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THE TRYON BEE DEPARTMENT

BY WINIFRED W. MORTON

A Happy New Year.

Misses Mabel and Carolyn Smith spent the holidays with their parents on Melrose Ave.

A lovely warm day preceeding Christmas and a lovely warm day following Christmas, but Christmas day was rainy or rather showery during the middle of the day.

Tryon Lumber Co have installed a new boiler at their plant. This firm is enjoying an excellent business and has one of the best plants along the Southern Railway.

Mr and Mrs John Lockhart, Mr and Mrs L C Brown entertained a number of friends at the Lockhart home, Monday evening.

Postmaster Stearns and deputy handled the largest Christmas business in the history of Tryon office and did it in a manner pleasing to patrons. Last Monday 52 bags of mail were sent away and on Tuesday 67 and all without delay, besides taking care of heavy incoming mails.

Legal Blanks, Deeds, Mortgages et for sale by Geo B Cobb office over Postoffice Tryon.

The new pipe organ is being put in to the Episcopal church, the men are working night and day.

Mr J Frank Kelley has returned to Chicago, his wife will remain here as usual.

The subscription dance at Oak Hall Monday evening was one of the pleasant festivities of the season, an orchestra from Asheville furnished music.

Col C W Church and Captain B Sharpe will attend the National Guard officials meeting at Greensboro next week.

Miss Lois Wilcox will be glad to show her paintings and sketches at her studio, No 2 Melrose Avenue, on Saturdays after 3 p m. adv 31-8t

Good-bye Old Calendar.

Well Christmas came, didn't it children, altho' you felt sure at one time it never would get here.

A great many readers failed to see the poem written for the Bee by Barbara Peattie Erskine and published in the issue of December 17 on the last page. Copies of that issue can be had at this office. The sentiment of the poem might well apply to the author—it was almost prophetic.

When a drunken brawl followed by a murder is committed in or around Tryon, all the neighboring papers have a full account and get a gun in the hands of a drunken man is just as sure to mean tragedy as an ignorant man with tuberculosis. If some one here would write up for the surrounding daily papers accounts of the really fine and great things happening in this little burg, we would not have that reputation for lawlessness which we now have. Polk County and moonshine seems to be synonyms to some people.

If there was anyone in town not present at the Christmas Festival Thursday night we certainly didn't see 'em.

Mr Webster of Mississippi spent the holidays here.

Mr James Kinlock spent the holidays with his children and sister, Mr O S Missilline.

Neah Hollowell of Hendersonville has leased the Sylvan Valley News, (Brevard), of the owner, Ora L Jones for a year and will edit it. Mr Jones will have charge of the Mechanical part. The Sylvan Valley News has had the distinction of carrying advertisements of every business house in Brevard, it has been a very clean, well pointed and well edited paper. Mr Hollowell has been connected with the Hendersonville Democrat for the past several years and is a young man of a good deal of hustle.

A Christmas tree at Mrs Bearson's gladdened the hearts of about fifty little mountain children, each child received fruit candy, toys and a pair of stockings. Nearly all the gifts of one of Tryon's benevolent citizens.

Mrs Cicely Garrigues entertained her sewing class at her home Monday afternoon. All kinds of games, a lighted Christmas tree, beautiful refreshments and music made a pleasant afternoon for the children.

Miss Nell Brown of Spartanburg and Dr G R Little of Saluda were the guests of Mr and Mrs W F Little Sunday.

Mrs G H Holmes will forward a box of clothing to the war victims, the early part of next week. Persons desiring to donate cast off clothing in good condition, may send them to Mrs Holmes residence at once.

The evening school will begin again next Monday evening at 7:30 in the Graded School building. All old scholars and many new ones are requested to be on time.

There was quite a family re-union at the home of Mr George Weaver, during the holidays. The following were present: Mrs Harley E Beane of Bridgeport, Conn, Mr and Mrs Carl Scott and baby and Miss Evelyn Weaver of Spartanburg, Mr. Cox Weaver and baby of Greenville S C, Mr and Mrs W N Mathews of Morganton and Mrs L A McColl of Hendersonville.

Rev M L Taft assisted by Rev J L Daniels will conduct services Sunday morning at the Congregational Church.

Alfred D Fisher who came to Tryon about two weeks ago died Wednesday night of carcinoma of the stomach. The widow left with the remains Thursday evening for New Washington, Ohio.

Mrs Chas Nessmith of Atlanta is visiting her daughter-in-law, Mrs Will Nessmith here in Tryon.

Mrs Farnes Smith was down from Skyuka Wednesday.

Word was received in Tryon last week of the death of Miss Winifred Sarage at her home in Detroit on Friday December 17, of heart trouble. Miss Sarage was the youngest sister of the family who recently bought a farm on the auto highway. She had been ill for two years.

