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FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD.

"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND ON EARTH, PEACE, GOODWILL TOWARD MEN."

How many of those who read this paper have ever given thought to real result of the birth of Him whose advent into the world was announced to the hearers of the above message. Picture if you will the condition of the peoples of the world at the time of His birth; picture again the conditions of those people in the world today who have not had His birth announced; yet again picture the conditions of those peoples in our world who have heard the glad news and have made it a part of their life. What a difference! Many people can say with assurance that the entrance of Him, whose birth was announced so long ago, has brought peace and goodwill toward men into their lives; many families can understand what it means to have Him enter into their home and abide; nations where He has been announced and where room has been made for Him can show evidence of the truth of the statement that His coming has brought peace, goodwill toward men. History will testify that His entrance into the lives of individuals or of nations has brought a prolonged peace and an enlarged goodwill to men. All of us should endeavor to show our appreciation of His birth and His residence among us in all of our dealings with our fellow men.

The Madison County Poultry Club will have charge of the quarterly meeting of the Agricultural Committee. This meeting will be postponed from the 4th of January to the 16th. This is Saturday and we hope that each member of the Committee as well as each member of the Club will keep the date of the meeting in mind. Also that each one will not only come to this meeting but will invite his neighbors to come, too. There will be an exhibition of poultry, a good talk on poultry, and other interesting parts to the program.

On December 16 and 17, at the Battery Park Hotel in Asheville was organized what has been called the Carolina Highlands Agricultural Association. This association has for its purpose the development of the agriculture of the mountain section of Carolina. It will attempt to unify the work of those interested in agricultural welfare of this section so that all may work toward a common end. It is hoped that this association may do much in outlining a scheme of work to be followed by the County Agents in their work in their respective counties. Hitherto the extension forces have had to outline their own plans. When a new agent came into a county he usually brought new ideas and started work along a line entirely different from that of his predecessor; the result was a large loss of work and time. With a body to outline a definite plan the agents will have a foundation to work on and when an agent enters a county he can follow up to a greater extent the line of work the one who preceded him was doing; he will not need to, and should not be allowed to substitute work of another line to the neglect of that work already established. Mr. Buck of Yancey County was elected president and Mr. W. R. Ellerson of our own county, secretary.

Those wanting soybean should get in touch with the County Agent. Now is the time to buy as seed will be higher as the season advances and it may not be possible to get the variety best suited to our purpose.

Those who keep even one milk cow should prepare to grow feed that will provide a suitable ration for the cow during the following winter. This ration should contain a legume roughage; if you will not have the clover hay grow some soybeans; a cow will need in this section around 1 1/2

to 2 tons. It should also contain a succulent feed; grow some stockbeets. They raise them in the mountains that weigh as high as 20 pounds each. These beets are an excellent addition to the milk cow ration; they are succulent and have a certain additional effect as a sort of a tonic. An acre will grow from 10 to 20 or more tons and a cow will require about 1 3/4 to 2 tons during the winter. It might be well to consult your county agent about this.

And do not forget those chickens. Each farm should have at least 100 standard bred chickens. The variety isn't so important as the strain of that variety, there are good and bad chickens in every variety. A good way to get started is by buying a bunch of day-old chicks from a reliable party. Get these hatched at the right time, from the good stock, grow them out quickly and well, and then provide a suitable house for them next winter and you will be selling eggs to the other fellow for the price that spells profit. Now don't put this off, see about it at once.

This is Christmas time. We hope everyone is doing something to make someone else happy. We wish each and everyone of our readers "A MERRY CHRISTMAS."

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Mrs. H. K. Norton wish to thank her sister, Mrs. J. J. Rector and daughter, Frances, and the many friends for their kindness and sympathy during the last three months illness and death of Mrs.

What we can't understand about the radio is how the static knows you have company that night.—Roanoke World News.

Madge—"I have a dreadful cough."
Merjorie—"So have I. Let's go to the theatre."—Life.

AN EXPLANATION

As stated in last week's paper, the writer has been away for several weeks on very important business in the eastern part of the State. I regret that this has been necessary but trust that my readers have not lost anything by this absence as provision had been made for the paper to be issued regularly. Fortunately until last week's issue the paper came out all right on time but due to irregularity of machinery and a lack of current one day, the paper was delayed. On my return, some adjustments in the printing machinery had to be made before this issue could be printed, hence it was Tuesday before this issue could be mailed.

