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To  
One And All

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## SEASON'S GREETINGS

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### CHANGES IN CHINA

#### INDICATE CHANGES IN WAR CONDITIONS

#### Now Looks As If Russia Is Becoming Interested And Active—Father and Son Re-Unit

Shanghai, Dec. 22.—Reports that young General Chiang Ching-Kuo, rebel son of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek who split with his father 10 years ago, was rushing to China's aid at the head of 100,000 crack Mongol warriors today electrified Chinese circles and convinced foreign observers that China has "made a deal" with Soviet Russia.

The youthful war lord, who left China when Chiang ousted his Soviet Russian advisors in 1927 and has been in Russia most of the time since, was reported to have organized a powerful army of Mongols, regarded as among the fiercest fighters in Asia.

These highly-trained troops, equipped with Russian arms and drilled in the hardy warfare of rugged Mongolian country, reportedly are marching southward into Shansi to join the armies of China's famed "Red Napoleon," Chu Teh.

The reconciliation between Chiang and his son, coupled with the shift to the left in the Chinese central government's political set-up through the supplanting of several veterans of the Kuomintang party with Communist leaders, has convinced diplomatic circles that Russia is preparing to lend active assistance to China.

It was believed that the political shake-up, announced yesterday in Hankow, was part of Chiang's concession to the Soviets in return for military help.

### Bells

The subject! Does it surprise you? Would you be more surprised to learn that Mills School children are studying "Bells."

We want stories of bells, says Mrs. Dr. R. F. Yarborough, of the Mills P. T. A. Do you know the oldest bell in Louisburg—in Franklin County? I wager Dr. D. T. Smithwick can tell you. I know several good N. C. bell stories. Maybe Miss Nell Battle Lewis will tell us one.

Bells are history you know! Let's study bells!

Now we are reveling in our bells! Are you listening in on the radio to the marvelous Christmas carols—the church and cathedral bells and chimes? Why do bells at Christmas ring? They are harbingers of hope and cheer.

### Program At The Louisburg Theatre

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, Dec. 25th:

Saturday—Xmas Day—Ronald Colman, Madeleine Carroll and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. in "Prisoner of Zenda." Also Serial and Comedy.

Sunday—Jane Withers in "45 Fathers."

Monday - Tuesday — "52nd Street," with 20 Stars headed by Ian Hunter, Leo Carillo, Ella Logan, Pat Patterson, Sid Silvera, Zasu Pitts and Kenny Baker.

Wednesday — John Boles and Lull Deste in "She Married An Artist."

Thursday-Friday — Sylvia Sydney and Joel McCrea in "Dead End."

New Year's Eve Mid-Nite—Ted Lewis, Cab Calloway, Louis Prima and their bands with Gene Autry in "Manhattan Merry-Go-Round."

### Building Boy Scout Organization

The boy scout program in Franklin County moved a step further along Tuesday night of last week, when seventeen interested citizens met in the office of Supt. W. R. Mills to complete plans to get the movement established throughout the county.

Louisburg is taking the lead in this movement to build citizens for the future by reorganizing a drum and bugle corp which formerly existed here.

There are only fifty Boy Scouts in Franklin County notwithstanding the fact that there are two thousand boys of scout age in the county. The only two troops in the county at the present are at the Edward Best School and Louisburg. However, the goal is to organize a Troop in every school district, stated district chairman, W. R. Mills. In order to do this, Mr. Mills said, "we must have the cooperation of every one interested in character development."

Supt. Mills added that there is no finer character building agency than the Boy Scout organization. An incident that bears this fact out was the investigation made by the Rockefeller Foundation of the Boy Scout organization when application for financial help was made to this Foundation. The report of the investigation showed that there had not been a single boy who had become a First Class Scout who had even been convicted of a crime or put in Prison.

Such a record as this which the Boy Scout has established certainly merits the fullest support of every one.

Heretofore, Durham and Raleigh have paid the expenses of the Scout Executive of the Occaneechee council, Claude Humphries. Therefore, Durham and Raleigh feel that if they must pay all of the expenses they are entitled to all of Mr. Humphries' services which is nothing but business fair play. Now the eight other counties included in the Occaneechee council, Lee Franklin, Warren, Harnett, Chatham, Orange, Durham, Wake, Granville, Vance are endeavoring to raise funds enough to employ a full time assistant for Mr. Humphries. Immediately following the parade Friday in Louisburg a canvass was made to solicit cash and subscriptions toward this pledge.

