

Annual Recital.

Friday evening in the Burlington Graded School Auditorium was given a musical recital of unusual excellence when Miss Anna A. McDowell, music teacher in the Graded School, assisted by Mrs. J. L. Scott, who is recognized as our chief musician gave the annual piano recital, which is given at the close of each scholastic term.

Although the weather was very unfavorable and the night stormy the crowd was by far larger than would have been expected. Scarcely do our people who love good music have the opportunity of witnessing a musical which will surpass the splendid rendering of Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" and his "Concerto in C," Donce's "Mountain scenes," Jensen's "Murmuring Zephyrs," and Moszkowski's "Caprice Espagnol."

It is especially regretted that Miss McDowell, whose home is in Pen Yan, N. Y. will not return. Her refined personality and graceful manners has won the love and admiration of not only her pupils but many friends in our town and community.

Benton-Kime.

Quite a large number of her friends were surprised last Thursday night when it was learned that Miss Rebekah Joy Kime and Mr. Homer Benton of Statesville were married. The marriage occurring at the Methodist Protestant Parsonage, Rev. T. E. Davis officiating. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left for Northern cities. They will return and be at home to their friends at Statesville, after January the twelfth.

Miss Kime is the pretty and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Kime, a wealthy stock dealer of this city. Mr. Benton is an attorney of Statesville.

Civic League Organized.

At an organization meeting of the Civic League held at the Christian Church Thursday night the following officers were elected: Mrs. J. B. Gibble, Pres.; Mrs. W. H. Carroll, First V-Pres.; Mrs. Eugene Holt, Second V. Pres.; Miss Jessie Sharpe, Recording Sec'y; Miss Bessie Holt, Corresponding Secretary; E. S. W. Dameron, Treas. and R. M. Andrews, First Correspondent. At a meeting held Tuesday night at the same place, several interesting talks were given, first by the President, Mrs. Gibble, who offered as a slogan for the league: "Beautify Burlington Equal to Any Town in the World." The Honorable Mayor gave the thought that if each person in the city would clean up his lot the league would be a success. After speaking at some length showing how the sanitary condition of the town is not keeping pace with its population. Dr. Faucette very forcefully presented the idea that if we had the proper sanitary conditions in our town and home we could avoid many of the much dreaded maladies such as typhoid, malaria, tuberculosis, and small pox. The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the president.

FREIGHT WRECK

A freight wreck near Haw River Tuesday morning caused all the trains to have to be transferred during the day. Thirteen cars were derailed and the track blocked so as to make traffic impossible. No one was hurt in the wreck. The cause of the wreck was due to a loose wheel. All the wreckage has been cleared away and the trains are running on schedule this Wednesday morning.

Mr. Roosevelt's and friends may as well understand that they are dealing with a man who will not be bullied into taking back-talk or a presidential nomination. The way woman who have killed their husbands are being acquitted may well make the lawyers fear a falling off in divorce business.

Sunday School Convention.

The Burlington Township Sunday School Association met Sunday evening and night in the Christian Church. At the evening services Rev. A. B. Kendall conducted the Devotional Service and Capt. J. A. Turrentine gave a few words of welcome in response, taking the place of J. H. Vernon, Esq., who could not be present. Rev. T. A. Sykes, pastor of the front Street Methodist Church, gave a very interesting talk in which he showed that the Sunday school is the chief factor of the church and that ninety-five per cent of all the members who join the church come through the Sunday school.

J. Van Carter, Field Secretary of the State S. S. Association, addressed the meeting for an hour, giving some very interesting facts. By a black-board he showed how each church and Sunday school member was a part of the great International Association. He enlarged on the Standard of the Sunday school, placing on the board the following:

1. Evergreen Sunday School.
2. Cradle Roll.
3. Home Department.
4. Organized Class.
5. Teachers' Training Class.
6. Representation at Township S. S. Convention.
7. Offering for county Association.

In this standard Mr. Carter especially emphasized the Teachers' Training Class, showing how important it is for the teachers to be well versed in order to be instructive. Six representatives of the Sunday schools present vouched for the organization of teachers' training classes in their schools.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mr. J. G. Rogers, President, J. R. Hoffman, Sec. & Treas., Jno. R. Foster, Vice President and Mr. E. W. Atwater, Superintendent of the Teachers' Training organization.

At the evening session Rev. A. B. Kendall, pastor of the church in which the convention was held, spoke on "The Growth of the Spiritual Life," and Mr. Carter on "Is the Sunday School Worth While." Both were very instructive lectures.

The Methodist Protestant Church was decided on as the place for the holding of the next convention.

Morgan-Tyson.

