

Twin Oaks News

Mrs. Ralph Cheek and daughters, Marian and Lynda, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Grady Irwin, and stopped with relatives here.

Walter Edwards, of Vox, spent Saturday afternoon here with relatives.

Hoke Richardson and C. T. Edwards, Jr., went to Detroit Sunday to drive down some used cars for Auto Sales Co., Sparta. Miss Lynore Bare, who is training in N. Wilkesboro to become a beauty operator, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bare.

Chussie Gentry and James Hardin, students of A. S. T. C., Boone, spent the week end with homefolks in Sparta and visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Crouse and son, Farrel, of Winston-Salem, spent the week end with her sister and Mr. Reeves Douglass.

Raleigh Nelson and his crew of four men, who are here erecting the new phone line for Central Telephone Co., from Twin Oaks to Sparta, spent the week end with homefolks in Asheboro and

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Closing Notice

The Following Business Houses

Will Be Closed All Day

Wednesday, December 25,

Thursday, December 26

AND

Wednesday, January 1

Farmers Hdw. & Impl. Co.

Firestone Store

Cash and Carry Store

Edwards Furn. Co.

Jay Hardin's Store

Belk's Dept. Store

Smithey's Store

Mick or Mack

Western Auto Store

Modern Dry Cleaners

Evans and Higgins, Jewelers

Northwestern Bank

Alleghany Feed Co.

The Everyday Counselor

Rev. Herbert Spaugh, D. D.



Each year at Christmas time, I carry on a one-man crusade against the word "Xmas." Perhaps I am prejudiced, but I thoroughly dislike the term. To me it is an algebraic expression, and those who remember anything of their algebra, will recall that X is used to represent the unknown quantity. So "Xmas" seems to be a celebration of Christmas with Christ left out.

I am familiar with other explanations which have been given for use of the word, "Xmas." There are those who say that X is one form of the cross, and so used is a symbol of Christ. While it is true that this form of the cross, known as St. Andrew's Cross, was used in ancient times for execution, yet there is no tradition that it was used when our Lord was crucified. Artists portray the well-known and familiar type called the Latin or Passion Cross.

There is another explanation that X is the first letter used in the Greek spelling of Christ, but so few people in this country know and understand the Greek language, that its significance is practically lost.

Both of these explanations give X as an abbreviation for Christ. Certainly Christmas is no time for abbreviating the name of the One whose birth we are celebrating. Truly on a birthday the name of the celebrant should be mentioned. However, many Christians who bear the name of Christ do considerably abbreviate the time they give to the true observ-

ance of Christmas in home and church.

We have allowed enough purely secular things to come into our celebration of Christmas, so that even in Christian homes the Christ is crowded out. Sometimes He is crowded out by Santa Claus. I am not of the modern school which wishes to abandon the Santa Claus tradition. Certainly he has a place in the home life of our children. He is a symbol of generosity and good-will. But even in the home he should not be allowed to take the place of Christ.

It is more important for children to know "Away In A Manger" and "Silent Night, Holy Night" than it is for them to know, "The Night Before Christmas." But why not let them have both, each in its proper place?

Many adults, as well as children, look upon it as a time simply of receiving. Certainly we should receive anew in our hearts our Lord Jesus Christ, and just as truly we should share Him with others.

The ancient Romans celebrated their winter festival, the Saturnalia, about the time we celebrate Christmas. They exchanged gifts. Many of us today haven't gotten far above the pagan level of "exchanging." Instead, we should be giving and sharing.

So Christmas is a time of giving, sharing and receiving. Let our first gift be Jesus Christ, who gave us Himself at Christmas.

Mt. Airy.

Wade B. Irwin, HA 1-C, Norfolk, Va., arrived here Monday to spend a twelve day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Irwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Murray and Miss Madge Wyatt made a business trip to Greensboro Monday.

J. E. Irwin spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Jessie McCain, at Cherry Lane.

Miss Callie Sanders, formerly of Stratford, who has been employed in Belcamp, Md., and is confined in a Baltimore hospital, is reported to be improving.

