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CAMERON NEWS

1923
And thus we hail, with merry cheer,
The morn that brings the glad
New Year;
And give the friends we prize so
dear
A warm and kindly greeting.
Miss Mary Emma Thomas return-
ed to Meredith Wednesday, after
passing the holidays at home.
Mrs. Jewel Hemphill paid a visit
this week to Katharine Lake, where
she was the guest of Miss Collins, a
member of the Cameron high school
faculty.
Miss Mary Johnson and Mrs. J. W.
Fagan, of Aberdeen, were guests of
the correspondent on Thursday of the
Yuletide.
Mr. Warren G. Ferguson left on
New Year's day for Chicago to re-
sume his former business as electri-
cian in that city. He will be joined
later by Mrs. Ferguson and their two
little daughters, Jean and Nancy.
Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald and
children, of Marshville, spent the
Christmas holidays with relatives in
East Cameron.
Dr. and Mrs. A. L. O'Briant with
Mr. J. C. Muse, attended the Sand-
hill ball at Carthage.
Mr. Robert Boggs and Miss Phronia
Bryant, of Cameron vicinity were
married last week, W. D. Matthews,
Esq., of Vass, officiating.
Mr. R. C. Thomas killed two
thirteen-months-old hogs in celebrat-
ing the Yuletide, the combined weight
being 945 pounds.
Mrs. Sarah A. Cofield, of Apex, and
Mrs. Parks, of Norfolk, visited at the
home of their brother, Mr. J. P. Gil-
christ, during the holidays.
Miss Thurla Cole returned Thurs-
day from a visit to friends in Char-
lotte.
Misses Mary McLean, of Raleigh,
and Ella, of Cameron route 2, were
shopping in town last week.
Mr. W. D. McNeill, of Bishopville,
S. C., spent Christmas with his par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. McNeill.
Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Tally returned
this week from Providence, R. I.,
where they spent the Christmas holi-
days with their son June and his wife.
They report the pleasantest Christ-
mas of a life-time.
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McDonald and
children, of Duke, passed the holidays
with relatives in town and vicinity.
Before marriage Mrs. McDonald was
Miss Edith McKay of Carthage route
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Mrs. G. M. Thomas and children
are spending a few days with Mrs.
Thomas' mother, Mrs. Mamie Mc-
Leod, of Carthage.
Miss Mollie McKeithen and neices,
Misses Margaret and Mary McKeithen,
of Aberdeen, were guests last
week of Mrs. M. McL. McKeithen,
Mrs. N. A. McKeithen, of Carthage,
and Mrs. Ralph Caldwell, of Aber-
deen were guests last week of Mrs. D.
S. Ray.
Prof. and Mrs. J. E. Dowd motored
to Raleigh, Monday afternoon, for a
visit to their daughter, Miss Lucile,
returning on Saturday.
Mr. I. S. Thomas, of Hamlet, spent
the holidays with his parents, Mr.
and Mrs. R. C. Thomas.
Several families in town sat up to
see the old year end and the new be-
gin, and as the clocks were striking
the midnight hour the church bells
were ringing in the glad New Year.
Dr. Charles Donald Dawkins, our
highly esteemed dentist, and Miss
Fronie Carter, of Hoffman, were
united in marriage on Thursday, De-
cember the 28th, at Hoffman, N. C.
They will be at home in Cameron.
Miss Flora McQueen and brothers,
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WILLIAMS-KELLY

A wedding was solemnized Thurs-
day evening at 6 o'clock, when Miss
Flora Kelly became the bride of Mr.
Witsell Williams of Ruffin, S. C. The
wedding took place at the beautiful
country home of the bride's parents,
Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Kelly, Rev. M.
D. McNeill officiating. The house was
beautifully decorated in the season's
colors. The bride had as her maid
of honor her cousin, Miss Rozella Mc-
Collum; she wore a frock of brown
satin and lace. The bridegroom was
attended by his brother, Mr. Meric
Williams, of Ruffin, S. C. Immediately
preceding the ceremony Miss Eva
Graham played the wedding march,
announcing the approach of the wed-
ding party. The bride, beautiful in
a dark blue poriet twill suit with ac-
cessories to match entered with the
bridegroom, carrying an arm bouquet
of bride's roses and lilies of the val-
ley. After receiving congratulations
and best wishes of their host of
friends who were present the happy
couple left for Jacksonville, Fla., and
other southern points. They will be
at home in Ruffin after January 5th.
—Contributed.

