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CASH IN ADVANCE.

LOOKING BACK.

Now that the year is behind us we can look back and see what has been accomplished. It is right and proper that one should look back and see how he has progressed along life's way. For the man who gets no where and yet is a traveler is one who needs to look back.

Taken as a whole the people of Surry county have prospered this year as never before. We suspect that it would not be a rash statement if we should say that many farmers have sold their farm products this year for as much money as they have been able to lay up in lifetime. Certain it is that many men have made much money and saved it.

The town of Mount Airy was hit hard by the war. Not a firm here was able to secure any of the war contracts, and it is known that where these contracts for war supplies were secured it means large business operations. For some cause our people were not able to land any of this war work. The result was that all the surplus labor left this section. Not a carpenter or good workman of any kind could be found during all the months past, for they went away to the public works where they got war prices for their labor. The factories and all public work were seriously affected as the result.

Many of the best men in the furniture factories went to the camps and got war prices for their time. All this made a serious problem for the man who had orders for manufactured goods and no labor to do the work. In this town it took the turn of employing women to do a grade of work they had not done before. The furniture factories were so short of labor that they gave employment to some women and found that the results secured were satisfactory. In a little while a large number of women were doing the light work about the factories and taking the places of men who had gone to the camps.

In a little while the demand for women workers in the factories was so great that negro women were offered positions. The result was that many women who had been employed as servants in the homes of citizens for years gave up their jobs as cooks and went to the factories where they made, many of them, \$1.75 a day. They had been making from \$2.00 to \$3.00 a week as cooks. It may sound like a small matter to be writing about, but when one comes to think that many homes have been able to get a cook for the small sum of two or three dollars a week for years and the habit formed always keeping this servant class about the house, now for it to be suddenly cut off and all the servant class get employment at prices that are highly satisfactory, makes an interesting problem for the homes. It is a fact that many homes where a servant has always been employed have not been able to get servants for months and not even a wash woman.

It appears that the servant class has been able to throw off the shackles and get away from the labor that amounted to a bare existence. It is hardly probable that our colored laborers will ever again be willing to work for wages that amounted to board and clothes.

Good progress has been made during the fall months on the new power plant that the town is building. The contractor has a force of men on the job and during the fall months has put in the concrete foundation in the river and now has all the work done that requires that men go into the water. The bed of the river had to be blasted out and a concrete foundation made for the dam to rest upon.

This work is all completed and as soon as the weather will permit the structure above the water will be put in position. During the past few days the water wheels and other machinery that will be installed has ar-

rived, and it is the purpose now to get the plant in operation as early as possible.

A look back over the year would naturally include the progress that has been made here in new enterprises. For years there has been work here for the men and boys, but no factory gave employment for women who cared to work. This caused many families to go to other towns where the women could get work. During the year two factories have been established here, the Golden Belt Manufacturing Company and the Mayo Mills, both of which give employment to women. The Golden Belt Manufacturing Company makes tobacco bags and employs more than a hundred women. They have a nice work room well lighted and comfortable and pay good wages.

The Mayo Mills operates knitting machines and finish goods that are made at other knitting mills. They employ nearly 300 women and will give employment to a much larger number in a short time. They are fitting up a factory that will need several hundred people. The coming of these two factories means prosperity and comfort for many homes.

Our part of the county has been greatly afflicted by the influenza that has swept over the land. The scourge has given many an opportunity to show that they can help when help is needed, for especially here at this town did our people respond nobly to the calls of the needy.

Taking it all in all it has been a good year, as they all are, if one only has the right outlook. It has been a year long to be remembered and one that will be talked about when the present generation has passed off the stage of action.

CHRISTMAS DRINKS.

A few people about this burg were so fortunate as to be able to get their usual Christmas drink. Most people were not able or willing to pay the price. The indications Saturday were that quite a number were able to get something that made life's way seem indeed very smooth for the time being. Just whether it was grape juice or something stronger that made them so happy we are not prepared to say. Street talk has it that if one cared to advance the little sum of eight dollars he could get a pint of the real article, such as they make these days out in the sticks, but not much could be had even at eight dollars the pint.

