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OUR BEST WISHES

As we enter upon another Christmas we pause to reflect upon the true significance of the day and what it means to us. It is, of course, the anniversary of God's greatest gift to the world and next to this is the gift of friendship. It is at Christmas time that we give more thought to our friends, and upon this occasion we wish to extend our greetings and best wishes to each and every one of our readers. It is our hope that this Christmas season will prove a joyous one for you and that throughout the coming year much happiness will be yours.

THE DAILY REFLECTOR



WITH COMPLIMENTS
of the
HOLIDAY SEASON
Here you'll find Christmas Cheer
All the Year!
PITT DRUG COMPANY



WISHING YOU
A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
And a
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Coca-Cola
BOTTLING CO.



SEASON'S GREETINGS
May joy and happiness be with you
during the Christmas Season and
throughout the New Year.
J. FRANK HARRINGTON
Clerk of Superior Court



MAY HAPPINESS AND JOY
attend you this CHRISTMAS and
may the NEW YEAR bring you
Prosperity!
J. CLAUDE GASKINS
Register of Deeds



Our Sincerest Wishes
for a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
FOLGER BUICK CO., Inc.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Another Christmas — another occasion
when we can express to you publicly the
good will we feel to our customers who
have bestowed upon us so fully their faith,
interest, and patronage. May the coming
New Year bring to you and yours all the
good things in life.

GARRIS GROCERY COMPANY



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Whatever we have accomplished during
the past year has been made possible
through the courtesy, cooperation and
loyalty of our Friends. Please accept our
sincere thanks and our wish for a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year!

HONEYCUTT'S MARKET



It is a happy privilege
to again wish for you a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR
RAINBOW CLEANERS and
LAUNDRY
T. A. Etheridge, Owner



To All Our Friends and Patrons
We Extend Best Wishes For a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR
Colonial Ice Co.



Best Wishes to You Each and
Everyone — for a
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR
COBURN'S SHOES, Inc.



A Very
MERRY CHRISTMAS
And All Good Wishes
To the Good People of a
Good Community
CLARK'S COAL & WOOD YARD
W. C. Clark



We Take This Opportunity
To Thank Our Friends and
Customers for Past Favors
MRS. MORTON'S BAKERY
Open All Day Sunday
Open After 4:00 P. M. Christmas Day



GREETINGS

To you and yours on this
Joyous Holiday Season

RESPESS BARBECUE STAND
"Where Friends Meet and Eat"

We wish for the world

PEACE

For you—a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

COLLEGE VIEW SHELL STATION
Clem Garner, Mgr.

Seasons Greetings

It would take a world of time and space for us to express our gratefulness to you or to try to tell you our wishes for you and yours at this season—so we say:

Our wish is that—Christmas may bring to you and those dear to you, the things you most earnestly long for. And that the coming New Year will abundantly supply you with all the good things of life.

It will be our pleasure to serve you during 1940.

City Market

C. A. TURNER, Prop.

COME TO CHURCH Christmas Services



IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Clarence H. Patrick, Pastor
9:45 a. m.—Sunday School. Classes for all ages.
11:00 a. m.—Morning worship.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Dr. J. D. Simons, Pastor
9:45 a. m.—Sunday School. E. R. Conway, Jr., Supt.
Classes for all ages. Come and study with us. Nursery for the babies.
11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. Sermon: "Hospitality To The Highest."
Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.—Mid-week prayer service.
Visitors welcome to all services.

JARVIS MEMORIAL M. E. CHURCH
Rev. Thomas McMillan, Minister
9:45 a. m.—Sunday School; J. H. Rose, Supt.
11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. Organ Prelude: "Christmas Carols."
Solo: "O Holy Night"—Mrs. Hel-

ene Higgs Kirkpatrick.
Offering: "Lullaby."
Sermon by the pastor.
"Hallelujah Chorus."
6:30 p. m.—The Epworth Leagues and the Children's Division will meet.
There will be no evening service here this evening.

EIGHTH ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH
"Disciples of Christ"
William A. Ryan, Minister
Leas S. Bullock, Minister of Music
9:45 a. m.—Church School.
11:00 a. m.—Morning worship.
3:30 p. m.—Christmas party for children of the Nursery, Beginner, Primary and Junior departments.
No evening service.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Dr. Robert S. Boyd, Pastor
9:45 a. m.—Church School; W. S. Brown, Supt. "A school for the whole family."
11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. Sermon: "Making Room for Christ in Our World Today."
2:30 p. m.—Special Christmas services at Hollywood Church.
4:30 p. m.—Rev. C. A. Lawrence will preach at Meadowbrook Chapel. Following this service at 5:30, a special Christmas program will be rendered.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
L. Everett Ballard, Minister
Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a. m.; W. F. Owens, Supt.
11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. Subject: "The Long and Longing Wait."
F. W. B. Leagues meet at 6:30 p. m.—Mr. Martin, Director.
7:30 p. m.—Evening worship. The minister will be assisted by members of the congregation in an illustrated sermon on "Christmas Yesterday and Today."
Public cordially invited to all services.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Worth Wicker, Rector
7:30 a. m.—Celebration of Holy Communion.
9:45 a. m.—Church School.
9:45 a. m.—Men's Bible Class.
11:00 a. m.—Morning prayer.
10:00 a. m.—Friday and Holy Days Holy Communion.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
"Rotary Club Building"
R. L. Landeck, Pastor
11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. We offer a "Changeless Christ for a Changing World."

CHURCH OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE
Rev. Charles J. Gable, Pastor
The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 10:30 a. m. Devotions in honor of the Sacred Heart and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 5 o'clock. Novena in honor of the Miraculous Medal on Monday at 4:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE
9:45 a. m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.—Lesson-Sermon.
Wednesday—Reading room is open from 2 until 5 o'clock in the church building.
Wednesday, 7:45 p. m.—Testimony meeting in the church edifice, 1006 Dickinson avenue.
The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS
Corner 13th & Reade Sts.
Rev. J. G. Spivey, Pastor
10:00 a. m.—Sunday School; J. W. Bunch, Supt.
11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.—Services by the pastor every Sunday.
Tuesday and Friday, 7:30 p. m.—Prayer services.
Thursday, 7:30 p. m.—P. Y. P. S. services.

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner Cotanche & Tenth Sts.
Rev. S. B. Denny, Pastor
Services every fourth Saturday and Sunday.

SALVATION ARMY MEETING
10:00 a. m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.—Holiness Meeting.

6:00 p. m.—B. T. U.; R. P. Payton, director.
7:30 p. m.—Sermon by the pastor.

ENGLISH CHAPEL F. W. B. CHURCH
9:30 a. m.—Sunday School—Sam King, Supt.; Mrs. Annie Fleming, Secy.
11:00 a. m.—Sermon by the pastor, Rev. S. Hemby.

ST. JOHN'S C. M. E. MISSION
Sheppard Street
Sunday School, 10:45 a. m.
Preaching every first Sunday at 11:45 a. m., and 7:45 p. m.
Preaching every third Sunday at 3:30 p. m., and 7:30 p. m.
The public is invited to attend these services.
Rev. W. F. Jones, Worship Evangelist, Pastor; Residence, Bethel, N. C.

ST. GABRIEL'S CATHOLIC
Fifth St. and Tyson Ave.
Pastor, Rev. Father Maurice, C. P.
Holy Mass every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Instructions for children following the mass.
Every Sunday at 5:00 p. m.—Sermon and evening prayer.
Holy Mass each morning at 7:00. Services Friday night at 7:45.

MT. CALVARY F. W. B. CHURCH
Rev. E. M. Hill, Pastor.
9:45 a. m.—Sunday School; Jos. Killebrew, Supt.
Preaching every fourth Sunday at 11 a. m.
Evening worship every fourth Sunday at 7:30 p. m.

PHILIPPI CHRISTIAN CHURCH
"Disciples of Christ"
Corner 13th and Greene Sts.
Rev. C. T. Utley, Pastor.
Regular services every second and fourth Sundays.
9:30 a. m.—Sunday School; John L. Leary, Supt.
11:30 a. m.—Preaching.
Prayer meeting each Wednesday night at 7:30.
All are cordially invited to attend these services.

YORK MEMORIAL A. M. E. ZION
Albemarle Avenue
Rev. Solon P. League, Pastor.
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Preaching, 11:00 a. m.
Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.
Preaching, 7:30 p. m.
Prayer and class meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:30.
All are welcome to these services.

SALVIA CHAPEL F. W. B. CHURCH
Rev. J. W. Wilkins, Pastor.
Services every first Sunday at 11:00 a. m.
Sermon by the pastor.
2:00 p. m.—Sunday School; Sam Weathers, Supt.
All are invited to these services.

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST
(Thirteenth & Railroad Streets)
Rev. J. E. Tillet, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; Geo. L. Jenkins, Supt.
Church hour, 11 a. m. Sermon by the pastor.
Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Sermon by the pastor.

SIMPSON F. W. B. CHURCH
Rev. John Harden, Pastor
Services every fourth Sunday.
Hardy, Supt.

11:00 a. m.—Morning worship.
Sunday School, 10 a. m.; C. L. 7:30 p. m.—Evening worship.
Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.—Prayer meeting.

ELOHIM HOLINESS CHURCH
Pitt Street
Elder J. N. Batten, Pastor
Services at 11:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sunday.
All welcome.
Thursday, 7:30 p. m.—Prayer meeting.

PHILIPPI BAPTIST CHURCH
Railroad Street—Simpson, N. C.
Rev. J. H. Harris, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; J. H. Taft, Supt.
11:00 a. m.—Morning worship.
7:30 p. m.—Evening worship.
Home Missions meet.
Thursday, 7:30 p. m.—Mid-week Wednesday, 2 p. m.—Women's prayer service.

England Lifts A Gall-ing Ban N St. Gall, Switzerland.—(AP)—Thousands of St. Gall women picked up their embroidery needles again and went to work, when they were informed that the British government had removed the ban on embroideries.
England, one of the leading customers of the famous St. Gall embroideries, banned these imports at the beginning of the war, and put thousands of Swiss in the St. Gall region out of work.
The Swiss government appealed to London and the restriction was removed in time for the Christmas trade.
Before the last war the St. Gall embroidery industry was one of the biggest items in Swiss export totals, but fashions changed and the industry declined.

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GREETINGS

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION
of your good-will, we wish you all the
joys of the
Christmas Season

It has been a great pleasure to have served you during the past, and we sincerely trust that we may have the opportunity of serving you in 1940.

Again—wishing all
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY — PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR

H. A. MOORE

404 W. 9th St.

Dial 2724

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes

We view the passing years with profound appreciation for the privilege of having served you, and among the gifts is your friendship and your generous cooperation in our efforts to make our services efficient. So it is most sincerely that we wish you a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

—and—

HAPPY, PROSPEROUS

NEW YEAR!

The Entire Personnel of Your

Water & Light Commission

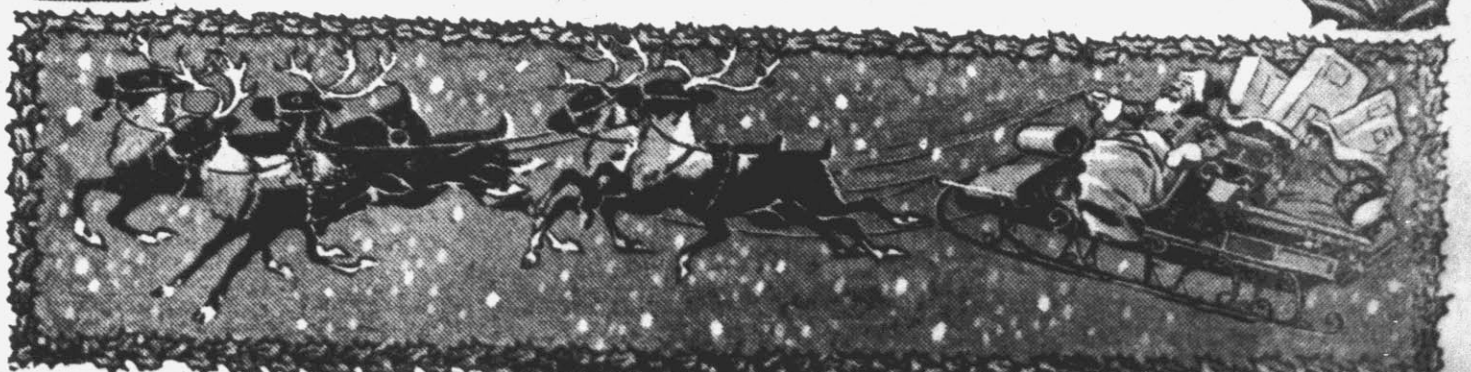


GREETINGS

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HOME BUILDING
And
LOAN ASSOCIATION

Greenville, N. C.



One Is Beloved

BY LOUISE PLATT HAUCK

YESTERDAY: A bombshell breaks in Sue's pleasant home when a woman comes to see her—saying that she is Mrs. Meade Trenton, Bob's first wife.

