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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

## A Short Wingate Letter.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Wingate, Dec. 16.—We have just heard the fire alarm at Monroe. We hope there has been no disastrous conflagration; still we shall feel some anxiety until we learn more about it.

Miss Thelma Carroll, whose illness has been heretofore noted, her friends will be glad to note that she has recovered as to be able to accompany her mother to their home in Sampson county. Her many friends and classmates wish for her a speedy and early recovery and a return to her place in school.

Miss Allie Winfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Winfield of Wadesboro, is visiting Misses Lois and Sallie Griffin of Wingate.

Mr. Will Nash has recently returned from Hamlet, where he has been at work for some time. Mr. Nash thinks he will go to Baden soon and see what he can see over there on the "big job."

The friends of Mr. Zeb Chaney, whose illness was reported in the last issue of The Journal, will be pleased to learn that he is on the high road to early recovery.

Miss Thelma Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith of Faulk community, is prostrated with typhoid fever. The latest from Miss Smith's bedside is that she rested well last night (Wednesday night).

The babies of Mr. and Mrs. Cullie Pope and Mr. and Mrs. Frontis Williams are reported sick. What a pity the dear little things have to suffer as a result of our own ignorance! When will humanity ever throw aside its old garments of ignorance and superstition and recognize the fact that disease and sickness are the direct results of the violation of natural law—God's laws?

Mr. Andy Oudie has moved from the Jodie Stewart farm to Mr. H. F. Williams' old home on the Ansonville road, the old "Billy Irvin" place, and Mr. T. Duncan has moved to the Stewart residence.

It is a source of delightful pleasure to her many friends to know that the condition of Mrs. E. V. Griffin is still improving, if only slowly. We all want to see "Cousin Mag" enjoying her wonted health and good cheer.

The basket ball team of the Wingate School went to Marshville Tuesday and played with the Marshville school team. Result, 11 to 16 in favor of the latter's team.

Wingate is looking for quite a number of college boys and girls home to spend the holidays. What a joy these home-comings are! We will write more definitely about it in due time. O. P. TIMIST.

## THE INDIAN TRAIL NEWS

Correspondence of The Journal.

Indian Trail, Dec. 15.—Well, I believe the first thing a fellow speaks of when he meets his friend is the weather. Correspondents and readers, I do not come before you personally but I do come before you indirectly, so I will speak a word about the weather too, because it has been an agency in making news brief this week. People don't travel much when it is sleeting and snowing you know.

Mr. Mack Christenbury of Derita, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Broom last week.

Miss Kate Tombrilin, who has been sick, is improving at this writing.

Prof. R. N. Nesbit dined with Mr. Billy Lemmond Thursday of last week at noon. In the afternoon he visited the school and aided some of the teacher's in the primary grades in their work. To the advanced grades he made an interesting talk on the needs of the physical life together with the needs of the mental and spiritual make-up, in which thoughts and principles were involved that which would not only be useful for a while but if rightly lived up to would be helpful when the hand of death is touching the heart.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Secrest of Unionville, were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lemmond Thursday.

On last Sunday, Mr. C. M. Current of Charlotte visited his little son and daughter who live with their grandmother south of this place.

Mr. A. J. Benton, one of the enterprising merchants of this town, has abandoned his old store building and has occupied the building formerly the property of Mr. J. I. Orr.

Mr. Scapegoat, I conclude through reading your good natured articles that you have learned to "butt" with such a marked degree of efficiency that the arguments between you and The Student have been interesting. "Keep it up Scapegoat, keep it up." The Student is still one of the family and if the omnipotent power gives the prebend of this feeble mind power to grasp a thought worth while he shall not act miserly with it when it comes to argument.

But remember, the imaginative powers of Sir John are limited to a certain extent along some lines of argument, nevertheless, he will join you on the affirmative or negative according to the subject to be discussed.

The Student leaves for his new home tomorrow. He has never been very far from Indian Trail for any great length of time, so he has learned to like the climate and love the girls so well that it will be like cutting his right ear off to leave, almost.

The Student has done for his town what no other correspondent could have done, that I know of, in such a short time. We surely will miss him.

The painting of the new Presbyterian church is now in progress.

Miss Bliss Conder pent the former part of the week with her aunt in the Hemby school district near here.

SIR JOHN.

## STRANGER SUFFOCATED IN FIRE HERE WEDNESDAY

Express Office Building Partially Destroyed, with Narrow Escape of Other Roomers—Dead Man Would Have Been Saved by Simply Remaining in His Own Room—Many Musical Instruments Ruined.

