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## A Word for The New Year!

We start the New Year with better experience and a determination to serve you better than in the past. Look for us at the old stand.

Thanks for past favors, and hoping that 1919 will be the best year of your life.

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To our bank today and we will show a little magnet in it. You will find that tomorrow and each day following this magnet will draw to itself all the small change you have been spending foolishly. It will soon have you a bank you will be proud of owning. The magnet does the best drawing from

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E. R. BUCHAN, Vice-President  
J. M. ROSS, Cashier.  
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**GOOD CHEER**  
for  
The New Year.  
OUR VALUES BETTER THAN EVER

We wish to thank our many customers for their liberal patronage for the past year, 1918.

We have your interest at heart now just as we did before we sold you the goods. We are always ready and willing to adjust any matter that is not satisfactory that is caused from defect or any cause on our part or the manufacturers part.

I will start the new year with a nice line and trust that we may have the opportunity of serving you again through 1919.

Wishing you all a prosperous new year I beg to remain yours for service.



**W.F. CHEARS**  
JEWELER  
TYPEWRITERS SANFORD, N.C.

## Bureau of Information in Regard Life Insurance.

The Sanford Real Estate, Loan and Insurance Company announces that it has established a Bureau of Information with reference to life insurance in old line life insurance companies as well as insurance with the Government.

Our Mr. Brinn has made an extensive study of life insurance problems that confront the policy holders as well as conversion of War Risk Insurance carried by soldiers and sailors.

Mr. Brinn will be glad to consult with any policy holder regardless of the company in which he carries insurance without cost to policy holder.

Bring your insurance troubles to Mr. Brinn. He will help you without cost to you.

**Sanford Real Estate, Loan and Insurance Company,**

T. S. CROSS, Manager.

## DEATH OF J. M. WICKER.

Aged Citizen of County Passes at His Home Near Sanford.

The announcement of the sudden death of Mr. J. M. Wicker at his home near Sanford last Monday morning about 8 o'clock, came as a shock to the entire community. Mr. Wicker was looking after things around the home and was apparently in his usual health, having enjoyed a hearty breakfast just before death claimed him. Mrs. Wicker heard an unusual noise on the back porch and upon going out to investigate found Mr. Wicker lying on the floor in an unconscious condition, the stricken man expiring in a few minutes.

The funeral services were held at Buffalo church on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock and were conducted by the pastor, Rev. L. A. McLaurin. A large concourse of relatives and friends attended. At the conclusion of the services at the church the interment was made in the cemetery near by. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. E. G. Moffitt, John W. McIntosh, T. S. Cross, J. R. Bowers, W. S. Weatherhead and C. C. Bowers.

Mr. Wicker was the son of Matthew Wicker and Christian Matthews-Wicker and was born and reared in a stone's throw of where he died. Had he lived one week longer he would have been 76 years of age. He was the last one of a family of several children. Mr. Wicker married Miss Annie Fields, daughter of the late Edward Fields, of Moore county. The widow and the following children survive: Mrs. A. A. Bowers, Mrs. W. W. Harrington, and Mrs. Y. F. Cashin, of this county, and Mrs. George Farrah, of Henderson; Messrs. K. M. N. E. and D. G. Wicker, all of whom lived with their father.

Mr. Wicker served as a cavalryman in the Confederate army during the Civil War. He enjoyed attending the annual reunions and talking with his comrades about the days that tried man's soul. Mr. Wicker was a successful farmer and one of Lee county's most substantial citizens. He was a familiar figure on the streets of Sanford and had many friends among our people who join the bereaved family in lamenting his death. In the death of Mr. Wicker a landmark has been removed. Very few of the men and women of the generation in which Mr. Wicker grew up to young manhood are now living. He was one of the last of that generation to pass away.

## Frank Gilliam Dies in Washington.

Mr. Frank Gilliam, son of Mr. J. P. Gilliam, who went to Washington just before the holidays, died in that city with pneumonia. His mother went to Washington last week to see him. Since the above was put in type we learn that young Gilliam died on Wednesday. The remains arrived here this (Thursday) morning and the funeral was held at Pocket church at 11 o'clock. A more extended notice of his death will appear in The Express next week.

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

The Sanford Graded Schools opened last Monday with a large attendance in all grades. The teachers and pupils had only one week for the holidays. As so much time was lost and the school work disturbed by the epidemic of influenza last fall, it was decided to give only one week for the holidays. In order to make up as much of the lost time as possible it was decided to continue to teach on Saturday. If the full term is taught on the school will close later in the spring than usual.

