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Following usual custom we will not publish an issue of the FRANKLIN TIMES next week, in order that the force may have some little time to observe the holidays and get a little deserved rest.

We are glad it is ours once more to greet our readers with a bright and merry Christmas. It seems but yesterday that we sent a like message to you, and yet a year has flown by.

The Business Men's Association has taken up the work of getting better mail facilities for Louisburg and are prosecuting a plan whereby it is possible that an early morning mail will arrive in Louisburg about 7 o'clock daily, thereby getting the daily papers in time to be taken out on the routes and delivered on same day of publication.

The word Christmas is a most sacred and beautiful one. It stands for love and for charity, for hope and for joy at the fruition of that long made promise of the prophet of the coming of one who should bring peace and good will to earth.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Once more the happy season of the year is at hand, when we begin to prepare gifts of love for Christmas. It is indeed a pleasing indication of the rapid spread of feelings of kindness and good will throughout the world that the preparation of beautiful articles for Christmas gifts affects the industries of all civilized nations.

Gifts for children depend but little on their value but for the pleasure they shall give. A household of children can be made entirely happy by a quarter's worth of mixed candy placed in their stockings, each piece of candy being wrapped in a separate paper, thus multiplying the number

of gifts. It is very important, however, that the gifts be put in their stockings. The sweet illusion adds a priceless value to the richest trifles. And so we feel like saying to ourselves and to our readers: Let us prepare for a merry, happy Christmas; let us forget for a little while all the environments of our lives that are sad and depressing; let us think of the treasures we possess that "man did not make and cannot mar;" let us give tokens of love to our friends, though it should be only a geranium leaf or a rose checked apple.

BEWARE OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE!

"How far that little candle throws his beams!" Had Shakespeare penned that line today, candor might have prompted him perhaps to add, "And nowhere does its light rest with a more baleful flicker than on the country's fire loss record." In America, of late years, there has been an unhappy attempt to return the candle to vogue, and Christmas is probably the one occasion upon which many people seem to feel that they cannot get along without this regressive form of illumination.

It is not always recognized, however that a risk equally great is run by folk who place burning candles, fitted usually into unstable holders, at windows, where a draft from without or the slightest movement of air within the house, may bring into contact with the flames light draperies, dry holly wreaths and other readily ignitable decorations.

To display a light where it may be seen by passers-by is, of course, a pretty piece of symbolism but it has, alas, often been converted into a beacon to guide the fire department, and from a token of Christmas cheer has become a signal of distress. Symbolism achieved at the cost of human life, and of property destruction amounting annually to thousands of dollars, is bought at too steep a price to be desirable.

As for the general employment of candles about the house at this and other seasons, it would be more than a little amusing to hear the outcry that would follow an interruption of the local supply of electricity and gas, making the candle a matter not of choice but of unromantic necessity.

According to the statistical records of The National Board of Fire Underwriters, the use of so-called open lights results in nearly three million dollars' worth of property destruction in this country every year, while to them are due, as well, many of the 15,000 yearly deaths by fire; and one of the commonest forms of open light is the candle. Of course the candle is not the only Yuletide hazard, but since it is an important one, why should it be tolerated unnecessarily? Surely no one can wish to do anything that might cast the shadow of tragedy across the celebration of Christmas.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Community meetings in Franklin County held in the several districts, have been reported to Supt. E. L. Best as follows:

Alert, N. C., R. 1, Dec. 10, 1923. Mr. E. L. Best,

Dear Sir: Friday night, Dec. 7th, we had our second community meeting at Schloss school house. Almost every family in our district was represented besides a small number of visitors. Mr. Crawford, Rev. Harper, Mrs. Williams and Miss Lily Harper were the main features of the evening. Mr. Crawford told our folks about what we are investing in education in North Carolina and the returns on this investment. Mrs. Williams read a paper on Education and Consolidation. Mr. Harper made a strong plea for the children. Our next meeting will be Dec. 21st. We will have Christmas exercises by the school and a community Christmas tree.

Wishing you a happy Christmas. MRS. J. K. BREWER.

Prunes, Dried Apples, Evaporated Peaches, Cranberries, Dried Beans, Dried Peas and Potatoes 12-21-11 at L. P. HICKS.

MISS WILLIAMS ENTERTAINED

It is perhaps no exaggeration to say that there has never gone out from Louisburg a bride who was more universally loved by all the people or one who will be more greatly missed than Miss Sallie Thomas Williams. This general love and esteem has found expression during the weeks preceding the date of the wedding in a number of showers and entertainments given in her honor.

