

DOWN MAIN STREET

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Thursday, December 11

The Woman's Club will meet at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. C. M. Whisnant for a Christmas party. Mrs. W. B. Wray, Jr., will be associate hostess.

Friday, December 12

The High school dramatic club will present the play at the school.

Monday, December 15

The members of the American Legion Post and the Auxiliary will meet at the club house.

Tuesday, December 16

The Burnsville Parent-Teacher Association will meet.

Rev. W. M. Zeanah of Higgins was in Burnsville Tuesday.

Mrs. Foltson Howell spent the past week end in Atlanta.

R. H. Crouse, former county agent, left Saturday to take up his new duties as dairy specialist in Ashe, Watauga and Alleghany Counties.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig English spent the week end with relatives in Asheville and Hendersonville.

Wayne Hensley of Swiss is spending a ten day leave with home folks. He is stationed at Camp Wheeler, Georgia.

Word has been received here of the death of W. W. Esterbrook, brother-in-law of Mrs. W. B. Robertson. Death followed an emergency operation in Worcester, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Penland and daughter spent Sunday with relatives in Marion.

Miss Alice Roland was the guest of Miss Lucille Banks of Charlotte during the past week end.

Miss Vee Pate, senior at W. C. T. C., Cullowhee, underwent an appendectomy on Thursday night. She is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pate of Bee Log.

During the past week end Miss Aldine Pleasant visited her sister, Mrs. Carl Banks who is in Memorial Hospital, Charlotte. Mrs. Banks' condition remains unchanged.

Mrs. Phinetta McPeters is spending the week with relatives at Bald Creek.

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PRESBYTERIAN NEWS

Christmas comes again, and we are glad for it reminds us of that midnight so long ago, when hearts stood still with foreboding. But amidst all of the fears and uncertainty of the rule of the Caesars came the first Christmas hymn that was ever sung. The background was dark, but this was because of the materialistic philosophy with which men had allowed themselves to be engulfed. Many of us today have forgotten that we are the children of a Father's love, and we need to remind ourselves of a Father's demand.

There is one sentence in the prologue of St. John's gospel which comes to us over and over again. According to Moffat's translation it is this. "Amid the darkness the Light shone, but the darkness did not master it." The task that is ours to cherish the Christmas story and the hymns, is to remember that the Light that shone at Bethlehem was not a small man-made candle.

And what of the first Christmas hymn that came so long ago over the hills of Judea to the shepherds in the silent night who were watching their flocks? It still sings in the hearts of men, "Glory to God in the highest; on earth peace: Good will to men."

There are many stories of the numerous carols and Christmas songs, but one of the most beautiful, it seems to us, is that of "Silent Night, Holy Night." In the year 1818, in Bavaria, organ of the Nicholas Church, in the town of Oberndorf, was sadly in need of repair. In fact it could not be used for the Christmas services, for the town was snowbound and there was no way to get a man there for repairing it. Still, there should be some kind of music for the annual Christmas service.

The organist was Franz Gruber, and he laid the matter before his friend, Joseph Mohr, who was the pastor of the church, and suggested that perhaps a new song might be written for the occasion. At this suggestion Mohr wrote the beautiful verses of Stille Nacht. Gruber immediately composed the music for it and presented the new song at the midnight service which was held for Christmas. It was arranged as a three part song, and the accompaniment was played by a guitar.

A few days after, the repair man came and Gruber showed him the new song. He was much pleased with it, and took it to some friends of his in the Tyrol who made extended trips and concert tours and were very famous for their singing of folk songs. Through this family the song became known long before it was published.

One might think that some divine inspiration alone could make it possible to compose in a few hours the words and the music of such an immortal song. From the tiny hamlet of Oberndorf the song has found its way into every village and hamlet and city of the civilized world. H. E. Zimmerman says that it found its way to America through a group of Tyrolean singers. It has sung its way into the hearts of mankind every where, is a universal favorite, and has

WRITER AT PIGEON ROOST SPEAKS

Note: Editor, The Yancey Record: Please print the following letter this week if you find it suitable for that edition. (H. J. Miller, Relief, N. C.)

We wish to express through the columns of the Record that we were pleased with the excellent article by James Hutchins in the Record of Nov. 4, entitled "Passenger Pigeon Was Once Most Important Bird in U. S."

I am sure that the pigeon does deserve every bit of praise that writer Hutchins gave in portrayal of them, and as he says, the passing of this bird is a sad example of our lavish waste.

