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RED SPRINGS SEES HOPEFUL NEW YEAR

Adults and Children End Holiday Season With Various Thoughts Concerning Christmas and 1930.

Santa Claus has made his annual visit to Red Springs, filled the stockings of hundreds of youngsters and then scurried back to his legendary home at the North Pole. The children whose hearts he made leap with joy and surprise of Christmas morning are picturing his return as a date so far away in the distance that it is almost impossible for them to make accurate calculations.

To the parents of the youngsters it is just another mile post along the road of time, and as one after another of them is passed, the next succeeding one seems just a wee bit closer until after so long a time this annual event which means so much to the children comes around one after another almost without warning.

Those crisp brightly painted tin soldiers who peep over the top of the stockings on Christmas morning last week have already begun to lose their newness with bits of paint knocked off here and there. Some of the games have been played over and over so many, many times that they have lost their charm and have been tucked away until the youngsters take a new notion to play them again.

Dolly has been lugged around in the neighborhood from one house to another and placed on display until her crisp new frock is beginning to look a little bedraggled, and soon she will be patted to sleep in her crib until weeks from now her little mother thinks it time to devote a little more attention to her. The fruit and candy has all gone where it properly should, and Christmas to the kiddies is now just a memory, and not one of exultant expectation.

The older folks of the family got a lot of pleasure planning the surprises for the youngsters. Each in turn was remembered by the others of the household. No one was forgotten, not even the cook. Of course, some of the gifts were the expensive kind, jewelry, fur coats, automobiles and the like, but for the most part the usual record breaking sale of handkerchiefs, socks, neckties, scarfs, shirts, and the like are reported by the merchants here.

Between friends there was the usual exchange of greeting missives of one kind, or another, and of course the business houses of the city remembered their customers with a letter or card conveying the holiday spirit. These with hundreds of parcels with the instructions on the outside: "Not to be opened until Christmas," kept the postal clerks busy for some days prior to the great event.

All of this bustle and hustle for weeks before Christmas, and then the last minute purchases for those who were unintentionally overlooked, selecting gifts for this one and that is all in commemoration of the birthday of one who Christianity wishes the world to know was the greatest gift to all mankind in the history of the world.

The great event has passed, home coming of distant relatives is at an end, and some have already returned while others will leave shortly, and within a few days now Red Springs will drop back into the normal once again and look forward with an eye for greater activities and achievements for the year 1930.

The New Year follows close upon the heels of Christmas, and is in fact a part of the holiday season. Following the spirit of joy and pleasure many will look soberly to the future and in their minds will try and fathom what the incoming year holds in store. For some it will be the advent perhaps of greater activities which will net handsome rewards. For others it will hold disappointments.

Whatever it holds it is just another link in the chain which connects the past with the future and which goes to make up the life story of each one of us. If it be a year of success, for some, let those who are so fortunate lend a helping hand to their less fortunate neighbors. Forget the selfish interest which narrows the individual and make him a hindrance rather than a help to his community.

Build with your neighbors for a bigger and better town and while the reward may not take the form of accumulated wealth, in cash, it will be something of far greater value, and something which will bring from the lips of those who knew you words of praise and commendation and build for you a monument which will go down in the years to follow.

MISS WATSON ENTERTAINS
Miss Miriam Watson entertained at a delightful bridge party at her home on Monday evening the 23 of December.

Bridge was played at two tables and at the close of several interesting progressions a delectable salad course was served by the hostess.

Miss Watson's guests included: Miss Gladys Clark, Ella McPhail, Martha McKinnon, Messrs William Kay, James Black, Herbert Covington and Al Love.

Family Christmas The Most Popular Kind This Year

Christmas Trade Proves Pleasant Surprise to Merchants. Expected Falling Off Did Not Occur. Needy Remembered.

With the merchants of Red Springs made happy by a Christmas trade that compared favorably with that of previous years, and with more generosity shown by the public than ever before in providing for the needy in the city, Christmas in Red Springs was marked by a return of the old fashioned "Family Christmas" with the majority of residents spending the day quietly in their homes.

While there was a decrease in the very expensive gifts merchants generally reported an average volume of Christmas trade which in view of the prevailing talk of hard times and tight money came as a pleasant surprise to many of them. Merchants as a whole were pleased with the Christmas trade, some of them reporting the best Christmas trade they had ever experienced while others reported it about normal.

