

NEWS OF RONDA

The following students from various colleges arrived this week to spend the holidays here with their parents: Misses Hilda Gae Renegar and Raina Blackwood, W. C. U. N. C. (Greensboro); and Messrs. Kemp Reece, Herbert Mayberry and Tommy Reece, Mars Hill.

Miss Carlie Taylor, who is a nurse at Duke hospital, Durham, spent Sunday here with Mrs. Mac Lovelace.

Miss Magdalene Martin is listed among the sick this week.

Mr. Stanford Brown, of Boone, spent the week-end here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tai Davis and daughter, Abbie, spent Thursday in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. David Brown left Sunday to spend the holidays in Greenville, S. C., with friends and relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Con-

nell will leave Wednesday to spend the holidays in Karmapolis with relatives.

Christmas Cantata Is Presented Sunday Evening

A Christmas cantata, "The Child Jesus," written and arranged by Mattie B. Shannon, with music composed by Norman Light-hill, was presented Sunday night at 7:30 by a choir of mixed voices of the Baptist church.

Mr. Tommy Reece, student at Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, was in charge of the devotional.

The cantata consisted of the following numbers: "Sing Aloud Unto God," Chorus; "Nations Yearning for a Savior," quartet consisting of Miss Emma Eiler, Mesdames Dewey Heaton, Bill Freeman and Tai Davis; "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord," Chorus; "He Shall Feed His Flock," bass solo by Mr. Arthur Martin.

Symbols of American Defense



North Carolina is playing its part in National defense—tractors and terracing machines for agricultural defense and Army trucks for military defense. For the past six years the State College Extension Service has organized and directed Soil Conservation Associations which operate heavy equipment to terrace land and control equipment. Farmers who terrace their land earn soil-building payments through the AAA program. Thus, while the soldiers operating the tanks are practicing maneuvers which strengthen the Nation's armed defense, Tar Heel farmers are carrying on soil defense work by terracing more than 70,000 acres of land every year.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem," Chorus; "Angel Songs," Ar. Ringling, soprano solo by Virginia Laneberry; "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God," Chorus; "Under the Starlight," Trio by Mesdames M. A. Holcomb, Robert Apperson and Miss Evelyn Arnold; "The Star in the East," by Messrs. Arthur Martin, Fred Linberry and Rev. Raymond Cornel and Chorus; "O Mary, Thy Cradle," by Leon Martin and Chorus; "God So Loved the World," by Chorus; and the final chorus, "Unto God Be Glory."

Mrs. Will Holcomb Entertains Sunday School Class

Mrs. Will Holcomb delightfully entertained members of her Sunday school class Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 at her home. Holly, red berries and red candles were used, suggestive of the Christmas season.

Christmas songs were sung by the children and games were played. The hostess served nuts, cakes, and ice cream to the following: Betty Jean Robinson, Dorothy Jean Wegener, Anna Mae Beulin, Evelyn Stanley, Jerry Haynes and Claudene Vestal.

It is said that one can make a friend of an enemy by persuading the enemy to do one a favor. Isn't that like putting salt on a bird's tail to catch it?

er people. Most, those without security who are stalked by the fear of insecurity. This group is active in fostering taxation of the young for the insecurity of the old, without a true conception of what this will mean if improperly handled.

The legislation can be unsound. The money demands too great.

Second, that group with property and cash in the bank. It banks in the glory of its achievements. It knows little about the joys of association with and aid to youth, and is too self-satisfied to find out.

Third, there is that grand

group we all love so much. Though its hair has turned to silver, its heart is young. Most of its members are found on farms and small villages in office. It is that grand group of mothers, fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers who have stayed young with their children, reliving their lives with the youngsters.

The hope of America is in this latter group. Young people must be given a chance. Nothing must be done by this nation to add to the burdens of youth. They need constructive help and understanding. Given a chance, they can make this a better nation for the young and old alike. One

people who understand youth must work to blend the old with the young, both will be happier. The old will become younger, and the young will grow old more gracefully.

