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IN BETHLEHEM.

'Twas night in ancient Bethlehem, All calm and clear and mild. And tenderly, with voice and touch. A mother soothed her child:

"Sleep, little one, the day is done, Why do you wake so long?" "Oh, Mother, dear, I seem to hear A wondrous angel song!" "Not so, my son, my precious one, 'Tws but the wind you heard, Or drowsy call of dreaming bird, Or osiers by the streamlet stirred Beneath the hillside trees; Some bleating lamb that's gone astray Or traveler singing on his way His weariness to ease. Rest, little son, till night is done. And gloomy darkness flees."

Yet while she spoke, the shepherds In haste the road along, To find the Mother and the Babe, For they had heard the Song.

"Rest, little son, the night's begun, Why do you toss and sigh?" "A brighter star than others are O'er you low roof hangs night." "Not so, my son, my darling one, I see no gleaming star That shines more bright than others

Tie but a lamp that burns afar, Or glow-worm's wandering spark; Some shepherd's watch-fire in the

Or traveler's torch that blazes bright To cheer him through the dark, Sleep, little son, till night is done And upward springs the lark."

Yet while she spoke, three kings had come. Three kings who rode far, To lay their gifts at Jesus' feet, For they had seen the Star.

And so today beside our way The heavenly portents throng. Yet some there be who never see The Star, nor hear the Song. -ANNIE JOHNSON FIELD, in St

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Whitney, of Petersburg, Va., are guests at the home of W. A. Whitney. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Farley went to

Whiteville yesterday to spend Christmas with relatives. Miss Margaret Whitney, of Fort

Whitney during the holiday season.

Scotland Neck, N. C., where she spent some time visiting her son, Percy Hall. Miss Gertrude Johnston, of Raleigh, is the gwest of Miss Henrietta Lewis,

613 Walnut street, during the holidays. guest of Miss Irene Dunn, on New Bern avenue.'

Miss Emma Williamson is spending Christmas in the city with her parents, give you an idea what one company of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Williamson, 602 Market street.

Philadelphia, are spending the holidays with their unele, J. A. Springer, 102 North Fifth avenue.

Postmaster and Mrs. H. McL. Green have as their guest their brother-inlaw, Dr. George H. West, of Newton. whom old friends in the city are glad

to meet again. Friends of Mrs. J. B. Cramner, who underwent an operation at James Wal- Well, we were lucky in getting our ker Memorial hospital Monday, will be guns, in place as the weather was

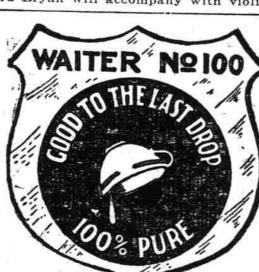
glad to learn that her condition last night was reported as being "fine." the city from Stuart Hall, Scranton, count of aeroplanes flying around at Va., where she has been attending

with her parents, Mayor and Mrs. P. Q. dren of Sumter, S. C., are here to spend | would certainly be in bad shape and the holidays at the home of Mr. Banks'

PROMINENT COUPLE TO WED

AT SCOTTS HILL TODAY. A wedding of unusual interest to the friends of the contracting parties throughout this section of the state will take place this afternoon when Miss Edith Sidbury, of Scotts Hill becomes the bride of Rev. J. S. Crowley, of this city. The ceremony will be performed in the Methodist church at Scotts Hill at 5 o'clock by Rev. Dr. John M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, using the ring ceremony. The church has been artistically decorated for the oc-

Attending as maid of honor will be Miss Margaret Sidbury, sister of the bride-elect, and William C. Cumming is to be best man. Miss Josey Foy will preside at the piano and J. Shepard Bryan will accompany with violin.



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NEWS OF THE SOLDIERS.

