



BEAUTIFUL XMAS REMEMBRANCES

Goods of Quality and Good Taste

Now is the time to make your Yuletide selections. This year I have a larger selection than ever. The Newest and Most Attractive Goods of THE RICHEST MATERIALS ARE TO BE SEEN IN MY STOCK.



GOLD JEWELRY

Such as Brooches, Scarf Pins, Rings, Hat Pins, Cuff Links, Chains, Lockets etc. in abundance.

DIAMONDS

And Diamond Jewelry—My stock of this class is always good and can supply you with the best patterns at the best prices.

SILVERWARE.

Sterling Silver Knives, Forks and Spoons, Hollow Ware and many odd pieces. Candle Sticks, and Jewel Caskets.

SILVER NOVELTIES.

Sterling Toilet Articles, Combs, Brushes, Mirrors and all Manicure pieces—All new designs this Season.

UMBRELLAS.

In Fine Gold Filled and Sterling Silver Handles and the best Silk Cover at right prices.

CUT GLASS.

Of the Richest Quality at prices generally charged for that of lower quality.

The design of all goods are especially attractive, and the quality the best. The kind that characterizes Bisanar's goods. Only reliable goods sold.

WATCHES FOR CHRISTMAS

in all reliable makes and grades, from the plain nickel at \$2.00 to the purest gold, Your gift, when bought of me, has a value, and makes a useful and lasting present. Fine hand engraving on all articles sold.

GEO. E. BISANAR, Jeweler and Optician

Plumbing, Roofing and Guttering

Done by expert workmen. All kinds of tin work on short notice. A full line of bath tubs, bowles and sinks, with hot and cold water fixtures. We will do your work right.

Hickory Roofing & Tinning Co

Local and Personal

The City of Hickory

To Santa Claus:—Please build me a modern Hotel. I can't accommodate my visitors, what am I going to do when the Methodist Conference and all those good Methodist brethren come to see us next fall?

Boost for a Greater Hickory!

Take Hickory out of the mud! Judge W. B. Council is at home for the holidays.

Dr. D. S. Fry is now in Kentucky on a business.

Mrs. P. P. Jones is spending the holidays in Salisbury.

Miss Macie Blackwelder has gone to Florida on a visit.

Does advertising pay? Ask the users of Democrat space.

Mrs. W. W. Keith of Eaton Ga., is here visiting her parents.

Fiddlers convention in Morganton Dec. 28 and 29. All fiddlers are invited to come.

A lot of Xmas shoppers were in the city Saturday and those who advertised had a good business.

Our office will be open during the holidays for the transaction of business. Writing receipts a specialty.

There will be a Christmas tree and other Christmas exercises at Brookford on Thursday evening at six o'clock. Every body invited to come.

For Christmas present your friend or relative would appreciate your sending them the Democrat. It would be a weekly remembrance the year round.

Miss Blanche Beck, of Newberne came home Sunday evening and will spend Christmas with her parents and many friends, who are glad to see her.

While things are going easy with you and money "flush" remember the Democrat. If you owe us, please remember us to that extent, and start the new year with your subscription paid up.

The Quality Shop, Moretz-Whitener Clothing Co., has an interesting advertisement in this issue that contains useful information for all shoppers. Men's, boy's, clothing of quality is found here in abundance.

Perhaps you can't help feeling envious, but at least you can help showing it and so making yourself obnoxious.

The marriage of Stanley Crouch and Miss Kate Herman took place in this city today. The bride and groom left immediately for Asheville where they will spend their honeymoon.

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the modest little advertisement of McCoy Moretz appearing elsewhere in this issue of the Democrat. The goods are going rapidly and a vast number of people are being pleased.

Rev. W. E. Poovey of Rutherford college tells us they have just closed a term of the most successful year in the history of the college. School reopens Jan. 5th, Rev. Poovey and wife will spend Christmas with their people here.

Christmas Greeting.

Another year has passed by and we are brought again to the celebration of the great Christ-day. And there is no other holiday that should bring to us so much pleasure and happiness as this. When we look back through the long and distant past to the first Christmas, realize what this day brought to us, we should have only feelings of happiness and gratitude. On this day the hearts of the shepherds on the Judean hills were made glad by the song of the heavenly host: "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad for unto you is born, this day in the city of David, a saviour, which is Christ, the Lord."

This song proclaimed the advent into this world of the long promised Messiah.

And this advent meant "peace on earth and good will to men."

The great loving, throbbing, heart of God had consented for the "Prince of Peace" to become incarnate and take "upon himself the sins of the world."

This, then, is a sacred occasion and should be so observed.

Too many of us are prone to forget its sacredness and hide behind the splendor and beauty of outward show, the real Christmas spirit.

Let us not, this year, indulge in any wicked or unchristian acts but endeavor to get our hearts attuned to the cords of the loving heart of the great Creator.

Let us remember in our joy that there are those who are less fortunate than our-selves who are not permitted to enjoy the everyday necessities as we are, and, where possible, let us lend them a helping hand in the true spirit of him whose birth we are now commemorating.

