

OUR LETTER BOX

RUFUS

We will be surprised to see even one peach or apple on our trees this summer.

Corn that was planted about the seventh to tenth seems to be coming up to a very good stand, though it has had one heavy rain and two cold snaps.

Messrs. J. P. Coffey, D. R. Moore and J. A. Bradshaw are hauling sweet potatoes to Blowing Rock and other points in Watauga county. We are always glad to see them moving to these markets, as it gives others a better chance in the Lenoir market.

You farmers who are being troubled every year with crows pulling up your corn, throw an ear of corn in the field where you think they will be most apt to find it, and when they get used to coming to this place take a hen egg, break a small hole in one end, pour out part of the contents put a little strychnine in the egg, and a bit of sugar on the strychnine; fix as many eggs as the number of crows that frequent the place; place the eggs ten or fifteen feet apart so each crow will have a chance; don't put in too much poison, just a bit on the point of a toothpick will be sufficient. A crow will risk more to get an egg than anything you can bait with. I killed two of these black-winged creatures last week and would not have them back alive for a \$5 bill.

Most of us perhaps thought a month ago that we would be done feeding our cows by this time, and depending on pasture, but can seldom depend on pasture before the first of May.

Quite a number of us Mulberry people are hoping for next Sunday to be a pretty day so we can attend the singing convention at Lower Creek. We hope to see a goodly number there from King's Creek whom we have not seen for several years.

Quoting from Charity and Children: "The man who expects to buy an automobile will be wise to wait until about August. Those who have houses to build will also find it to their advantage to defer it a little. We are on the verge of a general tumble. This summer and fall will find living conditions much easier. A drummer selling newspaper predicted in this office the other day that paper will sell for four cents a pound a few months hence."

It makes no difference what time of the moon you plant your corn if you plant early. The early planting usually gets the best stand, as the stalk gets too hard to be penetrated by the corn worm by the time it hatches out, which is generally from the 15th to the last of May, depending on temperature.

There seems to be some sickness in our neighborhood, caused probably by such sudden changes in the temperature.

COLLETTSVILLE

Rev. E. D. Crisp filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. R. H. Hudspeth and H. C. Thompson and family motored to Morganton and Hickory Sunday.

Messrs. C. M. Rader, C. T. Leonard and Fred Greene made a trip to Morganton Sunday.

Misses Mary Bryson, Faye Estes, Thula Hawley and Messrs. Archie Estes and Yoder motored to Blowing Rock Sunday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Gragg, a boy; and to Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Leonard, a boy.

Mr. J. N. Moore and Fred Greene made a trip to Linville last week on business.

Mrs. John Franklin and Mrs. Jonah Hayes spent the week end visiting friends at Hudson.

Mrs. Moses Spencer of Lenoir is visiting her son, Mr. W. P. Spencer.

Dr. W. M. White of Lenoir was called here Sunday to see Mrs. John Spencer, who is very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. John Courtney of Lenoir spent Sunday with Mrs. Courtney's mother, Mrs. Anna Estes.

Mr. T. C. Wakefield and daughter, Mrs. G. H. Beard, of Lenoir, visited friends here Sunday.

Miss Bula Sudderth is real sick at this writing.

Mr. Herbert Estes has been real sick but is slowly improving.

Miss Ellen Hood returned Sunday from Hickory, where she had been visiting her mother, Mrs. J. T. C. Hood.

WHITNEL

Mrs. Fred Arney has been right sick for a few days.

Several children in this section have whooping cough.

Miss Lois Stallings won the medal for making the most progress in the last term of our graded school. We consider it an honor to be so studious as to win the medal in such a large school as we had.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Smith, a daughter, Steele Lida. A daughter also arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Holden recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Braswell gave the young folks a social last Saturday night, which was very much enjoyed by those present.

Mr. John Crump and family of Hudson visited Mr. and Mrs. Herring Crisp.

