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For Peekin' Through the Keyhole



Peekin' Through The KEYHOLE

With LIB

By Elizabeth Dinwiddie

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Foster with Mrs. Foster's mother, Mrs. Mary Lyda, and her brother Paul Lyda, spent the holidays in Mt. Dora, Fla., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lyda, who have recently moved to Florida from Arden.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Crisp spent the holidays in Clearwater, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley Stepp visited their son Harold and his family in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Sams, Weaverville, last Wednesday. Mrs. Harold Stepp is a daughter of the Sams. On Sunday, Dec. 30, Harold Stepp, Jr. was christened in the Methodist church at Weaverville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ager and Miss Frances Ager have gone to Birmingham, Ala., for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. David Nache and children, David, Jr., Cynthia Ann, and Howard Allen of Washington, D. C., spent the holidays with Mrs. Nache's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kerlee.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Rice and Laurie of Charlotte spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Higginbotham and Mr. and Mrs. Harlie Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Blackstock of Seattle, Wash., on their way to Florida and the West Indies recently, spent a day with the Misses Walters at their home on Laurel lane. Mr. and Mrs. Blackstock will pick up their car in Florida in February, visit New Orleans, and return home via the southern states and the Pacific Coast highway.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Guess are leaving Thursday (today) to visit her sister, Miss Harriett Pritchard of Bartow, Fla. Mrs. R. D. Rogers will accompany them and visit her brother in Homeland, Fla.

Miss Carolyn Atkins of Washington, D. C., spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Atkins.

Andy Cook of Fort Benning, Ga., spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Fred Cook.

Mrs. Jimmy Glover, Patricia Glover, and Mrs. Glover's mother, Mrs. J. V. Grant, visited U. S. and Jessie Grant in Baltimore, Md., during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morris and children, Rhoda and Priscilla, report a nice trip to Vero Beach.

Fla., during the holidays. Priscilla, 11 years old, caught 39 fish while fishing in the Indian river. Among these were four trout measuring 14 inches in length.

Dr. James A. Pait arrived Dec. 17 from the University of Florida, Gainesville, to spend several days with his mother, Mrs. A. H. Pait, Church street. While here he and his mother spent much time with his father, A. H. Pait, who is a patient at Tolley's Nursing home, Asheville.

Mrs. Finley Stepp, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stepp and Harold Jr., visited Mrs. Finley Stepp's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Ray in Barnardville last week.

Fred Higginbotham visited his mother, Mrs. George T. Higginbotham, in Atlanta over the week-end.

Mrs. H. B. Robinson, Mrs. R. H. Reed, Sr., and Mrs. Hattie Stepp of Old Fort left Monday for Florida. Mrs. Robinson will spend 10 days in Daytona. Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Stepp will stay for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Howell of Birmingham, Mich., have purchased the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Clyde Merrell, Hilltop road, in Spring Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Merrell have been called to Cleveland, Ohio, because of business. They expect to return to Western North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Tate Blankenship and Susan spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Garland in Bakersville.

Stanley Burgin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burgin, received his discharge from the Air Force in New York on Dec. 20 after serving 27 months in Germany and Scotland. Stanley is now enrolled at Western Carolina college, Cullowhee.

Mrs. Walter Harris' mother of Virginia is spending an indefinite time in the Harris home.

Pvt. James L. Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sanders, has been graduated from the Automotive Maintenance helpers course at the Army's Armor Training Center, Fort Knox, Ky. He entered the army last August.

After spending the past two months in Florida, Mrs. R. E. Mumpower has gone to Dauphin Island, Ala., to visit Mrs. E. J. Anthony.

Daniel Nanney of the Air Force base, West Palm Beach, Fla., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Nanney.

Mrs. Laurence Brown was elected president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Harold C. Enloe Lodge No. 1, fraternal order of police, Asheville, last Thursday night at a meeting in the courthouse.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Wooten, Mrs. Edna McCall and grandson Billy Williamson were guests of the Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Moretz and Ruth, Christmas Day. The Rev. Mr. Wooten and Mrs. Wooten are in charge of Cragmont Assembly, making their home there the year around. All during the winter friends passing through stop to spend the night with the Wootens at the assembly. They moved here two years ago from Arden, N. C.

Sgt. Kenneth L. Fortune recently received a one-day cold weather indoctrination course in Germany where he is serving with the 11th Airborne Division. Kenneth is assigned to the division's 511th Signal company. He is the son of Mrs. Margaret E. Leatherwood of route 1, Black Mountain.

MONTREAT

Miss Julia Stokes

The General Assembly's Men's council of the Presbyterian church, U. S. met in Assembly Inn over the week-end. There were some 170 men from all of the southern states in the group. They had a fine program with many interesting speakers among whom were Dr. Edward W. Grant, former executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education and now Louisiana's director of state institutions, who spoke on Friday night; Dr. Lewis Lancaster of the Board of World Missions, who spoke Sunday afternoon; Dr. Marshall Dendy, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, Richmond, Va., who was the speaker at the service at 11 a.m. Sunday in Gaither Chapel. This was combined with the Sunday morning church service. At this service the new officers of the men's council were installed by Dr. Dendy.

Next Sunday the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the morning worship service in Gaither chapel, with the pastor, the Rev. Stanley Bennett, in charge.

The Senior High Fellowship met at 4 p.m. in the Manse Sunday. At 7:15 p.m. the Christian Students association held vespers with Dr. and Mrs. Douglas McD. Monroe in their home on Assembly drive. The prayer meetings are held each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the sun parlor of Assembly Inn and at 7:15 p.m. in Gaither Chapel.