In some way the story got out that an enterprising citizen just thought he could not afford to allow Christmas to go by and not have something to live up the occasion. So he hiked out for the country north of here and was lucky enough to find a man who had in his possession a whole five-gallon keg of liquor. But the fool man wanted to sell it all in a bunch and was not willing to let a poor mortal have even a quart. The thirsty citizen had some notion of taking the whole of it, but again the fool man wanted to get the earth and all it has on it for his five-gallons. He had the nerve to ask an even hundred dollars for it. The more the thirsty purchaser thought of it the more thirsty he got, and finally he decided that he would be willing to take a whole gallon at \$20.00, but the man was aburdant and demanded the hundred. Determined to not come back thirsty the Mount Airy man finally became nervous and offered to take two gallons and pay forty dollars for it, but the fool man stuck out for the hundred. And the Mount Airy man had the sense to not bid higher and came back to town thirsty.

AGED PHYSICIAN PASSES

Dr. Samuel F. Flippin an aged and highly respected citizen of Westfield died Monday evening aged eighty two years.

He was a valued man in his community and practiced medicine for more than fifty years. He is survived by a wife and three children Dr. Robert Flippin of Westfield and Dr. J. Meiggs Flippin and Mrs. Samuel Neale of Winston-Salem.

His remains were laid to rest at Westfield Tuesday.

About the time a man begins to feel his importance others begin to doubt it.

CHRISTMAS.

This is Christmas week. How short a time it seems to us older folks since this date a year ago. It is interesting to look back and think how times have changed during the year. This time a twelve month ago this nation was covered with ice and snow and war was the only talk, and the prospect of an early victory far away.

Men were being hurried to the training camps and urgent appeals were daily made to save food to help win the war.

The months went by and the country anxiously saw the boys go across the seas by the thousands. Almost as a unit the country put its shoulder to the wheel to help win the war, and as the months went by the interest became intense in the struggle, especially after the boys were put in the trenches in great numbers. Then victory came, and now the boys are coming home. If ever a nation had occasion to rejoice this one surely has. And it is rejoicing. Every man is delighted that the banner of peace is again hoisted. Every one is glad that so few of our people made the supreme sacrifice that victory might crown our efforts. And every one is in the deepest sympathy with those whose hearts are sad because of the loss of some loved one.

And in the midst of the conflict of was prosperity has come to our country. The harvests have been great and the times propitious for business operations of all kinds. In our own section our people have prospered as never before. The farms have given record breaking crops and the prices have been such as to satisfy the most exacting. On the Mount Airy market alone 4,566,000 pounds of tobacco were sold up to the holidays of this year and the average price received by the planter was about thirty cents a pound. This means that prosperity is in the land. It means that mortgages on homes will be paid of, it means that War Saving Stamps will be repurchased, it means that better homes will be erected, it means that men who have been renters will now buy land and become the proud possessors of homes of their own, it means more comfort and more independence, and more ability to be agood and prosperous citizen.

The truth is that the past year has been one long to be remembered.

MRS. R. W. REECE PASSES

The gentle spirit of Mrs. R. W. Reece broke the last bond that held it to earth this morning, and took its flight to the land of rest just about day break.

Mrs. Reece had been in failing health for months and every thing that love or skill could suggest was done to save her but without avail.

She was a woman of lovely christian character, modest and refined and belonged to an honored family, she was an ideal wife and mother and her influence will be missed in church and social circles where she was always ready to do her part.

She is survived by her husband Dr. R. W. Reece a prominent dentist who came here from Elkin a few years ago and six children Misses Lucy, Anna, and Ruth Reece and Messrs Robert, Thomas and Theodore Reece, all of this city.

The funeral will be held at the First Baptist church tomorrow at 2 P. M.

CAMPBELL-SMITH

A beautiful home marriage took place this afternoon at two o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Campbell on West Elm street when their charming daughter Miss Bertha Campbell became the bride of Mr. J. F. Smith of Washington D. C.

