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LOST THEIR DUCKS

Duck Hunters Lose Sack of 26 Ducks on Highway 75—Mr. J. T. Ferguson Becomes Santa Claus to His Family

It would be hard to imagine a more disappointed person than the man or men who had evidently been down to the sounds hunting ducks, had got a bag of twenty-six and then lost them as he or they passed through Chatham to who knows where.

A colored boy who works for Mr. Jim Harris on the Siler City highway, being sent to Mr. H. G. Johnson's filling station and store Wednesday evening of last week seemed to tarry rather long and when he finally returned brought with him a sack containing 26 fine ducks that had been dropped by the wayside.

Mr. Ferguson had kept them till Saturday, or at least all but two which he had used as a sample. He thought maybe the loser might return for them, but the writer passing on the mail truck advised Mr. Johnson to get busy with those ducks; that the loser might live fifty miles away and might have not the least idea where he had lost them, and that there was little or no likelihood of anybody's coming for them. Furthermore, the writer offered his services in helping save them before they should spoil, as did the mail man. Accordingly, four of their duckshippers immediately took passage for part of the return trip toward the coast. Two graced the editor's table for Sunday dinner.

If you ever hear who lost those ducks, you may tell him that they were all right. But there was a disappointed hunter when he would proudly show his kill and found it hard to convince the folk that he the ducks at all.

Moncure News

The following college students are at home for the holidays: Misses Lois Ray and Lucile Wicker, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone; Miss Mary Seymour, Chowan College, Murfreesboro; Miss Dorothy Lambeth, Elon College, Elon; and Messrs. J. L. Womble, Jr., and Lyman Seymour, University of N. C., Chapel Hill; and Miss Ruth Kennedy, Meredith College, Raleigh.

The following teachers are at home for the holidays: Miss Catherine Thomas, Bynum school; Mrs. Pauline Ray Avert, Mt. Airy school; Mr. J. V. Womble, White Plains high school; Mr. C. J. Crutchfield, Jonesboro high school.

Moncure school closed for the Christmas holidays Tuesday afternoon. There will be a Christmas program and tree at the school auditorium Tuesday. Then a Christmas play by some of the high school students and the Junior Glee Club Tuesday evening. Some of the members of the faculty of Moncure school will leave Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning to spend the holidays at their respective homes.

Mr. J. C. Myers of Annapolis, Md., Naval Academy, is spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Giede.

Mrs. George W. Giede has donated a beautiful set of lights and fixtures to the Methodist church in honor of Capt. J. H. Wissler. They are being installed this week by Mr. M. D. Foister of Sanford. The lights will be dedicated by Rev. J. A. Dailey next Sunday evening. Also there will be a Christmas service given by the Sunday school before the dedicatory service that will be supervised by Mrs. W. C. Harward.

As the weather was so bad the latter part of last week which delayed practicing and the lights could not be installed last week, on account of some of the fixtures had to be ordered from the factory, the Christmas service and dedicatory service was not held last Sunday, December 21st, but will be held next Sunday evening, December 28, at 7 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

The Methodist Sunday school was treated last Sunday morning on fruits and nuts.

A Christmas entertainment and tree is to be given, December 22, Monday night at the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ketchie are entertaining High Point friends this week.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Clegg will be glad to know that their little son who has been in Duke Hospital, Durham, is much improved and is able to be brought home.

The Epworth League program last Sunday evening was a Christmas program given by members of the Epworth Junior Society, using Christmas songs with Miss Lucy Boone, pianist. Miss Roberta Lambeth was leader who held the devotional, and had several good and interesting numbers.

Basket Ball Game Friday Evening

The basket ball game scheduled for Friday evening at the Pittsboro school building should prove an interesting event. The high school team will play a team composed of former "stars" of earlier Pittsboro teams. The gentlemen composing the latter team are C. C. Hamlet, Nyal Womble, Lea Powell, Silas Hatley, and Rufus Abernethy.