Mr. M. M. Coltharp, a traveling newspaper solicitor, lost his life by suffocation in a fire in the express office building near the Monroe depot Thursday morning. The simplicity of the tragedy was equal to an unloading gun accident. Before the thing happened no one would have believed that a man could have lost his life under such circumstances.

Mr. Coltharp was sleeping in a front room with two large windows opening on Main street, on the second floor. A man might jump from one of the windows and be wholly unharmed. When the fire broke out he took time to dress fairly well and then left his room with the intention of making his way down the hall to the stairway, and somehow became lost and overcome in the dense smoke. His body was found near the top of the stair, and lying in such position it was thought that he saw the light through the open door of the bathroom and window and attempted to get through that way. But this is only a surmise. Had he remained in his own bed with the room door shut he would have not been harmed.

The fact that he left the room and the windows can be explained only on the ground of the panic which seizes most persons when an alarm of fire is given in the night when they are asleep.

Mr. E. Porter and family lived on the second floor of the two story building, the downstairs of which is occupied by the Southern Express Company and Holloway Brothers as a music instrument store room. The Porter family took lodgers and on Wednesday night there were two men beside the family in the building. Mrs. Porter was aroused by the fire about five o'clock, which was burning furiously in the rear of the house. Her rooms are on the corner next to the depot, over the express office. On opening her door she at once saw that the way to the stair was cut off by smoke and heat, and after calling the roomers, who were in rooms adjoining, she rushed to the front window with her small children, covered with blankets, and was taken out by a ladder which Mr. Lonnie Eubanks, night clerk at the express office, and others, had put up to the window on hearing the cries. After Mr. and Mrs. Porter and their two children had been taken out through one window, the ladder was put to the window of the room which Mr. Coltharp occupied. The glass was smashed and the bed examined, and it was found that he had left the room. After the firemen got

the fire subdued enough to get into the building, the body of the unfortunate man was found as described above. He had dressed himself, and even partially laced up his shoes. He was not burned at all, but must have been dead some time when taken out.

The fire had started in the cook room, burned a hole through the floor, dropped to the room below occupied by Holloway Brothers, and burned furiously. The store room was so full of smoke and heat that none of the contents could be taken out. Seven pianos and eight organs were ruined, beside other goods of a lesser nature.

Messrs. Holloway estimate their loss at two thousand dollars, with no insurance whatever. The building is much damaged except the walls. Mr. H. A. Shute, the owner, has two thousand insurance on it. This with the loss of bedding and furniture by the Porter family was the sum of the material loss. The Porters saved nothing, escaping only in their night clothes.

Mr. Coltharp, who lost his life, was a man of about 34 years of age. He had been here several days taking subscriptions for The Atlanta Journal. Men who had known him say that he was a man of good character. His brother lives in Charlotte and came down and carried the remains to Rock Hill, the old home, for burial. He was not married.

## What Is Going On Down in Buford

Correspondence of The Journal.

The season for birthday and family reunion dinners is over until next summer, which I very much regret. I have been to five this year, the last two being: one at Mrs. Emaline Melton's on November 10. She was 81 years old that day and there was a large gathering of her relatives and friends, all bringing well-filled baskets of choice provisions. The day passed very pleasant. May Mrs. Melton live long and celebrate many more birthdays. The last one was given by Mrs. Catherine Presson on Thanksgiving. She was seventy-three years old that day, and is the mother of nine children, who are living and also one dead; thirty-five grand-children living, 11 dead; and three great-grand-children. The people were very kind for they brought out great quantities of the best of things to eat and we enjoyed the dinner very much. The day, too, passed off pleasant, vocal and instrumental music being an added feature. May Mrs. Presson also live to enjoy many more happy years to come.

I had the pleasure of uniting in marriage October 10, Mr. Ben Laney and Miss Manilla Montgomery, also on November 28, Mr. Jessie Threatt and Miss Manilla Montgomery. May their pathway be strewn with roses and live long and happy.

Mr. Will Dees and family of Lancaster S. C., motored up in this vicinity a short while ago to visit relatives.

Miss Connie Laney spent the last week in Monroe visiting relatives.

Mr. Carl Broom and Miss Bessie Reid Houston are teaching our school at Trinity. They are getting along fine.

There will be a Christmas tree at Trinity Christmas day, afternoon.

