

HAPPENINGS IN OUR NEIGHBORING VILLAGES

GIBSON MILL NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Braswell and daughter, Elizabeth, of Hamlet, spent Sunday here visiting the former's parents, Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Braswell.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Little and two children, Fannie and Oscar, returned Sunday afternoon to their home in Hamlet, after spending the week-end here. They were accompanied home by Miss Coronia Little, who will spend the week with them.

Mrs. J. W. Lyster is confined to her home on Fink street on account of illness.

Mrs. W. F. Josey and children, of Hamlet, spent Sunday here visiting her brothers, Messrs. R. P. and R. L. Best.

Miss In May Blackwelder entered the Concord Hospital Monday, where she submitted to an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Little and children spent the week-end at Cabarrus, N. C., visiting Mrs. Little's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Morrison.

Mrs. W. M. Freeze, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Freeze and Messrs. Moses Williams, Paul Freeze spent the week-end in Statesville visiting at the home of Mr. E. A. Waugh.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Callaway, a daughter, January 10th.

Mr. G. T. Overcash and family are confined to their homes by illness.

Mr. Jack Bonds left Saturday for Raleigh to re-enlist in the U. S. Navy.

Bonds has served an enlistment of two years in the navy, having received his discharge about three months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leizer and son, of Bessemer City, spent the week-end here visiting Mrs. Leizer's aunt, Mrs. M. A. Bundy.

Mr. Luther Jones, who has been ill with the flu, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Little and two children, of Stanfield, spent the week-end here visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Little.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Little and sons, Houston and J. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Green spent Saturday and Sunday near Pinchurst visiting at the home of Mr. Calvin Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Barrier returned Sunday from Richfield, where they spent several days visiting Rev. and Mrs. M. J. Morgan.

Miss Cora Lee Fry, who has been spending several weeks here on account of the illness of her father, returned Tuesday to Charlotte.

ROBERTA.

We had our regular services Sunday. The services were enjoyed by everyone.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob, a daughter, January 8th.

Mr. Harold Linker spent Saturday night with Master Worth Linker.

Mrs. C. D. Blackwelder spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Tise Furr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lum Clay, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Linker and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Stancil spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Silas Hathcock.

Mrs. Cordell Herrin, Misses Eula Williams and Daisy Scarborough spent the week-end at home in Concord.

Bernice, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Furr, is on the sick list.

Mr. Ralph Pennington spent the week-end with home folks in Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Essie Linker spent Sunday evening with Misses Ruth and Beatrice Blackwelder.

There was a misprint in the item about the beads of Mrs. E. J. Linker. They were made in 1888.

Mrs. W. T. Blackwelder has been on the sick list.

RIMER.

Miss Frankie Palmer, of Lexington, has been visiting relatives and friends in Rimer.

There was preaching service at Prosperity E. L. Church on Sunday. A large crowd attended.

Mr. W. A. Lentz recently moved to the farm of Mr. W. A. Safritt.

Rimer and Cruse schools crossed bats on last Friday afternoon on the Rimer diamond. The score was 40 to 5 in favor of Rimer.

The Longfellow Literary Society of the Rimer school had a very interesting meeting on last Friday afternoon. The program consisted of a debate, music, stories, declamations, readings and jokes.

Mr. Charley Best had the misfortune of getting his leg cut last week.

Miss Mary Safritt is spending some time with her brother in China Grove.

Mrs. John Faggart spent last week with her mother, Mrs. W. H. Furr.

Misses Florence Sifford and Jessie Klutz have gone to work in Kannapolis.

Howard, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sifford, has been on the sick list.

Mrs. T. H. Klutz spent last Friday in Rowan with her mother.

There will be a community club meeting at the school house on Friday night, January 19. The program is as follows:

Song by school.

Recitation—Pauline Safritt.

Music—Misses Safritt, Sifford and Ritchie.

Jokes—Miss Kiser.

Song—Intermediate grades.

Talk—Mr. Cook.

Recitation—Mamie Yost.

Reading—Miss Ritchie.

Business.

Games.

After the program has been rendered sandwiches and coffee will be served.

Misses, Ralph Pennington and Roy Dorton, of Concord, spent the week-end with home folks.

Miss Frank Leifer, Misses Annabel Kiser and Ruth Ritchie motored to Concord Sunday afternoon.

There will be Divine service and Communion at Prosperity E. L. Church the fourth Sunday in January.

