

The Watauga Democrat.

LOCAL AFFAIRS

C. A. Ellis of Johnson City, Tenn., was in town Saturday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cook, of route 1, on Thursday December 14th, a boy.

Just a touch of winter since the rain but not enough to interfere with outside work.

Mr and Mrs. Shoemaker of Blowing Rock, were pleasant business callers at our office yesterday afternoon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Y. G. Norris, Jr., a boy, Robert Doughton Brod Norris.

Prof. W. Y. Perry, of Vilas, R.F.D. was an appreciated caller at our office Saturday.

Remember, The Democrat for a present for a friend or loved one who is away. Only one dollar per year.

Quite a number of the young people of Boone who are now off at school, are expected home for the holidays.

Mrs. David F. Greene and Miss Mae Greene are off on a shopping tour to Johnson City, and other Tennessee towns.

Many cases of influenza are reported at Valle Crucis but it is in a rather mild form and none of the sufferers are considered dangerously ill.

The Methodist people will have a Christmas tree at the Court house Sunday night, but we have failed to get particulars regardless of diligent inquiry.

E. S. Coffey, Prof. D. D. Daugherty, Rev. L. C. Wilson and F. M. Huggins attended the Baptist State Convention the past week at Winston-Salem. Coleman Payne was the safe chauffeur who also took in the convention. The party report a great Convention.

Quite a number of copies of the Democrat are being sent out for Christmas presents. Mrs. Mattie Tapping's is the last so far. Sending it one year each to her step daughters, Mrs. W. H. Anderson, Johnson City, Tenn., and Annie Tappings at Endicott, New York. Thanks.

Dr. G. K. Moose of the Boone Drug Co. returned Monday night from the bedside of his father in Rowan County. Tuesday afternoon he received another message telling of a change for the worse, and left again for his former home.

Rev. J. D. Rankin of the Appalachian Training School left yesterday for Abbeville, South Carolina, to officiate at the Smith-Haskell marriage. Both the bride and groom are members of the faculty at the Training school. The Democrat extends good wishes.

Mr. James Council, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Council, returned from the University Monday evening, feeling quite unwell. Dr. Anders was called and diagnosed the case as appendicitis. Dr. Tate and Hardin, of Banner Elk and Shulls Mills, respectively, were summoned and on Tuesday morning he was operated on at his home. He stood the operation well and is getting on very nicely indeed.

Mr. G. R. Gragg of Elizabethton, has sold his farm in Tenn., bought valuable property in Banner Elk and moved there. Mr. Gragg, when he left Watauga, located in Ohio, where he bought property, then he came back to Tenn. and now he is back in our little sister county of Avery and only one more short step will bring him back to Watauga. We hope he will make that move and locate for life in his native hills.

Mrs. T. H. Coffey, of Blowing Rock, who has been in rather poor health and recently returned from a sanatorium, has been a visitor this week at the home of Mrs. E. C. Coffey and to other friends in town. It is a pleasure to us to announce that the splendid lady is very much improved, looking well and seems to be on the road to permanent recovery.

HOME FROM SCHOOL FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The following young people of the town, who are taking college courses, are at home for the holidays:

Miss Anna Blair Anders, Trinity; Misses Ruth Dotson and Florence Eiler, Meredith; Miss Ruth Rankin, Winthrop; Miss Annie Dougherty, Carson and Newman; and Messrs Jas Council and Fred Hodges from the University of North Carolina.

Our attention is called to the short course in agriculture to be given at the N. C. State College during the two weeks from the eighth to the nineteenth. Courses in fruit growing, dairying, vegetable gardening, and poultry raising and other things will be given. The farmer that is undertaking any of these things and feels that he should know more about what he is doing would do well to take advantage of this opportunity. If you want more information in regard to these courses or the expense of the trip' our County Agent ought to be able to give it to you.