Chapter 18 First Wife

"BUT—how long have you and Bob been married?" the woman asked Sue. "I thought—I heard—"

"Nearly a year. A year next month."

"And he actually hasn't told you?" Her eyes began to sparkle with mirth and excitement. "This is simply incredible; like a play, isn't it? Why, I thought of course you knew! I never dreamed—well, leave it to Bob Trenton to do the unexpected!"

She took charge of the situation briskly. "Buck up, my dear! There's really nothing to go all limp and white about. It wasn't much of a marriage, any way you look at it. I suppose that's why Bob didn't bother to mention it. Still—I'm not so terribly flattered, you know—that he has forgotten me! Or perhaps—" she prudently suppressed the alternative. "Look here, what's your name? I can't go on calling you 'you,' and I simply can't say 'Mrs. Trenton,' now can I?"

"Sue." The word barely escaped her dry lips.

"Sue! Cute little name. You're cute, too, in your queer dark way. Hope you don't mind the personalities." She chuckled suddenly. "If ever two women had a right to talk personalities, it's you and I, it seems to me." She laid her hands on the arms of the chair and leaned forward. "Now, Sue, don't look so tragic about this. We've lots to talk about and I can't be my own irresistible self with you huddling there as if you'd just had news of Bob's death."

"Tell me," she asked in a businesslike tone, "why do you think he hasn't told you about me?"

Again Sue shook her head. She wished the silvery voice would stop. She wished the woman who had done this thing to her would go. The air of the room seemed to her polluted though the sweet May breeze mingled with an elusive scent from the other woman's garments. Sue put up her hand and pushed her hair from her forehead.

"Ache?" inquired the silvery voice. "You're horribly pale. Oughtn't you to lie down, or something?"

It was the right note. Pride cleared Sue's brain as if by magic. She sat up in her chair, even managed a bright smile at her caller.

"I'm all right. I've been out in the sun too long, I expect. Over-seeing some garden work. And I was—rather surprised at your news—at seeing you." She folded her hands composedly. "Are you visiting in St. Joseph, Mrs.—ah—Trenton?"

"Ceely. Let's don't be formal with each other, my lamb. That would be too ridiculous. Visiting here? That depends. I've been in California all winter. I'm on my way back East now. There was some business I wanted to ask Bob about, so I stopped off."

"You knew then—where he was? That he—was married?"

"Yes, I knew. Not through Bob though. The old meanie hasn't condescended to keep me informed about himself. I had to write to his lawyers."

Sue made another effort. "How long—how long ago?"

"I'll tell you the whole story," said the pleased silvery voice. "No—you must listen! You'll see it isn't so bad—nothing whatever to be upset about. Why, we were perfect infants when we married. Bob and I. He was just past his twentieth birthday. I was only nineteen. Ages and ages ago, you see."

"Extemporaneous"

"AND—it's no wonder the poor boy didn't bother to tell you! Our marriage lasted just four months. Practically no marriage at all, you see. It was a flop from the first," she went on cheerfully. "A sort of extemporaneous affair, you might call it. We met at a house party the week after his graduation. It was a glamorous sort of party; my first, too. A full moon, dances and dinner parties, and masses of flowers everywhere. We fixed it up in the morning—in the swimming pool if you'll believe me."

"Bob said, 'Why don't we get married, Ceely?' And I said it seemed a sound idea to me. So we hurried to get dressed, and slipped away from the others, and drove to a town about forty miles away. You should have heard them all! 'Well when we came back with a wedding ring and a certificate, and everything! They were thrilled at the elopement, but simply furious because we hadn't taken everybody along.'"

Sue's bewilderment had passed. Her mind was crystal clear, leaping ahead of the sweet, drawing voice. She could see the merry young guests, hear their shouted reproaches and congratulations.

She could see—ah, so plainly!—Bob and the tall young Ceely! Both so fair, both so slender and magically young!

"Go on," she urged.

"My folks were pleased. So was Bob's father. No trouble there, at all. Mother had announcements sent out as quick as she could get them engraved, and Bob and I went off for two weeks to Canada, on a camping trip."

"And—"

Ceely shrugged. "It was a mistake. I hated camping. It was too early for Canada. It rained, practically every day we were there. Bob and I were hardly on speaking terms by the time we got back."

She paused, consciously heightening the suspense of her narrative. This dark-eyed girl huddled in the chair before her was hanging on every word.

"That's about all, I expect. We simply got on each other's nerves until I couldn't stand it another minute. His father was set on our living with him. My dear, if you could have seen that old mausoleum! I told Bob I'd let him take me there after I'd died, but not before! So I went back to my own home—"

"Wait! You mean at the end of the four months?"

"I mean at the end of three weeks," was the amused reply. "Bob and I stayed in a New York hotel for a week after that terrible camping trip. Then I went home—my people live on Long Island—and Bob moved in with his father. And three months later I went to Reno and got my divorce. Now you have it all. It wasn't really a marriage, when you come to think about it. Just an error of judgment, as Bob said himself." Again the dimples dipped.

"A Little Business Advice"

"AND—since then?"

"What do you mean—since then? You know more about what has happened to Bob than I do. I haven't laid eyes on him for five years. If you mean what have I done, . . . I've had a good time, I can tell you!"

"You—re-married?"

"Would I be Mrs. Meade Trenton if I had? No, that camping trip still too vivid in my memory. I've traveled. I've been an extra in the movies just for the fun of it. I own a house in California and my people visit me a lot. . . . I tell you, I've had a good time!"

"What—what do you want with Bob?"

The delicately pencilled eyebrows went up.

"Want with him? What should I want with Bob Trenton? Nothing but a little business advice—and to see him. We had a property settlement at the time of the divorce. He gave me some shares in the Treadon Company—or rather his father did. I'm thinking of selling them, and it seemed only fair to offer them to Bob first. Besides—" she leaned forward gleefully — "I'm human, my dear! I wanted to see the kind of girl Bob had married. Mother wrote me that he'd settled down this time; that the second inoculation had taken, so to speak."

Sue's dark eyes met the mischievous blue ones.

"Very well, you've seen me!"

"Now go! Is that the rest of it? What an inhospitable little thing you are! I suppose you take divorce more seriously in a backwoods town like this than we do in California. It's the usual thing there. I was hoping," she said, notes of laughter sprinkling the words, "I was hoping you'd ask me to stay with you—for a few days anyway. Such a nice surprise for Bob when he comes back, don't you think? Not! Well, she sighed and rose. "I've a taxi eating its head off out in front. I suppose I'd better go back to my hotel. When do you expect Bob?"

"Tonight—probably late—I don't know. I . . . I suppose I do seem to you not—not hospitable. But I'd like to talk to Bob first—"

"Of course you would. I quite understand." She held out a small gloved hand with unaffected cordiality. "I do hope my coming hasn't been too much of a shock. I'd take an aspirin and lie down for a while if I were you. But honestly, my dear, honestly! There's nothing to do. If I could get hold of Bob to back me up, I'd do it. But she'll ask him, and he'll blurt out the truth! Aloud she said: "Sue, it was a divorce I got, not an annulment. I was Bob Trenton's wife for exactly two weeks, and that was five whole years ago. What does it matter now?"

Continued Monday.



The hunters douse water on the shakes, which chills them so much they wriggle all the way out. Then they place the long-handled clamp on back of their heads.

You can bring 'em back alive if you want to, but most of the boys kill them first.

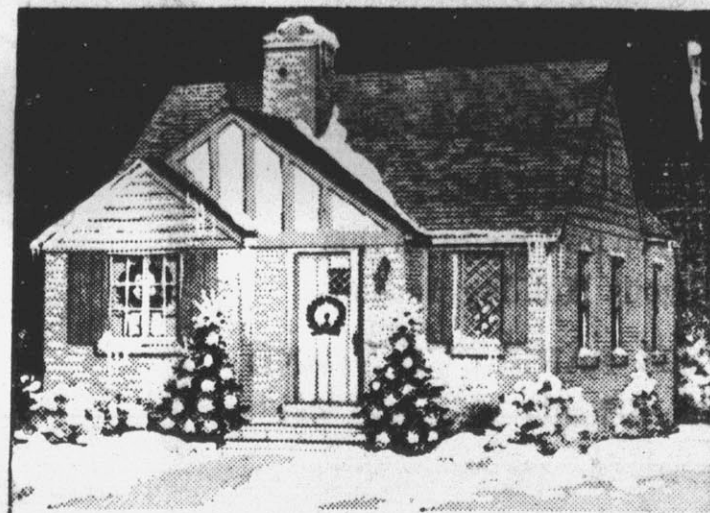
Storekeepers in Ilford, north London suburb, have signed "mutual assistance pacts" providing that customers of a store forced to close because of air raid damage will transfer to another store included in the pact.



Not just because it's the custom, but with a sincere appreciation of our pleasant associations throughout the past year. We extend to you our best wishes for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY and PROSPEROUS 1940

FIRESTONE
Auto Supply and Service Stores
A. M. Lum, Mgr.
Cor. Reade & Fifth Sts. Greenville



A MERRY CHRISTMAS...AND A VERY
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR FRIENDS

It has been our good fortune to do business with the finest folks on earth and the spirit of the season brings renewed appreciation of old associations and the value of new friends.

It is a time we wish to tell you how we appreciate the courtesies you have shown us in the past year. We sincerely appreciate your friendship and good-will and we hope the pleasant friendship that has prevailed, will continue throughout the coming year.

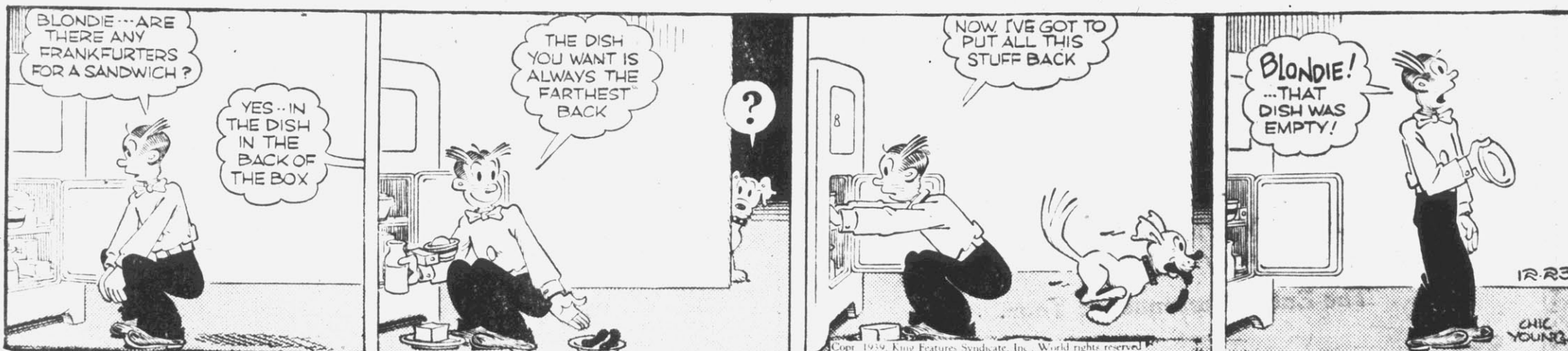
Northside Lumber Co., Inc.



For us to express our gratefulness to you — or to try to tell you our wishes for you and yours at this season—so we say

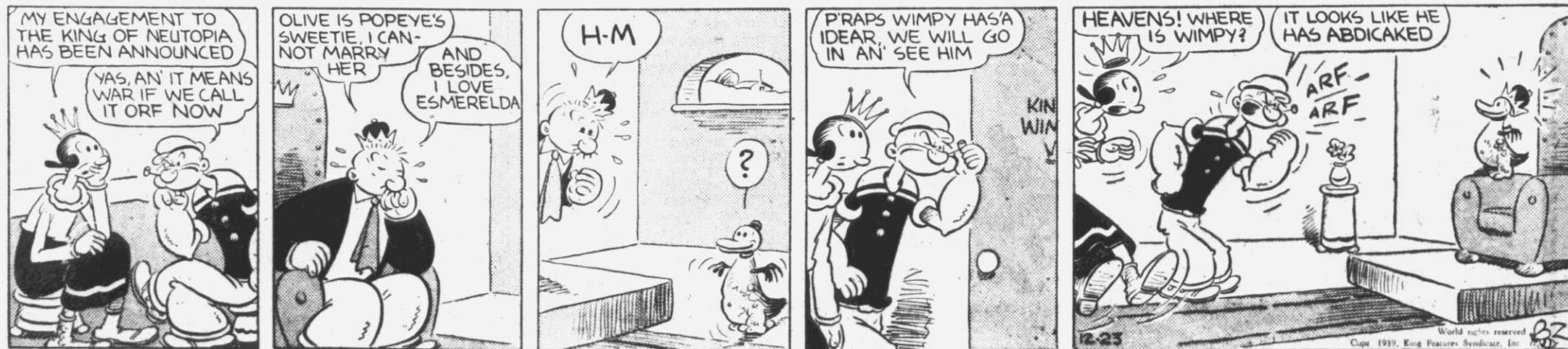
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
A Happy and Prosperous New Year
To All Of Our Patrons
Home Furniture Store
GREENVILLE

BLONDIE



Lost, Strayed Or Stolen?