Messrs. Frank Moore and Glenn Pennington, of M. P. C. L. are confined to their homes with "flu".

MOOSE SCHOOL.

Mrs. J. W. Beaver returned home Saturday from Charlotte, where she had been staying with Mr. Beaver, who is in a hospital. Mr. Beaver's condition was as good as could be expected. We are hoping he will soon be able to

return home. Miss Grace Beaver had the misfortune of getting her arm hurt Saturday.

There has been a lot of sickness in the community. Two good persons have died recently.

Mrs. Martha White was born in the year 1837 and died January 6, 1923. She was loved by all who knew her. She joined Howell Baptist Church when a young woman and lived a consistent life. Her husband, McCamie White, preceded her to the grave about thirty years ago. Besides a host of friends to mourn her death, she leaves four sons and one sister. They are: Frank E. Jackson, L. Archie H. and Richard A. White, all of Cabarrus county. Her sister is Mrs. Belle Hartwell, of No. 10 township. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Craig, her pastor, and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Bethel.

John C. Sossason was born 71 years ago and departed this life January 13, 1923. He was a quiet, unassuming man, though at times he was intensely interested in politics. He joined Rocky River Church when a young man and continued an active member until his death. His wife, who before marriage was Miss Annie Alexander, died 20 years ago. The deceased is survived by two sons and two daughters. They are: Messrs. John and Isaac Sossason, of this county, and Mesdames Lex White, of Davidson, and Mrs. Grace Fowler, of Granville county. (One sister, Miss Kate Sossason, of No. 10 township, also survives. The funeral service was held at Rocky River Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. T. H. Spence, and the interment was made in the cemetery there.

Miss Sadie Black, one of the teachers in the Rocky Ridge school, is at home sick with a gripper. Miss Mamie McEachern is teaching for her this week.

Mrs. H. M. Black, who was taken to a Charlotte hospital several weeks ago, and underwent a serious operation, has been brought home. Although her condition is much improved, she is still very weak.

Prof. Osborne, of the Howell school, is recuperating after having had an attack of gripper.

The second quarterly conference for the Bethel-Loves Chapel Church will be held at Oakboro next Saturday.

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WINECOFF.

The literary society held its regular meeting January 5th. After having the regular program, the following officers were elected for the society:

President, Frank Litaker; vice-president, Roy Umberger; secretary, Ruth Phillips; chaplain, Edna Phillips; critic, Mr. Furr; treasurer, Edith Fink; censor, Albert Barnhardt; program committee, Annie Cline Barnhardt, Edith Fink, Beatrice Fisher.

Messrs. Dallas Winecoff and Waqe Patterson left Sunday night for Charlotte.

Miss Evelyn Winecoff left Sunday night for Salisbury, after spending a few weeks with home folks.

Miss Mosey Reel, of Kannapolis, and Mr. Sanford Brown, of Charlotte, spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Maude Fisher.

On Wednesday afternoon, January 11, the Winecoff boys outscored China Grove by a score of 25 to 16.

Misses Carrie Litaker and Colla Williams spent Tuesday night with Miss Rebecca Castor.

The Winecoff boys defeated the White Hall boys in a game of basketball recently by a score of 65 to 6.

Messrs. Brad Stroud and C. A. Furr were invited to the new country home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Goodman to a bird pie supper last Wednesday evening.

China Grove defeated the Winecoff boys Tuesday, January 16, by a score of 34 to 17.

The honor roll for the school for the fourth month is as follows:

First grade—Lois Phillips and Estelle Litaker.

Third grade—Pearle Fink, Ruby Pargler, Kathleen Stewart, Grace Phillips, Nell Cook, Louise Goodman.

Fourth grade—S. W. Cook, Ruth Umberger, Frances Castor.

Fifth grade—John Fink, Clinton Hartsell.

Sixth grade—Archie Miller, Rubie Litaker, Corrie Hampton, Hazel Goodman, Blanche Pless, Elizabeth Winecoff, Charles Phillips.

Seventh grade—Berrie Cline.

Eighth grade—Gladys Goodman.

Ninth grade—Annie Cline Barnhardt, Rebecca Castor.

NEWS REPORTER.

Mrs. G. H. Troutman and children, Ora and Herman, of Cabarrus, spent Saturday night with Mrs. Troutman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hipp, of Rowan.

Mr. Albert Carter has returned to his work in Rockingham, after spending a week with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. James Furr, Mrs. J. E. Carter and children, spent Sunday in No. 9 township at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Auten.