The senior class is sponsoring this game and will use the money secured from admissions to this game, in connection with a senior class gift of their own, to pay for a class gift to the school. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

Missionary Hallock Tells of Chinese God

C. P. O. Box No. 1234, Shanghai, China, Nov. 6, 1930

Dear Editor, You doubtless have many readers among farmers whom Chinese class as second only to the officials. They may be interested in the god I enclose. He is "San-da-loh-te" the one Chinese farmers worship to get good harvests.

Though "highly civilized" China is a country of idols and idol worship. The people have gods for every purpose and need and for each and every class and occupation. I sometimes think China has as many gods as people. This farmers' god is really named "Koh-zen," meaning "grain-god". "San-da-loh-te" describes him—"Three-heads-six-hands" god. The Chinese often call men and gods this way, as Mr. One-eye or Mr. Pot-mark, or Mr. Crooked-foot, or Mr. Iron-crutch. You will notice that the god I sent has six hands. In the upper two hands he carries the sun (red) and the moon (green). If he turns the sun and moon properly the seasons come to the advantage of the farmers. If not, then Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter are bad.

In the second pair of hands are the "rain-bell" and the "wind-charm" (7 stars of Great Bear). With these he governs the winds and the rain so as to give the farmers (if he is pleased with them) sufficient wind and rain to make crops grow quickly and abundantly. Koh-zen's third two hands grip two swords. With these he slashes all the devils who would destroy or harm the crops or farms. Koh-zen has two eyes for each of his three heads and an extra one for good measure. Seven is a "perfect number." With his seven eyes he can see everything perfectly. He can see the needs and supply them. He can see the dangers and devils and repel them. Is he not a useful sort of fellow? But they must worship him faithfully to keep him pleased. He is worshipped chiefly in the Spring enough to last the whole year. They set a fine feast before him and burn candles and incense, themselves eating what he leaves!

The eight red characters express their prayers. "S-kyi bing-an, Zan-hwa mo-zwen"—May the four seasons be peaceful, the silk and produce be abundant. The figure above is the "Pa-kua," a highly valued and much used charm. The four cows attending Koh-zen are powerful assistants. Koh-zen is very busy and needs these fellows to run his errands and carry out his commands of mercy. You will thus see how the Chinese needs and desires are like those of Westerners, and how Chinese, to meet the needs, work out in their gods the attributes suited to supply their needs. How we wish they knew our one true God and realized how He is really living and able and willing to supply all these pictured needs and all other needs as well.

It is our joy to live among this interesting people and lovingly point them to our wonderful Lord, not forcing our religion upon them but revealing "a more excellent way," for them to adopt or reject according to their own sweet will. Pray for this great people. May you and friends have a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Yours in Christ's glad service, REV. H. G. C. HALLOCK.

