

NEWS HAPPENINGS AROUND OAK GROVE

Griffin-Dobbins and Wiggins-Bridges Weddings; Other News Of Interest.

Ellenboro, R-2, Dec. 29.—Rev. E. A. Blanton preached an interesting sermon at Oak Grove Sunday.

A wedding of much interest to friends of both parties was that of Mr. Clyde Dobbins and Miss Eunice Griffin, which occurred at the home of Rev. W. T. Tate at Caroleen on Sunday, Dec. 21.

Misses Lenith and Eugenia Randall, from Brevard Institute, are spending the Christmas holidays with home folk here.

Miss Kate Harrill gave a party Saturday night. A large crowd was present.

Mr. Rupert Dobbins, from Rock Hill, S. C., is visiting his cousin, Mr. Claude Dobbins.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Harrill spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. J. M. K. Randall.

Misses Louise and Inez Dobbins gave a singing Sunday afternoon. A large crowd was present and some good music was enjoyed.

Miss Eugenia Randall spent Sunday night with Miss Leigh Harrill.

Seaboard trains Nos. 31 and 34 going to Charlotte each morning from Rutherfordton and back in the afternoon will be discontinued today, according to authority granted the Seaboard officials by the State Corporation Commission.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER TO BE ADMINISTERED

Next Sunday at the eleven o'clock service the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at Forest City Methodist church.

This will be the first Sunday and the first service of the New Year. This is a good time and a good way to make a good start.

A like service will be conducted at Pleasant Grove church Sunday morning, Jan. 11th.

KENTUCKY GIRL TO HAVE CHARGE OF TELEGRAPH OFFICE.

Miss Mittie Parman, of London, Ky., will have charge of the new up-town telegraph office of the Western Union, to be opened in the building formerly occupied by the Forest City B. & L. Association, on January 1st.

LATEST NEWS FROM BOSTIC

Something Of What Our Neighbors Have Been Doing During the Holidays.

Bostic, Dec. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Harrill delightfully entertained a large number of young people at a party Friday night.

The following young people are at home from school: Misses Virginia Poe, of Greensboro; Julia Grayson and Leck Carson, of Boiling Springs; Louise Lattimore, of Fassetern and Mattie Mae Wells, of Asheville and Messrs. Robert Likens, of Emory and Henry College; Moody Bridges and Reece and Reid Harrill, of Boiling Springs; Boyce Blair, of Boone; William Lattimore, of Hendersonville; Henry Poe, of Rutherford College and Broadus Bridges, of Wake Forest.

Miss Mary Poe, of Hattiesburg, Miss., and Mr. Charlie Poe spent the holidays with their parents Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Poe.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Smart, daughter, Katie Lou and son, John, of Mooresboro, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Smart.

Miss Alice Smith, of Morganton, spent several days here visiting friends.

Miss Jessie Bridges, of Gastonia, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bridges.

Miss Sue Wright is visiting friends in Milligan College, Tenn.

Miss May Smith has returned after spending the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Smith, of Morganton.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Clemmer and daughter, of Birmingham, Ala., and Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Clemmer, of Charlotte, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Clemmer.

Messrs. C. H. Clemmer of Monroe and L. M. Clemmer of Charlotte spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. M. J. Clemmer.

Messrs. Delbert Harrill, of Washington, D. C., Cleve Harrill, of Monroe and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Watress and children, of Meredith, Conn., visited Mr. and Mrs. John Harrill during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. William Freeman are spending some time in Georgia with relatives.

Mr. Maurice Smart leaves this week for Chapel Hill where he will attend school.

Mrs. Sennick Walker is spending sometime in Lumberton with her brother, who is seriously ill.

Miss Sarah Flack was the delightful hostess to a large number of friends at a party Thursday night.

The guests were entertained with music and games, after which refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stroup, of Cherryville, spent Friday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Clemmer.