Miss Frankie Palmer, of Linwood, is spending some time here with relatives.

Mrs. James Furr has returned to her home in Rowan, after spending a few days with relatives in Cabarrus.

Little Miss Laura Virginia Klutz spent last week with relatives in lower Cabarrus.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Walter and children, of near Salisbury, spent Sunday in Cabarrus at the home of Mrs. G. H. Troutman.

Miss Elma Ritchie, of East Spencer, visited at Mr. W. L. Ritchie's Sunday.

Mr. Reece Carter, of Stanly, visited at the home of his uncle, Mr. J. E. Carter, Saturday.

SCHOOL GIRL.

We have been having some winter weather here the past few weeks. No. 9 has been full of flu for the past two weeks. There have been several families down with the disease. All seem to be improving now.

P. F. Rinehardt is able to be out again after having had the flu.

Mr. Marshall Auten is suffering from an infected eye which has given him a lot of trouble.

The condition of Mr. Jacob W. Hart-

AGRICULTURAL COLUMN.

Conducted by R. D. Goodman.

In regard to the ordering of calcium arsenate to fight the boll weevil, I will say that I have been writing for prices, and am now ready to place the order for the farmers of Cabarrus County who want to prepare in time to take care of their cotton crop.

The State Department of Entomology advises that we will have to use calcium arsenate in most of the county this year, if we intend to make a full crop of cotton and only those ordering early will be able to get it when they need it as most of the companies writing or wiring me have sold their entire output up until June.

At the boll weevil meeting held on the 10th, we decided to have all our orders in by Saturday, January 27th, and send them off that afternoon.

I will appreciate it if you will so me in time and calculate the number of pounds you will want on a basis of 25 pounds per acre.

I also have prices on Dust Guns of different types.

Last year Cabarrus County made over 11,000 bales of cotton with a few weevils in different sections and this year with a good crop of weevils left have full sway we may not make over half a crop. If you don't have to dust this year it will keep over, but don't depend on your neighbor dividing his poison dust with you for he may be looking to you for the same thing and I have a good price on it and you have the opportunity of getting it at first cost, so it is up to you.

We have had a very mild winter so far and all this has been in favor of the weevil.

EVERETT TAKES OVER THE OFFICE OF GRIMES TODAY

Accepts Appointment and Resigns Seat in the Legislature.—Office Closed Today.

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—W. N. Everett this afternoon accepted the appointment of secretary of state. He will take the oath of office tomorrow morning before Justice Stacey, of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Everett's decision was reached after conferences through the day with Governor Morrison, his brothers and business associates and leaders in the legislature. He assumes the office at once because the work cannot be carried on without the constitutional authority vested solely in the secretary of state.

He is a member of the house for the last time tonight. After Speaker Dawson announced Mr. Everett's resignation, the new state official made a brief farewell talk in which he appealed to his colleagues to continue the great constructive undertakings that had marked the 1921 session.

His regret in leaving that body, he declared, was deepened by the realization "that in the days to come when the state finds itself and really appreciates the value of the great work that has been done, my name will not be on the roll of those who voted for the things of great material good and happiness to the people of North Carolina."

State Finds Itself With a Nice Sum in the Treasury.

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—The state budget commission will not be ready with its recommendations to the general assembly before Wednesday, according to Representative W. N. Everett, member of the commission.

Mr. Everett made known here today the fact that the state's budget will total \$19,000,000, an increase over that of two years ago.

This budget allows for the approximately \$2,500,000 surplus in the state treasury.

The budget commission's recommendations of two years ago were for about \$1,000,000 in excess of the probable income as indicated at that time, whereas the income of the state actually created the surplus.

Mr. J. B. Sherrill Committee Chairman

Mr. J. B. Sherrill, Cabarrus county's representative in the Lower House of the General Assembly, is chairman of the committee on Printing. He is also a member of the following other committees: Library, Deaf and Dumb, Roads and Turnpikes, Education, Finance, Insurance and Federal Relations.

The latest figures show that there are well over four hundred fox farms in Canada, representing an invested capital of more than \$5,000,000.

seed does not improve.

Mr. Jack Klutz is very ill at this writing.

Mr. George Whitley is spending some time in No. 9 with his brother, Mr. Lee Whitley.

Miss Mary Widenhouse, of Sunshine, spent a week with home folks.

Mrs. J. E. Carter and children, of China Grove, spent Sunday at Mr. Marshall Auten's.