Mrs. Matthews Bereaved

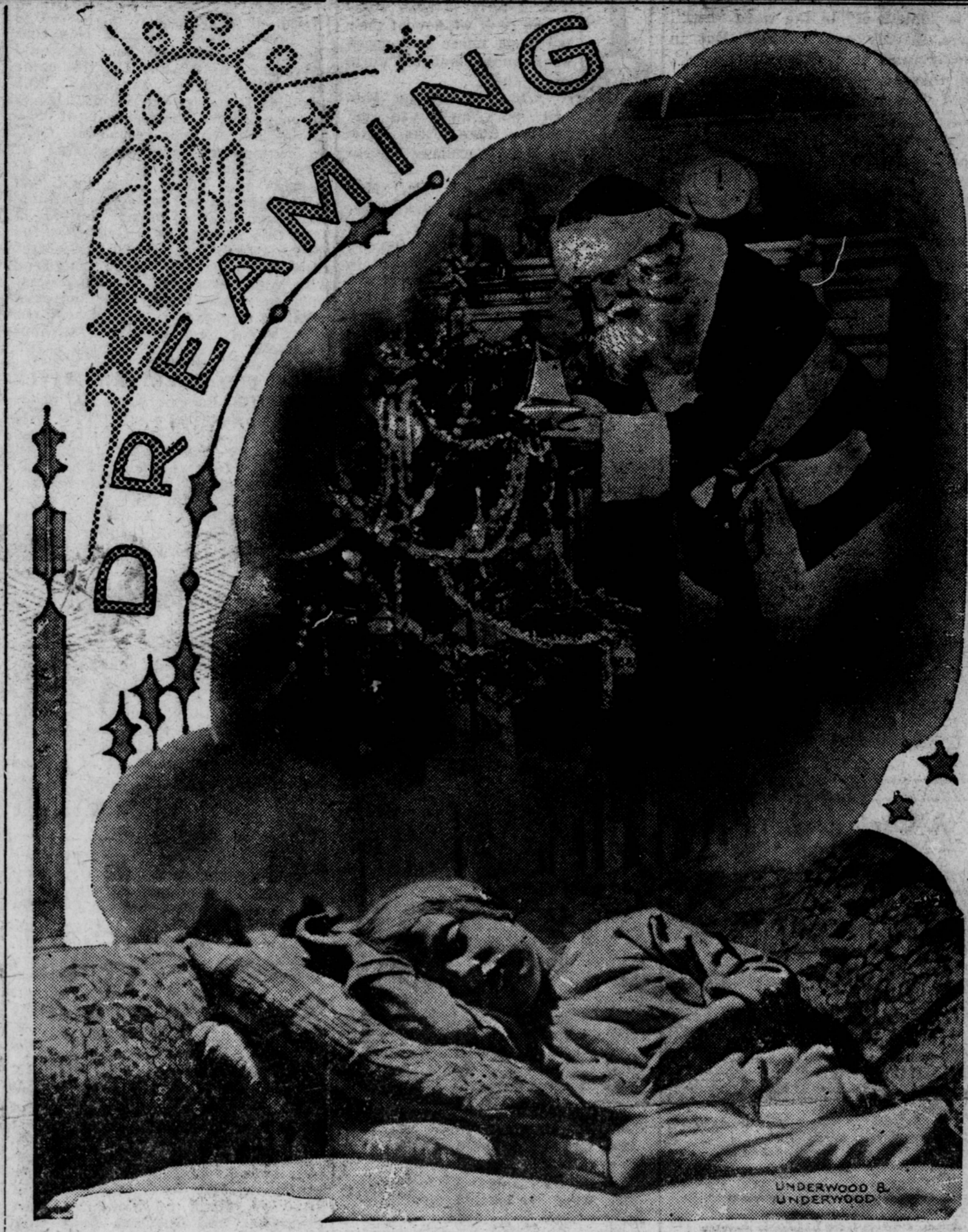
Mrs. C. A. Matthews was bereaved last Friday by the death of her brother Mr. W. E. Nhare, at Toledo, Ohio. She left that night to attend the funeral and will be gone till the first of the coming week.

SURPRISE PARTY GIVEN AT BEAR CREEK

The friends of Miss Nellie Emerson gave her a surprise party at her home Saturday evening. In spite of the bad weather a large crowd was present. Various games and string music was enjoyed by every one. Those present were: Misses Allie Lou Phillips of Burlington, Velna Phillips of Asheville, Leece, Hazel Andrew of Asheville, Nellie and Theresa Emerson, Margaret Watson, Virginia Noel, Faye and Margie Emerson, Godwin Noel of Henderson, Harold and Clarence Elkins, June Phillips, Bruce and Nathaniel Noel, Arthur Phillips and Tommy Joyce.

What Does "persona non grata" Mean?

This is a Latin phrase literally meaning a person not acceptable. It is used in connection with diplomatic appointments. When a certain person in the diplomatic service is not acceptable to the government of a foreign nation he is said to be persona non grata to that government.—The Pathfinder.



Page Trust Company Named Zebulon Liquidating Agent

The Page Trust Company Monday was named liquidating agent for the Zebulon Banking and Trust Company, which closed its doors December 4, by the banking department of the North Carolina corporation commission.

