night, some of the young people invited a few of their out-of-town friends to join our little circle. A number of original games were played, after which refreshments were served. Every one seemed to think it the jolliest evening they had spent in a long time.

We are trying to make new walks and clear up the grounds about the Institute, which, in connection with the regular holiday clean-up of things in general, keeps every one about as busy as they care to be.

Excellent For Stomach Trouble.

"Chamberlain's Tablets are just fine for stomach trouble," writes Mrs. G. C. Dunn, Arnold, Pa. "I was bothered with this complaint for some time and frequently had bilious attacks. Chamberlain's Tablets afforded me great relief from the first, and since taking one bottle of them I feel like a different person." For sale by all dealers.

NEWS FROM ROSMAN

We had a very pleasant Christmas in our little town in spite of the bad weather. Each church gave a Christmas tree for their school; they also had an entertainment. Following is the program rendered by the Sunday school of the Baptist church Thursday night, December 24:

Song, "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown."

Scripture reading and prayer, Rev. J. N. Lee.

Quartet, "Silent Night."

Recitation, "Welcome," Cleo Paxton.

Recitation, "Birthday Party," J. P. Hogsted.

Recitation, "Living on Hope," Claud Richardson.

Song, "Saint Nick," Nora Lee Hogsted.

Recitation, "Uncle Lige's Christmas Offering," Kansie Whitmore, Russell Baynard and Paul Hughes.

Recitation, "An Up-to-Date Santa," Harry Duncan.

Sleigh song, primary class.

Recitation, "Dressing the Christmas Tree," Paul Hughes.

Recitation, "Making Tea for Santa," Nora Hogsted.

Recitation, "No Answer Needed," Robert Hughes.

Song, "Father's Cradle Hymn," junior class.

Recitation, "Open the Door for Jesus," Guy Whitmore, Claud Glazener, C. B. Moore, Bert McLean, Paul Hughes.

Recitation, "The Angels' Song," Beulah, Bessie and Lillie Pangle.

Recitation, "Glad Tidings," Arie and Cleo Paxton, Myrtle Davis, Attie Collins, Nettie Richardson, Lennie Manley and Virginia Powell.

Recitation, "Bethlehem Star," Lena Richardson, Lillie Pangle, Dom Hogsted and Dexter Powell.

Pantomime, "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

Recitation, "Jesus Wants the Little Ones," Ora Paxton and A. M. Paxton, Jr.

The pieces were all short, interesting and inspiring. The house was nicely decorated with evergreens and stars, representing the star of the east that led the wise men to where Christ was born. The house was well filled with people and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. The crowd was unusually quiet. After the program the presents were distributed which made the hearts of all glad, especially the children.

The Rosman high school will resume work Monday, January 13, after a vacation of two weeks for the holidays.

Prof. G. L. Tabor went to his home at Raleigh to spend Christmas. He expects to move his family to Rosman when he returns and will occupy the home of A. M. Paxton.

Mrs. Ethel Poley, one of our teachers, resigned her position at the close of the fall term and will give her attention to her new husband. The committee and the other teachers agreed to divide her work among the teachers and make the school a month longer. Miss Cora Willson and Miss Biddeth Jarvis will return after the holidays are over, and Miss Della Gillespie will resume her work.

Miss Grace Gillespie, who has been teaching at Mine Mountain, closed her school and returned home in time for the holidays.

Miss Clessie Whitmore, one of the teachers at Quebec, was home on a visit for Christmas.

Miss Victoria Gillespie, who has been teaching at Carson's Creek, has returned home.

Rev. J. N. Lee and wife and Rev. C. M. Carpenter and wife took Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Pressley, and ate so much turkey we doubt if they will be able to preach soon.

With best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year to the News and all its readers, I remain, yours truly,
SANTA CLAUS.

