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HICKORY DAILY RECORD

WEATHER
Fair tonight and Sunday; slightly warmer tonight; moderate south east and west winds.

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HICKORY, N. C., SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 23, 1922.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Christmas Music Will Feature Sunday Services

Special Programs Arranged by Churches for Tomorrow—Christmas Day Services and Sunday School Exercises in Many Churches—Places Where People May Worship.

Special musical numbers, all expressing the sentiments of the day, will be rendered in the Hickory churches tomorrow, and the various choirs will deliver sermons appropriate to the occasion. In some of the churches special Christmas day exercises will be held Monday and children's entertainments are announced in many.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
Rev. F. A. Freed, Pastor.
Sunday school at 10 a. m. Service at 11 a. m.
Children's service Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.
Special Christmas day at 11 a. m. Strangers are welcome to all services.

CHRISTMAS TREE SERVICE AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
The Christmas tree service at Holy Trinity church at 7 o'clock Christmas morning. Special music of anthems, carols and Christmas hymns, and Christmas solos by Mrs. Tomlinson, and Mr. Albert Hewitt, Jr.

Highland Baptist
H. C. Whitener, pastor.
Sunday school at 9:45. A. T. Fox, preaching at eleven by the pastor. Subject: "The Condescension of Christ." I. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m.
P. M. service at 7 p. m. by the pastor. Subject: "The Rejected Christ."
You are cordially invited to attend these services.

West Hickory Reformed
W. H. McNairy, pastor.
Brooklyn
The Sunday school will have its Christmas service at 7:00 o'clock Sunday night.
Martha Memorial
9:45 Sunday school, L. A. Huffman, superintendent.
11:30 Christmas service.
The public is cordially invited to these services.

First Baptist
W. E. Bradshaw, pastor.
Sunday school at 9:45. Thomas Hunt, superintendent.
Preaching at eleven o'clock by pastor. Subject: "The First Christmas."
I. Y. P. U. at six o'clock. W. A. Hines, president. Come and worship with us.

FIRST METHODIST
C. S. Kirkpatrick, pastor.
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Special Christmas music will be a feature of the morning service and the pastor will preach on "The Christmas Spirit."
The Epworth league has charge at 11. These young people have prepared a good program of Christmas carols, recitation, pantomime, etc. Christmas remembrances for the Epworth will be brought at the evening hour.

Philadelphia Lutheran
Genette Falls.
Rev. J. J. Bickley, pastor.
Sunday school at 10 a. m., Mr. C. P. Povey superintendent.
Morning service at 11 o'clock, subject: "The Shepherds' Joy." Luke 2:10.
Luther league at 6 p. m., subject: "How to Have Christmas All the Year."
Monday at 7 p. m. a Christmas program, entitled, "The Bells of Christmas," will be rendered followed by prayer for the school.
The public is cordially invited to worship at all our services.

WESLEYAN EXERCISES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH
Hymn No. 125—"O Come all ye faithful."
Prayer.
Scripture lesson—Martha Horton.
Offerings—"O Little Town of Bethlehem." Mixed quartet.
Pantomime—"Silent Night."
Male quartet—Dellinger, Deal, Mathers and Golden.
Song—"The Wise Men."
Solo—Miss Setzer and Mr. Dellinger.
Baritone solo—Laurie Deal.
The Shepherd's Daughter," by Mrs. Clyde V. Price.
Presentation of gifts.
Dedication.

First Presbyterian
Rev. E. M. Craig, D. D., Pastor
13th street and 13th avenue
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Mr. R. J. Reveley, Superintendent.
Morning service at 11 o'clock. The Rev. N. J. Wright, of the Methodist Episcopal church, will occupy the pulpit.
At the seven o'clock a special service will be given by the Sunday school, at which time the various departments will offer a pageant, entitled "Together Shall They Sing." The public is cordially invited to attend this, as well as all other services of the church.

St. Andrew's Lutheran
R. B. Perry, Ph. D., pastor.
The program of the Christmas service at 11:00 a. m. is as follows:
Organ prelude.
Hymn—"O Come, All Ye Faithful."
Anthem—"The Angel's Song."
Cranmer.
Sermon—"What we see in the Manager."
Solo—"O Holy Night."—Adam, Mrs. Morgan.
Hymn—"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."
7:00 p. m. Special Christmas Pageant by the Sunday school.
Bible school at 9:45.
Everybody is cordially invited to all these services.

