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Merry Christmas

Brevities

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bobbitt and son, Beverly, will leave the last of the week for Miami and other points in Florida.

Rev. George Griffin, of Pittboro, a Senior at Wake Forest College, will preach at the First Baptist church at 11 o'clock next Sunday morning. There will be no evening service.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Measamer remain at the bedside of their little son in Pittman Hospital, Fayetteville, where he is slowly recovering from double pneumonia from the effect of the peanut which was removed from his lung some time ago.

The McLeod Transfer has been incorporated to operate trucks, to transport and deliver freight, goods and merchandise of any and every kind. The authorized capital stock is \$25,000, subscribed stock by Ned McLeod, Alise W. McDonald, and W. Norwood Cox, all of Broadway.

Mr. Monroe Williamson, who has been in the navy for some time, on the Saratoga, sailed from Panama recently on the Henderson for Norfolk Va. The first of the year Mr. Williamson will enter a military school in Washington, D. C., for special training. Mr. Williamson's friends will be pleased to learn of his promotion and wish for him success.

The warning against shooting fireworks in the town and probability of a fire is a warning that has had a tendency to break up the business. Occasionally one hears the report of a firecracker on the outskirts of the town, but in the business district they are seldom heard. Some times they are thrown to the streets from buildings, but the person who is handling them is back in the building where he is not seen.

We are asked to state that the dry goods and grocery stores of Sanford, will be open at night from now till next Monday night, Christmas eve, so that people can do their Christmas shopping at night if they are too busy in the day with other affairs. The trading public is asked to visit the stores as soon as possible and do their shopping before the rush is on at the 11th hour when the salesmen and salesladies will have more than they can handle.

There is a beautifully constructed miniature house in the front window of the office of the Sanford Building and Loan Association on Steele street. This home in miniature has all the conveniences of a modern dwelling and is a work of art. It was constructed by Mr. W. T. Glass. It required both patience and skill to make the construction. It could not be placed in a more appropriate office or building especially at a time when a huge building campaign is staged in every community by the government.

Mr. W. R. Makepeace, head of the Makepeace Mill Work Company, states that the business of his concern has greatly picked up since the building program was put on by the government some two or three months ago. He has about doubled his regular working force and has filed orders sufficient to keep the plant in operation until next February. He finds the outlook in building activities very good for the coming year. The lumber plants and brick and tile plants are all busy turning out building material. It is expected that the building operations will be right active here in Sanford.

If you want to see a thing of beauty and a joy forever stand on Steele St., near the home of Dr. Lynn McIver, come clear night before the holiday season is over and get a good view of the lights between that point and the Wilrik Hotel. It is a scene of real brilliancy and would do credit to a street in the business section of any city in the state. The decorations on the street and on the fronts of the stores are brought into bold relief by the glow of the many colored lights above. While Sanford is not strutting her stuff, she is passing into the class of a small city and wants the public to be on hand when she can show it to advantage. The holiday season finds her "all dressed up and nowhere to go."

CARRY THE BANKHEAD ACT

Only 59 Votes Cast Against The Measure In Lee County.

One Farmer Votes Against Act In Greenwood No. 1.

Lee county cotton growers lined up on the side of the Bankhead Act in the referendum of last Friday by a majority of more than 23 to 1. In the State it was 12 to 1. Votes announced by the county committee after an official canvass Saturday morning were 1200 "yes" and 59 "no."

Following is the vote by township: Cape Fear, 223 yes, 8 no, total 231; Deep River, 74 yes, 18 no, total 92; Greenwood No. 1, 179 yes, 1 no, total 180; Greenwood No. 2, 73 yes, 2 no, total 75; Jonesboro, 270 yes, 2 no, total 272; East Pocket, 123 yes, 12 no, total 135; West Pocket, yes 60, no 4, total 64; Sanford, (both townships) yes, 198, no 12, total 210. Total for the county, 1200 yes, 59 no; total vote cast 1259. The combined two Sanford townships were the only townships in the county that failed to carry the referendum on the Bankhead Act by the necessary two thirds majority. The returns show that there was only one vote cast against the Bankhead Act in Greenwood No. 1.

