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## XMAS PRESENTS FOR COUNTY COMRS.

MRS. DOYLE BEQUEATHS EIGHTY-SEVEN FAMILIES OF RELIEF FOLK BACK TO COUNTY SUPPORT — WHAT THIS CROWD HAS BEEN EATING

Mrs. Minnie G. Doyle is this week turning back to the county for support, 87 families who have for months been on federal relief here.

The report that the Board of Commissioners have evinced real enthusiasm for this Christmas or New Year's gift, is not yet substantiated.

This change is a result of the new set-up of relief machinery coming from the county-consolidation plan which Mrs. O'Berry is installing in the State. It is also a symptom of that subdued zeal now in evidence at Washington for paying all bills, the administration deciding to let the States do their part toward feeding and clothing the unemployed and poor.

Mrs. Doyle, the Stokes federal relief administrator, whose office here will be discontinued in a few days so that Stokes relief may be directed from Winston-Salem, gives the Reporter a few statistics which are interesting, as follows: That about 37 families in Stokes are to be turned over to Stokes county support by order of Mrs. O'Berry, these being "unemployables," and that the average federal assistance given these people has been \$19.51 cash per family per month, and that this allowance is not counting the beef, butter, rice, cheese, syrup and other commodities which Mrs. Doyle's office has dispensed to them. As Winston-Salem and Forsyth have their own relief lists, it is not presumed that they will shoulder our troubles.

## Honoring Miss Needham

The Salmagundi Sewing Circle met with Mrs. N. Earl Wall on Tuesday night, Dec. 21, honoring Miss Marian Needham, whose marriage is approaching.

The occasion was a shower for the bride-to-be in which many beautiful or useful gifts were presented Miss Needham, with the compliments and best wishes of the circle. The presents were attractively arranged either under or on a Christmas tree, which was brilliantly lighted with electric bulbs.

The affair was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

## Old Christmas

Next Sunday is "Old Christmas," which quite a number of our Stokes county people believe is the true and proper date for a celebration of the birth of the Messiah.

On Old Christmas night it is said that the bees which long have slept in a coma, stir in their gums and hum; that cattle go down on their knees and moan as if in travail, and that graves open while spirits walk about.

## KERR-SMITH ACT SWEEPS STATE

MORE THAN NINETY-NINE PER CENT. OF FARMERS VOTED FOR CONTINUING TOBACCO CONTROL.

North Carolina farmers voted more than 99 per cent. to continue tobacco acreage control under the Kerr-Smith Act.

Joining in the anvil chorus of "yes-es," was Stokes with about 98 per cent.

The following dispatch is from Raleigh:

Dec. 31.—Almost complete official returns from the Kerr-Smith referendum in this state show that North Carolina farmers voted more than 99 per cent. for retention of the tobacco control act in 1935.

With only three small counties missing, North Carolina returns gave 453,957 acres for the act and 4,545 acres against it. There were 125,800 voters favoring compulsory control and 1,203 opposing it.

E. V. Floyd, of State college, who supervised the referendum, explained that the weight of each voter's ballot was determined by the number of acres grown in 1934.

The figures above are from the flue-cured tobacco growers, Floyd explained. Returns from the referendum in the burley tobacco growing counties in the western part of the state have been received from only six of the 13 counties.

Early returns, however, indicated that the burley tobacco growers favor control as much as their neighbor growers in the central and eastern sections of the state.

## Heavy Relief Load For State Is Seen

Washington, Dec. 28. — Indications that North Carolina will have a heavy relief burden during the winter months are seen in figures just compiled by the federal emergency relief administration which reveal that the number of families in the state who received unemployment relief in November increased 9.5 per cent. over October, while obligations incurred for relief increased 33.5 per cent.

Preliminary reports just received by the administration disclose that the number of North Carolina families receiving relief increased from 51,431 in October to 59,833 last month, while obligations increased from \$1,212,519 to \$1,633,692.

## Walnut Cove Bridge Foreman Drops Dead

A. L. Cline, who was supervising the new bridge construction at Walnut Cove, dropped dead Wednesday while engaged in his work.

Mrs. Cline was employed by the S. A. Triplett Bridge Company. His home was in Pennsylvania, where the body will be shipped from the Vogler Funeral Home.

Robert Covington, of Yadkin township, was among the visitors here this week.

(An Editorial.)

## IS THE COST OF THE AUTOMOBILE TOO HIGH?—NO, WE ARE WILLING TO PAY THE BILL.

On the beautiful North Carolina highways more than 450 thousand automobiles race day and night, and the cost of operating them for one year is double the amount of our vast bond issues for building the roads which they use.

Had you ever looked at it in that way?

These automobiles were bought at an average of \$600 each, to be very conservative. That means the people of the State paid \$270,000,000 for their cars.

This sounds like a super-appropriation by congress for war.

Then after buying our cars what do we pay to operate them? What is the expense bill for upkeep and tires, for parts and breaks and accidents, for license plates and taxes, and oil and gas, and for time spent in going places and the expense incident thereto?

We don't know, but expert analysts in the treasury department at Washington say the average cost of keeping a car is \$700 per year.

If this is so, then our bill for the luxury of owning our cars is \$275,000,000 a year.

Now, don't that jar you?

And if our cars cost \$270,000,000 and their annual expense is \$275,000,000, why have you sometimes wondered where all our money has gone? As you look in the face of this more than half a billion dollars in one year's set up on the books charged to "Automobiles," please don't ever be so simple again as to inquire of the whereabouts of our money.

But is that all the cars cost us?

"No, no, a thousand times no," as they sing on the radio.

They cost us at least three North Carolina lives every day, and many million dollars hospital bills.

Never a day passes but that the wail of the ambulance siren is heard in many North Carolina communities.

