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CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR EVERY HOME

Masonic Lodge Anxious to Relieve Every Case of Suffering Reported

Do you so much in need that Santa Claus may not visit your home?

Do you know of any person who is in such a condition. These are questions the committees appointed by the masonic lodge at their regular meeting Tuesday night would like to have you answer between now and tomorrow night. If your answer is in the affirmative the committees will see that the suffering is relieved and that Christmas will be made happy for those who are unable to provide for themselves. There are many institutions and individuals who will be glad to help all who need help during this season when every home in the Dunn District deserves that cheer which comes with Christmas.

Already much work has been done in locating the homes where the help is needed most. Geo. Gardner and Ellis Goldstein as chairmen of the relief and financial committees respectively, have been working with other members of the committees for the past three days looking for sufferers. And they have found many. Sickness during the past month has left many homes desolated and real want has been reported frequently. The people already have been liberal in making their donations when solicited, but would contribute more freely if they could be brought face to face with the actual conditions.

The workers also would like to get hold of old clothes, shoes and other wearing apparel, which have been discarded by many Dunn families. Articles of food too, can be used to great advantage. If you have any of the above you want to contribute please phone Ellis Goldstein or S. Fleishman, Jr., at the Fleishman Bro. store, and it will be called for immediately.

The Letter to Santa Claus



DUNN PEOPLE WILL ENJOY BIG PAGEANT NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

Will Be Presented At First Baptist Church By The Senior B. P. U.

THIRTY-FIVE CHARACTERS EXCLUSIVE OF THE CHOIR

The Public Is Cordially Invited To Attend. Program Will Begin At 7:30 O'clock And All Are Urged To Be Present At That Hour

The time draws near the birth of Christ. The moon is hid—night is still. The Christmas bells begin to toll and answer each other in the "midst."

Peace and goodwill to all mankind.

Christmas is the time of joy and happiness; the time when men forget and join hands in fellowship; Christmas is the time for exchanging gifts; Christmas is the time for gathering around the Yule log and making merry with our friends; Christmas is the time for home-coming; Christmas is the time when dear old Santa makes happy hearts of the children.

What is Christmas? On Christmas night the Senior B. P. U. of the First Baptist church will present a pageant which will reveal the significance of this greatest of all feasts. This pageant pictures most vividly the birth of Christ as told in the Gospels. It features a group of angels appearing to the shepherds; the Magi bringing gifts to the babe; and the vividness of the background picturing the place of Judea and the town of Bethlehem. The costumes of the actors are made and the music is accompanied by beautiful and appropriate music.

The public at large is cordially invited. No admission fee or special collections will be taken.

MASKS WILL NOT BE REMOVED, WIZARD SAYS

Head of Order Says He Did Not Try To See The Governor

Washington, Dec. 19.—Emphasizing that he had not sought the conversation he had yesterday with Governor Allen, of Kansas, Dr. E. W. Evans, of Dallas, Texas, imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, said today he had "listened to Mr. Allen two or three minutes in which he said he was in hearty sympathy with the Klan principles but registered some objection to the Klan regalia." The Klan mask will never be taken off, he asserted, saying it was part of the organization's lodge regalia and never would be abolished.

"I came to Washington on important business," said Dr. Evans, "and had no intention of wasting any time with Mr. Allen. It makes little or no difference what Governor Allen says, and what he does means even less."

The new imperial wizard of the invisible empire held confab with Klan officials in his hotel here today, but no hint of what was considered was disclosed. He was accompanied by Washington by a group of high officials of the order.

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More of what we have want to do the work, but more earnest attention to public business by those engaged to look after it will produce beneficial results.

PRESIDENT SENDS MESSAGE TO CHILDREN OF U. S.

New York, Dec. 20.—President Harding today sent Christmas greetings to the children of the United States in the form of a telegram to the Santa Claus association, a national organization which receives letters written by children to Santa Claus and sees that they are suitably answered.

"Merry Christmas to the children of the United States" the president's message read.

The words were sent by radio tonight to each of the 48 branches of the Santa Claus association in the country.

