

THE ROANOKE NEWS.

Advertising Rates Made Known on Application.

A NEWSPAPER FOR THE PEOPLE.

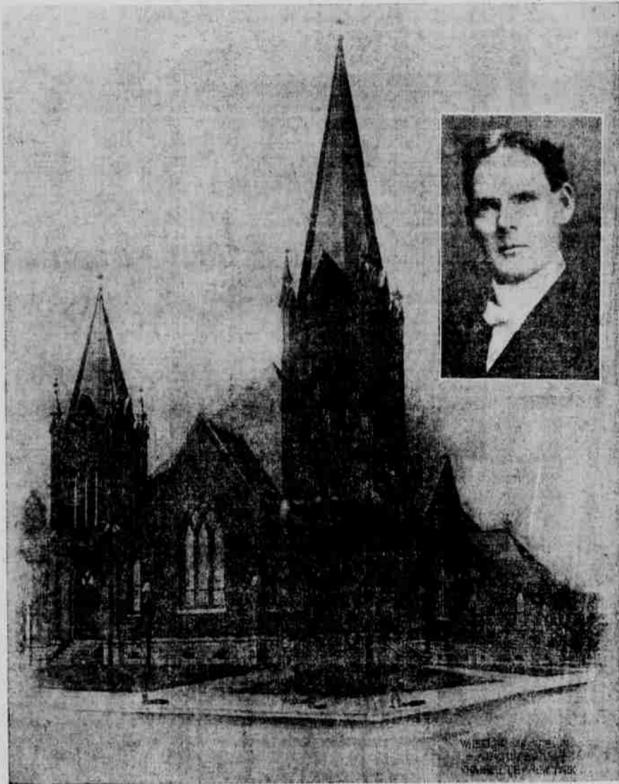
Terms of Subscription--\$1.50 Per Annum.

VOL. XLV.

WELDON, N. C., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1910.

NO. 34

900 DROPS
CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of
J. C. Ayer & Co.
In Use For Over Thirty Years
CASTORIA



NEW M. E. CHURCH,
WELDON, N. C.

Also showing picture of the pastor, Rev. S. E. Mercer, under whose patronage it was erected. Now nearing completion, and is one of the handsomest churches in Eastern Carolina.



THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.

Let Us Make Merry While The Pulse of God's Blessed Gift of Life Throbs Within Us.

We are entering once again upon the Christmas season—spiritually and socially the most significant festival of the year. Let us for once put aside selfishness and enter into the spirit of this occasion with the wholeheartedness that the consequence of the great festival merits. Let us put away the cares and worries of business; the vexatious problems that go to harass and annoy us the year round; and in remembering others, forget self and be happy. This glorious Yuletide comes but once a year, it is but a little journey to the other side; let us make merry while the pulse of God's blessed gift of life throbs within us.

All of us are planning to make the occasion a happy one for the dear little ones at home—for the husband, wife, father, mother, sister or brother. Let us not forget how meaningless this blessed season may be to those whom we have always with us—the poor. Let us endeavor to see that not one of these poverty-stricken ones shall awake on the glorious Christmas morning to confront an empty stocking. As God has prospered us let us minister to them. Let each one of us search out some one of the needy and make him or her happier for just one day, and when we have accomplished this good thing, will the full realization of the Divine promise be dawned upon us. They are all God's creatures—these needy ones—clothed in His image and numbered among the elect for whom the Great Sacrifice was made. Let us help them to an understanding of what Christmas Day means.

For the sake of Him who gave His only Begotten Son a gift to the world eschew the narrow, mean spirit that decries the custom of gift giving; it is symbolic of the precious Christmas gift the Heavenly Father gave to the world near two thousand years ago; and it is the spiritual consciousness attendant upon this inspired custom that brings its own reward—the indescribable feeling of deep contentment attendant upon a good deed well done. So likewise, the man or woman who seeks to banish from the fairytale of childhood the beautiful myth of Santa Claus is an enemy to the human race. The spirit that would shatter this cherished hope of a twelve-month, this bright ray of joy reflected through the vista of the year; that beckons the tots to the happiest days of their lives and leaves its sweet memories of full stockings and enchanted dreams, does not measure up to the full breadth of Christian citizenship. Rather let us perpetuate this delightful mystery of the ages and by our works decree that the children's patron saint shall not know the proud portals of the rich from the humble hovels of the poor.

