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## CHRISTMAS COMES TO AUNT SYLVIA

Below Southern Pines lives an old colored woman, suffering with an incurable disease. Aunt Sylvia belongs to a passing race. She has been the Mammy of many a child, color not respected. When she was a lot younger than she is today, she formed the habit of adopting children. As her ward grew up and was able to fend for itself, she encouraged another unfortunate to seek shelter under her ample wing.

Aunt Sylvia's wingspread was wide and comforting, as she weighed around 300 pounds. With that, she not only had a heart that was geared for her huge framework, but for her job. She was a superior negress. Her holdings were above the average at one time. Through industry, she acquired a piece of ground and a comfortable home. As health failed, her possessions dwindled. In order to guard her belongings when bedridden, the old woman and a little girl moved their chattels, and this included the cat and the coal pile, into one room. Time hasn't been able to give the last child-by-adoption enough of years so far, to offset the load put upon its shoulders, so necessity simplified things. The housekeeping and the nursing job have been cut down until there is nothing left to cut.

Aunt Sylvia mothered white children too. She helped raise whole broods of them. In her white household she ruled with stern authority. She taught her charges not only many of the gentle graces as only her sable hand could instill, but a few of the finer philosophies.

And then came Christmas. A trio of her white children went to see her. Joy shone on the cinnamon colored face. Boxes were deposited by her bed. She covered her head and the blanket heaved up and down over the expansive bosom. She was admonished to stop weeping, as it was Christmas. "Ah ain't grievin' honey; um jus' bein' thankful fo' all de Lord has done fo' me."

There is no thing like Christmas. There may be some foolishness committed in the name of the great holiday, but the basic influence that underlies the whole scheme is the considerate word that is passed from man to man. The helping hand is busier than than at any other season of the year. Big gifts, little gifts, messages of cordial greetings and cheer have been exchanged throughout the entire civilized world as millions put forth an effort to extend the reign of joyousness.

Aunt Sylvia and her two-bit pardner are hovering about as near the zero line as a pair can possibly get, and yet not be submerged, and her heart overflows with thanksgiving! It took an old saint like Aunt Sylvia to point out that appreciation has no standard rule of measurement. Unto every man is given a different yardstick. —H.K.B.

## WHEN REALITY SUPPLANTS POLITICS

There has been an "encouraging improvement in the relations between government and business," with business executives and government officials working together as co-trustees with "neatly balanced judgment and discretion."

That isn't the opinion of a business spokesman. It is the opinion of William O. Douglas, Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission—one of the most important federal bureaus.

Mr. Douglas singled out the New York Stock Exchange for especial praise. In his own words, "Go back five years; I doubt if any one could have predicted the fundamental

# THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

BY TOPPS

WHO OWNS INDUSTRY?  
A SURVEY OF 150 LEADING CORPORATIONS SHOWED 6,450,000 INVESTORS, TWICE AS MANY AS EMPLOYEES!

A POPULAR PUNISHMENT FOR PETTY THEFT IN CHINA IS TO MAKE THE CULPRIT WEAR A WOODEN HORSE COLLAR UPON WHICH IS PRINTED THE NATURE OF THE CRIME COMMITTED. — INSTEAD OF BEING CONFINED THE CRIMINAL HAS TO WALK ABOUT IN PUBLIC CARRYING HIS CROSS.

ONE COLORFUL SPECIE OF BUTTERFLY FOUND IN SOUTH AMERICA SMILES OFF THE STRONG ODDOR OF VANILLA AS IT FLIES ABOUT.

TWO DUMPS WILL BE GETTING STEEPER AND STEEPER

IN THE PAST 15 YEARS, MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE FEES AND GASOLINE TAXES HAVE RISEN 722 PER CENT

VIOLETS WERE CULTIVATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR FOOD IN EUROPE IN MEDIEVAL TIMES. — CHOPPED VIOLETS WERE CONSIDERED A DELICACY.

## GRAINS OF SAND

Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

The population of North Carolina will be depleted this New Year's, all due to the fact that Duke University has a football team. Those of us unfortunate enough to have to remain at home will have our ears to the radio Monday evening, hoping, hoping that Wallace Wade's luck plus Eric Tipton's toe plus that line holds up against the Trojans of Southern California.

Tarheels have been heading west all week. Twenty-nine Lee county residents are en route to the Rose Bowl, and it's that way all over the state. Go get 'em Blue Devils!

