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AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

For so many years, and by so many people, the friendly and cordial greeting, "Merry Christmas," has been used that possibly it cannot be said in a different way, even though the words used in connection with it were rearranged to suit the individual notion.

It even has been said that there is nothing new under the sun, and perhaps there is nothing new in a Christmas greeting.

But old as it is, it comes at a season when people, though maybe not looking for anything new, grasp it and cherish it just as if it had never been said before.

The Christmas greeting carries with it a world of good feeling, a soul full of good wishes, a friend-to-friend cordiality that finds expression at no other time in quite so intimate manner.

It is an old custom, and a fine one. Twenty-nine years ago, come January first, The News started out on its mission of serving the people of Harnett county, and each day since that time we have found that our circle of friends grows ever wider and wider. To all of them we have been wishing "Merry Christmas" as the years have come and gone, and it has afforded us the keenest pleasure to know all along that not only did those who were our readers at Christmas-time treasure our greeting but through them their friends learned of The News and joined our happy throng.

The News numbers each of its subscribers in its family, and it is to each of them that our 1947 greeting goes with all the earnestness that is humanly possible to put in it.

And, with its readers all joining in, The News' big family wishes for everyone everywhere a Merry Christmas.

It has been 125 years since Clement Clarke Moore wrote "A Visit from St. Nicholas." But his expression is good even now, and possibly will be for all time.

And so we borrow it to say: "And a Merry Christmas To All."

GOVERNOR CHERRY MUFFED THE BALL

The state association of school superintendents, meeting in Wilmington, asked Governor Gregg Cherry to call a special session of the legislature to take action in regard to teachers' salaries. But the Governor refuses.

Perhaps he is not now aware of it, but the Governor muffed the ball when it was pitched to him by the superintendents.

Those in immediate charge of our schools know what they are up against in securing efficient teachers. And they are in position to vision what the prospect is for manning the classrooms come next year and the next. Fact is, as all informed persons know, the teacher situation is more serious now than ever.

If the Governor had acted in accordance with the wishes of the superintendents, he could not in future be shouldered with blame for disastrous shortage of teachers such as will most surely happen if something isn't done.

Watch for it!

BOOTLEGGERS GET MORE ATTENTION

The Mecklenburg ABC Board means business. Business, that is, not only in raising revenue from the sale of its liquor, but in making it hard for the bootlegger to keep his traffic going.

Enforcement officers of the board are raiding hither and thither throughout the area and rounding up illiciters by the scores. Recent report was that they had rounded up 66 in a day's haul.

Report of revenue from the sale of liquor in Charlotte runs into the thousands, and it seems that folks over that way really believe in patronizing the ABC stores.

But the board isn't satisfied even with all its big revenue. No others having the right to sell liquor, the board is determined to shut out all and sundry persons who attempt to infringe upon its right.

And right here's where the old gage about "Christmas spirits being short" on account of the raids of the enforcement officers doesn't hit the point at all.

Reason? Why, the ABC stores will have plenty of it.

CHRISTMAS IN THE DEVASTATED LANDS

Credit young Robert Corbett Parker, grandson of Commissioner Lonnie Byrd, with shooting a dart that no doubt struck the heart of everyone who read The News last week.

Robert said he wanted to pray for the hungry children in war-torn lands. He knew it must be awful to be hungry with nothing to eat. And he wanted to pray for them so that more fortunate ones would heed their plea to send them food.

Food and clothing are sorely needed in those countries that bore the brunt of war. These are the prime necessities, and it is unthinkable that Christian nations will not supply the needs.

Coming next to bodily sustenance is the need for education. The youth of those countries in the way they should go. Perhaps it is difficult for most of our people to realize that nearly half the children of the world (3 million in the American-occupied zone of Germany alone) have not a semblance of a book from which to be taught—or at least did not have until big-hearted Americans began sending them books.

It will be a mighty fine way to say Merry Christmas to those children if everyone will pitch in and gather up all unused books for their use. It can be readily understood that these gifts will be appreciated.

Surely you want to extend aid to people who are suffering. Take a cue from Saint Nicholas and wish them a Merry Christmas in a material way. It will make you feel good!

Farm Bureau Elects Officers

At the annual meeting of the Harnett County Farm Bureau, held in Lillington high school Friday afternoon, Dec. 12, the following new officers were elected: President McErdyde Cameron; Vice-President, Carson Gregory; Secretary, Billy Byrd; Treasurer, J. E. Womble.

