

## Santa Claus Is Visiting In Selma This Week

Santa Claus Was All Dolled Up This Morning For the Big Opening At the Lee Store and Before We Knew It He Popped In At the Door of The Johnstorian Sun Office In Full Attire.

The crowds hovering about the entrance to the Lee Store Thursday morning were greeted by old man Santa Claus all dolled up in full Christmas attire. The old gentleman did not seem to fully understand what it was all about but he was not lacking in hospitality to those he met greeting each one with a cherry smile and polite salutation. He marched about the streets of the town as though making a survey of the different business houses to see where he would be able to secure his load of Christmas gifts before starting on his rounds on Christmas night. He suddenly popped into the office of The Johnstorian-Sun, carrying a broad smile and saluting each one very politely. He seemed to be able to see and hear all right, but when questions about anything he would nod his head, but made no reply, which would indicate that he is not making many promises this far in advance. Mr. Proctor, owner of the Lee Store, is understood to have old Santa's promise that he will visit Selma again on Saturday of this week.

The visit of Santa Claus seems to have caused The Branch Banking & Trust company to catch the Christmas spirit, for since his visit here this morning the bank decided to run a Christmas Savings announcement in this paper. Smith & Cameron then come along with an ad for this week in which they are inviting you to see them when in need of merchandise. A news item from Smithfield tells of Santa Claus' visit to that town, which may account for the nice ad Hudson & Belk sent us calling your attention to some real values for the Christmas season.

Old Santa's surprise visit to Selma this morning will no doubt put many more of our merchants to thinking about the fact that Christmas is drawing very near and that they should begin to let the people know where Santa Claus can get anything he wants to put into his Christmas shopping bag.

## Season Has Arrived For Work In Woods

Now that the season has arrived for work in the woodlands of North Carolina it should be the thought of every landowner to improve his growing stand rather than to cut and destroy ruthlessly, believes R. W. Graeber, extension forester at State College.

When cutting the firewood, select those trees which will not make lumber, he says, especially if such trees are interfering with the growth of well-shaped white, red, post and black oaks, yellow poplar, ash gum or pine. The thick stands of pines may need thinning. From here one can harvest his firewood, pulpwood or a few saw logs. "I think we could well summarize the kind of trees to cut," says Mr. Graeber. "Cut the crooked trees; the short, bushy-crowned ones; the unsound, diseased or rotten trees, the poor timber trees and some additional trees where the stand is too thick. On the other hand save the straight trees; those which are tall and thrifty; the sound trees; the good timber trees and always save enough to have a good timber stand."

Mr. Graeber says the 279,708 farms in North Carolina average 64.5 acres each, of which 29.7 acres or 46 percent is in woodland. If this woodland is protected from fire and handled in the commonsense way suggested, it will produce an average of one cord an acre annually. This means that the average farmer of North Carolina may have an annual crop of 30 cords of wood. This is enough to supply him with fuel, to make repairs on his farm buildings and allow him 10 or 12 cords a year for sale.

If careful thinning and selective cutting is followed, the crop may be increased by 50 percent additional, Mr. Graeber says.

## Kiwanis Club Re- elects Mr. Richardson

C. Linwood Richardson, well known hardware merchant and a member of the local Kiwanis Club since its organization ten years ago, Thursday night was re-elected president for the ensuing year. Elected along with Mr. Richardson were the following: C. W. Scales, vice-president; C. A. Jacobs, L. T. Singleton, John Jeffreys, C. P. Harper, W. H. Adams, O. A. Tuttle and W. J. Crain, directors.

The club went on record as opposing the change in any of the text books at the present time on account of the depressed condition of the country.

The secretary of the club was instructed to write letters to Senators Bob Reynolds and J. W. Bailey and Congressman Pou requesting them to use their influence during the short session of congress to bring some relief to the distressed farmers of this section.

Out of 74 clubs in the two Carolinas Selma's club stands 13th in point of attendance.

On next Thursday evening the local club will meet with the Smithfield club at which time Herbert Hennig, of Darlington, S. C., governor of the Carolinas district, and Jim Lynch, international Kiwanis trustee, of Florence, S. C., will be present. On Friday night following the Smithfield meeting all the clubs in the 14th district will meet in the Wilrick hotel at Sanford. Bill Montgomery, the new Kiwanis governor of the Carolinas district, will be the chief speaker.

Rev. D. F. Waddell, pastor of the Presbyterian church, made a short talk on Thanksgiving which was enjoyed by all present.

## Hog Killing Has Started In a Big Way

BY J. B. SLACK

Hog killing has gotten started in a big way in Johnston County again and many farmers are interested in putting up sugar cured meat this winter. Those who handled their meat in this way last winter were well pleased with the results. This method is very little, if any, more trouble than the use of dry salt. It has the advantage of preserving the meat better, giving it a better flavor, and keeping it soft.