The most touching meeting that I have seen for a long time was on Monday, the 6th, at Monroe when the old soldiers met in the court house to deliberate on giving up their old flag to be carried to Raleigh to be preserved with many other historic relics of the Civil War. There were not a few that had dry eyes and joined in the sympathetic feeling the old soldiers had for the flag. Two of my brothers lost their lives under this old flag. J. C. L.

## News Items from Stouts Vicinity

Correspondence of The Journal.

Stouts, Dec. 16.—We've had quite a spell of winter weather since my last writing. We boys all enjoyed it very much as the skating on our sidewalk was fine. Mr. Charley Springs was a recipient of a very unhelpful "bus" with terra firma on making his first "skoot," but we are glad to say he was only stunned.

Mr. F. H. Hayes and family have moved into their new residence east of here.

Little Louise, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hargett, is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Joe Haywood and Mr. and Mrs. John Helms, arrived from City Point Sunday, where they have been for the past while. Mr. Haywood has been away for about six months and we were beginning to miss his good-natured jokes.

Mr. Bert Yandle of Monroe, spent Sunday with his cousin, Mr. Clayton Yandle of this place.

"I go to school to make a scholar. I wouldn't miss it for a dollar. Our school's the school, rah, rah!"

I am going to school now and having a good time. Look out, I'm gonna write another "pome" some o' these days.

Padersky spent Saturday night with his nex' do' friend, Mr. Murphy Conder, and had a con(der)found good time.

Mr. Milton Helms of Concord is visiting his uncle, Mr. Walter Helms.

Mr. Oscar Sutton spent Saturday night with his cousin, Mr. Walter Hargett, the well-known greener boy.

Mr. "Jocks" Conder "drapped in" at the Charley Springs home Saturday night.

Messrs. J. T. Hargett and T. L. Conder have purchased the land east—and around here known as the Philter estates.

Mr. Frank Ballentine left for Hamlet and Florence last week, where he will secure a position as railroad fireman. He has succeeded in passing the examination of the National Railway association with an unusually high average and we feel sure that he will make good.

Mr. Wilton Springs spent Thursday with his brother, Mr. Charley Springs, of this place. Mr. Springs has just been released from the army. He left Panama on the 1st of December and arrived in Charlotte on the 9th. Traveling some, eh?

Come up and go hunting with me some day, Mr. G. M., and we'll see that you don't get pinched.

PADERSKY.  
P. S.—We killed our hog today—Pad.

## Baby Burned to Death

Pageant Journal.

George the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gardner of Lanes Creek township, was burned to death on Tuesday night of last week. The little fellow's clothing caught from the fireplace and he was so badly burned before his clothing could be taken off that he died about eight hours later. The body was buried at Philadelphia Wednesday.

## LIVEN UP YOUR TORPID LIVER

To keep your liver active use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They insure good digestion, relieve constipation, and tone up the whole system—keep your eye clear and your skin fresh and healthy looking. Only 25c. at your Druggists.

## St. Luke's Lutheran Church

W. J. Boger, pastor. Sunday, Dec. 19, 11 a. m., sermon "John's Testimony concerning Himself and His Mission," John 1:19-28; 7:30 p. m., sermon "The Old Testament Law Concerning the False Witness," Deut. 19:15-21; Sunday school, 3:30 p. m., J. K. Counts, superintendent.

A Christmas service, "Hail to the New Born King," will be given Saturday, Dec. 25 6 p. m. and a Christmas tree. Everybody welcome.

## Special Notices.

Just Received—Another shipment of solid gold Christmas jewelry. Come and make your selections now.—J. E. Preslar.

Decorate for the Holidays. Large box of beautiful galax, ferns, sprays, etc. assorted. Five beautiful flowering bulbs, lilies, violets, all for 50 cents to introduce our line. Collection of flowering shrubs, bulbs, perennials and ferns. Beautify your yard for \$1. Satisfaction guaranteed. Appalachian Nursery, Spear, N. C.

Car load of good hard brick, No. 1, first class. See me before you buy.—S. R. Doster.

Wanted—To rent a one horse farm on halves. Good worker and can furnish recommendations.—John Lutz, Mineral Springs, R. F. D. No. 1.

We serve meals that are cooked right, served right and priced right.—De Luxe Cafe, W. G. Nash, Prop.

Attention Woodmen!—Get a W. O. W. memorial chart for a Christmas present. Every Woodman should have one. I will send one to any sovereign postpaid for 75 cents. Regular price \$1.—B. H. Robinson, agent, Indian Trail, R. F. D. 1.