### Mrs. Sallie Frazier Dead

Mrs. Sallie Frazier died at a hospital in Rocky Mount early Thursday morning of last week, following a short illness. Her remains were taken to the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Strum at Castalia, where the funeral was held on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. F. G. Walker, assisted by Rev. J. D. Simon, of Louisburg. The interment was made at the Castalia cemetery. The pall bearers were Z. H. Wheelless, Stephen Frazier, R. C. Bartholomew, Marks Strickland, Vernon Braswell, —, Hopkins.

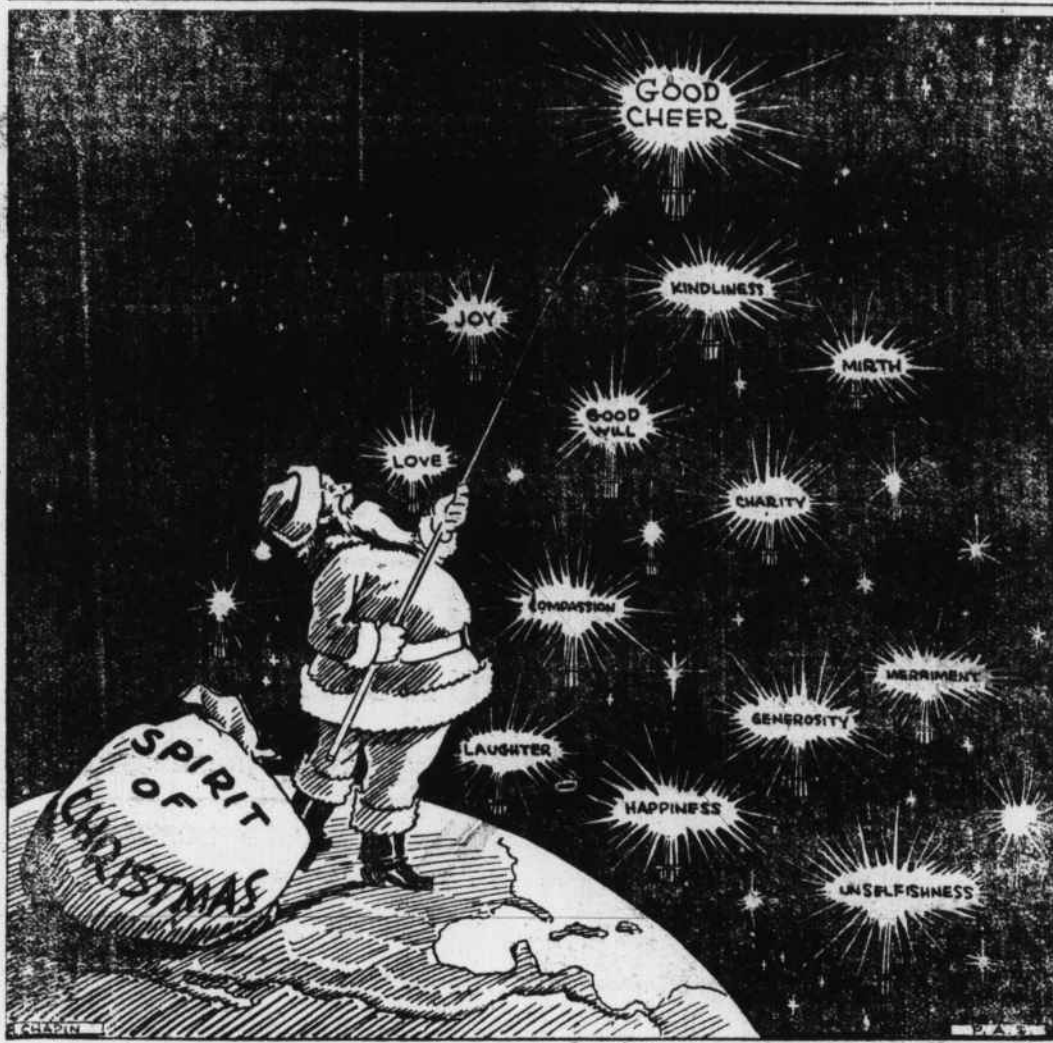
Mrs. Frazier is survived by the following children, W. A. Frazier, J. D. Frazier, of Castalia; Clem Frazier, of Henderson; Mrs. J. B. Strum, of Nashville; Mrs. J. H. Boone, and Deputy Sheriff F. E. Frazier, of Louisburg. Mrs. Frazier was a most estimable woman, whose genial disposition and sympathetic spirit had endeared her to all who knew her and which was evidenced by the large number of relatives and friends attending each of the services and the large and beautiful floral offering.

