

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Dr. W. M. Vines returned yesterday from Norfolk, Va., where he lectured on Tuesday night. He received a royal reception from his old church and friends in Norfolk and a luncheon was given in his honor on Wednesday at the Fairfax hotel. The Daily Ledger-Dispatch of that city speaks in very complimentary terms of the lecture and among other things says: "To see Rev. Dr. W. M. Vines in the pulpit of the Freemason Street Baptist church—as he was last night—gave those present the impression of old times when he was the popular pastor of that church. The main auditorium was used for the lecture and was crowded to the doors, his subject being 'Glimpses and Impressions of My English Trip.'"

Dr. Vines is now pastor in Asheville, N. C., and has recently been abroad. In his lecture last evening he carried his audience, in imagination, over the scenes of his tour in England, and it is not too much to say that his word-pictures and intensely interesting narrative are the next thing to an actual trip across the water. The lecture was replete with information and there was a vein of humor running through it that greatly added to the pleasure of the occasion. Dr. Vines returns to Asheville tonight.

The children of Hillside Convent will give a concert Wednesday afternoon for the ladies of the Altar society of St. Lawrence's. A program of recitations in English and French songs and probably a little play will be arranged for the entertainment of their guests. The Christmas concert will take place at the Battery Park hotel during Christmas week, and will be of the usual high standard of excellence. There will be several unique features which will attract the special interest and appreciation of the audience. Invitations will be issued for the concert later to the parents and friends of the children, and the program will also be published in due time.

The Saturday Music club meets this afternoon at the residence of Miss May Kimberly on Meriton avenue at 3.30 o'clock. The program which was recently published will be given with the exception of the several papers on the Old Italian Operas, by the Victor phonograph through the courtesy of Mr. H. A. Durham. Aida, Lucia di Lammermoor and Norma are the operas which form the program and excerpts from them will be sung by world renowned singers who have made small fortunes by allowing their golden notes to be recorded.

The Country club will be the center of attraction this afternoon as the men's singles golf tournament begins. There have been a number of entries and the members appear to be taking a special interest in the tournament. Tea will be served and a larger crowd than usual is expected at the club.

Christmas is coming rapidly, and there is tribulation in the nursery for the first time in the history of the world. The little folks have grieved from the intellectual crumbs of the parental table, that two swashbuckling bandits have invaded Santa Claus' domain and have related everything else they saw but the one thing of vital interest which is—having been discovered will Santa Claus remove his chattels from the pole to some other planet, will he in confusion dissolve into thin air and never be heard of more? or, blessed thought, mayhap the magnetic North may have conspired with Lilliputian patron saint, and by the slightest deviation of the deadly compass caused a miscalculation that it will take centuries to discover. The momentous question has shaken the nursery to its foundations, for Santa Claus has used the North Pole as a hitching post for his reindeer since the beginning of the world, and to have it turned into a bone of contention would be an embarrassing intrusion not readily overcome. They might have left it alone, of course, because no one would ever wish to live there and its very inaccessibility was the reason that Santa Claus selected it as his home and work shop beyond the reach of prying eyes. There is still a grain of comfort in the thought that no mortal will ever live there, and after all Santa Claus might not have been at home on the memorable day when the explorers discovered the pole in which happy event, the life of good Kris Kringle will continue undisturbed. At any rate the question is of too much moment to discuss off hand and no one will know anyway until Christ-

mas. It behoves little children to be very good and perhaps he will return and come back anyway.

Mrs. Elmer Westall has accepted an invitation to teach singing at the Asheville School of Music and Dramatic Art and will make her first public appearance as a member of the faculty Wednesday afternoon at a recital given by the faculty of the school. Mrs. Westall's ability as a public singer is well known and her personal charm and popularity will be a decided advantage in her work at the school.

The Asheville School of Music and Dramatic Art are negotiating with the Italian Grand Opera company of New York with a view to bringing the company to Asheville. The opera company with a hundred voices and an orchestra of twenty-one pieces is on its way to Cuba and will appear in ten cities on their way South, the first ten offering the required guarantees receiving the preference. If the dates have not all been filled the company will appear in Asheville. Some of the best known grand opera singers are in the company which has appeared at Hammersteins in New York in all of the operas. A report of twenty operas will be sung by the company any one of which they will sing in this city. The proposed plan of the school of music is, after publishing the list of operas to have each subscriber write on a slip the name of the opera preferred and that receiving the greatest number of votes will be requested of the company. The highest priced seat will be \$2.50. Moby. Butterfly and La Boheme will probably receive a large number of votes although there will be eighteen other operas to choose from. Whether the company will appear in the city or not will be known the early part of next week and will be made public.

Miss Leonora Finley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Finley was presented to society Wednesday afternoon at a large reception given by her mother at their home on Massachusetts avenue Washington. Miss Finley's father is president of the Southern railway. Mrs. Goldborough and Mrs. Henry Spencer presided at the tea table and the girls of the younger set who assisted in receiving the guests were, Miss Mary McCauley, Miss Laura Merriam, Miss Adelaide Heath, Miss Catherine Britton, Miss Ruth Pilling, Miss Alice Whiting, Miss Katherine Brown, Miss Jessie Krogstad, and Miss Elsie Downing.

Miss Daisy and Miss Gusie Smith entertained the Embroidery Circle yesterday afternoon at their home on Chestnut street, from four until six o'clock. A salad course was served during the afternoon, and the meeting was one of the most pleasant of recent date. Among those present were, Mrs. James G. Stikeleather, Mrs. G. P. Rowe, Mrs. George L. Hackney, Mrs. F. L. Smith, Mrs. T. C. Smith, Jr., Mrs. J. M. Burns, Miss Laura Rowe, Miss Eugenia Rowe and Miss Annie Kerr.