The home was tastefully decorated for the occasion with evergreens and potted plants.

Only a few relatives and friends were present. Rev. George D. Herman officiated using the beautiful ring ceremony of the Methodist church. The bride and groom left on the afternoon train for Washington D. C. where they will remain until the first of the year when they will go to the Panama Canal Zone to make their future home.

EX-AMBASSADOR W. H. PAGE DIED AT PINEHURST SATURDAY

Pinehurst, Dec. 22.—Hon. Walter Hines Page, ex-ambassador to the court of St. James died at Pinehurst, late Saturday night December 21st. He returned from England on October 12 in a critical condition and was hurried to the ship to St. Luke's hospital, New York where for the first few weeks his condition seemed to steadily improve. Late in November he suffered a relapse but rallied and was brought down to Pinehurst about ten days ago. He apparently gained in strength for a short period after reaching here but beginning last Thursday he grew appreciably weaker and Saturday night very quietly and peacefully he passed away.

Members of Dr. Page's family who were with him at the end were Mrs. Page; his daughter, Mrs. Charles G. Loring, of Boston; his son, Ralph W. Page; his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Arthur W. Page, of New York; his brothers, Henry A. Page, Junius R. Page, and former Congressman Robert N. Page. Major Frank C. Page, who came over with his father from England, arrived at Pinehurst this morning. Captain Arthur W. Page, another son, is at present in service in England.

The funeral services will be held at the Page Memorial church at Aberdeen, Tuesday December 24 at 11a. m.

LAST CALL FOR TAXES.

I will meet the tax payers at the time and place hereinafter stated for the purpose of collecting the 1918 taxes. This is the last call and unless you see me on this trip cost will be added to every tax payer who fails to meet me and pay his taxes.

As you know on December 1st the officers of this county were placed on a salary. The salary is insufficient to enable me to go to the expense of traveling over the county to collect your taxes.

Rockford township, Rockford, Dec. 13, 8 A. M. to 12 M.

Rockford township, J. W. Harbour's store, 1 P. M. to 4 P. M.

Stewart Creek township, Snow & Jarrell's Store, Dec. 13, 8 A. M. to 12 M.

Stewart Creek township, Pine Ridge, Dec. 13, 1 P. M. to 4 P. M.

Siloam township, Siloam, Dec. 16, 8 A. M. to 12 M.

Siloam township, Whitakers Cross Roads, Dec. 16, 1 P. M. to 4 P. M.

Franklin township, Low Gap, Dec. 16, 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Shoals township, Trueloves & Owen Store, Dec. 17, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

Shoals township, Charlie Key, Dec. 17, 1 P. M. to 4 P. M.

Bryan township, Union Hill, Dec. 17, 8 A. M. to 12 M.

Bryan township, Kapps Mills, Dec. 17, 1 P. M. to 4 P. M.

Pilot Mountain township, Pilot Mountain, Dec. 18, 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Elkin township, Elkin, Dec. 18, 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Westfield township, W. B. Blairs, Dec. 19, 8 A. M. to 12 M.

Westfield township, Woodville, Dec. 19, 1 to 4 P. M.

Marsh township, C. A. Sebastian store, Dec. 19, 8 A. M. to 12 M.

Marsh township, Phillips store Dec. 19, 1 P. M. to 4 P. M.

Eldora township, Bennetts Mill, Dec. 20, 8 A. M. to 12 M.

Eldora township, Ash Hill, Dec. 20, 1 P. M. to 4 P. M.

Long Hill township, Millard Needham, Dec. 20, 8 A. M. to 12 M.

Long Hill township, Ararat, Dec. 20, 1 P. M. to 4 P. M.

Mount Airy township, Sheriff's office Dec. 21, 23, 24.

Dobson township, court house, Dec. 16, 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.

U. G. BELTON, Sheriff of Surry County.

Colds and Grippe Yield to Calotabs Overnight

To break up a cold over night or to cut short an attack of influenza or grippe, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calotabs, the new nauseless calomel, that is purified from all dangerous and sickening effects. Those who have tried it say that it acts like magic, by far more effective and certain than the old style calomel, heretofore recommended by all physicians.

