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## GENERAL NEWS

As the result of an argument that started in a Sunday school at North Fork, in Buncombe county, last Sunday afternoon, Martin Burnett is dead, William Burnett is under arrest with slight injuries on his head, and Claude McAfee, the man who did the shooting, is in the Mission hospital in a very serious condition, suffering from knife wounds.

Official announcement has been made that the military training camp, so long sought by this section, will be located at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. It will be remembered that agents of the government visited Brevard last year and inspected sights in and around this place.

According to reports Villa has resigned as head of the army opposing President Carranza, and is now on his way to the United States. It is thought that this will mean the end of revolution in Mexico.

The state department has received a note from Germany disavowing any participation in plots in the United States, and at the same time the German government issued a warning to all German sympathizers in this country to keep hands off.

Senator Gore has introduced a bill in the senate that would prevent banks from charging a higher rate of interest than provided by law by penalizing all violators.

Although Judge M. H. Justice has declared that he will not become a candidate for congress in the tenth district, sentiment seems to be still growing in his favor and it is believed that he will be forced to make the race.

The Ford peace party is now in Norway, and have announced that they will stop the war before winter is over. Although they have not yet secured peace in their own party they have succeeded in passing a resolution that calls for peace in Europe.

The United States government is having trouble with Austria in the matter of patching up their differences over the sinking of the Ancona and the strongest note yet dispatched has been sent by this government to Vienna.

President Wilson and his bride are spending their honeymoon in Hot Springs, Va., and are leaving an exciting time dodging photographers and moving picture cameras.

Mayor Thompson of Chicago declared this week that the police force of that city was protecting the criminals instead of the public.

Congressman Webb of North Carolina will introduce a nationwide prohibition bill just after Christmas, and already has the promise of support from a large number of the members of congress.

After being closed for several months the Panama canal is now open for smaller vessels, and the work of clearing out the slide is still going on. In a few weeks vessels of all kinds will be passing through.

## ISLAND FORD SCHOOL

The Island Ford school closed December 14 with a Christmas entertainment and a Christmas tree. The program consisted of songs, recitations, declamations and plays. Each child carried out his part well.

Ophelia Mull, Overton Mull, Lorene Payne, Nerva Holden, Loyd Cantrell, Larue Wilson, Jackson Holden, Marion Henderson and Geneva Mull won prizes for regular attendance during the term. Four of these were not tardy.

James and Lonnie Henderson, Lorene Payne and Nerva Holden won prizes for the most head marks in their classes.

Following is the honor roll for December:

First Grade—Lorene Payne, Overton Mull, Frank Lance, Geneva Mull, Larue Wilson.  
Second Grade—Ophelia Mull.  
Fourth Grade—Nerva Holden.  
Sixth Grade—Eva Holden.

## QUEBEC NEWS

A nice organ has recently been purchased by this community for Oak Grove church.

Quebec school will observe North Carolina and Community Service Day Thursday, December 23rd. The Farmers' Union will meet with the school in the afternoon and take part in the program. We hope to have a real good time. The school closes the 23rd for the Christmas holidays.

George Reese, Miss Maxine Reese and Miss Elsie Reid have returned to their respective homes after having taught a five months school each. We are glad to welcome them back to Quebec.

Following is the honor roll for Quebec school for the fifth month:

First Grade, Helen Henderson, Vera McCall, Willie Whitmore, Cecil Whitmore.

Second Grade, Paulina Young, Nellie Thomas, May Smith, Alvin Smith, Calvin Smith, Broadus Henderson.

Third Grade, Ruth McCall, Geneva McCall.

Fourth Grade, Lonnie Young, S. J. Smith, Annie Thomas, Elsie Young.

Fifth Grade, Clarence Young.

Sixth Grade, D. W. McCall, Wilma Chapman, Benish Reid.

Seventh Grade, Marion McCall, Pauline Brown.

## FRUITLAND INSTITUTE NOTES.

One week hence the boys and girls of the school will be scattered here and there over a radius of a hundred miles and more. The examination period will soon give place to the pleasures of home and the joys of the Christmas season. The fall term will close Thursday of this week.