THE TIGER OF FRANCE, BACK IN HIS LAIR, HAPPY

Paris, Dec. 20.—Former Premier Clemenceau, back in Paris today from his American trip said he was happy to have made the voyage, as he found the American people still great friends of France. They had been most enthusiastic, he added.

When the "Tiger" reached his home in the Rue Franklin he found a number of reporters, and photographers waiting at the door. He declared at first he had nothing to say to the newspaper men, but he allowed the cameramen to operate, during annual willingness, for him, to undergo this ordeal.

CYCLONE JACK'S FATHER IS DEAD

Theo. A. McLendon Succumbs To Cancer Trouble At Bennettsville Home

Bennettsville, S. C., Dec. 19.—T. A. McLendon, father of B. F. McLendon, better known as "Cyclone Jack," one of the world's greatest daredevils, died here at 5:50 this morning. He was 72 years old, and had been a patient sufferer for over six months with cancer of the stomach to which he finally succumbed. He was regarded by every one as being one of the best men in Marlboro county.

He died exporting his great preacher son to continue preaching the word of God in its purity. The body is lying in state in the home of the evangelist and many telegrams and messages of sympathy are being received. Mr. McLendon for many years was an official in the Methodist church. He is survived by his son, Rev. B. F. McLendon; his daughter, Mrs. Corrie Pond and six brothers. The funeral and burial will take place in McCall cemetery Bennettsville beside his devoted wife who died two years ago.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas! Not truly, a time for philosophy; yet a time when many ask themselves "why do we celebrate Christmas?" The Churches have one answer, an answer that all Christians, at least, yet to be questioned. But the celebration of Christmas has come to mean much to many whose religion does not cause them to rejoice at the birth of Jesus; it is celebrated with heartiness and happiness by those who do not believe in any religion by those of alien faith and strange; it is a time of joy and happiness to thousands of children who have little or no understanding of its religious significance; it is warm in the hearts of many men and women as a time of rejecting of neighborly love, of friendship, of health, and of brotherhood.

BUIE'S CREEK CLOSSES SUCCESSFUL SESSION

Enrollment For Term Has Been About 500, Representing Six States

Buie's Creek, Dec. 20.—Buie's Creek Academy closes its fall term tomorrow with an enrollment of about five hundred, representing more than 60 counties and six States.

Anniversary Program

On the evening of December 21st, the literary societies, in their anniversary celebration, formally bring to a close the work of the fall term. The program for this year is featured with addresses by Dr. J. A. Ellis, pastor of Pullen Memorial Church, Raleigh, representative of the Philologist Society, and Dr. E. D. Poe, pastor of Weldon Baptist church, from the Euthropian Society. The program in full is as follows:

- President—G. G. Richards.
 - Secretary—Elgia Hocutt.
 - Piano Solo—Ethel Barrow.
 - Reading—Sallie Powell.
 - Debate: Resolved, That the policy of collective bargaining through trade unions should prevail in American industries. Affirmative, Fred Womack and Roy A. Morris; negative, D. F. Massey and V. C. Johnson.
 - Piano Solo—Nell Cheek.
 - Reading—Ella Morris.
 - Euthropian Orator (introduced by J. D. Wheeler), Dr. E. D. Poe.
 - Vocal Solo—Willie Brown.
 - Philologist Orator (introduced by James Newton), Dr. J. A. Ellis.
- The spring term will open January sixth year under present management.

LOVETT GREEN RYALS DEAD

Lovett Green Ryals, well known citizen of Duke township, died at his home near Duke Tuesday morning after a brief illness of pneumonia. He was 61 years of age and one of the most beloved citizens of his community.

Deceased was a faithful member of the Free Will Baptist church and lived an upright, christian life. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him and leaves behind many friends who will learn of his death with sorrow.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Wednesday afternoon by his pastor, Rev. Dock Ennis. The burial took place at Prospect church where many relatives and friends gathered to witness the last rites.

Because of serious illness Rev. A. G. Doner of Petersburg, Canada, will be unable to fill his engagement with the Gospel Tabernacle church here during the Christmas holidays. However, it is expected that he will be in Dunn at some future date.