The Hatch Wholesale House has bought out the Sanford Grocery Company, stock, good will and all. Mr. D. C. Lawrence, who established the Sanford Grocery Company here several years ago and who made a success of the wholesale business, retired from the business. Mr. J. F. Hollingsworth, who was secretary and treasurer of the company, will remain with the concern. The purchasers have leased the building from Mr. Lawrence and will continue to carry on the business at the present stand.

On Monday of last week Sheriff Lassiter, while on a raid in Pocket township, found where a still had been operated and poured out about 200 gallons of beer. Upon continuing the search he found concealed in the underbrush near by a 60-gallon copper still. It was brought to the court house where it will be reduced to junk. The sheriff went on another raid last Thursday and found where a still had been operated in about two miles of where he had captured the still two days before. Here he poured out about 400 gallons of beer. If reports are true blockade stills are almost as numerous in some sections as rural route boxes. The unprecedented high price of liquor is a great temptation to make it.

The large amount of tobacco now raised in this section has helped to advance North Carolina from second to first place in the value of the tobacco crop among the tobacco growing States of the country. The report of the Commissioner of Agriculture shows that the value of the North Carolina crop last season was \$101,520,000, compared with Kentucky's \$98,325,000, that State being second. Virginia is third with \$85,300,000. The Kentucky crop was greater than the North Carolina's in pounds, but the money value was second. The indications are that there will be a larger acreage in tobacco in this section this year than there was last. Many of those who have been raising tobacco in this section are so well pleased with the prices that obtained this season that they will increase their acreage in the spring while many other planters have moved in from other parts of the State to grow the golden weed.

## HOW TO OBTAIN NITRATE.

Government to Sell to Farmers of Lee County for Fertilizer.

Notice has been given to E. R. McIver, Agricultural Agent for Lee County, that the U. S. Department of Agriculture will sell at cost a supply of nitrate of soda to farmers in Lee county. The nitrate will be sold under the authority of the Food Control Act and subsequent legislation relating thereto. The price will be \$31.00 a ton, free on board cars at loading point or port. Farmers are to pay in addition freight to their shipping points.

Applications for a part of the nitrate bought by the government will be received only from actual farmers or owners or holders of farms for use on their land, and may be made through County Agent E. R. McIver, or through any member of a local committee consisting of W. C. O'Connell, J. J. Edwards, J. C. Jones, and C. D. Orrell.

No money will be required with the application out upon notice from the authorized representatives of the Department of Agriculture farmers who have signed applications must deposit with a local bank, association or individual, designated by the Secretary of Agriculture to act as the farmers' agent for that purpose, money to cover the cost of the fertilizer except the freight charge. In practically every case the money will be paid to a County Nitrate Distributor designated by the Department of Agriculture. Nitrate will be shipped to distributors on eight draft with bill of lading attached. Distributors will pay drafts, take up the bills of lading, collect money from farmers and distribute nitrate to farmers. Arrangements have been made to secure a large quantity of nitrate and it is believed that all reasonable requirements can be met. All applications must be made before Jan. 25, 1919. Further instructions will be given through next weeks Express.

**Emancipation Proclamation Celebrated.**  
The fifty-sixth anniversary of the Proclamation of the Emancipation, celebrated by the colored people of Sanford Wednesday by a parade, religious services and a concert.

The various camps, was a feature of the parade. The exercises were held in the Masonic-Odd Fellows Hall. W. H. Quick was master of ceremonies. Addresses were made by Rev. J. E. McMillan and Prof. Harrison.

## Three Conferences Merged.

Rev. T. E. White was at Elon College last week attending a meeting of commissioners appointed to discuss and pass upon the question of merging the North Carolina-Virginia Christian Conference, the Eastern North Carolina Conference and the Western North Carolina Conference into one, to be known as the North Carolina Christian Conference. Rev. J. O. Aikins, Rev. W. C. Wicker, Rev. L. I. Cox and Attorney J. D. Long were appointed to draft the charter for the final approval at a later meeting, and the nine commissioners, three from each conference, were constituted incorporators for the new conference. The officers for the purpose of incorporation are president, Rev. T. E. White, of Sanford; vice-president, Rev. W. C. Wicker, of Elon College; secretary, Dr. W. A. Harper, of Elon College; treasurer, K. B. Johnson, of Cades; executive secretary, Rev. L. I. Cox, of Elon College. As soon as the charter has been granted by the Secretary of State the temporary officers will call the incorporators together and a permanent organization will be effected.