County Agent, Steele and our neighbor, Neal Blair are just back from Raleigh and they say that the State is ready to co-operate in every way possible with this section to the end that we may supply North Carolina with seed potatoes, Cabbage and sauerkraut. Had you ever thought about it that we can grow these things better than any other part of the State. We are famous for producing these two things. Everybody who has tried them want more but in the past we have not been able to get them further than the section immediately surrounding the mountains. County Agent Steele and Goodman, working with the State Extension Service, are making an effort to organize the production and shipping of these things so that they can reach the market that wants them in the shape that market wants them in. The carrot and tobacco growers have recently organized and we learn that this year they are saving the farmers thousands of dollars. The peach, orange and peanut growers have been organized for a number of years and have saved the growers of money. One way have they have helped the public as well as the growers is by distributing the products so that each market has a share but no market is glutted. Now if we can get our cabbage and potatoes and apples handled business-like that will mean prosperity to the whole Blue Ridge section.

MANY TURKEYS BOUGHT BY BROWNWOOD MERCHANT

Mr. Thomas S. Watson, merchant at Brownwood, paid out on Monday and Tuesday of this week nearly \$2,000 in cash for turkeys which he is shipping to the northern markets. One farmer sold him 72 head, which, at 36 cents per pound brought him the sum of \$313.00. Pity it is that so much of our most valuable products are being shipped out of the State, where every pound of it is needed and would bring a fancy price on any of our city markets.

BAPTIST CHURCH

10 a. m. Sunday school
11 a. m. Worship: Subject, the message of the Heavenly Host.
6 p. m. Jr. Int. and Senior B.Y.P.U.'s
7 p. m. Church worship
You are invited to attend any or all of these church services. Remember the prayer service Thursday 7 p. m.

ICE AND COLD STORAGE PLANT FOR BOONE

We have been reliably informed that in the early spring Boone will have an ice plant, capable of taking care of all the local needs. We suppose Blowing Rock will be greatly benefited by this new enterprise, as they can then get their ice on short notice and with a shorter haul over a better road. A modern cold storage plant will be operated in connection with the ice plant. These things will make another valuable addition to our town.

MRS. SHORES OPERATED ON AT WATAUGA HOSPITAL

Mrs. Millard Shores, residing in the Middle Fork section of the county, was operated on for appendicitis at the Watauga hospital in Boone Monday, Perry, Anders and Bingham doing the work. The operation was a success and the patient is resting nicely.

ALLAN L. HARMON DIES

On December 5th Allan L. Harmon, a former resident of Watauga County died at the home of his son, Lionel Harmon, in Richmond, Ind., where he had gone for medical aid. He had been suffering with kidney disease all summer but none thought the end so near. The family were all with him when the end came, except his daughter who arrived a few hours later. At his request interment was made in one of the city cemeteries.

BOONE SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

I wish to take this opportunity to announce our fourth Sunday Program Miss Eula Hodges leader. We have to study a special meeting—Training for church membership. Christ organized His Church and committed to it the work which he had begun. It is to carry forward his work. We find these mentioned in the Old Testament about the Church. Christ established the 'first Church.' The Church is a Divine Institution. We find in Matt. 16: 18, Christ said: Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.' He built the first church. He said it was His church. Therefore it is a Divine Institution. It is Divinely originated and organized. It is governed by Divine laws. It is the only Divine Institution in the world, at least in this large sense just mentioned. It occupies a unique position in the world, standing out from all other organizations. There are many other good organizations in the world, such as the Masons and Odd Fellows. But they are not Divine institutions. This is our last lesson before Christmas. I hope we can have a good crowd out with us. Meeting at 6 p. m. Sunday Dec. 24th. Visitors welcomed. Herman Wilcox.

FALL TERM A.T.S. CLOSE TODAY

The fall term of the Appalachian Training School will close today for the annual holiday vacation and the major part of the student body will return to their homes to enjoy the happy Christmas season. The term has been largely attended, and, possibly was one of the most successful in the history of this great institution. The spring term will open on Wednesday, January 4, 1923, when all the old and many new ones are expected back.

BINGHAM-MORRELL

Married on Monday at one o'clock at the home of Dr. R. K. Bingham in Boone, Mr. McCoy Bingham to Miss Knova Morrell of Tennessee. Reverend G. C. Brinkman performed the ceremony.

Mr. Bingham is a son of the late Thomas Bingham and brother of Attorney T. E. Bingham. Best wishes to him and the lady of his choice.