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Newton Editor On CP&L Staff

Richard H. (Dick) Byrd has joined Carolina Power & Light company as assistant to the publicity director. It was announced here today. He previously was managing editor of the Observer-News-Enterprise at Newton, N. C. A native of Warsaw, Byrd attended

ed Louisburg college and the University of North Carolina, where he graduated in journalism in 1950. During World War II, he was a combat crewman aboard a Navy patrol bomber in the Pacific theatre. He is active in the American Legion, 40-and-8 and Lions club and taught Sunday School at Newton's First Baptist church. He is married to Juanita Sharpe of Valdese. They have two daughters, Susan, 24, and Connie, six

JANICE HUGHES FETED WITH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Janice Hughes celebrated her eighth birthday anniversary Saturday afternoon, Jan. 5, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hughes, Blue Ridge road. Balloons were used in the home to decorate. Favours were given and games enjoyed during the afternoon. Ice cream, cookies and candy were served. Mrs. Hughes was assisted by Mrs. Johnny Pellom. Those present were: Linda Allison, Kay Allison, Cathy Radcliff, Cathy Scannell, Tony Edwards, Michael Solod, Steve Austin, Barbara Huntzinger, Ralph Hanson, Patricia Huntzinger, Caffe Williams, Preston Osteen, David Ivy, Jimmy Stephenson, Sandra Buckner, Mary J. Beddingfield, Mary Benedict, Johnny Stepp, Kay Pellom, Sherry Robertson, Linda Robertson, Nancy and Ann Harris, Bronson Tatham, Freddie White, Teresa Lonnie, and Susan Hughes.



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F. E. STEPPS HOSTS AT COVERED DISH SUPPER

Mr. and Mrs. Finley Stepp entertained with a covered dish supper at their home on Lakey Gap road Thursday evening, Dec. 27. Those enjoying the event were Mr. and Mrs. Cline Atkins, David Atkins, Mrs. Jack Brown and son Jeff, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Atkins, Miss Carolyn Atkins, Mrs. Horace Simmons and son Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stepp and Harold, Jr., Mrs. Fred Cook, Andy Cook, and the host and hostess.

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Final Rites For Dock Jones, 76

Dock Jones, 76, of Swannanoa Heights, died at his home Thursday, Jan. 3, after a long illness. He was a native of Buncombe county and a life-long resident of the Swannanoa Valley.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in Tabernacle Methodist church with the Rev. Charles Smith officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Etta Jones; three sons, Edward and W. L. of Swannanoa, and Roy C. of the home; a daughter, Miss Lorene Jones of the home; a brother, W. L. Jones of Rosman; two sisters, Mrs. Nora Grant and Mrs. Frances Whisenand of Asheville.

Harrison Funeral home was in charge.

—Approximately 25 fat stock shows and sales will be held throughout the state of North Carolina this year.

STATEMENT AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY READING, PENNSYLVANIA

Condition December 31, 1955, as Shown by Statement Filed

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$26,421,782.23
Stocks	18,855,178.87
Mortgage loans on real estate	429,544.27
Real Estate	1,878,589.95
Cash and bank deposits	6,119,619.92
Agents' balances or uncollected premiums	9,422,414.53
Less ceded reinsurance balances payable	1,550,847.92
Reinsurance recoverable on loss payments	800,479.92
Interest, dividends and real estate income due and accrued	185,263.22
All other assets as detailed in statement	329,247.96
Total admitted Assets	\$61,539,252.13
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Losses unpaid	\$11,400,283.03
Loss adjustment expenses unpaid	1,296,794.78
Contingent commissions and other similar charges	141,945.69
Other expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	
Underwriting	855,410.87
Investment	5,063.19
Taxes, licenses and fees (excluding Federal income taxes)	713,963.20
Underwriting	713,963.20
Unearned premiums	16,587,477.98
Funds held by company under reinsurance treaties	14,501,982.90
Amounts withheld or retained by company for account of others	83,723.97
Total liabilities	\$44,755,054.92
Capital paid up	\$ 2,000,000.00
Unassigned funds (surplus)	14,784,197.71
Surplus as regards policyholders	16,784,197.71
Total	\$61,539,252.13

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1955

Line of Business	Net Premiums	Net Losses Incurred
Fire	\$29,778.25	\$13,991.77
Extended coverage	5,883.51	3,267.41
Torn, wind, cycl., hail (except growing crops)	25.42	15.59
Inland marine	2,720.55	1,018.96
Multiple Peril	418.65	
Aircraft phys. damage	14,051.95	—839.78
Health	5,918.14	2,523.19
Group accident and health	53,595.41	24,431.68
Hospital and Med. Exp. Indiv.	16,823.49	5,597.92
Workmen's compensation	48,312.71	40,467.24
Liability other than auto	12,918.15	5,188.24
Auto liability	93,418.29	74,726.68
Auto property damage	61,123.03	32,555.26
Auto phys. damage	49,356.85	13,756.05
Property damage other than auto	6,084.27	2,117.73
Fidelity	5,331.07	1,279.93
Surety	9,343.51	—552.58
Glass	3,169.85	1,686.81
Burglary and theft	11,628.24	3,293.64
Total	\$429,369.14	\$230,756.37

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I, Chas. F. Gold, Commissioner of Insurance, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the American Casualty Company, of Reading, Pa., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1955.
Witness my hand and official seal, the day and date above written.
CHARLES F. GOLD, Commissioner of Insurance.