Misses Bertha, Lillie and Mary Lizzie Lynch, of Forest City, were the guests of Miss Viola Smith last week.

Miss Maude Howell spent Wednesday night in Shelby.

Misses Mattie and Glenn Harris have returned after spending the holidays at their home at Montford's Cove.

Mr. Eugene Smith, of Wilmington, spent several days here visiting friends.

Miss Elizabeth Blanton, of Asheville, spent several days last week

NEGRO KILLED SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Preston Whitesides Exonerated By Coroner's Jury For Killing Tom Jackson.

Tom Jackson, middle-aged negro man, was shot and killed by his son-in-law, Preston Whitesides, Sunday afternoon on the fairground road, near Spindale.

The trouble apparently started sometime ago over some domestic matters. Jackson and Whitesides and their wives had started visiting Sunday afternoon in a car. It seems that both negroes were expecting trouble as Jackson had brought along his shot gun and knife while the other negro had a pistol.

When just above the old Ledbetter mill the trouble started. It is alleged that Jackson assaulted Whitesides, backed him over against the bank with a knife and cut him in the hand and gave him several more minor cuts. Whitesides drew a .38 automatic as a last resort, according to testimony brought out at the inquest, and shot Jackson twice through the heart, killing him instantly.

Whitesides went to Rutherfordton immediately after the killing, and after a few minutes wait, was admitted to jail at his own request.

The coroner's jury met about 3:00 p. m. and exonerated Whitesides from any blame in the matter. At the same time the wives of both negroes refused to bring any charge against him and he was later released from jail.

RETURNS TO LYCEUM WORK

Miss Nell Padgett Goes to Boston to Join Bureau Tour.

Miss Nell Padgett, talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Padgett, of this city, who has gained a national reputation as a soloist, is leaving for Boston today to resume her lyceum work. She goes to join the Boston Lyceum Bureau with which organization she was on tour last season.

The best wishes of all the "home folk" will attend this fine young lady on her tour.

As evidence that her talent is recognized and appreciated, especially in the Old North State, we append the following article, which appeared in The Charlotte Observer following Miss Padgett's appearance with the Shrine Band at Gastonia recently:

"Miss Nell Padgett, of Forest City, is a young lady possessing a most remarkable voice, which for volume and high register, is simply wonderful. She rendered several very fine selections phrasing with no effort... producing notes as true as steel. Her undertones are of such value, as to win her audience and lift them to the higher realms of appreciation, and creating among them a greater desire to hear more. She has a remarkably bright future and if we are right in our prognostications, the crown of success awaits her in the higher development of her talent. She has fine control of her voice, which will stimulate her ambition and reward her efforts and in her attainments in the future North Carolina will be proud that she comes from the old North State."

with her grandmother, Mrs. Hall Martin.

Little Miss Rebecca Shafer, of Erwin, Tenn., spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shafer.

Miss Lucy Higgins has returned to her school in South Carolina after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Higgins.

Mrs. Faye Hollifield and children, of Booneville, Miss., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hollifield.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Biggerstaff and family, of Sunshine, and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Robinson and family of Forest City, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Biggerstaff Thursday.

STUDENTS' DAY AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Interesting Services To Be Held Next Sunday—Large Attendance Expected.

One year ago the first "Students' Day" services were held at the First Baptist church here. Since that time the idea has spread rapidly over the South. This year 2,000 pastors were asked to hold such services. All students and teachers home from college are asked to sit on the front pews. The local High school students and teachers are invited to join the college students in this service. The students are asked to bring their pennants and sit together. The church will be the host. There will be songs by the students and the sermon delivered by the pastor, will be with a view to helping them. All are interested in our students. These young people are our only hope for the future.

The exercises are sponsored by the Senior and Junior B. Y. P. U.'s of the First Baptist church. Next Sunday each student attending will be welcomed at the door by some member of one of the Unions.