May we—all of us—enter into the spirit of the season with hearts attuned to the beautiful lesson that it inculcates—making others happy. "God bless us every one."

A WHITE CHRISTMAS.

There is one way to make a white Christmas even though there may be not a flake of snow in sight. Let the whitens be in your heart. Put aside all thoughts of guile. Forget all the big or little bitterness you may be entertaining against some other person. Cast out all envy, all covetousness, all unkindness. Endeavor to harbor in your heart only such thoughts and feelings as the Nazarene knew when He dwelt by Galilee. Cultivate human brotherhood. Practice Christian charity. Look beyond and above your workaday horizon. Get out of yourself. Get into the hearts of others. Then you will be sure of a white Christmas this year.

THE MODEL CHURCH.

Well wife, I've found the model church. I've worshiped there today! It made me think of good old times before my hair was gray. The meetin'-house was fixed up more than they were years ago. But then I felt when I went in it wasn't built for show.

The sexton didn't seat me way back by the door. He knew that I was old and deaf, as well as old and poor. He must have been a Christian, for he led me through the long aisle of that crowded church to find a place and pew.

I wish you'd heard that singin'—it had the old-time ring. The preacher said with trumpeter voice, "Let all the people sing." The tune was Coronation, and the music upward rolled. Till I thought I heard the angels striking on their harps of gold.

My deafness seemed to melt away; my spirit caught the fire; I joined my feeble, trembling voice with that melodious choir. And sang as in my youthful days, "Let angels prostrate fall, Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all."

I tell you wife, it did me good to hear that hymn once more; I felt like some wrecked mariner who gets a glimpse of shore. I almost wanted to lay down this weather-beaten form And anchor in the blessed port forever from the storm.

The preacher? Well, I can't just tell all the preacher said, I know it wasn't written, I know it wasn't read; He hadn't time to read it, for the lightnin' from his eye Went flashin' long from pew to pew, nor passed a sinner by.

The sermon wasn't flowery, 'twas simple Gospel truth; It fitted poor old men like me, it fitted hopeful youth. 'Twas full of consolation for weary hearts that bleed, 'Twas full of invitation to Christ, and not to creed.

The preacher made sin hideous in Gentile and in Jew; He shot the golden sentences down in the finest pew, And though I can't see very well, I saw the falling tear That told me hell was some way off and heaven very near.

How swift the golden moments fled within that holy place! How brightly beamed the light of heaven from every happy face! Again I longed for that sweet time when friend shall meet with friend, "Where congregations ne'er break up and Sabbaths have no end."

I hope to meet the minister—the congregation, too—In that dear home beyond the stars that shine from heaven's blue. I doubt not I'll remember, beyond life's evening gray, The happy hour of worship in the model church today.

Dear wife, the fight will soon be fought, the victory be won; The shinin' goal is just ahead; the race is nearly run. O'er the river we are nearin' they are throngin' to the shore To shout our safe arrival where the weary weep no more.

—John H. Yates

CHRISTMAS DON'T'S.

- Don't let Christmas giving deteriorate into a trade.
- Don't try to pay debts or return obligation in your Christmas giving.
- Don't embarrass yourself by giving more than you can afford.
- Don't give trashy things. Many an attic could tell strange stories about Christmas presents.
- Don't make presents which your friends will not know what to do with, and which would merely encumber the home.

Wants to Help Some One.

