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# PITTSBORO, N. C., CHATHAM COUNTY, THURSDAY, DEC. 23, 1926

#### Delightful Vesper Christmas Song Service

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**Bynum News** 

The Homer Literary Society met ast Friday afternoon to elect new officers for the next term, which are

as follows: President, Mr. Rufus Abernathy, Vice-president Silias Hately, Secre-Vice-president Silias Hately, Secre-tary and Treasurer, Irene Snipes, Critic, Annie Brewer; Censor, Eliza-beth Hackney; Marshall, Herman Dol-ar; Chaplain, Leone Williams. We are glad to state that we are doing very good society work. Miss Willie Mae O'Daniel spent the week-end with Miss Mary Smith. Mr. Rufus Johnson, Mr. Mike Lask-ley and William Atwater were visi-tors in Greensboro Sunday. Miss Joyce Hinshaw of Greensboro is visiting her mother, Mrs. Y. A. Jenes.

Jones.

Mr. Charlie Brown has gone to, Graham to spend the Christmas holi-

Miss Mary Alice Hall has left for South Carolina to spend Christmas-

South Carolina to spend Christmas-with her mother. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Neal spent the week-end in Durham. Misses Ruth Burnette and Annie Brewer spent Saturday night in Chapel Hill with friends. Misses Mary Smith and Willie Mae O'Daniel attended the basketball game at Siler City Saturday night

game at Siler City Saturday night. We are glad to state that Mrs. A. I. Braxton is able to be out again after being confined to her room with

a very severe cold.

There will be a Christmas tree at Bynum's Church next Friday night (Christmas Eve). Everybody is cordially invited. Mr. Bill Stewart of the Hill Bok-

ery of Chapel Hill was a welcome caller on Miss Farrel last Wednesday evening.

Bynum school closes Wednesday for the Christmas holidays, opening again

Several men were hunting near G. N. Thomas's last week and a Mr. Bagwell whose gun the expected of the details and Eliza-beth Hackney; 9th Grade: Taynell Riddle, Charlie Brown and Louis Durham. were as foilows: 8th Grade: Jennia

Bynum and Siler City played basketball on Siler City's court last

TRIXIE

issue of the Argus under our control: "Fifty-seven jugs came to Lumber-ton one day last week. But Lumber-ton is not the only town expecting to get boozy. There were 1500 jugs to be sent from Hamlet yesterday. Three extra express agents were sent for to handle the stuff. Hamlet is a occurred to the editor that it is the

than Pittsboro today. Think, those of you who contend that prohibition is ineffectual, what it would mean for 57 jugs of liquor to come to Pittsboro

1901 was a great year for begin-nings. It was the beginning of the century; it saw the beginning of rerial navigation and a notable and return by ten or erial navigation and a notable and return by ten or eleven o'clock at night, stop off the reverial navigation and a notable eleven o'clock at night, stop off the trumph in wireless telegraphy. But let us give you here a summary of the year's events as the editor wrote it for his second issue: The Old Year The old year is dead; the first of the sections of the state, and the inght suggested in the paragraph from the first issue of our paper was not

The old year is dead; the first of the century is past. During the year the world has not made so great ac-tual progress as in others, but it has seeen reginnings that promise great seeen beginnings that promise great sale.

developments. The first successful flying machine

great measure, been perfected; while there were few weeklies who dared the world has just been startled by line up with him, or show the same and America have lost their rulers as I have tried to describe it above. by death; the United States has failed to put down insurrection in the was, as now, his own thinker, but he Phillipines; while England, apparent- and Caldwell had been partners and

ar. There are the movements of world-pers, the Journal edited by Roland war. wide importance of the first year of Beasley, the Enquirer by the tother the century in a nutshell, but that Ashcraft brother, now dead, and the first issue of the Argus under its new pendent in the state Of

public nuisance and should be abat-25th anniversary of his first issue of ed." Lumberton then was little larger is not enough to set one's reminis-