GASOLINE ACCIDENT

Last Monday morning Mrs. D. Neeley met with an accident, the most serious kind, while lighting a fire in the stove. In the house there were two cans, one of the kind in which kerosene is ordinarily kept. In one of these was kerosene, in the other gasoline. Mrs. Neeley, mistaking the gasoline can for kerosene, poured some of the highly inflammable liquid on the kindling and lighted it. At once there was a flash followed by the explosion of the can, from which the whole top was completely blown. The burning gasoline was thrown upon Mrs. Neeley and the skirts of her dress were immediately wrapped in flames. Mr. Neeley ran to her help, tried to smother the flames with his coat, and this proving unsuccessful, ran to the bed snatched off a quilt and wrapped it around her form. In this way the flames were smothered but not until after they had done fearful work.

From the waist downward Mrs. Neeley was horribly burned. Her hands and arms also are badly injured, but her face, except for one slight burn, escaped the flames. Mr. Neeley's hands and arms also suffered considerably in his efforts to save his wife.

Dr. Hunt was at once summoned and took charge of the case, while kind friends lent all possible assistance. At first her life was despaired of, but there has been a gradual improvement in her condition, and now it is believed that she may recover. The area of the burn is so great, however, as to make her condition still very critical.

OSTEEN—BRYSON

A quiet wedding took place in Selma, December 23, at 5 p.m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bryson when Miss Mae Osteen and Mr. Joe Bryson were united in matrimony, the writer officiating. The bride is one of Transylvania's most noble and attractive young ladies. Mr. Joe Bryson is an upright and industrious young man. This is a promising young couple and I believe wherever they spend their future the community will be helped.

C. C. Duckworth,
Selma.

SELICA ENTERTAINMENT

There was a public entertainment given at Selica school on Saturday evening, December 19th. A good crowd was present, notwithstanding the rain and snow and mud, and all present greatly enjoyed the program given by the school. The Quaker drill was fine, the children taking part in it carrying out the different parts—bowing, marching and singing—accurately and gracefully. The dialogue, "Mind Your Own Business," was well rendered, and was in keeping with the excellent plays for which Selica school is noted. It was an excellent lesson for those who are disposed to let their tongues run wild on themes about which they have no accurate information. The recitations, songs and other features of the program all showed ability and training, and the whole exercise was commendable to both pupils and teachers.

The tie sale was conducted by Prof. A. F. Mitchell, principal of Penrose high school. The young ladies had furnished a good supply of ties for the men. These were sold to the highest bidders.

After all the ties were sold all went into the primary room where refreshments were served at small cost. Something more than fifteen dollars were received from the sales of the evening.

Many were the good words heard concerning the teachers and the excellent work they are doing in the Selica school this year.

A Visitor.

A NEW ENTERPRISE

It is well known as the Transylvania Manufacturing Company, formed by W. J. P. Hedges and for the purpose of manufacturing the Harris Block. The second floor of the plant will be used for the near future. Hedges recently made a trip to the more in the interest of the company and its proposed enterprise stated that in Henderson he met with strong encouragement to locate the business in that town but the decision has been made to make headquarters in Selma.

These enterprises in these districts are likely to be regarded with some skepticism; but the company has great faith in its proposed product, which is by no means new, but has been in use for a number of years, and the faith is founded on achieved results.

RAISING FENCE MONEY

On account of the inclement weather on the 24th inst. it looked as if the debate, box supper, etc., which had been planned at Oakland school, Hogback township, would be a failure. But sincerity is hard to turn down and we were sincere in wanting a fence put around our school lot.

So late in the evening the few ladies who could go, and several gentlemen from this and nearby settlements, took advantage of the slack in rain and braved the mud to the school house.

The debaters were not all present, and the debate had to be postponed until a fairer time. Some were entertained with a sham concert until time to sell boxes.

Fourteen girls and boxes were found present. The auctioneer, Mr. Theodore Reid, did his first box selling nicely. The boxes brought \$30.65. A cake was voted on for the ugliest man present. Messrs. Jackson Stewart and Thad Siler ran a close race, Mr. Stewart winning by a small majority. The cake brought \$2.40.