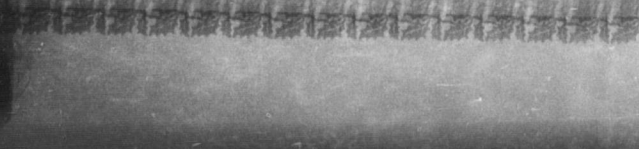
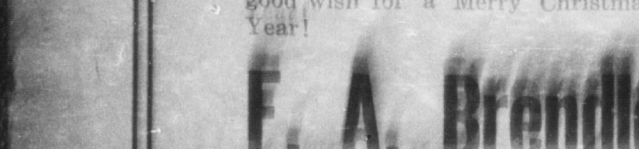
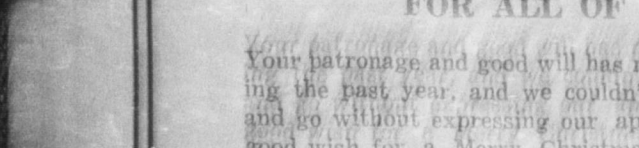
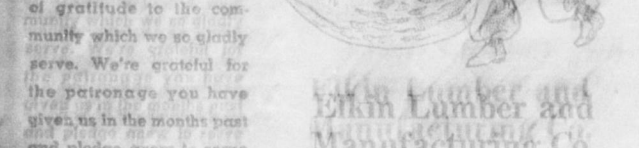
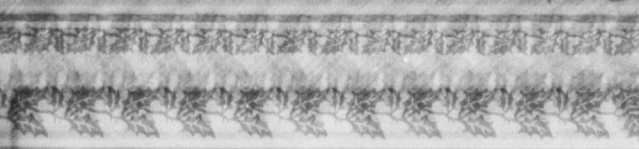
The Italians expressed indignation because the Greeks did not provide good roads for the invasion. A hint to us to get our highways in good shape for the Axis forces when they arrive.

Just read a long newspaper story of a John Smith being lost. How could just one John Smith be missed?

Christmas
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RURAL TRENDS

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AGE CREEPS UPON US

The conduct and attitude of middle-aged and elderly people will make or destroy the youth of this nation. Many older people would be startled if told that the present plight of American youth is due largely to the indifference and selfish fears of an aging population.

The United States, because of a declining birth rate which has been a trend of several years, is becoming a nation of old people.

Many urban territories are not producing enough children to replace a declining population resulting from death. The average life span has been prolonged by advances in medical science. On the other hand, young people have found life a continuous interruption for the past twenty-five years. In 17 young men went overseas instead of being heads of families. Depression and uncertainties have dogged the heels of youth. Marriages have reached a new low. Two generations have been unable to have the children they desired. Unless we wake up, there will be many more generations in the same difficulty—victims of uncertainties.

The average age of our population is ten years higher than a few generations back. By 1950 more than 50 per cent. of the population will be more than 25 years of age. Approximately 8 per cent. of these will be 65 or over.

Much has been written about the length of our last depression. Few people realize why it has been so long. The answer is the static condition of our population, plus economic and political factors that go with a decreasing birth rate. As the productive ages decrease, the total volume of production decreases. The nation's economic machinery gets hardening of the arteries and loses its elasticity. When the average age of the people of a nation is young, overproduction is rare, and only temporary, for it is quickly absorbed. When a nation has an aging population, the tempo of business decreases, building of homes and other construction decreases. Markets become hoarse markets; prices decline toward costs of production. The chance for profit becomes less. Opportunities for economic advancement become fewer.

The most dangerous fact concerning an aging population is that it has a period of illusory well-being. It becomes a culture conscious and pursues socialization of every sort as an effort to entrench its pursuit of security.

There are three groups of old-



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Merry Christmas
AND A
Happy New Year!

All of us here at The Bank of Elkin extend warm Christmas greetings to everyone everywhere. Your friendship and patronage during the past year have been deeply appreciated. May Christmas be merry for you and the New Year both prosperous and happy.

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