Board of Directors: Anderson Crook, Edwin Bain, Aversboro, M. E. Thornton; Barbecue, W. B. Olive; Black River, E. O. Adams, Jr.; Buckhorn, J. B. Dewar; Duke, E. H. Norris, Jr.; Grove, H. L. Johnson; Hector's Creek, J. O. Cotton; Johnsonville, Walter Rogers; Lillington, John Spears; Nell's Creek, J. F. Canady; Stewart's Creek, J. H. Williams; Upper Little River, Lloyd Stewart.

President Carson Gregory, presided. C. B. Ratchford presented the outlook for agriculture in 1948 as seen by the Farm Management Department of State College. He stated that the outlook for agriculture was bright provided adjustments are made to meet the needs of the people rather than continue to depend solely on one crop; namely, tobacco. He encouraged the production of cotton, soybeans, grains, food and feed crops, and the use of more livestock.

After the meeting the group enjoyed a fine barbecue supper prepared by Mr. and Mrs. John Cotton of the Kipling community.

Auto Supply Store Holding Tire Sale

In this issue of The News Mr. S. S. Adcock, proprietor of the Lillington Radio & Auto Supply Co., is announcing a sale on first line Good-year tires and tubes and other auto needs. The announcement states that these low prices will prevail until the present stock is exhausted, but cautions buyers to buy now to get tires and tubes at the prices quoted.

Legion and Guests Enjoy Barbecue

Members of the Lillington American Legion Post, the Legion Auxiliary and special guests from other Posts enjoyed a barbecue supper given at the Town Hall last Tuesday night.

Special invited guests were a number of members of the Dunn, Erwin and Bule's Creek Legion Posts.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Liles of Bunn announce the birth of a son, Joe Edward, December 15, Mary Elizabeth Hospital. Mrs. Liles is the former Miss Virgie Dewar of Fuquay.

The News is well equipped to do all kinds of Job Printing. Give us your orders now.

LILLINGTON ROUTE 3 NEWS

Neal Mac Cameron, son of T. Sgt. and Mrs. Jim N. Cameron has the advantage of the children back here in the States. The Cameron family first went to the Panama Canal Zone, but now they are at an army post in Canal Zone. Mac will be 6 years old December 24 and children can enter school over there if they are by Feb. 1st. He is going to school and here is a letter he wrote his aunt Grace, (Mrs. Watson Wood):

Hello Aunt Grace, I am doing fine in school. Hope Tootsie will like school. My teacher's name is Miss Josephine Withers. She is from Florida, I like her fine. I would like to see your boy. Becky is sweet and mean too. Mama and daddy are well. Tell granddaddy hello. Love you

Nephew Mac, Becky is Mac's little sister. Tootsie is Grace Elizabeth Wood and he mentioned wanting to see the boy, that is James Watson Wood. Mrs. Wood's little son was born since the Cameron family went away and Mac and all of them would really be tickled to see him. The Harnett County News is sent to them and we hope Mac finds his letter in it. We are wishing all of them a merry Christmas and Mac a happy birthday. His birthday comes just two days after Christmas. It is hoped they will be back in the States next Christmas.

Mr. Landon Ray is ill in Veterans Hospital, Fayetteville. It is hoped he will be able to return home soon.

Mr. Lonnie Strickland is also on the sick list. Friends are wishing for him an early recovery.

Mrs. Christian Byrd is seriously ill and is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Page of Broadway, R-1.

BUNNLEVEL NEWS

The Bunnlevel P.T.A. met Friday night at the Bunnlevel school. A delightful Christmas program was presented by the students of the school. Mrs. Archibald Byrd's room won the attendance prize. Mrs. W. B. Byrd, president, presided.

The Bunnlevel Ruritan Club held its annual Ladies' Night on Wednesday evening in the school cafeteria. Appropriate holiday decorations were used on the tables with favors for the ladies. A barbecue supper was served by Mr. W. B. Brantley.

Mrs. Leonard Menius and son of Savannah, Ga. arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. C. Byrd.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cannon and Betty Jean spent Saturday in Raleigh.

Mrs. John Henderson, Jr. and daughter, Mary Lynn, of Four Oaks were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. David Blalock.

Billie Morgan and Hubert Byrd have returned from Tampa, Fla.

S. O. BROWN

S. O. Brown, 75, of Fuquay Springs, Route 1, died at his home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock after a lingering illness. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Betty Taylor Brown; one son, Albert T. Brown of Angler; three grandchildren; one brother, W. S. Brown of Merry Oaks; one sister, Mrs. A. T. Ausley of Fuquay Springs, R-1. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at Christian Light Church. Burial was in the church cemetery. The Rev. George M. Talley of Sanford, his pastor, and the Rev. J. Lee Johnson of Fuquay Springs, officiated.

