

### More Than 3,000,000 Pounds Sold Here On Auction Floors

More than three million pounds of tobacco has been sold on the local warehouse floors at an average of around 25c. per pound, according to tobaccoist here. This has placed about three quarters of a million dollars in circulation.

"The farmers who have sold with us," said representatives of two of the warehouses interviewed this week, "have by great majority expressed satisfaction. We feel that we have had a most successful season."

The market will open again on January 2.

### W. T. Polk To Speak At The Court House

Mr. William T. Polk will speak, at the invitation of the Woman's Club, on the International Lecturers' Conference on World Peace in the Court House next Thursday evening, Dec. 28, at 8 o'clock.

The club hopes, Miss Julia Dameron, Pres., said yesterday, that Mrs. Katharine Arrington can be persuaded to speak on the same evening.

The public is invited to be present for the addresses and remain for the social hour afterward.

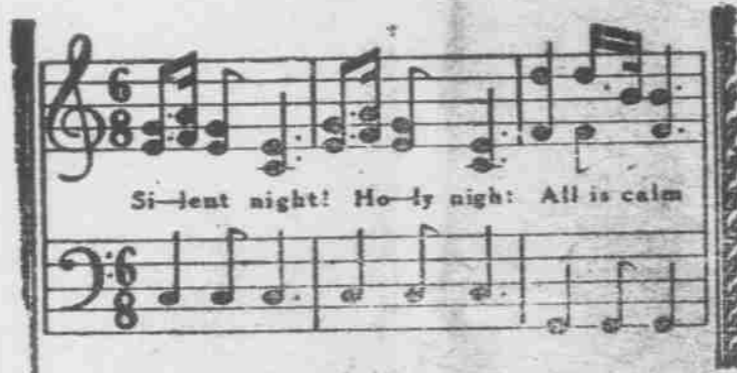
### Miss Dameron Is A Member of Choir That Sings For Radio

The choir of the First Presbyterian Church of New York City of which Miss L. Josephine Dameron is a member, will sing at a radio station in Newark, N. J., Sunday afternoon, Dec. 24 at 3:30 o'clock. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick will preach a Christmas sermon. The entire service will last only forty five minutes.

### Coop. Expects Million Pounds At Norlina

The co-operative receiving station at Norlina has received around 600,000 pounds of tobacco, according to information gathered there yesterday. An official of the receiving station said that they expected a million pounds before the season closed.

"Advances of late have been particularly pleasing to producers," he remarked.



### WHY SANTA CLAUS WAS LATE

By TASKER POLK

Donder and Blitzen were both taken sick  
Just as the sleigh was brought out for St. Nick:  
The drums and the horns and the soldiers of tin,  
The dolls and the balls and the thebats were all in,  
And William's red top with its long leather string,  
And Mary's piano with a doll that could sing,  
And an air ship for James, and a long train of cars,  
And an angel that came straight down from the stars;  
In fact, everything you could think of was there,  
Even down to a bicycle for dear little Fair!  
When Santa found out his two coursers were sick,  
He reared and he pitched and he talked mighty quick:  
"Go bring me two more," he thundered aloud,  
"The slickest and quickest you've got in the crowd!"  
And old Mrs. Santa she hurried around,  
And she fussed and she fussed and she fumed and she frowned,  
But at last she picked out the first two in the row  
Which had lately been caught in a drift in the snow;  
And one was named Cook, a quiet young fellow,  
And one was named Peary, who did nothing but bellow.  
And when they were hitched up already to go,  
They both began kicking and pawing the snow,  
While Santa cried out "By the breath of my soul  
"You are both arrant fakirs and have ne'er seen the pole,  
"But you'll feel one right now," and he puffed and he whacked,  
While they leaped and they bucked and they balked and they backed.  
As last he unhitched them, sprang into the sleigh,  
And with only six reindeer he darted away.  
In spite of the fact he was a little bit late  
And had only six coursers instead of the eight,  
He is coming, my darlings, right royally on,  
And soon, we will hear the blast of his horn.  
Into bed! into bed! before he arrives,  
For miles fly like feathers when Santa Claus drives.

The above poem will appear in Sunday's News & Observer. We acknowledge our thanks to The Observer and to Mr. Polk for allowing us to give its first publication. THE EDITORS.

### Music Will Feature Christmas Programs In Local Churches

Warrenton churches will observe Sunday in a spirit of Christmas tide. There will be a special musical program at the Baptist Church in the evening.

The Episcopal School will have a children's feature at the morning hour under the direction of Mrs. Boyd Massenburg. The Rev. J. C. Crosby will preach in the evening, and a regular Christmas service will be held in that Church on Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

The Sunday School hour at the Methodist Church will be given to a Christmas tree for the benefit of the poor. All members of the school are asked to bring presents and place them on the tree. Mrs. John Burwell and Mrs. W. A. Connell Jr. are arranging the event.

The Rev. H. B. Porter, who has been confined to the Parsonage here on account of sickness, will preach at the morning hour at which time there will be a special musical program by the choir.

### Scott, Hero of Series, Plunges With New Car

With nothing to warn of danger, Jack Scott, hero of the 1922 World Series, drove into a ditch in Enfield this week and ripped the top from a new car.

That town has been installing water and Scott reports that no light was at the edge of a ditch. The car fell on its side and the top was ruined. Neither Scott, nor his brother Spencer who was with him, were hurt.

### Stricklands Get Big Advance On Coop. Tobacco Delivery

Four hundred, ten dollars and one cent was the first advance on a single load of tobacco delivered at the co-operative receiving station at Norlina this week by T. H. Strickland & Son.

Mr. T. H. Strickland, who was in the city this week, expressed himself thoroughly pleased with the advance and the manner in which the crop is being handled cooperatively.

Mr. Strickland also reported that he and his son had raised 59 barrels and 4 bushels of corn on fifteen acres.

