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It might be stated that the blessings brought by the year soon to pass into history came at a most opportune time. The farmers and business men generally had been carrying a 'burdensome load since the "crash" of 1920 and the good crops and high prices together served to lighten the burden. To use the expression of one farmer, it has put many people back on their feet.

DUKE NEWS
(By WADE H. LUCAS)
Duke, Dec. 26.—With a varied program, consisting of recitations and the singing of Christmas carols, the Community Christmas tree exercises came off as was planned last Monday afternoon in the Erwin park.

school, is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Jackson. W. J. Underwood, the new pastor of Newton Grove, preached at Wesley Chapel Sunday and made a favorable impression upon those who heard him.

Mr. A. C. Jackson of Buies Creek is spending the holidays at home. Miss Pearl Jackson, student at Carolina college, Maxton, is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jackson, Jr., at Cooper.

With the death of Major W. A. Graham, State Commissioner of Agriculture, a life of service to the State ended. Major Graham played an important part in the progress made in North Carolina during the past half century. He loved the agricultural class and was ever on the alert in their interest.

In announcing his support of President Coolidge, Henry Ford settled the annoying question, "Is he a Democrat or a Republican?" He at least talks like a Republican.

The Hamlet jeweler who eloped with a minister's wife can now be classed as the man who robbed a preacher.

The bloodhound has again demonstrated his ability as a man trailer. In Davidson county dogs brought into use run down a negro who had attacked a merchant and his wife in an attempt at robbery.

New Year resolutions are now in order. Make them so strong that they will not break.

A glance at the Roxboro Courier and the State dailies reminds us that an election year is drawing near. We are already convinced that E. J. W. Bailey doesn't want to be governor of North Carolina, he also wishes to relieve A. W. McLean of the burden.

Barring a very few days, December has been as pleasant as May.

AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS
Not in years, if ever, has a Christmas been observed in a more safe and sane manner in and around Dunn than that of the year 1923. While the spirit of the season was very much in evidence and Santa Claus was at his best, the day seemed more like a Sunday than like the usual Christmas. There was very little evidence of intoxicating beverages hereabouts and yet a good time was had by all.

AN UNUSUAL YEAR
Before the next issue of The Dispatch is printed the year 1923 will be past history and a new year will have been ushered in. The year which is now nearing its end has been unusually good to the people of North Carolina, and especially to the agricultural class.

BEAUTIFUL STORY
IS PORTRAYED IN
THE PERFECT GIFT
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The beautiful pageant entitled, "Why the Chimes Rang, or the Perfect Gift."

The cast was made up of thirty-five of the young people of this church, assisted by the regular choir and also by the Dunn orchestra.

The plot of the story, a beautiful and touching one, was well worked out by the various characters. In an ancient old-world church, there had long been a legend that whenever a perfect gift was offered to the Christ-child, the chimes would ring of themselves. A poor wood-cutter, who lived near the beautiful church, was anxious to attend the Christmas services where gifts, many and costly would be offered to Jesus, but at the last moment, an old woman, bowed with age and hunger and cold, came to the hut seeking shelter.

Meanwhile they see in vision the brilliant service in the church where amid the flashing of many candles, and the gorgeous decoration for the season, many gifts are offered on the rich and splendid altar for the Christ-child.

Then the poor wood-chopper at last makes his offering which consists only of his services to the poor and lowly. Instantly the chimes ring out in a burst of melody their silver notes declaring to the listening world that the Perfect Gift is the offering of service and self. Turning in astonishment to the old dame, the wood-cutter now sees her haggard face and bent form turned into the dazzling and resplendent beauty of an Angel of Light; whose parting benediction is the blessed words quoted from the Master's own lips: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

The entire pageant was a most beautiful and thrilling spectacle. Each part was well rendered, and ought to be mentioned separately, and though space forbids this, we must add that the impersonation of the character of little "Steen" was sweet and dear.

Special credit for the success of the evening is due to Miss Janie Spook, and to Miss Belle Naylor and to Messrs and Mesdames DeWine and Guy.

FOX DRAWS LIFE
TERM IN PRISON
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Fox trembled and his head drooped heavily on his chest. Judge Howard directed the defendant to sit down. Two bailiffs stood the trembling man as he sank into his chair. The court then cautioned all spectators to remain seated.

