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CHRISTMAS IN THE POST OFFICE

Postal Employees Are Busy People
These Days; Scarcely Have
Time for Meals

The post office is the busiest place in town at this time, and the amount of work keeps Postmaster Price and his assistants busy from morning until night. They have missed their meals several times this week.

Our reporter was allowed to observe the details required to dispatch the Christmas mail for one train one day this week. The observation convinced him that the postoffice people are to be sympathized with. The task of handling thousands of packages of mail, some of that number well addressed, some hardly readable, some opened, some sealed, some insured, some registered, some taking one rate, and some another makes the work very hard. Every letter, card and package has to be observed for proper stamps. Then thousands upon thousands of bundles have to be assembled for the North, South, East and West. Some is bundled by nations, some by states and some by towns. Each package is classified for the train that goes to its territory.

Besides all this, a complete record has to be made of hundreds of letters and packages that are insured and registered.

Added to that is the money order business which has to be looked after.

If mistakes are excusable anywhere, then we say it should be in the U. S. mail service at the Christmas season. Nothing but clock work would do such a fine piece of work. The American post office is without doubt the world's best business organization.

With all the work, the local post office is doing fine work in the carrying out of its duties.

Mr. Price, the efficient postmaster, has just closed his four year term of office. He was reappointed last week for another term by President Coolidge and was confirmed promptly by the Senate.

During the first term of Mr. Price he had the good fortune to have a record almost free from errors. He was only out of balance twenty nine cents in the whole four years. Nine cents one time and twenty cents another time, which is a record to be proud of.

The assistants in his office have also performed their work well and they, too, deserve the thanks of the people whom they serve.

The Enterprise extends its thanks and Christmas greetings.

Bad Storm Causes Darkness in Town

The storm last Tuesday night accompanied by a heavy wind caused the town to go in darkness for a few minutes. A tree fell across the power lines below the river hill and caused several high powered lines to break. Superintendent Moore with his assistants soon located the trouble and had the power back on in a few minutes. The lower part of town was forced to remain in darkness the remainder of the night, but repairs were made Wednesday to the broken lines.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Rev. Clarence O. Pardo, Rector.
11:30 P. M., Thursday night, midnight celebration holy communion.
11:00 A. M., Christmas Day—choral eucharist and sermon.

The most beautiful religious service, the midnight celebration of the holy communion combined with the feast of lights will take place Christmas Eve. The service begins promptly at eleven-thirty and the public is cordially invited.

All Christians desiring may receive the holy communion at this service.

Strand Theatre

Don't
Forget
Christmas
Night

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Bad Weather Limits Number to Dance

The disagreeable weather played a large part in the dance here last night, and according to reports money was lost by those in charge.

With one or two exceptions the dance met with approval.

The dance was given by the local Cotillon club and a Tarboro orchestra furnished the music.

5-CENT CIGAR; 15-CENT SOCKS, NEEDS

Uncle Buck Says, It's 15-cent Socks That We Need At The Present Time

While reading an article by the Hon. Josephus Daniels, "Uncle" Buck Meadows said the fact that the late Vice President Marshall suggested that what the country needed was a 5-cent cigar. "Uncle" Buck agreed with the suggestion and said that it seemed possible and probable that a good cigar might be had for 5 cents now that a 25 per cent reduction has been made in taxes in that department of tobacco manufacturing and also due to the fact that cigar leaf could be had very cheaply.

But "Uncle" Buck said there was another need and that was the country need a good pair of cotton socks that would sell for fifteen cents. A sock that would not be so thin that you could read The Enterprise thru, and one that would last for two days. His clothiers have informed him that the type of sock wanted by him is not being manufactured any more, but instead a sock with a little cotton and a little near beer silk is being made. Mr. Meadows says, and we agree with him that since the price of cotton is where it is that it seems possible to have a sock of his desire and at a reasonable price.

HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY COURT

On Wednesday morning, a short session of police court was held to dispose of three cases on the docket. They were all the result of one altercation. The defendants went to Washington last Monday to get oysters and were on the way home when an argument was started to settle the question whether Eli Rogerson, who was driving the car, was drunk or not. The question was not decided, however and in the police court no better results were obtained. Mayor Coburn bound him over to the Recorder's court under a \$100 bond, the question to be decided there.

In the rummage Rogerson was very badly beaten up by his assailants, William Gurkin and Alonzo Williams. Gurkin was found guilty of simple assault and a fine of \$25 was imposed on him with the costs. Williams was cleared of the charge of simple assault.

