

## NEW HOUSE LAD HAS ARM BROKEN

(Special to The Star.)  
New House, Dec. 19.—There will be a Christmas tree at Sandy Plains Baptist church Christmas eve night, beginning at 6:30 o'clock. A chorus will be rendered followed by a Christmas play, then gifts will be taken from the tree and distributed. Last Sunday Rev. Johnny Walker of Gaffney preached at Sandy Plains church at 11 o'clock. A very large crowd was present to hear his message.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Doty of Kannapolis visited in the community over the past week-end. Miss Selma Humphries returned home with them for a brief stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Jenkins, Misses Ruth and Stella Walker and Sue Davis motored to Lincoln last Thursday afternoon and attended the B. Y. P. U. banquet for the officers of the west central region.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Whisnant recently moved to Charlotte to make their home. We are sorry to lose this splendid family.

Misses Ostine and Luna Whitaker spent Sunday with Sue Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McFarland were in this section Sunday.

The community deeply sympathizes with friends and relatives of Mr. Jim Wright in their bereavement.

Master Charles Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Greene had the misfortune Tuesday of getting his right arm broken while trying to crank the school truck. He was rushed to the Rutherford hospital and had it set and is doing as well as could be expected.

Mr. George Beam is a champion hog grower of our community. He recently killed a hog which weighed 530 pounds.

Mr. J. F. Greene has been sick with pneumonia. He is much improved and we are glad to note.

A number from the New House section attended the three one-act

## DEATHS INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

Raleigh.—A mixture of gasoline, corn liquor and speed, flavored with a touch of recklessness and a dash of disregard for others' rights and lives, killed 96 persons in automobile accidents on the highways of North Carolina during November, injured 443 persons and smashed up 509 automobiles in 351 accidents, according to figures made public today by the statistical bureau of the state department of revenue. This brings the total to 622 that have been killed in automobile accidents in the first 11 months of this year.

The number killed during November is 10 less than the fatal accidents in October although more were injured this month than last, when only 469 were injured. The number of fatal accidents and injured was also smaller for November this year than in November, 1928, when 77 were killed and 570 injured.

"While some slight progress seems to have been made in reducing the number of accidents, the number of persons being killed and injured in North Carolina each month in automobile accidents is still much too high," said Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue.

"Something must be done to curb the spirit of lawlessness and recklessness of automobile drivers to halt these accidents. I am hoping that during the Christmas season and for the balance of this year, automobile drivers will be more careful and more considerable of life and property and that the total number of persons killed this year will not exceed the record of last year, when 675 people were killed and 4,768 injured in automobile accidents."

Recklessness and general disregard of the highway and motor vehicle laws as usual caused the majority of the accidents and deaths, according to W. C. Spruill, head of the statistical division of the bureau in 42 accidents, ten of which were fatal, excessive speed was given as the cause while in 51 other accidents, in which eight were killed, reckless driving was the cause. In 41 other accidents the driver to blame did not have the right of way, while in 14 others the accidents resulted from drivers "cutting in" in crowded traffic, and 17 others from passing cars on the wrong side of the road. There were 26 "hit and run" accidents, in which six were fatal.

There were 41 accidents attributed to drunken drivers, in which seven persons were killed. The number of accidents attributed to intoxicated drivers always increases in the winter months, when some drivers think they must drink liquor in order to keep warm.

Only two persons were killed by trains at railroad crossings, although there were 11 crossing accidents.

The number of children killed in November increased materially, with 14 less than 14 years of age having been killed. Eight of these were killed while playing in the street while 16 others were injured in the same manner.

Of the 21 pedestrians killed, six were walking along the highway when struck. Of all the accidents, 275 of those injured or killed were the results of various sorts of collisions with other automobiles.

While the state highway patrol is gradually having some effect upon reckless drivers, the fact that there are only 36 patrolmen has made it impossible for the patrol to police the roads as it should, and the absence of a state-wide drivers license has made it difficult to check up on offenders, according to Captain Charles D. Farmer, commander of the patrol, who believes that it must be enlarged and given a drivers' license law before it will be able to reduce the number of accidents materially.

plays at Hollis last Saturday. Teachers meeting will not be held next Wednesday night.

