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Local, Personal and Social Items

Postmaster J. H. Aiken's appointment has been confirmed by Congress.

Messrs John Aiken and Gordon Council are home from the University.

Mrs. Wannemacher and family have moved into their handsome new bungalow on Fifteenth St.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell have gone to Florida to spend Christmas with their people.

Mr. Joe Aiken of Gastonia, will spend a few days in the city Christmas.

Mr. John Geitner of McColl, S. C., expects to visit home people during the holidays.

Dr. J. M. Lyerly and daughters, Misses May and Maud, have gone to Crescent to spend Christmas.

Dr. and Mrs. Farrar of De Soto, Mo., are expected in the city today to visit their daughter, Mrs. Blackburn.

Messrs Voorheis Garth, Bailey Patrick, Bonner Knox and Henry Menzies have returned from Davidson to spend Christmas.

Mr. C. B. Yount, a student in the Atlanta Dental College, is spending the holidays here with his parents.

Mr. W. B. Witherspoon has returned to Bartow, Fla., after spending a week here with his mother, who is ill.

The many friends of Mr. Henry Reichard are glad to know he is improving after an attack of appendicitis.

Revenue officers last Thursday destroyed a 100 gallon still and 310 gallons of beer four miles from Patterson in Caldwell county.

Mr. Frank Houck who has been in Detroit, Mich., for some time, is at home to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Houck.

Mr. Fred Campbell, a student in the Atlanta Dental College, is spending the holidays in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Flagler have moved here from Jacksonville, Fla. We extend the glad hand to these good people, and welcome them to Hickory.

Mrs. Albert Abernethy writes from Philadelphia that the snow was 3 feet deep there last week. We are glad we do not have such snows here.

Mr. William Menzies, Jr., who holds a prominent position with the Carnegie Steel Works, of Duquesne, Pa., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Menzies.

Mr. Lum Taylor's store at Oliver's Cross Roads, this county, was completely destroyed by fire Friday morning, the loss being estimated at \$3,000 with \$1,000 insurance.

The pension checks in Catawba County this year amounted to \$10,124. There were four second-class pensioners receiving \$60 each, six third-class receiving \$48, 177 fourth-class receiving \$32, and 126 widows who receive \$32.

A rural school convention will be held at the Baker Mountain School December 24-28, 1915. A very attractive program has been arranged for the occasion. Harvest ingathering services will be held at the school December 23, at 2 p. m.

Miss Adelaide Johnson expects to leave Monday for Ashland, Va., to attend the marriage of her cousin, Miss Virginia Potts, to Mr. Herman Droste. Miss Potts made many friends while here on a visit to Miss Johnson last summer who will be interested to learn of her approaching marriage.

Mr. M. M. Colehart, a traveling salesman of Fort Mill, S. C., and a brother of Mrs. H. D. Wagner of this city, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed a boarding house at Monroe Thursday morning. Mrs. Wagner has the sympathy of the entire city in her sad bereavement.

Last Friday morning Mr. W. C. Shell brought to his market a hog two years old that weighed 600 pounds. This is something for the farmers of Catawba to take note of, if this can be done by a man living in town why is it the farmers cannot do even more out on their farms where they have every advantage of the town man. The stock is the red Tambarah and if they can be made to weigh 600 at two years old that is the kind of hog to raise.

Mr. Cedric Dellinger is spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dellinger.

Mrs. L. A. Berry has returned to her home at Spruce Pine after a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. F. Dellinger.

Mrs. E. B. Turner and little daughter, of Virginia, are visiting her sister, Mrs. W. L. Mitchell, of this city.

Mrs. Sourbeer and daughter, Miss Miriam, of Harrisburg, Pa., are the guests of Mrs. Roy Abernethy and Miss Lenore Sourbeer.

Miss Lena Ramsay, who has been spending some time with her uncle, Dr. W. B. Ramsay, has returned to her home in Salisbury.

Mr. I. B. Covington and family of Forest City, are expected to arrive tomorrow to spend Christmas here the guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Murphy.

Mr. Hazel Aiken of Wilmington, food inspector for New Hanover county, is expected here on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Aiken.

Mr. Richard Boyd most delightfully entertained 14 of his friends at ruck Tuesday evening. The prize, a lovely box of candy, was won by Miss Lenore Sourbeer. The house was beautifully decorated with holly and mistletoe. After spending an enjoyable evening a delicious salad course was served by Mrs. Boyd, assisted by Masters Howard and Dan. The invited guests were Misses Doris Hutton, Helen Sprinks, Sadie Menzies, Isabella Morton, Katherine Shuford, Lenore and Miriam Sourbeer, Greta Wezen and Messrs. Charles and Donald Menzies, Johnny Ciley, Robert Garth, Robert McComb and Donald Shuford.