Sunday night the Young Peoples' Society gave their annual Christmas exercises in the church. It was a pleasant hour of song and Christmas thoughts. The young people of the school and of the community have done some excellent work under the leadership of Mr. Starnes and his cabinet.

The school enjoyed an excellent address by Prof. Andrew J. Hutchins, of the Asheville high school, last Friday evening. He quite forcibly presented the advantages of service which was open to the trained man or woman. We could see in Mr. Hutchins' living example of his speech. Mr. Hutchins is himself a mountain boy who is using his gifts for the better training of the boys and girls of his native hills.

The troop of boy scouts which has been organized since early in the fall, has now been registered with the national headquarters, and the boys will receive their membership cards and badges this week. We are expecting to see Rev. George E. Wright of Gatesville with the boys at their meeting Tuesday night.

Rev. John Green, the new pastor of the Methodist church here, has moved into the parsonage and has entered enthusiastically into the work.

The spring term of the school will begin the fourth of January. We shall expect many new students at the opening as well as the return of the old ones.

We wish for one and all the real spirit of Christmas.

A. R. GALLIMORE.

## ST. PHILIPS CHURCH

Christmas day, December 25, 1915 Holy communion and sermon at 11. Subject, The Object of the Advent and the Family. Offering for the widows and orphans.

Sunday after Christmas, December 26, morning prayer and sermon at 11. Subject, The Sheltering Word.

Children's Christmas service on St. John Evangelist's day December 27, at Mr. Wallis' at 3:30.

Advent wite boxes will be brought in.

## THE THREE KINGS

Three Kings came riding from far away,  
Melchior and Gaspar and Baltasar;  
Three Wise Men out of the East were they,  
And they traveled by night and they slept by day,  
For their guide was a wonderful, beautiful star.

The star was so beautiful, large, and clear,  
That all the other stars of the sky  
Became a white mist in the atmosphere,  
And by this they knew that the coming was near  
Of the Prince foretold in the prophecy.

Three caskets they bore on their saddle-bows,  
Three caskets of gold with golden keys;  
Their robes were of crimson silk with rows  
Of bells and pomegranates and furbelows,  
Their turbans like blossoming almond-trees.

And so the Three Kings rode into the West,  
Through the dusk of night, over hill and dell,  
And sometimes they nodded with beard on breast,  
And sometimes talked, as they paused to rest,  
With the people they met at some wayside well.

"Of the child that is born," said Baltasar,  
"Good people, I pray you, tell us the news;  
For we in the East have seen his star,  
And have ridden fast, and have ridden far,  
To find and worship the King of the Jews."

And the people answered, "You ask in vain;  
We know of no king but Herod the Great!"  
They thought the Wise Men were insane,  
As they spurred their horses across the plain,  
Like riders in haste, and who cannot wait.

And when they came to Jerusalem,  
Herod the Great, who had heard this thing,  
Sent for the Wise Men and questioned them;  
And said, "Go down unto Bethlehem,  
And bring me tidings of this new king."

So they rode away; and the star stood still,  
The only one in the gray of morn;  
Yes, it stopped, it stood still of its own free will,  
Right over Bethlehem on the hill,  
The city of David where Christ was born.

And the Three Kings rode through the gate and the guard,  
Through the silent street, till the horses turned  
And neighed as they entered the great inn-yard;  
But the windows were closed, and the doors were barred,  
And only a light in the stable burned.

And cradled there in the scented hay,  
In the air made sweet by the breath of kine,  
The little child in the manger lay,  
The child that would be king one day  
Of a kingdom not human but divine.

His mother Mary of Nazareth  
Sat watching beside his place of rest,  
Watching the even flow of his breath,  
For the joy of life and the terror of death  
Were mingled together in her breast.

They laid their offerings at his feet:  
The gold was their tribute to a King,  
The frankincense, with its odor sweet,  
Was for the Priest, the Paraclete,  
The myrrh for the body's burying.

And the mother wondered and bowed her head,  
And sat as still as a statue of stone;  
Her heart was troubled yet comforted,  
Remembering what the Angel had said  
Of an endless reign and of David's throne.