Oysters—Our N. C. oysters are better to eat than any Virginia oysters, and we can furnish them to you at least price. Send us your order—any quantity. Geo. N. Ives & Son, New Bern, N. C.

When in Doubt—Make it Jewelry. The gift of gifts.—J. E. Preslar.

Wanted—To buy all kinds of produce. Turkeys, chickens, eggs, geese, especially wanted. See me before you buy.—S. R. Doster.

For Sale—Pedigreed Duroc-Jerseys, 12 shoats, 6 months old, \$29 each; 14 pigs, ten weeks old, \$10 each.—J. E. Craig, Lancaster, S. C.  
For Sale—Nice mulberry posts, all heart timber, straight and uniform in length, seven feet long, 10 cents each f. o. b. Hagood.—Joe Kvaternik, Hagood, S. C.

Lost—A horse colt. Strayed from Monroe last Friday towards the south. Bay colt, weighs 814 pounds and is 18 months old. Return for reward to me.—H. A. Starnes, Monroe.

For Sale—Finest truck dairy and poultry farm in State, half mile from Sanford, 44 acres. Three dwellings; every convenience; only \$3,500. Less than value improvements.—J. F. Gonella, owner, Sanford, N. C.

If you would give presents that will last—give jewelry. Don't fail to see Preslar's new line.

For Sale—Good Southwestern Oklahoma improved, corn, cotton and alfalfa farms, easy terms, bumper crops, some exchanges.—Box 338, Mangum, Oklahoma.

Seed Corn for Sale—We are liquidating our business, therefore offer our seed corn at a very low price, \$1.50 per bushel. We have a hard corn which makes 40 bushels to the acre without fertilizer during a dry season; no telling what the yield would be with good seasons and fertilizers.—Owl Commercial, Quincy, Florida.

One by one the people are learning to go to the most popular cafe in town, where eats are served right and priced right.—De Luze Cafe.

Wanted—Man and wife to keep house.—J. I. Helms, Monroe, Route 4.

Two farm bargains, one of 200 acres, the other 340 acres. Fully equipped with splendid team, machinery and implements. One within two miles of National Highway, the other divided by macadam road on the National Highway. Extreme southern portion of Va. about 100 miles west of Norfolk, Va.—W. H. Russell, Clarksville, Va.

For Sale—Beautiful solid Red and Splashed Belgian Carneau pigeons, mated and banded; some new on their first eggs. Prices reasonable.—West Pigeon Loft, Leesville, S. C.

Buy your Christmas apples, oranges and nuts from me. I have fine ones to sell you right.—S. R. Doster.

For Rent—Six - room dwelling, Windsor street, water and lights. Near Presbyterian church.—J. E. Stack.

Lost—Near Polkton, one spotted pointer dog with collar. Notify Ike Martin, Polkton or W. J. Rudge, Monroe.

Found—A pair of shoes. Owner can get them by describing and paying for ad.—K. B. Laney, Monroe, R. F. D. 8.

## WITH HEART AND VOICE, AMERICANS JOIN IN CONGRATULATING PRESIDENT WILSON AND MRS. GALT.



THE BRIDE AND GROOM OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

## The Latest War News

The Austro-Hungarian reply to the American note on the sinking of the Ancona is in the hands of the American Ambassador at Vienna but the text has not been received by the State department at Washington. The contents of the note, however, apparently have been made public in Berlin and other German cities, the comments of the German newspapers indicating that the Austrian Government will not comply with all the demands of the United States but that proposals are embodied in the reply for an exchange of views and that the United States government is asked to furnish proofs of its charges against the commander of the submarine which destroyed the Ancona, with the loss of American lives.

Washington dispatches indicate that the United States will insist on compliance with its original demand, despatching a second note to Vienna, if the Austrian reply proves to be unsatisfactory and then if necessary, breaking off diplomatic relations with the Austrian government.

By agreement between Bulgaria and Greece, a neutral zone extending two kilometers on each side of the Greek frontier has been arranged. The zone was established at the instance of Bulgaria which an official communication from Sofia says desires to avoid any possibility of accidents between Bulgarian advance posts and Greece frontier guards.

Although the Bulgarians have halted to the north of the Greek boundary and have made no attempt to follow the British and French forces falling back on Saloniki, there is a possibility that the operations against the Entente Allies may not long be deferred. Unofficial advices say that 60,000 Germans are now at Giezell, near the Greek border and that others are approaching.

