

# Christmas Fireworks An Old Lation Custom

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In these times when we sometimes feel that the world should be a better place than it is, it is interesting to recall that the birth of Christ was celebrated in the year 1000 with fireworks which settlers brought from France to New Orleans.

Before it was introduced in this country, the Italians were using colored fire on December 25 and there is abundant evidence that the Spaniards also indulged in early pyrotechnics.

In the southern states, fireworks remain a Christmas "must" notwithstanding the fact that many cities and towns have enacted prohibitive ordinances because in so many instances Christmas joy was turned to Christmas grief in killing and maimings.



## 'HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING'

Once more we assemble in happy rousion to celebrate the age-old tradition of Christmas. Short though the days, long though the nights, the glowing background of Christmas makes all hearts light. Recalling now the happy relationships of 1945 we wish you the choicest blessings this holy season can bestow.

The paganistic motif hobs up again in the burning of the Yule Log which is certainly tied in inextricably with Christmas but which can be traced back to the word Yule and the Goths' festival commemorating the winter solstice.

Mistletoe is another Christmas Custom which goes back to the white robed Druids who revered it. They always cut it with a golden blade because they considered it a symbol of peace. In the early ages if two foemen met underneath mistletoe, they dropped their arms and embraced—hence the modern practice of kissing under the mistletoe.

R. GALLOWAY

### To the People of this Community

"For the last time, America, buy extra bonds."  
"They finished Their Job. Let's Finish Ours."



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asked for reports of Big Hog. Leonard Gaskill, of Bolivia, writes us that he killed one that netted 350 pounds and was only 17 months old. This hog was part of the results of his first efforts at hog raising. Hubert Russ, of Shallotte, also comes forward. He has recently killed 11 big hogs, the largest weighing 400 pounds. He will have about 15 more to butcher before the winter is over. Now, will some one come along with a report of a real big one.

Doing the work themselves when they can take time out from regular jobs and when the weather will permit of outside work, the Reynolds Brothers at Shallotte are building their new blacksmith, automobile repair and machine shop themselves. The progress made thus far indicates they will have a nice and serviceable building when the job is finished.

They have not said so but there are indications that the C. W. Kirby and Son store at Supply may go back to full time business the coming year. Owing to the fact that it was hard to get goods and that his feet bothered the elder Mr. Kirby, the store has been open only on Saturdays during the past two years. The store is one of the oldest mercantile businesses in Brunswick.

The Shallotte Post of the American Legion had a fine meeting

at the school building at Shallotte Friday night. Although only about three months old, the Post has 75 active members and is growing rapidly. At the Friday night meeting \$275.00 were donated towards the erection of a Legion Hut. Officers of the Legion Hut. Officers of the Post say they are very appreciative of all donations that are being received to help build the Hut. An Oyster Roast will be held at Calabash on New Years Day and officials say that all Legion members are invited.

### President Loses Labor Legislation Battle

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Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin of Great Britain had not yet arrived for the discussions on atomic energy and other prime subjects which had been scheduled to begin tomorrow.

PALACE OF JUSTICE, Nuernberg.—German leaders admitted wiping out 6,000,000 Jews up to August, 1944, and planned to make Poland's 35,000,000 people slaves in a "greater German world empire," the prosecution charged today at the war crimes

trial. It was planned ultimately to kill every Jew in Europe, evidence showed.

At one time, the prosecution disclosed, German plans called for sending several million Jews to French Madagascar, off the east coast of Africa, which evidently was to be part of the "empire."

But the murder orgy of the

German changed all that. An affidavit by Nazi Security Police Maj. Wilhelm Hoettl quoted Adolf Eichmann, head of the Jewish section of the Gestapo, as telling him in August, 1944: "Approximately 4,000,000 Jews have been killed in various extermination camps and an additional 2,000,000 have met death in other ways."



### Christmas is always a welcome event with us, for two reasons:

First, because we enjoy the spirit of friendliness that is all-prevailing; second, because it affords an appropriate opportunity of expressing our sincere appreciation for your valued patronage.

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that the Princess of Mecklenberg introduced it in England to become immediately a Christmas fixture.

But one little known fact is that the Christmas tree was a current Christmas fixture in America before it was in England because immigrants to this country from the Black Forest brought the idea with them. Immigrants also introduced the story of Kris Kringle—a vulgarization of the German words Christ Kindlein (the Christ child).

Where did Christmas presents originate? The Germans are totally responsible for the origination of Santa Claus though some profess to see again some analogy between gifts-giving and the rich bestowal of gifts peculiar to the Roman Saturnalia.

### WEATHER STOPS SOUTHPORT HIGH

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holidays. The early closing of the Southport school results in the students here getting a holiday one week longer than was originally intended. All of the Brunswick schools were scheduled to close Friday of this week and to reopen on the 31st. About 90 students were absent from the Southport school Friday at the time when the decision was made to close ahead of schedule.

Miss Annie Mae Woodside, Supt. of Schools, stated yesterday that so far as she knew the Southport school is the only one in the county closed this week. All others are carrying on with work until Friday.

### The Rovin' Reporter

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of Outdoor Writers down to christen the new hostel if and when it materializes. Keep your chin up, Bill old boy, and we will be down to celebrate with you when Southport comes into its own when things get more nearly normal in the not distant future."

This column having recently



"Don't worry, dear—everything will be fine when all those wonderful new General Electric appliances are on sale soon at

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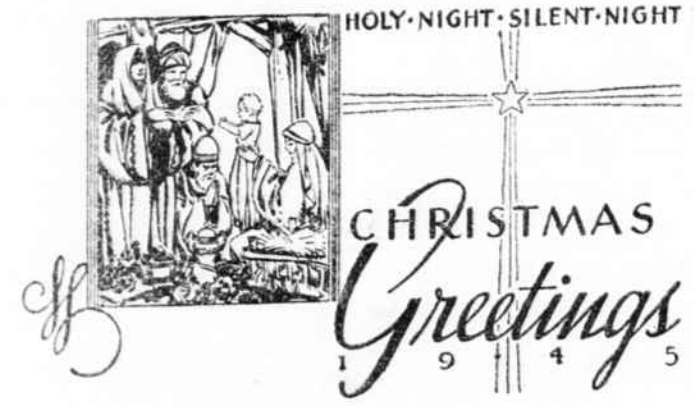
### FOR HIM

We still have many nice Christmas Gifts. You will find our store running over with the holiday spirit and a pleasure to wait on you.



### FOR HER

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AS the light of Christmas again brightens our faces and lightens our hearts, we turn our thoughts from ourselves to help others. For this is the spirit that first saw the light of day in a stable at Bethlehem, two thousand years ago, and which has endured ever since. May God bless and protect you and your dear ones and bring happiness to your home this Christmas season.

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