Then the Kings rode out of the city gate,  
With a clatter of hoofs in proud array,  
But they went not back to Herod the Great,  
For they knew his malice and feared his hate,  
And returned to their homes by another way.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

## WAR NEWS

Notwithstanding the pause in operations in Macedonia, interest centres in developments expected early to affect the Balkan enterprises of the Teutonic powers and the entente allies.

All advices indicate a complete halt of the Bulgarian and German forces at the Greek frontier, as Greece is said to be insistent that Bulgarian troops shall not enter her territory.

The entente forces are fortifying Saloniki and the landing of reinforcements is reported.

The central powers are credited in various dispatches as concentrating troops and artillery with a view to pushing the Saloniki operations.

In Montenegro the Austro-Hungarians are hammering at the Serbians and Montenegrins, and announce the capture within the past few days of 13,500 prisoners. The Montenegrins, however, claim the Austrians have received a setback.

Italian plans in Albania are not clear, but it is declared in a Rome dispatch to Paris that the Italian aim is not an offensive one, the sending of what is described as a small force to Avlona being to help the Serbians extricate themselves and to provision the starving Montenegrins and Albanians.

On the western front artillery firing and trench fighting with numerous air exploits are recorded. Swiss reports declare large forces of Germans have been moving towards the fighting zone in France, these advices following recent similar ones which have been held to indicate that a German drive in the west soon was a possibility.

Neither in Russia nor in Galicia have there been military events of importance recently.

Along the Austro-Italian boundary operations apparently are not developing any marked change in position.

Four classes of the recruits enrolled under Lord Derby's plans have been summoned to service, beginning January 20. The British public accepts the call as an indication that the Earl of Derby has succeeded in raising men enough and that conscription will not be necessary.

The German fleet commander, Beumen and a torpedo boat which was accompanying her were sunk by a submarine in the Baltic, according to a German report received by Amsterdam.

The United States will dispatch a second note to Austria regarding the Ancona case. The new note, while fixing no date, will be very firm in its demand for disavowal, reparation and guarantees. The text of the Austrian reply was made public in Washington. In it Austria, as forecast, repudiated blame for the loss of American lives in the sinking of the Ancona.

Henry Ford's main peace party has on the steamship Oscar II arrived at Christiansand, Norway. Twenty-two belated members are held up at Kirkwall, the Faroer Islands, where they are said to have been taken into Kirkwall.

## IN MARION

Statements of Marion Citizens Are Always of Interest to Our Readers.

To many of our readers the streets of Marion are almost as familiar as those of our own town, and we are naturally interested to read of happenings there. The following report from a well-known and respected resident will be helpful to numbers of men and women here in Brevard.

J. A. Laughridge, sheriff, Flemming avenue, Marion, N. C., says: "My back ached and the kidney secretions passed too frequently, obliging me to get up at night. Doan's Kidney Pills helped me from the first, and by the time I had finished one box the pains had left my back and my kidneys were in good shape."

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## NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

Charles Dickens, Great Expectations, Tales of Two Cities; R. Kipling, Light That Failed; Sir E. Bulwer-Lytton, Last Days of Pompeii; Conan Doyle, A Study in Scarlet; John Ruskin, King of Golden River; T. C. McNeil, Lyrics from Cotton Land; Kathleen Norris, Story of Julia Page; H. W. Wells, The War in the Air; Willkie, The Story of Carrie; Margaret Deland, Around Old Chester; Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland, Through the Looking Glass; J. M. Barrie, Tommy and Grizel; L. M. Alcott, Old Fashioned Girl, Proverb Stories, Silver Pitchers, Spinning Wheel Stories; C. D. Wilson, Don Quixote; T. Gurgel, Mopsa the Fairy; S. E. Morrison, Chilhowee Boys, Chilhowee Boys at College, Chilhowee Boys in War Time, Chilhowee Boys in Harness; Herbert Carter, Boy Scouts in Blue Ridge, Down in Dixie; C. H. Ray, Boy Scouts in California, Boy

Scouts Beyond the Arctic Circle, Boy Scouts in the Canal Zone; Mary M. Dodge, Hans Brinker or the Snow Shoes; A. M. Douglas, A Little Girl in Old Baltimore, A Little Girl in Washington; Charles Dickens, Oliver Twist; Dorothy Canfield, The Bent Twig.

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