The bereaved family has the sympathy of the entire community.

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### The Jolly Old Lamp-Lighter

by A. B. CHAPIN



### Recorder's Court

Franklin Recorder's Court held only a short session on Tuesday morning, but disposed of quite a number of cases and continued many more. It was announced on adjournment that no court would be held next week—the next session being on January 4th, 1938. The docket was disposed of as follows:

Nick LaBrooke was found guilty of selling whiskey, guilty of 1 and a and given 30 days in jail, upon payment of costs execution to issue any time in 2 years. Charlie Allen Solomon was found guilty of operating automobile intoxicated and given 60 days on roads suspended upon payment of \$50. fine and costs.

William Taylor was found guilty of unlawful possession of whiskey and was given 60 days on roads, suspended upon payment of costs.

Wilbur Vick was found guilty of larceny and was given 8 months on roads.

Nathan Patterson was found not guilty of obtaining goods under promise of work.

Willie Perry was found guilty of manufacturing and possession of non-tax paid whiskey and possession of still and given 90 days on roads, suspended upon payment of costs including statutory fees.

Albert Little was found guilty of violating prohibition law and given 60 days on roads.

The following cases were continued:

W. H. Radford, resisting officer.

Clarence Harrison, larceny and receiving.

Sidney Davis, disposing of mortgaged property.

Erastus Clifton, larceny.

W. A. Watkins, fraud.

Alex Williams, non-support.

Buck Powell, assault with deadly weapon.

Vester Ross, John Chappell, assault with deadly weapon.

Tommie Stevenson, operating automobile intoxicated.

Tourists will spend \$600,000,000 in the West during the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition.

### ANOTHER BIG DISTILLERY SEIZED IN 'DRY' COUNTY

Federal and ABC officers Tuesday put another sizable dent in "dry" Granville County's illicit Christmas liquor traffic, seizing an 800-gallon steam distillery four miles northwest of Creedmoor.

It was the second large still the county had yielded within three weeks, one of about the same size having been destroyed November 30.

The plant taken Tuesday required nine operators, had two steam boilers of about 10 horsepower each, and was estimated to be capable of an output of 400 gallons of corn whiskey every 24 hours.

With this equipment, the still cost \$1,000, officers estimated. Three Creedmoor white men, William Cash, Linwood Brogden and

Raymond Oakley, were captured at the scene. Six negroes outran the raiders.

"I had information the still was to run right on through Christmas, 24 hours per day," said Major J. C. Dempsey, Federal Alcohol Unit investigator, who took part in the raid. "We found 300 gallons of whiskey already run off, 7,000 gallons of mash, 60 cases of fruit jars, a ton of coke, 500 pounds of sugar and a variety of tubs, buckets, axes and other equipment."

With Dempsey were: Investigator W. A. Nitzer, ABC Officers J. C. Joyner and Dave Huff, of Franklin County, and ABC Officers June Champion and L. A. Jackson, of Vance County.

The officers destroyed the plant with dynamite.

### To Close For Christmas

The FRANKLIN TIMES has been requested to announce that the Stores and business houses generally in Louisburg would be closed on Saturday and Monday to observe the Christmas holidays. Those having business with these institutions will bear this in mind.

### ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Carr, of Wallace, N. C. announce the engagement of their daughter, Evangeline McIntyre Carr, to Mr. Joseph Davis Williams of Bunn, N. C. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride's parents on Tuesday, December 28th, 1937.

Forty-five per cent of the visitors to the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition will journey to California from the Western states.

Love may make the world go round—but so does a bad case of indigestion.

### P. T. A. Meeting

In its fourth meeting of the year, Dec. 16th, the P. T. A. concluded the mid-term program with a Christmas celebration.

"O, Little Town of Bethlehem" was the opening song, followed by the Parent-Teacher Creed and prayer repeated in unison by the assembly.

The glee club, directed by Mrs. Osmond Yarboro, presented a lovely Christmas musical program, a chorus, "Alleluia" by Ann White and a quartet, "The Sleep of the Child Jesus," by Gevaert.

