

Our good old neighbor, Wadesboro, is sure enough awake. They not only have formed a "Wide-Awake" club, but they are beginning to do things. Going to issue \$10,000 of bonds for town improvement, going over the Southbound, going to have another new road from Tennessee to Asheville to Southport, starting a campaign for improving the county schools, going to have a \$300,000 cotton mill, and many other things. Just like a ninety-year-old who has cut his third set of teeth, got his second sight, and is looking for his fourth wife—wanting a young one, too.

The Interesting Career of the Sustained "Boys."

The farmers in Vance are busily engaged in sowing small grain, and their chief complaint is that cotton won't open. The best fields of corn we have seen belong to Messrs. J. E. Brown and J. J. McLendon.

We very often hear of old time singings and old time fiddling, but an old time "possum hunt is now rarely heard of. Messrs. Jas Helms and Sam Boyd indulged in one a few nights ago. The result of their raid into Her Possum's territory was 12 full grown ones and two little fellows, and all with one dog.

There are nowhere two more interesting men than the Sostar brothers, J. E. and B. A., who live near the Union and Mecklenburg county line. No two men were ever more alike than these twins and none ever possessed finer characteristics. They were born in South Carolina, but as their father died when they were four years old, their mother being left penniless decided to move to this section, which she did when they were about nine years old. This was considered the poorest section of Mecklenburg and the boys began life as hired men to the farmers in the neighborhood. By hard work they were soon able to buy a few acres of poor land. They began to treat it with hard work and good judgment and have prospered so that they now own an immense body of land and have the model farms of the whole section. But their financial progress has been even less marked than their growth in character and usefulness and in all the characteristics that go to make noble manhood. While they were struggling in poverty and fighting the hard battles of their youth, their mother was giving them the training that made them grow into useful and noble manhood. There are nowhere more earnest christians. Their influence has placed a working and growing church in a neighborhood where whiskey and rowdiness once flourished. They place their church work always in front and have spent much money in furthering its work. Tenants and neighbors of every station look up to them as the highest type of christian gentlemen. They look exactly alike, they married twin sisters on the same day and the oldest child of each has the same name. Only the closest friends know them apart, and the note of each is as good as the other, and both are as good as the best. Their walk, speech and dress are so nearly alike that it is hard for the nearest neighbors to tell them apart. If you have business with one you never know if it is the right one till you ask, "Is this the one or the other?" The reply usually is, "The other." Starting in poverty, they have grown well-to-do, while each year giving as much to the church and charity as the total income of many men.

Big Meeting With Waxhaw Methodists. The protracted meeting at the Methodist church here closed Sunday night, having been in progress two weeks. There were about 75 conversions and 35 re-conversions to the church, 19 for the Waxhaw church and the rest for the Bonds Grove church. Rev. E. G. Kilgore was called home two or three days before the meeting closed on account of the illness of his wife. Word comes that she is now better. One of the pressing needs of Waxhaw just at this time is good dwelling houses for rent. Several such houses could be rented without any trouble and at good prices. It is stated as a fact by those who are in a position to know that there is not a vacant dwelling of any consequence in the town today. At a congregational meeting of King Street Baptist church last Sunday morning, Rev. W. F. Estridge was unanimously called to the pastorate of that church for another year, and he will in all probability accept the call. Master Hugh Williams, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Williams of Sanford, died on Friday of last week after an illness of several weeks with typhoid fever. Hugh was a very small boy when his parents moved from this place to Sanford, but he is remembered by many friends here who will be sorry to hear of his death. The remains were buried Saturday at Sanford. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Will Stephenson of the Mineral Springs neighborhood died Friday evening and was buried Saturday at Pleasant Grove church. Rev. C. M. Campbell conducted the funeral services. Miss Elizabeth Shelley of Weddington has returned to Waxhaw and has resumed her position as saleslady with Rodman & Brown. Mrs. J. L. Rodman and Mrs. C. M. Campbell are attending the State convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union at Salisbury this week.

It's a Top Notch Doer. The world crowns its doers. That's why the American people have crowned Dr. King's New Discovery the king of throat and lung remedies. Every atom is a health force. It kills germs and colds and la grippe vanishes. It heals cough-racked membranes and coughing stops. Sore, inflamed bronchial tubes and lungs are cured and hemorrhages cease. Dr. Geo. Moore, Black Jack, N. C., writes: "It cured me of lung trouble, pronounced hopeless by all doctors." 50c., \$1. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by English Drug Company.

SOCIAL.