THIMBLE THEATRE (Starring Popeye)



Now Showing - The King's A Chicken-Chaser!

TO SEE OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US

Oklahoma City — (AP) — Grover Guthrie, theater usher, got a glimpse of how other people see him when he surprised his own wardrobe walking away on a stranger.

Guthrie called police and had the stranger arrested. The man admitted he had been into the usher's locker, in the basement of the theater building, while the usher was upstairs at work in his uniform.

Gifted Feline
Clarendon, Tex. — (AP) — Arlie Wood says he has a tom cat that will out-do any hunting dog in the business. "The cat points quail, stalks them if they run and retrieves dead and wounded birds as fast as you can shoot them," avers Sportsman Wood.

WANT ADS PAY

AND THEY CALL IT SPARE-TIME ACTIVITY

Lincoln, Neb. — (AP) — It takes a lot of work to put on a college athletic show and University of Nebraska coaches cite these figures to prove it.

Behind the nine hours of public performance by the football team are about 100 hours of spring practice, about 60 hours in pre-season workouts and 125 hours' practice during the regular season.

Over on the basketball court the boys have it a little easier. They practice about 200 hours a season and perform for the public about 12 hours.

Westerners, At Play
Elm Creek, Neb. — (AP) — Down this way when the boys want a little excitement they go hunting rattlesnakes with a pail of cold water and long-handled clamp.

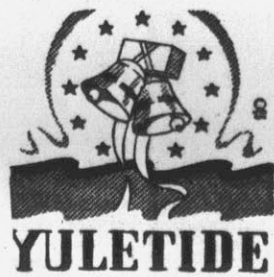
The rattlers hide out during the winter in a hole-pocked pasture. On warm days they crawl partially out of their holes to bask in the sun.



WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT

Just wanted to express our most sincere appreciation for your patronage and wish for you a

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
HOOKE-BUCHANAN, Inc.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR!

is my sincerest wish for my friends throughout the county. May every joy be yours!

J. KNOTT PROCTOR
Sheriff of Pitt County



To All Our Friends and Patrons
We Extend Best Wishes For a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

It's Been a Pleasure To Render
"Right Now" Service

TRIPP'S MARKET
Jasper L. Tripp, Owner



HAPPY YULETIDE

While the year is fast drawing to a close, we consider it would be far from complete unless we expressed our wishes for a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** to Everyone of You!

MOSELEY BROTHERS



To All Our Friends and Patrons
We Extend Best Wishes For a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR
CAROLINA DRY CLEANERS

Leon Smith, Prop.



Here's
SANDY CLAUS



May Happiness Be With You
and Yours at Christmas And
Throughout The New Year!

Wyatt Brown's
CASCADE LAUNDRY



A MESSAGE TO YOU AT CHRISTMAS TIME

In true appreciation of the patronage that you have extended us in the past year let us express our wishes to you for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
WILLIAMS'
"The Ladies' Store"



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Another Christmas—another occasion when we can express publicly and pertinently the good will we feel to a community that has bestowed upon us so fully its faith, interest and patronage.

SUTTON'S SERVICE CENTER No. 1
Evans and Tenth Streets
SUTTON'S SERVICE CENTER No. 2
Dickinson Avenue at Wade Street



MERRY CHRISTMAS
to our
FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

is the sincere wish

of

MIXON'S SERVICE STATION
Shell Products



We take this opportunity to thank you
for your patronage and wish you a

Merry Christmas

PROCTOR HOTEL BARBER SHOP



MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

PAUL AUTO SUPPLY CO.
Greenville, N. C.



Best Wishes For

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and may the
NEW YEAR

bring you
HAPPINESS

Stafford Oldsmobile Co.

WANTS

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FAIR EXCHANGE—Viscount Suffield (left), British motor magnate who by June, 1939, had given some \$67,000,000 to English charities, plus \$400,000 to Red Cross on Oct. 10, accepts a coughdrop from Air Minister Sir Kingsley Wood.

GAIN SHOWN IN REVENUE LEVY

Figures Show Steady Industrial Gains In State

Reflector Bureau.
By HENRY AVERILL.
Raleigh, Dec. 22.—Steadily increasing annual internal revenue tax collections in North Carolina, set back only slightly by the "recession" of 1937, illustrate vividly the state's industrial gains over the past decade. Director R. Bruce Etheridge of the Department of Conservation and Development pointed out after an examination of figures from the office of Charles H. Robertson, collector of internal revenue for North Carolina.

Director Etheridge cited, too, the fact that even during the slight slump in collections on business of 1938 North Carolina rose from fifth to fourth place among all the states in the matter of tax payments to the federal government.

The figures for 1929 to 1939, inclusive, showed that in this period of eleven years collections in North Carolina mounted to more than three billion dollars, with the average running well above \$250,000,000 annually. During that time North Carolina ranked variously from second to fifth in the list of states.

The bottom in collections was reached in 1933 (taxes on business activities of 1932) with \$213,487,759.08; while 1938 (business of 1937) was tops with \$327,018,171.48.

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and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR



HAPPINESS HIGHLIGHTS PITT SCREEN HITS



They have a baby now—Wm. Powell and Myrna Loy in scene from "Another Thin Man" billed at the Pitt opening Christmas Day.



Ball-esque that described Madeleine Carroll starring in the spic screen hit "Honeymoon" on an enchanted isle in Bali, Pitt—Thursday-Friday.

Hollywood Sights And Sounds

By Robin Cron

Hollywood—It is an odd circumstance, but the making of a movie about "Gulliver's Travels" may make its author's version a museum piece in the course of years.

The tale, thanks to the movie, is equally likely to attain a rush of popularity it has never enjoyed before—but it won't be the tale that Jonathan Swift wrote. It will be the tale, instead, that 675 artists working under Dave Fleischer's direction down in Miami, Fla., put together for the color "cartoon" feature that Dave, and his producer brother Max, are gleefully exhibiting.

They spent 1,500,000 on the putting together, climaxing their joint film careers begun 20-odd years ago when Max used Dave as model for "Koko the Clown" in the "Out of the Ink Well" series familiar to early movie fans.

That the picture should overshadow the book, in the former's present fanfare for attention, is but natural. And that the film should embellish the Swift yarn was inevitable. Me, I'm for the film version.

"It's Gulliver, all right," said Dave, out here on pre-opening business and jitters. "We have the scenes most familiar in the memories of people who have read the book—Gulliver being tied to earth by the Lilliputians, and Gulliver towing the enemy ships to break up the war. But we have gone farther. In the book Gulliver awoke to find himself tied; we show the little people doing their stuff. None of our characters, aside from Gulliver, is in the book by name. We have identified them, given them personalities—King Little of Lilliput, his daughter Princess Glory, King Bambo of Blefuscu, his son Prince David. And we have an important character in Gabby, the little fellow who discovers the giant Gulliver. Another one is Twinkletoes, the homing pigeon who has trouble taking off to fly; and then there are the three spies, Sneak, Snoop, and Snitch."



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Startling drama in a besieged American consulate—with bandits battling at the gates!
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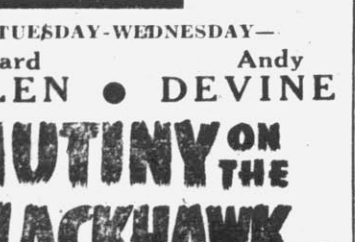
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—THURSDAY—
FREDDIE BARTHOLOMEW Jackie Cooper
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—TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY—
Richard ARLEN • Andy DEVINE
"MUTINY ON THE BLACKHAWK"
Noah Beery • Constance Moore Guinn "Big Boy" Williams

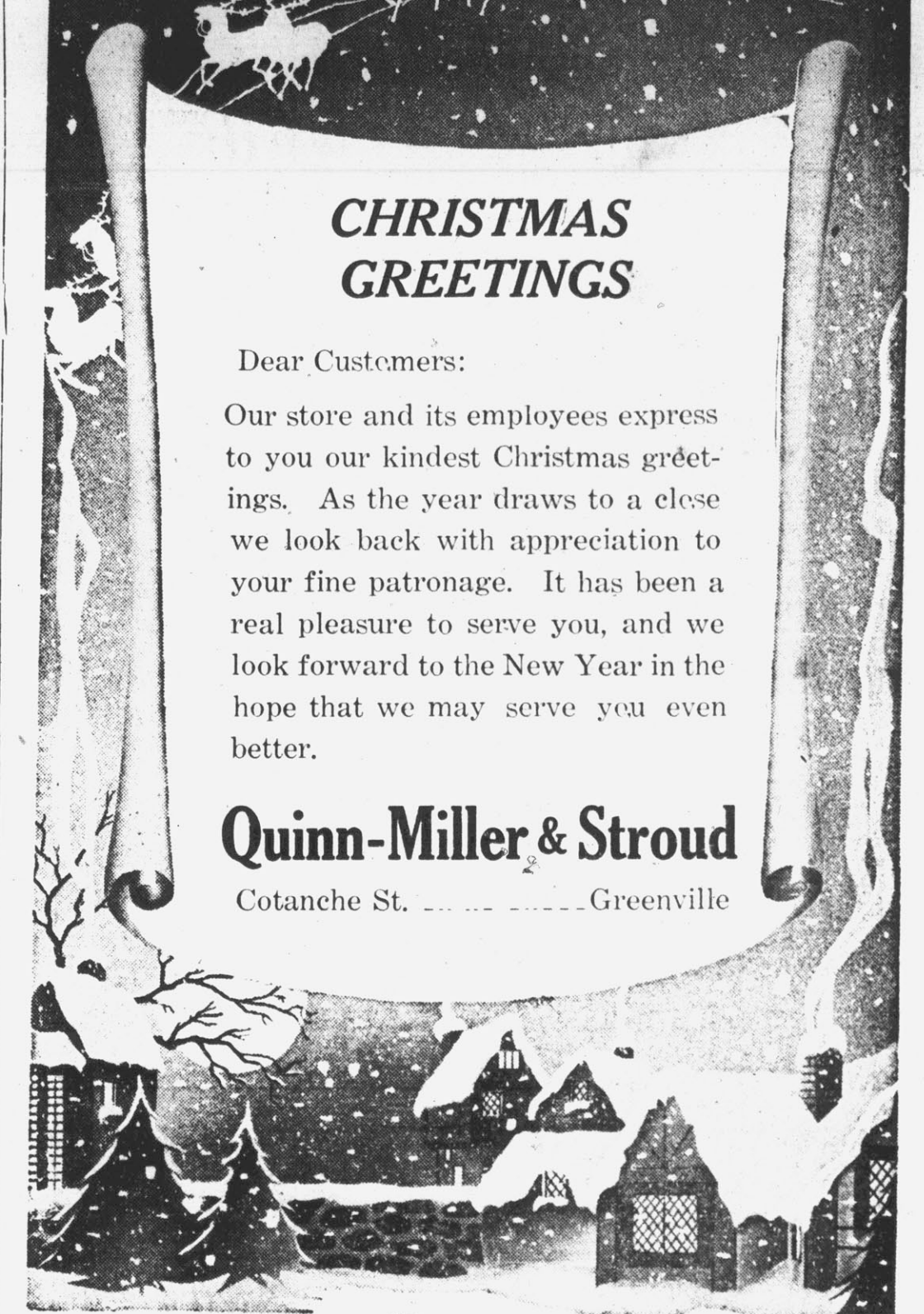
—FRIDAY-SATURDAY—
TIM MCCOY
in "Lightning Carson Rides Again"

other it's "Forever." Gulliver suggests a nice piece of harmony might be attained by combining the two—into "Faithful Forever."

So you can see what slim chance Mr. Swift has, when he's confronted by an assortment of characters and some such as the movie will boast. We aren't shunting aside old Jonathan completely, but when the movie version comes out—in a 10-cent edition—what youngster is going to the town library to dig for the cause of it all?

Dave Fleisher expects that the dime book will be the biggest seller of the innumerable Gulliver novelties and toys all ready to pour on the market with the film's release. Splitting the royalties with Paramount, Dave estimates that the Fleishers will reap \$50,000 from their used drawings alone.

A new York art firm is undertaking to sell "originals" from the film at prices from \$3 to \$500 apiece.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Dear Customers:

Our store and its employees express to you our kindest Christmas greetings. As the year draws to a close we look back with appreciation to your fine patronage. It has been a real pleasure to serve you, and we look forward to the New Year in the hope that we may serve you even better.