The funeral parlors are kept active, and the graveyards rawn for those who must pay the penalty of the greatest luxury and the greatest curse of the ages.

The appalling reality of it, the heartbreaking tragedy of it staggers the imagination, and makes statesmen ponder over the sickening problem confronting them, and which they are powerless to relieve.

But are we willing to pay the bill?

We are. There is nothing of any material improvement that can be done.

The automobile is here in all its beauty and utility, its luxury and convenience, its pleasure and its danger, its blessing and its tragedy.

It is here to stay, and the people are pleased to stand the cost.

## T. L. Booth Has Bad Hand

A badly inflamed and swollen condition of his hand, almost approaching septicaemia, has been troubling County Game Warden T. L. Booth for several days.

The trouble came from a slight scratch on the back of the right hand.

He is now better.

## Business Change

Elmer Campbell, late of Martinsville, Va., has purchased the filling station and grocery of Millard Goins here and will operate the same. Mr. Goins has not announced his plans, but will possibly engage in farming.

Corbett Priddy, of North View, was here Tuesday.

## The Modern Debtor

The following is an up to the minute will left by a deceased customer:

"Make my will so my overdraft at the bank goes to my wife—she can explain it.

"My equity in my car to my son, he will have to go to work to keep up the payments.

"Give my good will to the supply houses — they took awful chances on me and are entitled to something.

"My equipment you can give to the junk man—he has had his eye on it for several years.

"I want six of my creditors for ballbearers — they have carried me so long they might as well finish the job."

County Home Keeper Loftis was in town Wednesday.

## CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR COUNTY POOR

HOME VISITED BY DANBURY AND GERMANTON CITIZENS, WHO GIVE TREAT TO THE INMATES—GRATITUDE EXPRESSED BY RECIPIENTS—THE HOME IS WELL KEPT BY NEW MANAGEMENT.

There are 33 inmates, white and colored, in the County Home, and these were made happy last Sunday by a Christmas visit from Danbury ladies and gentlemen, who brought good things to eat in the way of fruits, candies, nuts, etc.

This treat was particularly sponsored by the Danbury Ladies Fine Arts Club, co-operating with the missionary society here, though there were several present among the visitors possibly who do not belong to either of these organizations, while the contributions to the treat were general.

The inmates were very grateful for the Christmas remembrance, and several of them freely expressed their appreciation. All who were able to do so were assembled in the dining room and given the presents. Several of the men and women are incapacitated with blindness or paralysis, and these were visited in their respective rooms.

The visitors were impressed with the clean and generally well kept condition of the Home under the care of its new keepers, Mr. and Mrs. Loftis, who lent their cordial co-operation in the dispensation of the treats, adding to the pleasure and comfort of the inmates.

The Danbury visitors were pleased to know that the Germantown people had also interested themselves in the Christmas pleasure of the indigents and that they, too, had remembered them with a bounteous set-up.

## Tom Bullin Tried

Tom Bullin was tried here last week by Justice P. C. Campbell on the charge of trespassing, and "drunk and disorderly" conduct. He was bound over to court under a \$300 bond. Failing to give it, he is in jail.

Bullin was already bonded under a suspended sentence.

## Death Of Mrs. J. E. Fowler

N. E. Wall went to Yadkin township today to attend the burial of his aunt, Mrs. J. E. Fowler, who died at High Point Tuesday. Mrs. Fowler was a sister of J. A. Boles, of Pinnacle. She was aged 79 and passed away at the home of Monte Culler at High Point.

The interment was at Trinity M. E. church near King.

Will Fulp, Stokes representative of the Security Life & Trust Co., was in Danbury today.

Miss Nell Joyce left yesterday for Winston-Salem to resume her work as teacher in the city schools after spending the holidays with relatives here.

## AGRICULTURAL CENSUS TO START

SUPERVISORS AND ASSISTANT SUPERVISORS APPOINTED — STOKES IS IN THE THIRD DISTRICT, HEADQUARTERS AT GREENSBORO.

Supervisors and assistant supervisors of the agricultural census in seven of the eight districts in North Carolina have been appointed by William L. Austin, director of the bureau of the census, department of commerce.

District No. 3—Comprises the fifth and sixth congressional districts, composed of counties of Caswell, Forsyth, Granville, Person, Rockingham, Stokes and Surry. John R. Hall, of Oxford, supervisor, and A. Kennett Meadors, of Mebane, assistant supervisor; headquarters in Greensboro.

The appointments of district supervisors and assistant supervisors were made by Mr. Austin upon recommendation of the members of the national house of representatives in the various congressional districts.

Because of delay in connection with some of the appointments it will be possible to begin the work of enumeration January 2, as originally scheduled, in only two districts, district 5 and district 7, but the enumeration in the others will be started in the early future. Enumerators in North Carolina will number 1,016.

Area Supervisor Harrison, in charge of the agricultural census in North Carolina, a census which is taken regularly at intervals of five years throughout the entire country, yesterday voiced confidence that the farmers in the various sections of the state will co-operate very thoroughly with the enumerators. It is hoped that it will be possible to complete the work of enumeration in 30 days from the time it is started.

## Ring Out The Old Ring In The New

The bells of Danbury rang out Monday night at 12 o'clock, ushering in the new year. The court house bell and the three church bells made merry music at midnight for some minutes.

## Methodist Church

Services next Sunday as follows: Bethesda, 11 o'clock. Pine Hall, 7 p. m.

The beginning of the new year is a good time to turn over a new leaf and "come to church." The public is cordially invited.

## The New V-8

The new Ford V-8 has appeared.

It glides like a swallow on the wing, swift as an arrow in its flight, comfortable as a Pullman observation car, matchless in its beauty and strength.

See it at Ralph Tuttle's Walnut Cove.