HENRY N. JEFFRIES

Henry N. Jeffries, 76, retired farmer, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. B. W. Adams of Fuquay Springs Monday afternoon at 3:15 following a short illness. Mr. Jeffries was a native of Granville county and came to this section in 1933. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at Wake Chapel church, conducted by his pastor, Rev. W. M. Page of the Baptist Church. Interment was in the church cemetery. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. J. A. Porter of Fuquay Springs; six grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

NOW WHAT DO YOU THINK?
By a Mere Thinker

I haven't heard much from Oscar Barker of Durham, candidate for the Governorship in the 1948 primary, and I don't believe many other people have heard much from him, judging from the lack of "quotes" from his sayings. I've been diligently reading the daily papers to see if the candidates would come out with some "issues." But nary a one have I seen as yet. Unless Mr. Charlie Johnson can be credited with one when he talked right out loud and said the sales tax is here to stay. I really believe that was a boner, and I don't believe Mr. Charlie intended to say it, or at least if he did intend to, he certainly didn't want it to get into the public prints.

What you see in the public prints is called "putting it down in cold type." The little types certainly have a way of cooling off things, don't they?

But, for all I know, maybe I'm getting Mr. Charlie down wrong. Maybe he did say it, and mean it, and wanted everybody to know what he thought about the sales tax. But that's his, then all I've got to say is that he is the darlings daredevil of a politician I've ever known this side of South Carolina and Cole Blease.

Not that a candidate hasn't a right to say what he thinks and what he pleases—oh no! Fact is, I like 'em best when they come at us that way. What's the use of beating the Evil One around a sawed-off tree? Right here it may be tossed as a tip to the gubernatorial candidates—and all other candidates—that the folks like fellows who open their mouths and say something. To thunder with the mauling and gum-shoeing!

Some of the political prophets around the State Capital are putting it out that we can look for the fur to fly soon after the dawn of the new year. Let her fly, boys! Let's get some rousements on the hustings!

For so long we've been accustomed to tame and tawdry campaigns. It's time to whoop 'em up a bit, I think. But I started out to say something about Mr. Oscar Barker, and here's what it is: The Durham candidate is quoted as saying there are plenty of issues in the gubernatorial campaign.

For instance, he cites: "The public school issue is red hot in the minds of parents; muddy roads in the remote rural sections of the State (lookit, Buckhorners!) are notes in the eyes of the farmers; discriminatory taxes are a constant irritation to industry; low incomes are thwarting farmers and working people; and folks generally are concerned about the outreach of the State's medical care and hospital program."

Issues aplenty, we'll agree. But if our memory serves us right, we've been hearing something about some of these issues before. Now, let's see: didn't Governor Cherry vow a great big vow when he came into office that he'd see to it that the rural roads were given attention? And weren't we given to understand that the prime motive in pushing the hospital and medical care program through the legislature was to afford more of such services to rural communities?

Were those merely political promises?

I think Mr. Barker is on the right track, and if he has the steam to keep going he should roll up a large list of Barker fans.

And another thing: We have been hearing (mostly from the politicians who have won office, perhaps), for ever so long that it's not good to have a campaign too long drawn out, that is, for announcements to be made too early.

This corner doesn't agree with that. It's better for the people to have plenty of time to digest what the candidates have to say, promises and all, so that they will at least know what sort of candidate they

are voting for. If a candidate believes that the sales tax is here to stay, and should stay, let him say so and stick to it. If a candidate really thinks the rural roads and schools need more attention, let's listen to him when he talks about it—give him time to say it, too. Now what do YOU think?

Christmas Program At Antioch Church

A Christmas program of Scripture, picture slides and music will be presented at the Antioch Church Friday evening, December 19, at 7:00 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited.

Our Subscribers—New and Renewed

Lillington and Routes: Mary M. Copeland, Chesley Johnson, Dayton Stephens, H. C. Stephens, G. B. Spence, Mrs. J. B. McDonald, J. M. Weaver.

Broadway and Route: Charles E. McLean, Dougald McLeod, Mrs. E. J. Pipkin.

Fuquay Springs and Routes: J. F. Wheeler, R. W. McDonald, E. C. Blanchard, Willie T. Campbell, E. W. Smith, J. O. McLeod.

Bule's Creek: J. B. Gregory, Leon Davis.