The following young people have returned from college for the holidays: Misses Frances Geitner and Virginia Allen from St. Mary's, Miss Adelyn McComb from Greenville, S. C., Miss Gladys Reid from Washington College, Washington, D. C., Misses Sadie Menzies, Greta Wezen, Millie Kate McComb and Janie Lyerly from Red Springs, Messrs Edward Shuford, Claude Abernethy, Cecil Bos and Sherwood Menzies from A. & M., Gordon Council, Ralph Ballew, John Aiken and Richard Shuford from the University. Henry Menzies, Voorheis Garth, Bailey Patrick and Bonner Knox from Davidson, Charles and Donald Menzies from Donaldson Military Institute, Miss Charlotte Smith from Hollins Institute, Va.

At a meeting of the city council Tuesday night City Manager S. C. Cornwell tendered his resignation to become effective February 1st.

Husband of Former Hickory Girl Dead

Mr. W. K. Clark of Atlanta, a civil engineer, was found dead in a swamp in Hyde county recently, he having apparently become lost and died of heart failure brought on by exposure. The remains were shipped to Chicago for burial. Deceased is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Maude Sigmon of this city, and one small child. Mrs. Clark has the sympathy of her many friends here in her sad bereavement.

Entertains Young Musicians

Last Saturday afternoon the "Young Musicians" and a few invited guests met at the home of Miss Kathryn Hatcher. The program for this meeting which was very well prepared, consisted of piano solos, duets and trios—played by the following club members: Misses Ellen Stuart, Edith Hamrick, Elizabeth Callan, Kathryn Setzer, Louise Ciley, Lesta Mitchell, Alice Lyerly, Hazel Tompson, Ermoine Sherrill, Charlotte Garth, Kathryn Hatcher, Hazel Crouch, Master Fredrick Holder. In the musical guessing contest which followed, Alice Lyerly was the prize winner with Charlotte Garth a close second. Christmas crackers and refreshments brought the afternoon to a jolly close. Next meeting to be held with Alice Lyerly.

A miserly cuss told us the other day that he had no use for gold, and a young blood around town piously remarked that he never could bear to look at a well turned ankle, and an ancient spinster declared she wouldn't accept the best man on earth, and of course we believed every word they told us.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Our druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 14 days. The first application cures Itch and Red. 50c.

Fifteen Pairs Applied For in Two Days

Newton, Dec. 20.—Fifteen pairs of marriage license were applied for Saturday and today, and while four were turned down by a skeptical register of deeds, 11 permits were granted for the Yuletide, the register religiously guarding the names of the selective couples. A volume of local history written by Prof. Geo. W. Hahn of Hickory, showing the part Catawba took in the Civil War, and giving sketches and pictures of hundreds of soldiers, may be placed in the school libraries of the county by the board of education. The idea, recently conceived, will be presented to the board at an early date.

Mr. Mack D. Miller, a farmer living near Newton, exhibited a freak chicken here today that attracted much attention from chicken fanciers. The fowl is a rooster of the Black Minorca variety that has eschewed his sable feathers and emerged from mouling in a coat of snowy white. The fowl clung to his black during the first two years of his existence and bred black chickens. During the past season, after having changed to white, he bred white chickens, and whereas there formerly was not a white chicken on the Miller farm, there are now plenty of them—White Minorsas that ought to be black.

The dwelling of Mrs. Rhoda Carter was destroyed by fire here tonight at 9 o'clock, a part of the contents being saved.

Great Antiquity of Florida.

For many years the origin of the peninsula of Florida has been the subject of speculation among scientists. Some sixty years ago the great naturalist Louis Agassiz advanced the hypothesis that the greater part of the peninsula had been produced during comparatively recent times by successive growth of coral reefs along its southern margin, which has thus been extended farther and farther into the waters of the Gulf. A few years later Joseph LeConte restated this view of the organic origin of Florida and suggested that the work of corals has been largely supplemented by mud and other sediments dropped by the Gulf Stream.

This hypothesis was generally accepted as correct for many years, but in 1881 Prof. Eugene A. Smith discovered that the greater part of the peninsula of Florida is underlain at no great depth by limestones which are not the work of corals and which were formed long before the recent epoch.