**Dr. Poteat's Address.**  
Dr. W. L. Poteat, president of Wake Forest College, delivered a very able address at the Baptist church on Sunday night before Christmas. Theme: "The World Crisis and the Christian Opportunity." This old war-torn, stricken earth is in for several cycles yet, according to the view of the speaker. He did not speak dogmatically on the subject, but in his opinion the "work is geared up and oiled to run at least a million years yet" notwithstanding the opinion of the modern prophet-faddists to the contrary. Dr. Poteat declared that the redemption of society according to the ideal of Jesus is the new task that Christianity faces. Using as a text the statement in the Gospel of John made by Martha to her sister Mary, "The Master is come and calleth for thee," Dr. Poteat pointed out some of the things the Master is calling on his followers to do today.

Officers and men of the army who failed to reach the fighting front by reason of the duties imposed upon them in this country will not be denied recognition of their service in the winning of the war. By direct order of President Wilson, as commander-in-chief of the army, General March, chief of staff, issued an order that hereafter such men shall be entitled to wear a silver chevron similar to the gold one authorized for service overseas.

The Jonesboro Graded School re-opened for the spring term Monday. All of the teachers have returned and a number of new students are being enrolled.

## JONESBORO NEWS LETTER.

People Welcome New Methodist Pastor—Some People Change Their Place of Residence—A Death and a Marriage—Holiday Visitors.

Jonesboro, January 1—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Buchan and little son spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. W. A. Godfrey.

Mrs. L. B. Sasser, of Wilmington, is spending sometime with her people here.

Miss Vallie Hill has returned to her work in Benson after spending the holidays with her mother.

Rev. T. H. Sutton and wife left last week for Fayetteville where they will make their home.

Mrs. D. M. Weatherly and Miss Wiley Bagwell, of Franklinville, visited relatives in Jonesboro during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. McFadden and children of Dallas, Texas, are here to see Mr. McFadden's mother who is very ill at the home of her sister Mrs. J. D. Peagram.

Misses Belle Buchanan, of Penman, Va., and Lessie Buchanan, of Richmond, spent the holidays with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMillan and children visited in Fayetteville.

Mr. Worthy Peagram, of Penman, Va., spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. D. Peagram.

Private Landon McIver who has returned from France spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McIver, who live near town. Mr. McIver has been wounded, which accounts for his return home.

Miss Annie Dalrymple has returned to Lemon Springs to her school after spending Christmas here. Malcolm Dalrymple has also returned to Eureka Farm Life School, to resume his work.

Mrs. Elmer Buchanan and son Don have returned from a visit to relatives in Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Cole, of Washington, D. C., and Thomas Cole, of Richmond, spent the holidays with their mother, Mrs. B. B. Cole.

Mr. M. G. Thomas, of Chesapeake, spent last Sunday with his mother, Mrs. M. G. Thomas, who returned to her with him to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Thomas are at their home near the courthouse after an absence of several months. They have been in Robersonville where Mr. Thomas has been at work.

Rev. and Mrs. V. A. Royall arrived here Monday afternoon from down east where they had been located for several years past. Mr. Royall takes charge of the Jonesboro circuit and the members in Jonesboro extend them a cordial welcome. His first appointment will be in the Methodist church Sunday night.

The Christmas holidays were observed very quietly in Jonesboro. There was no drinking or carousing at any time. There were no Christmas trees or entertainments at the churches, but the poor and sick of the town were remembered by Sunday School classes and also by individuals.

Mr. Herbert Lassiter died at the hospital in Hamlet last Friday afternoon of pneumonia following influenza. Mr. Lassiter was the brother of Mr. I. P. Lassiter of this place. The funeral took place Saturday at Merry Oaks. Those who attended the funeral from here were, Mrs. Kate Lassiter, mother of the deceased, and Mrs. Helms, Miss Iula Lassiter and I. P. Lassiter. Miss Janie Dalrymple and Mrs. W. G. Watson accompanied the family. The bereaved mother and other relatives have the sympathy of their many friends here in their sad bereavement.

Messrs. B. B. Buchanan and Ernest McFarland have opened a garage in the old Humber Building and are now ready for business. Both of these men are expert mechanics and are prepared to do first class work in their line.

Quite a lot of moving has been going on in and around Jonesboro recently. Mr. A. E. Kelly has purchased the J. Alton McIver property on Main Street and moved his family there, while Mr. O. C. Hunter has bought Mr. Kelly's residence on edge of town and has moved his family there.