CHRISTMAS WEEK

Now that the issue of the 18th has been mailed, it is so near Christmas if we were to put as much in this issue as usual, the office force would not get any time off for Christmas, and our readers will know all work and no play not only makes Jack a dull boy but if Jack happens to be a young boy in his teens, it is cruel to expect him to work all the time. Hence we are making the paper smaller this week in the hope that we can get out on time, enjoy the holidays and be ready to begin the New Year with renewed energy and determination to make 1926 the very best year in the history of Madison County newspaperdom.

TO OUR WRITERS

If the news of your community has been sent in and not printed, we trust such will not be the case again. We wish to print the news from every community in Madison County. You need not write such long letters but let us have the news of your community as often as you will can. If you are on our mail list as a writer, and you are not going to write, please say so and give us the opportunity to get someone else in your place.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish to thank our subscribers, writers, advertisers and patrons in job printing for helping us to make this paper possible during the outgoing year and we wish them all a most joyous Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

—THE EDITOR.

MARSHALL BAPTISTS TO HAVE A TRAINING SCHOOL

The Marshall Baptist Church has scheduled for the first week in January, one of the finest Sunday School Programs that has ever been held in this community. We are to have with us three of the State's great workers, Bro. J. N. Barnette, of Hickory, Miss Lavender of Nashville, Tenn., and Miss Sophie Berghauer of Raleigh. The following courses will be given:

"Building a Standard Sunday School."
"The New Convention Normal Manual."
"Working with Junior."
"Plans and Programs."
"Six point Record System & The Sunday School Secretary."

Make your plans and decide on the courses that you will take. Some of this work will be given in the afternoon. We might take the Junior and Intermediate Classes at some convenient hour in the afternoon. The following program or schedule will be followed each evening through Friday, January 8.

6:30 Devotional exercises.
7:45 Classes.
7:30 Lunch and fun.
8:00 Conference.
8:15 Classes.

9:00 Adjournment.
We take this privilege to extend to any church an invitation to come study with us. It is hoped that many of the Pastor, Superintendents and teachers are making their plans to attend.

Bro. Barnette would be very glad to have all the pastors and superintendents of the Associations to meet for a conference January 3, at the Marshall Baptist Church at 2:30 P. M. We shall expect you to be present to hear Bro. Barnette tell us how to better our work in the Association.

Those who fail to avail themselves of this opportunity will miss a great privilege that in the days to come they will regret.

Plans should be made to be with us on Sunday, January 3rd, when Bro. Barnette and Miss Lavender will put before us the nature of the work to be given. Come and help us to make this a great Sunday School week for the French Broad Association.

MARSHALL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

YESTERDAY AND TODAY

(By J. HENRY NAVES)

As I saw Marshall thirty-five Years ago:

It was a very small town, if one could call it such, with a small population. To my recollection, the only business houses were three small dry goods stores and one small grocery store, located on what is now upper bridge street which was owned by J. J. Perkins. Over the door of this store was a very unique sign printed with ordinary lamp black with the following: "The Old Snack-house Man."

The streets were very narrow unpaved and muddy with sidewalks only two feet wide composed of dirt and wood slabs. The only street lights were two post lamps, one located at the end of upper bridge street and the other where State Highway No. 20 now connects with Main Street near the county jail. These lamp posts were six feet high and if the oil supply gave out during the night the town was "in the dark."

The town had a common school with only one teacher, which is worse than even some of our rural schools of today, a jail constructed of hewn logs, boarded on the outside with rough lumber. The Court-house was of poor construction and equipped with lamps and heating stoves as a means of supplying heat. The Postoffice was kept in a dry goods store and was moved often to one of the other dry goods stores then in Marshall. There was no Rural Free Delivery service and everybody in the country had to come to town for their mail, unless they received it at one of the few country Postoffices then located at various places in our county.

The only means of travel was on horseback or by buggies, carriages, etc., and traveling salesmen and others who wished to travel in the country had to go to the town livery stable and pay anywhere from five to eight dollars per day for a pair of horses and a buggy in which they could travel only about fifteen or twenty miles per day, generally coming in at night with themselves and their horses almost covered in mud or snow. There was only one hotel in town at which visitors could spend the night.

The water system of the town consisted of one public and three private wells, which was almost as bad as no water supply.

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