One Calotab on the tongue at bed time with a swallow of water,—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with eating, work or pleasures. Next morning your cold has vanished and your whole system feels refreshed and purified. Calotabs is sold only in original sealed packages, price thirty-five cents. Recommended and guaranteed by all druggists. Your money back if you are not delighted.—adv.

Mrs. Isley's Letter.

In a recent letter Mrs. D. W. Isley of Litchfield, Ill., says, "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for disorders of the stomach and as a laxative and have found them a quick and sure relief." If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation these tablets will do you good.

Banner Warehouse Mount Airy, N. C.

Recently Improved

So that it has the most comfortable camp rooms and good dry stalls for your stock, located in the center of town, with the best light, and run by men who with 20 years experience know the tobacco business, and with the nerve and means to push your sale to the top limits, asks for your patronage.

For the past 30 days our market has been glutted and the only reason we did not sell more tobacco was because we did not have the room. Prices held up and if a man failed to get full price on our floor we are not aware of it. Now that two-thirds of the crop is sold we see no reason for lower prices and our guess is it will continue high.

Your friends,

BANNER & LOVILL

COAL - COAL

There is no reason for anyone to say they couldn't get coal under the present conditions.

While it is true that we have many cards unfilled, we have found that when we took up the cards and sent the coal to the house that the customer would not take it, and for this reason we cannot take up the cards and send the coal unless we have a positive delivery order.

We have now on our yard one car of coal and more will be here this week and we intend to try and keep coal on the yard all the time from this date on, but if the weather sets in like it was last winter we cannot get the coal and for this reason we cannot too strongly urge every one phone his positive order down to us that we may send the coal before the bad weather sets in.

And even if you will not put in what you need all winter don't wait until the coal pile is too low, because it might be weather for a few days at any time that our boys would not work in. For instance, Saturday and Monday we could not get coal hauled, account of the rain, and we cannot blame the boys, especially with the "FLU" so prevalent and so dangerous, particularly if they should get wet and take pneumonia along with the "FLU."

Please phone us your positive delivery order and let us fill your bins with the amount you need, and kindly do not overlook the feature on our part—be ready to pay cash as this is the way we have to buy all our coal, and when it costs over \$300.00 per car before we touch it we must have the money when we deliver it.

Present us, or anyone at the office with any coal bill from "SHELTON" and we will be glad to give you a useful and handsome souvenir. We ask for the bill as many children will be calling for these articles and we have ordered only a certain number and we will have only one for a family. Of course many people have thrown their bills away, but the husband or the wife can send a note and we can easily check their cards and send them one of these reminders of the dealer who has sent you "THAT GOOD COAL."

Phone 272

Shelton

Vapomentha Salve For Croup, Colds, Etc.

For the treatment of croup, colds and pneumonia, rub Brame's Vapomentha Salve into the chest, throat, under the arms and between the shoulders, then saturate a flannel cloth with the salve and apply around the body as hot as you can bear. For colds, coughs, bronchitis, sore throat, put a little of Brame's Vapomentha up each nostril night and morning gives instant relief. Brame's is prescribed by physicians and is considered by druggists as the most effective. It will not stain the clothes. Order now, don't delay. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 sizes. If your dealer cannot supply you—will be sent, postpaid, on receipt of price, by Brame Medicine Co., North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Telephone Installation Charges Reduced.

Postmaster General Burleson has issued an order modifying the service connection charges specified in Order No. 1931. New charges as follows, are effective as of Dec. 1st, 1918: For installing either a business or residence telephone, \$3.50. For moving either a business or residence telephone from one building to another, \$3.50. For moving either a business or residence telephone from one location to another on same premises, \$3.00. For establishing service when a telephone is already in place in the subscriber's premises, \$1.50. The rates of Order No. 1931 now appearing in the Mount Airy Telephone directory are hereby revoked. Mount Airy Telephone Co.