Well, we believe there is just a little fruit left after the freeze, but the main crop of apples and peaches is all killed. Guess folks will have to depend on blackberries for pies. Quite a lot of tender garden truck was also destroyed.

Most of the corn has been planted. Some planted according to the moon, while others paid no attention to it.

Mrs. R. E. Smith has been right sick, but is better at present.

Mr. W. W. DeWitt is still sick, but can rest some better than he did for several weeks.

GLOBE

Corn planting will mostly be finished in this valley this week if the weather remains favorable. Wheat is looking fairly well considering the cold weather we have been having recently.

The family of Mr. Finley Curtis and a lot of other people in the surrounding neighborhood have been

right sick with influenza for the past few weeks, which has thrown several of them behind with their farm work. We are hoping that the hot weather will soon drive the flu from our settlement.

Mr. William Clark and daughter, Miss Bertha, and Mr. Oliver Clark and wife, all of Lenoir, are visitors at Mr. Robert Clark's.

Mrs. Cordelia Craig has been real sick for the past week or more, but is thought to be a little better now.

We can't say that our fruit crop is very promising now. Nearly all of it was killed near the water courses, where the frost was most severe.

We noticed a large hawk flying around the other day with a long white string tied to one of his rear legs. It's a wonder how cunning some one has been to do this.

Plenty of fresh water and fresh air don't cost anything in the country. Why not use freely and live healthy.

ROUTE SIX

It has been quite a while since any news was sent in from this hustling little place. Everything around Draco is getting on a boom, and the farmers about done planting corn, etc.

Mrs. T. W. Roberts and two daughters of Collettsville were visitors in this vicinity Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Auton and family of Route 2 were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Roberts' Sunday.

Mr. Glenn Laxton of King's Creek was a visitor at this place Sunday.

Mrs. Millard Lackey, who has been on the sick list for the past few days, does not seem to be much better at this writing.

Miss Ollie White has returned home from Winston.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Roberts returned Sunday from a brief visit to Collettsville.

Mr. Bud Pennell is working at Rhodhiss these times.

We are glad to say that the peaches and apples are not all killed yet, for there is lots of fruit left.

HUDSON

The Hudson high school closes its 1920-21 session Friday, April 29. Six are finishing from the high school department this year. They will be missed from the class rooms next year, but there are more than twice that number entering from the grammar grades. So the high school will really increase in number after all. The commencement exercises will not all be held this week, but the annual play will be given Saturday night, April 30. On account of the short term of only seven months it is necessary to postpone the class exercises a few days. This will be held May 8, 9 and 10.

MEADOW HILL

We are having nice weather now and the farmers are busy planting corn.

Rev. Mr. Haire preached at Hollow Springs church last Sunday.

Mrs. Annie Roberts has returned to her home at Rockford, N. C., after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McGee.

Mr. Willard Beach of Mayworth visited friends and relatives here and at King's Creek last week.

Mrs. J. A. McGee has been ill with pneumonia for the last two weeks, but is improving some at this time.

There will be a box supper at the Bush school house Saturday night, April 30. Proceeds go for a baseball team. Everybody is invited to come and help.

There will be a box supper at Amherst Academy, near North Catawba church, Saturday night, April 30, at 7:30. Proceeds to go for school betterment. The public is cordially invited.

TAYLORSVILLE

Mrs. T. H. Mills is visiting her sister, Miss Ada Veile, in Washington, D. C.

Ensign Howell Hedrick of the U. S. navy, who has been stationed at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, is visiting his mother, Mrs. E. L. Hedrick.

Mrs. Agie Watts and little son, Frank, of Hiddenite, are visiting Mrs. Watts' mother-in-law, Mrs. Lula Watts.

Miss Carrie Robinette of Liledown spent several days here the past week with her grandmother, Mrs. Arch Pennell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bliff Stevenson have gone to housekeeping in Mr. Carl Watts' house on West street.

Mrs. A. M. Edwards, Misses Ola and Lona Belle Watts, little Miss Katherine Watts and Master Atwell Watts, Jr., spent last Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Watts at Turnersburg.