Mr. Adam Furr's condition remains unimproved.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster Widenhouse visited at Jack White's Sunday, in No. 10.

CONCORD ROUTE THREE.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Goodman, a son, January 12.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Cooke have recovered from an attack of flu.

Mr. Ernest Haynes, of Concord, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Haynes.

Mrs. Welker Pless is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Walker.

Master Andrew Drye, who had the misfortune of fracturing his leg some time ago, is slowly improving.

DIXIE.

Mr. John S. Turner is able to be up again after an illness of several weeks.

Miss Veda Mullis returned to her home in Union, after spending a week with her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brooks. She was accompanied home by Miss Mamie Brooks, and Mr. and Mrs. Stafford.

School is progressing nicely at Pine Bluff with Mrs. Avin Shinn and Miss Beatrice Morgan as teachers.

WILD ROSE.

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The Communion service at St. Johns Lutheran Church that was postponed from two weeks ago, will be held Sunday, January 21st.

Everything was quiet again today at the office of the county health department. No new cases of whooping cough were reported to the department this morning.

Mrs. W. L. Parish, who has been in the Concord Hospital for several weeks, is again able to be out and is visiting at the home of Mrs. L. F. Barnes.

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet in the Legion Club rooms tonight at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting will be an important one, the officers and all members are urged to be present.

Most of the Charlotte road is in good shape again now. The road has been dragged several times recently, and with the exception of part of the old macadam, near the home of Mr. J. Frank Smith, the entire route is in good shape.

Eight cases were on docket in recorder's court Wednesday and all of them were tried. Six defendants paid fines totalling \$82.50; one defendant was bound over to Superior court on a larceny charge and the other, tried by a jury for assault on a female, was found not guilty.

A verdict for the defendants was rendered by a jury in Cabarrus Superior court yesterday in the case of E. M. Taylor vs. John C. Gorman and J. B. Green. The case of P. C. Faggart vs. Boy and Paul Krimmings was also completed yesterday and went to the jury during the morning session of court today.

Al Johnson, assistant to the golf instructor at the Charlotte Country Club, will open a golf school in the Merchants and Manufacturers Club here tonight. The nets and other equipment to be used in the school have arrived, and Mr. Johnson plans to get his school in full swing tonight, and to devote several nights out of each week to instructions for the golf players of this city.

Mr. R. D. Goodman, county farm agent, asks us to urge all farmers who are interested in the purchase of nitrate of soda, to meet at the court house on Saturday, January 20th, at 1:30 o'clock. Mr. Goodman has received quotations on nitrate of soda which will not remain open long, and it is desired that all farmers have an opportunity to take advantage of these prices.

Trains Nos. 31 and 137 were delayed several hours Wednesday by a wreck in Virginia. The two trains are due here in the morning, but they did not run yesterday until late in the afternoon. Twenty-five freight cars piled up on the Southern tracks in Virginia, and the trains had to be derailed on the tracks of the Norfolk & Western Railroad. As a result of the delay northern mail was late in reaching this city yesterday.

Mr. L. T. Hartsell, who is in charge of the dinner to be given to the Confederate Veterans of the County, states that everything is in readiness for the dinner, which will be held at the Y tomorrow at 12:30 o'clock. "We have prepared for every contingency in the county," Mrs. Hartsell stated, "and we expect everyone to be present." In addition to the dinner an interesting program has been arranged.

All children of the city who are interested in hearing stories and tales are invited to be present at the library on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock when Miss Mary Elizabeth Blackwelder will conduct a story telling hour for children. The meeting Saturday will be the first of its kind in the history of the city, and if it proves as successful as expected, similar meetings will be held in the future. All the children are invited to hear Miss Blackwelder.

JUDGE SINCLAIR MAKES A SENSATIONAL CHARGE

Declares Average Board of County Commissioners Is Liable to Indict

Fastoville, Jan. 16.—Declarations that the average board of county commissioners were liable to indictment for the manner in which they prepared the jury lists to be used in the Superior courts, and that any man or group of men who violated the sanctity of another's home, laid their hands upon him or even interfered with his business was guilty of lynching and should be so dealt with were the high lights in Judge N. A. Sinclair's charge to the grand jury here yesterday. The charge was declared to have been one of the ablest and most pointed ever delivered to a Cumberland jury. It was Judge Sinclair's first charge to a grand jury composed of his fellow countrymen.