For the last 34 years these fundamental rocks of Florida, often called the Ocala limestone, have been thought to be nearly equivalent in age to the Vicksburg limestone of Mississippi and Alabama and have been called the Vicksburg group. A short time ago C. Wythe Cooke, of the United States Geological Survey, discovered that the Ocala or so-called Vicksburg limestone of Florida contains many fossil remains of sea shells of the same species that occur in the marls near Jackson, Miss., and that are known to have been extinct before the rocks of Vicksburg were deposited. It therefore appears that the Ocala limestone is of about the same age as the Jackson formation and is considerably older than has heretofore been supposed. Instead of being of recent origin, as was thought by Agassiz and LeConte, the Florida plateau was in existence during the Eocene era—probably two million years ago.

Laughter Aids Digestion.

Laughter is one of the most helpful of exertions; it is of great help to digestion. A still more effectual help is a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. If you should be troubled with indigestion give them a trial. They only cost a quarter. For sale by Menzies Drug Co., and Lutz's Drug Store.

WANTED—To buy hides, furs, beeswax. Highest prices paid. Write or call on J. Henry Hill, Hickory, N. C. 1tpd.

Christmas at the Reformed Church

The Reformed congregation of this city recognizes the birth of Jesus Christ as the greatest event in the world's history and provides to observe the fact with suitable services. A beautiful custom of this church is to begin the day with a service at six o'clock in the morning. This service has been held annually for about twenty-seven years and is one of the most helpful services of the year. Persons attending this service once desire to go the second time. It is not a Christmas entertainment, but truly a devotional service. The program for the service this year is in keeping with those of former years and promises to be most helpful. A large part of the program is musical. The large choir this year will render four select anthems; a male quartet will sing one selection; there will be a mixed quartet and a solo by Mrs. Shuford. The most inspiring Christmas hymns will be sung and in addition there will be a saxophone duet. This music will be interspersed with suitable scripture readings. A collection for local charity will be taken and it will be a most enjoyable service and everybody is invited.

Members of the congregation and friends will bring any donations which they desire to distribute to the needy to the church and these will be delivered Christmas day.

The entertainment by the Sunday school will be on Sunday night at seven o'clock. Mrs. H. C. Menzies, whose success in training children is well known, will have charge again this year.

The Brookford mission will have their services on Christmas eve at six o'clock.

Early Services at Holy Trinity

The following program will be rendered at the six o'clock services on the morning of Christmas Day at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church:

1. Christmas Prelude—"Nazareth"—Gounod.
2. Carol—"Sing This Blessed Morn."
3. Opening Service.
4. Hymn No. 14—"Hark, What Mean Those Holy Voices."
5. Solo by Mr. Cyril Huffman.
6. Anthem—"Oh, Come all Ye Faithful."
7. Christmas Address by Rev. Murray.
8. Offertory—"Holy Night"—Buck.
9. Anthem—"For Us is Born This Day."
10. Hymn No. 16—"The New Born King."
11. Carol—"Who is This Child."
12. Postlude—"Festival March."

Christmas at the Presbyterian Church

At the Presbyterian Church the Christmas exercises will begin at 6:30 o'clock on Friday evening at which time the children will render a program of recitations and songs, and will be assisted by the Junior Choir.

Next Sunday evening Rev. C. L. Crane will preach a special Christmas sermon at the Presbyterian Church. On Sunday morning the pastor will preach at 11 o'clock to the children. His subject will be "The Star of Bethlehem" and it will be illustrated with pictures. He requests that even the smallest children be brought to this service, as they will be interested in the illustrations. The children and young ladies are requested to come dressed in white dresses to carry out the idea of "White Gifts to the King."

Owes Her Good Health to Chamberlain's Tablets.

"I owe my good health to Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. R. G. Neff, Crookston, Ohio. "Two years ago I was an invalid due to stomach trouble. I took three bottles of these Tablets and have since been in the best of health." For sale by Lutz's Drug Store and Menzies Drug Co.

Decides Against Town of Morganton

Morganton, Dec. 18.—Judge Shaw handed down a decision this week which is giving the town authorities grave concern and which may have the effect of suspending all city improvements.

For years here, as in other places, the property owners have been taxed with half the cost of permanent cement sidewalks.

Upon refusal of Dr. E. S. Warlick to pay his half for a sidewalk in front of his residence and of Mrs. A. C. Avery, in front of Hotel Morgan, the town brought proceedings to collect, holding the property liable, and under Judge Shaw's ruling nothing can be collected and the officials fear a general refusal to pay for improvements.