The regular services will be held in the church of the Holy Cross on Sunday, January 2nd. Holy Communion 7:30 a m, Sunday School 9:45 a m, Holy Communion and sermon 11 a m.

Lost: A gold bracelet at the School house Thursday night. Finder please return to Postmaster and receive reward. adv

Mr and Mrs U G Speed christened their new barn with a big dance on Tuesday evening. Nearly every one who danced was invited and in spite of the stormy night all came. A colored band from Asheville played lively music, the place was elaborately decorated and new and delicious refreshments were served in the house.

Miss Lois Wilcox, Mrs Holden and Mr Searles deserve the most of the credit for the success of the Christmas festival as they managed and designed the affair and the artists touch was seen in the exquisite blending of color and grouping, thirty or more men, women and children took part.

City Marshal Ross has moved into the Gaines house on the Lynn Road formerly occupied by Wm Durham, the latter has moved out into the country near his father's place.

F P Bacon was called to Georgia last Thursday by the serious illness of his mother, she is much better at this writing.

Several of Herod's Court beauties with their escorts adjourned to Mrs Davis last Thursday evening clad in all their magnificence and danced for several hours.

Mr Paul Davis leaves Sunday for his home in Detroit after spending the holidays with his family in Tryon. Mrs Davis accompanies him and will remain two months. Mrs W G Smith also goes back for a week or so.

The Episcopal Sunday school held their Christmas tree at Dr Grady's house, Monday afternoon. Carols were sung by the children.

The Community Christmas Festival Grand Success

For two years Tryon enjoyed an outdoor community Christmas tree with candy and gifts for all the children; as nearly every child in town receives presents from one of the churches or the Mountain Industries or their own home and friends. It was decided this year to do away with the former idea of a community Christmas and have this one depict the religious character, only of this winter festival. The place chosen was the Graded School Auditorium and the largest audience ever assembled in Tryon was present to witness the living scenes depicting the Nativity. The stage was so well arranged that as the scenes were shown one forgot entirely the sordid side of Christmas with its nerve wracking exchange of often times useless gifts but beheld with interest and awe the light, which the shepherds of old beheld and the wise men and the star which finally settled above the manger of the living Christ. It was truly one of the most religious exercises ever held here and was witnessed as such by an audience representing every class in Tryon.

Rev H N Bowne told something of the purposes of the evening's entertainment and introduced Rev J L Daniels who described in beautiful and simple language the biblical history of those times and the birth of Jesus. The audience sang the hymn "It came upon the midnight clear" with the accompaniment of an organ behind the scenes, at the close of the third verse the picture of the Shepherds was disclosed, bending over the fire of fagots when in the Heavens and over the earth appeared a dim light which grew stronger until then men were overawed by its mysterious brilliance and an angel voice spoke to them, "To Fear Not", as this was curtailed off the song, Hark the Herald Angels sing, poured forth and then the dim interior of the stable with hay and straw about was shown with the beautiful Madonna, Mary gazing in religious rapture over the manger where her divine babe lay, her face lighted by God-like radiance reflected from her son, Joseph stood by trying to comprehend this new greatness, the shepherds came in clad in their blankets and goat skins with their crooks and fell on their knees in worship of this infant to whom they had been lead by this mysterious heavenly light and voice "O little Town of Bethlehem" was sung when this picture vanished and the men's chorus of "We Three Kings of Orient Are" with the whole audience answering "O Star of Wonder Star of Night" and King Herod's Court blazed forth in all its Jewish magnificence with royal favorites decked in jewels and costly robes and embroideries, eyes sparkling and fair arms and shoulders gleaming and the proud and mighty Herod addressed and seated on his throne, an uneasy look of fear clouded his brow despite the presence of his favorite. Salome who sat at his feet, and the royal wealth which bedecked his person and surroundings. Messengers entered and afterwards ushered in the three wise men, swathed in their eastern garments of great richness, asking the whereabouts of this babe who is born to be king of the Jews; Herod's wrath is tremendous and every male child under two years is to be killed for he will not leave a possibility of another king usurping his throne.

The song, "Oh Come All ye Faithful" was then sung followed by the beautiful carol "Holy Night, Peaceful Night" and then the manger scene again appeared and the Wise Men, the Magi, came in bearing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and fall in worship before the mother and her mysterious babe. As the last picture was shown, night had descended and in the dark was seen Joseph asleep on the floor and the mother asleep over her babe's cradle, her face still alight from her son's halo, when lo—an angel with high protecting wings hovers near them and bending over Joseph warns him of Herod's anger and in his dream Joseph knows he and Mary must flee with the child and heavenly voices are heard blending with the dream.

