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## GOOD WISHES TO ALL

Christmas has slipped up on us again, as it has a way of doing. Children think that from one Christmas to another is an age but the older folk are mostly of the opinion that it comes fast enough. Of course the children are the ones who get most pleasure out of Christmas but there are not many grown people who do not get some sort of a thrill out of this great event. Those who are lacking in Christmas spirit ought to read Charles Dickens' great story—A Christmas Carol. It will make them feel better. From that story the News wishes to borrow the words of Tiny Tim, "God bless every one."

## LOOK OUT FOR FIRES NOW

Every time a cold wave sweeps over the land the newspapers carry accounts of disastrous fires; sometimes not only valuable property but still more valuable lives are lost. When the temperature drops to a low figure people are inclined to crowd their stoves and heating plants to full capacity. Often great carelessness is displayed. People occasionally pour kerosene oil on a fire to make it burn faster and not seldom an explosion follows with fatal results. Defective flues and chimneys when overheated have a way of setting houses on fire. Not many fires take place in warm weather but in cold weather they are frequent and this is the time of the year when fire builders should be careful. It is better to be cold than to burn up.

## EMPTY POCKETS REFILLED

A good many empty pockets, and some not so empty, have been replenished this year by receipts from North Carolina's great staples, cotton and tobacco. It has been estimated that the value of the year's cotton crop will be around \$47,000,000 and that of tobacco at \$122,000,000 and it may be more. While the prices paid for cotton and tobacco have not been as high as they were in war times the crops were grown more cheaply and therefore the farmers probably made more clear money than during the boom days. During the boom the high prices went to the farmers heads and many of them were ruined by speculating in land and in other extravagance. They are wiser now and maybe they will hold to their money a little tighter.

## CROP REDUCTION AND PRICES

North Carolina growers of cotton and tobacco are strongly in favor of crop reduction as evidenced by the large vote recorded last week. It is true that a good many did not vote at all but the sentiment of those who did vote was largely for reduction. The better prices obtained for tobacco and cotton this year greatly pleased those who raised these crops and naturally they desire to do as well next year. They think crop reduction will accomplish this result. Over production of any sort of crop, that is to say raising more of it than the markets of the world will take, will naturally tend to depreciate the price of it. Brazil had such an experience with her principal crop, coffee, a few years ago. Large quantities of coffee were destroyed in an effort to get better prices for what was left. Here in our country last year hogs were killed and cotton plowed under in order to increase the values of these important farm products. Depreciation of the American dollar was also tried as a means of raising prices. A processing tax on cotton was also levied.

There is though an element of danger in crop reduction. Cotton is grown now in Egypt, India, Russia, China and other parts of the world. Tobacco is grown in many lands. As we reduce our crops the foreigners try to increase theirs. There is more danger apparently in losing our export cotton trade than that of tobacco. Certain types of tobacco are grown in America more successfully than any where else. Cotton culture in foreign countries is increasing rapidly. The export demand for the American cotton crop of 1933 declined nearly a million bales but the foreign production of cotton increased over a million and a quarter bales. So after all we may have lost money by our reduction process. And another disadvantage of reduction is that it throws a good many people out of employment. Another year's trial may show whether crop reduction is a good thing or not.

## Press Cleanings

### ONLY EXTENDED

There's a new note in business, says a financial writer. But maybe it is just the old one renewed.—Atlanta Constitution.

Small wonder that the Democratic rooster is now crowing loud and lusty. I. has long been feeding on

corn in the public crib.—Carrington, O., Free Press Standard.

A tax collector: The poor pay taxes in higher cost of living, for all taxes must be paid by the buyer. The politicians weep over the poor man, but he pays his share of every dollar of tax money spent for any purpose, including poor relief.—Brown Co. World.

## MILITARY STRATEGY

The Chinese shew 70,000,000 sticks of gum each year and if they throw the discarded wads in the right places they need fear no Japanese invasion.—Indianapolis News.

It seems that the Republicans took Hawaii while the Democrats were not looking. At the next election the trick should be to get the Democrats to keep their eyes on Hawaii while the Republicans make a clean sweep of the mainland.—Boston Transcript.