Nothing has occurred here this week to mar the Christmas season; neither has there been any disturbance noticeable. Everyone seems to have enjoyed the day in a most fitting way, that is observing it in the right manner. The spirit of Christmas was carried out in the giving and receiving of gifts of various kinds. All the stores observed the day by closing for the greater portion of the day, giving the clerks a rest from the unusually heavy pre-holiday trade which the stores experienced.

The local Bank of Harnett gave away more than two billions of German marks to its friends as Christmas gifts. Each customer of the institution was presented with a hundred thousand mark note—now worth about one cent in exchange, but which was near \$30,000 in 1914. In presenting this memento of the past, Mr. Hicks said: "I wish it were more, but perhaps it will go up in value some day and be worth something, although I doubt it." However, the mark is a souvenir and the owners of the thousands of them here intend to keep them as such.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Miller and daughter, Jean, are spending the holidays with relatives in North Wilkesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Boat and children, are visiting relatives in Salisbury and other points during the holidays.

Miss Gertrude Morgan, who is attending school in Chester, Pa., is spending the holidays here with her father, J. M. Morgan.

Miss Whitney Holt, student at St. Mary's school, Raleigh, is spending the holidays here with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Holt.

Miss Sarah Barbour of Greensboro, is visiting relatives and friends here during the holidays.

W. F. Holt, Jr., student at the university is spending the holidays here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Holt.

Miss Mary McKay, student at Flora Macdonald college, Red Springs, is spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. McKay.

Mrs. G. C. White and daughter, of Texas, are spending the holidays here with her sister, Mrs. O. R. Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Campbell and daughter, Kathryn, of Chester, Pa., are visiting Mr. J. M. Morgan and family during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Brannock and children are visiting relatives near Burlington during the holidays.

Miss Louise Geddie, student at Carolina college, Maxton, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Geddie.

John D. Cates, student of Oak Ridge Institute, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cates.

C. S. Hicks and Charles Dahlgren, of the Bank of Harnett spent Christmas with relatives in Wilmington.

Dunn Route One
Christmas 1923 is now past history, but it was one that will long be remembered here. The people had made extensive preparation for it and nothing happened to mar their expectation. For several days and nights during the past week the young people vied with each other to see who could have the best time.

Misses Lucy Naylor, Alma Bein and Gladys and Josephine Strickland, students at Meredith college, are spending the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cooper of Spanglersville visited friends here Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Warren of Robin Hill called to see several of their friends here Christmas.

Miss Lella M. Jackson of Pineland returned to her home in Pineland on Monday. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. J. M. Jackson, and her sister, Miss Lella M. Jackson.

BARBOUR-MORRIS
Miss Elizabeth Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morris, who live near Duke, and F. A. Barbour of Clairton, Pa., were married Wednesday evening in Fayetteville.

The three essentials in beautifying the home are clean up the grounds, plant trees, shrubbery and flowers and maintain the plantings from year to year, say horticultural workers of the State College and Department of Agriculture.

NOTICE OF SALE
By virtue of the terms of a certain deed of trust executed by J. C. Faircloth, and wife, Lovie P. Faircloth, which deed of trust is registered in Book 118, Page 213, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Harnett County, default having been made in the payment of the note secured by said deed of trust, the undersigned Trustee named in said deed of trust having been requested by the holder of said note to exercise the power of sale granted therein, will on the 28th day of January, 1924, at 12 o'clock M. offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse door, Lillington, North Carolina, for cash, the following lands in Harnett County, North Carolina:

Beginning at a stake in Hilary Stewart's line and runs S. 27 W. 16.25 chains to a stake in Frank Stewart's line; thence S. 65 East with said line 6 chains to a stake; thence N. 21 E. 48.76 chains to a stake; Hilary Stewart's corner; thence West with Stewart's line 4.50 chains to the beginning, containing 8 acres, more or less.

The successful bidder will be required to deposit with the trustee 10 per cent of his bid before the sale is closed as a pledge of his good faith in his bid. Balance of purchase money to be paid upon delivery of deed. This the 21st day of December, 1923.

J. W. FITZGERALD, Trustee.
Clifford and Townsend, Attorneys.
Dec. 28 Jan 4 11 25.

WANT ADS
LOST—WIRE WHEEL FROM Nash car. Reward for its return to J. C. Clifford, Dunn, N. C. 1t pd.