The Page Trust Company, which entered Raleigh in September following the failure of the Raleigh Banking and Trust Company, and is now acting as liquidating agent for that bank, will also open a branch in Zebulon, providing banking facilities for a community without such facilities since the failure.

President Robert N. Page will take personal charge of the Zebulon branch for the opening, the permanent personnel to be selected later, it was announced. The latest acquisition gave the Page Trust Company offices at Zebulon, Raleigh, Aberdeen, Raeford, Thomasville, Hamlet, Sanford, Apex, Liberty, Carthage, Siler City and Rameur.

LOOK FORWARD, NOT BACKWARD

Statistics now appearing deal wholly with the past. We read quarterly reports showing unfavorable comparisons, we read of shrinkages in railway traffic, in the volume of checks drawn on banks, in employment, in dividend rates, in automobile sales, in steel production, etc., the whole forming conclusive proof that we have been suffering trade depression. But what sensible men are most interested in is not what has gone before, but what lies ahead. All experience compels the conclusion that the recession has about run its course. Subnormal consumption always gives way, first to normal consumption and later, to abnormal consumption. We have had the customary period of subnormal consumption; we face the return of normal consumption. To express it differently, gross inflation inevitably precipitates acute deflation; then, after a while, recovery always sets in. Last year's gross inflation brought acute deflation. Now sequence has never failed in the past. It won't fail now.—Forbes Magazine.

JOHNSON-KNIGHT

Mr. Rufus J. Johnson and Miss Katherine Knight were married Tuesday afternoon of last week, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Charles J. Knight, three miles south of Pittsboro. Only members of the families and a few friends were present.

The happy young couple were given a supper at the home of the groom, at Bynum, and after supper were supposed to start on a bridal tour to Washington and other cities to the northward, but the snow of Wednesday morning very probably kept them confined in a Durham or Richmond hotel.

The groom is the only son of the late Rufus J. Johnson, Sr., for several years chairman of the board of county commissioners. He is a graduate of the Pittsboro high school where he made a record as a basketball player; which he continued to hold as a student of Campbell College for a year or two.

STATE NEWS

Raleigh, Dec. 22—North Carolina had, given in for taxation in 1928, a total of \$107,606,000 in stocks of merchandise and fixtures, or an average of \$1,076,060 for each county; \$121,395,000 in materials in process of manufacture, or \$1,213,940 per county average; \$26,279,000 in household and kitchen furniture, above the \$300 exemption, county average of \$262,790; solvent credits of \$131,268,000, or \$1,312,680 per county; \$89,826,000 in miscellaneous items, including automobiles, or \$898,260 per county, and \$38,493,000 in all other unspecified items, or \$684,930 per county, the 1930 report of the State Board of Assessment shows.

Forsyth county led the 100 counties in four of these six items. Mecklenburg took the lead in stocks of merchandise and fixtures, with \$11,119,000, and Clay county brought up the rear with \$57,000; Forsyth led in materials in process of manufacture, with \$40,177,000, Dare having only \$608; in household and kitchen furniture, above the \$300 exemption, Forsyth had \$2,514,000 and Dare \$3,547; Forsyth led in solvent credits with \$21,767,000 and Pamlico had only \$25,201; in miscellaneous items Gaston had \$7,460,000, the highest, while Camden had only \$34,221. In all other items not specified, Forsyth had \$16,123,000 (which included the miscellaneous items) and Dare had only \$880.

Richmond county had \$774,000 in stocks of merchandise and fixtures; \$1,461,000 in materials in process of manufacture; \$184,000 in household and kitchen furniture, above the \$300 exemption; \$875,000 in solvent credits; \$780,000 in miscellaneous items, and \$323,000 in all other items not specified.

P-T: A. MEETS

The December meeting of the P. T. A. was well attended. Miss Hot's room gave an interesting program on "The are of Books." Her room won the dollar for the largest number of Parents present. George Griffin and James Gordon read interesting papers on the use of the library.