"MANY RETURNS"

"A prosperous New Year to you
and yours. Among the many happy
RETURNS which we wish you and
them, do not forget the prompt RE-
TURNS of your and their Income
Tax." Thus read messages sent by
Gilliam Grissom, United States Col-
lector of Internal Revenue as one of
many devices for reminding taxpayers
that the time for another settlement
with the federal government is fast
approaching.
The collector is preparing volumi-
nous lists of taxpayers to whom blanks
will be sent as soon after the first of
the year as possible and is giving
wide publicity to the necessity of fil-
ing returns.
Returns must be filed on or before
March 15th by the following, whether
or not any tax is due: every single
person with a net income of \$1000,
every married person with a net in-
come of \$2000, every person with a
gross income of \$5000, every incor-
porated company without exception,
and every partnership without ex-
ception.
In addition, every employer must
report all salaries of \$1000 or more
and to whom paid.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION ELECTED

The Board of County Commission-
ers elected the following persons as
members of the County Highway
Commission for a period of two years
or until their successors are appoint-
ed:
Carthage Township, C. F. Leavitt;
Bensalem Township, Geo. H. Maurice;
Sheffield Township, J. M. Brown; Rit-
ters Township, Eli Maness; Deep
River Township, A. J. Jones; Green-
wood Townshi., Donald McDonald;
McNeills Township, A. Cameron;
Sandhills Township, E. T. McKeithen;
Mineral Springs Township, Leonard
Tufts.

No Wonder!

"Certainly. I killed my husband!"
calmly said the fair prisoner at the
bar. "Why shouldn't I? I came
home and found the wretch sleeping
with his head on my handsome sofa
pillow."
"Not guilty," cried all the twelve
jurresses in one voice.
No girl objects to life imprison-
ment as long as she is confined by
wed-lock.

TOBACCO CO-OP GIVES FIGURES

The Tobacco Growers' Co-operative
Association has increased its member-
ship more than 20,000 within less than
a year, according to official announce-
ment from the Raleigh headquarters
of the association, and will begin the
New Year with a membership of over
85,000 organized tobacco farmers.
Within five months of its first mar-
keting operation the association has
received 117,937,109 pounds of tobac-
co from deliveries by its members.
More than \$12,000,000 in cash have
already been distributed to the co-op-
erative growers and the second pay-
ment to be made this month to as-
sociation members in the Old Belt of
Virginia and Western North Carolina
will bring the total disbursements of
the big tobacco co-operative to \$19,-
248,895.64, with further payment as-
sured in the not far distant future.
From South Carolina 15,356,940
pounds have been delivered by co-
operative growers. In North Caro-
lina 56,771,454 pounds have reached
the co-operative floors. In Virginia
Bright District the members have de-
livered 39,025,676 pounds to date. The
Dark Growers of Virginia have mar-
keted 6,113,095 pounds through their
association and the farmers of the
sun-cured area have added 669,935
pounds.
With a large majority sign-up of
Virginia growers in the association
and amounts of tobacco still to be
brought in by growers of the bright,
the dark and the sun-cured leaf in the
old belt, the association is certain to
make a splendid record for deliveries
in this its first year of operation.
According to a recent announce-
ment of the directors, the association
was never in so strong a position as
it holds today. Large and successful
sales to leading tobacco companies
continue at highly satisfactory prices.
A third payment to members, will be-
gin in South Carolina as soon as
practicable after the old belt co-opera-
tives have doubled their money, by
the second advance of \$7,000,000 to
be paid them this month.
Owing to unusually heavy receipts
just before the holidays all ware-
houses of the Tobacco Growers' Co-
operative Association in North Caro-
lina and Virginia will delay opening
from January 3rd to January 9th ac-
cording to the announcement of T. C.
Watkins, manager of warehouses for
the association.