But don't understand us to intihas been built and operated. In mate that there were no papers of inhas been suint and operation lines dependent spirit in the state. The fact, experiments along two lines dependent spirit in the state. The have been very successful—the one by flight as a bird and the other by means of the balloon principle. The submarine boat has also, in utterly independent in his views. But

the announcement that Marconi has degree of independence without aligncent an electric signal across the At- ment. The writer had not yet be-iantic through the air. The year in come fully awake to the situation politics has seen the world make peace when one of the best known journalwith China; Russia has largely ex-tended her sovereignty over Man-churia; Cuba has had her first year of self-government, though under the against coming under the influence of direction of the United States; the Galdwell, saying, "He is as smart as South American States have had he can be, but it is dangerous to side their usual allowance of insurrection with him," or words to similar ef-and bickering; the Australian Con- tect, which serves as no comment of federacy has been perfected; England ours would to indicate the situation

Clark of the Statesville Landmark , is no nearer an end of the Boer his independence was not, therefore,

**Merry Oaks Items** 

Miss Treva Auman, a teacher of White Hill, spent the week-end with ter sister. Miss Thelma Auman of Merry Oaks. Mr. Loward Kendrick of Chapel

Mr. Loward Kendrick of Chapel Hill is spending his Christmas vaca-tion with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Kendrick of Merry Oaks. Mr. and Mrs. Grady Richardson of Cumnock have moved here. There will be a Christmas tree at Merry Oaks school house Wednesday night, December 22, at 7:15 o'clock. Mr. Sidney Tolson, who has been spending a few days with his sis-ter, Mrs. Byrd, left last Wednesday to go to Florida.

go to Florida. Miss Esther. Partin spent the veek-end with her sister, Mrs. Ben Jones of Merry Oaks. Mr. H. H. Cotten is confined to his red. We hope for him a speedy re-

covery. Mrs. N. A. Williams and daughter, Mrs. Brafford went to Raleigh shop-ying yesterday (Monday). Mrs. Gennie Brafford of Fayette-

tille is spending the Christmas holi-lays with her mother, Mrs. N. A.

Williams. Mr. A. E. Cotten seems to be the

he sick list for several weeks is not Moncure. much improved.

he was 82 years of age. She was he mother of Mr. Emmett Moffitt, of he Asheboro Wheelbarrow Company, wife and four children. And once president of Elon College. Mr. John Bell, Jr. who is one of She has many relatives in Pittsporo and environs among the number

Morrisville Man Killed in Havanna.

**Moncure News Letter** 

Moncure school will close for the holidays next Thursday, December 23 at noon and will open up after Christ-mas for the new year January 3, 1927. The Vesper service which was held in the school auditorium Sunday at six o'clock proved to be most inspir-

ing. From the time one entered the The Christmas entertainment which was given at the School Auditorium chapel, he was made to feel the true spirt of Christmas. spirt of Christmas. The platform with its artistic ar-rangement of candles, Christmas trees, and clinging white draperies in the center of which was a large silver star, lighted by the mellow glow of candles, made a perfect setting for the Christmas carols and Bible story. To Mrs. Henry Bynum, Mrs. W. P. by the 4th and 5th grades under the lirection of Mrs. H. G. Self was carried out well and each one presented his part splendidly. The entire pro-gram was enjoyed by those present and the children were full of the

Christmas spirit. Next Thursday all the grades will have a Christmas tree in the Auditorium and a Christmas program will e carried out.

This is examination week at school. The teachers and students are very

Next Sunday morning, December 2.3 the Methodist Sunday school will have a treat. Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock members of the Sunday school and Epworth League will present a Christmas Operetta, "Why the

Christmas Operetta, "Why the Chimes Rang", by McFadden. Mr. Stronny Maddox, of Old Mexi-ro. is visiting his mother this week, Mrs. Calvin Maddox.

The sons and daughters of Liberty hampion hog raiser in Chatham this rear. He killed two, age 13 months, weighing 1028 pounds. Mrs. L. E. Cole was called to Dur-Mrs. L. E. Cole was called to Dur-

weighing 1028 pounds. Miss Blanche Martin of Holly Springs spent the week-end with her

the salesmen of the Quaker Oats Co., will spend his Christmas holi-

Chorus.

