



THE SUN HAS THE LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY WEEKLY IN THE TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

GILKEY GLEANINGS.

Box Supper For Benefit Of Gilboa Church—Quarterly Conference.

(Special to The Sun.)
Gilkey, March 16.—There will be a box supper at Gilkey school house for the benefit of Gilboa church, Saturday night, March 20th. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Simpson, Miss Myrtle Simpson and Mr. Russell Simpson of Rutherfordton, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hines Sunday.

Messrs. W. A. Warlick and W. O. Geer were among the Gilkey visitors in Rutherfordton Monday.

Mrs. H. M. Allen and children, of Rutherfordton Route 3, visited relatives in Gilkey last week.

Misses Logan and Hill spent the week end at their respective homes.

Mr. C. F. Cline was in Rutherfordton today attending the stockholders meeting of The Citizens' Bank.

We are glad to see quite a number of our people out again after a siege of grippe and colds.

Mr. Crawford Edwards has accepted a position the Cliffside Mills.

Mr. Gilbert Dixon, of Charlotte, is spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Dixon.

Mrs. A. F. Geer, of Darlington, spent Wednesday in town.

The second quarterly conference will convene with Gilboa church Friday, the 19th. Two services, dinner on the grounds.

Mrs. C. Buchanan spent Thursday in Union Mills attending the revival.

Miss Eva Mashburn, of Union Mills, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. P. Bennett.

Mr. Clyde Edwards, a student of Round Hill School, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Edwards.

BIRTHDAY DINNER SUNDAY

Much Interest In Bible Class—Other Rural News Notes.

(Special to The Sun.)

Chimney Rock Road, March 15.—We are having some beautiful weather now to the delight of the farmers.

The Bible class at Piedmont, which meets every Thursday night, is progressing nicely, conducted by Rev. W. F. Sinclair. Much interest is being taken in this study. We hope to see some good results from these meetings. Let the good work go on.

Rev. G. G. O'Neil will preach at the Mountain Creek school house next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the benefit of the old and feeble ones in the community that can not go out to church. We hope to see a good congregation out to hear him.

Mrs. J. A. Hodge and daughter, Miss Ida, are both right sick. Also, Mrs. Noah Hodge is right sick. We hope to see them out again soon.

Mr. Jim Hyder and little daughter, of Green Hill, visited his sister, Mrs. B. W. Hyder, last Friday.

Miss Vinnie Walker visited Miss Ida Hodge last Sunday night.

Mrs. B. W. Hyder is visiting her sister this week at Green Hill.

Mrs. Bob Elix Allen is right sick at this writing. We hope she will soon be out again.

Mr. John Owens gave a birthday dinner last Sunday, it being his father's birthday and, also, two of his daughters'. All report a good time and wish Mr. Owens and grand-children many more birthdays.

UNION MIL'S MATTERS.

Westminster Defeats Round Hill In The Third Baseball Game.

(Special to The Sun.)

Union Mills, March 16.—Mr. F. P. Freeman, the clever and genial assistant cashier of the Peoples' Bank, went to Mooresboro last week to act as cashier of the Bank of Mooresboro during the absence of its cashier, Mr. McCardwell, who is taking a two weeks' vacation at his native home in Kentucky.

In the third game of baseball between Round Hill Academy and Westminster School, which was played on the Westminster ground last Saturday afternoon, the latter won by the score of 15 to 4. Arrangements for two more games between these two schools have been made, one to be played on the local ground next Monday afternoon and the other in Rutherfordton a little later. Round Hill has a game scheduled with Bolling Springs High School to be played here Monday afternoon, March 29th, also.

Mr. J. D. Layne, a teacher in the graded schools of High Point, is in Union Mills, visiting his daughter, Miss Judith Layne, a Round Hill student, who is ill with grippe.

THE WAR'S LOSSES.

Interesting Facts About The Great European Struggle.

Early in the war Lord Kitchener had said that the struggle might last three years, says the Review of Reviews. What seemed a mere rough estimate becomes far more significant examined by the few statistics yet available, which show the wastage of war.