Ascension, Episcopal
Rev. S. B. Stroup, Rector.
The services at the Episcopal church on Sunday next will be as follows:
7:30 a. m. Holy Communion.
9:45 a. m. Church school.
11:00 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon.
No service at 7:00 o'clock.
Christmas eve service at 11:30 p. m. This is the so called midnight service and is always one of the most beautiful and impressive services of the Christmas season.
Christmas day service with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10:30 a. m.
The public is cordially invited to the Christmas festivities.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
The First Baptist Sunday school will observe their annual Christmas exercise at the church tonight at 7:30 p. m.
An interesting program has been arranged and Santa Claus will be there to reward the little folks.
It has been the custom of the Baptist to remember others at this season and every one is requested to bring a gift and make the "White Christmas feature" the best of our program.
"It's more blessed to give than to receive."
THOS. P. PRUITT, Supt.

Holy Trinity Lutheran
13th avenue and 15th street.
Rev. Chas. R. W. Kegley, pastor
At 11 a. m. Sunday services subject of sermon: "The Eternal Word made Flesh, the Christ-child, the Saviour."
At 7 p. m., no services in view of special services, short address and music appropriate for Christmas Day will be rendered.
At 7 p. m. Monday the Sunday school Christmas tree program will be given by the Primary and Intermediate Departments of the school. Carols, readings, responses, etc. will be enjoyed by all present. The public is invited. The Sunday school treat to be given out after church Sunday a. m.

AT HOLY TRINITY
The 6 o'clock Christmas morning program at Holy Trinity Lutheran church follows:
Carol—"It Came upon the Midnight Snow."
Prayer.
Scripture Lesson.
Hymn—"Come Hither ye Faithful."
Anthem—"That First Christmas Morn."
Solo—"The Birthday of our King."
Neidenger, Mrs. Tomlinson.
Address—Rev. Kegley.
Offering anthem—"The Nativity."
Stewart.
Duet—"Oh Little Town of Bethlehem."
Kegley.
Hymn—"Joy to the World."
Carol—"Sing, Oh Sing this Blessed Morn."

MORNING SERVICE AT THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Organ prelude—"Adoration"—Atherton.
Chorus—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing."
Hymn No. 107—"Joy to the World"—Lutkin.
The Apostle's creed.
Prayer.
Solo—"The Birthday of Jesus."
Wilson, by Miss Clement.
Psalm No. 8.—Read Responsive and (Continued on page 4)

MICHIGAN PLANS NEW TAXATION SYSTEM

By the Associated Press.
Lansing, Mich., Dec. 23.—Enactment of legislation to remodel the state's taxation system, cut down the cost of state government, develop the state as an agricultural center, tighten the "blue sky" laws and broaden women's rights will be asked, along with other proposed changes in the laws, of the Michigan legislature when it convenes in regular session in January.

Outstanding in the prospective legislation are the following proposals:
To provide a gasoline tax to finance highway development and maintenance without a real property tax.
To make more compact the centralized state government which was inaugurated two years ago, by curtailing and combining departments.
To make the furnishing of prison-liquor punishable as manslaughter.
To tighten the motor vehicle laws, by prescribing more specifically the lighting equipment on automobiles, and increasing the penalties for speeding and reckless driving.

To delegate to the state agricultural colleges much of the work done by the state agricultural department.
To provide what amount to a literacy test for voters.
To provide a bill of right for women, which will put them on an equal standing with men in business and welfare matters.
To enact a land certification law which will enable nonresidents of the state to invest in Michigan's undeveloped lands and to provide that the state encourage reforestation of idle lands not suited to agriculture by reducing taxes.
The reapportionment of the state legislative district, which comes before the legislature by virtue of the 1922 federal census, stands high in state interest. Other measures include provision for a agencies law to devise ways and means of raising money to retire the \$61,550,000 state bonded indebtedness without adding to the tax burden on real property, and to make insanity grounds for divorce.