Work in the Graded Schools.

The following was written in answer to one of the Democrat's questions in our last issue, "What is some of Hickory's greatest needs?"

The people of Hickory will have to take some steps to provide more school buildings, and to employ more teachers. In spite of the fear of contagious diseases which has prevailed to some extent this fall, the enrollment in the graded school is more than 700. To be exact in the white school there are 568 pupils, and in the colored school 144. In the white school there are ten teachers beside the superintendent to teach these 568 pupils an average of more than 50 pupils for every teacher. And more than 55 to every room in the building. Other towns have an average of one teacher for every 35 pupils. For example, in the last issue of the North Carolina Journal of Education the schools of New Bern report a total enrollment of 708, with 19 teachers in the white school and 8 in the colored, or a total of 27 teachers. Hickory has 11 teachers, including the superintendent, in the white school, and 2 in the colored; a total of 13 teachers, and with a total enrollment as large as that of New Bern.

The teachers in the school here are doing excellent work, but what might they do if they had the same chance that teachers in other cities have? why should not the children of Hickory have as good facilities for getting an education as the children in other towns have?

Christmas Services in Town.

Special Christmas services will be held at the different churches as follows: On Thursday at the Lutheran church there will be a Christmas tree and treat and, we suppose, some kind of religious service.

The Presbyterians will hold their exercises on Thursday night also, and will give a treat, with religious service.

The Baptist, we understand are arranging for exercises by the Sunbeams, with possibly other exercises, and a Christmas tree, on Thursday evening.

The exercise at the Methodist church will take place on Christmas night and will consist of a Christmas tree and exercises.

The exercises at the Reformed church will be held at 6:00 a. m. Friday.

MARRIAGES

Married in Burke county, on the 17 Inst., at the home of H. A. Adams, the officiating Magistrate, Mr. Henry Herman to Miss Texie Cline, both of Burke.

Mr. Frank Marlow of Hickory and Miss Nellie Miller of Burke were married at the same time.

Death of Mrs. D. H. Russell.

After a very protracted and painful illness, patiently endured Mrs. Harriet Elizabeth Russell, wife of D. H. Russell, fell asleep in Christ and in peace, on Dec. 14, 1908, in her fifty-third year. She was an affectionate wife, a good mother, a kind and generous neighbor, highly esteemed by all who knew her. She was indeed a most excellent christian woman, a devoted member of the Holy Trinity Lutheran church. During the many long and weary months of her last sickness she manifested a remarkable faith in her Savior and a cheerful submission to his will, and her end was in peace and hope.

The funeral service conducted by her pastor from Holy Trinity Lutheran church, and the vast assembly that came together indicated the high esteem in which she was held. Her body was laid to rest in Oakwood cemetery.

"At length released from many woes,

How sweetly dost thou sleep!
How calm and peaceful thy repose,
While Christ thy soul doeth keep!"

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned wish to convey their warm and heartfelt thanks to their many kind neighbors and friends who were so ready to minister at all hours, day and night, to the relief and comfort of the late Mrs. Russell during her long illness. Their very great kindness and helpfulness will never be forgotten and surely deserve the highest praise. May God richly reward everyone of them.

D. H. Russell and family.

Railroad Commissioner, Sam Rogers, is here and states that the plans for the subway for Hickory are complete and that work will begin on same Jan. 4.

The cost of the sub-way will be about \$50,000.00.

Are you satisfied with Hickory's progress?

Notice of Share-Holders Meeting

HICKORY, N. C., Dec. 8th, 1908.

The Annual Meeting of the Share-Holders of the First National Bank, Hickory, N. C., for the purpose of electing Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at its Banking House, January 12th, 1909, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

K. C. MENZIES, Cashier.

Moretz-Whitener

Clothing Company



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For Thirty Days

We have just bought very cheap some fine clothing at greatly reduced prices, owing to the lateness of the season, and are making correspondingly low prices. If you haven't bought your Winter Suit or overcoat. Call and look over our stock. We can save you money.

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THE QUALITY SHOP

Hickory, N. C.

FURS! FURS!! FURS!!!

Having for several years past been dealing in all kinds of Furs, such as minks, muskrats, raccoons, opossums, pole cats, etc. I am prepared to buy all such furs, and pay the highest market price for same. It will pay you to see me before selling elsewhere.

L. E. ZERDEN, Proprietor
The Underselling Store,
Hickory, N. C.

Christmas Presents

Pretty and Cheap

—AT—

Sledge & Pleasants.

Just the thing for Husbands, Wives, Daughters, Sons and the small boys and girls We cannot begin to mention

All the Things We Have,

but cordially invite you to come and see our

LADIES' SUITS, CLOAKS,
FURS, BLANKETS AND OTHER THINGS

Still Going at Reduced Prices.

Yours, etc.

SLEDGE & PLEASANTS.

Millinery Cut In Half.