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The editor appreciates the many kindnesses shown him and his during the Christmas season, and hopes that all the readers of the Record have had a joyous Christmas and wishes for them a happy and prosperous new year. We do not know when we have enjoyed Christmas more.

The loss of another Pittsboro home by fire emphasizes again the need of a town water supply. Hereto, the Record has not consented to the wisdom of undertaking the project, since the town's population is scattered over a large area, but fire loss occurs at sufficiently short intervals to cover the proportionate part of the cost of a system. The Record's own loss less than a year ago, Mr. W. C. Johnson's loss, and that of Mr. H. D. Gunter would cover a good slice of the estimated cost of a water system. True, in two of these cases, there was good insurance, but covering necessarily only something like two thirds of the destroyed values. Even if considerable damage had been done to the homes with an adequate water and fire department, the insurance would have taken care of the actual loss. As it is, one third of the value of the homes is an actual loss to the owners, and the whole values to the total of the community's wealth. If you'll put it to a vote, we shall vote for water. Our town's indebtedness is about the smallest in the State and its bonds should sell well. But in addition to the convenience and fire protection of a water supply, it is a necessary step toward securing an increase of population.

The Record on former occasions, has insisted that town sprinkler's tank be kept full of water and the truck left in a clearly designated position to be rushed to the location of any fires. That tank full of water

promptly at a fire might prove the means of a saving of valuable property.

TOWN & COUNTY BRIEFS

The editor was glad to have a call Saturday from Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hart, of Bear Creek township. Mrs. Hart is a native of Sampson and there is always a pleasure in meeting anyone who has feasted on Sampson blues.

Mrs. Euphemia Cooper was in town Saturday and paid her respects to the Record. Mrs. Cooper reported killing a 465 pound porker, along with more pig-like fellows.

Among the teachers spending the holidays at home here are Misses Sankie Perry and Lelia Johnson who teach at Leggetts, near Tarboro.

Miss Mary Dell Bynum, Bessie Chapin and Louise Brooks, who have been in school at Cullowhee since early summer, had their first trip home for the holidays.

It any pensioner has not yet had his pension money, Clerk of Court Hatch has it for him or her. There are an even hundred on the list this year, 30 men and 70 women, though at least one of the men lives outside the county, Mr. T. H. Gilmore, of the old Chatham part of Lee, who has maintained his relationship with Chatham comrades. He's a regular subscriber to the Record.

Mrs. Caroline Moffitt, a sister of Mr. W. B. Brown, of Siler City, died at Coleridge, December 16, at the age of 68.

Two hundred renewals in the next few days will put the Record over, despite the fire and high printing prices for the greater part of the year. Won't you be one of the 200?

It was hard luck to have the paper cut short last week. Part of our "copy" got tied up in the Christmas mails and did not reach the printer in time. It was particularly unfortunate as we wanted a good paper to follow notices to those whose subscriptions have expired to put them in good humor. But we cannot pick our time for bad luck. It comes when it will.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wrenn of Siler City had as guests the first of the week Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Burgin of Old Fort, father and mother of Mrs. Wrenn, also her brother, W. T. Burgin of New York, and sister, Miss Sadie of Old Fort.

We appreciate the advertising of the "M" System Grocery store at Siler City and as they actually have the goods at unusually attractive prices cordially commend Messrs. Wrenn and Honeycut to our readers.

Miss Mary Gardner of Raleigh visited her aunt Mrs. J. W. Hunt this week.

Miss Addie Goldston of Goldston, spent part of her holidays as a guest of Miss Elizabeth Blair.

The article in last week's Record about the doing of certain Chatham negroes in Harnett county should have been credited to either the Harnett county news or the Dunn Dispatch. It was hard to understand when appearing as if written from

this end of the line.

Be sure to read the New Year's greetings from the merchants of Pittsboro and Sanford. The Record endorses every word of these appeals, which, by the way, are in no wise contradictory.

The marriage of Mr. Evander Riggsbee and Mrs. Myrtle Young of Durham occurred last Saturday at the home of Rev. R. R. Gordon. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Griffin who lives a few miles from Pittsboro on the Goldston road. Mr. Riggsbee is one of the most prosperous citizens of the upper end of the county.

HOG FEEDING PAYS

The hog feeding contest in which Messrs. W. B. Straughan of Siler City with nine pigs, and Mr. N. J. Dawkins of Goldston with eleven pigs have been engaged during the past two months has taken on a decidedly more lively aspect. Last month, it will be remembered that Mr. Straughan made an average gain of 47 pounds for his pigs during a twenty-nine day feeding test. However, Mr. Straughan will have to look for his laurels this month, as a weighing completed Thursday, Dec. 22, shows that Mr. Dawkins has made an average gain in twenty-three days of 52 pounds per pig. Both farmers are feeding a balanced ration of shorts, corn meal, fish meal and whole corn which is recommended by the State College. The next two months will see them rounding into the home stretch, and the honors will go to the one who puts on the largest total gain.

It is interesting to note in this connection, the profits that may be expected. Mr. Dawkins weighed his hogs on Nov. 29, and found the total weight to be 946 pounds. When weighed today, the total weight was 1515 pounds. In other words, a total of 569 pounds of pork was gained, and it required a total of 24.2 bushels of corn, 161 pounds of fish meal and 161 pounds of shorts, the total cost of these feeds for this period being \$32.16; 569 pounds of pork, which is the gain for this feeding period at 10 cents per lb. is \$56.90; subtracting the feed cost which is \$32.16 from the above, we find a profit of 24.74, figuring corn at 90 cents per bushel. Expressed in the terms of corn, we find that Mr. Dawkins has realized \$1.93 per bushel fed to his pigs.