An attempt may be made to revive the income tax, which was initiated by the 1921 legislature and defeated by the voters.
MRS. SIGMON DEAD
Newton, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Lewis Sigmon, aged about 80 years, died Thursday night. Funeral services were held today from Mt. Olive Lutheran church.
She is survived by two children, Miss Minnie Sigmon and Mr. H. A. Sigmon.

FIFTEEN INJURED IN WRECK ON A. C. L.

By the Associated Press.
Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 23.—Fifteen passengers were injured early today when eight cars, including four sleepers, and the engine of Atlantic Coast Line train en route from Jacksonville to New York, were derailed near Lucama. Two of the injured, Mrs. S. L. Glass, Laurel, Miss., whose back was hurt, and Mamie Riddle, negroress of Raeford, N. C., nervous shock, were brought here.
The others, only slightly injured, were treated at the scene.
Officials after making an investigation announced that the wreck was probably caused by a broken rail. The fact that the fast traveling train did not injure more of the 250 persons was regarded as marvelous.

COTTON GROWERS ARE TO GET ONE MILLION

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22.—Checks totaling one million dollars went out to members from the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association Wednesday night, representing a second advance of \$25 a bale and checks for a similar amount went out yesterday, it was announced from headquarters.
Checks should have gone out on December 15, it was stated, but on account of cloudy and rainy weather which has prevailed, the grading of cotton which can only be done in sunlight, and which is necessary before warehouse receipts are negotiable, was considerably delayed.

HOLDING SIX MEN AS BIG BANK ROBBERS ARE REPORTED ACTIVE

By the Associated Press.
Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 23.—Six men with heavy suit cases, who arrived from Los Vegas in an automobile early today were placed in jail pending investigation in connection with the robbery of the federal mint truck at Denver, of \$200,000 in currency.
The United States marshal's office had received a tip from Los Vegas and Deputy Gouchey and Assistant Superintendent Dugan of the penitentiary, after observing the suspects at breakfast in a restaurant, took them into custody.

BODIES IDENTIFIED IN MER ROUGE CASE

By the Associated Press.
Mer Rouge, La., Dec. 23.—The wire-bound mutilated bodies of two men recovered yesterday on Lake Lafourche by state troops believed to be those of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, who disappeared after being kidnapped by hooded and masked men last August, were further identified this morning when viewed by Richards' widow, J. L. Daniels, aged father of Watt, and a score of other relatives and friends.
Identification of Daniels at least is complete, according to authorities, because of initials "F. W. D." found on a belt buckle, and which Daniels was said to have worn at the time.
The bodies are lying in the Masonic temple, where they are guarded by a detachment of Monroe national guard. The guards are armed with automatic rifles and instructed by Captain Cooper to shoot persons who may attempt to spirit away the bodies.
The inquest may be held late this afternoon, according to Dr. Fred Patterson, the coroner.

HEARING IN JANUARY
By the Associated Press.
Monroe, La., Dec. 23.—Attorney General Cocco has set January 5 as the date for the Morehouse parish open hearing in connection with the Morehouse kidnapping case, it was learned here today.

FOUR BANDITS GET AWAY WITH ROLL

By the Associated Press.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 23.—Four bandits today shot Ross Dennis, paymaster of the Pittsburgh Coal Company and escaped with a satchel containing about \$20,000 in currency. The hold up occurred on Mount Lebanon near here while a party of company officials were carrying pay to the miners.
County detectives armed with riot guns, were rushed to Mount Lebanon from the sheriff's office here.
Dennis was riding a motorcycle in advance of an automobile in which Superintendent William Young and three other employees were guarding the pay satchel. The bandits shot Dennis without warning and he fell from the motorcycle. Before the driver could stop his machine, they were upon it. The robbers obtained the satchel and escaped.

UTILIZING HIM

"Obbahogin! Labadoooin! Blug-gablablab!" cooed the infant.
"Dear me!" sighed the young mother. "How I wish little Hubert would learn to talk!"
"Talk—nothing!" shouted the prodigy's sire. "Gimme paper and pencil! If he'll just keep on that way I'll soon have enough names for Pullman cars to win us a million dollars."
Kansas City Star.

