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THOUGHTS OF THE OLD YEAR AND HOPES FOR THE NEW YEAR.

A Digest of What Should and Might Be Done During the Coming Year. A Message of Good Cheer For Everybody.

And this is the very last day of the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifteen. As the calendar would have it, this paper gets the full benefit of the old year and is seemingly loathe to give it up, this the last day being the usual day of publication. And we hope that everyone of our readers have enjoyed the same good blessings, peace and prosperity that this paper has, and that the same good luck has followed each one of its staff and working force. Don't fool yourself into believing that we have amassed a fortune! For who is there among you that has ever so much as dreamed of a country editor making money above that which is absolutely necessary in the course of ordinary life! But what care we for riches when there are so many other valuable considerations for which we live, move and have being? Would you believe it if we told you that we are just as contented, and more so, than old John D. with all his riches? Well, we are. Looking backward upon the past year, we find many things for which we are proud, and by means of which it shall be our purpose to aid in the improvement of this county, contiguous counties, and each and every community within the borders of this territory. The ownership and editorship of this paper has undergone a change during this good year—and we truly hope that it will be a good year in which to make changes. Though this year has been a good one, yet the coming year, and the years that follow it, will only serve as opportunities of time, out of which this paper must, by the character energy and constructive work of its editors, produce realities that are worth while. We realize this as well as you know it, and may time coupled with the right kind of action, prove us to be what we should be and do what we should do.

Now a few words with you people who read and support this paper. There are many ways in which you as individuals can help improve your county, town and community; and there are none

but what should use every means, and exert the full strength of their energies in doing those things that will make local conditions more model, and more worthy of those good people who compose its population. And may you make the best of every fleeting opportunity, and do the very best thing by everything and everybody.

Before we conclude, let us ask you to co-operate with us, the editors of this paper, and help make this the best paper possible. We can't do it alone; we must have your help, and your undivided support. To accomplish constructive programs there must be united community spirit, and concentrated effort on the part of every one constituting the body politic. An attempt to name the things we should do in the coming year would be too exhaustive here, but day by day, week by week, and month by month, projects will come up, some of which if accomplished would mean much for us and our localities. If you can offer any suggestions, and aid in solving and putting forward any good move, let the people know it. Use the columns of this paper as a medium of common expression. We are certain to put our views in print and before the people, and should we go astray in an attempt to lead and suggest, tell us of it. Be frank and open with us; and we will be frank and wide open for your inspection.

In conclusion, may every good move made in this dying year be made to move in the approaching year; may the year nineteen hundred and sixteen be the very best ever; may the coming three hundred and sixty-six days be filled with the bounteousness that is sure to follow a full year's work; may each of you readers join with every other one and make the coming twelve months a perfect expression of community spirit, which must be the result of concentrated, uplifting and elevating effort crystallized into beneficial results; and may this paper, more than ever before, be the organ and expression of its constituency!

RAWLES-PARKER.

On Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock Miss Rebecca Parker and Mr. Wheeler Rawles of Aulander, N. C. were quietly married at the country home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Parker near Ahoskie, N. C. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. E. Dowell and was witnessed only by the relatives and intimate friends of the contracting parties. The house was beautifully decorated throughout with cedar, pine, holly and other Christmas evergreens. The bride wore a handsome tailored suit of dark blue broadcloth with hat and gloves to match. The groom wore conventional black. The bridesmaids were Minesa Eva Bazemore and Maude Farmer of Ahoskie, N. C. and the ushers were Mr. Lee Rawles of Aulander and Mr. J. E. Parker of Ahoskie, N. C., brothers of the bride and groom respectively.

The bride entered the parlor with her sister Mrs. J. W. Jenkins of Portsmouth, Va., who was her matron of honor. She wore her own wedding gown of cream satin. The groom entered with his best man Mr. J. W. Jenkins of Portsmouth, Va., brother-in-law of the bride. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Rawles left on the afternoon train for Washington, D. C., and other northern points of interest. They will be at home to their friends after January 1st, 1916, at Aulander, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jenkins.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

1. What are you doing about getting that gasoline engine?
2. About getting that library for your school?
3. About opening up that bank account and paying all bills by check as town business men do?
4. About getting those fruit trees and grape vines?
5. About getting your neighbors to subscribe for the papers you think will help them most—and your subscription renewed, of course?
6. About getting the barnyard in shape so it will not be a quagmire of filth this winter?
7. About getting that rental contract put into writing?
8. About getting the farmers and farm women of your neighborhood organized?
9. About taking a short course at your state agricultural college?
10. About getting an incubator so as to make more money off of poultry in 1916?
11. About going in with your neighbors to get pure-bred sires so as to have better livestock?
12. About taking an inventory and starting a system of farm bookkeeping for 1916?—Progressive Farmer.