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John Hayes Instantly Killed by His Friend, Frank Foster

Without any apparent provocation Frank Foster, a young married man, shot and instantly killed his friend, John Hayes who was standing near him Saturday night on a road outside of Tryon near the South Carolina line. Some dispute over some women and too much moonshine is said to be the cause of the trouble. Foster had a shot gun and was so near his friend that the charge killed him instantly. Coroner Dr Grady empaneled a jury which returned a verdict of unjustifiable homicide with Ed Bridgman as accessory. It seems that Hayes was walking with the two girls and met Bridgman, who had a shot gun, while talking, one of the girls took out the shells from the gun unknown to Bridgman, a few quarrelsome words passed and Bridgman picked up his gun, aimed and fired when it didn't go off, Foster stepped out from the bushes and told Hayes to stand aside he was going to shoot him and did, so immediately with fatal results, a part of the shot entering the girl's side. Foster gave up Monday to Sheriff Hill and was lodged in Columbus jail without bond. Bridgman did likewise Wednesday, and lodged in the same place.

Mrs Ralph Erskine Died Suddenly

The sudden death Friday December 24th of Barbara Peattie Erskine, wife of Ralph C Erskine at their home in Stamford Conn, came as a great shock to the people of Tryon, as only that day friends and relatives here had received letters and presents from her. Blood poisoning was the cause of her death, caused by some infection getting into a crack in her lip, she was a young talented and beautiful woman with a fine home and everything to live for beside her husband she leaves three small children, boys, her father and mother, Mr and Mrs Robert Peattie of Chicago and three brothers also of Chicago. Mrs Erskine visited here frequently before coming to live in Tryon about five years ago, her husband built a beautiful Italian villa here and named it "Villa Barbara" for his wife, while here she made friends of all and was very democratic in all her ways. In last year she was president of the Lancer Club and only went to live in Connecticut this past summer as Mr Erskine's business called him there. Mrs Erskine was born in Chicago and the body was cremated. The deceased is a niece of Mrs W B Stone of Tryon and a grand-daughter of Mrs Wilkinson who is visiting here.

Mesdames Lindsey and Hester gave a dance Wednesday evening at the Library in honor of their sons who are home from college. About sixty people were invited and all danced. Miss Urser, Piano and Mr Lord violin from Hendersonville, furnished delightfully rhythmic music. The room was beautifully decorated with English ivy festoons and caught up with holly and mistletoe and Christmas bells entwined the green. Fruit punch was served throughout the evening and a lunch of coffee, cocoa, sandwiches and cake was enjoyed. The young men said the ladies looked lovely and it was also the unanimous opinion. It was one of the best dances of the season.

Miss Rebecca Gaither of Hopkinsville Ky, is visiting Miss Martha Jackson.

Rev S M Johnson preached his last sermon at the Congregational church Sunday, and soon leaves Tryon for other fields. Mr Johnson has made himself a most useful citizen during the fifteen months he has been here, putting his shoulder to the wheel wherever needed, he is one of the practical men whom this community needs, the Bee is sorry to see him go.

Don't blame the ladies if they wear pantilets as the hosiery manufactures are abandoning ladies hose because they take too much yarn and too much dye. So what will the ladies wear?

Miss Alice Pettigrew is spending the holidays with her sister in Tryon.

A C Gilbert and Miss Meldora Head of Greens Creek were married in Tryon Sunday by Squire Gash.

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We wish you all a happy New Year.

Cap J W Wilcox is spending the holidays with friends and relatives in Macon, Ga.

Miss L E Fraser spent the holidays with friends in New York.

D S Pace of Hendersonville was here Thursday.

J C Thompson spent Friday in Asheville.

E L Patterson spent Thursday in Asheville.

Judge A S Moore and his son, E K, spent the holidays in Spartanburg.

Mr Wm F Wilcox Supt of the Tenn Coal and Iron R R Co of Birmingham Ala, visited his sister, Miss L C Wilcox recently.

Mr Allie Chisolm of Charleston came up Sunday and shipped all the furniture from the Chisolm house to Charleston where it will be divided among the children as a keepsake from their mother who used to spend the summers in Saluda but who died several years ago.

Mr Kimbrough J Davis of Raleigh, N C who purchased the Chisolm property and who will make Saluda his home has gone to Raleigh to spend the holidays after which he will return to Saluda and begin extensive improvements on his magnificent place. He will set out a fine orchard and farm the land also. All the good people of Saluda extend to Mr Davis the glad hand of welcome and all are glad to have him.

Mr and Mrs N L Pace of Jacksonville Fla is visiting friends and relatives in Saluda.

Mrs E L Patterson spent Friday in Hendersonville.

G E Bell of Tryon was a pleasant caller Tuesday.

Misses Nona and Lucy Brown are spending the holidays with friends at Naples.

Miss Clifford Arledge of Tryon spent the holidays with friends and relatives in Saluda.