Sergt. Charles R. Rogers, who left Wilmington with Captain Gillette's boys on November 24, which was 'Dad's day" in the army, wrote his father, Charles Rogers, Castle Hayne road, a long and interesting epistle in which he expresses his pleasure over the ending of hostilities. He was then at the first corps school, Gondrecourt, France. He says it seems like a score of years, instead of less than one, that he has been away from home. He tells of his trip over, saying he got mighty seasick. Going through England to France they finally got into Belgium where wooden shoes, and the dogs hitched to carts caught his eye, as well as the wind mills standing everywhere. Hun air attacks were frequent around Ypres and the first big gun shell that ne heard coming over scared him 'some," which he freely admits; anybody would be scared, he adds. He was sent to a gas school for a week and then returned to the Ypres front. Later his command was sent to France, to the Arras and St. Quentin front. In Belgium he had been with the English and the "Kilties" whom he says were good ones, and in France with the Australians. He was at the "busting" of the Hindenburg line and just before the war ended was made assistant instructor in gas at Gondrecourt, where he was when he wrote. He sends a photo of his "bunch" and a tempting menu of a banquet they had.

First Sergeant C. D. Jones, or 'Davy" Jones, as he is more familiarly known to his friends in Wilmington and among members of the old Wilmington Light Infantry, has written his father, Sol. J. Jones, 2017 Woolcott avenue, a most interesting 'Christmas letter for Dad," in which he says that he is all well and getting

on nicely. "I just received a nice letter from you last night, and certainly did appreciate it," says Sergeant Jones to his father. "You said that you had written me twice; well, I have received one letter from you before the one last night and I answered it so I guess you have received it by this time. "Well, the war is all over now and

I am living in hopes of going back to the good old U. S. A. before very long now. We arrived in Le-Harve. Caswell, is the guest of Miss Maie France, on 22nd of last June, stayed there two days and moved to Fort De-La-Bonnelle, near Longras, where we Mr. and Mrs. F. R. McDonald, of went into training until the first of Charlotte, are spending Christmas with August when we moved to St. Giomes, Mrs. J. L. Foster, 414 Chestnut street. Which is only a short distance from Bonnelle. We stayed there until Aug-Mrs. M. A. Hall has returned from ust 25th and from there we went to Vitry, France, where we built a trench artillery school and awaited orders to go to the front. Well, orders came on October 13th and we boarded the train on the night of October 14th, loading all of our equipment in the dark which consisted of 85 mules, 20 Raleigh News and Observer: "Miss horses, 18 wagons, one water cart, one Marion Dunn, of Wilmington, is the rolling kitchen, six big guns and 18 combat carts and a great deal of other equipment besides our personal equip-

"I am giving you these figures to artillery is up against when they move. All of this done in the dark as no lights were allowed to be shown Mr. and Mrs. Benj. F. Baird, of on account of aerial raids. Well, we started on our journey for the front fore we reached Seoul, France, when all of this had to be unloaded and we started on our journey for the front which consumed about two days' hiking before we reached our position where we stayed for one day and then moved to another position where we established our two eschelon and on the 18th of October we proceeded to move our guns into place for firing. cloudy and we did most of our work in the daytime. No teams were allowed to go up to gun positions in the Miss May Latta Moore has arrived in daytime unless it was cloudy on acall times, so, therefore, most all haulschool, and will spend the holidays ing was done at night and no lights were allowed and believe me it was a h-l of a job at times as this country is very hilly and it has rained quite Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Banks and chil- a bit since October 1st and the roads our teams would get stuck in the mud father, W. W. Banks. Mr. Banks is and, of course, we would just have to now with the United States bureau of push them out, and the German artil-markets with headquarters at Sumter. lery would shell the roads quite a bit. It made it hard to navigate with mules in the dark.