Mrs. R. A. Wilson died at her home east of town last Saturday. Mrs. Wilson had been in failing health for some time and her death was not unexpected. The funeral was conducted from the residence Sunday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. E. V. Bumgarner. In early youth she professed faith in Christ and joined the Baptist church and lived a consecrated Christian until the end. She was 69 years old. She is survived by seven children: Mrs. George Barger of Wilmington, R. A. Wilson of Gaffney, S. C., Thomas Wilson of Cheraw, S. C., Ransom, Charlie and Burgess Wilson of this county and Miss Jessie Wilson of the place.

Mrs. Charles Echerd is in Statesville with her little daughter, Eugenia, who is undergoing treatment at a hospital.

Mrs. Jake Little of Hickory is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Somers of Wilkesboro spent Wednesday here with Mrs. Somers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Allen.

The boys of Patterson will have a box supper Saturday night at Patterson school house for the benefit of their ball team. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

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AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The third year of our labors came to a beautiful termination in the home-coming day services of last Sunday. God gave us a beautiful day and the people came with a great loyalty.

The Sunday school hour brought together perhaps the largest attendance that any of the Lenoir churches ever enjoyed, there being 418 present in the classes. The attendance of men was an outstanding feature of the Sunday school, there being 101 present in the Baraca class and 14 in the old men's Bible class. The men's picture that was made from the steps of the church contains 102 faces. The women were there also in great numbers, their picture having about 70 faces.

During the three years our Sunday school has almost doubled its efficiency and organization. The elementary department has been built up as a separate unit; a coal burning stove and a piano have been added to the equipment. In getting the church ready for dedication last August \$1,400 was raised to liquidate the debt and \$1,200 in repairs were spent on the building. A Ford sedan was also added to the pastor's equipment by the church. And in September last a new heating plant was installed. A commodious and well-lighted parsonage was bought in October, 1919, which has since been occupied by the pastor and his family. The church has received 180 members in three years. Of these 165 are now on the field, the others having moved from the community. The residential members now number 300, and there are about 70 members who do not live in the community.

The work of benevolences has increased tenfold, or from a little less than \$200 a year to about \$2,000 a year. And the current expense fund is greatly improved.

Miss Roberta Crews has been employed as pastor's assistant and personal worker for the church during the summer. She will enter upon her duties in this capacity immediately after the graded school closes, where for two years she has been an efficient teacher.

The pastor feels that the fellowship between himself and his people was never better than at the present, and he counts himself fortunate in being the undershepherd of such a flock. As we enter the fourth year on the first Sunday in May we set our hearts and our hands to the task to make it the best year we have yet had.

J. EDWIN HOYLE, Pastor.

WISE AND OTHERWISE CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. SEAGLE

Imagine an angry looking sky, wet streets, a touch of chill dreariness in the very air, then imagine a beautiful home decorated with a wealth of flowers, filled with bright lights, warmth, music, poetry and happiness. However, this picture was no trick of the imagination, but a reality to about forty guests who enjoyed the gracious hospitality of Mrs. J. C. Seagle Thursday, April 14. A gathering with a twofold purpose, as it was her meeting for the Wise and Otherwise Club, also in especial honor of one of our charming brides, Mrs. Hunt Gwyn.

The club colors, white and green, were in evidence everywhere. Dogwood branches were artistically arranged, looking like miniature trees in some of the rooms, like vines clinging to the wall in others.

Fragile-looking white wild flowers, embedded in green moss, showed to appreciative eyes a bit of Nature's fairyland, while a touch of sweetness was given by the fragrant narcissus.

First on the program was a prayer offered by Mrs. Nelson, then after minutes were read and books exchanged Mrs. Seagle's subject, "American Poetry" was announced.

Mrs. Craddock read extracts from a lecture given by Prof. John Erskine on American Poetry.

A poem, "Columbia," was read by Mrs. Matlocks.

Mrs. Rufus Gwyn read an interesting sketch of Edgar Allen Poe's boyhood days.

