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To the Citizens of Hickory:---

I wish to take this means of expressing to you my appreciation for your esteemed patronage for the year 1917 which has enabled me to enter upon my 10th year in the Bakery Business in Hickory.

Wishing you a very happy and prosperous New Year and soliciting a continuance of your valued patronage. *Yours for Service,*

City Steam Bakery

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OMIT FIREWORKS DURING HOLIDAYS

UNPATRIOTIC AND ILL TIMED SAYS COMMISSIONER JAS. R. YOUNG.

SHOULD BURN NO MONEY

Fireworks Made of Materials Most Needed in Prosecution of War—Should Enforce Laws.

The attention of the North Carolina Insurance Department has been called to the fact that fireworks manufacturers are appealing to officials of Southern cities and towns which have laws forbidding or limiting the use of fireworks to lift the ban for the coming holiday season under the plea that it will take the form of patriotic celebration. It is sincerely to be hoped that no officials of North Carolina towns or cities will listen to this plea. At a time when every energy of State and Nation is directed toward the conservation of every resource for the prosecution of the war and the conduct of the National defense it is ill timed, to say the least, to call for demonstration under the guise of patriotism which involves the burning of money invested in fireworks, made of the material most needed for the prosecution of the war.

works this Christmas is working into the hands of the enemy by endangering lives and property, exhausting explosives recklessly, and accomplishing no real good.

"It is hoped that all municipalities and store dealers will recognize their duty to their country, and not to a few fireworks manufacturers. This is a time when every real American will show his devotion to 'old Glory'—and not endanger its resources and people. "In the South there are thousands of bales of cotton, concentrated more or less, and much of it is uncovered. A spark from a firecracker may set it ablaze. It has happened before when fireworks were permitted."

FIRES IN TEMPORARY ABSENCE.

Attention is being called to the frequency of fires in dwellings just temporarily unoccupied—cases of the usual occupants being away for a few days, or for a few hours at the movies, to witness some street attraction, calls on neighbors, etc.

Most such fires have a first-off suspicious look, for an incendiary knows the value of an alibi; but many of this sort are the result of crass carelessness. Furnaces and stoves are loaded up so the fire will last, lamps are left burning, drying clothes too near heat, and other foolishness. Often premises are left with young children and sometimes they are locked in to their incineration from clothing catching fire or to perish with the building, whatever causes its burning.

In the present demand for the earnings of the adults of families, both sexes, the child custody of dwellings is likely to increase.

GERMANY'S CHRISTMAS TOYS

Calculated to Instill the Spirit of Ruthlessness

The war isn't going to abolish Christmas in Germany. But it will be Christmas as usual; it will be a militaristic Christmas, which is being taken advantage of by the military rulers of Germany to implant their ideals of an iron, ruthless military spirit in the minds of German children; in preparation, apparently, not only for the next war but for the war after that.

Paul Scott Mower, one of the European correspondents of the Chicago News, has recently had an opportunity to look over some of the toys that have been prepared for the German Christmas, and he tells about them in a copyrighted cablegram to the News. Here are some of them:

Savings banks labelled "Conscientious Bertha" shaped to imitate the famous 42-centimeter howitzer; jigsaw puzzles and blocks showing battle scenes, with the Germans invariably overwhelming the foes of Kultur, papier-mache babies giving military salute and singing "Die Wacht am Rhein" as they burst from colored eggshells; toy barbed wire entanglements; toy trenches; toy cannon; lead soldiers without number.

There are armed civilians labelled "frantireous" (snipers) who are supposed to represent the "crimes" of Belgium. A franc-tireur is what you would be, Mr. Householder, if there were a German invasion, if the German hosts were abusing your family and destroying your property and you used a gun in defending them.

There are German machine-gun companies; German infantry charging. German hospital units with plenty of bloody bandages and patients; sets of fugitive French infantry and of French and English prisoners of war; dead and wounded Russians in every condortion of agony.

There are war games in vast variety, all designed to implant the military spirit in the minds of the little children of Germany. One game consists of 52 cards, to be played with something like the old

WILSON TO SCAN ARMY COURTS IN FUTURE

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Wilson has prohibited the execution on any more American soldiers—except in General Pershing's command—until he has reviewed the cases.

Heretofore this has not been necessary in war time, but the president has made the rule that he may be doubly sure.