"Well, we did not do very much firing. The only time we fired at all was at night, but we were preparing to pour it to them as we had just hauled up great quantities of ammunition two days before the armistice

"Well, I was in the battery office when the major called on the 'phone, asking for the captain or one of the lieutenants. I could not locate one of them at the time, so he gave me the order to cease firing at 11 a. m. and have the men stand by in case of emergency. So it was the 11th month on the morning of the 11th day at 11 o'clock that we fired our last shot. Our men stayed up to the gun positions for about a week; then we were moved back to a place named Mauney, France, which was a French town before the war but which is nothing but ruins now. We stayed there until last week when we moved where we are at now, though there is nothing left here but a few buildings and am staying in a dug-out. The French civilians are returning one or two every day and are starting to

build up again. "This is a railroad centre and I am expecting to get orders to move from here every day now as it is easy to get to trains. Our battalion was not put in the army of occupation, so we will not go on to Germany and I am living in high hopes of their sending us back to the states, because it is all over now and I am ready to go

"I feel that I have done my duty and wouldn't take anything for the experience that I have had and I surely

Died of Injuries. The remains of William Crosby, who died at James Walker Memorial hospital Monday afternoon, were sent to the residence of his family in Hallsboro yetserday morning. Mr. Crosby was brought to the hospital Monday morning after having been caught in the machinery of a saw mill in Hallsboro yesterday morning. Mr. Crosby his head and chest. He underwent an operation at the hospital, but without successful result, succumbing to his injuries Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Funeral service was held and interment made at Hallsboro yesterday af-

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night that the registry and moneyorder windows at the post office will o'clock. Mail may be secured at the general delivery window from 11 to 12 be kept in service all day so that patrons may receive their Christmas packages today.

Capt. Bolles Opens Office Soon. Capt. Charles P. Bolles, M. D., a well known Wilmington physician and some days visiting relatives and friends, leaves tomorrow for Camp Chicamauga Park, having received orders to report there for discharge. After getting his discharge from ser-Captain Bolles will go to New York to take a month's additional special work after which he will return to Wilmington, opening his office here February 1.

Entertainment at Delgado. The Christmas entertainment held at Delgado Baptist church last night under the supervision of Mrs. W. O. Fickling, superintendent of the primary department was reported a complete success. A large crowd of children with many of their elders attended the exercises, and Santa Claus distributed fruit and gifts to the smaller tots. The entertainment consisted of recitations and songs by members of the Sunday School and a play entitled "The Real Santa Claus," which was thoroughly enjoyed by the large aud-

Alleged Gamblers Arrested.

Eight negro men were arrested last night charged with gambling when police officers raided a house near the nett, Dave O'Hera, George Herring, round-up was made by Sergt. E. J. Grimsley, A. C. Carter, M. C. Gray and A. D. Newton. D. Brown, colored, charged with carrying concealed weapons and discharging a pistol on the public thoroughfare, and William Bryan and Fannie Williams, charged with affray, were arrested by Officer C. W.

LIBERTY SAVINGS BANK OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Board of Directors Was Also Named

Yesterday Morning. Shareholders of the Liberty Savings bank, recently chartered, met in the banking house at 106 South Front street yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock and elected a board of directors, who, later met and elected the following officers: Thomas E. Cooper,

president; Charles E. Hooper, vice-president; U. A. Underwood, vice-president; Joseph C. Ruark, cashier. The stockholders meeting was presided over by Charles E. Hooper and Joseph C. Ruark acted as secretary, while Louis J. Poisson, acting as teller, announced that a majority of the stockholders were present and the election of the following directors

was gone into: Ralph E. Starrett, vice-president and general manager of the Carolina Shipbuilding corporation; U. A. Underwood, Rhodes and Underwood construction company; J. W. Brooks, wholesale grocer; Charles E. Hooper, manager of Wilmington hotel; Joseph C. Ruark, L. W. Davis, of L. W. Davis and company; Thomas E. Cooper, president of the American Bank and Trust company. Carr, Poisson and Dickson were designated as attorneys for the

The bank will open for business tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. The banking house it situated at 106 South Front street, and while rather small is very conveniently arranged and is equipped with the very best banking fixtures, including a burglar and fire proof safe which has been installed in the vault. The new institution will do only a savings bank business and indications point to a sarge patronage.

new company.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

-C. M. Hazelhurst, senior at the university, is spending the holidays here. Mr. Hazelhurst is manager of Yackety Yack, the college annual, this year. -Robert W. Strange, of Petersburg Va., and Lieut. Thomas W. Strange, have arrived in the city ot spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Flor-

ence R. Strange. -Maj. Joseph A. Wilkinson, a former resident of this city and a well known promoter of amateur baseball, is spending the holidays here, greeting old friends.