"Voting in the tobacco referendum the same day was reported even much heavier in proportion than among the cotton growers, it was reported at County Agent McMahan's office. The ballot boxes containing the tobacco votes are now being counted by those in charge of the election. Mr. McMahan thinks the tobacco act will carry."

In the cotton referendum it was announced that it would be required that two thirds of the growers in the cotton belt should favor retention of the Bankhead act or else it would be dropped. In the tobacco referendum, it is required that three fourths of the acreage represented be voted favorably or else the Kerr Smith control act would be taken off.

Every county in North Carolina gave the Bankhead law a favorable vote but two.

DR. KITCHIN SPEAKS AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Thurman D. Kitchin, President of Wake Forest College, conducted services at the First Baptist church last Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour. Dr. Kitchin sustained his reputation on this occasion as being an able speaker. He held the close attention of a large congregation throughout the presentation of his discourse on the subject, "Christ, the Man." He told of the birth of Christ, his mission and his death. It was a beautiful and graphic portrayal of the life of the Son of God who came and after a brief but busy life, offered himself as a sacrifice to save the human race. The message made deep impression on all who heard it.

SNYDERS RETURN FROM PASADENA

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Snyder, who came down from Pennsylvania, and for several years made their home at Lem on Springs, went from this county to the west and located at Pasadena, California. After making their home there until a few weeks ago, they returned here while on their way to Florida, where they expected to spend the winter. They were so well pleased with Sanford that they decided to remain here for the next few months. They are stopping with the family of Mr. J. A. Overton, whom they knew while he was teaching school at Lem on Springs. Mr. Snyder, who has all ways manifested an interest in the world while things of life, did much for the advancement of the school at Lemon Springs. He studied methods of raising money for the improvement of the school. As the result of his work and the work of others, the school won the loving cup given by the county for the school raising the most funds for improvements. We are glad to have this fine couple as guests of the town and would be pleased to see them make Sanford their permanent home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Temple, of Rocky Mount, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Bacon and children, Ann and Emily Jean, of near Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Temple and children, Gloria, Carroll and Charles, of Raleigh, will spend the holidays with Mrs. G. W. Temple and family.

Honor Society Has Banquet

The Honor Society recently organized in the Sanford High school held a banquet last Monday evening at the Wilrik hotel to install the officers of the Society.

The officers are Charles Reeves, Jr., president; Marjorie Freeman, vice president; Mary Lewis McCormick, secretary; and Miss Mildred Gilliam, treasurer.

The ball room of the Wilrik was in bright holiday attire and the long banquet table was gray with poinsettias and red tapers. The menu consisted of creamed chicken on toast, English peas in potato nests, perfection salad, hot rolls, coffee, and chocolate nut sundae.

Mr. W. C. Lane acted as toastmaster and discussed the purpose of honor societies in high school. Short talks were made by the officers of the society and by invited guests including Mr. J. S. Truitt, principal of the school; Messrs. E. R. Smith, Clifford Green, and Coke Reeves, and Misses Alberta Lamm and Louise Sherwood, teachers in the school, and Mayor W. Banks Wilkins. Mr. Wilkins addressed the Society on the subject of leadership. Raymond Wheeler and Marjorie Freeman, two outstanding students in scholarship, replying to the toast "What It Takes To Make Straight A's," explained that there was no mystery about it but plenty of hard work and strict attention to business.

Confederate Veterans Get Pensions

Of the 530 Confederate veterans to whom the State of North Carolina pays pensions amounting to \$1.00 a day each only one, Redin Bryan, lives in Lee County. Mr. Bryan's home is in Jonesboro. He was a member of the Sixty Second Regiment, North Carolina State troops. He is said to have been one of the handsomest men in that regiment.

Pensions for sixteen widows of Confederate veterans have been received by Clerk of the Superior Court, W. G. Watson, and those who have not already received their checks may get same by calling at the Clerk's office in person or by proxy. The names of the widows are as follows: Mesdames Barbara Thomas, G. W. Avent, Kate Brown, Jackie B. Groce, Kate Lasater, Nancy A. McNeill, Bettie Matthews, Martha M. Phillips, Sallie J. Pittman, Annie M. Ross, Margaret A. Sutton, Mary Gunter, Mary J. Maddox, Martha E. Maples, Mary E. Peele and Burline Womble.