Mrs. Bernhardt gave a reading about Poe's married life.

Mrs. Robbins rendered a piano selection so light and airy that watching her fingers gave as much pleasure as listening to the music.

Mrs. M. R. Bernhardt sang in her usual pleasing manner.

Three of Joe's poems, "Israfel," "For Annie" and "Annabel Lee," were read by Mrs. M. R. Gwyn.

Mrs. Hunt Gwyn then favored the audience with a piano solo, after which a vocal solo by Miss Regina Reid was enjoyed.

Mrs. Courtney, Mrs. Pritchett and Miss Bernhardt read short poems, then our hostess, assisted by Misses Mary Harrison and Janie Maury Bernhardt, served green and white ice cream and white cake with green frosting.

Later coffee and mints were served in the dining room by Mrs. Bernhardt and Mrs. Seay. The table decorations brought exclamations of delight from all present. A large white basket filled with spirea and snowballs was the centerpiece, encircled by dainty white baskets which were decorated with fragrant lilies of the valley and filled with green and white mints.

Each guest was given one of these baskets, also the picture of a poet, or a poem tied with white and green ribbons, as souvenirs of a meeting which brought sunlight to a dreary day.—Reported.

Geese's eggs are stated to be the best, from the point of view of nourishment. Hen's eggs come fourth on the list.

TWO FLOUR SACKS WILL KEEP CHILD FROM FREEZING

"Two old flour sacks may keep some little boy or girl from freezing to death," states the Red Cross in its appeal to the women of America to join in the national movement to make clothing for 750,000 destitute and ragged children of Europe.

Wherever work has been begun under Red Cross jurisdiction—and that is just about everywhere there are Red Cross chapters—every sort of material has been used to provide

garments.

The old flour sacks are just one item. Two of them, state the Red Cross instructors to workers, will make a child's night dress. One will make a pair of drawers, bloomers, corset waist, petticoat, romper or

apron.

The Red Cross suggests that the flour sacks be soaked in kerosene before using. This will remove the lettering and avoid embarrassment to little Czech-Slovakians who might otherwise romp about the streets with

"Scandso's Flour—Best Ever" on the seat of their trousers.

The southern division has been called upon for 135,000 garments for boys and girls 17,000 layettes for babies. Every chapter is expected to furnish its share of this quota.

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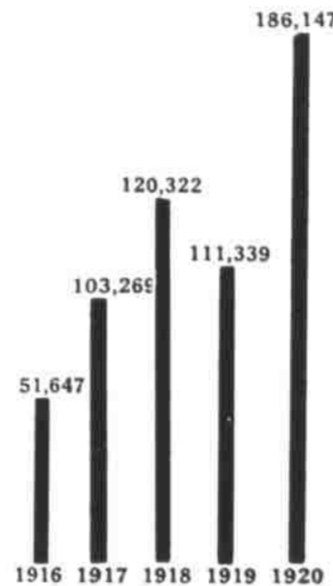
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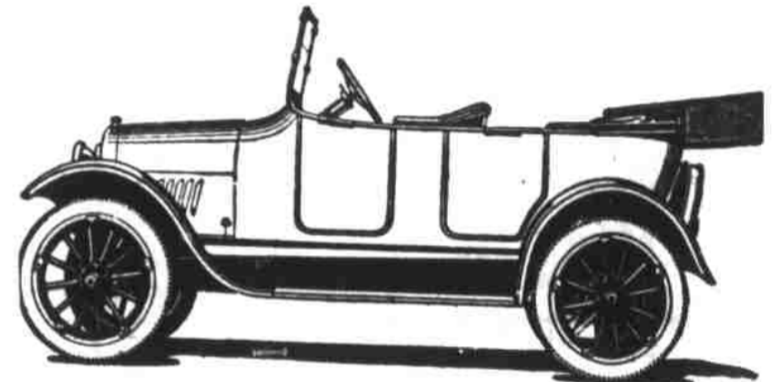
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