For thirty years J. F. Boyer, of Ferris, Mo., needed help and couldn't find it. That's why he wants to help some one now suffering so long himself. He feels all distress from Backache, Nervousness, Loss of Appetite, Lassitude and Kidney Disorders. He shows that Electric Bitters work wonders for such troubles. "Five bottles," he writes, "wholly cured me and now I am well and hearty." It's also positively guaranteed for Liver Trouble, Dyspepsia, Blood Disorders, Female Complaints and Malaria. Try them. 50c at all druggists.

Don't leave the cost mark on your presents.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

DAY PHONES 25. NIGHT PHONES 24 and 34.
P. N. STAINBACK,
UNDERTAKER.
Weldon, North Carolina.
Full Line of CASKETS, COFFINS and ROBES.
Day, Night and Out-of-Town Calls Promptly Attended to.
H. G. ROWE,
FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND EMBALMER.
Seventeen years' Experience. Hearse Service Anywhere.

HINT TO WISE BUYERS
Full line new Dress Goods. See our new line of
CLOTHING
For Men, Boys, and Children

Queen Quality
THE FAMOUS SHOE FOR WOMEN
LADIES COAT SUITS
Everything in General Merchandise
A. L. Stainback's
"Always Busy Store."

THE BANK OF WELDON
WELDON, N. C.
Organized Under the Laws of the State of North Carolina.
AUGUST 20TH, 1892.
State of North Carolina Depository.
Halifax County Depository.
Town of Weldon Depository.
Capital and Surplus, \$45,000.
For more than 17 years this institution has provided banking facilities for this section. Its stockholders and directors have been identified with the business interests of Halifax and Northampton counties for many years. Money is loaned upon approved security at the legal rate of interest—six per centum. Accounts of all are solicited.
The surplus and undivided profits having reached a sum equal to the Capital Stock, the Bank has, commencing January 1, 1908, established a Savings Department allowing interest on time deposits as follows: For deposits allowed to remain three months or longer, 2 per cent. Six months or longer, 3 per cent. Twelve months or longer, 4 per cent. For further information apply to the President or Cashier.
PRESIDENT: W. E. DANIEL. VICE-PRESIDENT: W. R. SMITH. CASHIER: R. S. TRAVIS.

Old Papers for Sale at this Office.

Important properties of the Grape are transmitted by
ROYAL Baking Powder
Absolutely Pure
to the food.
The food is thereby made more tasty and digestible

Few persons have courage to appear as good as they really are. If Adam had remained awake, he might still have that rib.

An Uneasy Feeling in the stomach or bowels, caused by indigestion or constipation, yields quickly to
SIMMONS RED Z LIVER REGULATOR
(THE POWDER FORM)
It removes all impurities or fermented food, cleanses and tones the stomach and bowels and restores that fine feeling of exhilaration, mental activity and cheerfulness that belongs only to perfect health.
Sold by Dealers. Price, Large Package, \$1.00.
Ask for the powder with the Red Z on the label. If you cannot get it, write us and we will mail it to you. Some Live Regulator is put up also in 25-cent boxes for those who prefer it. Price 10¢ per box. Look for the Red Z label.
J. H. ZEILIN & CO., Proprietors, St. Louis, Missouri