CURE IS TO MAKE COURTS FUNCTION

More Tribunals Would Not Solve The Problem Of Congestion

By John A. Livingstone in News and Observer

Once again a great hue and cry is being made in North Carolina about the need for more courts and more judges. There is no denying that many of our courts are congested with cases that ought to be tried, but the courts themselves seem to be the least worried by the congestion.

It is well known that in a majority of the counties of this State, parties, witnesses and jurors are compelled to hang around the court house while lawyers quibble over details that ought to have been attended to long before the time set for the trial.

Often the court waits while lawyers haggle over compromises and settlements which do not need a judge and jury to arrange. No objection can be made to the amicable settlement of cases, but why delay other important trials while these settlements are being made?

The number of cases disposed of by a court is a poor index of the actual work done. Often wasting most of the first day of court, it not infrequently happens that the judge is through and gone by Thursday night. The remedy is to provide a means of making courts function more efficiently rather than to provide more terms to be frittered away with trivialities.

More recorder's courts will not solve the problem of congestion, for much of it is caused by appeals from these courts. To the extent that recorder's courts actually try cases, it will afford relief but it does not follow that more of these subordinate courts will do the work.

The criminal dockets in the Superior Courts are kept fairly well cleaned up, and there seems to be greater dispatch in the trial of these cases though to be sure there are instances of delays of trials in criminal cases.

There is no real need for more criminal courts. With Judge Lyon and Judge Allen retiring this year to join the State's corps of emergency judges as provided by the last legislature, there will be four emergency judges on the pay roll. Will these not be able to provide relief enough for all emergency cases?

The State Bar association committee suggests more judges and more districts—the remedy of the quick. In other words give us more of what we already have — more quibbling, more dilly-dallying, more delays. The

NEGROES ACCUSED OF ROBBING CARS

Several Held For Cigarette Thefts From Cars On D. & S. Tracks

Quite a sensational trial was held on Tuesday of this week in the Recorder's Court when fourteen defendants were arraigned before His Honor, Judge Robert L. Godwin, to answer the charge of being implicated in the thefts of more than two thousand dollars worth of cigarettes from Durham and Southern Railway freight cars.

The indictment alleges that J. V. Hunt, B. J. Carter, Ed Womack, Pelton Bethes, W. H. Hargroves, Will High, and eight other defendants, all colored, were connected with the robbery and sufficient evidence was produced at the hearing to justify His Honor in binding them over to the next term of Superior Court under bonds, running from one to three hundred dollars.

Shipments of cigarettes have been making from Durham and Southern cars for some time, but it was only recently that the matter was unearthed and warrants issued. A well known cloth of Fayetteville, ably assisted by local police officers, was largely responsible in ferreting out the case.

It is customary for the American Tobacco company, who own large factories in Durham, to route a great many of their shipments via Durham and Southern Railway. This case is similar to the cigarette affair of two or more years ago.

people of this State will hardly stand for greater expenditures for more court machinery of the kind that functions so poorly now.

The Bar association committee suggests that the additional expense may be provided by placing the solicitors on a salary. To the extent that solicitors are being paid exorbitant salaries, they should be reduced to a fair basis, but it does not follow that more courts are needed. As a matter of fact the solicitors seem to be functioning more efficiently in getting their cases tried than do the lawyers in the civil courts. The reason is not hard to find. If the solicitor doesn't try a case, he receives no pay. He must work in order to get his money. If the same thing were true in all cases, there surely would be a speeding up of court machinery.

Let each tab stand on its own bottom. Instead of inventing specious pleas for excuses to provide jobs for more lawyers, let the committee of the State Bar Association work out some plans for expediting court business and then preach more of the doctrine of work that needs to be

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SPEDERS WILL BE GIVEN SANITY TEST

Detroit Judge Will Give All Those Monthly Strong Heavy Jail Sentences If Convicted

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 20.—Declaring his belief that persons who speed in automobiles, thereby endangering the lives of others, "either are weak minded or are wilful wrongdoers," Recorder's Judge Charles L. Bartlett announced today that all convicted speeders would be given a sanity test before Dr. A. L. Jacoby, city psychiatrist.