Bunnlevel and Route: Mrs. R. H. Colville, C. H. Bethune, Mrs. R. J. Wicker.

Jonesboro and Routes: Elbert Swann, Angus A. Cameron. Fayetteville: M. Sgt. Lois Holder. Sanford: Mrs. W. H. Kennedy. Manners: J. M. Holley. Holly Springs: Beatrice McDonald.

Angler: L. A. Cutts. Erwin: R. G. McNeill. Others: Mrs. E. W. Cutclausure, Greensboro.

MRS. CHRISTIAN C. BYRD

Mrs. Christian C. Byrd, 80, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. B. Page on Broadway, Route 1, Tuesday at 2:30 following a long illness. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Antioch Baptist Church at Manners. The Rev. R. E. Moore, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Mrs. Byrd, widow of J. D. Byrd, was a native and lifelong resident of Harnett county and had been a lifelong member of the Antioch church. Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. H. B. Page and Mrs. W. C. McNeill of Broadway, R-1, Mrs. J. E. Taylor of Manchester, R-1, and Mrs. Henry Black of Lillington, R-2; three sons, J. W. Byrd and D. C. Byrd of Lillington, R-3, and H. P. Byrd of Erwin; three sisters, Mrs. Flora Jane Taylor of Cameron, R-2, Mrs. Harry Woodell of Lillington, R-2, and Mrs. J. B. Morrison of Erwin.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education of Harnett County at the office of the Superintendent, Lillington, N. C., until two o'clock p. m. Eastern Standard time, Wednesday, January 7, 1948 for the construction of a Gymnasium and Cafeteria building at Benhaven School and a Gymnasium, Classrooms and Shop building at LaFayette School, N. C.

Both buildings are one-story of brick and concrete block construction. Benhaven School is approximately one mile from Olivia, N. C. LaFayette School is on Highway 16-A between Kipling, N. C. and Chalybeate, N. C.

Separate proposals will be received as follows:

General Construction - Heating Plumbing - Electrical

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above stated time. Proposals shall be made separately for each building.

Plans, specifications and contract documents may be obtained at the office of Owen F. Smith, Architect, 125 S. Harrington St., Raleigh, N. C., upon deposit of \$25.00 for each building. The check is to be made payable to the Architect, and the entire amount will be refunded to the contractor upon return of plans and specifications in good condition within five (5) days after opening of bids. If plans and specifications are not returned or a bona fide bid submitted, the deposit will be forfeited. Additional plans and specifications will be furnished at the cost of

APPRAISALS
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manner that I am not looking for very many complaints. Most of the property owners whom I have talked to seem to be very well satisfied. Some of them, you see, were expecting increases in value of their property; they knew it was on the books at too low a value; and all in all, I am expecting very little grumbling. But of course we may have some."

That, as anyone can see, speaks volumes for the work of the appraisers.

Out of his office most of this week, going here and there throughout the county putting on the finishing touches to the revaluation job. Supervisor Johnson expects to come through before the end of December with the entire list of reappraisals printing.

Bids must be accompanied by a cash deposit or a certified check, drawn on a bank or trust company authorized to do business in North Carolina, in an amount not less than 5 per cent of the bid or a certified check for 2 per cent of the bid plus a bid bond of 3 per cent of the bid as required by law.

A performance bond will be required in an amount equal to 100 per cent of the contract price, conditioned on the upon payment of all persons supplying faithful performance of the contract and labor and furnishing materials for the project. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days.

All contractors are hereby notified that they must have proper license under North Carolina State laws governing their respective trades.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all informalities.

Harnett County Board of Education, SIDNEY G. THOMAS, Chairman; C. REID ROSS, Superintendent. Owen F. Smith, Architect, Raleigh, N. C. 18-2c

so that the list takers can begin their work on or about the first of January when they are regularly scheduled to list all property on the abstracts.

County Auditor Herbert Carson is anticipating an overall increase in taxable values reaching possibly \$30,000,000. The Supervisor is more optimistic. He figures it will reach nearer \$35,000,000. Outsiders even stretch it a bit farther. They believe if the appraisers have really put all property on the books at what it should be, the value will reach nearer \$40,000,000.

So there, Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer, you have a picture that can be enlarged quite a bit. What is your estimate? If the appraisers have raised your valuation, you perhaps are in somewhat of a reasonable position to make a guess.

The News hereby offers a year's subscription to the person guessing nearest the total valuation of property in Harnett county after the final tabulation has been made. Watch for it and send in your estimate.

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