The bridge construction force left

the above mentioned atten-lants at the funeral.

but seems to be a little better than e was yesterday. Mrs. D. L. Wesster of Philadelphia is visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Addie Webster. Mr. Webster is expected the latter part of the week to spend the holidays. Miss Elva Burgess' school at Gardner will give a Christmas entertainment at the school house inursday night to which everybody is cordially invited. The children are anticipating a big time. They all love their the churches held last Sunday after- teacher. This proves she is taking interest in her pupils. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Trotter were

organ Prelude (Victrola). Bible Story, Bessie Chapin. Prayer, Mr. Lance The First Noel, Chorus. We Three Kings of Orient Are, 2. 5. 6. Chorus.

lid program whi

Violin Selection, Annie Bynum,
Silent Night, Chorus.
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear,

d is due much c or the splen-

#### Chorus. 10. Good rest Ye merry Gentlemen

11. O Sanctissima, Chorus.

## NEW ELAM NEWS

New Hill, Dec. 19.-At Christian randmother, Mrs. W. T. Edwards. Mrs. S. E. Holt who has been on he sick list for several weeks is not nuch improved. the burial of Miss Henrietta Clark, of Pittsboro and Mr. N. S. Clark of Moncure. The bridge construction force left Attend Mrs. Mofitt's Funeral Attending the funeral of Mrs. M. Noffitt at Asheboro Sunday from here were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Grif-in, R. M. and Atlas Farrell, Mr. and Mr. J. B. Garner one of the con-fis. Ernest Farrell, and Mr. E. B. Hatch, and possibly others. Mrs. Mofitt was a daughter of the key. Jack Hatch of revered memory. he was 82 years of age. She was line he made a very impressive talk apples and candies. This was en- the Christm joyed and highly appreciated. Mr. January 3. Maynard is a young man of the high-est type and is a great asset to the on all their work during the fall term

struction fell on him and he was instantly killed. Mr. Garner was a resident of Hemp, N. C. He leaves a

stand he is getting along nicely, and Saturday evening. The score was 16 hunting while on his vacation. Mrs. D. T. Strickland spent last week at Richmond, visiting relatives. Mr. O. G. Skipper, who owned the procery store at Carolina Power

editor, if we do say it who shouldn't, Major London, editor of this paper was an epoch-making event too in was going his staid way, doing his North Corolina. It did nothing less own thinking but devoting its protocol in the second seco than signal the rebirth of independ-ence in the weekly press of North kind of medicine. The venerable Ceroana. Does that sound presump- Creecy at Elizabeth City was doing tious? Yes; but it is the truth, if we know truth.