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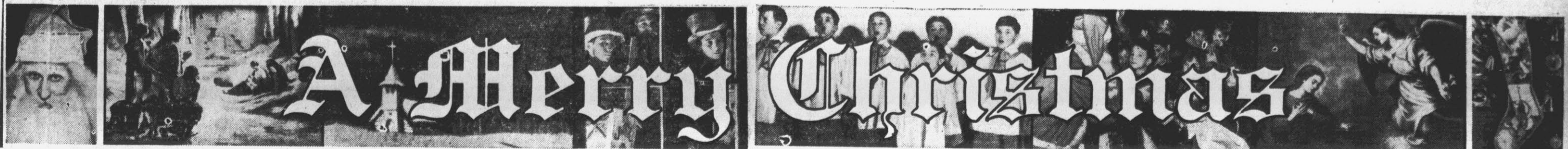
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THE WEATHER
Increasing cloudiness followed by rain Saturday night and Sunday, and possibly beginning as sleet or snow in mountains Saturday afternoon; slightly warmer Sunday and in southeast portions Saturday.

ANOTHER NAZI SHIP INTERNED IN MONTEVIDEO

Vessel Had Aided Scuttled Admiral Graf Spee

PLAN TO ISSUE DECREE SHORTLY

Reaction For Tacoma Is Feared Because of Uruguayan Rejection of German Protests

Montevideo, Dec. 22. — (AP)—The Uruguayan government was reported tonight to have decided to intern the German merchantman, Tacoma, the supply ship for the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee, which was scuttled by her crew off this harbor last Sunday.

Detaining the Tacoma within the inner harbor, the government placed armed guards aboard her and let it be known that the internment decree would be issued shortly. The Tacoma thus would be kept here for the duration of the European war.

It was said Uruguay took the precaution of placing a guard aboard the ship because of fear her rejection of German protests over the Graf Spee's treatment here might provoke reaction for the Tacoma.

The Tacoma helped remove the Graf Spee's crew just before the battleship was blown up. Uruguay has rejected a German protest against the 72-hour dead-line fixed for the Graf Spee to leave this harbor, her haven after a battle with three British cruisers off Uruguay.

Two Auto Wrecks Probed By Police

Two wrecks were investigated and several arrests made yesterday by Greenville police.

An automobile driven by Dr. Robert S. Boyd was involved in a collision with another motor vehicle operated by T. E. Barnhill. The accident occurred at the intersection of Fourth and Student streets. Dr. Boyd's car was rather badly damaged, according to Officer S. Bowen Dorsey, investigating.

Officer L. D. Page investigated an accident and charged Noah O. Jones, white, and Charles J. Johnson, Negro, with operating a motor vehicle in a careless and reckless manner.

Other activities of the local police included the arrest of Forbes Allen for being drunk on the streets; and the arrest of Henry White and Ennis Darden, Negroes, who were charged with assault on a female.

Holiday Motoring Warning Is Given

Do you wish to spend the Christmas holidays with your family, Mr. Motorist?

Such was the questioning note sounded last night by Lieutenant Lester Jones of the State Highway Patrol in urging all motorists of Greenville and other East Carolina towns and cities to be exceedingly careful while driving in the congested holiday traffic.

Lieutenant Jones declared that it is often easy for a motorist to become careless at a time when the cares of the day have been laid aside and he is confronted only with several days of relaxation.

The highway patrol head also sounded a warning about drinking and driving. Briefly, his warning was summed up with this quotation: "If you drive, don't drink; if you drink, don't drive."

Nazi Train Crash Toll May Increase

Berlin, Dec. 22. — (AP)—The collision of two express trains early today at Genthin—the worst of a series of eight German railroad wrecks since the outbreak of the war—caused the death of 70 persons and the injury of approximately 100.

It was probable that the number of dead would increase as many of the injured were in critical condition.

Exact cause of the collision had not been determined.

Reds Withdrawing Before Vengeful Finnish Soldiers Aided by Deadening Cold

Change of Title



Because he wished to campaign as a private citizen, Col. Fulgencio Batista (left), Cuba's strong man, retired as commander of the army, turning over the office to Col. Jose E. Pedraza, seen with Batista in Havana. Colonel Batista plans to run as a presidential candidate in elections scheduled for Cuba on February 28.

Reveals Activities Of Chamber of Commerce

Accomplishments Of Past 15 Months Are Outlined

The latest report of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, just issued by Executive Secretary William T. Kizer, lists a number of outstanding accomplishments for which the organization can rightfully feel proud.

This report covers the fifteen months of operation of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, beginning with August 15, 1938, when the organization opened its offices, and ending with November 15, 1939. No attempt is being made to report the details involved in these activities, but merely a summary for the information of the membership and others interested in the work of the organization for Greenville and the community.

Fifteen industrial projects have been handled, of which eleven were rejected as being unsound. Comprehensive briefs setting forth Greenville's advantages, were compiled and presented in each case. Two prospects were lost to other cities, and one is still considered active.

The Davis Fashion Hosiery Mill was located through the efforts of the organization, and this plant is now employing 112, with a monthly payroll of \$10,500.

Greenville Industries Inc., was organized to assist in Industrial Development, this corporation constructed the building for Davis Full Fashion Hosiery Mills.

For the Tar River Dredging project, the Chamber handled all preliminary work necessary to meet the requirements of U. S. Army Engineers, including the supervision of the acquiring of soil disposal areas from property owners on each side of the river from Greenville to Washington. A PWA project to assist in the construction of terminals and other facilities was prepared and filed with the government, and while it was approved, it had to be withdrawn for lack of federal funds.

Several conferences have recently been held with WPA officials, and assistance is expected from this source, which will enable the Port Commission to provide more adequate facilities for the handling of the Greenville market.

As a result of cooperative efforts of Greenville and other communities, before the Utilities Commission to whom the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad had applied for permission to remove its passenger trains, that company is now operating air conditioned equipment from Kinston via Greenville to Rocky Mount.

To further expand the Greenville tobacco market, the Chamber of Commerce has cooperated by (a) Advertising in Tobacco News in 1938; (b) Sponsoring organization of community tobacco market committee, which held tobacco market dinner May 25, to bring about united action of all business and professional men for the up-building of the Greenville market; (c) Providing office space for Board of Trade; (d) Assisting in control of

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SNOW IS SEEN ON TWO COASTS

Many American Cities To Have A White Christmas

By The Associated Press
It snowed yesterday, Friday, on both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, and across the country, intervening 3,000 miles there were irregular layers of white, water-tun to four feet deep. The solstice was at 1:06 p. m. EST and winter officially began at that moment.

In Washington weather bureau cautiously refrained from making a forecast for Christmas this far ahead, but no matter. There seemed plenty of prospect there would be plenty of snow in the old tradition.

Almost everywhere it was cold, even in two states of the deep south. Alabama and Georgia, where it was below freezing and there was frost as far south as Tampa, Fla.

Motor traffic was hampered in several regions by drifting snow and by ice, and there were many accidents.

The situation by sections, from Virginia, fair and mild; the Carolinas, mild but with snow or rain in prospect; Kentucky, cloudy, below freezing; snow in night.

Norwegian Ship Sunk By Mine In North Sea

London, Dec. 22. — (AP)—The Norwegian steamer Rudolf, 924-ton, struck a mine and sank today in the North Sea, a dispatch by Reuters, British news agency, said tonight. The captain of the vessel said he believed all 25 members of the crew were picked up.

Sinking of the 1,062-ton British steamer Longships after the vessel had struck a reef was disclosed today when survivors were landed at a port in the south of England. All aboard were saved.

Today's Curb Market Being Held In Annex

The Saturday morning curb market will be held at the annex on Cotnam street this morning. The annex was rather badly damaged by fire this week and persons affiliated with the curb market will decide today whether to repair the annex or transfer the curb market to new quarters.

Since the present site is convenient for parking and has been used for several years, belief was expressed last night that the annex may be repaired and retained as the curb market center.

Soviet Troops Forced To Give Up Dearly-Won Ground; Helsinki Declares Heavy Fighting In Progress, But Oslo Reports No Fighting Being Waged; Little Action In Other War

By The Associated Press
Boosted by vengeful Finns and deadening cold, the Russian legions of Joseph Stalin Friday night were reported withdrawing from dearly won ground in Finland's narrow corridor to the Arctic sea.

General Finnish reports said fighting was in progress in the vicinity of Salme Jarvi, taken by the Russians more than a week ago. From Oslo, however, came a report that Norwegian observers in the far north had seen long lines of Russian vans retreating toward Salme Jarvi hastily and without fighting in a strangely silent region.

While Finnish commanders said their men were hurrying back the Russians in Eastern Finland, and were fighting the invaders to a standstill on the battle-marked Karelian Isthmus, an unconfirmed report was received in Oslo that the Russian retreat in the corridor was due to the bombing by Finnish aviators of Russia's railroad to Murmansk, her ice-free Arctic port.

It was pointed out that the Finns cut that rail line, Russian troops in the northern sector would soon face starvation.

Failing to report any important gains for the third consecutive day, the Red Army communiqué said most serious difficulties were presented and declared Finland's Malmi line was "in no way in danger" to the German Siegfried line of the Western front.

The communiqué said the Red army never expected to annihilate the Finnish troops by one lightning blow and attack as "overtaken" the comment of foreign observers that Russia's slow advance demonstrated the army's "low fighting capacity."

Finland losses, the communiqué said, were 2,250 killed and 2,250 wounded. The Red army, and Finnish wounded were estimated at over 10,000.

Against these, the Red army command said the Russian forces had lost 1,823 killed and 7,000 wounded. Since the start of the campaign, it was said, the Russians have captured 2,302 Finnish soldiers and 124 officers.

In the three weeks war, the important successes included, the communiqué said, occupation of the Arctic port of Petsamo and an advance of about 81 miles into Finnish territory, an advance of 92 miles in the middle Finland drive.

At the country in two and an advance of 56 miles in the Soviet area of the Karelian Isthmus.

A hint that all might not be well in the Russian army command came from Moscow. Unofficial reports indicated the Soviet capital General Ka Meretskov, chief of staff of the Leningrad district, had been dismissed from his post, reportedly blamed for attempting to stop too quickly against the Finns.

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1939 Rides High Into History

Babson Says Christmas Finds Business At Ten-Year Peak

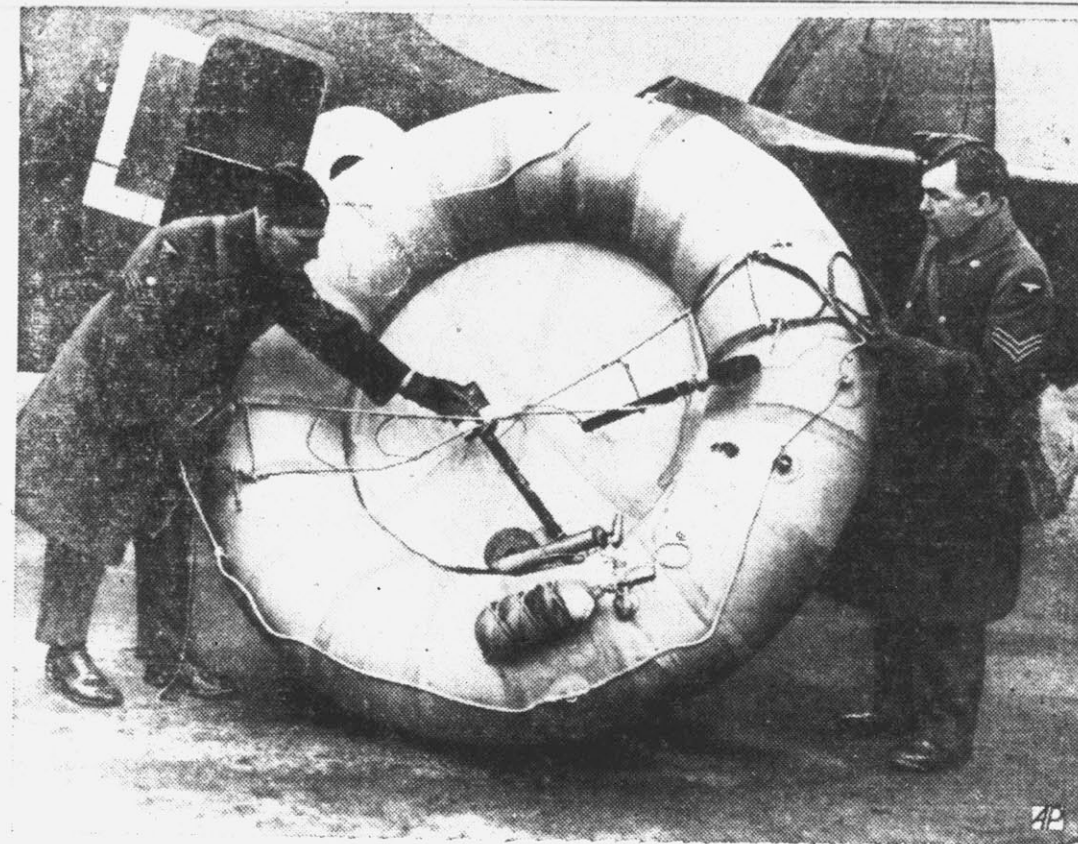
Babson Says Christmas Finds Business At Ten-Year Peak.
Saratoga, Cal., Dec. 22. — Christmas, 1939, finds a busier America and a gloomier Europe than Yuletide of a year ago. Business is better in the United States and Canada; workers' pay envelopes are fatter; farmer's income is higher; investors' dividend checks are bigger. While millions are still jobless, we have taken long strides toward prosperity in the past twelve months.