One of the most attractive of these entertainments was the miscellaneous shower given Monday afternoon, at the residence of Mrs. Wingate Underhill, by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Louisburg Baptist church.

The decorations were of holly interspersed with garlands of bright red and other tokens of the Christmas spirit appropriate to the season of the year.

On entering the guests were served by the hostess with delicious fruit punch.

A program appropriate to the occasion superceded the usual devotional service and order of the day for the Missionary meetings. When the last guest had arrived the buzz of conversation was stilled to catch the sweet tones of "Mignonette" played as a solo by Helen Leigh Fleming. Anna Gray Watson gave an amusing reading expressing a little boy's opinion of "My Sister's Best Beau."

Two vocal solos added interest and enjoyment to the program. "At Dawning" by Mrs. Luther Whitaker, and "With You" by Mrs. McIver. Miss Onnie Tucker read in a pleasing manner James Whitcombe Reilly's poem, "An Old Sweetheart of Mine." As Mrs. Whitaker, seated at the piano, began the well known and always thrilling notes of Lohengrin's Wedding March the dining room door opened and in came the dearest little bridal party imaginable. Little Miss Athlea Boone in white satin and veil made a charming bride, while Master Thomas Wheelless in tiny "swallow-tail" coat, long trousers, white vest and standing collar was a perfect groom in miniature.

This little couple almost staggered under the weight of a large basket, daintily covered in white and lavender, which they bore between them. Slowly they marched down the length of the room until they were in front of the guest of honor when they presented it to her with the love of the Missionary Society. Miss Williams then proceeded to untie the many gifts with which the basket was filled, each of which was daintily wrapped in white and tied in lavender matching the decorations of the basket. There were many ohs and ahs and other expressions of admiration as the many beautiful and useful gifts were heaped up one by one on the table. When these had all been examined and admired by every one Mrs. J. O. Newell presented a handsome piece of silver as a token of appreciation from the Young Woman's Auxiliary.

Miss Sallie then rose and with the words of an original poem, which testified by the feeling with which they were uttered that they came from her heart, expressed to the W. M. U. her thanks for their gifts and her love for the organization.

SANDY CREEK ITEMS

I guess everybody would like to hear from Sandy Creek as it has been a long time since you all have heard from us.

There will be Christmas exercises followed by a tree at the school house Friday night, Dec. 21. Everybody come and lets have a good time.

Mr. W. M. Green and family visited Mrs. C. O. Kennedy Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gupton visited Mrs. G. D. Joyner Sunday afternoon.

Mr. W. H. Parrish, of Raleigh, visited his mother, Mrs. S. M. Parrish Saturday afternoon.

Miss Lonnie Nelms, of Henderson, visited her father, Mr. D. N. Nelms, last week.

There was much work done on our school ground Saturday afternoon, by the community which we certainly appreciated. At the same time we wish to thank Mr. C. E. Gilliam for the nice load of dry wood presented to the school.

Miss Addie Bordeaux visited our school yesterday.

Supt. E. L. Best was a pleasant visitor in our school last Wednesday.

Miss Maddie Mason, of Middlesex, is visiting Miss Lola Williams this week.

We miss Mr. and Mrs. Dick Collins who have just moved from Sandy Creek.

Mrs. D. C. Gupton is visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. N. Nelms.

Messrs. D. E. Aycocke, G. B. West Edwin and Forest Harper motored to Norfolk Monday.

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REGULATING THE AUTOMOBILE

The time is coming when municipalities will be forced to consider seriously the problem of taking care of the ever-increasing numbers of automobiles. Already the traffic is so dense in the larger cities as to be an acknowledged menace, and this in spite of the efforts of traffic officers and regulations made and provided. At certain periods and at congested corners the streets are already hardly able to accommodate the demands made upon them.

tomobile is considered almost a necessity in every family. The number of cars in use is increasing amazingly. It is going to be a necessity after a while to provide adequate parking spaces for them--off the streets. It is not improbable also that lanes of travel will have to be provided north and south and east and west; that is, that designated thoroughfares only may be used by cars going in a designated direction in incorporated towns. This, it seems to us, would go a long ways toward lessening the danger of accidents.

always due to the speed at which the car is traveling. The danger to pedestrians is at crossings, where cars are moving from four directions at once; and this in face of the fact that an officer is on the job directing the movement. To the old and infirm the hazard is especially great. Perhaps it would be ill advised to restrict cars altogether from the retail shopping district, so that women and children might go about their daily business without fear and without hazard. Charlotte Observer.

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