HOTEL IN ANGLIER AT AUCTION
The excellent hotel in Anglier will be offered at Auction January 2, 1924 at 12 o'clock M. This is a fine property and should appeal to any one wanting good house with comfortable rooms close in the business part of the town. Material in building is No. 1 heart, well framed and a fine place. Terms very easy. Don't forget the date and come ready to do business. I will be ready to make deed that day. J. G. Layton, Owner, Dunn, N. C. Dec 21 28 pd.

LOST—BETWEEN SWANS Church and Will H. Cotton's residence, a black poke hat, with braid around the rim and sword to right side. Finder please return to W. H. Cotton. 1t pd.

HAY! HAY! HAY! OF EVERY quality in car loads, shipped to any point in United States. Write L. R. Lavoie, North Standbridge, Canada. 18 4t pd.

FARMERS—ASK YOUR COUNTY Agent about fish meal for feeding poultry and pigs, then write us for samples, feeding instructions and prices. Taylors Creek Fish Meal Sales Co. Drawer E, Beaufort, N. C. 18 4t.

JOY WANTED.—YOUNG MAN willing to work desires work at once. Will try anything. Lawrence Jernigan, Dunn, N. C. 1t pd.

CHOICE FARMS FOR SALE OR rent.—From 1 to 5-horse crops. Good land as you can find. Easy terms and prices low. Well located near churches and school. Daily mail. Make a date before you come. Joel Layton Dunn, N. C. 21 3t pd.

LOST—A PAIR OF BLACK HORSE mules weighing about 800 pounds. Strayed Saturday night. Notify G. T. Hodges and get reward. 1t pd.

MONEY TO LOAN—FARM LOAN. \$1,000 to \$50,000. 33 years time with privilege to pay sooner. McLeod and McLeod, Attorneys Dunn, N. C.

FOR SALE—SECOND HAND Cars. See W. I. Bam, 600 East Main street, for prices. 28 2t pd.

FOR SALE—ONE VACANT LOT 70x150 feet on West Cumberland Street, adjoining 3 new bungalows. Good terms. If interested call or write to Jesse M. Wilson, Hamlet, N. C. 7 8t.

LOST—SEVERAL NOTES MADE to R. E. West and other valuable papers in postoffice or on streets of Dunn. Finder please return to R. E. West, Newton Grove, N. C. 1t pd.

CALL PHONE 474 AND WE'LL DO the going. Let us look over your work and tell you how cheap you can have it done. Anything in Cabinet work. Mantels, tables, fancy furniture. Figure with us on your truck bodies. John W. Hodges & Co., Dunn, N. C.

A Good Resolution
Quite a number of people have decided that we can do their baking for them, and in a way to please. These people have been relieved of one of the most tiresome household tasks. Why not make a New Year's resolution that will be a pleasure to keep? Resolve that in the future you will let your baker do your baking. We are sure that you will not regret the resolution.

ANNOUNCEMENT!
We wish to announce to the public that we have purchased the—
Broad Street Filling Station
And will appreciate your patronage. Let us fill your gasoline and oil needs. Tires, tubes, batteries and other accessories carried in stock. Rebuilding and recharging batteries a specialty.

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FOR SALE.—THE ENTIRE LOT OF furniture and banking fixtures of State Bank and Trust Co. will be sold at auction at 10 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, January 2, at the bank building in Dunn, H. I. Godwin, Receiver, Dunn, N. C. 28 2t.

FOR SALE.—TWO DUBOC-JERRY sows and pigs. Cholera immune. Also a few bushels of soy beans at \$2.00 per bushel. See or write to H. B. Rysie, Duke, No. 2. 14 6t pd.

CHRISTMAS IS ON AND I HAVE the finest presents you can buy—a nice farm. It will beat a Ford car, graphophone, or anything else. Prices low and terms to suit you. Joel Layton, Dunn, N. C. 21 3t pd.

MONEY TO LOAN.—ANY Amount on long time. If interested see us at once. West and West, Attorneys. Dunn, N. C.

WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR
With the dawning of the New Year, we wish to pause a moment to thank the people of this town and the surrounding territory for the business with which they have favored us, and we sincerely hope that the service we have rendered and the merchandise which we have sold you have proved us worthy of your continued patronage.

If in any way we have not fulfilled your expectations, we ask you to tell us so that amends may be made and we can all start the New Year with a clean slate.

With our best wishes to you, your friends and your family, we are, sincerely,

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