Advertisement for an easier way to solve business troubles, featuring a cartoon character and the text 'AN EASIER WAY TO SOLVE BUSINESS TROUBLES IS TO ADVERTISE HERE'.

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY



Drawn for USO—Anne Mergen, Miami Daily News

The N. C. Division of Game and Inland Fisheries has increased its fertilizing fish ponds, that applications of 100 lbs. of fertilizer ("6-8-4") plus 10 lbs. of nitrate of soda per acre be made beginning about April 1 and repeated at weekly intervals until the water becomes well colored or has a "bloom."

In farm fire-fighting, the first five minutes are the most important, says USDA bulletin.

Conservation Farming News

Weekly Items Of Interest To Alleghany Farmers

By H. E. SINGLETARY AND T. R. GREENE

A. R. Richardson, of the Pine Swamp community, was assisted last week by the New River Soil Conservation District, in planning conservation practices on his farm. Seeding a field of ladino clover and orchard grass, for hay and grazing, will be one of the practices.

W. A. Pruitt, of the Pine Swamp community, is anxious to get started in building up his pasture field. He plans to lime and phosphate the steeper lands for pasture, and use the more level lands for crops.

Guinn Cox, of the Vox community, is sold on the value of soil sampling in connection with his pasture and crop fertilization.

SPARTAN THEATRE

FRIDAY (Last Time Today) JOHN WAYNE

Without Reservations

Also FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS OF 1946

SATURDAY Matinee Sat. 1:15 P. M. GIRL BANDIT RUNS WILD

West Of The Alamo

Starring JIMMY WAKELY Also TWO CARTOONS AND SERIAL

ADMISSION Matinee 15c & 25c Night 15c & 30c

ATTEND MOVIES OFTEN!

MONDAY & TUESDAY (Special Shopping Matinee) TUESDAY 3:00 P. M.



Also THE LAST BOMB Admission—15c & 35c

CHRISTMAS DAY SPECIAL Wednesday Only The Texas Jamboree

Starring The Hoosier Hotshots — Ken Curtis — Jeff Donnell Andy Clyde — Big Boy Williams — and many others THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Advertisement for the movie 'OSS' featuring Alan Ladd and the text 'ALAN LADD ALSO CARTOON Admission—15c & 35c'.

Sparta Business Directory

Belk's Dept. Store "We Sell It For Less" Sparta, N. C.

FLOWERS for Every Occasion B & T DRUG CO., SPARTA

Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home Licensed Embalmers and Funeral Directors Phone 85 SPARTA, N. C.

Boilers, Saw Mills, Wood Working and Road Building Machinery, Well Drilling Machinery, Gasoline Engines, etc. R. P. Johnson, Wytheville, Va. tt-T

FOR TABLE Monuments SEE D. F. Sturdivant Phone 85 Sparta, N. C.

Advertise or Fossilize

Large advertisement for Sparta Pipes, Inc. featuring 'Spartan', 'King David', 'Trapwell', and 'Woodsman' pipe brands. Text includes 'Sparta Pipes, Inc. Sparta, N. C.', 'Now placing contracts for ivy and laurel burls for 1946-1947.', and 'Call - Write - or Phone'.

Comic strip titled 'The Middles' by Bob Karp. It consists of four panels showing a man and a woman in conversation. The first panel shows the man saying 'STOP ON YOUR WAY HOME TONIGHT AND GET ANOTHER BOTTLE OF THIS-IT'S CALLED VITA-PEP.' The second panel shows the woman replying 'OKAY DEAR I'LL TRY TO REMEMBER IT!' The third panel shows the man saying 'JUST A MINUTE, I'LL MAKE SURE YOU DO!' The fourth panel shows the woman replying 'THAT WON'T WORK, DEAR, I'LL FORGET WHAT THE STRINGS ARE FOR.' The final panel shows the man saying 'NO YOU WON'T, DEAR!' and the woman replying 'TEE HEE GIGGLE'.