A wedding of interest occurred Christmas eve at the Presbyterian Manse when Miss Mary Stephenson, of Jonesboro, became the bride of Dr. L. J. Dupree, of Lillington. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. McC. White and was witnessed by a few friends and relatives. Following the ceremony Dr. and Mrs. Dupree left for a wedding trip to Florida, after which they will make their home in Lillington. They were accompanied to Raleigh by Miss Louise Stephenson and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Massengill, sister and brother of Mrs. Dupree.

## LETTER FROM OVERSEAS.

In His Father's-Day Letter Local Boy Tells of Experiences in France and of His Desire to Get Home.

Following are extracts from a letter from Private Benjamin W. Brannon, 81st Division, American Expeditionary Forces, written to his father, Mr. J. M. Brannon, from Cobles, France, November 24th:

Today has been set aside by the whole American Expeditionary Force as the day that each man in the service over here is to write a letter home to father. And now that we have just been given the privilege of writing almost anything that we want to, I know of nothing that would be more interesting than to give you a brief sketch of what I have been doing and where I have been since going on board boat at New York.

We left New York July 31st on an English S. S. Walmer Castle. We had a nice trip all the way over. There were about fifteen other troop ships along with us. We never sighted a single submarine during the entire voyage. I never got sea sick at all. I dreaded the trip on this account, however. We finally reached this side on Sunday August 11th, and you can just imagine how glad we were to reach land after having been on the water eleven days.

The first land that we sighted before reaching Liverpool, was the Irish Coast and then the coast of Scotland. We sighted the coast of Scotland just as the sun was rising and I must say this was one of the most beautiful sights I have ever witnessed. I would like very much to visit Ireland, but, of course, I will not do so, because when we receive the word to go home the fastest boat going that way will be too slow for us.

I am unable to tell you anything at all about Liverpool because we got off of about there at night and went immediately to the train going to Winchester, England, arriving there Monday morning about 10:00 o'clock. We spent three days in this place and during the time that we were there we visited Winchester Cathedral. This is one of the oldest cathedrals in England. It was started in 900.

From the England, where we were, we crossed the English Channel, landing at Le Havre, France. We spent one night in a camp near that place, leaving early morning train, 40 in a box car, and the box cars are only half the size the box cars are in the U. S. A., so you can imagine just how comfortable this trip was. You see they are unable to provide coaches for us on account of being so many soldiers over here. We rode twenty six hours this way finally arriving at Tonneur on Sunday, August 18.

This is a little place of about three or four thousand people and is away back behind the lines. At this place we were billeted in the houses. My billet was in the loft just four lights up. We remained in this place about one month, going to St. Die, Vosges, where our division went into action against the Germans.

From St. Die we went up on the Verdun front where our division went into action against the Germans and fought right up until the last minute before the armistice went into effect. We made a good advance there driving the Germans back several miles during the two days that we were in action there. I have never been right up to the front, my organization has been a few miles to the rear since we have been in action. We have been shelled twice, once at St. Die and again at Sommesueire in a little village up in the Verdun section where we were for a day or two. It was quite a lively time around there for a few minutes while the shells were falling. I made the trip from St. Die in trucks and on this trip we passed through Toul, Nancy and St. Mihiel.

In this section is where the first Americans went into action. St. Mihiel is in complete ruins, I do not think there is a single house there but what has been bombed. At St. Mihiel is where the Americans started their first big drive in September and drove the Germans out of the entire St. Mihiel section.

We are now on the move back in to the rear near the little town of Tonneur where we first stopped. We will probably not arrive at our destination before sometime the first of December. We are moving through on trucks stopping two or three days at the time. We have three or four more places to stop at yet I think before we finally arrive at our destination, and I will be glad when the moving is over, too. We do not more than get established at a place until we move to some other one. If it was in the summer time moving would not be so bad. I hope that we will not have to move back into the territory we are now leaving and will be glad if we can remain at the place we are going to until we get the word to go home.

I trust very much that you all are getting along nicely back there and that you will have a big Christmas. I wish that I could be there too, but don't guess that I will be able to do so, but I hope that it will not be such a long time afterwards before we will start home.

## A Happy and Prosperous New Year

To all our Friends and Customers



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To produce all he can, to make all he can. By so doing, he can invest liberally in Liberty Bonds, War Savings Stamps and help provision and back our forces over there. We are prepared to be particularly liberal with farmers and legitimate business in need of funds.



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Sold Everywhere

Was in a Terribly Run Down Condition  
Miss Hilda Lempho,  
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## To Our Old Customers,

Who have given us their patronage the past several years; to our new customers of the past year, and to all who are going to become our customers in the year nineteen-nineteen,

## New Year's Greetings!

We are going to give our customers better service in the future than we have in the past, is our New Year Resolution.

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