Miss Ruby Newton entertained Thursday evening at her home on Jefferson drive. Miss Newton's guests were Misses Grace Graham, Maul Eaton, Lena Peimet, Rose and Lois Green, Blanche Hawkins, Ada Elmore, Leona Gunter, Beula Franklin, Edna Hampton, and Minnie Lee Newton; Messrs. Bates, Erwin, Montgomery, Hawkins, Enlow, Godfelters, Welch, Colvin, Taylor, Trinks, Foster, Koonce and Galloway.

Mrs. John M. Askew, entertained informally with a bridge party at her home, 97 Cumberland avenue, yesterday evening.

Mr. J. P. Lawrence went to Columbia, S. C., on business yesterday.

Miss Lucy Plympton is a guest at Forest Hill. Miss Plympton was of the city during the summer for a stay of several weeks.

Dr. Silvia von Ruck has returned from an eastern trip.

Mrs. Charles White and small son, who have been visiting the parents of the former in the city, have returned to their home in Des Moines, Ia.

Miss Myrtle Thomas and Miss May Snodling who have been visiting

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friends in the city have returned to their home in Charlotte, N. C.

Mrs. Adelaide Wills, of Ohio, and Mrs. Bishopric, of St. Catherine, Canada, are the guests of Mrs. Carl von Ruck.

Mrs. R. E. Buchanan has gone to Washington for a brief visit.

Mrs. G. W. R. Rudeker and Miss Rudeker left yesterday for Parkersburg, West Va.

Mr. F. W. Thomas has returned from Washington.

Mr. Ambrose Featherstone, Jr., who has been in Washington, D. C., on business for a week, has returned to the city.

Miss Rachel Howland has gone to New York for a several weeks' stay.

Mr. W. E. Ashley, of Greensboro, is in the city for a few days.

Mrs. Wedmore, of Boston, is visiting in her daughter, Mrs. F. F. Harker, at Forest Hill.

Miss Burns, of Toronto, Can., is in Asheville for a several weeks' stay and is a guest at Elbemar.

Mrs. Banks Amis left yesterday for New York, where she will spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Mr. Tim Cooke has returned for the holidays from college.

Dr. W. G. McCready has returned from Martinville, Ind., after a several weeks' stay.

Mrs. James Green Martin, who recently leased Bonville, on Haywood street, for a number of months, has taken possession of the residence.

Mr. J. S. Heineman, of Baltimore, is in the city for a short stay on business.

Mr. F. C. Clarke, of Charlotte, is in the city for a stay of several days.

Miss Minnie Winters, of Greensboro, is visiting friends and relatives in the city for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Davis and children, of Raleigh, who have been in the city for several weeks, have returned to their home.

Miss Kathleen Clarke, of Barnard, is the guest of Miss Kate Nichols, at her home on Liberty street.

Mrs. Hannah M. Baker returned yesterday from Boston and is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. F. Jordan.

A letter received yesterday states that Mr. and Mrs. Philip S. Henry and children are at the Hotel Miramar, Genoa.

District Passenger Agent J. P. Wood returned yesterday from a consultation with Southern railway officials in Washington.

Hon. W. T. Lee, of Waynesville, was here yesterday.

Mr. Frank S. Adams arrived yesterday from Montreal to spend two weeks with his family at Flat Rock.

MAGISTRATE AND DEPUTY SHERIFF BLOCKADERS

Revenue Officers Caught Them Red-Handed at Big Corn Liquor Still

LINCOLNTON, N. C., Dec. 3.—Timothy Lull, a magistrate and Carl Swink, a deputy sheriff of Burke, the adjoining county, were caught red-handed today by revenue officers, while operating an illicit distillery in the South Mountain district twenty miles from this town. The still was in full blast when the officers descended and a fifty-gallon still, nine fermenters, one thousand gallons of beer and many gallons of corn whiskey were destroyed. The county officers were given a preliminary hearing and went to jail here in default of bonds.

FIRE AT LUMBERTON.
RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 3.—The entire plant of the Kingsdale Lumber company, the company's store and several other buildings located near Lumberton, N. C., was destroyed by fire last night. Loss placed at \$50,000.

MISFORTUNES COME IN TROOPS TO WIDOW

The fire which partially destroyed the house belonging to Jim Swink on South Main street near the intersection of Church early Thursday morning, brought to Mrs. P. L. Cowan, a widow who occupied the upper story of the house a train of misfortune. She had been sitting up nearly all night with a little four-year-old child who was ill and had barely fallen asleep when the fire broke out. She managed to escape and to rescue her three other children before the fire cut her off, but in doing so she had no time to save anything, and all her furniture and clothing for herself and her children were destroyed.

A few hours after the fire her little child died, and the homeless and bereaved mother, almost destitute and with her dead child to bury, drank the cup of bitterness to its dregs. She has been fortunate enough to find friends to aid her a little, but she is desperately in need of more help than her friends can give her, and from the reports that have come in, hers is a proper case for the investigation of the local charities.

None of the women—Mrs. Alfred S. Post, Mrs. Christine Towns, Miss Olivia Leventritt and Mrs. Herbert D. Robbins—who were appointed as members of the board of education for New York by Mayor McCellan, is a suffragist, but neither are any, for they are all said to be in favor of women being allowed to vote on certain questions.

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