Next came the pretty girl cake. Misses Emma Lee Norton of Oakland and Annie Breedlove of Lake Toxaway were the pretty girls selected. The voting was lively and resulted in a tie. So each girl received half a cake. This cake brought \$15.70. The total amount received was \$48.75.

Thanks to all who helped, and when the fence is built around our school yard call again.

SUE E. GLAZENER.

QUEBEC HONOR ROLL

The following is the honor roll for December.

First Grade—Broadus Henderson, May Smith, Alvin Smith, Calvin Smith.

Third Grade—Ruth McCall, Sonora Smith, Clarence Owen, Elzie Young.

Fourth Grade—Clarence Young.

Fifth Grade—Wilma Chapman, Dewitt McCall, Beulah Reid.

Sixth Grade—Pauline Reese.

Seventh Grade—Marion McCall.

Eighth Grade—Norma Chapman, Belling Henderson.

C. L. Shuford

Dangers of a Cold.

Do you know that of all the minor ailments colds are by far the most dangerous? It is not the colds themselves that you need to fear, but the serious diseases that they so often lead to. For that reason every cold should be gotten rid of with the least possible delay. To accomplish this you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy of great help to you. It loosens a cold, relieves the lungs, aids expectoration and enables the system to get off the cold. For sale by all druggists.

TRANSYLVANIA MERCHANTS ASS'N

The organization of the Transylvania county Merchants association is announced on page eight of this issue. In addition to the list of names, there are several more who have indicated their intention of signing the agreement. The merchants have a distinct understanding and they wish the public to know that there will be no effort to fix prices. The organization is for the benefit of all, and it is safe to assume that the merchants will be as businesslike in meeting their own obligations as in requiring their customers to meet theirs.

It is the desire of the business men to secure a better plan of running their business, and in view of the fact that all the wholesale houses have curtailed credits, it naturally follows that the local merchant must do likewise.

In future all bills made with the members of this association will be considered due on the first of the month, unless other arrangements are made.

The principal object of the association is to protect the merchant from the man who continually neglects to pay his bills.

The officers of the association for the first six months are: C. M. Cooke, Jr., president; J. A. Miller, Jr., vice-president; C. M. Doyle, secretary. The time of meeting will be on Tuesday following the 10th of each month.

PARENTS AND SCHOOLS

Editor Sylvan Valley News:

On account of the very rough cold weather this week, only four of the parents, viz.: Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Reese and Mr. and Mrs. James Chapman, visited the Quebec school.

We find that the weather conditions have affected the attendance of the children also, there being but few present in the school. But from our observation we believe good work is being done in both the primary and advanced departments of the school, and we hope the weather will improve and that the school will again flourish as it has until the rough, cold spell has checked it so materially.

We think the parents ought to visit the school oftener, as it encourages our children for us to go out and see what they have done and are doing in their studies. We stay at home and very often know nothing about the progress that is being made in our school. If the people of the whole district could see their duty in regard to sending to the school, and in visiting it, and lending their influence to the upbuilding of character among our boys and girls, we would have one of the greatest counties on earth.

We ought to remember that the destiny of the nation will in the near future rest upon the boys and girls who are now being trained for usefulness or are growing up in idleness and ignorance.

We ought to study seriously about these very important matters, and resolve that we will do everything in our power to give our boys and girls a chance to grow up an educated citizenry of high tone and excellent moral character. If we do this our children will rank with the forefront of people. If not, then we may expect to find them groveling in darkness and in ignorance through all the years to come.

L. E. REESE.

Quebec, N. C.

St. Philips church, second Sunday after Christmas, January 3, 1915. Holy communion and sermon at 11. Subject, "The Divine Helper." Sunday school at the rectory at 9:45. Friday—The circumcision New Year's Day, January 1, 1915. The holy communion at 11 o'clock; subject, "The Covenant With God." Wednesday, January 6—The epiphany, holy communion with address at 11 o'clock; subject, "Divine Guidance to Christ." The last of the week. Ob. diene, catholice.