## NO DOUBT ABOUT IT

From reports in the press it seems that South Carolina has just about gone democratic and just about solid. Just listen to this from that state: First congressional district, McMillon, 4,264, Beckett, republican, 99; third district, Taylor 3,820, McCoord, republican, 25; sixth district, Gasque, democratic, 2,306, Kearns, republican, 13. The Ripple hereby moves to make it unanimous.—(Yadkin Ripple).

## THEY HAD A DEPRESSION ONCE BEFORE

(A description of 1873-78, as given by James Ford Rhodes in his history of the United States)  
These five years are a long dismal tale of declining markets, exhaustion of capital, a lowering in value of all kinds of property including real estate, constant bankruptcies, close economy in business and grinding frugality in living, idle mills, furnaces and factories, laborers out of employment, reductions of wages, strikes and lockouts, depression and despair.

England's refusal to pay the U. S. her war debt is not surprising. That country has always mistreated us. In fact the only things she ever gave us were the English sparrow and the Saxophone.—Exchange.  
"I didn't see you in church Sunday," one Salina man told another on meeting him on the street next morning.

Of course you didn't replied the other. "I took up the collection."—Witcha Eagle.  
One of the big differences between a candidate and an ordinary citizen is that the candidate hears all the complimentary things which are said about him, while the private citizen just guesses at them.—Rooks County Record.

## CALLING ALL CARS

Do you, Mr. Motorist, ever grow impatient when your car is held up by traffic lights at a seemingly vacant intersection, and attempt to beat them? It may interest you to know that, last year, 326,000 accidents occurred at intersections and cross-roads, resulting in 6,330 fatalities and 378,000 injuries.

Or, possibly, in a desire to get home in a hurry, you've passed other cars on hill tops curves. That practice killed 140 people last year and injured 5,530. Agon, you've seen cars weave in and out of traffic—maybe you've done it yourself when traffic was moving too slowly to suit you. The price of that in 1933 was 3,000 fatalities and 185,000 injuries.

You've seen children playing in the streets, oblivious to traffic. Almost 50,000 such children were involved in accidents last year—and 1,680 were killed and 48,000 injured.

Driving on the wrong side of the road is still another of the tricks of the careless or incompetent driver. Last year this "motoring crime" was responsible for 1,270 lives and 71,000 injuries.

And finally, here's one for the pedestrian—jaywalking resulted in more than 3,000 deaths in 1933. Think that over when you're not driving. Then think of it again when you get behind the wheel—it may save the life of a pedestrian.

So it goes, throughout the whole automobile accident category. Last year's death total was around 35,000—and nearly every life was lost unnecessarily. Is taking chances worth that?—(Industrial News Review).

## WITH LITTLE SQUAWKING

What local governments are loath to do, the Federal government does anyway and those who declare it should not be done or cannot be done accept it without cracking a smile, batting an eye or letting chirp a single peep. For instance, when the relief people decide that their work can be done more efficiently and economically by consolidating small units into larger units, they up and do it, and that's the end of that. A case in point, is the consolidation, with considerable reduction in number of people employed, of county relief offices throughout the State as announced last week, with this county losing its identity as an administrative unit in a large unit.

A similar course has been advocated for county governments in North Carolina, consolidating them and causing some of them to lose their identity—and their court houses. It is a way to save money and save taxes, but—oh, boy—the squawking that the mention of eliminating, or even moving, one court house provokes.

This newspaper, however, favors consolidation where consolidation is logical and indicates more efficient and economical administration, whether in Federal relief work or in county lines. A protest was entered by the publishers of this paper last week with the relief administrator against the procedure followed in grouping the counties in the Roanoke-Chowan section, but the criticism was of the procedure only and not of the idea. In any sensible grouping of administrative units in these counties, for whatever purpose, their geographical, social, and economic unity and compactness should be taken into consideration and consolidations made within them. But as for consolidations of governmental units where they bring better and more economical administration, we are for them. And, using the consolidation of relief units as example, it is surprising how easily it may be done, and with such little squawking, once it is determined upon.—(Asheville Herald.)

## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

### PROTECTION OF TREES ETC.

Editor of The News:  
As an aid for the protection of roadside shrubs at this time of the year, when so many people commit depredations on them, would you kindly carry the following in an early issue?