"If the speeders are found to be weak-minded they will receive treatment usually accorded such unfortunate; if they are not weak-minded they will receive heavy jail sentences, being classed with other criminals," the judge said.

Fatalities from street accidents here so far this year total 172, against 187 for the entire year 1921.

A woman motorist was the first to be ordered sent to Dr. Jacoby. Should she pass his tests she must pay a fine of \$50 and serve one day in jail.

Judge Bartlett declared that figures of the National Safety Council showed there are thousands of persons driving motor cars who are mentally deficient.

WHAT'S YOUR REACTION TIME? NEW QUESTION FOR AUTOISTS

"What is your reaction time or do you know the value of your personal equation?"

This has been suggested as a possible question to be put to applicants for motor vehicle driver's license, according to the Bureau of Public Roads of the Department of Agriculture.

Reaction time is the interval of time that elapses between the instant a sign or signal is seen and the necessary action started. A driver starts to pass another vehicle when suddenly a third vehicle appears which may block his path. The driver must decide whether to pass the vehicle or drop back. If his reaction time is slow he may not realize the danger until too late to avert an accident.

Every astronomer who observes when a star crosses a hair line in his telescope and presses a key so that the time may be electrically recorded knows that he does not observe the fact and press the key at the same time. A correction has to be made which has been carefully determined and is called his personal equation. It varies with different people.

Timers of a foot race with split-second watches will frequently get different results for the time of the

CHRISTMAS SEALS ON ALL PARCELS DESIRED

Sale of Seals Is An Important Source Of Revenue In Fight Against Tuberculosis

Since the sale of Christmas seals is an important source of revenue for the fight against tuberculosis citizens should buy them as generously as possible. Many women are sacrificing their time at this busy season to sell them and their efforts deserve a cordial response. There was a time when no disease took so high a toll of human life in this part of the world as the "white plague." That it was preventable was generally understood. Cases were allowed to develop until they became hopeless. Thousands were sent away to other climates in the dubious hope of recovery.

Now everyone knows that a proper regard for the laws of health is the best guarantee against "consumption," as it used to be called. The seeds of the disease may be planted in childhood, especially in crowded neighborhoods where people are huddled together in close proximity and fresh air is a luxury. Nor are country places free from the menace for in these there is often ignorance of the laws of sanitation. It is the aim of the district nurse and relief committee and the county workers who have charge of the sale of the tubercular stamps, to safeguard the children. This is plainly the most effective way of stamping out the disease.

It's the fight against tuberculosis that is being waged by the sale of these stamps. Do not forget, therefore, to lay in a supply of these Christmas seals and use on every letter and parcel through the holiday season.

BRIDE WORE CORSET OF LILIES AND ORCHARDS

(Monroe Enquirer.)

Mr. L. F. Hart is The Enquirer's linotype operator. Like chuckles every time he remembers putting in type a communication some weeks ago, reading: "The bride was handsome in her going-away gown, wearing a corset of lilies of the valley and orchards."

The reaction time of some people is very slow and undoubtedly is the cause of many accidents. Does the public safety require that such people be denied driver's licenses? The Bureau of Public Roads is not yet ready to advocate such a policy, but considers that it should be investigated as a possible safety measure.

SAMPSON FAIR PROSPEROUS

It is particularly gratifying to be informed that the Sampson County Fair Association, despite the stringency of the last three years, has had an unusual degree of prosperity. While some of the fairs, as we have understood, have scarcely made ends meet, the Sampson Fair has made handsome profits each year. Mr. T. B. Smith, the efficient business manager, informs us that he has paid off every cent of expense attending the last fair and has a balance of \$2,800. In the last four years the profits have totaled 105 per cent of the original capital. This speaks exceedingly well for the management and also for our people's appreciation of the fair. There is scarcely a question that this is the leading county fair in the State.—Sampson Democrat.

BROKEN MEN

Upon the benches in the park I see the rows of broken men. Life in them burns a feebly spark. When will their ships come in?—ah, when!

The Pharisees in raiment gay Sweep by these braided souls, I ween; 'Tis little heed they seem to pay Their brothers in the Nazarene.—H. R. Evans.

Mayor J. L. Wade has been confined to his room for the past few days on account of illness.