SANFORD BUSINESS COLLEGE

The Sanford Business College will be closed during Christmas week and will reopen on Monday, Dec. 31. This institution, which was established some twenty years ago, has just closed the most successful year in its history. Mr. Owen C. Rogers, the president, desires to express his sincere appreciation to all his friends and patrons who have contributed in any way to the support of the institution. The courses offered in this school are equal to the best and Mr. Rogers' methods of instruction are in keeping with the work of the up to date business office. Miss Kathlene Cox, who is a graduate of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, has been secured as an assistant teacher for the coming year. Miss Cox has a thorough knowledge of all the subjects taught in this institution and we believe that her addition to the teaching force will be a great asset. The present enrollment of the Sanford Business College is thirty, and we predict for the New Year many additions to this most worthy institution.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Sunday, December 23rd. Sunday School and Bible Class at 3 p. m. Evening Prayer and sermon by the rector, Rev. F. Craighill Brown, at 4 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

FARM CENSUS TO BE TAKEN

Farmers Told How To Give The Information

ARE SWORN TO SECRECY

It is expected that the enumerators who will be appointed to take the agricultural census of North Carolina during the month of January will be appointed in Lee and all other counties in the State in a few days. After they are named they will be asked to assemble at certain points within each district so that they can be put through a course of instruction as to their duties in carrying on the work.

In the meantime every effort is being made to comply with the request of William L. Austin, director, bureau of the census, to place a sample copy of the 1935 schedule in the hands of every farmer so that he will be able to give study to the questions he will be called upon to answer. Sample schedules can be procured by writing to your district supervisor.

"Sometimes during January an enumerator will call at every farm for a report. The definition of a farm for census purposes is the land which is directly farmed by a person, either by his own labor alone or with the assistance of members of his household, or hired labor. The land operated by a person in this manner is considered a single tract, and of a number of separate tracts, and these several tracts, as well as one tract is owned by the farmer and another tract is rented by him. When a landowner has one or more tenants, renters, croppers, or managers, the land operated by each is considered a farm. Thus on a plantation the land operated by each cropper is reported as a separate farm, and the land operated by the owner or manager by means of wage hands is likewise reported as a separate farm. No report is required of a farm of less than 3 acres, unless its products in 1934 were valued at \$250 or more.

Director Austin wishes to emphasize the fact that every supervisor and enumerator, as well as all census employees, are sworn to secrecy regarding the reports. The law provides that the individual return made by each farmer is absolutely a confidential government report. All employees are required to read the law and penalties imposed for disclosure of information. The director desires particularly to impress every farmer with the fact that his report will not be used as a basis for taxation nor communicated to any tax official.

GAY DIVORCEE

Highlighted by the inspired dancing of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, and also by the apparent capabilities of this man Astaire to play romantic symphonies on the hearts of feminine fans in a new and whimsical manner, RKO Radio's sumptuous musical comedy, "The Gay Divorcee," is the brightest spot this week on Entertainment Lane.

CRABTREE HAS EXCITING EXPERIENCE

Coleman Crabtree, of Sumter, S. C., who spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Crabtree, told friends here of the experience he recently had with two robbers one of whom was killed while trying to rob the hotel of which he is night clerk. They threatened to shoot him if he failed to open the money safe in the office of the hotel. He said he expected to be shot every minute as it looked like he was going to fail to get it open. Upon making the third attempt he succeeded in getting it open. They finally decided not to kill Mr. Crabtree and the bell boy who was in the office with him, but forced them to go to an upper floor of the hotel. The night patrolman, who faced the two men in a "duel to the death," stated afterwards that before he fired the first shot he realized that some one and maybe more than one would be killed, but that there was nothing to do but face them and take chances. He and his trained guard dog crawled some distance on the floor to get in a position to make the attack. Mrs. Gus Womble, who is lady manager of the hotel, has also been here for a few days. She was awakened by the shooting and hearing the dog when she made the attack on the robbers who escaped after being shot, she thought that mad dogs were being shot by the night watchman.