Nothing to the Christmas spirit this week-end but here in America we can look back on 1939 as a period of rapid recovery.

With the lid virtually nailed on 1939, business has scored a twelve-month gain of 19.5 per cent. This compares with my forecast of a 20 per cent advance. When business stepped up to the 1939 springboard last January, the Babsonchart Index had rolled

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An Airgoing Lifeboat For Airmen



Lives of English aviators sometimes depend on collapsible rubber boats like this, seen at a Royal Air Force station on the British coast. They're for use when the planes are forced down at sea, the boats being inflated by an ordinary air-tight pump. The boats are standard equipment on the R. A. F. bombers.

QUINTS READY FOR OLD SANTA

Will Not Get Everything They Want, However

Callander, Ont., Dec. 22. — The Christmas tree of the Dinnie quintuplets will bear ornaments wrought from silver coins by British tommies and French soldiers on the Western front.

The quintuplets, from the war zone were sent to Emily, Yvonne, Cecile, Annette and Marie through a women's organization in New York City, which had sent blankets, knitted goods and cigarettes to the men.

The soldiers said they appreciated the \$1,000 contribution the children had made to the Canadian Red Cross fund.

The quintuplets, approaching their sixth birthday, have made final preparations for Christmas day, when they will be visited at their nursery home by their parents and seven sisters and brothers.

Joe again will don the red suit and whiskers and play Santa Claus, for his famous charges Christmas morning.

Like most children the quintuplets get everything they asked for in requests typed in print on their own typewriter. Those which will be denied include Yvonne's wish for a horse, Emily's desire for an automobile and Marie's plea for a "real train" like the one which carried the children to Toronto last May to meet the king and queen.

Library To Close
Shepard Memorial Library will be closed all day Monday and Tuesday.

The first static erected in modern times was one showing Mustapha Kemal on horseback. Upper the static sculptures and portraits were forbidden.

To Present Fireworks Display On Monday

The local post of the American Legion will present a free fireworks display at the fair grounds Monday night at 8 p. m.

The public is invited to drive out to the fair grounds where plenty of parking space is available, and witness the display. No admission fee will be charged, all arrangements having been made by the Legion post for the entertainment of citizens of Greenville and community.

The Farmville post presented a similar display on Wednesday night.

Four Are Convicted In Mail Fraud Case

New Orleans, Dec. 22. — (AP)—A federal court tonight found A. L. Shushan and four other defendants in the government's levee board refunding mail fraud case guilty as charged on seven of eight counts.

The jury had considered the case nine hours before returning this second major decision since the Louisiana political scandals broke last June.

Greetings!

A large number of merchants, other business firms and individuals have inserted Christmas greetings in this issue of the Reflector. These firms and individuals are interested in your welfare and happiness this season and have gone to the trouble and expense to have the greetings inserted in The Reflector. Every subscriber is urged to read these messages.

It has been the custom of the Reflector for years to issue a special Christmas eve edition, without which the season would be incomplete.

YIELD OF CORN HIGH IN PITT

Crop For Current Year Is Valued At \$947,580

R. R. Bennett, Pitt County farm agent, who was busy last night working on his annual report of agricultural activities in the county for the current year, disclosed that the 1939 corn crop was much above the 1933 yield.

Bennett said that 63,172 acres of corn was planted in the county this year and that the average will be approximately 25 bushels per acre or 1,579,300 bushels. "Flouring corn at 60 cents a bushel," said Bennett, "the county corn crop is valued at \$947,580."

It was explained that two corn variety demonstrations were conducted this year by Miss Helen Smith of Falkland and Mrs. D. J. Wilson of Stokes. The corn was planted in the same field, in the respective demonstrations, and was managed alike.

The varieties were planted side by side and the area covered by each was measured carefully. The corn was harvested, shelled and weighed in order to secure the actual yields.

Vessel Hits Port With Fire In Hold

Cristobal Canal Zone, Dec. 22. — (AP)—The American cargo-passenger liner Wind Rock arrived tonight with her crew battling a blaze which broke out in the number three hold yesterday while the vessel was 150 miles at sea.

Firemen immediately boarded the 5,586-ton vessel and began removing her deck cargo as the first step in bringing the fire under control.

The ship was listing slightly to port when she steamed into the harbor under forced draft.

Roll Call Supported By Colored Citizens

For the first time in history the colored citizens of Greenville carried out an organized program in the 1939 Red Cross Roll Call, it was revealed last night by J. Nat Harrison, chapter chairman.

The colored committee, headed by Dr. J. A. Battle, raised a total of \$112 in memberships.

In a letter to Dr. Battle, Chairman Harrison expressed his thanks to all members of the colored committee for the part they played in the Roll Call.

ANNUAL EVENT HELD BY CLUB

Kiwanians Observe Annual Christmas Program

The Greenville Kiwanis club last night held its annual Christmas program and each member present and most of those absent contributed a toy, all of which were turned over to The King's Daughters for distribution to the more unfortunate children of the community.

It was a holiday program through which those present enjoyed a bountiful turkey supper. Mrs. J. H. Waldrop sang several appropriate numbers, accompanied by Miss Ona Shunder. Christmas cards were at each plate and, after adding their own message members read these to another member of the club, accentuating the Christmas spirit to the enjoyment of all present.

President D. C. Moore, Jr., called attention to the invitation of all members to attend the annual Christmas dinner to be given at the Eastern Carolina Training school at Rocky Mount on Thursday of next week between the hours of 5:30 and 7 o'clock. The club voted to make its annual donation to the training school.

W. W. Aycock of the committee in charge of handling Christmas baskets for needy families reported on cash, food and clothing contributed to date and the fund was further swelled at the meeting last night.

It was announced that the next meeting would be featured by the installation of new officers, with Lieutenant Governor Arthur Ruffin of Wilson in charge. Mr. Ruffin succeeded W. J. Bunn of the local club as lieutenant governor.

Besides those on the program, guests were J. H. Waldrop, Billy Tyson and J. G. Bell, Jr.

Negro's Death Cause Of An Investigation

Joe Heath, Negro, who died in Pitt General hospital Wednesday afternoon of a skull fracture received in an automobile accident on the Greenville-Bethel highway about four miles from here, last Saturday night, was the subject of an investigation late Friday afternoon.

A report was received by Pitt officers that Heath became engaged in a fistful duel because of domestic difficulties Saturday night and that some of his injuries might have resulted from the fight instead of the accident. Officers doubted the possibility, in that the Negro's automobile was demolished.

Not Exactly A Landslide
Sedalia, Mo. — (AP)—The Record says it has discovered that Al Smith reserved a special place in his memory for Sedalia.

"If you ever happen to a town called Sedalia, give it a thought," Mr. Smith recently said to Daniel A. Lord, a Jesuit priest.

LARGER SHIPS PROPOSED FOR UNITED STATES

65,000 Or Even 80,000 Ton Battle-ships Suggested

PROPOSAL MET WITH CRITICISM

35,000-Ton Craft Largest At Present, But 45,000-Ton Vessels Have Been Authorized

Washington, Dec. 22. — (AP)—Congressional talk of giving the navy 65,000 ton or 80,000 ton battle-ships, by far the world's largest, stirred criticism today that such a step would put the United States in the position of leading an armaments race.

Discussion of the huge "battle-wagons" started when it became known that the House Naval Appropriations sub-committee had asked the navy department to furnish estimates of the cost of 65,000-ton ships.

Simultaneously Rep. Maas (R-Minn.), senior minority leader of the House Naval committee, said he was in favor of increasing the size of battleships even to 80,000 tons, so big that no other nation could afford to follow suit. This would insure the invulnerability of the United States to attack by sea, Maas said.

Criticism of the proposal came quickly from a member of the House Appropriations committee, Rep. Engle (R-Mich.), who declared it would leave the United States taking the lead in another armaments race.

"Apart from that, what are we going to build them with?" he demanded. "Borrow money? We could not afford them any better than anyone else."

At present 35,000-ton battleships are the biggest in the fleet, but congress voted funds this year to start work on two of 45,000 tons.

100 Pitt Citizens On Referral List

"Approximately 100 people of the county have been accepted for investigation for possible referral to the WPA," K. T. Futrell, superintendent of public welfare, declared last night.

The welfare officer explained that the WPA is not classified by the federal government as a works program, but as a "work relief program." He pointed out that a person's eligibility for the program is not determined by lack of work, but "family need."

"If a person is eligible for unemployment compensation, he is not eligible for WPA or relief work," said Futrell. This statement was made in reference to the manner applying to the welfare office without determining if they are eligible for unemployment compensation.

Recalling the number of persons that already have been referred to the WPA, Futrell said that it is likely that Pitt County's quota will have to be increased.

Vessel Hits Port With Fire In Hold

Cristobal Canal Zone, Dec. 22. — (AP)—The American cargo-passenger liner Wind Rock arrived tonight with her crew battling a blaze which broke out in the number three hold yesterday while the vessel was 150 miles at sea.

Firemen immediately boarded the 5,586-ton vessel and began removing her deck cargo as the first step in bringing the fire under control.

The ship was listing slightly to port when she steamed into the harbor under forced draft.

Roll Call Supported By Colored Citizens

For the first time in history the colored citizens of Greenville carried out an organized program in the 1939 Red Cross Roll Call, it was revealed last night by J. Nat Harrison, chapter chairman.

The colored committee, headed by Dr. J. A. Battle, raised a total of \$112 in memberships.

In a letter to Dr. Battle, Chairman Harrison expressed his thanks to all members of the colored committee for the part they played in the Roll Call.

Social and Personal

Edward Austin, of Norfolk, W. E. Austin of Richmond and Mr. and Mrs. Luther West and family of Currituck are spending the holidays with Mrs. H. E. Austin. Clifton Evans is at home from Edwards Military Academy in Salisbury for the holidays. Miss Nan Guy, of Dunne was a Greenville visitor yesterday. Miss Mary Branch of Winterville spent yesterday in Greenville. Friends of Mrs. J. D. Pringle will be glad to learn that she is slowly improving from a recent illness. Carl Pierce is at home from Duke

university to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Pierce.

Edward Harris, of New York is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Belle Harris.

Miss Lila Hinchman has gone to Huntington, W. Va., to spend the holidays.

R. L. Humber left today for Richmond to spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Phyllis Wetmore.

Mrs. Annie Rawl, of Kenly, N. C., and Mrs. James E. McCarley, of Columbia, S. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rawl.

Johnnie Grey Currin of Washington, D. C., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Currin. Miss Evelyn Hart and Wayland Hart of Washington, D. C., are spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hart. Miss Margaret Jones of Raleigh is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. T. K. Fountain, at 411 W. Fourth street.

Joseph Smith, Jr., who teaches in the Atkinson high school is spending the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith.

Mrs. J. G. Waldrop of Hendersonville is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Starke and children left today for Smithfield, Va., to visit relatives.

Miss Catherine Jones of Raleigh is at home for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Scarborough of Hickory are spending Christmas

Social Calendar

TONIGHT
7:00 p. m.—Choir rehearsal at the Christian church.

8:00-12:00 p. m.—Miss Anne McCormick will entertain at a dance at the Woman's club.

SUNDAY
3:30 p. m.—Christmas party at Christian church for children in the nursery, beginners' and primary departments.

TUESDAY
7:30 p. m.—Witha council degree of Pochontas meets.

9:30 p. m.—1:30 a. m.—The German club dance at the Country club.

WEDNESDAY
4:30 p. m.—8:00 p. m.—Misses Jean and Myra Blount and Marion Blount will entertain at a tea dance at the Country club.

7:30 p. m.—The choir of the Methodist church meets for practice.

THURSDAY
7:30 p. m.—The Memorial Baptist choir meets.

7:30 p. m.—The choir of the Immanuel Baptist church meets.

FRIDAY
4:00 p. m.—6:00 p. m.—Towne club tea dance at the high school gymnasium.

10:30 p. m.—2:30 a. m.—Towne club dance in high school gymnasium.

at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Scott.

Cadet Fred T. McCauley, Jr., of Baltimore is spending the holidays with his uncle, Capt. T. K. Fountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whiteford and son will spend several days with relatives in Wilmington.

J. S. B. Popham of Raleigh is spending the week-end in the home of Mrs. W. W. Phelps.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sharpe of Burlington are spending Christmas with Mrs. Sharpe's mother, Mrs. Susie E. Warren.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Boyd and Miss Anna Belle Boyd will leave Sunday afternoon for Charlotte to spend Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Jones. Mr. Jones is pastor of the Myers Park Presbyterian Church.

John R. Bagwell and family and Herbert Bagwell of Durham are spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Nannie D. Holloman.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert P. Williams and daughters, Misses Frances and Charlotte, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Williams' mother, Mrs. Nannie D. Holloman.

Miss Jeanette Holland is spending Christmas in New York City.

Miss Teenie Jones left today for her home in Edenton to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Move will leave this afternoon for Greensboro to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Move's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan H. Jones of Reidsville spent last night in Greenville with the T. K. Fountains.