The editor had been teaching in The editor had been teaching in right state-wide prohibition. In hom for burial. of red-shirtish and had returned on y for an editor of courage, and as it six months earlier to assume charge scems the editor of the Argus had of the Lu., berton school. Accordingly, he was not aware of the rabid state of mind existing in his native state. He did not know that the News and Observer had assumed the right to pitch the note for newspapers in North Carolina. But as ne began to read that exchange and others he found it only too true. IIr. Daniels carried a column of press comments on his editorial page, and we appeal to his files to prove our assertion nere that mine-tentins of them were quotations of approval or his dicta. Laudation of the ivews and Observer and its rabid editorial opinions was the only thing that the average North Carolina paper could see quoted in the columns of the dictator's paper. Accordingly, scores .of the weekly papers, easted usually by job printers, assured themserves of this one recog-nition by yeiping in behind oid Tray whenever he struck a new track, nowever trifling or nauseous the game. For instance, Rev. J. C. Massee, then pastor of the Tabernacie Baptist cnurch of Raleigh, one evening at prayer-meeting when there was carcely a negro within a half-mile The adoption of any one of the unless a cook clearing up the disnes unless a cook clearing up the disnes country editor's ideas has taken thus in her employee's home, in speaking much of his ambition from him, and on the "golden rule" reminded the brethren and sisters that their colorbrethren and sisters that their color-ed servants came under the classi-his field of influence becomes narrowlication of "otners" in that rule, and went ahead to cite some of its viola-tions in the transment of the negro. An Evening Transs reporter happened the RECORD does not find the same deto be present and wrote an item for gree of opportunity to play the cru-the Times the next day about the sader that the editor of the Lumberton pastor's address. That item in the Argus and of the Sampson Democrat imes was to Editor Danie.s as a red had. flag flaunted in the face of a bull. He became rabid. A barrage of the harshest and most unreasonable editorials was laid down. From the weeklies there came pouring in approving paragraphs, an duly paraged in the N. fall back to the old and formerly and O.'s column of press comments. The demand was blatantly made for the ostracism of the preacher, and the newspapers of the state and the fanatics aroused by the tirade of the News and Ooserver were apparently about to drive its pastor from a free in single-handed; it slung a column bomb into the mob. That one bomb ufficed. We defy Editor Daniels to flad in the columns of his flies an editorial editorial urging the ostracism of Massee after the circulation of that issue of the Argus. Not only was hat situation saved, but a saner and plore charitable attitude of the press and people toward the negroes may be noted from that day. The Argus received letters of thanks from leadng members of the Tabernacle, inciuding the beloved N. B. Broughton, who the hour he saw in 1906 that the writer had sold the Argus recom-

mended him for the editorship of a Tennessee daily, which he was duly offered. The above is cited as a sample of the kind of work the Argus did. It attacked the bull-pen method at the ballot boxes; it was one of the earli-

about the same. Not one of the important dailies had championed out- Morrisville. The body is to be brought

never had sense enough to be afraid, he waded into his neck. And, strange to say, the weak-kneed saw that not only could a boldly edited paper live but could even thrive, and that first issue of the Argus under the new editor's control 25 years ago not only signaled a rebirth of independence in North Carolina journalism, but a new class of country weeklies, one in which the editorial columns became a vital feature, and into which strong men might pour their very best thought without feeling that it was being wasted upon desert air. New thoughts registered upon the minds of editors of exchanges and many pertinent paragraphs were copied outright, thus giving the live weekly editor a chance, particularly by the first means, of influencing the journalistic thought of the whole state. And as we have watched developments these twenty-five years we have seen ideas prevail which were first shot apparently into the empty air from a tiny press in a country town. But such opportunities are dwindling in number and importance.

as local and state problems become er. And thus we find ourself having

Once the writer was almost a lone champion of fair election laws among the Democratic editors of the state. Now everybody is "doing it," even if some of the brethren were about to ufficient reason, that "it is good for the party," as indicated in the coun-ties which now have the Australian ballot: Prohibition has not only been approved by those whom the earlier champions aimed to influence into acceptance of it, but they do not apparently remember that they once ared not. or would not. utter a word for its adoption. And thus, one after another idea or principle, has become popular, and the earlier champions ind themslves without editoral thunder.

Of course, there is the field of ideas pertaining to national and world matters, but one, even when he knows he is capable of dealing with momentous subjects of national and universal import, sees that as editor of a country weekly he hasn't the audience that justifies the thought and composition equisite to an adequate treatment, and with the larger papers now flooded with exchanges that cove

G. B. Edwards of Morrisville was ound dead late Saturday in his Plant, has so'd out to Mr. Rodger Havanna, Cuba, It is believed hat he fell and struck his head on he floor, causing concussion of the rain. He had been in Havanna only t few days it is reported. He is a con of Mrs. W. H. Edwards near

rusade to lead. But at any moment, as it happened in Sampson county our years ago, he may find most unexpectedly a condition requiring the atmost in courage, when for instance the idol of a great majority of the people and one's own former friend nust be denounced and hounded even to the penitentiary. But the applause lover may turn into a very Don Quixoti and find himself conuring windmills into dragons to as-ault. But editors of county weeklies to not often meet real dragons these Yet he should be prepared in pirit and ability to antagonize and overthrow any chance one he should meet. But it is better to sit astride the charger utterly quiescent for a year than to be continuously and bumptiously assaulting shadows and wind mils for dragons. Quiescerce is boring to both knight and spectator, out silly bumptiousness can fool only the silly. Think back here in Chatham county a few years only and see f you can find an illustration of what we are writing about.