In taking up the question of the selection of jury lists Judge Sinclair went into a subject which has never been discussed by a Superior Court judge here before, not recently at any rate. The law in this case, declared his honor, provides that no man should be placed on a jury list who is not a man of good moral character, of sufficient intelligence to serve on a jury and who has paid his taxes. No jury and whatever is paid to the first two of the qualifications, said Judge Sinclair. In ignoring them the county commissioners are violating the law and he told the grand jurors a presentment should be returned against any commissioner so guilty. The average jury list, he declared, is made up by the commissioners taking the list of men who have paid their tax, passing it around and taking each other's attention who they knew who "had died or moved away."

EFIRD MANAGERS PLAN A BIG YEAR

J. B. Efird Promises Employees One of Finest Homes in the South

Promising his employees that in the new Efird store, now under process of construction, they will have a home that will be one of the finest of its kind between Baltimore and New Orleans, J. B. Efird, head of the Efird chain of stores, stated Monday night at the luncheon for the employees at the chamber of commerce, that the new store is to give service that will be second to none in America.

The dinner at the chamber of commerce ended the annual conference of Efird store managers which opened yesterday morning in the assembly rooms at the Efird store. From the banquet, the managers went to the Selwyn Hotel to a smoker, and will leave this morning for the respective stores in various parts of North and South Carolina and Virginia.

Added features of the banquet were the speeches of Col. T. L. Kirpatrick, president of the chamber of commerce, and Dr. W. H. Frazer, president of Queens College. Col. Kirpatrick spoke of the glorious past of the south, painting the future in glowing terms and speaking of the part that the Efird chain of stores will play in the future. Dr. Frazer made a brief introductory speech, preceding Col. Kirpatrick.

The managers spoke very optimistically concerning the plans of the chain for the next year. The business sessions of the day were taken up in discussions of the business, and general trend of their remarks and plans being anticipatory of one of the greatest business years that the company has experienced.

The work of the Efird choral club, which gave various musical selections during the evening, was lauded highly by the managers, the wish being expressed that such a club existed in all of the 32 stores in the chain.

The day opened with a business conference in the assembly rooms of the store yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. Upon adjournment at 2:30 o'clock, the managers attended the meeting of the "Charlotte Lions' Club," returning to a business session at 3:30 o'clock, from which they adjourned at 6 o'clock.

Each of the 32 managers were introduced at the dinner in the chamber of commerce, and at the close of the program 15 minutes were spent by the managers and the local employees in getting acquainted with each other.

Entertainment features of the evening were the readings and solos of various employees and the concert work of the Efird choral club. Readings were given by Miss McMahon and Mrs. Kerr. Talmadge Davis, conductor of the choral club, gave a vocal solo, which was followed by a saxophone solo.

The following managers attended the conference: L. W. Bundy, Greenville, S. C.; P. M. Kendall, Raleigh; M. O. Efird, Wilmington; H. L. Holowell, Durham; F. C. Proctor, Anderson, S. C.; T. A. Foreman, Salisbury; W. O. Huntley, Spartanburg, S. C.; J. H. Teague, Lumberton; Otis McMillan, Greenwood, S. C.; W. E. Haynes, Gastonia; G. R. Hamilton, Danville, Va.; M. F. Crooks, High Point; C. L. Efird, Monroe; E. L. Efird and R. C. Teague, Winston-Salem; A. E. Harris, Concord; G. G. Bird, Rock Hill, S. C.; C. L. Taylor, Rocky Mount; A. P. Love, Sumter, S. C.; E. L. Myers, Lexington; B. B. Brown, Burlington; H. B. Trull, Lenoir; D. Perry, Wilson; E. C. Creighton, Greer, S. C.; G. W. Neely, Shelby; E. P. Harris, Statesville; P. T. Rhinehart, Forest City; J. Q. Carl, Lenoir; R. H. Barnett, Lincoln; B. B. McBride, Cherryville; Z. T. Malone, Goldsboro; J. R. Efird, Columbia, S. C.; P. H. Efird, Charlotte; and J. W. Efird from the office at 125 Fifth Avenue, New York.

The Efird chain of stores is owned and operated by five Efird brothers, E. L. J. B., J. B., P. H. and J. W. Efird. J. B. Efird is president of the corporation and E. L. Efird secretary-treasurer.

Textile Organizers in North to Launch Southern Campaign.

Boston, Jan. 17.—The United Textile Workers of America will begin an in southern textile mills workers in southern textile mills immediately, President Thomas F. McMahon announced tonight after a meeting here