"Consolidated Statutes Section 4301 (a). Injury to trees, woods, crops, etc., near highway; depositing trash near highway—Any person, not being on his own lands, or without the consent of the owner thereof, who shall, within one hundred yards of any State highway of North Carolina or within a like distance of any other public road or highway, wilfully commit any damage, injury, or spoilation to or upon any tree, wood, underwood, timber, garden, crops, vegetables, plants, lands, springs, or any other matter or thing growing or being thereon, or wh cuts, breaks, injures, or removes any tree, plant, or flower within such limits, or shall deposit any trash, debris, garbage, or litter within such limits, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction fined not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50) or imprisoned not exceeding thirty days: Provided, however that this act shall not apply to the officers, agents, and employees of the State Highway Commission or county road authorities while in the discharge of their duties." (1924, c. 54).

Yours very truly,  
CHARLES ROSS,  
General Counsel, State Highway and Public Works Commission.  
Raleigh, Dec. 14.

## Beaufort School News

### GRADE 7-1

Grade 7-1 of the Beaufort Graded school will present a play in chapel Thursday, Dec. 13 at 10.10 A. M. The name of this play is "The Candle in the Window," and consists of one act. The characters are as follows:  
Mary McMaster, a young believe—Betsy Russell.

John McMaster, her brother, also a young believe—Taylor O'Bryan.  
Kate McMaster, her sister—Esther Dickinson.  
Amy White, Sarah, Paul White, James Seymour—Their guests, all believers.

Fanny Seymour, James' sister, the doubter—Goldie Gillikin.  
Harry Morgan, another guest and believer—Bob Humphrey.  
Miss Angelica Fremm—Delphin Eubanks, the childrens' Sunday school teacher.  
Little boy, the mysterious stranger—Charlie Ratcliffe.

## FRENCH AND SCIENCE EXHIBITS IN LIBRARY

The second year French class has been making posters and booklets illustrating French idioms. For the past few weeks these have been on exhibit in the high school library. They are very attractive and illustrate the following current sayings:  
"Qui se ressemble, s'assemble" (Birds of a feather flock together).  
"A l'oeuvre on connoit l'artisan" (A workman is known by his work).  
"Paris n'a pas etc bati en un jour" (Paris was not built in a day).  
"Un point fait a temps en epargne cent" (A stitch in time saves nine).  
"Contentement passe richesse" (Contentment is better than riches).  
"Qui m'aime, aime non chien" (Love me, love my dog).  
"Tel pere, tel fils" (Like father, like son).  
"Ne vendez pas la plau de l'ours avant de l'avoir tue" (Don't count your chickens before they are hatched).

"Vouloir, c'est pouvoir" (Where there's a will there's a way)  
In accordance with this, the Library has some interesting French literature. Some of the books are:

"Les Miserables" Hugo.  
"Sans Famille"—Malot.  
"Edgren and Burnet's French Dictionary."  
"The Hunchback of Notre Dame" Hugo.

The biology class has also been making booklets on leaves. These are also on exhibit in the Library. They show the different leaf forms, venation, parts of a tree, and also numerous specimens of common leaves. There are also many books and poems on nature in the Library.

Everyone is cordially invited to visit us and see these attractive exhibits.

Virginia Stanton,  
Secretary Library club.

The Seniors are very proud to have three of its members in the faculty play which will be given Friday night in the school auditorium. We are eagerly awaiting this play.

We have begun to practice for our Christmas program which will be held the last day before the Christmas holidays.

We will probably start on our own senior play immediately after Christmas.

We are very sorry to have one of our members, Charles Styron, quit. We are sorry to say Minnie Harvey has not been able to attend school but four days this month on account of illness.

During the cold weather week we have really suffered from the lack of heat in the school building. We hoped during the following months there will be plenty of coal to put in the furnace.

The cafeteria which has recently been opened has been a great benefit to the school and particularly to the country children. It is run by Mrs. M. L. Davis and we wish to take this opportunity to thank her.  
Mildred Dickinson,  
Senior Reporter.

Come to the Beaufort school auditorium Friday evening, Dec. 14 at 8 o'clock to see "Welcome Home Jimmy," a play sponsored by the faculty.

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