Miss Arra Lankford spent the holidays with friends and relatives on Mills River.

Miss Lois Reed of Atlanta spent the holidays with Mr and Mrs Reed in Saluda.

Mr and Mrs T E Norman spent the holidays with friends in wellford S C.

Jethro Garren of Tryon visited his sister, Mrs Mattie Leonard Christmas day.

Mrs R C Chapin spent the holidays with friends and relatives in Washington D C.

Mrs D S Hinton and Miss Ruth Hinton spent the holidays with friends and relatives in Spencer N C.

J L Hart came up from Bailey to see us Wednesday.

L P Forrest, formerly of Saluda, now living in Cleveland, Ohio spent the holidays with his parents, Mr and Mrs B J Forrest. Mr Forrest holds a good position in the shops as mechanic in Cleveland with the Pennsylvania railroad.

Mr and Mrs Ralph Newman spent Sunday in Tryon with Mrs S S Oehler.

R M Hall Spent Wednesday in Asheville.

W C Robertson and son have sold their mercantile business to John T Coates, Jr.

John T Coates Sr, of Macon Ga, spent the holidays with his family in Saluda.

Rev Wm Allen of Baltimore spent Christmas day in Saluda.

Rev T C King and H P Corwith spent Tuesday in Asheville.

L C Pace motored to Asheville Monday, taking in the sights at Brckton also.

Mrs T S Averill spent Wednesday in Asheville.

Miss M A Peck spent the holidays with friends in Tryon.

It has been reported that work on the concrete dam just above Green River trestle will begin January 1st. Miss Mary Coates and John T Coates Jr, entertained a number of friends Saturday evening at the Coates home. A buffet luncheon was served.

Municipal Christmas Tree

The Saluda Christmas tree exercises were a grand success, over 700 people attended and 350 children made happy with the presents distributed by old Santa Clause. The tree was dazzling with its multi colored lights and beautiful decorations. Dr Little made the opening address, Rev Auld offered prayer and a short talk. Mr Walter Jones read the history of the first Christmas tree in Saluda. The children of all Sunday schools sang carols and then came old Santa Claus in an auto to gladden the children's hearts. Mr Henry P Corwith made an excellent Santa. The closing address was by Rev King. A brilliant display of fireworks was witnessed after the exercises.

Birthday Party

Mr and Mrs E L Patterson, gave a birthday party December 18th to their daughter, Miss Josephine Amanda on her seventeenth birthday. The parlor was beautifully decorated in red and green. Old time games were played, after which refreshments were served. The birthday cake was in a wreath of holly and the figures 17 were burned on the cake. Seventeen white and green illuminated the dining room.

Those present were Misses Lucile Garren, Lila Mae Guice, Ruth Hinton, Nell and Annie Proffitt, Annie Hart, Lois Pace, Leney, Lucy and Nona Brown, Margarette Patterson, Hugh Ward, Willie Cullipher, John T Coates Jr, Fred Robertson, Fred Oehler, Dr G R Little, Bennett Hamer, Charlton Leland, Richmond Hart, and Howard Locke.

All present presented Miss Josephine with a nice birthday gift and an enjoyable time was reported by all in attendance.

First Christmas Tree

The following was read by Walter Jones at the Municipal Christmas Tree exercises:

Before speaking of the first Christmas tree in Saluda, let us turn our thoughts far back, to the time when our heathen forefathers of Northern Europe, worshipped the Sun as the life-giving power, the power to raise from the dead the flowers and fruits, which lie hidden in the bosom of our mother Earth. These ancestors called this festival Yule.

Many of their usages and beliefs have come down to us, but changed and purified by Christianity. In stead of the yule festival, we have the Christmas season, when we deck our homes and churches, with boughs and branches from the forest, so making nature lend her aid in our worship, not of the Sun God, but the "Son of Righteousness" who gave himself for us. And it is the great gift of him-self, which teaches us at this season, the joy of giving to others.

This brings us to the first Christmas tree given in Saluda. In the year 1888, or 89 in the dining room of the house now occupied by Dr T Moore, then belonging to Dr McCollough, Mrs McCollough, children and grandchildren, made cakes, dolls, pin cushions and needle-books, having no money to spend except for a small quantity of candy. The youngest grandchildren contributed a box of oranges, which had been sent to them from Florida. After the great tree had been brought in, there was scarcely standing room for the crowd. Old inhabitants many past their three score and ten years, babies in arms, children of all ages came across the mountains, to see the wonderful gift bearing tree, which held fruits for each and every one. Then every voice joined in singing that old, yet ever new hymn, sung by the Herald Angel, hundreds of years ago, to the watching shepherds, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace, good will to men."

W S Forrest spent the holidays visiting old friends in Atlanta, Ga, where he used to be foreman for the W U Telegraph Co.

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