Will the Old Fashioned Dances Ever Come Back

This question which is echoed from every part of the country ever since Henry Ford started to popularize the music and dances of yesterday, finds an answer in the Detroit News in the review of an old fashioned dance held as an experiment in a Detroit dance hall frequented by the so-called young set.

Officials of the dance hall had staged the dance for the express benefit of those of another generation who had been literally crowded from the dance floor by modern jazz music. But, they scarcely anticipated "five thousand men and women howling for the right to dance", the waltz, schottische, polka and form dances. And, included in those who participated in this demonstration were all ages from sixteen to sixty.

"The spirit of the quadrille, that began in a lowly way must have blinked its eyes in wonderment", says the Detroit News. "It was born to the swish of hoop skirts and the times when the society reporter gravely reported, 'the brave and the fair were in attendance'. It was born in an era of kerosene lamps, tin-types and fiddlers. Tuesday night, it faced high power flood lights, moving pictures and a super-orchestra aided and abetted by Henry Ford's four-piece old fashioned orchestra.

Hundreds of old men and women and thousands of middle-age couples crowded the floor from the first note and stayed until the last.

ENTERTAINS AT CHRISTMAS PARTY CHRISTMAS EVE

Little Thad Harrison, Jr. will entertain a number of his friends at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Harrison on Haughton street, Christmas Eve morning from 10:30 to 12 o'clock.

Station E-N-T-E-R-P-R-I-S-E Broadcasting

By Chapin



Williamston Tobacco Market Sold Over 7,000,000 Pounds Weed Up To December 18th

THE ENTERPRISE WEEKLY SERMON

(By Rev. Clarence O. Pardo)

St. Luke 2:10, 11.

"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people; for there is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

The words of the text comprise the one of the greatest announcements made to man: declares what is probably the most epoch making event in the history of civilization.

As we look back into the history of the human race, not in terms of a few years, but thinking in terms of hundreds and thousands of years, we are impressed that from time to time the human race has received announcements and proclamations that must have seemed the most important for all time. When Moses announced the law of God. When Elija declared the will of God or when Nehemia brought the people together to accomplish the purposes of God.

Ever so often some great epoch making, history changing event occurs. It may be the Battle of Marathon, the Fall of Rome, the Destruction of Babylon or Nineveh, the discovery of the New World, the rise of Democracy, the great conflict of Nations, the World War, the Armistice; whatever the great event may be, however important the announcement of world-wide concern may be, there has not, up to the present time, been a proclamation of any event so important as the proclamation by the Heavenly messenger; when to the humble shepherds amid the Judean hills was proclaimed, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people, for there is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

Rabbi Stephen Wise, a well known Jewish Divine recently in substance said, "I believe in Jesus. Basically his teachings were founded on the Scripture of the Jews". Rabbi Wise also urged upon the Jewish people the study and acceptance of the teachings of Jesus. After nineteen hundred years, His own people are discovering that some good things may come out of Nazareth. Whether Rabbi Wise, who is at present enjoying the privilege of publicly announcing one of his many alterations of mind, whether he or the modern reform Jew, who has outcast from their lives and religion the real presence of God for a silly substitution of convenient and profitable practices, whether they believe in Jesus as a fact, or in his teachings as constructive, this stubborn fact remains. Since the coming of Jesus in the word, the finest, the best, the greatest developments of civilization has taken place.

The birth of Jesus, the Saviour, was announced as effecting all people. Truly the whole world has been affected by Jesus, the religion of Christ.

Market to Reopen After Holidays On The 12th of January

At the close of the market on December there had been sold 7,281,732 pounds of tobacco on the local warehouse floors. The average price paid for that amount standing around 26 cents.

The heavy amount of scrap sold during this month decreased the average by about six cents, it being in November 31.02.

The amount sold here this year far exceeds that of any amount ever sold here before and the market has cared for the crop in a very satisfactory manner. The warehousemen have worked diligently and faithfully for the market, and it can be expected that the work this year will lead to an even greater amount being sold here next season.

The market will reopen after the Christmas holidays on January 12 and a fair estimate of the amount yet to be marketed will bring the total amount to eight million pounds.

No separate list of the pounds and prices could be secured today, because several of the proprietors are out of town, spending the holidays with relatives in various places. It is understood, however, that the amount of sales is about evenly placed between the four houses, with a very small difference ranging in the average price paid.