As for this editor, he enjoys nothing more than a fight, and in his younger days he'd have one at whatever cost to innocent by-standers. But! Robeson county is the one county with which we are well acquainted for such an attitude. Robesonians are good fighters and good losers. They know the game of give and take, and when beaten are willing to shake hands and be as good friends as ever, or better. If we should make the average Chatham county citizen as mad as we made scores of Robesonians, we doubt if he would ever speak to us again. But when a man has passed fifty, though he should be as willing to fight when it is necesary as ever, he should have attained a poise that is judicial and conciliatory, and should not discharge a gating gun at a sparrow or conjure up dragons where no dragons are. That is philosophy; that is righteous conluct, but, alas, how boring, when one would enjoy nothing more than a good roustabout with a worthy op-

ponent! This article has run into its third column and we have scarcely touched the matters upon which we intended to reminisce. Shall we stop? All ay yes, we feel sure; but shall we continue in the next issue? We shall

But, for fear we shall not continue these reminiscences of 25 years ago, et us, in the light of the structures above on the former uncharitable and domineering policy of Editor Daniels. make haste to say that these twentyive years have seen him break the phase of thought and practice one's hope of impregnating the springs from which the journalistic ideas low over the state even is a forlorn

Mr. Skipper will leave soon for Asheville, where he has secured a position. Mr. J. F. Womble attended the

Quartely meeting at Pittsboro yes-terday, Monday. Mrs. W. W. Stedman also attended

the Quarterly meeting.

Misses Enzabeth a arrell and Lillie Hackney went to Raleigh last Wednesday Christmas shopping. There was a union meeting of all noon at the Methodist church. Mr. H. G. Self and Mr. P. V. Budd made talks.

Mexican Government Insists That holidays. It's Oil Laws are Just

Mexico City Dec. 19.-Mexico's regulating the petroleum industry again are defended in a statement issued last night by the Department if Industry, Commerce and Labor.

At the outset the declaration is made that because the time limit granted the oil companies (January 1) is expiring a campaign against the Mexican Government has been started, 'the purpose of which | is to create a hostile s tuation among two peoples whose interests cannot be those of a small group who attempt to disown the laws issued by a sovereign country."

The statement adds that the oil law is not one of despoliation, but one of revindication and contains nothing that is not just and moral, previously acquired rights, it says,

are fully recognized. The statement goes on to say that Mexico's oil legislation establishes respect for the rights created by other laws and only through malice and bad faith can the law be considered retroactive. The government has not applied the law retroactively and does not intend to do so. Besides, the Mexican courts would not sanction such action.

The Mexican government has given proofs of its desires to apply the law in a broad-minded and liberal spirit, it is stated. This is estabished by the fact that some of the most important oil companies are complying with the law and have applied for the necessary concessions confirming their rights.

Pointing out that applications for ratifaction of their rights have been received from El Aguila Oil company

he Mexican-Dutch company; La eum company, The Texas company of Mexico, the East Coast combany, Briggs and Luft the Compania Mexicana de combustibles which is a subsidary of the Pierce Oil corporation, International Petroleum and Aexican City services, of which H. L.

Dohetry is president, the statement says: These companies know. that our egislation not only does not attack

interests.'

in Sanford Tuesday shopping. Caley Goodwin of Elon College is at home with his parents for the

Mr. E. H. Holt has improved so as to be at preaching Sunday morning. We hope he will continue to improve. I wish the editor and all the Record readers a merry Christnias, a happy and most prosperous New Year.

The primary department of the Baptist Sunday school will enjoy a Chrismas tree tonight.

Sees Bright Future for the Old Town

### Mr. Editor:

Pittsboro, with a little encourage-ment, ought to make wonderful progress within the next few years. We have the Silk Mill, which is now operated night and day, and I understand they are making good under the telligence.