Badger Johnson left today for his home in Clinton to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Rivers will spend Christmas with relatives in Charleston, S. C.

Dr. H. B. Haar and small son, Fred Hubbard, will leave today for Wilmington to join Mrs. Haar who has been there for several days.

Harold Sugg of Norfolk will arrive on Tuesday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Sugg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cummings will leave on Tuesday to join their parents in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Moore of Washington, D. C., will spend Christmas with relatives in Greenville.

Dail-Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gideon Ward announce the marriage of their daughter Dorothy W. Wilson to

Mr. Harry Dail on Thursday, November thirtieth. Nineteen hundred and thirty-nine.

At Home: Ayden, N. C.

Special Services At St. Paul's.

The annual midnight Eucharist celebrating the Feast of the Nativity will be held at St. Paul's Church at 11:45 p. m., December 24th. This is a day of special obligation and all churchmen are expected to make their communion during the Christmas tide.

First Presbyterian Church

Following the regular session of the church school Sunday morning at 9:45 the church service will be conducted at 11 o'clock. Special Christmas music by the choir and a Christmas sermon by the pastor, Dr. Robert S. Boyd. His subject will be "Making Room for Christ in Our World Today." This will be a study of the text Lu. 11:7b. "No Room in the Inn." All members of the church and their friends are invited to this service.

Special Christmas services will be held at Hollywood 2:30 p. m. when Mr. Hunter B. Keck will lead the school in singing Christmas carols and the teachers will present gifts to the children of the school and community. All the people of Hollywood community are invited to this service.

At 4:30 p. m. Rev. C. A. Lawrence will preach at Meadowbrook Chapel, and following this service at 5:30 a special Christmas program will be rendered by the teachers and children of the community. W. S. Brown is superintendent. Through the generosity of friends a Christmas package will be given to every child under 17 years of age in the community if present at the service. A most interesting program of songs and recitations by the children has been prepared. The New Chapel is

completed and the lights are installed for this occasion. The public is invited.

On Sunday, December 31, the Sunday schools of these missions will be held as usual at 2:30 p. m., a regular schedule till further notice. Dr. and Mrs. Robert S. Boyd and daughter will leave Sunday afternoon to spend the holidays with Rev. and Mrs. James A. Jones, Charlotte, N. C.

Round Table Meets

The ladies of the Round Table met on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Herbert ReBarker. During the business meeting the roll was called and books exchanged, with many interesting comments. A donation of \$10 was voted paid to the Sheppard Memorial Library to be used in

purchase books. The program chairman then turned the meeting over to Mrs. H. E. Austin, as leader for the afternoon. Mrs. Austin presented her son, Waldo E. Austin, who for the past year has lived in Yorktown, Va., and had made quite a few moving pictures for the Colonial National Historical Park Association. This made by Mr. Austin portrayed scenes in Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown, and was greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. H. L. Carr brought news items, these too tied in with the movies, showing the great development of this industry up to the most ambitious undertaking, namely "Gone With the Wind."

Following the program Mrs. ReBarker invited her guests into the dining room, where from a beau-

tifully appointed table, Mrs. How-

ard McGinnis and Mrs. J. E. Winslow served a delicious ice course. Christmas decorations of red and white, and lighted tapers were used

throughout the house.

Mrs. J. H. Rose and Mrs. Carl Adams were invited guests for the afternoon—Reported.

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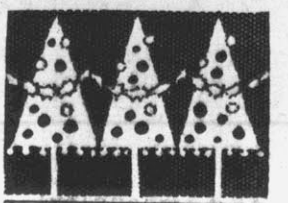
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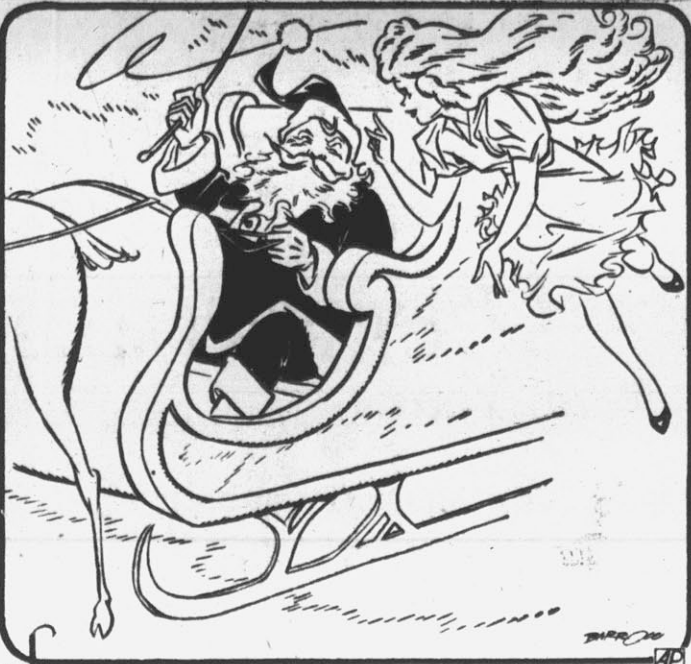
May constancy be your companion, happy
your heart, and may the spirit of the Holy
One descend to make this sacred time of
year, a memorable experience for those
within your gates.....

—Confucius.

Blount-Harvey

Santa and the TALKING DOLL

by SIGRID ARNE



She rose and fell softly through the air like a leaf.

THE STORY SO FAR: Eric, the son of Lightning, has found a proper queen for the Kingdom of Westphalia. It was a task set him by the Fairy Queen and as a reward he wishes to take Leezen, a doll, to the kingdom beyond the sunset.

Chapter 18
The Night Before Christmas
There was great excitement when Eric shouted that Elsa was the rightful Queen of Westphalia. "Why, she's just a beggar," grumbled one princess. "Her hair isn't even done," grum-

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bled another.
But the Queen of Fairies had been watching from the top of the Christmas tree. She, herself, had sent the rough wind to blow the window open. Now she flew down to Elsa and touched her hair. As she did, it turned into beautiful, shining ringlets about her head. Soft, pink color glowed in her cheeks. And her black dress changed into a wine colored robe embroidered in gold. She looked like a Queen.
The King's eyes glowed and he took a gold chain from around his neck and hung it about Elsa's neck. He said, "I should have known. We have spent many hours talking while Eric was visiting me. Our people will have a double celebration tomorrow when we return—for tomorrow is Christmas."
So the five proud princesses rode off again. That night, since it was Christmas Eve, Santa and Mrs. Santa sang songs after dinner. The King and Queen of Westphalia stayed until the moon came up.
A Happy Night
Only Eric looked sad. Santa noticed him, and patted him on the shoulder saying, "Come, my lad, this is a happy night all over the world." "Except, maybe for me," said Eric gloomily. Just then there was a great crash outside and blue-white light lit up all the hills around. In the door walked Lightning in his

gleaming suit of silver mesh.
He bowed to Santa and said, "I'm sorry I had to knock over some of your trees. But my son belongs to the North. It is time he comes home to his kingdom on a high hill beyond the sunset."
Eric bowed to his father, and said, "Sire, I am ready to go when this fairest of all companions comes with me." He meant Leezen.
Now the Queen of Fairies flew to Eric's shoulder to say, "Eric you are free now. Leezen when she wakes at midnight will no longer be a doll, but one of your northern spirits. She must ride tonight with Santa, and she must ride every night for the three winter months, blowing around roof tops to remind people of their lost friends. But when the first March breeze comes up behind the sun she will fly to you, and stay there each year until the snows fall."
Eric looked pleased, and then solemn. He said, "And what of me those three months?"
"That I can take care of," said Lightning. "In the winter nights I light up the northern skies with a soft yellow and pink and green glow. People call it the Northern lights. You shall ride with them, and some nights you shall streak the skies with color while Leezen rides at your side, chanting her song."
"As you say," said Eric. So he stepped to Leezen's chair, kissed one of her long curls and whispered, "I shall wait." Then he was gone with his father in a great, blinding flash of light.
Santa chuckled at all the solemn faces around him. "Come," he said, "his wish. Now—" and his voice was

shouted, "That high-spirited lad has drowned by the clock striking midnight. Off," he shouted, "Time to decorate all the Christmas trees." He ran to his sleigh.
The King and Queen of Westphalia hurried to another sleigh that had been set out for them. Just then Leezen woke, rose from her chair like a breeze and floated to Santa's side. "Tonight we take our first ride together," she said, and rose and fell softly through the air like a leaf carried on the wind.
So they were off. Mrs. Santa stood in the doorway and waved her hand as Santa's sleigh and the sleigh of the King of Westphalia rose off the ground into the clouds. "Merry Christmas," she cried.
And Merry Christmas to all of you.
THE END.

Death To Taxes
Olympia, Wash.—(AP)—Thanks to State Liquor Board funds, a prosperous water system and pin-ball machine license fees, the town of Ridgefield, near Vancouver, Wash., will not ask its citizens for one penny of taxes next year. Ridgefield's 600 citizens were assessed on a 6 mill basis this year; 7 mills in 1938.
The Fire Sex
Macon, Mo.—(AP)—The ladies of the quilting bee at the First Baptist church smelled smoke. They tossed down their sewing, grabbed axes and buckets and went to work on a partition inside of which flames were crackling. By the time the firemen arrived, the ladies, thank you, had the blaze well in hand.

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CHRISTMAS

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is He that is born king of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea. . . . Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young Child; and when ye have found Him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship Him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.—Matthew 2:1-12.

Washington Daybook

By Preston Grover

Washington—Mexico is feeling a new sample of Yankee impatience over the oil property seizures. In the allocation of oil imports in connection with the new treaty with Venezuela, Mexico was simply listed with "other foreign countries" in a share of less than four per cent of the American import market. How she happened to fall so low in sharing the business of keeping American automobiles running is all a part of the expropriation picture. Moreover, it is only one of the several ways in which the U. S. government is imposing "sanctions" against Mexico.

Purchases Fall Off
In 1936, Mexico supplied a sound portion of the oil imported into the United States. In 1937 began the full exercise of the oil expropriation program. It went fully into effect in March, 1938, and that year saw a sharp drop in the United States

fell off to a mere pittance. Take fuel oil for instance. In 1936, Mexican exports to the U. S. amounted to 679,000 cubic meters (about 7 barrels to the meter), at a value of 14,718,942 pesos. By 1938 it was cut to about one seventh, with a value of 2,107,000 pesos.

The imports in 1939, apparently hold about the same level, even falling off in some types of oil. Crude took a similar cut.

The falling off was due to two factors, the foremost of which was that American operators had privately imposed their own "sanctions" against Mexico. They simply declined to handle Mexican oil. Further, the lack of skilled management of the Mexican fields contributed an irregular and below par supply.

Yet it was on the basis of 1939 purchases of foreign oil that the State Department fixed its quota. Mexico was at an all time low, so she got a quota correspondingly unimportant. The quota limit was fixed, moreover, just at a time when Mexico needed a lift. She had been exporting much oil to Germany and England, and cut her off cold with a boycott and Germany could get no ships through.

Silver Sales Hit
Mexico had expected the seizure of the oil properties to pump new revenues into the treasury. The reverse has been true. Revenues have slumped. Moreover, there has been a slackening of employment in the oil fields and refineries, causing unrest among the Mexican oil crews.

But the oil pressure is not the only one being imposed. The heat has been turned on equally with respect to silver. When Congress directed the treasury in 1933 to begin buying silver to shove the price high, Mexico profited richly. She marketed treasury boards and found a ready buyer for her big mine output.

But came the expropriation business in 1937 and 1938. The U. S. Treasury for a long time had kept the price of silver at 43 to 45 cents an ounce. Inauguration of the expropriation program in Mexico was followed immediately by cuts in the silver price. It pushed down a penny at a time until it reached the present level of 35 cents. That is still above what the world price would be if the Treasury stopped buying, but Mexico's fat profits have vanished.

Moreover, little courtesies in connection with the purchase program which Mexico enjoyed have been terminated.

Investment Question Involved
Just how far the "sanctions" policy will be carried is problematical. Actually officials do not publicly admit that pressure is being applied, although they casually make no effort to conceal it.

An important point to remember is that most of the things the Cárdenas administration is doing in Mexico are popular with the administration here. The peon is getting a new break. Land he once worked as a semi-serf is being given to him. He is being benefited in other respects.

But this business of dispossessing foreign property owners without assurance of equitable payment is something else again. This administration recognizes that if American capital ever is to be poured into Latin America it will move only upon assurance it will be safe from seizure.

SHORT SHOTS

Reflector Bureau.
By HENRY AVERILL.
Raleigh, Dec. 22 (AP).—News items report that this year's Yule dinner will be somewhat cheaper than last year.

That does not apply to the Democratic Jackson Day dinner which will come around not so long after Christmas.

North Carolina voters will next year gaily proceed to nominate their next lieutenant governor with no more thought of his qualifications than of a constable's or a corner's.