The principal discussion for the afternoon "Social Security," was interpreted by Mrs. Ben T. Holden, Chairman of Welfare Board, in an excellent address on the subject and by Miss Evelyn Jenkins, Case Work Supervisor, who gave answers to questions in the round-discussion, following Mrs. Holden's address, citing, too, claimant-cases. Miss Jenkins made clear that claimants, to be eligible for a benefit must execute the necessary forms. Together Mrs. Holden and Miss Jenkins proved the splendid work being done in Franklin County through Security for delinquent childhood and old age.

At the conclusion of the discussion Mrs. R. F. Yarborough read a portion of Mrs. Roosevelt's "Christmas - Spirited Giving", which is an ardent appeal for sharing blessings with the needy, emphasizing—"It is much more blessed to give than it is to keep."

Miss Sarah Davis' recitation "Song of the Christmas Angels," by Walter Ben Hare, was another beautiful appeal for humanity's need.

With the close of her impressive recitation, Mrs. Yarborough, with a word of appreciation to the P. T. A. and Mills School children for their welfare-offering of food and clothing, appearing then on the rostrum, beneath a beautiful electric-lighted Christmas tree, presented the offering to Mrs. J. F. Mitchiner, County Welfare Supt., for distribution to the poor. Mrs. Mitchiner received the beautiful offering with heartfelt thanks.

The meeting was climaxed with a lovely Christmas solo by Mrs. Mac Stamps, Jr.

The President extended hearty Christmas wishes to the assembly in adjournment.

Oscar Smith of Rich Square, Northampton County, says his 593 hens paid him a profit of \$58.74 above feed costs during the month of November.

### BLAMES NEWSPAPERS

#### For Business Depression— President Roosevelt Holding Conferences To Restore Confidence

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Roosevelt tonight struck to combat fear psychology underlying the current business recession by declaring that individual industrial leaders have assured him that they do not fear the effect of such New Deal legislation as the wages-hours and farm bills.

The President told more than 100 newspaper correspondents that he recognized the prevalence of business fears and sought through his conference with trade leaders to determine their origin. On two occasions which he cited, Mr. Roosevelt said that industrial leaders favored certain legislation, but protested that their boards of directors would not allow them to endorse it publicly.

He said that the fear psychology is being incited and fostered by a large percentage of American newspapers.

"What are the newspapers going to gain by it?" he was asked. He replied that he was wondering about the same thing.

#### Utility Meetings

The President met the press soon after he had resumed conferences with utility leaders looking toward a truce between the industry and the government which would encourage the power group to put upward to \$3,000,000,000 in the arteries of trade. He conferred with William H. Taylor, head of the Philadelphia Electric Co., and Frank R. Phillips of the Duquesne Light and Power Co., of Pittsburgh.

The main obstacle to a truce is said to be a dispute over property evaluation in determining prices of electric current to the consumer. Some utilities insist upon their legal rights to include the cost of reproducing the property at modern-day values while the President demands that only the initial cost, plus "prudent additions or replacements" be included.

The President discussed this policy a fortnight ago with Wendell L. Wilkie, head of Commonwealth and Southern Corp., and Floyd L. Carlisle, chairman of the board of Niagara Hudson Power Co., and won substantial agreement to his theory. Today, Taylor said his conference with the Chief Executive was "a very helpful and pleasant one." He said a minority opinion written 13 years ago by Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandies in the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. case, endorsing the "prudent investment" theory, was reviewed.

"We feel we can live on it," Taylor said.

Later, the President said that the Pennsylvania utilities executives agreed generally that his theory was a pretty good rule of thumb to go on. He said Taylor and Phillips reported that many people today do not want to invest in the junior securities of the utilities, but added that the men also assured him that this situation was not due to government interference.

#### Knocked Unconscious

Joe Day, colored, was found in an unconscious condition near the Cemetery on highway 59 Saturday and brought to town for medical treatment. An investigation made by Sheriff Moore and others failed to reveal what caused the trouble. It is understood Day later became conscious and stated a car struck him, but he did not know who was driving it or what kind of car, nor whether it stopped. Day is recovering.

### Baer Heir



"But I didn't raise my boy to be a pug!" insisted Momma Baer when reporters called to verify the news that it was an eight-pound heir at the Baer home in Oakland, California. Poppa Baer seems highly pleased with his job of hanging out the family wash and declares that he is undecided whether to go into training for a ring come-back or wait and let Little Baer take over the crown.