Mr. Baxter Scruggs of Hollis spent the week-end with Mr. Luther Walker.

Mr. Gus McClure who has been visiting in Woodlawn, Pa., returned Saturday night.

## Four Candidates Will Be In Race For Governor Next

Brummitt, Cox, Fountain And Ehringhaus Will Likely Want To Succeed Gardner.

Raleigh.—Interest here is again turning toward consideration of the 1932 contest for governor as a result of the admission here by Special Judge Thomas L. Johnson, of Lumberton, that he would "probably" be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1932. Friends of Judge Johnson went even further and declared that he would positively be a candidate, and pointed out that while he is at present a resident of Robeson county, home county of former Governor A. W. McLean, he is a native of Buncombe county and hence could count on strong support in Western North Carolina.

The entrance of Judge Johnson is not surprising, since there has been considerable talk for some months that he might become a candidate, despite the fact that there are already three potential candidates already in the running, with one other still hesitating. The

three men already out after the nomination are Dennis G. Brummitt now in his second term as attorney-general; Richard T. Fountain, lieutenant-governor of the state, and J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of Elizabeth City. The fifth potential candidate is General Albert L. Cox, of Raleigh.

Until a month or two ago, Attorney-General Brummitt was regarded as having a better outlook than any of the other candidates, because of the fact that he had twice been successful in being elected attorney-general, had served several terms in the general assembly, and because of his position had had a constant opportunity to build up contacts in all parts of the state. This meant to many that he would have a superior organization in the field when the campaign finally got started.

But within the last several weeks Lieutenant-Governor Fountain has emerged as one of the most dangerous contenders for the nomination and political leaders generally are now admitting that Fountain

probably has the advantage at the present time over all the others. Fountain is what is known as a "good mixer" and loses no opportunity to get out and mingle with the people. He combines with this ability a tremendous amount of energy.

So far as can be learned, Ehringhaus has been less active than either Brummitt or Fountain, but his friends here maintain that he is only biding his time and that when he gets started he will make the most striking and impressive campaign. However, there are those who doubt that Ehringhaus will get into the campaign, and who believe that it will be future for him to do so.

The entry of Judge Johnson into the contest naturally makes the situation more complicated. When Johnson was first mentioned as a possible candidate, the suggestion was not regarded very seriously. Now however, that it is definitely known he expects to run, it is readily admitted that in a four or five-cornered race almost anything can happen.

It is also pointed out that Judge Johnson was chairman of the state advisory committee in the campaign of 1928, when he assisted Chairman Odus M. Mull in that campaign

that he served in the senate of the 1929 general assembly, where he helped out over many of Governor Gardner's measures, and that as a result he is pretty likely to receive strong support from the Gardner organization. His various turns around the state as a special judge will also stand him in good stead. So all in all, Johnson may become a more formidable candidate than many people think at the present time.

## Carpenter's Church To Plan Addition

The people of Carpenters Grove church who are interested in remodeling the church building so as to provide suitable rooms for the Sunday school, are requested to meet at the church Sunday, December 22 at 3 p. m. to consider this matter. J. M. Page, an architect now working among our churches in North Carolina is to be in this section Sunday and has agreed to meet with us and advise as to plans, cost and so forth.

All former members and friends of the church are invited to meet with us also.  
W. G. Camp, Pastor.

## Gaffney Has Hopes Of City Gas Plant

Gaffney and its environment is a splendid location for a gas plant in the opinion of men who have visited this city during the past two years in the interests of that public utility. Several months ago an extension of one year was granted by the city council to the Great Northern Utilities company, of Chicago, in which to begin operation on their project in accordance with the terms of a franchise granted about two years ago, and since that time other promoters have approached city officials with various propositions, according to Mayor V. H. Lipscomb.

The latest proposal came through Chamber of Commerce channels and after a conference a few days ago with Mayor Lipscomb and Secretary W. H. Alexander of the Gaffney Chamber of Commerce the proposition presented last week by James P. Gilles, vice president of Utilities Gas and Electric company of Chicago, appears to be more definite than any of the others as far as the manufacture of gas and distribution to Gaffney consumers is concerned.

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