For those who do not know the procedure for putting up sugar cured meat, it is given here. The meat should be allowed to cool thoroughly before it is packed down. Meat that is packed down before all of the animal heat has gotten out is sure to give trouble. In cutting out the meat it should be trimmed smoothly so that no stringy or ragged edges are left on the meat. These ragged edges make an ideal place for insects to gain entrance. A neat, smoothly trimmed piece of meat always looks better and sells better.

After the meat has been cut out, mix the following for each 100 pounds of meat (sides, shoulders, and hams): 8 pounds of salt, 3 pounds of brown sugar, 3 pounds salt peter. Rub half of the above mixture on the meat and pack down in a barrel or some other water tight container putting the hams on the bottom, the shoulders next, and the sides on top. Pack as closely as possible. After the meat has been packed down for seven days take up and rub the other half of the mixture on and pack back as before. Any brine that has accumulated should be left in the barrel.

Allow the meat to cure three days per pound per piece counting from the first day the meat is packed down. Example: If the sides, shoulders and hams average twelve pounds each the meat should remain in cure for thirty-six days.

After the curing process is finished take the meat up, wash it and hang it up. If smoked meat is desired this can be done when the meat is ready to hang up.

Electric lights on the farm of S. G. Allen of Yadkin County has increased the egg output of his 1500 pullets this fall. The power plant is operated by a small stream on the Allen farm.

## President Hoover's Message To Congress

His Final Message To Congress Recommends Blanket Sales Tax On Practically Everything Except Food—Proposes 11 Per Cent Slash In Salary of Federal Employees.

Washington, Dec. 6.—A blanket manufacturing sales tax covering virtually everything but food and an additional 11 per cent pay cut for federal employees was recommended to Congress today by President Hoover.

In his final message which did not touch upon the agitated prohibition question the chief executive asserted three separate efforts to "be necessary foundations to any other action"—balancing the budget, complete reorganization of the nation's banking system, and wholehearted cooperation with other nations in the economic field.

As for the present state of the union he said "the acute phases of the crisis have obviously passed," and that the freedom from industrial conflict was greater than hitherto known.

"While we have recently engaged in the aggressive contest of a national election," he added, "it's very tranquility and the acceptance of its result furnish abundant proof of the strength of our institutions."

In addition to the manufacturers sales tax a "uniform but unspecified rate" here are some of his far flung proposals for a securely balanced budget which he termed necessary to "fully restored confidence in the future."

"Widespread reorganization of the federal government with executive orders to be submitted within a few days for regrouping and consolidating more than fifty federal departments and agencies."

A flat 11 per cent slash in federal salaries with a \$1,000 exemption in addition to the present 8 1-3 reduction under the furlough system.

Reduction in appropriations under those for the present fiscal year of \$330,000,000—this to be offset in part by increases in uncontrollable items of \$250,000,000.

Drastic whittling down of expenditures of public works from \$712,262,000 to \$442,769,000.

Elimination of certain unnamed payments to veterans arising from "ill considered legislation."

The President after asserting that measures already adopted had "undoubtedly saved the country from economic disaster" devoted a full section of his message to criticism of the nation's banking system.

He declared wide spread banking reforms "are a national necessity and are requisites for further recovery."

Turning to the field of international relations declared if the United States is to secure recovery and protection for the future "we must cooperate with foreign nations on many measures."

He limited his direct discussion to war debts to the following paragraph:

"The European governments obligated to us in war debts have requested there should be suspension of payments due the United States on Dec. 15 next to be accompanied by an exchange of views on this debt question. Our government has informed them we do not approve of suspension of the debt payments. I have stated that I would recommend to the Congress methods to overcome temporary exchange difficulties in connection with this payment from nations where it may be necessary."

"Upon the finding of solutions to international problems," the President said, "depends the preservation of civilization."

He added solutions could not be found except by honest friendship, by adherence to an agreement upon mutually regard and cooperations among the nations.

Turning to taxation he said that some of the older revenues and those in the billion dollar tax bill generally referred to as "nuisance taxes" have failed to produce the income hoped for. Many of the manufacturers excise taxes on selected industries he said, have proved "unjust and discriminatory."

"The time has come," he said, "when if the government is to have an adequate basis of revenue to assure a balanced budget this system of special manufacturers excise taxes should be extended to cover practically all manufactures at a uniform rate except necessary food and possibly some grades of cloth-

## Repeal Resolution Is Defeated In House

Move by Garner to End Dry Law Loses by Six Votes—168 Democrats, 103 Republicans and One Farmer-Laborite Support Repeal Movement.