Mr. Henry Grinnell Tyson announces the coming marriage of his daughter Elizabeth Russell to Rev. Carroll Irving Morgan Tuesday, December the twenty-sixth. Nineteen hundred and eleven Salisbury, N. C.

Aldermen Meet.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the city Fathers was held Monday night in the Mayors Hall. The Mayor and all the Board was present except Alderman Williamson. Messrs. B. R. Sellars, Ernest Murray and J. C. Holt of the street committee were present. It was decided that the cost of excavating for the laying of sidewalks be paid by the town. The putting of sand on the street leading to the cemetery was discussed.

The annual report of the fire inspector Mr. B. M. Walker was received. The report shows that our town has had seventeen fires during the past year. And that several thousand dollars worth of property has been saved through the heroic work of the fire boys.

Will Deliver Address On Sunday School Work.

Mr. John B. Swarty of Philadelphia, Field Secretary of the Sunday School Board of The Reformed Church, will make an address and hold a conference on Sunday school work in the Reformed Church at Burlington, at 7:30 p. m., January 4th, 1912.

The Sunday school superintendents and teachers of the city are cordially invited to be present as well as all other Sunday school workers.

GREAT VOTING CONTEST!

The State Dispatch Publishing Co. has decided to put on one of the greatest voting contests ever held in the County or this section of the state. In our first issue in 1912, which will be January 3rd, a complete list of the premiums together with rules which will govern the contest will be published. At present all care is being taken by the management of the paper to get nothing but first-class premiums and to inaugurate rules which will give a fair deal to every contestant. All this will have been perfected by the first of the year and the contest will move off with a vim.

Watch for the list of premiums. Nothing to equal them ever been offered in a voting contest in Alamance County.

WHO WILL BE NEXT?

Quite a number of our subscribers have sent in their subscription since our gentle reminder; but a far greater number have not. Keep the good work going and let the dollar come, because we need them all. Don't forget, please.

In Regard to Recent Burlington Fire

To the Editor of The Charlotte Observer:

Referring again to your article of December 4, in which your correspondent stated that our fire equipment and water pressure proved unsatisfactory, we will thank you to make correction of this statement, as it does the city injustice in that it appears to the reading public that our town is not equipped to protect property from the ravages of fire. The facts are that we have everything necessary to protect property. Our water system is absolutely all right and with two very powerful force pumps, the city is in position to give any pressure desired in case of fire, and at the time of the fire in question there were six streams of water in use and the pressure did not at any time during the fire prove inadequate. The chief of our fire company states that they have all the equipment necessary for fighting fire and further that the fire in question was under control when Graham and Greensboro came to our assistance. We feel that it will be your pleasure to make proper correction and we thank you in advance for the favor.

J. L. SCOTT, Secretary, Burlington Water, Light and Power Commission.

(It appears that the correspondent of the Observer has overlooked the fact that Burlington is no one-horse town with a bucket brigade fire company. But has away over six thousand people when we are all in and a fire company in keeping with our population. This statement is evidenced by the fact that our records show seventeen fires during 1911 and only on the occasion mentioned was it thought wise to call in the assistance of our neighbors. However, we say this in all modesty for we do not know how soon we may need assistance again.)

TEN NAT. GREENES

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Ten models have been submitted in competition for the monument to be erected on the battlefield at Guilford Court House, N. C., to commemorate the great victory won by the American troops commanded by Major General Nathaniel Greene at that place March 15, 1781.

The models have been put on exhibition at the War Department. The competition will be decided by Secretary of War Stimson with the assistance of the National Commission of Fine Arts. Senator Overman, Representative Stedman and Paul W. Schenck, of North Carolina, represent the Guilford Battlefield Commission in the matter. Congress appropriated \$30,000 for the monument and directed its disbursement by the Secretary of War.

Mince—Meat. Coble's Grocery.

Death of a Good Mother.

Mrs. Emma Foust Plunkett died in Greensboro at 3 a. m. Dec. 15th 1911, aged 47 years, 6 months and 18 days. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Foust of the Mt. Hope Reformed Church community in Guilford county and a sister of Mrs. J. R. Mebane who died in Burlington only a few weeks ago. On the 10th of October 1878 along with the writer and 62 other persons she joined Mt. Hope Church. On the 24th of March 1885 she and Mr. Andrew L. Plunkett were united in matrimony. To this union 6 sons and 3 daughters were born. The husband and children and one brother and 3 sisters survive her.

The oldest son Flavious is now practicing medicine in Lynchburg Va. George the 2nd son is in Oklahoma and could not get home in time for the funeral services which was held in Moriah Methodist Protestant Church on Sunday Dec. 17th conducted by the undersigned assisted by Revs. C. A. Cecil and J. F. McCulloch and attended by a very large congregation of sorrowing relatives and friends. The floral designs were profuse and beautiful. The services were made more effective by a solo, "Sometime We'll Understand," sung by Mrs. Teague who is well remembered in Burlington, having sung in the Choral Union Concert here last Spring.