"SILENT NIGHT"

Probably no carol is so universally known, loved and sung as the simple German song. For years its origin was unknown, but supposed to date back centuries. A few years ago Ludwig Erk investigated and found that it was produced in 1818. The poem was written by Joseph Mohr, at the time assistant priest in Oberndorf in South Germany; the melody was composed by Franz Gruber, a school master. On Christmas eve of that year it was sung in the church of Oberndorf. The poet, who had a tenor voice, sang the melody, the composer, a bass, sang a second part, and hastily recruited choir of young women the refrain. A guitar furnished the accompaniment, the organ being out of order. Twenty years or so later a family of strolling singers from the tyrol added it to their repertoire, and in 1840 it was printed in Leipzig, as a "Genuine Tyrolean" song. For many years (and still in certain song books) the composer of the song was given as Joseph Haydn probably meaning the great Fran Joseph Haydn.

A touching description of the effect of this song is given in Zona Gale's short story (Agreat tree.) Certainly nothing can so quickly be given the spiritual atmosphere of the manger birth than the singing of this song.

A SPLENDID GIFT

On the 14th of November when the board of Trustees of the institution was in session, and just before it concluded its business, Mrs. A. L. Goble, valued member of the board, smilingly asked this question: "How would you like to have two colts—I have two up on my farm that I would like to give the institution if it can use them." She was given unmistakable evidence of our joyful willingness to accept the donation.

On December 1st the Southern railway agent phoned the institution that there were two horses at the station for the school, and that they had to be unloaded by 9 o'clock, the time limit. Supt. Boger and Mr. Fisher and one of the youngsters struck out for the railway station. They walked into the car and put bridles on Mrs. Coble's colts and led them easily out to the school. Mrs. Coble made a clean get-away with the proposition. She even prepaid the freight and instead of colts (and we thought all the while they were little innocent fellows) the animals are three and four years old; able-bodied, well developed Percheron horses. Just the kind of animals we needed. Mrs. Coble has rendered us a fine service, and every boy wants the job of "breaking these handsome colts."—The Uplift.

HARDING WARMLY ENDORSES CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING

President Harding in a letter read today at the opening session of the National Council of Farmers' Co-operative Marketing Association declared that he knew of "no single movement that promises more help toward the present relief and permanent betterment of agricultural conditions" than the co-operative organization of farmers to market their products.

The president's letter was read by Senato Ernest, Republican, Kentucky, to whom it had been addressed as a greeting to the council. Declared he wanted the government to do "everything within reason and sound procedure" for the aid of the farmers. Mr. Harding said he was still more anxious that the farmers shall themselves co-operate to make the governments efforts doubly effective.

"I know no single movement that promises more help toward the present relief and the permanent betterment of agricultural conditions than this one," the letter said. "Whoever has cared to read my recent message to the Congress will understand the depth of my conviction about the necessity to do everything possible to help the farmer through his present era of depression.

"In the long run, government aid cannot be made effective unless the farmers shall be organized and alive to their own responsibilities to establish and use practical instruments for the distribution of credits and the assurance of the methods. This association stands precisely for the best, most intelligent effort to establish such methods, and to teach the farmers and his friends to utilize them."

A BANK'S View of CHRISTMAS
THOUGH it is just about the busiest time of the year with us, we feel all the more joy in our work—because the great business of banking stands guard over the great Christmas trade of mankind.
And we like to do our work at this time in a way that bespeaks more than usual good cheer—backed by sincere good wishes to all whom we are given the privilege to serve.
WATAUGA COUNTY BANK
BOONE, N. C.

- N. L. Mast, President
L. A. Greene, Vice-Pres.
G. P. Hagaman, Cashier
W. D. Farthing, A. Cashier
Austin E. South, Teller
Miss Pearl Hodges, Bookkeeper



STATE MAY HAVE WOMEN ON JURIES BEFORE LONG

As a means of removing all doubt as to the interpretation of the state law and constitution as they relate to persons eligible for jury service in North Carolina, the legislative committee of North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs has decided definitely to ask the General Assembly for a declaratory statute making women eligible for such duty.

The statute C. S. 2312 provides that the board of county commissioners at their regular meeting on the first Monday in June shall proceed to collect from tax returns of the preceding year the names of all such persons as have paid all the taxes assessed against them for the preceding year and are of good moral character and of sufficient intelligence," said Mrs. Jerman. "A list of the names thus selected shall be made out by the clerk of the board of commissioners and shall constitute the jury list and shall be preserved as such."