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Life Insurance Companies Dread Tuberculosis, Typhoid and Alcohol.

Tuberculosis, typhoid fever, and alcohol are considered the arch enemies of insurance companies, according to Dr. J. L. Davis of Texas. "Tuberculosis is realized by insurance companies as exceedingly infectious, and for many years they have made careful inquiries into the lives of applicants for insurance along this line. They go so far as to ascertain whether the applicant has recently associated with tuberculous people. They advocate among their policy holders all the modern means of preventing this disease."

As to typhoid fever, which probably they dread most on account of its sudden attack and the high death rate that is incident to this disease, they advocate not only anti-typhoid vaccination as a preventative but insist on strict sanitary living conditions for all their policyholders. They are opposed to paying premiums on flies, filth and fever.

It was the insurance companies that changed the alcoholic question from one altogether moral to one to include public health. So great is the influence of alcohol on the mortality rate, that insurance companies have become interested in it from a business point of view. Their statistics compiled for over twenty-five years show that not only the constant drinking man's mortality rate is much higher but that even the moderate drinker has a rate equivalent to a reduction of four years in the average life.

The Wide Range of Co-operative Effort.

Co-operation to get longer schools and better schoolhouses is news that comes from everywhere; but our reports of progress do not stop there. Farmers are working to get agriculture and domestic science teaching introduced; to get medical inspection of school children; to get lectures, debates, musical exercises, etc., and to make the school a genuine "social center." "We have added an auditorium to our school building," is a frequent expression, and then the auditorium becomes like a neighborhood sitting-room, where all meet as friends and develop a spirit of trust and understanding never known before.

Then there is co-operation in getting and using improved machinery—machinery which would not pay dividends for one farmer, but which pays big dividends when several farmers use the same machine—and various other forms of business co-operation, father or son or brother and brother especially learning that just as parents and sons or brothers profit by forming partnerships in town business, so there is much opportunity for partnership-work in farm business.

There is much neighborhood co-operation in marketing, too—though this subject is treated more fully in our "Marketing Special"; and cooperation in getting pure-bred sires. With regard to the last mentioned idea notice the report from a South Carolina neighborhood where all the farmers have to agree to raise the same breed of hogs and expect to make the community known as "The Place Where the Best Durocs Grow."—Progressive Farmer.

Did you get one of our "confidential" letters? If you did you'd better BEWARE.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES IN AHOSKIE CHURCHES.

Baptist Sunday School.

The Sunday School children of the Ahoskie Baptist Church gave a Christmas entertainment Monday night, in the presence of a very large audience. Every seat in the church was filled, and standing room was in demand. The program was not very lengthy, but was effectively carried out.

The following program was rendered, with Miss Della Dowell accompanist on the organ:

- Prayer by Rev. Dowell.
- Opening Chorus by the school.
- Song, Merry Little Elves.
- Christmas mottoes.
- Exercises by six boys.
- Song, The Voice of the Bells.
- Song by boys.
- Song, Christmas Visitors.
- Song, Jingle Bells.
- A short Christmas play.
- Solo by Miss Agnes Johnson.
- Christmas Angels.
- Song, Tell Us of Christ and Christmas.
- Song, Holy Night.
- Recitation by Irma Vaughn.
- Recitations by little Misses Susie Vann Floyd and Mabel Claire Hoggard.
- Closing song by the school.
- Benediction by Rev. Dowell.
- Methodist Sunday School.

The Methodist Sunday School had a Christmas tree. Before the presents were distributed the following program was rendered:

1. Song, O, Little Town of Bethlehem, by choir.
2. Prayer.
3. Recitation, Come Thou Long Expected Jesus, by Virginia Early.
4. Motion Song, by Virginia, Emma and Ruth Early.
5. Recitation, The Boy Who

Scooped at Santa Claus, by Horace Johnson.

- Solo, Under the Stars, Mrs. Brett.
7. Recitation, What the Angels Sang; by Pearl Hayes.
8. What is the Light, by the Junior Class.
9. Recitation, Holy Quest, by Mary Sumner.
10. Recitation, Silent Night, by Ruth Early.
11. Song by Choir.
12. Recitation by Agnes Brett.
13. Song, Hush! Don't Tell, by Primary Class.
14. Recitation by Rose Mitchell
15. Solo, The Birthday of a King, by Hilda Johnson.
16. Talk by E. T. Snipes.

Benediction.
Miss Hilda M. Johnson had charge of the training of the children, and to her credit, they did well.—Contributed.

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