Thirteen negro troopers of the 24th infantry were recently executed for rioting at Houston, Texas, without review at Washington. No fault has been found in the court or verdict, but it has been decided to review all sentences hereafter.

RELIABLE PRESCRIPTION FOR THE KIDNEYS

For many years druggists have watched with much interest the remarkable record maintained by Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder medicine.

It is a physician's prescription. Swamp-Root is a strengthening medicine. It helps the kidneys, liver and bladder do their work nature intended they should do.

Swamp-Root has stood the test of years. It is sold by all druggists on its merit and it should help you. No other kidney medicine has so many friends.

Be sure to get Swamp-Root and start treatment at once.

However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention Hickory Daily Record. Adv

game of 'authors' each bearing the war-like utterance of some German warrior or statesman.

"In short," says Mr. Mower, "German 'blood and iron' propaganda is being carried into every recreation of childhood." And of all times, at Christmas, and in a country that professes to be Christian but that seems somehow to have made a mistake about that.

But the most appalling of all in this exhibit which Mr. Mower found in Switzerland, was a collection of small ruins. French houses. The story of what happened when the Kaiser's armies retired from the Non-von salient is familiar to everybody by now. Never in history has wanton destruction been carried to more fiendish length: And this horror is being celebrated in Germany this Christmas by giving the children toys representing it! "This Christmas," says Mr. Mower, "the boys and girls of the fatherland in their nurseries may imitate the battlefield exploits of their fathers and older brothers. I examined a whole collection of inexpensive toy ruins made of some plaster composition and ingeniously colored to represent the debris of incendiaryism, ranging from the modest shattered cottages to the pretension of smoke-blackened chateaux. All these astonishing miniature ruins are French in style and architecture, for naturally the tragedies at which German children will soon be playing must all be supposed to take place beyond the German frontier."

And yet there are people who are willing to make peace with an unwhipped Germany!

Local and Personal

Rev. B. A. Yorke was here today from Lincolnton.

Mr. A. G. Kirkpatrick has returned from a business trip to Asheville.

There will be no preaching services at the Reformed church tomorrow. Sunday school at 9:45 and Christian Endeavor at 6:15.

Lieut. Macon Williams of Camp Jackson, S. C., and Mr. Frank Reinhardt of Newton were Hickory visitors yesterday.

Master John Hawn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Hahn, fell on the cement sidewalk yesterday and sustained injuries that necessitated the taking of three stitches in his scalp. The lad rested well last night and is in no danger.

In the list of persons aiding in the filing out of questionnaires for registrants, the Record inadvertently omitted the name of Mr. D. T. Applegate, a member of the local advisory board, who can be found any day giving his time to the young men who have received questionnaires.

Newton and Hickory were absolutely out of sugar Friday and Mr. Charles H. Mebane, who was in Hickory in the afternoon, made futile efforts to obtain enough to use in his coffee. The stores did not have it. Several merchants expected some sugar today.

The open fireplace is responsible for a pretty fair share of the preventable fire waste of our State and of the loss of life by fire. During the year 1916, over \$10,000,000 damage was caused by this menace, and from present indications the loss from this cause will be much larger in 1917. Statistics are not available for showing how many deaths were chargeable to the open grate in 1916, but the number is considerable.

Many farm houses have large fireplaces in which the smaller logs and other wood found about the farm are burned. Due to the shortage of coal this year, the use of wood for fuel will be even more general. Wood, when burning, has a tendency to pop and throw sparks in every direction. Oftentimes these flaming particles of wood are conveyed to surrounding inflammable material, and fire results.

Then there is always the possibility that children, playing about the open fire, may get so close to the flame that clothes are ignited, and the loss of life or serious injury is likely to result.

To conform to all the rules of safety, open fireplaces should be provided with good substantial metal screens, which should be arranged so as to encircle the exposed portion of the fireplace. In addition to the screen, extra precautions should also be taken to see that a brick flooring extends a sufficient distance away from the grate so that any burning wood which may fall from the fireplace will do no damage.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials free.