-Roger Schulken, manager of the Texas Oil company at Roanoke, Va., and formerly in the same capacity in the local office, has arrived in the city to spend Christmas. -Lieut. Maurice H. Moore has arrived in the city to spend the holidays with

his parents, Mayor and Mrs. P. Q. Moore. Lieutenant Moore is an instructor at the training camp at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. Greensboro News: "Lieut. William Chisholm, of Wilmington, is spending several days in Greensboro as the guest of his brother, Mitchell Chisholm, who recently returned here from

Camp Gordon, following his gra tion from the officers' training school.

have worked hard since I left the good old U. S. A. Being first sergeant of a battery of 200 men is not such an easy job as one might suppose. But I am not kicking. I have had plenty to eat and good clothes to wear. What more can a man hope for in the army in a war on the battlefield. I am in good health, feeling fine and have given you all the news that I can think of just now without going into details. will write every chance I get. Please give my love to all and tell them I am. getting along fine. With love from your only son. 'DAVID.'" your only son.

Add to the joy of the meal; give the folks something to look for at the finish. Flavor your desserts with Blue Robon Vanilla.—Adv.

SALVATION ARMY TO ENTERTAIN CHILDREN

Christmas Tree and Dinner at the Opera House.

Exercises Will Be Held in the Academy of Music Beginning at 3 O'clock This Afternoon-Good Program to Be Rendered.

Many little hearts will be made happy this afternoon when several hundred children assemble at the Academy of Music to be the guests of the Salvation Army at a Christmas Postmaster Green announced last dinner and tree, which will be held from 3 to 5 o'clock. During the afterbe closed throughout today. The stamp noon a special program, including window will be open from 10 to 11 Christmas carols, will be rendered. Rev. Dr. W. H. Milton, rector of St. o'clock. The mail carriers will make James' church, Mayor P. Q. Moore and only one delivery today, Mr. Green others will take part in the exercises, states, but the parcel post wagon will the latter delivering the opening ad-

It is customary for the Salvation Army to give Christmas dinners to children of the poor every Christmas but nothing so elaborate as that been specialist, who has been in the city for planned for today has ever been attempted here before. Last Christmas the exercises and dinner were held in the Salvation Army hall but the building was so small that many of the little ones could not get in the building and had to go home disappointed. Having this in mind Commandant George Morris, of the local post, determined that he would have no repitition of this condition and secured the use of the opera house which assures plenty of room for everyone who cares to be present.

The Scripture lesson will be read by Dr. Milton. The opening address will be delivered by Mayor P. Q. Moore. A feature of the program which is expected to prove of unusual interest is the play "The Magic Mantle," a delightful little farce, which will be given under the direction of Miss Clara Sackett, recreation secretary of the local Y. W. C. A. Miss Sackett has been busily engaged during the past several days rehearsing the play preparatory to its presentation this af-

The program will open with the singing of "America" by the assemblage, which will be followed with the opening address by Mayor Moore. corner of Second and Brunswick tle" will then be given by Miss Sackett, The presentation of "The Magic Manstreets at 8 o'clock. They gave their assisted by Miss Margaret George and Preston Green Ben Richardson, Tom ed with the presentation of the Christ-Wells and George Franklin. The mas tree by Dr. Milton and the distribution of the presents.

In addition to the good things to eat which the Salvation Army will give away this afternoon, during the morning baskets will be distributed among poor families of the city.

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