Thus it seems fair to estimate that Germany has now in the field 3,000,000 men, France 2,000,000, Austria 1,000,000, Russia 3,000,000. England at no distant date will have 1,000,000 on the continent. Serbia and Belgium may be reckoned to have 250,000.

Now, as far as Russia is concerned her supply of men is for the ordinary calculation inexhaustible. That she can keep her European force at 31,000,000 for three years despite battle losses, is hardly debatable. As to England, her ability to maintain an army of 1,000,000 on the continent indefinitely and despite losses is equally to be accepted. It is different with France. Her available military population may be reckoned at 4,000,000. Of this she has already lost 1,000,000 by death, capture, disease or wounds.

Half of this number may be reckoned as permanently lost. At this rate, France will be reduced at the opening of the third year of war to 2,000,000. With her allies she will then have 6,000,000 men. But her losses in this year cannot be made good, save by the new class coming to the colors in 1917 and levies from her colonies.

The Germans may be reckoned to have had 6,000,000 men available for service in July, 1914; 600,000 more will be supplied by the combined classes of 1916 and 1917. German losses in the first six months may be estimated at 1,800,000. At this rate 1,800,000 will be removed permanently from the German lines in each of the first years of war. Thus at the opening of the third year, Germany will still have 3,000,000 men to draw on. But her losses thereafter will be definite, because she will have exhausted her reserve.

As to Austria she has lost more than 1,000,000 already in her many disasters. She may still have 1,000,000 in the field but a year hence, two years hence, she can hope for no more, and her resources, too, will be completely exhausted.

Thus as the third year of the war opens not more than 4,000,000 Austro-Germans, the last line, will confront 6,000,000 Russians, British and French, helped by some hundreds of thousands of Slaves and Belgians, behind whom will stand Russian and British reserve of at least 4,000,000. This means, with every discount for the roughness of the estimate, that some time in the third year, while Russia and Britain are still able to keep their armies at their present point Austro-German forces will begin to decline rapidly, and a tremendous advantage of numbers will belong to the enemies of Germany. Such is the statement of what may be called the mathematics of murder.

FOR PERFECT REGISTRATION.
North Carolina Soon To Be Recognized A Registration State.
North Carolina will soon take her rightful place among the States of the Union as a registration State. This is all due to a law just passed perfecting our registration of births and deaths. Hereafter, upon the death of any person in the State, the undertaker or person acting as such will be obliged to file a death certificate with the local registrar in exchange for a burial permit within seventy-two hours after death or before the burial of the body. Heretofore, in the country, ten days were allowed for filing such death certificates after the burial of the body. As a result a large portion of deaths in the country were forgotten, overlooked and unrecorded, and our vital statistics, particularly for rural districts, are of very little value and in many cases worthless and even misleading.

These conditions were so self-evident that the Federal authorities refused, and rightly, to recognize North Carolina as a registration State or to give our statistics a place beside the statistics of other States with proper laws. It is not known if North Carolina will be recognized as a registration State for 1915 or not, as almost one-fourth of the year will have passed before the law can be put into action, but there is no doubt that the figures for 1916 will be accepted by Federal authorities. After that North Carolina will be favored with emigrants seeking healthful climes who now have no means whatever of knowing whether North Carolina is a healthful State or not.

SHIP BILL DEFEAT ENORMOUS CRIME

Senator Simmons Declares Killing Of It Will Cost The United States Millions—Republicans Prevented Passage.

(Special to New York American.)

Washington, March 6.—In the judgment of Senators who fought for the ship purchase bill, the remarkable condition of the ports of this country, with no sailings for the next week or ten days, emphasizes the criminal character of the filibuster on the part of the Republicans that prevented the passage of that law.

"The exact situation that I have feared has come to pass," said Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, chairman of the Committee on Finance, who was the President's lieutenant in the ship bill fight. "This complete paralysis of ocean traffic as outlined by the New York American today brings vividly before the American people their helplessness when the interests of the ship owners are considered rather than the interests of the whole people.

"The business interests of the country will soon learn that the defeat of the administration's bill was little short of a crime, and when business suffers the people as individuals suffer along with it. The spectacle of American goods being stored in all our seaboard cities and no ships with which to send them is a sorry one to contemplate.

