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The Old Year A Closed Book--

ITS happy days were many, indeed. Its sunshine of Progress and Prosperity shone upon us all and it is with just a little regret that we watch --

Time Recording Its Passing--

YET we must not let its passing befoe our eyes. Let us look ahead. Who is that little stranger coming this way? To be sure, 'tis --

The Happy New Year Cometh--

TO make its stay with us. In its arms a bright new book containing new blank pages on which let's hope many happy chapters will be crowded!

Briartown Locals

As we haven't seen any items from Briartown in quite a while, thought we would write a few:

Well, Christmas has passed and a new year will soon be here. We hope the new year will bring more happiness for everyone than the old year has.

Mrs. Bruce Duvall is reported on the sick list this week. We hope she will soon be well again.

Mr. Britton Smith of Nantahala, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jones.

Mrs. Jane Taylor and children of Murphy, are visiting her mother, Mrs. P. A. Hampton.

Master Ray Duvall is seriously ill with pneumonia. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lee and children of Hewitts, N. C., are visiting friends and relatives in this community.

A crowd of the men folks of this section went wildcat hunting Christmas morning. All reported a nice time. The dogs chased coons, wildcats, and foxes, so they said and they caught one—a little jack rabbit.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Trammel, of Hewitts, N. C., are moving back to this section.

Mr. Arthur Garey of Atlanta, is spending a few days with his mother Mrs. Letha Garey.

Mrs. Emma Roper and Miss Maude Marble were visitors at Andrews and Marble the past week.

We are sorry to report that Uncle Parm May died Saturday. It is hard to give up a dear one, but God knows best and His will be done.

Mr. John Wishon of Clarkesville Ga., after spending a few weeks with his father, Mr. S. G. Wishon, left Monday for Alabama.

Scrool Items

The Christmas tree at the school house was a great success. Many children's hearts were gladdened by Santa's gifts. Our school will close New Year's day. It truly has been quite a successful season under the Misses Fulton. We hope they will consent to return next school year and continue the good work.

Mr. Leon Keener returned to Birmingham, Ala., Monday after spending Christmas vacation with his homefolks. He has been working in Alabama for months.

Mr. C. N. Jones and son, Carl, have returned to their road work on No. spending Christmas with homefolks.

Mr. George Hadden also has been with his family through the holidays.

Mrs. Amon Mashburn and four children went to see her parents on Peak's Creek, Christmas.

Messrs. Spurgeon and Raleigh Sanders and family of Hazelwood, were visiting relatives here during Christmas.

Boy Scouts Have Christmas Tree

Christmas afternoon the Franklin troop of Boy Scouts enjoyed a pleasant hour entertaining old "Santa." "Santa" did not really show up, but he dropped his bag of goodies down just the same. The boys themselves put up and decorated a lovely Christmas tree, but there were not as many out to see it as they had hoped would come. But Scouts are not to be outdone. One of them sat down at the piano and began playing Christmas carols, and all the boys and the few people who were present joined in singing the lovely carols.

After the singing, Mr. Reavis was called on by the Scoutmaster for a talk, and he gave an inspiring talk upon character making. Then Professor Bramlett was called upon to say something, and he told the boys what a wonderful thing it was to be a scout and to really do things. He told them they were good boys and for them to keep it up and not dishonor the organization of the Boy Scouts of America of which they were a part. He told them also, how he used to be a scoutmaster and the camping trips he had enjoyed with his scouts.

After these short talks Gilmer Crawford put the scouts through their drill and had them repeat the stout oath, etc. He then called the roll, and as each scout's name was called he stepped out to receive his treat.

Perhaps next year we can have a real community Christmas tree and carol singing with a goal many more out than came this year. It is well worth while.

Shortoff Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Zachary entertained the young people of this community with a dance Christmas night. Those present reported a nice time.

"Santa Claus," visited the Shortoff school children Christmas eve, leaving each of them some nice presents.

Mr. Claude Calloway and Miss Florence Henderson were married at Clayton, Ga., December 23.

Mr. Roy Phillips and Miss Octa Henry were happily married on December 25. The people of Shortoff join in wishing them a long and happy future.

Mr. Albert Southards and Miss Ola Henry were married in Highlands December 25.

We are glad to know that Mrs. Sam Calloway is still improving. We hope to see her home soon.

Bill Cunningham and Steve Porter left out for Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York a few days ago to buy goods for the spring trade. They have announced that they will have a very interesting message for the public on their return.

STEWARSHIP REVIVAL HERE

Dr. Walter N. Johnson, Noted Stewardship Expert, Coming—Meeting to Begin January 10th at the Baptist Church.