Gifts from different organizations in the city were distributed among the needy of the community as also was the chest fund recently raised by a cantata given at the college for this purpose. Individual charity was more widely practiced in the city than ever before with hundreds of families sharing with the less fortunate, while church organizations were also to the forefront in aiding the needy.

Turkey dinners were the order of the day, family groups in many instances being enlarged by out of town relatives and members.

Slugs and Snails On Tobacco Beds

By O. O. Dukes, County Farm Agent.
Last season slugs and snails caused severe injury to tobacco plant beds. Chances of injury this year may be lessened by doing the following:
Select a new location for the bed on well drained soil.
Use boards or new logs around the beds.

Should snails appear use the following: Place a four inch strip of air slaked builder's lime around the bed near the inside of the logs or boards. This gives good results as long as the lime remains dry.
During rainy weather best results will be obtained by poisoning with: wheat bran, 25 pounds; Paris green, 1 pound; water, enough to moisten. Broadcast at the rate of 10 to 12 pounds (dry weight) to each 100 square yards of plant bed. Apply evenly.

PEMBROKE NEWS

Pembroke, Dec. 28.—Rev. F. B. Noblitt of Lumberton preached to the Methodist congregation in Pembroke consolidated school house last Sunday morning.

Christmas passed off very quietly in this community. While it brought joy to many hearts especially the children, it also brought sadness to others. Christmas morning the writer attended the funeral of her uncle, Mr. W. G. Pope, in Lumberton. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to the bereaved widow and children as well as to the two remaining brothers, Dr. H. T. Pope of Lumberton and Rev. W. B. Pope of Franklin, Indiana.

Word was received here also of the death of Mr. G. R. Thaggard of Miami, Fla., on Christmas night. He was a brother of Mr. J. L. Thaggard, Mrs. E. M. Paul and Mrs. Bettie Brown of Pembroke. He was also a brother of Mr. A. A. Thaggard of Pembroke, who died a few weeks ago.

Mr. Wesley Kirby, a very prominent farmer, who lived two miles south of Pembroke, was stricken with paralysis on Christmas day and died Saturday morning. The funeral was conducted from the home Sunday afternoon at two o'clock and interment was in the Philadelphia cemetery. Rev. F. B. Noblitt of Lumberton conducted the funeral.

Mrs. C. A. Biddell and Miss Lelia Arrowood of Peachland and Miss Sadie Biddell of Charlotte spent Christmas here visiting Mrs. Biddell's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Biddell.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Monroe spent Christmas day in Carthage. Misses Jeanette Tyner spent a few days last week visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Batten, in Elrod.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cole and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Cole spent Christmas with relatives in Jacksonville and Wilmington, N. C.

Misses Elizabeth and Sarah Paul and guest, Miss Bettie Frances Thaggard, and Mr. Elliott Paul spent part of the holidays visiting relatives in Miami, Fla. While there they attended the funeral of their uncle, Mr. G. R. Thaggard.

Mr. John Sawyer, who is a student at State College, Raleigh, is spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sawyer. Mr. William Allen McCall, a student at Oak Ridge Military Academy, is spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCormick.

Mr. H. G. Folger and sister, Miss Beulah Folger of Winston-Salem, spent Christmas here visiting their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Folger.

Mother Mrs. R. D. McMillan Dies In Norfolk, Virginia

Mrs. Alice Holmes Garrison died suddenly at her home in Norfolk, Va., December the 19th at 9:00 A. M. The deceased is the mother of Mrs. R. D. McMillan of this place and had many friends in Red Springs. She was 72 years of age.

Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Sparks Melton pastor of the Freeman St. Baptist church, of which the deceased was a life long member, and burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Norfolk, Va.

Surviving are Mrs. R. D. McMillan of Red Springs, Mr. H. Loren Garrison of Norfolk, Va. and Mr. Lewis Ellison Garrison of Washington, D. C.

Miss Buie Entertains Saturday Evening

On Saturday evening Miss Helen Buie entertained with a bridge party complimentary to her guest, Miss Dorothy Alexander. Those present were: Misses Dorothy Alexander, Martha Miller Jones, Ann Buie, Marie and Agnes Cox, Sadie Covington, Grace Goodwin, Isabelle and Almada Buie; Messrs Marshall Jones Elbert McPhail, Lathrop Buie, Francis and Dougald Cox, Zeb McMillan, Jim Love, and Malcolm Buie.
At the close of the game block cream, cake, and hot coffee were served by Mrs. W. E. McConaughy.

