

Record Corn Crop is Harvested in State

Farmers of this State have just completed harvesting the largest corn crop ever produced in North Carolina, according to the State Department of Agriculture.

Not only was the 56,706,000 bushel corn harvest a record-breaker, the yield of 26 bushels to the acre was one bushel larger

than in 1945. Prior to last year, the corn yield in this State usually ran about 21 bushels.

This year's crop was two per cent larger than the 55,650,000 bushels produced in 1945 and 17 per cent greater than the 10-year average of 48,367,000 bushels.

Ancient rabbis recommended warm goat's milk every morning as a remedy for bronchitis and cardiac pains.

Christmas Day

On Christmas Day we repeat the old familiar greeting that, each year, in some mystic way rings fresh and true—"Merry Christmas." Like such words as "hello" and "good-by," there really isn't anything else to say that pulls at our heartstrings as do these old dear words. And so again we say:

Merry Christmas—to the littlest ones who skip downstairs in the gray dawn to explore their stockings and the wondrous tree and to look at Christmas with the special radiance of youth . . . who lend to the rest of us little glimmers of the real Christmas glamour.

Merry Christmas—to father who'll strain a point any day to give us all the things we want . . . who probably works much too hard and yet keeps younger and more alert because of the responsibility of a family and the competition of business . . . who makes the gesture of tut-tutting all the fuss and feathers yet beams with affection and excitement.

Merry Christmas—to mother who really calls the tune for the holidays and does the planning and pulling together . . . who flutters and bustles radiantly for weeks ahead and undoubtedly has the best and busiest time of all.

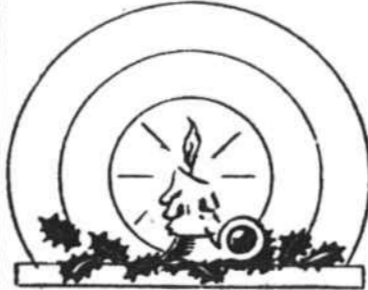
Merry Christmas—to the butcher, the baker, the candlestick-maker, not to mention all those who sold us shoes and ships and sealing wax . . . for what would Christmas be without them? For through them we've all been able to share our own little prosperity in the most wholesome way of all—by spending it.

Merry Christmas—to dear friends far and near who've sent us greetings and gifts . . . most especially do we cherish the greetings because even more than gifts they express the true spirit of Christmas.

Merry Christmas—to the droppers-in who come with holiday cheer and friendship . . . who come to our parties or stop by to leave a glass of extra elegant jelly or an original privately invented relish.

Merry Christmas—to ourselves, for that matter. But then we feel pretty sure that we'll have one for we've put so much work and excitement and loving getting-ready into it. For of course we all get out of Christmas just about what we put in.

St. Lucy Honored Throughout Sweden



St. Lucy's Day, on December 3, inaugurates the Christmas season in Sweden.

On that day the prettiest girl in the household is chosen to impersonate Lucy; very early Christmas morning she will go through the house awakening the household and giving each person a cup of coffee or some sort of sweetened beverage. Her costume is traditionally a white dress with a red sash, and she wears a wire crown entwined with bilberry twigs—similar to the American cranberry—studded with nine candles.

Liturgically, St. Lucy was martyred about 300 A. D. The story goes that Lucy gave her dowry to the Christians—whose courage she admired—instead of turning it over to her fiancé. The enraged young man informed against her and she was condemned to be burned at the stake: unharmed by the flames, she did not die until thrust through with a sword.

Lucy is commemorated somewhat diversely in Switzerland where she is the legendary wife of Father Christmas. Wearing a round cap over her long braids, a faced bodice and a silk apron, she marches around the village with Father Christmas and distributes gifts to the girls while he looks after the boys.

A new soil conservation district has been approved in Cumberland county. Eighty-four counties of the state are now organized in 22 districts.

CENTER OF U. S.
The Department of Commerce has announced publication of two world charts centering on forty-three north latitude and one hundred degrees west longitude, the approximate geographic center of the United States, which is put at Meads Ranch, Kansas, sixty-five miles northwest of Salina. Prepared by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, the charts are constructed on what is known as the Azimuthal equidistant projection, which means that straight lines radiating from the center of the chart represent great circles in their true azimuths from the initial point.

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