They will not stop to remember that some of these days the law of averages is going to bring death to a Tar Heel governor during his term of office. Nor will they pause to realize that the lieutenant governor, by virtue of his power to appoint all Senate committees, has perhaps as much influence on legislation as does the number one man himself.

Speaking of the lieutenant gov-

Daily Cross Word Puzzle

ACROSS

- Large mass of floating ice
- Be suitable to
- Small sound
- Declare
- Went up
- Other
- Battle
- Faint
- Landed
- Property
- Card of a certain suit at bridge
- Book
- Animal handler
- Bamboozle
- Grass
- Trickily pear
- Transgression
- Run
- The milkfish
- About
- Circle of light
- Near
- Vulgar
- Pretender to gentility
- Indefinite
- Member of an arctic race
- Famous
- English
- Murderer
- Toward
- One opposed; collig.
- Paid public announcement
- Obstinate
- Practical discipline
- United

DOWN

- Leaf of a corolla
- Biblical country
- Princely Italian family
- Nobleman
- Remain
- Pertaining to the feet
- Winter wind of the Adriatic
- Expunged
- Strength
- Couches
- Harden
- Thus
- Bird of the cuckoo family
- Grown girl
- Dwelling place
- Pronoun
- Kind of snowshoe
- Make lace
- Cut of meat
- South American Indians
- Article
- Part of a surveying instrument
- Mountain near Jerusalem
- Thin fine silk net
- Indite
- Kind of fish
- Scent
- Quarter pint
- Demolish
- Seasoning
- Large knife
- Pouch
- Came together
- Mother

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

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ernship brings us round to the fact that Erskine Smith's announcement for that post ended all chance that Anson's able Pat Taylor might take a flier at the race.

"Erk" and "Pat" are from the same senatorial and the same judicial district in addition to be close and long-time personal friends. There's absolutely no chance they both will run.

It now appears practically certain that Mecklenburg's Senator Joe Blythe isn't going to run either, though there never was much basis for rumors and published reports that he might.

There was a touch of grim irony in the death of Marcus Erwin, U. S. District Attorney for Western North Carolina.

For weeks there has been repeated talk that Eastern District Attorney J. O. Carr might retire because of ill health, the Wilmington lawyer being pictured as quite a sick man.

Mr. Carr denied the reports vigorously, and it seems his health is about as vigorous as his denials.

There wasn't even a suspicion that Mr. Erwin wouldn't live for a decade or more and he appeared as robust as anybody.

But now it's a western—not an eastern vacancy—to be filled.

North Carolina will have its annual tax listing next year in January rather than in April, for the first time. Probably all it will mean is that thousands of tax payers will be late listing three months earlier than usual.

In progress right now are two

perennial North Carolina police drives which almost invariably end nowhere, to-wit: Against slot machines and against the promiscuous explosion of fireworks.

It was "whole hog or none" with State Auditor George Ross Pou, and he got it all—in the form of a Christmas present of a rather runty porker, a gift from Kidd Brewer, one-time Duke football star and later coach of North State teams.

The pig came in a red gift box, with a red ribbon tied around its neck. It has gone to the Pou farm, its final destiny—barbecue.

Close Candidate
Irvine, Ky.—(AP)—James Winn, reelected county clerk recently for a third term, maintained his record of just "skinning through." In his three races, his total majority was only 166 votes. In 1927 he defeated the incumbent county clerk by two votes. Six years later he won reelection by 70 votes. This year his vote margin of victory was 34.

The Boss Wants Favor
Llano, Tex.—(AP)—Bud Evans is a cow-hand by trade but he doesn't draw the line at odd jobs.

Mark Moss, Evans' employer, wanted a deer to replace a pet, one that had died on his game preserve.

So Evans rode forth, enticed an eight point buck into roping range with cottonseed cake; roped and tied him single-handed and then loaded him in a trailer for delivery to Moss.



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and Customers Throughout This
Section!

We Appreciate the Patronage You
Have Given Us!

May You Have a Happy Christmas
and May All the Joys of This Holi-
day Season Accompany You
Through the New Year!

PERKIN'S Department Store

Try A Reflector Want Ad

TO THE FARMERS OF EASTERN CAROLINA

We extend a Christmas Greeting and 366
days of happiness in the New Year.

Don't fail to see our 1940 Master Air
Conditioned Tobacco Curer with its many
improvements, and end your tobacco
curing worries with

"THE WORLD'S BEST TOBACCO CURER"

Florence-Mayo NuWay Co.
MAURY, N. C.

MERRIE-MERRIE



CHRISTMAS

Not Just Because It's the Custom, But With a Sincere
Appreciation of Our Pleasant Associations Throughout
the Past Year, We Extend to You Our Best Wishes For a

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

J. E. Winslow Co., Inc.

It's an Old Custom...

To Wish You A
MERRY CHRISTMAS

But . . .

it's a custom of which we never grow
tired; so again, at this Christmas Sea-
son we want to extend to our friends
and patrons our sincere wishes for a
Happy Holiday Season, with many
good things in store for each and
every one of you!

McCormick Music Co.

R. C. A. Dealer
Greenville, N. C. Dial 3114





WISHING YOU
A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

ELK'S CLOTHING STORE
"Smart Wear for Men"



May this greeting serve to express appreciation for your patronage and carry the wish that your Christmas be merry and the New Year be all that you desire.

GARRIS - EVANS
LUMBER COMPANY, Inc.



May joy be yours throughout the Holiday Season, and may success crown your every effort during the year 1940.

TADLOCK'S
MUTUAL INSURANCE AGENCY



We've thought of lots of ways of saying it—but after all—we mean

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

CITY PLUMBING CO.
Frank M. Brown



A MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO YOU AND YOU AND YOU

Your patronage has made this a Merry Christmas for us. May we extend the same wish to you?

CITIZEN'S ICE CO.



We aren't just saying it—
—We really mean it!

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

W. B. SHOE and J. L. CANNON
Contractors



The White Chevrolet Co.

and its entire organization
wishes you and yours a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR



TO OUR FRIENDS AND
CUSTOMERS
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

And may Happy Cheer follow you throughout the approaching year!
In 1940—

we will strive to serve you better!
Thanks for your past patronage and kindness!

BOSTIC-SUGG FURNITURE CO.
207 East Fifth St. Dial 2513



We wish to use this method to express our sincere appreciation to our friends and customers for their loyal patronage during the Year 1939, and hope we will be favored with your business in the days to come.

Wishing Everyone a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

C. H. EDWARDS HDWE. HOUSE
"WHERE QUALITY TELLS"



for the coming
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

May Christmas bring you joy and each day of the year add to your joy!

COZART'S AUTO SUPPLY
Banks Cozart, Manager



MERRY CHRISTMAS

May that Holy Star of Christmas
Which led Wise Men long ago,
Shine upon you, guide you, bless you
Thru the year, where'er you go.

H. L. HODGES & CO.



As another Christmas rolls 'round we think back on our many years of pleasant business associations with you, and send you our friendliest season's greetings. May your happiness be as certain as our wishes are sincere.

NICHOLLS' MARKET

Twenty-two Inmates In Pitt County Jail

County Jail W. G. Leggett revealed last night that 22 prisoners are now confined in the Pitt County jail and he expressed the hope that law violations would be at such a low ebb during the holidays that no increase in the number of prisoners would be noted.

Leggett said that 19 of the prisoners were Negroes and three are white. He said also that this is an average number of prisoners for this time of year. Many of the prisoners will not be released from the jail until tried for various charges in the January term of Superior Court.

Eleven Marriage Licenses Issued

Eleven licenses to wed had been issued through Friday by the office of J. C. Gaskins, Pitt County register of deeds.

White couples securing a license were: L. Braxton Kinkadee and Miss Phoebe Shilton Nibbel, both of Greenville; Alton Phillips and Miss Mildred Abright, both of Grifton;

Jesse Green and Miss Fannie Jordan, both of Chicod township; William H. Porter and Miss Ruby Mae Mills, both of Chicod; Wiley Harper of Nash County and Miss Gladys Griffin of Greenville.

Negro couples were: Luke Graham and Naomi Little, both of Greenville township; LeRoy Tyson and Idella Hardy, both of Greenville township; Brownie Joyner and Carrie Bell May, both of Farmville; Marvin L. Jones of Swift Creek and Mary Ruth Harper of Chicod; Carey Wilson and Catherine Grant, both of Bethel and Louis Darden and Laura Phillips, both of Farmville township.

Movie Musings

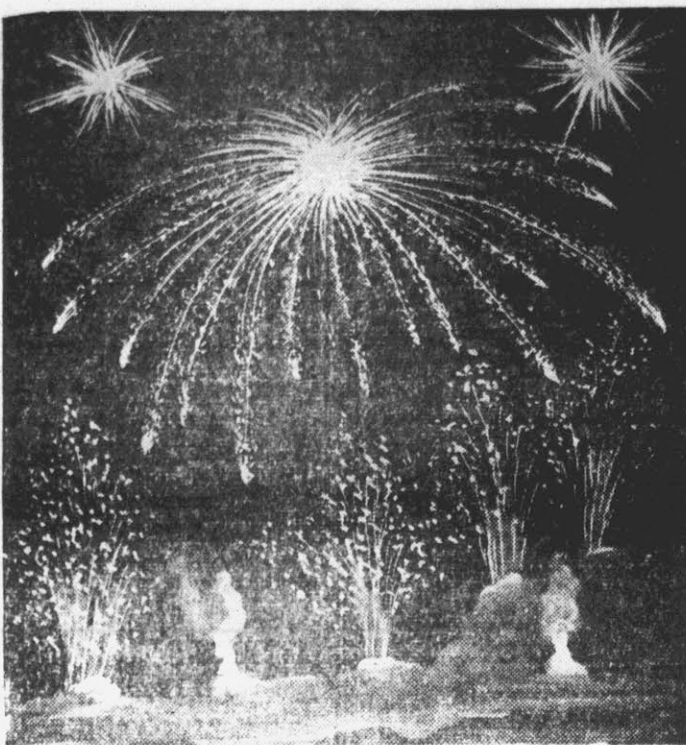
At The Pitt Next Week

Today-Sunday—Alice Faye, Warner Baxter in (new drama) "Barriade" with Charles Winninger (Family) Plus "Andy Clyde Gets Spring Chicken," comedy riot, "Land of Alaska Nellie," travel novelty, "Unusual Occupations."

Christmas Day-Tuesday-Wednesday—"Another Thin Man," delightful comedy drama featuring Myrna Loy, William Powell (Family) Also Paramount News.

Thursday-Friday—"Honeymoon

Fireworks Display Here Monday Night



Pitt County Post No. 39, American Legion, will present a free fireworks display at the fair grounds on the Falkland highway Christmas night at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to drive out and witness the display.

In "Bali," romantic comedy starring Fred MacMurray, Madeline Carroll, Allan Jones (Family) On same program "Melancholy Illustrated," News Events.

in "First Love," with Robert Stack, (Family)

At The State Next Week
Sunday—Paul Cavanagh, featuring Victor McLaglen, Sally Egan, (Family) Plus "Kennedy The Great," comedy riot with Edgar Kennedy, News Events.

Christmas Day—Lucille and Russell Gleason in "Covered Treason," (Family) Added attraction, Seabee Hayworth and his players on our stage, matinee and night, "Penny Hard," cartoon, "Ice Cutter," sport novelty.

Tuesday-Wednesday—"Mutiny On The Black Hawk," drama starring Richard Arlen, Andy Devane and others, (Family) Also "Once Over Lightly," musical, "What A Lion," cartoon.

Thursday—Jackie Cooper, Freddie Bartholomew in "Two Little Boys," (Family) Added "Man In Fright" with Our Gang, Pete Smith novelty, "Marine Circus," News.

Friday-Saturday—Exciting western drama with plenty of action, "Carson Rides Again," featuring star cast, (Family) Also "Pud's The Watchman," cartoon, Chapter No. 3 "Dick Tracy's G-Men."

Home Demonstration club turned a club year and a narrative report of their chief activities during the past year. Reports of Red Oak follow: With a total of 47,450 points Red Oak won the five dollar prize offered by the H. D. Council. They made 4999 points in doing home beautification, 595 points in their flower show, 150 points judging flower shows, 1750 in kitchen improvement, 12215 in canning, fruits, vegetables and meats, 6483 for garments made at home, 8445 reading, 475 assisting with the county fair, 2220 attending club meetings, 400 attending council meetings, 175 attending district meetings, 200 going on tours, 22250 turning in annual reports, 2350 points were made by leaders, 400 helping non-members.

The Red Oak Home Demonstration club has just finished its 14th year of club work and we present herewith a few of our most outstanding accomplishments for the year 1939.

Our greatest achievement has been the building of a new recreation center making a total of three buildings in this group, two of them being sponsored by the club. This building has been built by the men of the community without charge for their labor. It is thirty-two feet wide by sixty-four feet long, has a large stage, two large dressing rooms and has been painted white on the outside.

During the time the men were building this building the club women prepared and served eight picnic dinners to the men and their families. One chicken stew cooked out in the open and a shad fry were especially enjoyed.