Beautiful Color Photography in "Red Hot Rhythm"

Many Stage Beauties Take Part in Scenes Staged Against Rich Backgrounds.

Taking a page from the occasional moments of mirth introduced into drama, what the director, Leo McCarey, terms "beauty relief" intersperses the hilarious comedy of "Red Hot Rhythm," Alan Hale's forthcoming Pathe funfilm which will be presented at the Red Springs Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday, next week.

Some of the most exquisite color photography ever filmed marks several sequences of this dialogue and dance picture which represents a revue staged in a New York supper club. Song and dance numbers led by Kathryn Crawford and including a chorus of fifty beauties, are staged against a background of spectacular and colorful luxury.

MISS McPHAIL ENTERTAINS

One of the loveliest of the Christmas parties to be given here was Saturday evening when Miss Ella McPhail charmingly entertained at bridge at her home.

The home was attractively decorated with suggestions of the Christmas season. After several progressions the hostess presented lovely prizes. Miss Johnsyne Graham received high score for the girls and was awarded a box of Coty's powder, and Mr. James McInnis receiving high score for the young men was awarded a cigarette lighter.

Fruit cocktail, a salad course, coffee and fruit cake were served at the close of the evening.
Miss McPhail's guests included: Misses Johnsyne Eastwood, Flora and Martha McKinnon, Mary Roberts, Mary Snoodie, Johnsyne Graham and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McNeill; Messrs Charlie Hamilton, Phil Bragg, James McInnis, James Black, Herbert Covington, William Kay, Buck Denny, and Al Halliday of Cranford, N. J.

MISS McINNIS ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE LAST FRIDAY

Miss Elizabeth McInnis gave a delightful party to a number of her friends last Friday evening. Tables were laid for bridge, set back and heart-dice.

Hot chocolate, cake and stuffed dates, and candy were served at the close of the evening.

Guests included: Misses Virginia McLean, Tillie Black, Frances Callahan, Elizabeth Garrett, Eunice Gibson, Sarah Huggins; Messrs "Buster" Singleton, Keith Dellinger, Bartram Robeson, John Callahan, Erwin McConaughy and Beverly and Franklin Biggs of Lumberton.

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Mrs. Duncan McNeill Entertains Class 1929

Thursday evening Mrs. Duncan McNeill entertained from 8 to 11. The occasion was the reunion of the Red Springs high school class of 1929. Most of the class have been away to college. Some of the young ladies are studying at F. M. C. The time was very delightfully spent recalling incidents of their high school days. Miss Bessie Covington who piloted them through and who is always interested in them, was present to enjoy the reunion.

The class graduated 20 and 15 were present at this time. They were: Misses Louise McNeill, Louise Baggett, Jane McMillan, Francis Love, Ruth Shook, Wanda Shook; Messrs Leon Ammons, Knox Harrington, J. H. Turner, Thomas Cope, Wade Baxley, Carmichael McKay, Evans Skipper, Howard Odum, Durham Ratley. Absent were: Margaret Webster, who is in training at the Presbyterian hospital, Charlotte; Elizabeth Wilkinson of Ridgeville; Robert McKinnon, cadet at West Point; Keith Dellinger of Red Springs, and R. C. Wells, of Dillon, S. C.

During the evening coffee and cake were served. Mrs. McNeill was grade mother to this class and hasn't given up her interest in them although they are scattered at times.

Lumber Bridge Items

Lumber Bridge, Dec. 31.—Friday evening at eight o'clock the annual reunion of the alumnae of Lumber Bridge high school was held at the school auditorium. Membership classes from '22 to '30 were invited. The auditorium was lovely decorated in Christmas colors. There were four tables of bridge made up by the guests. Also other amusements were enjoyed.

There was an election of new officers at the close of the reunion. Mr. Duncan McGowan was elected president; Miss Mary Croom Walker, vice-president; Miss Leona Monroe, secretary; Mr. Walker Stamps, treasurer. It was the decision of the alumnae that the reunion would be held next Christmas. A delicious course of chicken salad was served.

Mrs. Kate D. Walker and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, and son, Mr. N. L. Walker, of Raleigh, spent the weekend of the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Walker's daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Thos Stamps.

Miss Ursula Balfour gave a dinner for a few of her friends Christmas evening. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, Mrs. Annie B. Smith, Mrs. M. H. Allen and Mrs. W. A. China.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Bristow and children of Raeford spent Christmas with Mrs. Bristow's mother, Mrs. George Livingston.