We also wondered when we read the lines in the article where the writer said, "The presence of great flocks of these birds gave many geographical names, such as Pigeon Roost, Pigeon Valley, Pigeon River, etc." if he was referring to our community here, situated in this immediate mountain section of Mitchell county.

Pigeon Roost Creek empties right into the river opposite Yancey county. We are about sure this is the section the writer was referring to as this is well known and we have for a number of years sent out to different periodicals, articles and news happenings with the heading of Pigeon Roost.

It is also said of this section about the pigeons as in Mr. Hutchins article that in roosting colonies huge limbs of tree were broken off because of so many birds in a single tree. Yes, it is true that this is why this place received its name because so many pigeons abode here.

Now, however, they are all extinct but no name could be given in remembrance of a finer bird than was given to this section.

In closing we wish to congratulate the writer again on his fine article.

BOLENS CREEK

All the farmers of this place have been very busy getting their tobacco ready for the market.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Boone of Winston-Salem spent the week end with Mrs. Boone's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ray.

Mrs. Walter Silver spent last week with relatives in Marion, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Fox were the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lat Fox Sunday.

Rhea Penland was visiting home folks of this place Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Riddle and son Billy were in Asheville shopping Tuesday.

Mrs. John Ray has spent the past few days with her brother, Vaughn McMahan of Pensacola.

Mrs. A. L. Mattson returned on Tuesday from an Asheville hospital where she has been for the past two weeks.

been translated into ninety different languages and dialects.

One of the most beautiful associations with this beautiful song that we have known is that of Madame Schumann-Heink, who always sang it publicly every Christmas to honor her sons.

"MORE FOOD" FITS INTO FSA PLANS SAYS MACK B. RAY

Farmers In This County Redouble Efforts To Do Their Bit For Freedom

"When a family keeps a record book and carries on farming like business men carry on their business, then it isn't difficult to increase production," according to Dover Fouts, chairman of the Yancey County Defense Board.

"Approximately 225 farm families in Yancey County will operate their farms during the next crop year in accordance with definitely planned farm and home practices," he said. "These are the families who are borrowers in the Farm Security Administration program. Mack B. Ray, Supervisor for FSA in Yancey County, reports they all are increasing their production of foods in the Food For Freedom program.

"Those who have taken part in the rehabilitation program under the U. S. Department of Agriculture loan enough to have worked out plans in previous years, now have their farm record books to help them plan for future operations," he said. He pointed out that farm families in the Farm Security Administration rehabilitation program make careful plans first, and that the loans are made then to put the plans into actual operations. FSA, in making the loans, stressed the importance of farm and home record books.

Many of the families are now meeting to develop plans, and many are making the plans in their own homes. The services of the county supervisor and the home management supervisor, Helen B. Ridenhour, are available to aid in formulating the plans.

According to the most farm plans now being worked out, farm production next season will lean toward more milk, milk products, better home gardens, eggs, and meat for home butchering, in line with the Food for Freedom program, Mr. Ray said. This sort of production has been encouraged by the FSA for some years, and most borrowers now are replacing one cash crop farming with diversification, he said.

In 1940 the average standard FSA borrower in North Carolina produced \$425. worth of goods for home use, but in the year prior to drawing their first farm plans in connection with FSA loans those same families averaged only \$309 worth of such production.

Virtually without exception, Mr. Ray believes FSA borrowers can be counted upon to plan their farm work to increase the output of items called for in national defense. It will continue to be the policy to produce for home use first; and this will tend to leave commercial production, on borrowers' farms as well as others, free to go into channels which eventually will lead to feeding our armed forces as well as those of our allies.

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ATTEND YOUNG DEMOCRATS RALLY IN ASHEVILLE

The following from this county attended the fall rally of Young Democrats which was held in Asheville on December 6:

Philip Hensley, Yates Bennett, Harlan Holcombe, Zeb Whitt, Tom Griffith, Milt Higgins, Ransom Higgins, Fred Proffitt, Miss Hope Buck, Ruby Buck Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutchins, Lee Griffith, L. G. Deyton, Charles Proffitt, Clate Wheeler, Alphonzo Hughes and Miss Louise Watson.

DOUGLAS POWELL, JR. WILL GRADUATE

Major and Mrs. D. A. Powell will leave Friday for Annapolis, Md. Their son, Douglas, Jr. will graduate December 19 from the Naval Academy and has been assigned to the Pacific fleet.

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