It will soon be easier to get to jail or the poorhouse from Southern Pines. The PWA has just allotted a nice fat sum for making a real road of the short cut from here to Carthage.

Christmas in Niagara lifted from

changes which have taken place in the Exchange. Yet such changes took place in less than a single year.

"A year ago the Exchange seemed to be approaching a period of strict prescription by the government. Today it is outstanding as an institution which has firmly taken its destiny into its own hands. And for our part, we are only too glad to be able to assume a residual role and to move into the back seat."

Other great businesses have shown a similar spirit of cooperation. The electric utilities, for instance, are working hand in hand with the SEC, in an attempt to work out and interpret the provisions of the Holding Company Act in a sound, orderly and constructive manner. American industry has definitely proven its willingness to join with officials of government in an effort to solve mutual problems in the interest of all concerned, when government is willing to approach the problem realistically rather than politically.

Great credit for this must go to the SEC. It is one of the few government bureaus which, in Mr. Douglas' phase, has insisted on the employment of actual facts, not untenable theories, "as the keystone to many of our achievements." If all bureaus showed a similar fair and progressive spirit we would likely hear no more about "warfare" between government and business—and the march of economic recovery would be tremendously accelerated.

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## Camp Jackson Men Thank Local Merchants

Appreciate Christmas Gifts and Services Arranged by Residents of Southern Pines

Editor, The Pilot:

The gentlemen who have so faithfully been serving Camp Jackson for some years desire to express, on behalf of the 89 men in the camp, the guards, and Captain Jackson, all their appreciation to the following storekeepers in Southern Pines for their generosity in donating the articles that so greatly enhanced the glad season at the camp on last Sunday afternoon: Blue & Worsham, Dorn's, Pender's, Knowles, Patch and Son, the A. & P., and the Burney Hardware, Aberdeen.

Those gentlemen made it possible for the men in the camp to receive candies, nuts, oranges, and apples, and each a white handkerchief, a real flag of truce.

The presentation of those articles followed a very inspirational Christmas service under the guidance of Rev. M. M. Adams, and D. H. Turner with a very excellent sermon by the Rev. Edward E. Bradley, whose wife, by the way, had suggested that something should be done to carry the Christmas spirit into the hearts of the men in the camp.

The pleasure of the occasion and the whole service was greatly heightened by the singing of a number of carols by a group of young ladies of the junior choir of our Baptist church, and under the chaperonage of Mrs. Minnie J. Dodge, Mrs. D. H. Turner and Mrs. Harold Fowler.

This Christmas service followed a real feast, given also to the men by Captain Jackson, consisting of the best of everything with the proper fixings.

Captain Jackson expressed himself as wishing there might be a Christmas, and such a good time, once a month.

Mention should also be made of the treat given the inmates of the County Home. Prepared by the ladies of our Baptist church and presented in the same afternoon by the ladies mentioned, and by Rev. M. M. Adams and D. H. Turner.

—Camp Jackson Boys.

Typewriters for sale or rent at Hayes.

the Niagara news sent in by our correspondent, J. V. Snipes:

"Christmas was very much on the quiet in these parts though some feasted on turkey, some on fat hen, some on pork chops and possum and baked beans thrown in. All were glad to be living."

A gentleman entered the Citizens Bank & Trust Company on Wednesday carrying a large box, probably containing silver, to place in his safety deposit box. Following right behind him as he entered was a boy of some nine years, carrying in his hand a toy pistol, ready for emergency.

WANTED: To get our hands on the fellow that sent our son a drum for Christmas. REWARD.

We acknowledge with appreciation a Christmas card from our friend D. R. McIver of Route 2, Jonesboro. Mr. McIver is one of The Pilot's oldest and most faithful contributors.

## TO EXPLAIN TOWNSEND PLAN HERE JANUARY 12

Grant Lowe of Asheville will speak at a Townsend Recovery Plan mass meeting to be held in the Civic Club, Southern Pines, the night of January 12th at 8:00 o'clock. Mr. Lowe will explain the Townsend plan "to increase an opportunity to become useful citizens." There will be no admission charge.

New Year's Cards at Hayes.

## DR. L. R. SHELTON

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will be at Agnes Dorothy's Beauty Shop,

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST

9:00 A. M.—7:00 P. M.

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