NO PAPER MONDAY

The Record will not publish on Monday—Christmas day—but will appear on Tuesday afternoon, as usual. Christmas is one of the few holidays the Record force is able to press to its friends its appreciation of their support during the closing year and to wish them all the happiness possible to crowd into this joyous season.

STATE FARMERS ARE REPORTED ACTIVE

By the Associated Press.
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—Despite the fact weather conditions have been unsettled during the past two weeks, farming progress has been general in North Carolina, according to the semi-monthly bulletin issued by the North Carolina and United States departments of agriculture.
The bulletin follows:
"More cotton has been ginned than expected, indicating a larger crop. Practically all of the crop has been picked. The percent ginned today is slightly less than last year. The quantity is good. The production for the state is estimated at 852,000 bales of 500 pounds, gross weight, or 400,489,000 pounds of lint. The production is greater than last year by about 15,000 bales, and is 67,000 bales greater than the ten year average. The price of 24.5 cents is about 8 cents higher than a year ago."
"The auction sales of tobacco sold to date total 166,000 pounds. The average price is 31 cents per pound, or about 4 cents better than last year. The heaviest sales were reported on the following markets: Wilson, Winton-Salem, Greenville, Kingston and Rocky Mount.
"Hay prices are generally firm. The receipts are ample for the demand. This has been one of the state's largest hay crops in yield and acreage. Pastures are furnishing some food for livestock due to the continued rains and normal temperatures.
"Future grain prices advanced during the week ending December 12, and regained a good part of the losses of the previous week. The week closed at \$1.18 5-8 for the December wheat and 70 1-2 cents for the December corn. Red winter wheat is reported scarce.
"This has been a record breaking year for shipments of pears in the country as a whole, with California the leading state, with a production of 5,000,000 bushels. This state's commercial pear crop is comparatively small. Large quantities of apples are being marketed from this state.
"The total shipments of leading lines of vegetables and truck have dropped sharply. Potato markets weakened in spite of decreased shipments. Prices of cabbage and onions have advanced. Sweet potatoes advanced slightly, due to decreased receipts.
"This season's shipments of sweet potatoes to November 25 total 386 cars, which is almost half of the shipment of 1921-22 to the same date. The production is considerably greater this year than last.
"The last two weeks have been generally unsettled, with changeable weather. The temperatures have been about normal as a rule. General rains and cloudiness were reported in many parts of the state during the period, with light snows in some sections, accompanied by low temperatures. However, no serious damage has been reported from the cooler weather. Farm progress has been general throughout the state. The comparatively mild weather was favorable to plowing and seeding of grains."

BUSINESS BOOM IN HICKORY TODAY

Hickory merchants were bestirring themselves today to take care of the rush of holiday trade, were called upon to put on extra help in many cases and were destined to do a record business before they closed their stores tonight. As early as 8 o'clock this morning, thanks to a beautiful day, the crowds began coming to town and before 10 o'clock the streets were thronged with shoppers. One who had no business in the various stores soon eased out.
The weather has been favorable for trading the past two days. Yesterday not so many farmers came to town, for the ground was right for plowing, and farmers were busy with their work. They laid off today and pointed their friends in the city. Town folks were active yesterday and last night and again today.
This trade fair to be the best trade day in Hickory's history, one could judge by the morning and early afternoon crowds. Most people waited until today to lay in their fruits and candies and stores which had large stocks of these were kept unusually busy. The staples in all the stores went well.

IMPORTED MORE LUMBER THAN MARKET DEMANDED

Yokohama, Japan, Dec. 2.—Government encouragement has resulted in more lumber being imported into Japan during the present year than the market demanded. There is reported to be several millions of feet of American timber stored at the various ports for which, owing to the business depression, there is no sale. This timber, it is feared will suffer deterioration, due to damp climate and ants.

PEOPLE ARE READY FOR SONGS AND TREE

Caroling Sunday Night and Christmas Tree Monday Night in Union Square Under Auspices of Community Service—Where Groups of Carolers Will Assemble Tomorrow.