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RECORD WANTS

FOR FROST PROOF cabbage plants call phone 288-L or see W. E. Miller. 12 11 tf

FOR SALE—1917 7 passenger Studebaker car, 4 cylinders. One 1914 Reo Touring car. Abernethy Hardware Co. 12 4 tf

WANTED—Old False Teeth, Don't matter if broken. I pay \$2.00 to \$15.00 per set. Send by parcel post and receive check by return mail. L. Mazier, 2007 S. Fifth St., Philadelphia, Pa. 12 8 1 mo

FOR SALE CHEAP—Old "Trusty" Incubator and brooder, good condition; used one season. Phone 227-L. 12 28 2t

LOST—SHRINER'S Pin, between west graded school and Baptist church. Finder return to Geo. E. Bisnar and get reward. 12 26 3t

LOST—A 20 dollar bill in some of the stores Saturday between 2 and 4 o'clock. Finder please call at Record office and get reward. 12 26 4t

FOUND—Stray Turkey. Owner may recover same by describing it, paying for feed and cost of this ad. Robert Mason. 12 27 2t

FOR RENT—Near postoffice good small house, walls newly kalsomined lights and water. L. Flagler. 12 27 4t

LOST—Near rock quarry on Lenor road, woman's brown cloth dress. Finder return to Shuford's Drug Store and get reward. 12 8 2t

WANTED—To lease small good improved farm accessible market with option to purchase. Kindly write giving particulars as to size, best adapted to improvements, rental, taxes, production, location, etc., stating when possession can be had and if any equipment or furniture is included. W. S. Haddock, Moundsville, West Va. 12 29 2t

LOST—Veterinary Medicine case and instruments. Return to Record office and receive reward. 12 29 2t

FOR RENT—Two six room bungalows, with lights and water, one on Ninth avenue and other on Tenth avenue. 12 29 4t

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO REGISTRANTS Under jurisdiction of this local board whose order numbers are between No. 1458 and No. 1343, inc., there has this day been mailed to you a questionnaire which you are required by law to execute and return within seven days from date hereof.

Failure to do so constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by not to exceed one year's imprisonment; and such failure may also deprive you of valuable rights and result in your immediate induction into military service and trial by court-martial.

GORDON WILFONG, 12 20 1t Member of Local Board.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

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This oil is conceded to be the most penetrating remedy known. Its prompt and immediate effect is relieving pain is due to the fact that it penetrates to the affected parts at once. As an illustration, pour ten drops on the thickest piece of sole leather and it will penetrate this substance through and through in three minutes.

Accept no substitutes. This great oil is golden red color only. Every bottle guaranteed: 30c, 60c and \$1.00 a bottle or money refunded. Lutz Drug Store

AMERICAN BANKERS HAVE BEEN RELEASED

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 29.—B. R. Stevens, manager of the National City branch bank in Petrograd, and his assistant, a Mr. Link, who were arrested when the bolsheviks seized the bank, have been released, American Ambassador Francis cabled the state department today.

SOUTHERN POWER CO. GIVES TO RED CROSS

By the Associated Press. Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 29.—The annual banquet which for 11 years has been given to the 2,500 employees of the Southern Power Company and affiliated interests was cancelled for this Christmas and the \$5,000 which would have been expended on it was donated to the American Red Cross by a vote of the employees. The banquet was to have been given last night.

Cleans Teeth-Kills Germs
You can brush your teeth and yet fail to prevent decay. Teeth need more than mere brushing. Germs and acid forming debris are the source of dental trouble, and a tooth brush plus an ordinary dentifrice is powerless against germs.

TRADE MARK
DENTAL CREAM

Is a germ destroyer. This cream contains the Propylol anti-germ which, together with the agent borax, cleans the teeth. An ordinary dentifrice may clean the teeth, but Propylol kills the tooth-destroying germs that are in the mouth and throat. Propylol whitens, brightens and brightens the teeth. Put up in large, convenient tubes with rubber mouth.

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YOUNG MAN—COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME WHERE CONCORD SQUARE IS?

I'M SORRY LADY—I AIN'T VERY WELL ACQUAINTED WID BOSTON!

GOSH—DAT CONCORD SQUARE DOES SOUND FAMILIAR TO ME!

SURE ENOUGH IF IT AIN'T RIGHT NEAR ME HOTEL!

HEY LADY!—HEY LADY! WAIT A MINUTE!

I KNOW WHERE CONCORD SQUARE IS—I LIVE RIGHT NEAR IT!

OH! DAT'S ALL RIGHT—I MERELY WANTED TO KNOW IF THERE IS ANY PLACE IN TOWN BY THAT NAME!