Washington, Dec. 5.—A bold and unprecedented attempt by the Democratic leadership to force its party's outright prohibition repeal proposal through the house failed today and dimmed prospects of further action on the issue in that branch during the remainder of the short session.

The action was interpreted on Capitol hill as foreshadowing a special session of the new Congress next spring soon after President-elect Roosevelt is inaugurated so that the Democrats may carry out their pledge for flat repeal.

Despite the defeat of the resolution by the narrow margin of 272 to 144—two-thirds majority being required for adoption—the Democrats planned immediate attack on the problem of modifying the Volstead law. Speaker Garner hopes a beer bill will be ready for action before the Christmas holidays.

Eighty-one "lame duck" members, not returned to the next Congress, and 33 Democrats re-elected in November, voted against the measure. Sixty-nine defeated incumbents voted for it. A shift of six votes from the negative to the affirmative would have sent the resolution to the senate.

Although 168 Democrats, 103 Republicans, and one farmer-labor, voted for the measure; 44 Democrats and 100 Republicans voted against it. Eleven of the Democrats opposing are "lame duck" while 70 are Republicans, a total of 81.

## Mr. E. T. Smith Dies At Home of His Sister

Mr. E. T. Smith passed away Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, after a protracted illness at the home of his sister, Mrs. Mattie Wilcox, near Selma.

Mr. Smith was born and reared in Johnston County, but spent a number of years in Virginia in the employ of the Bell Telephone Co. He returned to his native county several years ago and spent his declining years with relatives. Mr. Smith was 63 years old and had never married.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. L. T. Singleton of the Methodist Church, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and the burial was in the Smithfield cemetery.

E. L. Smith and family, of Rocky Mount; Mrs. Hardison, Mrs. Turnage, Mrs. Mary Smith of Goldsboro; Mrs. W. A. Smith, of Raleigh, and Billy Smith from Campbell College were here to attend the funeral.

## J. B. Slack Says Rat Poison Has Arrived

The poison rat bait to be used in the Rat Campaign Saturday, December 10, has arrived and will be delivered to the various distributing points Wednesday, December 7th, advises J. B. Slack, County Farm Demonstration Agent in an article sent out from Smithfield this week. Mr. Slack says that all who ordered this poison should call for same at the place they specified when the order was given, not later than December 10.

## P. T. A. DECIDES TO JOIN STATE FEDERATION

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Smithfield school decided to join the State Federation after an address by Mrs. W. W. Hare of Selma, heard Tuesday afternoon at the regular monthly meeting. Mrs. Hare presented the advantages of linking up with groups throughout the state with like aims and purposes, and the local organization was quick to recognize the benefits to be derived from federating.

Speaking of the general state of the union Mr. Hoover included taunted figures to show the public health is today at its highest known level with general mortality at 10.6 one thousand and infancy mortality at 55.

He inserted a table to show the general economic movement during the past 11 months. The figures in all cases were below the level of last January but in all except factory employment department store sales and export and import values showed improvement over May.

## Samuel C. Booker Died Today At Home In Selma

### New Members Take Seats In Congress

Three Senators and Six House Members Begin Their Duties As Short Session Opens.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Three senators and six members of the house began their terms of office today with the opening of the short session of Congress.

The new senators included Walter Walker, Colorado Democrat, who flew 2,100 miles here just in time to take the oath and serve two or three days until the credentials arrive for Karl C. Schuyler, his Republican victor in the recent election.

The other senators sworn in were Robert R. Reynolds, Democrat, of North Carolina, who succeeds Cameron Morrison, and E. S. Grammer, a Republican who was appointed to fill out the term of the late Senator Wesley L. Jones, of Washington.

One woman, Mrs. Willa B. Eslick a Tennessee Democrat, was among the new house members. She came from the seventh district.

Other new house members sworn were: B. T. Cattelaw, Democrat, third Georgia; Ambrose J. Kennedy, Democrat, fourth, Maryland; Robert L. Davis, Republican, sixth, Pennsylvania; Joseph W. Biddle, Republican, 18th, Pennsylvania; and Joel W. Flood, Democrat, 10th, Virginia.

## Paul H. Whitley Dies At Wendell

Member of Prominent Family; and Death Comes As Distinct Shock. Selma People Attend Funeral.

Wendell, Dec. 5.—Paul H. Whitley, aged 38, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Whitley, died suddenly at his home here Saturday evening about 10 o'clock.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the home with Rev. E. H. Davis of Louisburg, a former pastor, presiding, assisted by Rev. R. N. Johnson, pastor of the Methodist Church here. Pallbearers were M. C. Todd, Joe Hinton, E. V. Oneal, Mack Creech, S. T. Anderson Jr., and F. M. Pearce. The interment was at Greenmount cemetery here.

