

The Piano Contest Is Starting Off Well

Several Have Been Placed in Nomination and Their Friends Are Beginning to Get Busy

The Name of Your Favorite in the List Below? If Not, Get Busy and Place Her in Nomination, She Has About an Even Chance With the Rest.

Burlington.	
Miss Swannie Patterson,	650
" Myrtle Isley,	550
" Myrtle Tate,	300
" Ollie Ector, Route 2,	200
" Annie Matlock, R. 2,	200
" Mattie Pennington,	
Route 2,	100
" Rosa Crouse, Route 4,	100
" Fannie Belle Stanford	
Route 9,	100
Snow Camp.	
Miss Mary Stont,	200
Sylvan Graded School	200
Mebane.	
Miss Grace Amick,	200
" Daisy Ray,	100
" Essie Dodson,	100
Kernersville.	
Miss Lottie Blackburn,	100

Post-Office Changes.
I beg to announce to the public, that the money order and registration window will be open for the transaction of business, from 7 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily except Sunday and holidays. The post office rules and regulations require this to be done. But with the present number of clerks we cannot sell stamps while we are distributing incoming mails. So if you wish a letter registered during the distribution of mail, you must have the required amount of stamps. This change will necessitate the public waiting just a little longer for the mails to be distributed. But we hope the public will bear with us patiently. Until we can convince the post office department of the necessity of an additional clerk. Should you feel that the time taken to distribute the mail is longer than necessary, kindly be patient, and remember that we are doing best we can with the present inadequate force and instead of complaining, and finding fault with the Postmaster. It would be better to take the matter up with the Post office department direct.
Respectfully,
J. Zeb Waller,
Postmaster.

A Beautiful Wedding.
A beautiful wedding took place at the home of John T. Fogleman, in east Burlington Thursday Dec. 23rd, 5 p. m. The contracting parties were Atlas Thompson and Miss Sallie Fogleman. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. Brown Cox. There were a large concourse of friends present who partook of the sumptuous repast. The presents were many and beautiful the feature of the evening was the sweetest strains of music, furnished by Miss Fogleman, Renigar and Elder. After an enjoyable evening the guests departed, wishing the bride and groom, Bon Voyage upon the matrimonial sea.

Speaker Cannon's principal offense is that he has the majority of the House with him.

Christmas Weddings.
Following is a list of marriages solemnized by Rev. J. D. Andrew during the Christmas season:
Dec. 21, R. P. Isley and Miss Nellie Tickle.
Dec. 22nd, Jerome Bauldwin and Miss Florine Snipes.
Dec. 23rd, at 2 p. m. George Bryan and Miss Mamie Wood.
Dec. 23rd at 4 p. m. Mike Teer and Miss Maggie Teer.
Dec. 23rd at 5 p. m. Junius Clapp and Miss Maude Milliken.
Dec. 29th H. J. B. Wagoner and Miss Minnie Garrison.
All the above parties are popular young people well known in Burlington. Mr. Clapp is from Whitsett and Miss Milliken from Wilmington, N. C. The last named couple left here on the evening train after their marriage for a trip to Jacksonville, Fla., and other points of interest in the South.

Mt. Hope Items.
Rev Mrs Bowers spent the Christmas holidays as the guest of her parents at China Grove.
Miss Blanch Green who has been in school at Guilford College and H E Greeson of High Point visited their parents Christmas.
Miss Abigail Foust teacher of the Sharpe's School of near Greensboro came home Sunday for a weeks cutting.
During the Holidays Rev J. L. Bowers united in marriage Vernon Neese and Miss May Rankin, Albert Foster and Rosa Reece, Ed. Rankin and Miss Annie Foust. Best wishes to all.
C. G. Croman of the eastern part of the state was the guest of Miss Donnie Neese for a few days Xmas.
The Christmas tree Tuesday was attended by an unusual large crowd.
The exercise rendered by the children gotten up under the management of Mrs D. A. Shoffner was excellent. The school gave Rev. J. Bowers a beautiful lap robe as a token of appreciation.
The entire community was saddened and especially the home of D. C. Jones on account of the death of his daughter Blondie who died Friday and was buried Sunday. Blondie was a bright little girl twelve years old and was loved by all who knew her. Her place in the home is vacant and her form will be missed by none so much as her own little sisters.

Social By Miss Bessie Hatch.
Monday night from eight to eleven Miss Bessie Hatch entertained quite a large number of her friends in honor of Miss Beatrice Cobb of Morganton One of the most interesting features of the evening was a contest in which three prizes were given first to the person possessed with the strongest power of smell this was given to Miss Lola Lasley, second to the lady with best taste this was awarded to Miss Nina Holt third for the best memory to Miss Bertha Seymore. All were delightfully entertained.

Death of Child.
Pearle Bethania, the four month old daughter of Mr and Mrs D. L. Fogleman died Saturday morning and was buried Sunday at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. The death of this child is a surprise to the many friends of Mr and Mrs Fogleman as it died of Croup with only a few moments warning to the parents.

