

CHRISTMAS TIME Is HOME-COMING TIME

Now, of all seasons, our hearts turn toward the place that is our home. The family gathers from near and far. Amid holly and mistletoe, bells and candles, surprise packages and full stockings, everybody is cheerful and happy.

We hope that hearty joy will be yours.

Among the greetings which come to you from friends everywhere, please include this sincere little message from our bank—"A Merry Christmas."

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OUR RALEIGH LETTER

By M. L. Shipman

Raleigh, Dec. 19.—A quiet week tells the story of State administration activities. In business circles here holiday shoppers have endeavored to trade early and avoid the rush. Politics was taboo except for the visit of O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, who came down to address a Master Farmers banquet at the Sir Walter and drop in on his numerous friends in the capital city who expect to greet him at the Governors Mansion a little more than a year hence as the chief executive of the State.

As previously announced Governor McLean attended the hearing before the United States Board of Engineers in Washington on appeal from the report of a Norfolk engineer on replacing the lock in the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal, removed a few years ago when the canal, previously privately owned, was made a part of the interior coastal canal from Boston to the eastern coast of North Carolina. Removal of the lock admitted salt water to enter Currituck Sound and Black Bay with great damage to fishing and vegetation. The Governor was joined in Washington by Senator Simmons, Congressman Lindsay Warren and a large number of interested citizens from the northeastern section of the State, who later expressed the confident hope that the report of the engineers will be reversed and the lock replaced. During the week Governor and Mrs. McLean returned the visit of their Virginia neighbors Governor and Mrs. Byrd in Richmond where they were the recipients of many courtesies.

On Friday evening Governor McLean discussed the Citizens Duty of Exercising his right to Suffrage, before members of the Raleigh Post of the American Legion and their assembled friends in the city. The Governor has been invited to attend the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the occupation of Valley Forge by General Washington and the American Army, to be held today at Valley Forge, Penn. Tomorrow bids for State printing will be received and opened in the Executive office following the opening on Friday of bids filed with the State Board of Education, of which the Governor is chairman ex-officio, on books to be used in the elementary schools of the State during the next five years. In the meantime, the Governor heard a report on the conclusion of the State Tax Commission in session here and announced that the same would be passed on to the next session of the General Assembly. A parole was granted to Charles Lowry, 14 year old prisoner from McDowell county and the boy ordered placed in charge of the welfare superintendent of that county. A pardon was issued to Clay Fitzgerald, of Buncombe county, and a parole to Fred B. Massengill of Wake, a bus driver who was serving a term for assaulting one of his passengers. So it will be observed that the Governor has not been idle. He never is.

Death row at the State Prison is seldom without an occupant and ninety-two victims have passed from this dark and dreary corner to the electric chair, thence into eternity since that method of punishment for high crimes was instituted several years ago. A little more than a week ago Hector Graham, Hoke county negro, was electrocuted for the murder of a young world war veteran, but his cell remained vacant only a few days before Larry Newsome, Wayne county negro, sentenced early in the week to die in like manner for the murder of a 15-year old white girl was occupying the very same cot upon which Graham reclined in his long wait for the day of execution. Newsome was convicted of trying to assault and later murdering little Beulah Tedder whom he intercepted on her way home after a visit to a family of colored people where she had gone for a can of syrup. The girls father stumbled over the body of his child in the dark on a search for her when she failed to reach home promptly. Her throat had been slashed from ear to ear and her body otherwise mutilated. Feeling in the community ran high and only the courage of Sheriff Grant and the firmness of Judge Grady, who held court with a big pistol at his side, prevented a lynching by relatives and friends of the innocent victim of brute force after the prisoner had been returned to Goldsboro from the State prison to which he was brought for safe keeping soon after his arrest.

The auto license bureau renews its request for early purchases of 1928 plates. The sales so far since the new plates became available are said to be far behind previous records. New license plates may be used right along now and the authorities are endeavoring to avoid the usual rush during the last days of the month. 467,000 plates are in waiting, 400,000 of these in the \$12.50 class for cars having 25 horse power or less; 60,000 of the \$20 class for cars having between 25 and 30 horse power; 4,000 are \$30 plates for 30 to 35 horse power machines, and 3,000 are \$40 for automobiles with more than 35 horse power. Motor trucks are placed under a different classification.

It is said that the construction of roads during the year 1927 cost the State around \$24,000,000 and that eighteen millions more will be expended in highway construction, including bridges, during the next year, in the completion of approximately nine hundred miles, of which about 400 miles is to be hard surfaced and 500 miles of less substantial construction. The new bridge across the Cape Fear river at Wilmington, to cost \$1,250,000 will be started next year and rapidly pushed to completion, it is said.

The holiday spirit predominates here these days and a respite from the irksome actions of officialdom and educational routine has already

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Saturday is the last day. All Toys, Candies, Oranges, Apples, Nuts, in fact everything in my stock has got to be sold regardless of cost.

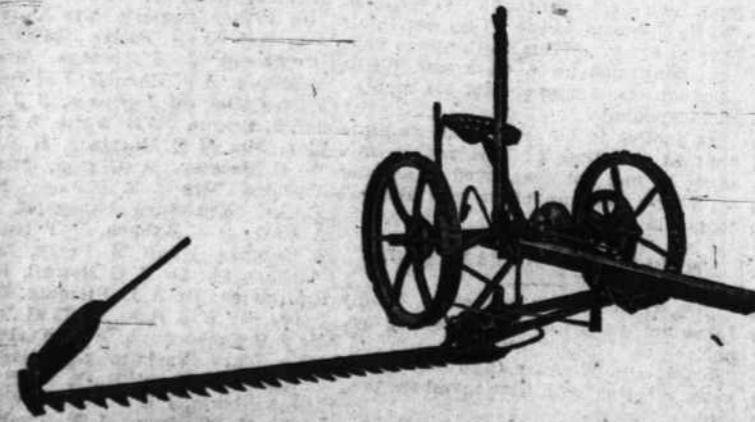
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Carbon disulphid used in the corn crib will control the corn weevil. One farmer of Pasquotank county used this material at the rate of 4 pounds per 50 cubic feet and had good results.

The Mexican Bean Beetle is the worst pest of garden beans in the United States today. The pest may be controlled by thorough spraying with poison mixtures.

May and July have five Sundays, which will increase the expense for new golf balls.

Some people wear tight shoes all their lives and never learn any better.

A closed mouth in an open face is rare, and it is also a work of art.

Thinking you know is not half so important as knowing you think.