After marriage Mrs. Plunkett transferred her church membership to Moriah with her husband and remained faithful in the Masters' service until called to her reward.

Her death was caused by apoplexy, the stroke coming on Thursday while attending a special sale in the Beackman store on South Elm Street.

She was a good wife and mother justly very proud of her large and interesting family and will be greatly missed in her church and community, but especially in her home.

J. J. Andrew.

Resolutions of Respect.

(By Purity Council No. 22, D. of L.)

Whereas, on Saturday, Nov. 25, 1911, Our Brother W. M. Cates, was taken from our roll of membership by Him that doeth all things well; therefore, be it Resolved,

First—That we have lost a loyal and faithful member and humbly bow to His Divine will, ever remembering we, too, sometime must give up this earthly abode.

Second—That we sincerely and fraternally sympathize with the bereaved family and point them to the One who has promised comfort to the widows and fatherless by doing His command.

Third—That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased brother, a copy spread on our Record Book and copies sent to The Burlington News and The State Dispatch with request to publish.

A. W. Cole, F. S. Cheek, R. A. Freeman, Committee.

Rock Creek R. F. D. 1.

Mrs. Henry Councilman died on the 15th inst. after several weeks of suffering. The burial took place at Rock Creek church. Maurice Stuart conducted the funeral. She was about sixty six years of age.

Mrs. Phebe Brockwell of Haw River who is in poor health is now with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Thompson.

Mr. Lon Reveal of Sheridan Indiana visited at Elwood Thompson's last week.

Mr. R. K. McVey of Greenville S. C. is visiting relatives in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coble moved to their farm in Chatham last week.

Mr. Lawson Pike of Ashland Kan., and sister, Mrs. Amanda Campbell of near Staley visited at Elwood Thompson's recently.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Isley spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thompson.

There will be a Xmas tree at Rock Creek Church next Saturday evening at 2 p. m.

BOY KILLS HIMSELF

Taylorsville, Dec. 14.—A telephone message received here from Stony Point states that Roy Keever, son of Jesse Keever, who lives about two miles south of that place, accidentally shot himself about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and died as a result thirty minutes thereafter.

The young man was in the woods chopping when the accident occurred. He had laid his gun against a log and when he attempted to move it, it was discharged by the hammer coming in contact with a knot on the log. The entire load entered his side. A physician was sent for at once, but the young man died before he arrived. He was about 17 years of age.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father, in His all wise Providence, has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved Brother, William M. Cates, who, on Nov. 25, 1911, passed from earth to his reward, therefore be it Resolved:

1st.—That we bow in humble submission to Him that doeth all things well.

2nd.—That while this Council has lost its Junior Past Councilor and one of its most faithful members, we feel that our loss is his gain.

3rd.—That we express our sincere sympathy to the entire family in this sore bereavement.

4th.—That a copy of these resolutions be placed in our minutes, a copy be sent the family, also a copy to the city papers for publication.

D. J. Fitch, T. G. Rogers, J. T. Stafford, Jr., North State Council.

CAUGHT THE THIEF

Salisbury, Dec. 15.—Caught in the act of robbing a safe in the store of George H. Shaver in Salisbury at mid-night last night Benny Hudson, a young white man was lodged in jail here today. He had been employed by a firm formerly occupying the store building, had a key to the door and knew the combination on the safe. Money had been missed frequently and Deputy James Krider stood watch, catching Hudson at the mid-night hour.

C. D. Watkins, a member of the old firm, in the same store, was implicated in a confession made by Hudson later and he has also been arrested. Both men are held for trial.

A Stranger.

A stranger, entering a bank, asked: "Can you tell me where Draughon's Business Colleges are located?" "Yes," said the bank cashier, "Draughon has 48 Colleges in 18 States. If you desire any further information, ask our office assistants; they are all from DRAUGHAN'S." For catalogue, address Draughon's Practical Business College, Charlotte or Raleigh, N. C., or Knoxville or Nashville, Tenn.

Durham Sun In Hands of Receivers.

In an editorial Monday evening the Durham Sun makes an announcement that it is in receivership with ex-Mayor W. J. Griswold as receiver. The legal process was gone through at the instance of the Editor and Manager of the paper, Fred A. Moore and Mrs. Moore who are due considerable salary.

The paper announces it will continue publication and carry out its contracts.

Threshing in December.

Threshing wheat in December seems rather odd but our subscriber Mr. C. M. Dodson miller for Marshall Milling Co., writes us he has received a shipment of wheat from Bernard N. C. that has only been shipped a few days, and that the condition of the wheat is fine.