Also during the same time the ladies landscaped part of the grounds and planted about five hundred bulbs, a large number of shrubs and plants.

We have raised nearly five-hundred dollars since last November. This has been used for our building which is valued at about fifteen-hundred dollars.

Our booth at the fair won \$50 for first honors with a score of 89.

Four of our club members went to the 4-H club camp. Eight women have new lawns and two have new homes, six have installed lights and four have water systems, five members attended district meeting at Windsor, Mrs. Leon Tyson of our club was elected president.

Mrs. James Allen and Miss Inez Allen gave Pitt county's report in the form of a playlet written by them.

Red Oak members judged at four flower shows.

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up to 105 October saw it push on to 110, November to 114. Now, Christmas trade has driven it up to 116 this week-end—the highest figure in ten long years.

Nearly every mill, factory, shop, office, and store in the country has shared in this burst of business. Steel and automobile workers, building tradesmen, lumber-jacks, railroad men, textile workers, metal fabricators, have all done well. Machine toolers, shipbuilders, and aviation mechanics have enjoyed a boom. Salesmen and store people can look back on 1939 as an above-average year. Farmers have broken even with 1938, considering the country as a whole. The dark spots on the agricultural map are certain drought-stricken areas of the West where crops and in some have dropped to the lowest level in four years.

Some Lines in Doldrums
Only in the financial, insurance, real estate, and newspaper fields has 1939 brought little to cheer about. Brokers have suffered as security transactions, not prices, plummeted to the lowest level since 1923. Insurance and real estate salesmen have had lean pickings. Newspaper advertising has just about matched 1938 while publishing costs have moved on to new highs. Profit margins in some other lines have not been so big as formerly and competition is keener today than ever before. As a result, many individual businesses have done poorly. But remember even in 1929 one-third of all businesses were in the red!

Nearly 2,000,000 new workers have found jobs. Wages and salaries have been steady to higher. There have been about 1,700 strikes compared with 1938 last year—but only the soft coal and Chrysler tie-ups were nationally serious. Living costs have inched up, but less than five percent. Dividend checks have nearly doubled. There is more cash in the average farmer's pocket. Real estate—both city and farm—is a shade better in price, although taxes have again been increased. Rents have been stable. All in all, it has been

Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR
Saturday December 23, 1909

HOLIDAY FOLKS They Are Coming and Going This Joyous Season

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Moore left this morning for Whitakers.

Bruce Suss came home Friday evening from Rocky Mount.

Misses Helen and Della Forbes and Minnie Quinn came home Friday evening from the Baptist University at Raleigh.

The Reflector boys are going to enjoy a box of Winterville cigars that they have just opened for Christmas. They know a good thing when they smoke it.

The young ladies will give a bal poude in the opera house Tuesday night.

a good year for most people in America.

Few Cheers Heard

Last January, I predicted in this newspaper that "business by the end of 1939 would be as good as—perhaps even better than—at any year-end since 1924." Business is better than at any year-end since 1929; but there is little cheering about it. Many people are bluer today than a year ago. Relief rolls are just as long as ever. Employers fear the industrial rise is merely a war boom. Workers are worried about "Young Costs." Business men, big and little, are frightened to death of taxes and a third term for Mr. Roosevelt. Meanwhile, everyone is afraid that we will be drawn into the war.

So the curtain is about to fall on a strange year; business best in a decade, but people more worried than during the dark days of 1932-33.

It is Christmas week-end. That means it is no time to launch into a deep discussion of our troubles. My message today is simply that 1939 has been a good year and that nearly every American is better off today than a year ago. Moreover, I want to assure readers that we have nothing to fear in early 1940 either from a business depression or from any entanglement in the European war. Lastly, I want to join with every reader in a deep and fervent prayer that Christmas of 1940 will find "peace on earth and good will toward men" in all lands and among all peoples! If we all do our part, this prayer may be fulfilled.

REVEALS ACTIVITIES OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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erendum by: (1) Adoption of resolution endorsing control of 1940 crop; (2) Compiling information for members, facts regarding production, supply on hand and possible effect on income; (3) Major details of operation of the control program. All being mailed to all business and professional men in the city.

6. Secured listing and card indexed available rooms in private homes for use as accommodations for visiting teachers attending District Teachers Convention in 1938. Extended invitation to hold 1939 convention in Greenville.

7. Assisted American Legion in locating rooms for delegates attending installation ceremonies for Commander Rose, on October 15 and 16, 1939.

8. Assisted in providing accommodations and entertainment, and in formulating and conducting program for safety patrol convention in 1938. Invited patrol to hold 1939 convention in Greenville.

9. Prepared and issued 5,000 pamphlets giving information about Greenville and Pitt county. Approximately 2,000 copies have been distributed within the last few months.

10. Appeared before State Highway Commissioner supported by resolutions from the Board of County Commissioners, and other organizations, urging the building of the following roads: (a) Pactolus road, (b) Belvoir road, (c) Stokes-Bear Grass road, (d) Arthur road, (e) Completion N. C. 11—Bethel to Oak City.

11. With city and school officials participated in broadcasting radio program advertising Greenville in Welcome Neighbor Program, over Charlotte, Station WBT.

12. Cooperated with local interests in securing permit for establishment of radio station in Greenville.

13. Maintaining service, cooperating with rental agencies, home owners, assisting newcomers to Greenville to obtain satisfactory living accommodations.

14. Maintaining general and travel information service and city directory library, handling numerous inquiries for such information.

15. Actively assisting in efforts to obtain adequate bus station facilities and better bus schedules for Greenville.

16. Cooperated with (a) Woman's club in obtaining Federal Art Center and in holding Fine Arts Week and Garden Tours; (b) Greenville Baseball club; (c) City-wide cleanup campaign; (d) Association of Post Office Clerks in two meetings; (e) N. C. Department of Conservation and Development and other agencies.

17. Providing headquarters for Greenville Tobacco Board of Trade, and meeting place for Junior Chamber of Commerce, Red Cross, Greenville Industries, Inc., Community Council, Community Tobacco Market Committee and Baseball Club. Also headquarters for City Directory publishers.

18. As requested by the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development, for use in advertising the state, compiled a comprehensive brief giving facts about Greenville and Pitt county. Also furnished advertising copy for a number of publications requesting such information.

19. Making survey preparatory to effort to obtain better mail service into and out of Greenville to facilitate business transactions with other sections of the country.

20. Headed up Pitt county's efforts, in cooperation with city and

county and other communities and organizations to obtain the location of East Carolina Tuberculosis Sanatorium within the county.

21. Obtained 1940 N. C. Seed Exposition, and extended invitation to Eastern Carolina Shippers Association to hold convention in Greenville the coming year. As required, sold sufficient advertising space in Program and Premium List of the N. C. Seed Exposition to defray expense of the Exposition on February 1 and 2.

22. Cooperated with Greenville High School Student Council in obtaining Student Council Congress for 1940.

23. Assisted in promoting good will for Greenville by cooperating in county and sectional athletic programs in 1938. This activity is now being handled by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

24. The above activities and others not included in this report, have required the getting out of more than 8,400 pieces of mail; more than a score of briefs giving information about the city and county, the holding of an average of six meetings per month, in addition to scores of conferences with individuals and groups.

REDS WITHDRAWING BEFORE VENGEFUL FINNISH SOLDIERS AIDED BY DEADENING COLD
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without adequate preparation. The general, directing the campaign against Finland, as was said to have been called to the Kremlin this week and ordered to explain his lack of success.

In Europe's old war Friday was a day of recaptulation rather than action save for aerial brushes.

The British home defenders were credited with downing one or two of Four Nazi bombers which appeared over Britain's east coast and the islands of the Firth of Forth in Scotland. The French high command noted fairly strong aerial activity on the western front and the British Air Ministry said two British and one German warplane were shot down in a Western front aerial fight. Britain counted her week's shipping toll at 33 vessels.



The DR. PEPPER BOTTLING CO.
of Washington, N. C.

AND THEIR GREENVILLE SALESMAN

Mr. Harry Boone
WISH FOR YOU

A Joyous Holiday Season

and a

MOST PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR



Merry
Christmas
To All

At This
Season of the
Year we Pause
To Reflect Upon
The Many Pleasant
Acquaintances And
Associations that We
Have Had During This
Year, and Desire to Extend to our Many Friends
And Patrons Our Best Wishes
for a most Joyful Holiday Season

JOHN FLANAGAN
BUGGY COMPANY

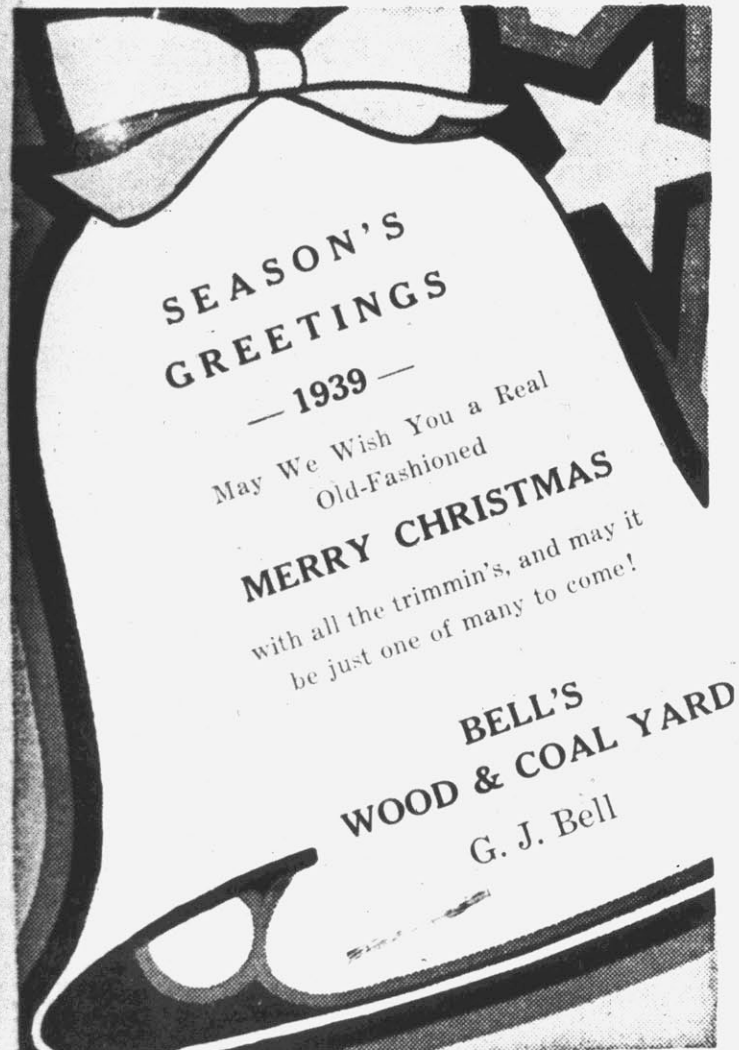
"Eastern Carolina's Oldest Automobile Dealer"

Est. 1866

Christmas Greetings



As the bells ring out and the Yule logs burn, in this season of Holiday Cheer—the management and employees of the PITT and STATE Theatres extend to you Best Wishes for a VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To My Customers

We wish to express to you our kindest Christmas Greetings. As the year draws to a close we look back with appreciation to your fine patronage. It has been a real pleasure to serve you and we look forward to the NEW YEAR in the hope that we may serve you even better.

SCOTT'S
DRY CLEANERS

Farmers Being Urged To Clean Weed Seed

New tobacco seed cleaning equipment has been set up at the farm office on the corner of Third and Green streets and farmers have been urged by persons affiliated with the office to get their tobacco seed cleaned before the usual last-minute rush.

Even though many farmers do not have their seed cleaned it was explained that clean seed are recommended for all tobacco crops, since the process eliminates fungi and weak seed from the supply, so that this would help the tobacco grower to avoid as much as possible weak plants that may result from weak seed.

Can't Keep A Good Man Inactive
Anchorage, Alaska. (AP)—What's our aim to a good man? Nothing so far as Frank Peterson of Red River, Alaska, is concerned.

Peterson, a Finn, lost an arm nearly 50 years ago, but in the 42 years he has lived in Anchorage, Alaska, he has been a constant source of help to the community. He has been a member of the Red River K. K. Club and has been a member of the Red River K. K. Club and has been a member of the Red River K. K. Club.

He, every-day boy, include paying a good, paying for food and operating a billiard table. He has earned more than \$10,000 at the last named occupation this season.

Arithmetic Problem
Sacramento, Calif. (AP)—The California Department of Education is looking for a "more meaningful" method of testing mathematics ability to children. The department thinks at present the subject is not taught with close enough relationship to the pupils' actual problems.

Seeing Through My Windshield

By Ethel Nice, H. D. A.

Merry Christmas! The Christmas season is here again and every one is busily getting ready for a big dinner or setting off for the holidays. Social meetings have been held this week by Chicod, Winterville, Farmville, Falkland, Red Oak and Pierce. There will be no more meetings until January 2. Here's wishing everyone a very merry Christmas.

Red Oak Annual Report: Each