No. 139 Wrecked.
About 7:45 last Wednesday evening as train No 139 was nearing the station the engine mail car and express left the track turning over to one side. Were it not for the fact that the train had slowed up for the station and was not running at more than six or eight miles per hour a disastrous wreck would have occurred. This train is due here at 6:29 but was delayed all along the way by heavy travel. The switch supposed to have been the cause of the wreck. The train was in charge of Engineer Piper and Conductor Porter. Considerable work was necessary by the wrecking crew before the track was clear for travel.

Business Changes.
Among the number of changes which have occurred during the past week we mention the following:
Matkins and Brannock Barber shop, which at present is owned by A. E. Brannock will be moved into the building now occupied by the Burke Furniture Company fronting on Main Street. The Burke Furniture Company will give their entire attention to undertaking in the future and still occupy the part of the building fronting on Davis St. J. M. Matkins who has heretofore been an employee of Mr Brannocks has become a partner in the New firm. The gentleman will place four or five chairs in this spacious room and anticipate placing all modern convenience used in an up-to-date barber shop. It seems that these gentlemen have caught the idea that two barber shops of four or five chairs each are much needed in our town and that if they do not enlarge somebody else will either enlarge or start a new one. These gentlemen hope to be open for business by the first of February.

Oakdale Notes.
Christmas and Holidays passed off very pleasantly around here. All the weddings took place before Christmas. So it left nothing to be done but to have Christmas trees and concerts and treat for the children.
Very little sickness except colds. Mrs. Cora Garretts children is up and out again we are glad to say.
Mr and Mrs Bynum Mayard of Norfolk Va spent Christmas with their people around Oakdale Mr. and Mrs O. N. Hornaday and Mr. and Mrs. John Stuart.
Mayne Hornaday of the A and M College was also at home during the holidays.
The Concerts at the Mt. Pleasant and Mt Zion was a success and great credit is given the children and their leaders.
The Christmas tree at Smithwood church and Pleasant Hill were also good.
N. A. Kime says he has got back from Morganton and will start the New Year in good shape "Its a boy"
Tom Murray lost a good horse last Saturday night.
The land fever has broke since J. R. Anderson sold his farm all is quiet now.

Grotto Changes Management.
Messrs Bascom Hornaday and Emanuel May have recently bought The Grotto from Messrs Davies and Fogleman. These gentlemen are young progressive business men who have had quite a bit of experience in traveling and are well familiar with opera shows and moving picture shows hence we predict an excellent programme at the Grotto in the future as in the past.

FIRST INTERVIEW TO BE GIVEN OUT BY SUPERVISOR

"The simple test which candidates for enumerators' places will undergo February 5 does not take away the supervisors' right under the census law to designate suitable persons for such positions," said Supervisor of Census Blair at his office recently.
"It is designed to aid the supervisors in the exercise of that discretion and to enable the Census Director intelligently to use the power of approval of the supervisors' designations conferred upon him by law.
"It is very well understood that President Taft, Secretary Nagel, and Census Director Durand all hold the supervisors responsible for the enumeration. There is no doubt therefore that our first and most important duty is the selection of honest, capable and active persons to make the count.
"The Census will be taken not by the Census Bureau officers or the supervisors, but by the enumerators. They are the ones who come in contact with the people and get the facts. Unless every single enumerator does his whole and proper duty there can not be a correct census. There cannot be anything of greater scientific value to this country than accurate statistics as the basis of a study of the existing conditions regarding our population, agriculture, manufactures and mines and quarries.
"All persons, unless specifically disqualified are entitled, to apply to take the test. Only those under 18 years of age and over 70, and those who have not become citizens of the U. S. are barred. Otherwise all persons, regardless of sex and political affiliations, are eligible. It is left to my judgment whether it is wise to appoint workers in my district. They can do the work, I have no doubt, especially in certain parts of the district. There were a good many employed all over the country in the Twelfth Census.
"The time for closing the consideration of applications is January 25. Those received after that date will have to be ignored. Applications should be addressed in writing to me at this office and not to the Census Director. I will send inquirers the necessary form and instructions concerning it. Afterward I will send those on the list, prior to the test, a set of directions for filling out the test papers. This will enable everyone to come well prepared. Nothing could be fairer or better calculated to insure a satisfactory applicant passing the test.
"The test itself need not deter anyone. Any person with common sense and a common-school education can pass it. All it consists of is giving to the candidates sample population and agricultural schedules, upon which are to be written in the proper columns the required details, which are found in printed descriptions, in narrative form, of typical families and farms supposed to be in a district. There will be some instances requiring the exercise of judgment to decide whether a given entry should be made under one column heading or another. You can see how simple and elementary it is.
"The test will be held all over the country and in every supervisor's district February 5. There will be several places in each district for taking it. One place would be insufficient. It would not hold all the candidates. As supervisor, I shall have the direction of all, and the test examination at each, no matter under what official agency it is held, will be that sole and simple one prescribed by the Census Director.
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A happy New Year to all, in making our new years resolution do not get the load so heavy that we can't walk strait.
I want to return thanks for the nice Christmas presents which I received along my route and the least will not be forgotten, especially the quart of X X X.
George Long while visiting his uncle Noah Hughes last week in Orange Co. received two very bad stabs the story is like this Mr. Smith the son-in-law of Mr. Hughes was also there and Long and Smith had some word and the result was Smith received a cut above the face and Long two stabs one under the arm and the other in the side which he is suffering a great deal and is in very bad shape.
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ELON COLLEGE NOTES.

