

Items of Interest From... **West Clinton**

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Mrs. Elizabeth Ledford, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hopper and children, Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter and children of Chester, were dinner guests of Mrs. Susie Hawks and daughter, Beatrice, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Vaughn and Miss Ann Vaughn of Hampton, visited their father, Ernest Vaughn, Monday. Miss Ann Vaughn is continuing her visit over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bigbee and children, Kathy and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Lyda and children, and D. B. Wright were Christmas Eve supper guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bigbee.

Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson, Woodrow Maye, and Johnny Malpass were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ovell Woody and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ivester and children of Travelers Rest, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Cape of Greenville, visited Mrs. Beulah Ivester Sunday.

Sgt. and Mrs. Lonnie Bradford and son, Dean, of Fort Jackson, Columbia, are visiting the Phillips and Woodward families.

Mrs. R. G. Turner, Dorsey Turner and daughter, Marsha, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Turner and son, Ronald, attended the funeral of their sister and aunt, Mrs. Janie Smith, in Gastonia, N. C., recently.

Sylvia King of Winthrop College, Rock Hill, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hall King.

Miss Edna Wood returned to Salt Lake City, Utah, Monday after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wood, and her sister, Mrs. W. H. Adams. She will spend a few days with her brother, E. L. Wood, and family enroute.

Calvin Adams, son of A. L. Adams, spent a few days last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wilburn, in Cross Anchor.

Mrs. Lillie Ann Cox of Anderson, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wooten.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Oxner, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wooten and Mrs. Lillie Ann Cox were dinner guests of Rev. and Mrs. George James in Duncan recently.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Carr of Aiken, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Caughman and family, Leon Hedspeith and family spent Christmas and were dinner guests of Mrs. John Hedspeith.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Fuller and Gail of Greenwood, and Joe Robert Hudson of Atlanta, Ga., were guests of Mrs. Bessie Holtzclaw recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Floyd and daughter, Norma Jean, are spending two weeks at home with her mother, Mrs. Annie Mae Caughman.

Mr. and Mrs. "Babe" Brittain of Hickory, N. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adams on Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Fortner and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Giles and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Massey and children, of Greenwood, and Miss Becky Owens of Sumter, were guests of Mrs. Susie Hawks and daughter, Beatrice, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McGinnis visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George McGinnis, in Chester Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Peace and family of Newton Falls, Ohio, were Christmas Day visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Elledge and sons. Also visiting them on Sunday was Mrs. A. D. Smith of Chester.

Mr. and Mrs. Furman Ballew of Chicago, Ill., spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ballew.

Captain and Mrs. Jack Spillers and family of Mountain Home, Idaho, are spending several days with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Spillers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams and daughter, and Joe Williams of Greenville were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Smith and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson in Belton Sunday. Paula Wilson returned with them for a few days visit.

Mrs. Earl Barbee of Brunswick, Ga., Mrs. Emma Dameron and Mrs. M. C. Smith of Chester, visited Mr. and Mrs. Horace Smith during the Christmas holidays.

Billy Lowery has returned home from Self Memorial Hospital, Greenwood, where he has been a patient.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Smith and Mrs. Gladys Limer and son, Randall, of Buffalo, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lawson.

Mrs. W. A. Jones, Mrs. Frances Thompson of Greenwood, and Mrs. Ruth Tillman of Abbeville, visited Mrs. H. A. Adams Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Wade of Chester, Mr. and Mrs. George Hill and children of Spartanburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. Hall King during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Dunaway of Rockwell, N. C., are spending

a few days with Mrs. Dunaway's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McGinnis.

Mrs. James McNinch and son, David, of Laurens, were dinner guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Pressley Chaney and daughter, Judy.

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mrs. Lena Simpson observed her birthday December 27.

Clifford Woodward and Tot Fallow are observing their birthdays today.

Sara Nell Heaton will observe a birthday December 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adams observed a wedding anniversary December 28.

Douglas Owens celebrated his birthday December 21.

Dorsey Turner will observe a birthday January 3.

Billy Butler celebrated a birthday December 5, and Wayne Butler had a birthday December 24.

Those who celebrated birthdays on December 28th were W. B. Phillips, Miss Grace Ficklin, Harold Coker, Mrs. Mollie Painter, and Freda Satterfield.

John Finley will celebrate a birthday January 2.

Anne Meadows will have a birthday December 31.

Conservation Notes

By J. B. O'DELL, Conservationist

CONSERVATION PRACTICES APPLIED IN DISTRICT

James and Horace Martin of Route 2, Gray Court, are getting a good stand of fescue grass on three meadow outlets. These outlets were put in this fall in connection with the establishment of a parallel strip rotation on a 25-acre field.

Furman Ott has built another farm pond for the purpose of irrigation. This will give him four ponds on his cattle farm—six miles south of Laurens. The last one is the largest of all. The dam is 26 feet high and the water will cover approximately six acres.

Felton Roper of the Hickory Tavern section has recently completed a stock watering pond. This will give him a source of water in this pasture, where before there was no dependable flow of water within half a mile.

Thomason Bros. of the Trinity Ridge community have recently built 17,000 feet of terraces. They also planted three fescue meadow outlets in connection with the water disposal on these fields. The district's motor grader was used in the construction of the terraces and shaping of the waterways. ACP cost-sharing payments will help pay for the terracing.

There has been a lot of good terrace maintenance accomplished this fall while land was being prepared for the planting of small grain. This good work can be seen on the following farms: John T. Young, Jack H. Davis, Jr., Pringle Copeland, Hugh Buford, J. W. Tinsley, and others.

Byron Brown is getting a wonderful stand of alfalfa on 80 acres seeded this fall. He says, "You can't beat alfalfa hay for dairy cows." The land us in this farm was also changed from row crops to alfalfa. This is more in keeping with the capability of the soils, which are subject to erosion.

When farmers sell milk and beef cattle they are cashing in on the soil and water conservation program. This is an outward manifestation of "Conservation Farming." So the conservation practices applied on the farms of Laurens County are good for soil and water conservation but they can also be converted to cash through the sale of livestock and livestock products.

Pastures have been established on 24,600 acres of land on farms of Laurens Soil Conservation District Cooperators.

J. Ben Hunter has finished another nice farm pond. This makes four ponds he has in various pastures to give a more permanent source of water for his herd of beef cattle. ACP cost-sharing payments were used to help with the cost of construction.

J. W. Tinsley and Milton Thomason of the Trinity Ridge community are getting a good stand of crimson clover. Both of these farmers like crimson clover for soil improvement and for a cash crop from the sale of seed.

The first load of loblolly pine seedlings will be delivered on Friday, December 9. The district's four tree planters will be put into operation on Monday, December 12.

Did you know? There were 10,000 acres of land planted to pine trees in Laurens County last year—and 12,100 acres planted in cotton. Tree planting this season will be far below last year due to discontinuance of the Soil Bank program.

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