Mrs. Frank Armfield, the clever Monroe social correspondent of the Charlotte Observer, gave the following column of recent events in the social life of the town in last Sunday's Observer: The closing days of summer have been filled with a large number of entertainments of various kinds. Many young people, who have occupied the center of the stage for several months, have made their exits, for the time being, having departed to enter various colleges in this and other States. The young matrons, who never allow themselves to suffer a total eclipse, are shining again in their usual splendor. The pleasure clubs which were organized to take the place of the book clubs through the summer, bid fair to thrive during the entire winter, as they have proved to be such a simple and enjoyable means of entertaining. The Merry Dames were made glad by the place of the book clubs through the summer, bid fair to thrive during the entire winter, as they have proved to be such a simple and enjoyable means of entertaining. The Merry Dames were made glad by the place of the book clubs through the summer, bid fair to thrive during the entire winter, as they have proved to be such a simple and enjoyable means of entertaining.

Mrs. Charles Leeman was a recent hostess of the Domino Club. Miss Birdie Leeman served fruit punch and the hostess was assisted in serving dainty refreshments by Mrs. Randolph Redfean. No prizes were given. Mrs. James A. Stewart entertained the Whist Club last week in the charming manner which is characteristic of her. Punch was served in the library by Mrs. Clegg Ashcraft. The interesting game of trail was played on the long cool porches, which were beautiful with many ferns and other potted plants and summer furniture. The score cards, which were hand-painted and in the shape of paucuses, were very artistic, showing the skill of the hostess with the brush. The purple color scheme appeared in the delicious punch and food course which were served.

Tuesday the many children and grandchildren of Mr. Emsley A. Armfield met at his home to celebrate with him his 70th birthday. The morning hours were taken up with the assembling of the guests, with kindly greetings and hearty good wishes for many happy returns. While the children, with their husbands and wives were talking and joking, the little tots, the grandchildren, were running in and out everywhere. At 12:30 the company gathered in the dining room where an elegant dinner of all sorts of good things was waiting. After a beautiful and touching prayer by the head of the house the guests partook of the delightful repast. After the inner man had been completely satisfied, the party strolled to the beautiful new home of Mr. Davis Armfield nearby to have some group pictures taken. Mr. and Mrs. Armfield were married in 1862 and during all these years there had been but one death in their family, that of an infant daughter a few years after their marriage. They have nine children and twenty-one grandchildren, four sons-in-law, four daughters-in-law and one grandson-in-law. Of these all were present except Miss Lura Heath, who is at Converse college, and William Lee, now attending Bingham school at Asheville.

Present as honored guests and enjoying all the pleasures of the day were Mrs. John L. Kings of Greensboro, who was the only child of the late Emsley Armfield of Guilford county, and Mrs. Ellen Fitzgerald, who married Frank Armfield of Monroe, a few months before he was killed in battle, which occurred two or three days before the surrender at Appomattox.

It is not granted to all to live to an old age to see the children's children. Complimentary to the graded school teachers, Mrs. A. M. Stack entertained last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Warren Stack served punch in the den which was beautifully decorated in gold and red. In the game of forty-two, Miss Nancy Watkins won all the games played, and was presented with a handsome box of stationery. The party closed with the serving of delicious refreshments.

The Thalia Book Club had the first meeting of the year with Mrs. N. C. English. The regular program was carried out and after that a number of questions was given, the answers of which were various kinds of cake. A cake of soap was given as prize. A delightful luncheon in several courses followed.

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148 Acres in Buford Township, on Walters' Mill Short Cut road; near good schools and churches; 75 acres in cultivation; 25 acres pasture wired in; 25 acres original forest; 23 acres old-field pine; good water and improvements. Will sell on easy terms for Fifteen dollars per acre.

31 Acres 2 1/2 miles north of Monroe, on Stewart's Fork creek, 20 acres in cultivation, balance in wood. One 3 room house and stable, near Secrest Short Cut road; in good community. On easy terms for \$800.00

50 Acres 6 miles north of Monroe, on Ridge road, 15 acres open, balance in good wood and saw timber. No buildings. Church and school close. On easy terms for \$800.00

1 Nice Lot cheap, close in, 180 x 142.....\$1,200.00

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101 1/2 Acres Buford township, on New Cut Road, right at Altan, 7 miles from city, good buildings, 45 acres cultivation, 25 acres pasture, 5 acres orchard, balance in good wood. Just need 1 cash, balance long time. Bargain at \$1500.

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2 Lots 65x180 each, joining the above property for \$350 each, or \$700

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