Thomas Beecham Pneumonia Victim

Mr. Henry Thomas Beecham of the Smithwick's Creek section died Monday from an attack of pneumonia. Rev. J. M. Lollis conducted the funeral ceremony and the body was buried Tuesday afternoon in the family cemetery.

Mr. Beecham was 66 years old. Prior to a few months ago he lived in Beaufort county, but since that time he has resided in the Smithwick's Creek section. He had been a hard working farmer all his life. A widow and four children survive.

No Issue of Enterprise Next Tuesday, the 30th

There will be no issue of The Enterprise next Tuesday, it being the custom to give the force a few days off each Christmas season. Instead of missing today's issue the boys preferred to miss next Tuesday's issue. Our next paper will go to press Friday, January 1, 1926.

A part of the force will spend the days out of town, while some will remain at home. During the meantime as well as all the time, each member of the force from Editor to devil, sends his sincerest wishes to each subscriber for a joyful Christmas and a pleasant New Year.

Banks Of County Will Close Friday-Saturday

The various banks of the county will observe both Friday and Saturday as holidays, this year. It could not be learned at this time whether the banks of Robersonville would take both the days or not, but the Farmers and Merchants, of Williamston, the Bank of Hamilton, the Bank of Oak City and the Planters and Merchants Bank of Everetts will take both days as holidays.

Since there is only one day between Christmas and Sunday the various institutions mentioned decided to make possible for their employees a three day vacation.

It is understood that all stores will be open Saturday.

Williams—Roberson

At the Methodist parsonage last Tuesday night, Miss Fannie Roberson became the bride of Mr. Clyde Williams. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. W. Lee at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Williams is the daughter of Mrs. Reubin Roberson and the late Mr. Roberson and is one of the most popular young women of her community. Mr. Williams is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Williams and is a very promising young farmer. Both Mr. and Mrs. Griffin are life-long residents of Williams township. They will be at home with Mr. Jake Lee, an uncle of the groom.

SERVICES AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A. J. Manning, Pastor.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.—W. C. Manning, superintendent.
Service, 11:00 a. m.
Evening service, 7:30 o'clock.
Every one is cordially invited to attend each service.

Mrs. J. B. Cherry and daughters of Everetts were pleasant callers to our office last Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. B. A. Critcher and little son, Burras, Jr., will leave Saturday for Cardiff and Baltimore, Md. to visit relatives.

Mr. Sam Carson of Bethel was here Tuesday morning.

Mr. Bullock Kills Large Porker

A fat and greasy Christmas goes to Mr. Nash Bullock, for he has just killed a large porker, weighing 750 pounds.

Mr. Bullock is a farmer and resides near Robersonville. The weight of the hog will bear out the fact that Mr. Bullock is a successful farmer.—Reported.

POULTRYMAN GETS VALUABLE PRIZES

White Orpingtons Win Three Prizes In Spite of Large Number Entered in Show

Mr. Theodore Roberson, proprietor of the Roanoke Poultry yards, has just received valuable awards from the American Poultry association for prizes he won in the show held at Asheville last November.

Mr. Roberson received three diplomas from the association, the first for the best hen, the second for the best cock, and a third for the best pen.

These prizes were won by Mr. Roberson's white Orpingtons and were in competition with all birds of the English class.

This is a high compliment paid to Mr. Roberson's chickens, in fact it does honor to the South as well as to our own town and state.

Unusual Paintings On Advertising Boards

The two great paintings exhibited on the bill boards of the Poster Advertising association, one appearing on a board near the Atlantic hotel, and another on a board located on the Washington road, near Speller's store, are worthy of the attention of all people. They were posted by the Company as a contribution to the spirit and happiness of the season.

They are not generally posted in small towns generally, but are in cities of more than 10,000 people. Rev. C. O. Pardo made a special effort to have them displayed here and the company complied with his request.

The first picture is called the "Nativity" and shows Jesus in the arms of his mother, Mary with Joseph standing by. They are surrounded by the wise men who were led by the star to the spot.

The scene is from Matthew 2:11. "And when they were come unto the house they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped Him."

The second painting, called the "Dawn of Progress" shows men in the modern day, the wide fields and great factories with all modern science and progress displayed on every hand. Back of them stands the church showing that out of the dust comes the dawn and out of the church comes civilization.

The paintings will remain on the boards through the Christmas season.

Tree Falls on House Damages Porch Roof

What came near being a serious accident occurred last Tuesday night when the storm of that night blew down a large oak tree on the porch of the home of Mr. C. R. Fleming in New Town. About twelve inches of the roofing was torn off by the tree. The tree had been dead for some time, and the high wind Tuesday night toppled it over.