With the season's shopping scheduled to end before midnight, the Christmas season, already a busy one from a trade standpoint, will enter into another phase—Christmas music and sermons, distribution of food and clothing among the poor and a general remembrance of one's friends or the less fortunate. The weather, to judge from the samples yesterday and today, will be ideal.
Chief events outside of the churches tomorrow and Monday will be:
Distribution by the Rotary club Sunday afternoon of baskets to the poor of this city and vicinity.
Singing of carols beginning Sunday night at 8 o'clock by children under adult leaders in all parts of Hickory and adjoining towns.
Christmas tree on Union square Monday night.

The caroling and Christmas tree will be under the direction of Community service, of which Miss Marguerite Wilson is director. Mrs. S. H. Farabee is chairman of the caroling general group and a dozen competent women are group chairmen and leaders. Mrs. R. S. Brown, director of music in the Hickory schools, drilled the children in the carols.
Christmas Tree
The Community Service committee for Christmas has been busy for several weeks—refecting plans for an everybody's Christmas and Tree of Light to be held at 7 p. m. on Christmas day.
Promptly at 7 p. m. the Carolers at the Tree will start singing Hóy Night as Mr. W. J. Shuford presses the magic button which will light the star on the very top of the tree. A short address of welcome by Mr. W. A. Self will then follow. The Hickory Band will play a few selections and the full colored lights for the entire tree will be turned on and Everybody's Christmas Tree will be Hickory's and yours. The caroling groups will then sing "It came upon the midnight clear" and "O Come All Ye Faithful," after which all are invited to come up and view the tree a bit closer.
The Community service organization is a new one in Hickory but is demonstrating the value of united civic effort in such Community celebrations as this Christmas program.
The caroling will be a new "hit" for Hickory, but according to the interest displayed this year is should become an unusual event in which large groups participate. Parents are asked to accompany the children whenever possible in the caroling and thus add to the general interest.
The tree was secured and will be erected by the Cavalry troop under the direction of Captain Earl T. Edwards. The lighting was contributed by the Southern Public Utilities company.

Notice to Children
Children attention! Did you hanna your name to Mrs. Brown in school saying that you would like to sing Christmas carols on Sunday evening between 8 and 9 p. m.? We are looking for you then at one of the group meeting places. Every one is urged to assemble promptly in order that no one wishing to welcome the carolers shall be disappointed. Arrangements have been made for sixteen groups and at least 20 should sing in each of these groups.
All children should go to the group headquarters nearest their home.
A list of the places where the carolers will assemble follows:
Ward 1—Mrs. George Baily, chairman.
Group 1 under Miss Pearl Little and Mrs. Hazel Aiken, children will meet at the home of Miss Little and sing on Tenth avenue and in neighborhood of Mr. George Hall's.
Group 2 under Mrs. W. B. Menzies—Meet at home of Mrs. Menzies.

Monday's Program
All groups of carolers are asked to meet on Christmas day, Monday at Union square at 6:45 p. m. "The Tree of Light" which is everybody's tree will be lighted for the first time at 7 p. m. ar' the caroling groups are asked to sing at the tree. The program will be short lasting not over 45 minutes.
Be sure to have your lighted candle ready on Sunday evening at 8 sharp to welcome the caroling groups for the carolers will sing only before the homes showing the symbol of welcome.
Christmas committee—Mrs. S. H. Farabee, general chairman, Mrs. Robert Brown, schools and music, Mrs. George Baily, Mrs. Harold Shuford, Mrs. R. J. Revely, Miss Emma Bonner, Mrs. W. J. Shuford, music at the tree and band.

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR COMING WEEK
By the Associated Press.
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Hickory people may get their Christmas mail at the postoffice tomorrow from 8 to 4:30 p. m. Postmaster Miller announced today. On Christmas day the windows will be open from 10:30 to 12:30 and the city carriers will make the regular morning delivery Monday, omitting the afternoon visits. The rural carriers will make their rounds as usual on Monday, Christmas not being a holiday for them.

FUNERAL OF MRS. JOHNSON

The funeral of Mrs. M. C. Johnson, whose death occurred in Highland Thursday night, was held from Friendship Methodist church, near Rhodhiss, yesterday, Rev. H. C. Whitener conducting the service. She was 54 years old and is survived by her husband, three children, two sisters and five brothers. Mrs. Johnson, who was a member of the Methodist church, was a good Christian woman.