

CROSS'S COLUMN

"YOU SAID YOU WANTED A CHRISTMAS STORY," said Helen. "Well, this isn't exactly a story. It's something that happened in Arkansas a long time ago. My father was a young man then, and he said that there weren't a lot of hotels like there are now . . . that almost nobody stayed at a hotel except traveling men, traveling salesmen. He often stayed at a hotel in a town where he did a good deal of business, and said the hotel was a very prosperous one. One Christmas Eve night a young boy and girl came to this hotel and asked for a room. It was snowing outside, it was a night just like you'd read about in a book. The girl was going to have a baby and was very near her time. Well, the man that ran the hotel didn't want to be bothered with a baby being born in his hotel, or even the chance of one, and even though it was a terrible night he put them out. Nobody ever found out where they went or what happened to them . . . but a funny thing about it . . . even though it was the only hotel anywhere around that part of the country, people just stopped staying there. In a few weeks there was nobody there at all, and in just a few months it had to close because there was no business at all. Daddy used to tell us about it. He said he couldn't help wondering about it . . . and once he said he wondered, too, whatever happened to the Inn in Bethlehem, the Inn that had no room . . ."

WORDS WORTH REMEMBERING: . . . "The future is not built up with hostile remembrances, but with acts of confidence, reciprocal respect, and with mutual faith. And the efforts which the United States has made and is making in defense of the democratic ideals of the hemisphere place her on such a lofty plane that it constitutes in itself the best testimony of the unity of thoughts, and the strongest guarantee of the commonness of our destinies . . ." (Comacho, President of Mexico.)

A RECENT CORNELL GRADUATE stopped in front of a child's clothing store and gazed with rapture at the various kinds of garments in the window. He gazed so long and so ardently that the young lady who was with him couldn't restrain her curiosity. "You must be very fond of children," she ventured. "Hell no," said the young man. "I was looking at the Doctor Denton sleeping garments and wishing they were made for guys who are six feet tall, like me." The couple passed on and the subject was dropped. Christmas came, however, and with it came a

package from the young lady to the young man. In the package he found a red flannel sleeping garment, six feet tall, complete with feet, flap-back, and two buttons . . . But the following week the young lady married somebody else.

SHE WEARS GLASSES, and being aware of the "men don't make passes" verse, she decided to do something about it . . . So she took her fingernail polish and painted the frames red to match her fingernails. Says she's going to change it each time she changes the color of her fingernails . . .

NEWS FROM A RECEPTION CENTER: . . . "We have just put an end to several rackets that were discovered here recently. Some of the older soldiers were charging the newest draft a nickel every night, explaining that it was the customary charge for renting a cot for the night. Another racket is to sell each draftee a garrison cap. When the new men are issued uniforms they are given an overseas cap, but they are not given a garrison cap until they are rent from the reception center to their training camp. The garrison caps are free, of course, but these older men were buying them up, and reselling them to the draftees. Still another racket is that of offering the new men membership in a private club, the fee being fifty cents, for protection. In exchange for the fifty cents the man is given a card which he is told to show whenever the situation warrants, and the card guarantees that no non-commissioned officer may swear at or hit the man who belongs to that club! . . . There's no more news from here except that we had a wedding. The bride arrived with her mother and father and offspring in the offing. The groom was in the guardhouse, but arrangements were made to have the wedding in the chapel here with the groom under guard. J., an officer who is a stickler for form, insisted that since the wedding was a shotgun wedding the guards must carry guns . . . So they took off their usual sidearms and carried rifles . . ."

Robbins - Migett

The marriage of Miss Alma Migett of Virginia Beach, Va., to Henry C. Robbins took place on December 13, 1941, at the Methodist Church at Virginia Beach. Mr. Robbins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robbins of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Robbins spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robbins of this city.

Stebbins - Buckles

The wedding of Miss Virginia Elizabeth Buckles, former teacher in the local school, to Charles Rowland Stebbins of Lansing, Michigan, was solemnized on Saturday, December 27, at 10:30 o'clock in the morning at the Coral Gables Congregational Church, Coral Gables, Florida.

The bride and groom entered together, and the Rev. Carl Stackman officiated. Prior to the ceremony "I Love You Truly", and "Oh, Promise Me" were played on the organ, and during the time vows were spoken, "Angel's Serenade" was softly played. The traditional wedding marches were used.