Special to The Dispatch.
The Elon College opened this morning at 8:00 o'clock with the regular Chapel Services for the spring term with unusually large number of students present. Already several new students have matriculated and others are expected to arrive today. The outlook for the spring term is very bright.
All of the professors are back from their vacations and ready for work. Dr. E. E. Randolph, whose home is in Charlotte, was married to Miss Huffman, of Hickory, N. C., who is a graduate of the Presbyterian College for Women, Charlotte, and the Conservatory of Music of Cincinnati. Dr. Moffitt spent the Christmas in the Valley of Virginia. Prof. Wicker spent the holidays at Sanford and Prof. Harper attended the Southern Educational Association, which met at Charlotte, N. C., where he made an address on the Case of the Classics. Prof T. C. Amick and wife spent the Christmas at Liberty, N. C.
The new endowment is progressing very rapidly. The President has to date raised \$12,000 on the fifty thousand, and is expected to increase this amount materially in the next few days.
A new enterprise began on the third day of January in Elon College. It was a corporation known as the Elon Banking and Trust Company, capital stock \$6,000 paid in with the privilege of increasing to \$50,000. At the completion of the first day there was on deposit \$2,141.54. The cashier is Mr. W. F. Summers. The President is O. B. Barnes. The directors are: W. P. Lawrence, L. I. Cox, J. C. McAdams, H. C. Pollard, J. B. Geringer, G. S. Watson and O. B. Barnes. The corporation will add greatly to the convenience of the college community.

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PROCEEDING OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Graham, Jan. 3rd.—The board of county commissioners, of Alamance county, met in the court house on the above date at ten o'clock a. m., with the following members present: A. N. Robertson, B. R. Sellers, W. A. Murray, E. Long, the chairman, not being able to be present Mr. A. N. Robertson was elected chairman protem.
The following business was transacted:
Ordered: That Mrs. Lawrence S. Holt be relieved of tax on \$554 personal property erroneously charged on tax list.
Ordered: That J. D. Williams be relieved of tax on 110 acres of land which was erroneously charged in Green Graded school district for graded school tax.
Ordered: That Alamance Loan and Trust Company be relieved of tax on \$250, same having been erroneously listed.
Ordered: That Alamance Loan and Trust Company be relieved of tax on three town lots, value \$15,00, and personal property value \$575, same having been listed twice.
Ordered: That B. R. Sellers and W. N. Thompson be appointed a committee to investigate building bridge across creek near the Peter Holt place.
Ordered: That J. W. and C. D. Johnston be authorized to furnish Fannie Capps in provisions to the amount \$1.00 per month for two months and present an itemized account with this order attached.
Ordered: That when this board adjourns that it adjourn to meet subject to the call of the Chairman, to investigate the bridge at Noahs ford on Stinking quarter creek.
Ordered: That upon the recommendation of the Clerk of the Superior Court and the chairman of the Pension board that this board under chapter 37 Laws of 1908 allow Mrs. Josiah T. Ray the sum of twenty dollars the amount for the burial of a Confederate pensioner.
Ordered: That David Jobe be re-instated as a member of the outside poor list and that he be allowed \$2.00 per month for the months of December, January and February, furnished by Lacy Thompson.
Ordered: That W. N. Thompson Supt. of roads, be authorized to have enough of the road macadamized at the cross roads near the Hub Store to protect the new macadamized road at that place where the roads cross.
Ordered: That the Supt. of the County home be authorized to buy 600 pounds of pork from J. G. Holt at ten cents per pound.
Ordered: That the report of Dr. Geo. W. Long, Supt. of health, be received and filed.
Ordered: That the report of J. H. Tarpley, Supt. of the County home be received and filed.
Ordered: That the matter of buying a patent cross index system for the Register of Deeds office be laid over until the next first Monday.
Ordered: That \$50.00 be appropriated for the corn contest for Alamance county for the year 1910.
The board not able to finish the business before it, it adjourns to meet at 9 o'clock a. m. Jan. 4th.
Chas. D. Johnston,
Clerk of Board.

Annual Report.
The following is a brief summary of the work of Rev J. D. Andrew, pastor of the Burlington charge of the Reformed church, for the year 1909:
No. of sermons preached 146.
No. of funerals 32.
No. of marriages 27.
No. of pastoral calls 1123.
A Republican Congressman who habitually assumes to be wiser than his party usually winds up as an assistant in the Democratic hospital corps.