Mrs. C. C. Cheek, one of the faculty of the Sanford schools was operated on Saturday at the Lee County Hospital at Saturday. Mrs. Cheek is rapidly improving.

HOME CHRISTMAS

With a little checked shawl pinned around her shoulders, an apron with a big pocket, tied around her waist, I can see mother standing in the door of the old farm house with its tall chimneys, looking down the lane, waiting for her boy, I've written her I'm coming home for Christmas.

The purple lilac bush by the gate is bare now, but its fragrance has lingered. In the back yard I see the big oak tree under whose branches my rope swing soothed my childhood woes, and hurts. Further back is the old smoke house, always full of meat at hog killing time. Near it grew the bed of artichokes for pickles. On the ground trailed may pop vines. I wonder if the wood pile is still at the same spot.

Standing near is my dog house, an occupied since my dog died years ago. I buried him on the hill side across the creek, with a cedar at the head of his grave, that he might live on in the heart of an evergreen tree, and I wanted him to rest where the Christmas trees grew. It was there that the holly was fullest of red berries.

I see the big foot log across the creek, where I drove the cows home from the pasture with my dog, and the swimming hole just below it.

In the kitchen I see stuffed sausage links and tom thumbs hanging on nails. I used to blow up the bladders, hang them up to dry to burst for fun. Inside the closet door I shall look for my gun, waiting these years for another rabbit hunt. The wood is piled high for the big fire place. The turkey and flingers, plum pudding, pump as of old, and surely mother will look just the same to me.

Absence from the old home has not changed my heart toward it and Christ mastic there. And to spend it with mother again as of old, Glory be!

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"And what's more tender than the waiting arms of an old house which bids me welcome home." N.

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A present, "The Spirit of Christmas," will be given Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. A special program of music. A Christmas tree will be decorated and gifts for all the Sunday school children will be distributed.

CULBRETH TELLS ABOUT BETHLEHEM CLUB ELECTS DIRECTORS

The speaker of the occasion at the meeting of the Kiwanis Club last Friday night at the Carolina hotel was Rev. C. B. Culbreth, who was made pastor of Steele Street Methodist Church at the recent meeting of the North Carolina Conference. The guests of members of the club were Mr. Culbreth, Misses Nancy Ann Makepeace and Nancy and Louise Horner.

Before the program of the evening was put on the following members of the club were elected on the board of directors: J. F. Foster, T. T. Hayes, W. E. Burroughs, W. R. Makepeace, and S. W. Allen. The officers of the club are members of the board of directors by virtue of their office. The new officers will be installed and take charge at the first meeting in January. The secretary will be elected by the board of directors. It is expected that Mr. D. B. Teague will be elected to succeed himself. It would be hard to see how the club could get along without Mr. Teague as its secretary. All would be disappointed at not getting his weekly letter. It is a feature of Kiwanis in Sanford, if we may put it that way.

A letter from Miss Margaret John, principal of McIver Grammar School, was read expressing her appreciation of the \$25 the club donated to play ground equipment, also one from the teachers of the Kindergarten school, thanking the club for the 30 chairs donated to the school by members of the club.

Mr. Culbreth's talk was worth while entertainment by telling of a sojourn in Palestine last summer. Most of his talk had to do with Bethlehem, the little town of sacred memory, where Christ was born, six miles from Jerusalem. His talk was so real that the members of the club could almost imagine that they were strolling through the cobble stone streets of the little town with him. He saw the brown walls and ancient buildings in the village and the Church of the Nativity. This church was built on the spot where Christ was supposed to have been born. He saw an old tree, which it is claimed, dates back to the days of Christ. He visited the grave of Jacob and saw the field where Ruth and Boaz figured in one of the most beautiful romances of all time. He found people to be fair of face and blue eyed. Although the following paragraphs are not quoted from Mr. Culbreth's talk we think they will fit in here.

"The tiny country of Palestine contains all the world's history, for Christ was born in this country, and Christ lived in it."