We also learn that Mr. Zeigler of Pompton Lakes, N. J., anticipates building another silk mill here in the near future even greater than the one portrayed. Mrs. Leavitt and Mrs. we now have. So it seems that Pitts- Johnson wish to thank all who asboro will perhaps become quite a sisted in making the play a success. manufacturing town if the proper MRS. E. A. FARRELL efforts are put forth by our publicspirited citiens. We have a climate here that cannot be excelled in North Carolina. We have as good a citizenship as can be found in the state. We have cheap electric power, fine roads, schools, and churches.

So if everyone in our midst will speak a good word for once for the ny kind of industry. Here is hoping that Pittsboro will experience the ost yar in 1927 it has ever had. S. D. JOHNSON.

## COMMUNITY SING

All who will join in the Community their rights but is favorable to their Sing. whether you have practiced the carols or not, are asked to meet at Net years have seen him break the bocoon of narowness and boigtry and levelop into a great-hearted and broad-minded editor, as well as a wonderful success as Secretary of the Nawy: If all of us had grown he past twenty-five years as has Mr. Daniels, we should have a wonderful state. But the manifest growth of Daniels, Senator Simmons, and others then directing the course of the ship of state only serves in this connection to show in what unhappy plight the to the to the three excellent residences in your respective churches at five

CHATHAM YOUNG MAN OPENS BARBER SHOP IN BURLINGTON

Mr. Obra Thomas, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Thomas, Route 2 Hadiey township, has opened a new barber shop in Burlington. Young Mr. Thomas has had considerable experience in barber work, having serv-ed the people of his home commun-ity during the past few years in doing their barber work. The Record joins many friends of Young Thomas wishing him much success in his business vonture in the metroplis of Alamance County. It is reported here that Carl A. Thomas, of Burlington, brother of young Mr. Thomas, will be associated with him in the new business.

# BEAUTIFUL PLAY

The play "Why the Chimes Rang," given by Mrs. Leavitt's expression class, assisted bythe Music Department of the Woman's Club, was one of the most beautiful and impressive entertainments ever given here.

The program opened with a reading by Mrs Leavitt, followed by a Christmas Carols sung by members of the Music Department. Then Mrs. Leavitt gave the story of the play. From beginning to end the characters showed the careful training they had received and when the wonderfully lovely vision of the Cathedral burst on the eyes of the audience, each one efficient management of Messrs. felt that an artist indeed had directed Kludge and Matthews, who seem to each detail. During the play ap-Kludge and Matthews, who seem to be men of excellent character and in-telligence. the playing of the chimes. The characters were well selected, each one seeming to live and feel the part

Pub. Chairman Woman's Club.

### JURY LIST

The following citizens were drawn last week as juriors for the term of court beginning January 17: N. W. Yow.R. I. Tillman, C.V. Mor-

So if everyone in our midst will speak a good word for once for the grand old town, which has been known or its culture and hospitality, we will no doubt wake up in the near future and build one of the finest little towns in North Carolina. Manufacturers verywhere will do well to look Pitts-poro over before they decide to locate in which do in due to look pitts-Ellis, J. W. Harmon, B. D. Overton, N. H. Beckwith, J. W. Womble, E. W. Rigsbee, Joe Tyser, C. J. Andrews, C. J. Poe, J. W. Smith, R. S. Gates John Perry, J. W. Cotten, S. A. Petty, Willie Scott, C. H. Brady, J. B. Oak-ey, J. L. Horton, and A. C. Scott.

## THE BURIAL OF MRS. BLAND

The burial of Mrs. Fannie Bland whose death was reported in the last week's issue of the Record, took place at Mt. Pleasant church on Thursday afternoon. The funeral was preach-ed by her former pastor, Rev. Mr. Watson. Present were her five living sisters, Mesdames C. W. Neal and Riggsbee of Bynum, Mrs. Durham of Carrbore, and Mesdames Andrews of Durham, also two sons and and daughters of her deceased sister\_

nd her host of sten-children.