"The action of the British government in withdrawing the ships of that nation from the fields of commerce to the purpose of war emphasizes the absolute dependence of the United States on foreign transportation for the delivery of our products.

"A business man who would depend upon his competitor to haul his goods would soon go into bankruptcy, yet that is exactly the situation in which this country finds itself today. The administration offered a way by which we could escape from that dependence upon our national rivals, but the Republicans prevented its adoption.

"I have always believed that the real emergency would come after his war is ended. I believe the bill that was defeated would have been of incalculable value to our people for several years to come, for the situation that will confront us during the next ten days will be increased a hundred folds after peace is declared.

"Then we will find the merchant marine of the nations now at war carrying on the trade of their respective countries and giving only incidental attention to the commerce of the United States.

"We are seeking to build up a trade with South American countries. As an excellent beginning in that direction we changed our banking laws to permit the establishment of branch banks in those countries. But this will not avail if we must continue to depend upon foreign shipping to transport our goods.

"England, France and Germany, after peace is declared, will make unusual efforts to regain the business they have lost in those countries during the war. We can expect no consideration from them in their fight to oust us from the trade we have taken from them. And yet, to continue that trade, we will be at the mercy of the ships of our competitors.

"The New York American made a great fight to aid in the passage of this bill, but success was impossible in the face of the organized filibuster.

"I believed the failure of the ship purchase bill will cost us untold millions. A crime was committed when the ship bill was defeated, and the enormity of that crime will become more apparent when peace is restored and our rivals re-enter their old fields."

Mail And Express Car Burns.

The mail and express car No. 16 on the Seaboard was burned Friday evening. The car caught fire between Alexis and Stanley Creek, and after being sidetracked at Stanley the car was burned up completely, together with all the mail of every description. The express packages were removed and saved. A lamp in the mail car was overturned, the oil causing a quick fire. The negro mail clerk did not immediately give the alarm, but attempted to extinguish the blaze himself, and did not notify any one of his troubles until the train reached Stanley, when the crew and passengers discovered the fire. The burned car was then detached and set on the siding at that place.—Lincoln County News.

BUTLER-PAINTER.

Death Of Mrs. Sarah Thomas—Forest City Rural News.

(Special to The Sun.)

Forest City R-1, March 16.—Owing to so much rain during the past winter, the farmers are badly behind with their plowing. However, we have had a few nice days the past week and we made good use of it.

We are sorry to note the sickness of Mrs. George Doggett. We hope she may soon be well again.

Mrs. Sarah Thomas died Friday and was buried Saturday at Bethany, Rev. J. M. Goode conducting the funeral services. She is survived by two sons and a daughter, Mr. John K. Thomas, of Forest City; Mr. Neal Thomas, of Spartanburg, S. C., and Mrs. June Hopper, of Rutherfordton Route 1, together with several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We extend to the bereaved family and friends our sympathy.

Miss Mattie Butler and Mr. Cecelia Painter were happily married Sunday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Butler. Immediately after the ceremony they left in automobiles for the groom's home near Chessenee. We extend congratulations to the happy couple and wish for them a long and happy life.

STRUCK BY BUCKET.

Marvin Whitaker Hurt While At Fire In Henrietta.

Henrietta, March 12.—A house belonging to the Henrietta Mills Company and occupied by the families of Messrs. Robert Boheler and Thomas Grant was destroyed by fire at 8 o'clock last night. When discovered the fire had gained such headway that nothing could be done. It being too far from the mill for the hose to be available, bucket brigades were quickly formed, however, which by heroic work saved the nearby houses. A stiff breeze was blowing and a bucket was dropped from the top of a house, striking Marvin Whitaker in the forehead, inflicting a severe and painful injury.

A rather strange coincidence of the fire last night is the fact that eight years ago a house on the same spot was destroyed by fire in which four children lost their lives and the other occupants of the house escaped by jumping from the second-story windows.

The school at Providence taught by Miss May Young of Union Mills closed this week. The children celebrated the closing of the schools by a ball game with Henrietta and a picnic at Flat Rock which is a favorite picnic ground nearby.