Miss Allie Clifton of Charlotte spent the Christmas holidays in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clifton. She returned to her work in Charlotte Monday.

Miss Maggie Monroe returned home Saturday after visiting Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Felton in Carthage.

Mr. Otis Keeter of Charlotte was a weekend guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clifton.

Mr. Edwin Clifton of Washington, D. C., is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clifton. He will return to his work Wednesday.

Mr. Fred Lee of Rocky Mount spent the weekend in the home of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cobb.

Mr. Glynn Cobb returned to Wake Forest Sunday after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cobb.

Miss Mary Helen Chason spent several days during Christmas with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clifton.

Miss Mary Frances Carver of Fayetteville spent the weekend with Misses Margaret and Annie Mack Tolar.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Young of Richmond, Va., arrived Sunday and spent until Christmas evening with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Young.

Mr. Marcus Allen of Wilmington spent several days through the holidays in town with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith.

Mr. T. G. Balfour of Richmond, Va., is spending the holidays here with his children, Mr. and Miss Balfour.

Mr. D. C. Adams of Reidsville spent Christmas here with his mother-in-law and family. Mrs. Adams had been here for several days. Both returned to Reidsville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Clark were the recipients of the best Christmas gift ever, a fine baby girl.

Mr. David Livingston of Columbia, S. C., visited his mother, Mrs. Geo. Livingston, through the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heitman and little daughter, Martha Lou, and Mr. Roger Hall of Salisbury spent the Christmas holidays in town with their father, Mrs. J. W. Hall. All returned to Salisbury Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. China of Rosemary and mother, Mrs. M. H. Allen of Littleton spent Christmas

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HIGHWAY PATROL UNIT VISITS RED SPRINGS SATURDAY

Whole Patrol for This District Unexpectedly Spends Saturday Night In Town To Sorrow of Some Twenty Motorists.

Messrs D. G. Lewis, A. W. Welch and D. T. Lambert, highway patrolmen for this district very quietly and with the dignity customary with this patrol, arrived in Red Springs about six o'clock Saturday evening and took station at the intersection of highways 70 and 71. These three genial young men had not long to wait until things began to happen and lucky indeed was the motorist who slipped by them without being seen and given the once-over.

The patrol was checking up primarily on the lights and brakes of the cars as they passed. In every case in-so-far as we can learn the officers gave the motorist the advantage of every break in luck. If the automobile showed any signs whatever of having recently become in such a condition as to violate the law the driver was allowed to go his way and have the necessary repairs made. But in cases where the machine showed that it had been used in violation of the law for a long period of time the driver was given an invitation to appear before Recorder J. N. Buie Monday morning.

The patrolmen were checking up primarily on lights, head and tail, and brakes. In many instances they found. The wires leading to the tail light had been disconnected and wrapped around the spring or axle of the car. Of course an offender of this nature made the acquaintance of Judge Buie Monday morning. Everyone hailed before the court spoke very highly of the manner in which the patrolmen went about their business, realizing that they, the motorists, were in fault and should pay the fiddler.

Those appearing before the recorder and depositing \$11.60, the costs in the case, with the court were: Archie McDougal, James Breeden, Dan McKenzie, Simon DeVane, T. J. Burns, T. A. McNeill, G. C. Townsend, Wade Baxley, H. N. Gibson, G. T. Lewis, Tom Gilchrist, Bruce Oxendine, Charlie Currie, Girdy Bethune, H. F. Walters, Gusta McLean, Ran McNair, Jack Hendricks, Asa Miller, Oswald McDonald and James Causor.

The patrolmen state that they will make their regular periodical visits to Red Springs in the future and may be expected at any time. They want to warn the driving public to have their cars looked over to see that everything conforms to the State law as they had much rather come here and go away without any arrests. It is not the idea of the highway patrol to get anyone into trouble but to help keep them out of accidents and the courts.

Local Young Men Attend School At The Wrong Time

A high school education is a very desirable thing and the habit of attending school regularly is one of the most commendable traits a boy can have, but there are times when he should be at school and times when he should be elsewhere. This fact was brought home very forceably to three young men of Red Springs Monday morning when they were before Recorder J. N. Buie charged with entering the high school building, by way of a window, one day last week.