LOMBARD ENTERTAINERS AT SCHOOLHOUSE MONDAY

Another treat is in store for lovers of clean entertainment with the appearance at the high school auditorium Monday night, Jan. 5, of the Lombard Entertainers.

Extraordinary costumes, some of them imported from Japan; Smoke pictures, something never used on the Lyceum platform before; a remarkable one-stringed cello and a Gypsy camp fire setting are a few novelties which make unique and compelling the program of the Lombard Entertainers, a company consisting of Harry Lombard, great baritone singer, and two assistants.

In addition to their regular program of songs and music the company as a whole will present a sketch, "His Home Town Girl."

KIWANIS CLUB MEETS

Monday night's attendance fell off very appreciably, doubtless due to the holiday season. Among the guests were Messrs. B. A. Lowrance and R. C. Alexander. Mr. Lowrance made a spirited talk in which he particularly stressed the importance of getting more men and boys on the farm and also the advantages of diversified farming. New officers will be inducted into their various stations at next Monday's meeting. Kiwanis faces an eventful year and we hope to see an increase in membership.

REV. W. R. WARE GIVEN SALARY INCREASE

Rev. W. R. Ware, who has just recently come to Forest City as pastor of the Methodist church, was handsomely remembered during the holidays by being given a substantial increase in salary, which will run several hundred dollars more than in the past.

The Courier considers this quick recognition of the ability and fidelity of Rev. Ware quite a compliment on the part of the members of their new pastor. Dr. Ware is a forceful preacher and has quickly made many friends in his new charge. The pastor and family were made the happy recipients of many valuable tokens of esteem during the Christmas season, for which true appreciation and gratitude are felt.

BOX AND OYSTER SUPPER AT MT. PLEASANT

There will be a box and oyster supper at Mt. Pleasant school house Saturday night, Jan. 3, at 7:30 o'clock. Girls all bring boxes, and boys come prepared to buy.

POSTOFFICE MAY ENTER SECOND CLASS SOON

Among the things the New Year is to bring will be that Forest City's postoffice may enter the second class. It has been rumored that this has been effected already, but Postmaster McMurry informs The Courier that report is premature, although he feels sure that the next report, to be made following the first of the year will justify the transfer of the postoffice into the second class. This may be possible at the end of the first quarter, or almost certainly to follow by July 1st. The Forest City postoffice has been in the third class since 1910.

CHRISTMAS QUIETLY PASSES

Quiet Celebrations and Happy Family Gatherings—No Disorder.

Christmas was quietly observed in Forest City. Inclement weather had a tendency to keep most folk indoors, where the day was pleasantly spent in good family fashion. Quite a few hardy ones braved the weather to make social visits, but there was not much visiting as would have occurred with more propitious weather. No particular disorder was reported by police and the officers had a very quiet day.

One of the really big events of the season—one resulting in great good to many who otherwise may have had a less joyous Christmas—was the community Christmas tree. This movement sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, and warmly backed by the generous citizens of the town, gained such headway that donations in money alone amounted to over \$200, while liberal hearted merchants on every hand made generous donations and also made special prices on goods sold for the benefit of the underprivileged.

A fine Christmas tree was placed on Main street and beautifully lighted. However, rain caused the ladies, in charge of distribution of presents to repair to the Kiwanis hall to dispense the gifts. This event took place Tuesday evening, December 23rd.

The committee found 54 families needy and worthy of help. Gifts consisted of clothing, toys, candies, nuts, etc., for the children and clothing, groceries, etc., for the grown folks, while in some instances money for medicine and coal was furnished.

It was a great work and caused cheer and comfort to come to many homes. The committee of ladies worked hard and faithfully.

Whole-souled and generous, as always, Mr. F. I. Barber furnished a truck and personally assisted the ladies in distributing gifts to those who were unable to be present at the hall.