It is contended by the fearful that the owners of the lot between the two in question had paid their part, so they will probably demand the amount refunded, and if the decision stands in the Supreme Court the town as well as other towns throughout the State will be swamped with suits.

Attorneys Huffman and Avery for the town announced an appeal to the Supreme Court.

Since the above was put in type Judge Shaw has made a correction stating that he had only held that a magistrate had no jurisdiction in matters of this sort, and that the Supreme Court had held that municipalities had the right to levy on property to pay for street improvements if their charters so stated.

St. Stephen-Mt. Olive Pastorate.

Rev. E. J. Sox, Pastor.
Christmas services will be rendered at each of these churches, at Mt. Olive on Christmas Eve, Friday the 24th; at 5 p. m., and at St. Stephen Christmas Day at 11 a. m.

Sunday, 26, Services at Mt. Olive

10 a. m.—Sunday School.
11 a. m.—Chief Service with a sermon by the pastor on "Heaven's Christmas Message to Earth." At this time when all nations of the Earth are warring and studying war, let us halt and hear this message, that we may see how very far away from it we are drifting as a nation and as a world.

Two Marriages.

December 17 at the home of H. A. Adams, the officiating J. P. M. Marion Huffman and Miss Mattie Herman, both of Bandy's township, this county, were happily married in the presence of a number of friends who came along to witness the ceremony.

At the same place and by the same magistrate December 19 Mr. Robert Reinhardt of this county, and Miss Lillie Cline of Burke, were happily married in the presence of a number of relatives and friends.

Coughs and Colds are Dangerous.

Few of us realize the danger of coughs and colds. We consider them common and harmless ailments. However statistics tell us every third person dies of a lung ailment. Dangerous Bronchial and Lung diseases follow a neglected cold. As your body struggles against cold germs, no better aid can be had than Dr. King's New Discovery. Its merit has been tested by old and young. In use over 45 years. Get a bottle today. Avoid the risk of serious Lung ailments. Druggists.

Apples and Sausage.

Remove stem end from large tart apples and take out the core and a little of the flesh of the apple. Fill the space with 2 tablespoons of highly seasoned sausage meat and bake in the oven until apples are tender but not soft enough to lose their shape. Serve hot. Fire for luncheon.

Children and Young Partridges.

(Contributed.)
Children and young partridges are much alike. They have more enemies and are subjected to more dangers than most any two living creatures.

Partridges are exposed to dew, storms and hawks. Also, they are the prey of cats, dogs, boys and heartless men. They are constantly in danger of their lives. They have no protection except what nature gives them—wings, grass and briars in which instinct tells them to run and hide.

Their parents are helpless to protect them in times of danger. And when about grown, they are bated into nicely arranged traps and deadfalls. And last, but not least, they become the helpless victims of sportsmen, dogs, guns and shot. So, from first to last, their existence in the world is a dangerous and pitiable one.

It is so with children. They, too, are constantly in danger of falling, getting choked, catching contagious diseases, getting killed on play grounds or drowned in creeks.

In towns, it is worse. If they play on, or even cross the streets, they are liable to be killed by runaway teams or flying automobiles. If they play on sidewalks off the protected square, they are liable to be run over by bicycles, as one was the other day. Folks are in an awful hurry on wheels. But start them on foot with a package to deliver, or with a hoe to the garden, and they are gentlemen of leisure instead of pleasure.

It is against the law to ride on any sidewalk after night, yet it is done. And done with speed and impunity. And they have no more lights on their wheels than they have regard for law and human life under their hats.

Children are not only subjected to these and many other dangers, but when a little older, the devil sets all kinds of traps and snares to catch and to lead them off into all kinds of bad habits and sports which ruin them for life, physically, financially and morally. So children have very little safety in this age that is beset on all sides with dangerous temptations and snares, sins, too, that have been licensed by Christian governments—pool rooms, etc.

Now the person, society, state, church or thing that thinks—with present and popular condition—parents can insure the safety of their best children, even, is simply blinded by the devil, the god of this world. If the existence of children, like that of partridges, ended with this life, it would not be so bad. Yet we say we do not believe it does, while we do like it does. J. F. C.

Giant Motor Guns New Defense Plan

Gigantic guns mounted on motor trucks or railway cars probably will be added to the country's coast defense system as a result of experiments now being made by army ordnance experts. It was learned that a scheme is being worked out contemplating the establishment of mobile batteries to protect stretches of coast lines not commanded by the permanent fortification built to or be constructed. Part of the \$30,000,000 expenditure for coast defenses included in the administration's program may be devoted to this work.