Dr. Walter N. Johnson of Mars Hill, N. C., is coming to Franklin to begin a series of stewardship revival meetings at the Franklin Baptist church. The meeting will begin Sunday morning, January 10, and will continue for ten or twelve days. There will be a morning service at eleven o'clock which will be a study of new Testament stewardships, while in the evenings at 7:30 Dr. Johnson will preach along the same lines as the morning study. There may be arranged also, a special study class for preachers, as it is hoped that several from this section will be in attendance.

Dr. Johnson is a preacher of rare gifts and has devoted many years to the study of Christian Stewardship. It is not too much to say that he is without a peer in his chosen field.

He is in great demand for such meetings, not only in North Carolina, but throughout the entire southland his work and worth are recognized. He is doing a work that is telling among the churches. Franklin is fortunate to secure Dr. Johnson for the one open date for the year of 1926.

The meeting which Dr. Johnson will hold at the Franklin Baptist church will not be an evangelistic meeting, but will be primarily for Christian people and to all a cordial invitation is extended to attend and get the benefit of these services.

Death of Mrs. Fouts

Mrs. W. R. Fouts, who had almost reached the age of 90 years, died at her home at Iota, December 22nd. Her husband preceded her to the grave by 10 years.

She is survived by the following named children: Dr. J. H. Fouts, Franklin; A. R. Fouts, Rolan, Texas; Mrs. J. P. Campbell, Asheville; S. E. Fouts, W. A. Fouts, G. T. Fouts and Mrs. Addie Campbell, all of Iota.

The remains were interred at Fouts cemetery, Iota, December 23, Revs. Bradley and Cloer officiating.

The entire county extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

Hogs Wanted

County Agent Arrendale has an inquiry for 140 hogs weighing from 60 to 125 pounds. Let him know at once what you have for sale and the price per pound you will expect delivered at Sylva or Bryson City.



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Earl M. Kimsey

Earl M. Kimsey, son of M. P. and Addie Kimsey was born May 8, 1900. When he was about fifteen years old he professed faith in Christ, during a meeting held by Eld. T. J. Vinson. Soon afterwards he joined the army, remaining about two and one-half years. While in service he contracted tuberculosis. He was taken to the hospital for treatment but seemed to grow worse. Thinking a change might help him, he was brought home but the change did him no good.

He bore his sufferings patiently and was cheerful to the end.

He died December 23, 1925 and by loving hands was laid to rest in the cemetery at the Iota Baptist church, there to await the resurrection of the dead.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. George Cloer.

He leaves a father, M. P. Kimsey, and four sisters, Mrs. W. E. Welch; Mrs. D. C. Fouts, Mrs. Arnold Rowland and Miss Pearl Kimsey.

"You have entered that fair haven."

All your toilsome struggle o'er,
You have made the port in safety,
For your Savior held the oar;
And your anchor stood each tempest

"Tho' was often sorely tried
By and by some day we'll meet you.

Some sweet day beyond the tide."

Hotel Committees at Work

The committees appointed to choose a site for the new commercial hotel and to solicit subscriptions are hard at work.

An application for a charter under the name of "The Key City Hotel Company," has been made. Further details will appear in next week's Press.

Tellico Locals

We are sorry to report the death of Mr. Bryson Burnett, who died Friday, December 18, 1925. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

We are sorry to report that Grandma Bates who is ninety-five years of age, has been very ill, but are glad to say she seems to be improving some now. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. M. D. Billings of Franklin and one Mr. Street of Asheville, were in this section on business Monday.

Miss Gracie Dehart of this section has gone to Clear Creek near Highlands, to finish out a school.

Mr. Ervin Smith and Miss Lillie Smith, who have been attending school at Sylva, are spending the Christmas holidays with homefolks.

Messrs. James and Jesse McGaha, who have been at Gastonia, where they have been at work for some time are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ruff McGaha.

Messrs. Furman and Fred Anderson spent Christmas with their uncle, Mr. Will Dehart in Tennessee.

Mr. Sandford Smith, who is teaching at Holly Springs, spent a week's Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith.

Miss Preddy Welch who is teaching at Briertown, and Messrs. Homer Croham and Clifton Cross passed through this section Christmas on their way to Miss Welch's home.

Miss Adele McGaha, left for Gastonia Saturday, where she is going to work this winter.

Mr. V. C. Dehart, of this section, made a business trip to Franklin Monday.

Mr. William Welch, who has been teaching in Briertown, passed through this section Sunday on his way home.

Mr. Harley Ramsey went Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Dehart.

A happy New Year to the editor of the Press and all its readers.

Children Home Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Reece of route one, were made happy by the homecoming of their children for the Christmas holidays (for the first time in eight years).

Despite the bad weather and rough roads, Mrs. Fred Waldrop of Atlanta and Mrs. Homer C. Greene of Asheville, made the family circle complete on Christmas day. The other children live in and near Franklin. On Christmas morning the grandchildren were delighted with the family Christmas tree, while the older members of the family liked better to eat again mother's cooking for Christmas dinner. There were ten children and ten grandchildren present.