At the Methodist Church. "The Birth of Christ", a beautiful Christmas pageant was given on last Wednesday evening at the Methodist church, by Mrs. C. C. Moore's Sunday school class. Three little boys represented the three kings, Mary Frye and Mary Moss as the two children and Marge Moore dressed as an angel representing the Christmas spirit was beautiful indeed. The program also consisted of songs and recitations which were splendidly rendered. After the pageant the entire Sunday school was given a Christmas treat, which was greatly enjoyed, and good things sent to the absentees.

At the Baptist Church. The Y. W. A. of the First Baptist church gave a beautiful Christmas pageant at the church on Wednesday night, Dec. 24. This pageant was beautiful throughout and executed in a way to please and bring out the spirit of the occasion in a most impressive manner.

Following the presentation of the pageant, a treat was provided for all members of the various Sunday school classes.

NOTICE STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The annual stockholders' meeting of The National Bank of Forest City will be held in the directors' room of the bank on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

LATEST NEWS FROM HENRIETTA

Interesting Items About Doings Of People Of the Community.

Henrietta, Dec. 29.—Mrs. James W. Dandridge and her son, Edmund, have returned to Walterboro after spending Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Mahaffie.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Morehead and children of Shelby are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Phil Pegram, of Charlotte, spent a few hours in town Friday afternoon, Mrs. Pegram was formerly Miss Elma Scoggins, cashier of the Henrietta Mills Store No. 1.

Mrs. Ella Roper and her two sons, Arthur and Glenn, of Gaffney, S. C., spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Roper's mother, Mrs. Annah McDade.

Misses Jane and Bessie Mathis spent Christmas with relatives near Rutherfordton.

Miss Rose Gaffney and her mother, Mrs. I. N. Miller, visited in Spartanburg Sunday.

Mr. Clyde Harris, who is home for the holidays, spent Sunday with Mr. Howard West.

Miss Brama Layne who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Layne, returned Sunday to her school at Gramling, S. C.

Mr. John Layne and Mr. Howard West were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wilkins, Christmas day.

The whole community was saddened Wednesday morning to hear of the death of Mr. Franklin McGinnis, one of the most beloved citizens of the town. Mr. McGinnis went out early in the morning to cut wood and was found a few minutes later in an unconscious state. He lived only a few minutes after he was taken into the house. Surviving him are two children, Minnie and Arthur. Mr. McGinnis was laid to rest Thursday at High Shoals cemetery.

Mr. Perry Wiseman has returned to Richmond where he will do hospital work until his school re-opens.

DELIGHTFUL DINNER PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas were hosts at a lovely five-course dinner at 7:00 o'clock on Tuesday evening. The house was beautiful throughout with Christmas decorations. The dining room and table never looked prettier with the huge red Christmas hue over the center of the table and streamers leading from it to the different points of the table. "Santa Claus" place cards were used, also silver baskets of salted nuts and mints. The meat and vegetable course, consisting of turkey and the trimmings, was delicious. Those invited were: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Young, of Union Springs, Ala., Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Ware, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Doggett, Mrs. J. F. Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Thomas.

FAMILY DINNER PARTY

On Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas had a lovely family dinner party. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDowell, of Gratz, Ky., Mrs. G. L. McDowell and Mrs. J. M. McDowell of Gratz, Ky., Mrs. Y. L. McDowell and Mrs. E. O. Thomas and children, Mr. R. C. Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Thomas entertained on last Friday with a lovely Christmas dinner. The house looked lovely in holiday attire and a most sumptuous turkey dinner with all that goes to make up a good dinner was enjoyed by the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDowell of Gratz, Ky., Mrs. Y. L. McDowell and children, of Mooresboro, Mrs. J. H. Thomas and little Helen Thomas and Mr. R. C. Alexander.

LITERARY CLUB TO MEET

The Literary Club will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, January 8th, at 3:45, instead of Thursday, January 1st. They will meet at the home of Mrs. G. C. King Mesdames G. C. King and A. W. Falvey being joint hostesses. A full attendance is desired.