The bride wore a costume suit of como blue wool, with plastrons of grey Persian and pert peplum on the jacket, siena brown python shoes with bag to match, siena brown off-fate velvet turban, intricately draped with chou of feathers, and white gloves. Her flowers were white orchids.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Buckles of Bristol, Virginia, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Stebbins.

After the ceremony the mother of the bride entertained members of the immediate families at a wedding breakfast at Miami Biltmore Hotel.

The couple left afterwards for a wedding trip through the Florida Keys and the Dry Tortugas. After January 15, they will be at home at 109 N. Walnut Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Mrs. Stebbins is a graduate of the School of Music at the University of North Carolina, where she made Phi Beta Kappa. She did graduate choral study under Dr. John Finley Williamson, and at Juillard School of Music, New York City. For two years she was a member of the faculty of Roanoke Rapids High School, and for the past three years she has been director of choral music at Richard J. Reynolds High School,

Winston-Salem. Mr. Stebbins attended Dartmouth College, and is a graduate of the University of Michigan. He is a prominent young business man of Lansing, Michigan.

Tanner - Hudson

Mrs. R. L. Hudson announces the marriage of her daughter, Naomi, to J. T. Tanner of Greenville, S. C., Saturday afternoon at four o'clock at South Mills.

Mrs. Tanner will live here with her mother. Mr. Tanner is enlisted in the navy, and stationed at Rhode Island at present. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Tanner of Greenville, S. C.

ENTERTAINS

A lovely party of the Christmas season was given at the home of Mrs. E. B. Smoot when she entertained members of her bridge club.

Lovely decorations of red and green were used with arrangements of holly and berries; also Christmas tallies were used.

Prizes were presented to Mrs. Sam Bunn for high, Mrs. George Pappendick second high, and Mrs. H. E. Gibson for traveling honor

prize. A salad course with coffee was served by candlelight immediately after the game.

Those present were Mesdames Bill Allgood, H. C. Wirtz, A. O. George, Geo. Pappendick, Sam Bunn, Ivey Mohorne, M. F. White, J. A. Wood, Jimmie Curran, T. N. Adams, H. E. Gibson, and Miss Edna Wafford.

Negro Sailor Of Northampton Reported Lost

George Randolph Smith, Negro of Seaboard, was the first Northampton casualty in the current war, according to official reports.

The Navy Department notified relatives that Smith was killed in action during the recent Japanese attack on Hawaii. He was the son of Turner Smith, grandson of Delia Ann Smith to whom the telegram was addressed. The message read:

"The Navy Department deeply regrets to inform you that your grandson, George Randolph Smith, attendant first class, United States Navy, was lost in action in the service of his country. The Detachment extends to you sincerest sympathy in your loss."

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On January 1st., List Takers will begin taking the list of Property for taxes at its true value in money as of January 1st.

As required by law and by order of Board of Commissioners, list taking will continue through January after which the legal penalty for failure to list will be invoked upon each person who neglects to list his property for taxes.

List your property at once with List Takers in the Township where you reside.

TOWNSHIP	LIST TAKER
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Halifax	W. P. Avent
Littleton	M. L. Cole
Palmyra	L. W. Leggett
Rosemeath	H. C. Bass
Roanoke Rapids	A. E. Akers
Scotland Neck	B. F. Bracy
Weldon	J. T. Maddrey

FARM CENSUS

Each farm owner or his agent is to come prepared to report the acreage of each crop to be harvested on his or his tenants farm this year. Prepare your list now. This farm census is required by State Law. The farm census is of great value to each farmer in Halifax County. Please come prepared to give this information.

C. S. VINSON
TAX SUPERVISOR

MEN NEEDED

The Virginia Electric and Power Company has a limited number of openings for street car and bus operators in Norfolk and Portsmouth. Applicants must be between 23 and 35 years old; preferably married; between 5-ft. 6-in. and 6-ft. 1-in. tall; able to pass physical and mental examinations. High school education or its equivalent preferred. Application must be made in person, between 10 and 11 A. M., at the office of J. T. Chase, Vice-President, Virginia Electric and Power Company, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

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