The European war has demonstrated that high power guns can be used as mobile weapons, such as the German 42 centimeter Howitzer having revolutionized land warfare by the easy reduction of forts believed impregnable.

The experiments are to determine how big a gun can be effectively transported and transferred from its carriage to a concrete foundation. Consideration is being given to 12-inch, 14-inch, 16-inch and even larger weapons.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, contains no mercury and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.
Sold by druggists. Price 75c per bottle.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Anna Caldwell of Brooklyn, N. Y., is 100 years old.

News of the Week From West Hickory

West Hickory, Dec. 21.—The Sunday Schools of the several churches here are making preparations for nice entertainments at Christmas.

A Mr. Johnson and family moved here a few days ago and Mr. Johnson has opened up a new stock of goods in the Dr. Hick's building formerly used as a millinery store by Mrs. Litten. This is the second new store for West Hickory in about two weeks time. Looks like the mercantile business must be on a boom in West Hickory.

Mr. R. C. Mann and family of Newton, moved here one day last week.

Mr. R. W. Williams, who has been working in Alta Vista, Va., has returned to spend Christmas here with his family.

Miss Emma Lewis has gone to her home at High Shoals to spend two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Hamrick of Newton, spent several days here last week with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones.

Rev. W. N. Cook and son, John, have returned from the Baptist State Convention which was held at Charlotte.

Miss Fannie Searcy of Mill Springs, is visiting at the home of Mr. G. W. Branch.

Mr. Lowell Gross is spending the winter at Palm Beach, Fla.

The West Hickory Band went to Highland Saturday to play for Mr. C. T. Morrison's lot sale.

Mrs. Ethel Thomas, known as "Becky Ann Jones" as correspondent of the Mill News, visited the Ivey Mill one day last week. Nearly all the mill hands have been highly pleased with her letters published and they were all sure glad to meet her personally and give her a friendly handshake. Everybody seemed to be well pleased with her visit and hope she will soon visit us again.

Mr. J. P. Huffman says that two ministers from Johnson City will begin a series of meetings at Saint's Chapel Wednesday night and continue through the holidays.

DONT BE MISLED

Hickory Citizens Should Read and Heed This Advice

Kidney trouble is dangerous and often fatal. Don't experiment with something new and untried. Use a tested kidney remedy. Begin with Doan's Kidney Pills. Used in kidney troubles 50 years. Recommended here and everywhere.

A Hickory citizen's statement forms convincing testimony. It's local testimony—it can be investigated.

Mrs. C. H. Henkel, 419 18th St., Hickory, says: "Doan's Pills, procured at Lutz's Drug Store, have always helped me when my back gets lame and starts to ache. One of the family was troubled by weak back and Doan's Kidney Pills gave great relief. I have no hesitation in recommending this medicine."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Henkel had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. adv't.

Christmas Holiday Round Trip Excursion Fares Via Southern Railway

"The Southern Serves the South."
Southern Railway will sell low round trip Christmas Holiday tickets to all points every day December 16th to 25th, inclusive, good to return until midnight of January 10th, 1916.

Round trip tickets will also be sold to points in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and other Northwestern States. Spend your holiday vacation with friends and loved ones. Travel via Southern Railway. Fast through trains, through sleeping cars and dining cars to all points. Let us route you by the best and quickest schedules.

Don't forget the selling dates and limit.

For full information, schedules, Pullman reservations and fares to any point ask any Agent Southern Railway, or write. R. H. DeBUTTS, D. P. A., 12-9-31. Charlotte, N. C.

War Upon Pain!

Pain is a visitor to every home and usually it comes quite unexpectedly. But you are prepared for every emergency if you keep a small bottle of Sloan's Liniment handy. It is the greatest pain killer ever discovered. Simply laid on the skin—no rubbing required—it drives the pain away. It is really wonderful.

Mervin H. Soister, Berkeley, Cal., writes: "Last Saturday, after tramping around the Panama Exposition with wet feet, I came home with my neck so stiff that I couldn't turn. I applied Sloan's Liniment freely and went to bed. To my surprise, next morning the stiffness had almost disappeared, four hours after the second application I was as good as new." March, 1915. At Druggists, 25c.

A Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year to All
is the wish of the officers of the
Hickory Banking & Trust Co.
"The People's Bank"