Surviving the deceased are his widow, who was before her marriage Miss Lottie Williams, and three children, Marietta, Ray and Eleanor. He also is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Whitley, four sisters, Mrs. J. H. Parish of San Diego, Cal., Mrs. Walter A. Davis of Clayton, Mrs. Douglas Bain of Lexington, and Mrs. W. R. Peele of Wendell, and one brother, Philip R. Whitley of Wendell.

Mr. Whitley was the son of one of the most prominent families in this section, and had been for years connected with his father's various interests in this section. His untimely death came as a decided shock to the whole community.

Several Selma people attended the funeral Sunday afternoon.

## 'SET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER', DR. HAM URGES

Dr. M. F. Ham delivered one of a series of special sermons at the tabernacle on North Eugene street Tuesday night when he spoke on "Set Thy House in Order". At the close of the message the evangelist again extended a brief invitation, in response to which over 50 persons filed down the aisles accepting Christ as Savior.

Dr. Ham spoke Tuesday night on the text, "Set thy house in order for thou shalt die and not live." "There is one exception to this," he declared. "Paul said, 'Behold I tell you a mystery. You shall not all sleep.' That is to the saved if the Lord comes before they die."

"Set your house in order, for there is nothing so certain as death and as uncertain as life. Many of the things you plan in this world never come to pass. If all you have is temporal and material things, they will be left here and when you reach heaven you will have nothing there to show for it. Hence, to set your house in order the first thing to do is to be saved yourself." —Greensboro Daily News.

## Death Comes At Home of His Mother In Selma Following His Return From Johns Hopkins Hospital In Baltimore—Funeral At Oakland Church Friday P. M.

A gloom of sadness was cast over the town this morning when news of the death of Mr. Samuel C. Booker, which occurred at 6 o'clock, was announced. He had been undergoing treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore for several weeks and upon receipt of a message Monday morning from a physician at the hospital to his brother, Dr. E. N. Booker, stating that he was not expected to live but a few hours, Dr. Booker left Raleigh at 2:00 P. M., on one of the Eastern Airways planes arriving in Baltimore at five o'clock. He and his mother, Mrs. E. N. Booker, who had been with him for some time, brought the young man to his home in Selma on Tuesday morning. Although in a serious condition, he was conscious when he reached Selma and until the end came at 6 o'clock this morning was never unconscious. The news of his death was a distinct shock to his many friends throughout the State.

Mr. Booker was born near Clayton 23 years ago, the son of the late Dr. E. N. Booker and Mrs. Booker. He was graduated from the Smithfield high school at the age of 15. He then entered Davidson College where he graduated in the class of '31. He was a member of S. P. E. Fraternity and one of the most popular students at the college.

For the past two years the deceased held a responsible position with the Equitable Life Assurance company, of Baltimore.

Surviving are his mother, three sisters, Mrs. J. H. Poole, of West End, N. C.; Mrs. H. L. Boney, of Virginia Beach, Va.; and Miss Mary Elizabeth Booker, a member of the faculty of the Pine Level school; two brothers, Dr. E. N. Booker and B. Walton Booker, of Selma.

The funeral services will be conducted from Oakland church in Cleveland Town-hip, tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock, by Rev. Chester Alexander, a former pastor of the deceased, of Tarboro; Rev. D. F. Waddell, of Selma, and Rev. James P. Smith, of Smithfield. The interment will take place in the family burying ground.

## Selenium Comes Down to Earth.

Selenium, non-metallic chemical element, which varies greatly in electrical resistance under the effect of light and heat, and which has among many other scientific uses, been employed in transmitting photographs by wire, has come down to earth. It has been found that it can be used most effectively in the making of a liquid spray to kill red spiders. The red spider is said to attack no less than 183 different species of plant life, including house plants, flowers, fruit trees and evergreens. The farmer, home gardener and lover of flowers will no doubt welcome "selenium" to their vocabulary.

## Prune Apple Trees For the Best Fruit

Pruning must be considered an essential part of the orchard management and a big factor in the able apples.

"We know of course, that pruning influences the shape of the apple trees and aid in the development of a well-balanced top which will produce uniform fruit," says H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist at State College. "After the young trees reach maturity, it is necessary to continue light pruning so as to maintain this balanced top and to even the distribution of fruit spurs or the fruiting area. Pruning also increases the size and color of apples on trees that are too thick to permit the free circulation of light and air. The better control of fruit pests may be secured by proper pruning."

Thirty seed pans were used by Moore county farmers in harvesting lespedeza this fall.