GRANDPA WAYBACK SAYS

An optimist is a man who takes a woman and a seed catalog at their face value. I bet if scientists ever do find that Garden of Eden the apple orchard will be in a kinda rundown condition. Getting next to your c'osest friend usually makes you further apart than ever. If the baby falls on its head don't worry. The country will always have need for orchestra leaders and federal jurors. The first hundred bottles of cider put away last year are now the hardest.—The Pathfinder.

A cable from Berlin is authority for the statement that the Reichstag is pigeon-holing petitions to have its restaurant made dry; which is one way of putting into practice the present-day American slogan "Buy now".

JURY LIST

For Term of Court Beginning January 12, 1931, and Continuing For One Week.

The following citizens have been drawn as jurors for the term of Superior Court to begin January 12 for the trial of criminal cases: I. M. Ferguson, B. D. Thrailkill, A. E. Webster, Wm. M. Fogleman, R. H. Beall, Cicero Johnson, Claud Hackney, R. C. Willett, O. T. Cooper, W. C. Horton, C. R. Stevens, C. Y. Welch, Lennie Neal, G. P. Phillips, F. L. Teague, Gales W. Welch, J. Frank Durham, E. E. Clark, Walter Hatley, E. V. Dickens, Henry Proctor, W. B. Vaughan, J. R. Hilliard, R. F. Sturdivant, J. W. Goldston, C. E. Lassiter, E. M. Harris, J. B. Foushee, John C. Brewer, Isaac Brooks, R. M. Hart, A. B. Womble, H. I. Curtis, B. F. Andrews, D. B. White, G. C. Moore, B. A. Osborne, J. M. Councilman, Ray Trip, G. B. Womble, E. F. Moses, and G. D. Vaughn.

Passes on Sad Mission

Mr. C. F. Thomas, of Gresham, S. C., who was reared a few miles southeast of Pittsboro, passed through the old town last Friday on a sad mission. He, accompanied by his wife, his son Clyde, and two daughters, were returning from Durham where they had buried Frank Thomas, oldest son of the family, that day. The latter was 30 years of age and leaves a widow, who before marriage was Miss Gladys Pickett. Mr. C. F. Thomas has been section master for the S. A. L. R. R. for a number of years. He is a son of Mr. Norman Thomas, who we may state for the information of his old friends lives with his daughter, Mrs. Irving Sturdivant, at Garner.

BONLEE HIGH SCHOOL MAKES APPEAL TO FORMER STUDENTS FOR LIBRARY

After Bonlee High School building was burned on November the first, no time was lost in making class rooms in other building on the campus so that school might continue, but no provision was made to replace the books in the library.

BAPTIST TO HOLD MEETING AT SANFORD

Raleigh, Dec. 22—The Centennial treasurers of all Baptist churches in the Sandy Creek association are asked to meet at the First Baptist church of Sanford, Sunday afternoon, December 28th, at three o'clock, for the consideration of the Centennial fund of the several churches. The Centennial treasurer in each church is asked to call upon those having unpaid pledges to this fund before that time if possible, and to bring all funds on hand to the meeting, together with a list of those making payments.

WOMAN'S CLUB NOTES

The music department met Friday evening the nineteenth at the home of Mrs. J. M. Hunt. Plans were made for singing Christmas carols on Christmas evening at six o'clock. The department accepted with regret the resignation of the chairman Mrs. R. H. Dixon Jr. She was presented with a gift from the department. Mrs. W. P. Horton was appointed to fill the unexpired term. The hostess, assisted by Miss Harmon served light refreshments. A record crowd was present at the annual Christmas tree given by the Civics and Health departments on the Sunday before Christmas to the patients at the County Home. Mrs. G. W. Blair as chairman of the committee presented a program of Christmas songs, a reading by Miss Elizabeth Blair, and Rev. J. A. Dailey gave a most inspiring talk. Fruit and candy was given each one. As a benediction, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" was sung.

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