NIAGARA ITEMS

Mrs. A. E. Kelly and children, of
Jonesboro, visited her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. W. L. Parker the past week.
Miss Essie Parker, after spending
the holidays at her home here, left
Monday to resume her school work at
Putnam.
Miss Harriett Gay has purchased
a new Ford sedan, and is learning to
drive in good shape.
Miss Alice Parker left on Tuesday
for Duke to resume her work as
teacher in the graded school at that
place.
Misses Laura Warren and Maude
Stewart left on Tuesday evening for
a months trip through Florida. They
will stop at Jacksonville, St. Augus-
tine, Daytona, West Palm Beach, and
Palm Beach on their way to Miami;
they will return by way of St. Peters-
burg, visiting the points of interest
in that vicinity.
Miss Marion Stevick who has spent
the past while on a visit to her bro-
ther, Mr. D. Wade Stevick at the Hol-
lier Cottage, left Saturday night for
her home at Elyria, Ohio.

JACKSON SPRINGS ITEMS

Christmas passed off without any
accidents here, and was one of much
pleasure to young and old.
The Bank of Jackson Springs is the
youngest institution of its kind in
this section, and its stock is more
widely distributed. The deposits are
small but are numerous and since its
organization many can afford check
books. One of the youngest deposi-
tors is Franklin Bethune Woodley, the
11-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs.
E. J. Woodley. This youngster made
his mark some time ago on a check
he had received from the Sandhill Fair
Association for winning first prize as
the healthiest boy baby an dalso the
sweepstakes, while Sarah Ruth, the
little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C.
Currie, won first prize as the pretti-
est girl baby, but we have not heard
whether she deposited her first prize
money to grow to help with her col-
lege education.
Speaking of the bank having so
many depositors, the high school seni-
or class although not as large as last
year, is composed of 12 girls and 4
boys; when the class was notified
their rings had come they were ready
to write checks. One girl who had
a deposit in the bank wrote a note,
and sent it to her brother, by the
class treasurer, for all of her funds
were on the savings department and
she wanted them to stay that way for,
like many others, she is planning on
entering college next fall. Every
member of the class is planning for
the future; whether their air castles
will fall we can not say, but if they
do they will be the first of five classes
to fail in their undertakings.
Charlie Freeman, the young son of
Mr. and Mrs. L. Freeman of this
place, died of influenza-pneumonia at
the home of his brother in Norman
on Thursday of last week, and the
remains were brought to his home
here on the same day, for interment.
Mr. Freeman was twenty years old,
and those who knew him say he al-
ways lived an upright and honest life.
He was especially gifted as an auto-
mobile mechanic, and was employed
by the Snow Lunbmer Company. Be-
sides his father and mother he leaves
several older brothers and sisters to
mourn his loss, and our deepest sym-
pathy is extended to the bereaved
family.
Ralph Currie, who was well known
here several years ago before going to
Warrenton to high school, was here
for a short time while spending a
few days with his people at Candor,
where they are now living in their
old home that has recently been re-
modeled. After graduating at War-
renton Mr. Currie entered the Uni-
versity of North Carolina and became
well known to the sport world as a
fast ball player. In 1916 he was
among those awarded a gold football
for his excellent playing against the
University of Virginia, who were the
losers. In 1917 he was a member of
the V. P. I. football team, and was
known for his strength accurate play-
ing on the Virginia Technical College
football team. After the close of the
season he enlisted in the army and in
a few months received his commission
as an aviation officer, but never went
over-seas as he was kept as an in-
structor. After his discharge from
the army he remained in Texas, en-
gaging in the oil business. Mr. Cur-
rie was very much surprised at the
many improvements and develop-
ments in the Sandhill section in the
last few years.
Mrs. Neill McDonald died at her
home on route 2 on Tuesday morning
December 19, after several months ill-
ness with paralysis. Her death was
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