This is the second time a group of boys have been before the court for forcibly entering the school building this year when there was no school to attend. Owing to the nature of the offense a road sentence was the only one the recorder could present to the boys, but on account of their age and the promises of their parents to take them in hand and see to it that they were not mixed up in any sort of law violation of any nature for a period of one year they were given a Christmas gift of sixty days with a suspended sentence, on good behavior during the year.

Those appearing before the recorder for entering the school building were Renshaw Pratt, Duncan Livingston and Pope Stanton.

Local Couple United In Marriage Sunday

Miss Elizabeth Watson of Antioch and Mr. Neill Archie Smith of Red Springs were married Sunday in Fayetteville at the home of Mrs. Smith's sister, Mrs. Warren. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Symonds, of the First Presbyterian church of that city.

Lull Before the Storm
Milds—Your wife seems to be very cheerful and smiling this evening.

Meeks—Yes, altogether too cheerful and smiling. She's got something on me.—New Bedford Standard.

LENIENCY IS PROMISED IN TAX COLLECTIONS

Several Months Before Suits Will Be Ready to Be Filed On Unpaid Taxes For 1929 Says Tax Collector.

At a mass meeting of prominent citizens representing every section of Robeson county in the court house in Lumberton Friday a protest was made against the county bringing foreclosure suits against the county people who have not paid their 1929 taxes by January 1, as provided in an act relating to Robeson county passed by the last General Assembly. As an outgrowth, resolutions expressing the sentiments of those assembled were passed, and a committee was appointed to call upon tax collector, R. E. Lewis and request him to make known his position in the matter. In a written letter Mr. Lewis promised all leniency the law will allow, stating it as his belief that it would be 5 or 6 months before the suits will be ready to be filed. His answer was accepted, and upon motion of Mr. G. L. Thompson thanks were extended Mr. Lewis for his courtesy.

Not in Rebellious Spirit

The meeting was not one rebellion against the government nor against taxes. It was simply a move to protect those who are not able to pay their taxes at this season of the year, as Mr. K. M. Biggs of Lumberton clearly showed. It is also hoped and believed that this action will forestall the bringing of an injunction against the county enjoining the tax collector from proceeding under the new law, which many people believe to be unconstitutional. Those who are in position to pay their taxes at this time were urged to attend to the matter at once.

Explains Changes Made In Bodies Of Model A Ford

"The most notable changes in body designs of the Model A Ford, to be shown here Wednesday, have been made in the Tudor Sedan, the Coupes and the open cars," said D. M. McMillan, local Ford dealer, today.

"The Tudor Sedan has been the most popular of the five passenger models," he continued. "The new body design will bring it to additional beauty and the new choice of colors is certain to make it more popular than ever, particularly with women drivers.

"More room will be provided for occupants of the rear compartment. Access will be easier around the folding seats in front. In exterior appearance, the car will be much improved.

"It still will retain the crown roof effect with rounded corners on the rear quarter, the beauty of which will be accentuated by an entirely new design body belt and moulding treatment.

"The coupe, too, will be entirely new in design. It will have a lower roof line. French roof quarters will emphasize the low effect and the long lines of the new moulding treatment. A panel effect carried out by the moulding on the rear deck will add much to the smart appearance of the car.

"Lowering of the roof lines will not bring any loss of head room inside, and driving will be made more comfortable by an adjustable seat, which may be moved forward or backward to suit the driver's convenience.

"The Sport Coupe which will have a rumble seat as standard equipment will have all the lower body lines of the coupe. The sport treatment will be carried out above the belt line, as heretofore. The roof line will be lower, also, and in this car, too, driving comfort will be improved by the installation of an adjustable seat. The same feature will be extended to the convertible Cabriolet.

Open Cars are New
"The two open cars, the phaeton and roadster, are entirely new in design, with long, lower lines, and more beautiful appearance."

Mr. McMillan emphasized the fact that no new model has been brought out. Mechanically the car is essentially the same. While new features such as wheels and a new composition steering wheel, black and polished to a high lustre, with finger knobs underneath the rim, have been added, all the standard features which have made the Model A a car of such remarkable dependability have been retained, he said.

These include sturdy hydraulic construction, four Houdaille double-acting shock absorbers, Triplex chatter proof glass windshield, quick acceleration, ease of control, 55 to 65 miles an hour and smoothness, balance and security at all speeds.

U. D. C. TO MEET

The local chapter of the U. D. C. will meet at the home of Miss Cornelia McMillan the 8th of January at 3:30 o'clock.

URGES PAYMENT OF DUES

The treasurer of the Bible Fund urges that the monthly dues be paid immediately.