"It is, of course, in Bethlehem and Nazareth that the spirit of Christ still seems most palpably to walk abroad. I saw a mother in her door way in Bethlehem nursing her child. "A man who might have been St. Joseph himself, came toward her riding a pony, with great panniers of greenstuff swaying under his knees. Not many yards away, in the Church of the Nativity, the elders of the Greek and the Armenian and the Coptic churches were quarrelling as to how many lamps they were each entitled to light at how many altars. "But in her doorway the mother sat nursing her child, crooning a lullaby over him. And the man like St. Joseph came down from his ass and gave her fruit and greenstuffs as an offering."

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Personal

Mrs. Annie Arnette and Miss Lois Arnette, of Raleigh, Mrs. Emory Mat thews, Troy, Mrs. Duncan Memory, Alabama, Miss Josephine Arnett, Boy lin Springs, will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Husketh, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Chears and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Street.

Miss Clara Henley, of Charlotte, will spend the holidays with Miss Mary Addie White.

Misses Mary Addie White, who teaches at Olivia, and Nellie White, who teaches at Bennett, are at home for the holidays.

Miss Johnnie Jones, student at N. C. C. W., is at home for the holidays.

Rev. J. W. Buckner and family are visiting his people in Chatham County.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Morgan announce the arrival of a daughter, Barbara Lee, Sunday morning, December 16th, Pitman Hospital, Fayetteville. Mrs. Morgan is the former Miss Frances Riddle.

Miss Reba Hinsdale, who has been attending the Trephegen School of Art in New York, has returned for the holidays.

Mr. David Teague, student at the University, is at home.

Mr. J. U. Gunter, of Philadelphia, is at home with his mother, Mrs. Kate Gunter.

Mrs. Mary Gunter, mother of Mrs. G. W. Riggsbee, of Upper Hawkins Avenue, fell more than a week ago and is unable to walk without a stick. Mrs. Gunter was 88 years old the 27th of July, and is an unusual woman for her years.

Mrs. C. H. Crabtree has returned from Wilson, where she visited her mother, Mrs. A. C. Hughes.

Mrs. R. E. Carrington, Jr., and Mrs. Archie Palmer left this week for Whiteville. They will be joined with their husbands there for Christmas.

Misses Mary Mercer and Elizabeth Reeves, students at N. C. C. W., are at home for the holidays.

Mr. Charles Reeves is visiting Mr. Charlie Wicker in Guilf.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Crabtree, of Sumter, S. C., spent the week end with W. A. Crabtree and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Byrd, of Branchville, S. C., will visit Mr. E. M. Underwood and family and Mr. E. C. Heins and family during the holidays.

Mrs. A. C. Hughes, of Wilson, is visiting Mrs. C. H. Crabtree.

Engineer J. A. King, of Wilmington, who has run a train between Wilmington and Sanford for the past five years, has been transferred to the main line of the A. C. L. Railroad, and his run is now from Wilmington to Rocky Mount. Mr. King succeeded the late Charles Watson on this division of the road one year before Mr. Watson's death. Mr. King has made many friends in Sanford whose best wishes follow him.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. McIver, and children, Duncan Jr., and Alice Scott, of Washington City, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bass, of Wiryte, will spend the Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McIntosh.

Miss Frances Gunn, student at Queens Chocora College, is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. Neal Hanner and two sons, and Mrs. U. L. Roberson, of Fayetteville, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Hanner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Williamson are expecting the following for Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Loftin Williamson, of Kinston; Betty Jean Williamson, of Wake Forest, and Mrs. T. B. Beal, of Siler City.

Miss Ina Morris, who spent some time at the Sanitorium is back at home and is much improved, her many friends will be pleased to know.

Mrs. Monroe Cooper, of Old Hickory, Tenn, and Mr. Charles Cheek, and Mrs. A. M. Burns, of Roxboro, were at the bedside of Mrs. C. C. Cheek, at Lee County Hospital during the week end.

Misses Alberta Lamm, of Lucama, Louise Sherwood, of Greensboro, and Miss Sophia Howie, of Pineville, who are of the Sanford school faculty, will spend the holidays at their homes.