THE PRINCE OF PEACE.
The glorious Christmas Tide as Associated With the Blessed Savior, Whose Wonder-working Personality was Never So Potent As Today—So Insistent and Tenderly Sure.
All the old troublesome questions of the origin and destination of the Galilee Carpenter have passed. All the medieval worryment in discriminating between human and divine has gone, all the puzzled inquiry into the miraculous. No longer is mankind stirred over the non-essential. Theories of Him fade away, dogmas of His nature lose their charm. His gentleness has conquered. His influence continues and gleams slowly brightening, the gleam that touched Him spreads through the world. His face moves on the face of civilization, and makes it kinder every generation. The touch of His hand is on the grief-stricken. Nurse, physician and nun are the messengers of His teaching. The vestal fires burned out, but never the fires of His spirit, which answer each other from mountain top to mountain top across the continents. And deep into the heart of the people they make family life sweeter and ease the bitterness of failure and ignorance and all life's completeness. That wonder-working personality was never so potent as today—so insistent and tenderly sure. Under a thousand forms, creeds and names, men serve Him. And however far we go in the conquest of nature, identifying the North Pole, climbing the sky prying open electrical forces, mapping out the subliminal, diminishing sin, disease, war, poverty, ignorance—always in the advance will be that gracious figure of the Sinless. One who showed Love as the rule of life. One Perfect Man—ardent and gentle—the race will never tire of Him.
The holiday spirit inheres in the merriment of children, a religious glow for all participants, a burst of generosity for those less favored, and a sense of universal peace. Stated more concretely, the deep concerns of the day are the child, the family, the church and the poor. Its active celebration consists in releasing the goodwill of each heart through unselfish action or gratitude. Its atmosphere derives from the old-time attractive belief that at a certain season of the year there was a Peace of God, with a laying down of arms and a cessation of strife. The hope of the day is that there shall be an extension of the area and time limit of that peace till it gathers in the nations and interpenetrates the daily struggle of the individual. A holiday season offers us the chance to step out and look at our work, and the spirit and the purpose of the work. It is a seventh-day affirmation of the worth of the six days of headlong creative activity. Like the Gobelin tapestry weavers we are mostly on the wrong side of our own pattern. It is profoundly good once a year to see that the outworking is gracious and progressive. The deeper mood of Christmas is quieting to the perturbed spirit of us. We are permitted to glimpse the eternal order—to know that the near foreground is torn and swaying with blind struggle and muddly turmoil, but that behind it, for all the reaches of space, there is the assurance of a great peace.—Collier's Weekly.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS
WALTER E. DANIEL,
Attorney-at-Law,
WELDON, N. C.
Practices in the courts of Halifax and Northampton and in the Supreme and Federal courts. A collection made in all parts of North Carolina. Branch office at Halifax open every Monday.
GEORGE C. GREEN,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
(National Bank Building)
Weldon N. C.
ELLIOTT B. CLARK,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
HALIFAX, N. C.
Practices in the courts of Halifax and adjoining counties and in the Supreme court of the State. Special attention given to collections and prompt returns.
W. J. WARD,
DENTIST,
OFFICE IN DANIEL BUILDING
WELDON, N. C.
D. E. STAINBACK,
NOTARY PUBLIC
And Fire Insurance.
Halifax News Office—Weldon, N. C.

J. POLAK
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
WELDON, N. C.
Practices in the courts of Halifax and adjoining counties and in the Supreme court of the State. Special attention given to collections and prompt return.
JOHN H. TAYLOR,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
ESFIELD, N. C.
Offices: Overbank of Enfield, 10-66-01.

Special Sale!
We have on hand several consignments of the latest in wool, Wash and Princess ladies suits. Rather than return these suits our headquarters decided to put them on sale at half price for each only \$15 Suits \$7.50. Princess, white and all other colors \$5 to \$7, now \$2.50 to \$3.50. Wash Coat Suits \$4 to \$6, now \$2 to \$3. \$4 to \$5 Net Waist advised \$1.75 to \$2.50. Black and colored silk Petticoats \$4 to \$6 now \$2.50 to \$3.75. Ankle Skirts \$6 to \$8 now \$3.50 to \$4.25. 10-000 yards lace and embroidery to close out at half price. 75c to \$1 Mossline silks, all colors, now 50c to 75c. 5 and 6c calicoes \$3 to 4c. 10 and 12c gingham 7 to 10c. About 3,000 yards dress goods to close out less than cost. Ladies hats at half price, ribbons, druggists, carpets and matings at and below cost.
SPIERS BROS.
WELDON, N. C.
Blacksmithing
AND GENERAL REPAIRING
Horseshoeing A Specialty!

We Ask You
to take Cardui, for your female troubles, because we are sure it will help you. Remember that this great female remedy—
WINE OF CARDUI
has brought relief to thousands of other sick women, so why not to you? For headache, backache, periodical pain, female weakness, many have said it is "the best medicine in this." Try it!
Sold in This City