Stewart Edward White, prominent American author, has joined the staff of this newspaper. Among his widely read stories of the West and North are Claim Jumpers, The Rivermen, The Blazed Trail, The Forty Niners, etc. His great serial story on Tintor, a swashbuckling romance, starts in this issue.

Miss Doris Clarke, 18 years old, of Rockford, Ill., has offered to sell her left ear for \$2,500 to a New York society woman who advertised for an entire left ear to replace her own, lost in an automobile accident.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS!

With State Highways now leading to Pittsboro from five directions, and with two or three good county roads leading here also, the old town is now easily accessible from every part of the county, and we invite you to come to see us often.

It is true that we cannot afford to stock the more costly articles for which there is only occasional demand. For instance, perhaps one lady in the community might want to buy a \$100 coat, or one man a \$50 suit. We cannot know that, and if we did know, we could not guess the size, color, material, etc. desired and of course cannot afford to carry a dozen costly articles from which only one or two may be sold.

But when it comes to the goods in general demand, we can supply the needs of our county people, and can do it at a saving of money to them. Our town tax rate is one of the lowest in the state; rental values are nothing as compared with those of the cities, and all things combined make it reasonable for us to sell goods cheaper than they can be sold in the larger places, except in case of cut prices after the pick of the goods have already been sold at fancy prices, and you want your goods in season as well as other folk.

Every article of wear demanded by nine out of ten of our people will be found in stock in the Pittsboro stores at prices that will compare more than favorably with those of other towns.

THE HOME OF CHEAP GROCERIES

This town is the home of Cheap Groceries. Our stores keep fresh supplies of all staple groceries, and there is no question that such goods can be bought at a saving over the cost in most towns.

Our Bank, our two Hardware stores, our Drug Store, Cafes, our Fresh Meat markets, our Garages, Filling Stations, Blacksmith shops, Fertilizer plant, and every other business in Pittsboro will appreciate your patronage and will seek to serve you courteously and efficiently.

Come to Pittsboro to trade; help make the old county-seat town prosper and become the pride of the great old county. We shall do all you will let us and help us to do.

Respectfully,

Brooks & Eubanks
General Merchandise
Shoes and Notions Specialties

J. J. Johnson & Co.
Furniture, Clothing, Shoes,
and Notions

L. N. Womble
General Merchandise, Dry
Goods, Shoes, Groceries,
Hardware, Fertilizer

O. M. Poe
Groceries, Feeds, Fruits
Candies
Cedar and Cross Ties Bought

Pilkington
Drugs, Drinks,
Toilet Articles, Etc.

J. D. White
Fresh Meats, Groceries, Feeds,
Dry Goods

Boone Brothers
Groceries
Country Produce

Caviness
Miss Cordie Harmon, Mgr.
Ladies Wear and Millinery

W. C. Johnson
Groceries, Feeds, Grains
Wholesale and Retail
Also Shoes

A. B. Filling Station
Standard Gas and Oils
Michelin & Kelly Tires
Free Air and Water

Bank of Pittsboro
Capital and Surplus \$40,000
Assets \$350,000

West End Supply Co.
Groceries, Tires, Tubes,
Free Air, Garage Service

Weeks Motor Co.
Ford Cars and Parts
General Automobile Repairs

G. W. Brewer & Co.
Groceries, Fruits, Candies
Notions

B. A. Perry
Groceries, Dry Goods
Weinie Stand—Cold Drinks

The Clyde Cafe
Regular Meals 40 Cents
Short Orders, Cold Drinks

**Chatham Hardware
Company**
Hardware of All Kinds
Farm Machinery and Tools
Oils and Paints

**F. C. Mann Hard-
ware Co.**
Farm Implements and Tools
Hardware of All Kinds
Oils and Paints

Clayton Oil Mill
Fertilizer and Cotton Seed
Products—Fertilizer for
Chatham Soils

Hall's Dept. Store
Clothing for Men and Women
Shoes, Millinery, Groceries
A Real Department Store

**Cornwallis Filling
Station**
Gas, Tires, Tubes, Free Air,
Water, Crank Service

**Pickard's Barber
Shop**
Sanitary and Modern

**"Electric Power Industry
Shares Savings With Public"**

Says

The Philadelphia Public Ledger

"The electric companies are applying Henry Ford's theory of quantity production and low prices, for they are sharing with the consumers the benefits of every reduction in the cost of generating current. The price has come down steadily from year to year since the beginning."

THE CHINESE refer to a Golden Age that was. Other people look forward to one that is to be. But the signs are not lacking that right now we are living in the nearest approach to such an age the world has ever known.

"To give is to get" is the gospel of this new era, and in the promulgation of this doctrine the privately owned electric light and power companies have been among the first to take the lead.

Inspired by a sense of the public's reliance upon their service, they have put the interests of the consumer first. As electrical service has expanded, the cost to the consumer has been reduced. Notwithstanding the increased cost of labor and materials, the

cost of electrical service has steadily declined since 1914.

This has been made possible by far-seeing management, and through the interconnection of production and distribution.

By the publicly regulated system under which these companies operate, economies resulting from the extension of service, the elimination of waste and the application of invention are passed on to the consumer.

In the continuance of the principle of individual initiative under which these achievements have been made possible, lie the future security and best interests of society and the nation as a whole.

**C A R O L I N A
Power & Light Company**