France and Great Britain, however, continue to land additional forces of men and arms and ammunition at Saloniki and a Saloniki dispatch quotes a high officer there as saying that the Entente Allies will not quit Saloniki until peace is signed.

Meanwhile the Austro-Hungarians and Bulgarians continue to push further into Montenegro and along the Albanian frontier.

From the French front come only reports of artillery and mining operations. On the Russian front scarcely any fighting is taking place. Bombardments, interspersed here and there with infantry attacks are in progress along the Austro-Italian line, with no appreciable changes in the position of either side.

The heavy artillery of the Allied troops on the Gallipoli Peninsula is bombarding across the Dardanelles the Turkish batteries. The Turks at Kut-e-Amara, in Mesopotamia, have

not resumed their attacks against the British since their recent defeat, in which the British General Townshend estimated they lost fully 1,000.

The American note to France concerning the removal from steamers of the Porto Rico line of Austrian and German subjects has been delivered to the French Foreign office.

## Progress at the Wesley Chapel School

Correspondence of The Journal.

Monroe, R. F. D. 5, Dec. 15.—The new dormitory at Wesley Chapel school is nearing completion. It is conveniently arranged for students' study and also to take their meals. It is located near the principal's home so that he may have the oversight and care of its inmates. Some of the teacher's also will board and sleep in the dormitory with the students.

Board is to be given at actual cost. It is thought that if the inmates should do their own work by taking turns at the different duties under the supervision of some competent person that board will not cost over \$7 per month. This will be done under domestic science arrangements. Since the building belongs to the county, nothing is to be made on the board. It is built to accommodate any worthy, ambitious young person who desires to obtain a high school education. We want to help the young men and young ladies in Union county to become well equipped for future usefulness. We desire to give a thorough training in intellectual, moral and physical development so that they may be strong for the duties of life and to be able to accomplish these duties with wise efficiency.

There will be an entertainment at Wesley Chapel high school on Thursday, Dec. 23, at 7:30 p. m., consisting of songs, drills, monologues, recitations, and a play, "The Spelling Skew" given by the pupils. A nominal admission of 10 and 15 cents will be charged. Proceeds go to the school.

The pupils of the high school are very enthusiastic over their basketball. They have an excellent ground and play the game now every day. The grammar grade pupils have bought them a volley-ball outfit and have arranged an ample court for that and play it with a great deal of enthusiasm also.

The pupils are taking more interest in their studies, also. There seems to be new life infused into the school every day.

Our school is now the largest that it has ever been.

There are two live and effective literary societies now which have programs rendered every Friday evening.

Prof. Mendenhall reports the

Teachers' meeting at Raleigh best in many ways that he ever attended and he came back with fresh inspiration for the work. He has not missed any of the gatherings for a number of years. He also attended the meeting of the high school principals two days before the assembly met. The professor believes in availing himself of all the opportunities possible for improving his equipment for teaching. PROGRESS.

## Mr. Prospect News

Correspondence of The Journal.

Mr. Prospect, Jan. 17.—The literary society will give a public debate Tuesday night, December 21. Query: "Resolved, That the United States Navy Should be Increased." The affirmative will be represented by Messrs. Robert Yarborough and Carl Belk. The negative by Messrs. Clyde Lathan and Bryan Nesbit. Some of the young ladies are expected to recite. There will be other entertainment. The public is cordially invited.

The first meeting of the Betterment Club was held Friday afternoon. Quite a number were present and much interest was manifested. We hope to have one of the best clubs in the county in a short while. We already have a membership of twenty-three and there is still a number of parents who have not joined. However, we hope to have them with us at the next meeting.

Mrs. H. L. Yarborough has returned home from Charlotte. Her many friends will be glad to know that her hand is almost well.

Mr. I. A. Helms has been very sick for sometime but is slowly improving.

Mr. S. A. Lathan is attending court at Charlotte this week.

Miss Leslie Plyler, who is teaching near Indian Trail, spent last Sunday with her people here.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Plyler is very sick with pneumonia.

The people here are very much in love with our new pastor, and wife, Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Osborne. Rev. Mr. Osborne preached a splendid sermon here the first Sunday.

"Tommy," the pretty little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Nesbit, is very sick.

Prof. C. G. Hodges and son, Mr. F. Hodges, will leave Wednesday for their home at Lenoir, N. C., to spend the holidays.

Mr. Wade Postelle is spending a while with friends here before going to his new home at Lenoir. SPRIGS.

Give your friend one of The Journal's \$4.00 dictionaries for a Christmas present. While they last, they will go for only 98 cents.