Mrs. L. B. Harrison and Miss Margaret Manning motored to Louisville Tuesday to bring Miss Evelyn Harrison home, she having been in school there for the last several months.

MR. SENTELLE TO BE AT BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Mr. R. E. Sentelle will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday morning.

The public is cordially invited out to hear him.

BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE

Bids were under consideration last Wednesday in Raleigh for the construction of the bridge to be built across the Chowan river, connecting Chowan and Bertie counties. The lowest bid made was by Sanford and Brooks of Charleston, S. C., for \$482,422.75. The bid is considerably lower than the estimate made by the State Highway commission. The estimate was around \$525,000.

The Chowan bridge will be about one and a half miles in length and will have a swing span of 200 feet. The bridge upon completion will bring the sections closer together and where several ferries have been used to convey traffic, the bridge will afford a crossing that will save time and expense.

MANY CASES IN RECORDER'S COURT

Cases of Stealing, Transporting and Manufacturing Liquor, and Larceny Before Court

The increase of business during the holiday season even reached to the County Recorder's court here last Tuesday. The court outlasted the term of the Superior court held here a few days ago in both interest and attendance. Cases of stealing, transporting and the manufacture of liquor, fighting and larceny came before Judge Smith.

The case against Will Joyner for larceny in which he had been adjudged guilty, was called for final judgment and Joyner was assigned to the roads of Edgecombe county for a term of three months.

Paul Wildman, Henry Roberson and Connie Harper, three young white boys of the Parmele section were in court facing a larceny charge. Each of the defendants plead guilty of receiving. They were required to pay the cost of the court and each of them was placed under a suspended judgment for the term of twelve months, and required to enter into bond in the sum of \$100 for their appearance every three months to show good behavior.

By use of a truck these three boys would, late in the evening, go to the cotton fields of their neighbors and steal cotton that day and which had not been housed. The boys are of good families and who are well thought of in their communities.

The next case was that against Romulus Moore, he being charged with removing crops. He was found guilty and was required to pay the costs. He had made satisfactory terms with his land lord, Warren Gray and thus escaped paying further damages.

The case of state versus J. S. Ayers charging him with passing worthless checks proved the defendant not guilty of the charge.

The next case charged Mack Woolard, Bill Sykes, Sprat Bumpus and James Daniel with manufacturing liquor. Defendants Woolard and Sykes, through their attorney B. A. Critcher, plead guilty to the charge. Bumpus and Daniel each resisted and plead not guilty. The testimony of the state showed that on a recent night, Deputy J. R. Manning, Harry Martin and Peter Price walked upon the bunch where they were running a still in full blast. Daniel claimed to be only 14 years of age, but he failed to satisfy Judge Smith in that the recollection of his birth was good, so he was adjudged guilty, fined \$1.00 and cost and sentenced to jail for twenty days.

Bumpus, who is rather an elderly negro was asleep during the raid and did not arouse until the entire plant was torn up by the officers. Bumpus claimed that he was engaged in innocent sleep while on a friendly visit and that he had nothing to do with the establishment. Yet, the old "dog tray" company was too strong for him, and he was found guilty by the court and sentenced to the Edgecombe roads for a period of three months.

Two colored damsels, Maude Lee Torgne and Ernestine Wood, formed the next case, they being charged with fighting with deadly weapons. The case was continued to a later date.

The desire for Christmas turkeys led Robert Baker, Earl Teel and Joe Brown, three young colored boys, into court. They plead guilty to the charge accusing them of having stole turkeys. Each was charged with the cost and prayer for judgment was continued for one year, with each under a \$75.00 bond.

Somebody's supply of Christmas liquor will, no doubt, run short since Toney Everett was found guilty of transporting liquor. A fine of \$50. along with the costs was imposed on him.

Court will convene as usual next Tuesday with Judge Smith on the bench and Solicitor Peel prosecuting.

Pippen—Roebuck

Mr. Ernest Pippen and Miss Carrie Delle Roebuck were married Tuesday evening, December 15 at eight o'clock. Rev. J. P. Gulley officiating. Only a few immediate friends attended.

The bride was dressed in a brown satin dress with accessories to match. They left immediately after the ceremony for Rocky Mount where they caught the train for Richmond and other northern points.

The wedding came as a great surprise to their many friends in and around Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Brandon left Tuesday for St. George, S. C. to spend three weeks with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Stubbs and little son, Harry, Jr. visited relatives in Wake Forest this week.