"Women are 'persons' unquestionably and those possessed of the qualifications as men are qualified as jurors under the above section.

"Those of a reactionary turn of mind contend, however, that this section is unconstitutional because the constitution, Article 1, Section 13, prescribes that no person shall be convicted of any crime but unanimous verdict of a jury of good and lawful men in open court; and, therefore, they argue that the statute which admits all 'persons' of good character and who have paid their taxes according to the regulations violate this section of the constitution. But C. S. 3949 (1) provides that in the constitution of statutes the following rule shall be observed: every word importing the masculine gender only shall extend and be applied to females as well as the males; unless the context clearly shows to the contrary."

"The reactionaries say that the word men must be taken in the exclusive meaning given to it in the time the constitution was adopted in 1868. Be it so. Turn to the revised code, chapter 108, section 2, which was adopted in 1854, and it will be found that it was then provided that when the word 'men' was used in legislation 'every work importing the masculine gender may extend and be applied to females as well as the males.' The convention of 1868 in framing the constitution legislated with knowledge that the above was the settled law in this state.

"This should settle the matter in the minds of all," she asserted. "But independent of the statute, it is well known that the word 'men' in English has always embraced both sexes except when there is an opposite meaning restricting it to males. Those who are familiar with the Scriptures which is the work best known the majority of the people will find more than a hundred instances in which the word men is used in this generic sense. The same use of the word in a generic sense is to be found in Milton and other English writers. The word 'men' is used in the same sense in the Declaration of Independence."

RECOMMENDATION FOR PRISON PROGRAM

At the recent Greensboro meeting of the Citizens' Committee of One Hundred on Prison Legislation recommendations were made by fifteen sub-committees which had been studying various phases of the prison problem in this State. On the basis of these recommendations a committee composed of Mr. A. M. Scales, Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, Dr. J. F. Steiner, Mrs. T. W. Bickett and Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt will work out a program of penal legislation to be proposed to the next General Assembly.

Among the recommendations of the sub-committees (which have not yet, however, been boiled down into a concrete prison program) are the following:
1. Re-organization of the State Prison to provide for a central clearing house equipped with a Bureau of Medicine and Psychiatry and for the supervision of the whole system by a penologist.
2. Abolition of the ward for the criminal insane at the State prison and provision for the care of all insane and feeble-minded inmates at the several State hospitals for the insane and at Caswell Training School. An examination of all inmates would be made by a commission of mental experts and any sane would be transferred to the proper department of the regular prison.

3. Establishment of a farm colony for women offenders.
4. Establishment of system of prison industries for the State Prison under the direction of the Board of Directors.
5. Establishment of a Training School for negro boys similar to the Stonewall Jackson Manual Training and Industrial School.
6. Establishment of a colony for

tuberculous prisoners on the State Prison Farm.

7. Establishment of a State Reformatory for youthful offenders between the ages of 17 and 21.

8. Increase in the number of terms of the Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases, so arranged that no person in North Carolina accused of crime would have to wait for trial longer than twelve weeks.

9. A matron in exclusive charge of the women's wards of all county and city jails; in the larger jails for full time; in the smaller jails for part time.

10. Prohibition of flogging and the use of dark cells as punishment for both State and county prisoners.

11. Examination by the Bureau of Medicine and Psychiatry at the State Prison of all court cases thought to be mental cases.

12. Better administration of parole.

13. Abolition of the convict lease system.

14. A scientific survey and study of the negro criminal by a commission selected by and under the direction of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

15. Preparation by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare of plans and specifications for county jails and city prisons of varying types to suit the needs of the different counties and towns in the State.

16. That the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare and the State Board of Health be empowered to enact rules for carrying into effect the legal regulations as to sanitation, health and segregation of prisoners.

CONSOLIDATED

I have consolidated with the O. K. Barber Shop, and extend an invitation to my patrons and friends to continue their patronage in my new quarters.

W. M. HODGES.

Season's Greetings
With many thanks for the trade given us by our friends, which has enabled us to spend a profitable year, and with a hope that our relations may continue to be a pleasure, we wish you a Merry, Merry Christmas and a New Year equally enjoyable.
Boone Drug Company
The REXALL Store