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PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Miss Rosa Moody has returned home from Buie's Creek for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Elmyra Jenkins returned home on last Friday from St. Mary's for the Christmas Holidays.

Miss Lillie Strauther is home from the Louisburg Female College for the holidays.

Miss Lola Stinson has returned to her home for the holidays from the Littleton Female College.

Thomas Barrett is here spending the Christmas holidays with his family.

Prof. and Mrs. A. E. Ahers are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Aker's parents at Elm City, N. C.

Mrs. H. B. Foster, and her sister, Miss Maude Henry, are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Wendell, N. C.

Miss Kate Atkerson left Saturday to spend the holidays at her home in Enfield.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stainback are spending the holidays with relatives in Henderson.

Miss Clara Davis, of Greenville, is visiting her sister, Miss Ruth Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Shute are spending the holidays with relatives in Williamston and Scotland Neck.

Mr. E. S. Webb will spend Christmas day with relatives in Williamston.

Miss Ella Lee Chauncey, of Washington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. M. Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hancock will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Scotland Neck.

Miss Myrtle Baine, of Greensboro, is spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Baine.

Miss Belle Baine, who has been in Asheville, some time for her health, is here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Baine.

Mrs. Loftin, of Whittakers, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. C. Williams.

R. M. James is spending the holidays in Pitt County with relatives.

Rev. Mr. Duckett, a ministerial student of Wake Forest College, arrived Saturday, and on Sunday preached two able and interesting sermons to large congregations in the Rosemary Baptist Church.

Mr. John Taylor and family who have been living in Rosemary for some time, where Mr. Taylor was connected with a mercantile firm, moved this week to the country.

J. C. Leavy and family left for Martin County Saturday where they will live for the next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Dollar, of Rox-

MARKET REPORTS

Prevailing Prices Paid for Cotton and Country Produce Wednesday, December 23, 1914

COUNTY PRODUCE		
	Cash	Trade
Cotton, middling basis, 6-3-4 cents		
Eggs	28c.	30c.
Butter	30c.	35c.
Fresh Pork	10c.	12 1-2c.
Ham, Country Cured	21c.	23c.
Shoulders	18c.	20c.

boro, N. C., are here this week visiting Mrs. Dollar's mother, Mrs. Sallie Williams.

Mr. Corbett Cannon has taken charge of the Barber Shop located in the S. M. Thompson Building, Rosemary.

W. L. Manning left Thursday for Henderson to visit relatives.

George Carmichael will spend the holidays with relatives in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lehman will spend Christmas with friends and relatives in Winston-Salem and Bethania.

Miss Belle Andrews will spend Christmas at her home in Chapel Hill.

A. L. Clark will spend Christmas in Weldon with relatives.

The Methodist Sunday School of Rosemary, will have an entertainment and Christmas tree Thursday night, the Baptist Sunday School of the same place to have theirs on Friday night.

T. E. Davis is spending Christmas at his home, Magnus farm, near Walnut Cove, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Moody and W. J. Norwood left this week for Ante, Va., where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Jarvis, of Winston-Salem, arrived Monday to visit Mrs. Jarvis' mother, Mrs. Wm. Burton.

T. O. Vaughan, of Weldon, was in town on business a few hours Wednesday.

T. E. Edmonds left Wednesday for Hobgood to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Miss Addie Belle Gammons leaves this week for Hampton for an extended visit to relatives and friends.

Miss Mary Daughtry left Wednesday for Richmond where she will spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Wm. Towe, of the Cary High School, is spending the holidays here with his parents.

K. C. Towe, of Trinity College, is spending the holidays here with his parents.

The Power Plant of the Roanoke Rapids Power Company will be operated from 10:30 to 12:30 on Friday and Saturday Dec. 25 and 26.

Jim and Fannie Thompson, white, of near Thelma, were fined twenty odd dollars and costs in the recorder's court Tuesday by R. W. Brown, recorder, for being drunk and disorderly and cursing on the public highway.

Santa Claus says:

A face wreathed in smiles is better than a mansion wreathed in holly.

Better broken toys than broken hearts.

Never look a gift object in the price tag.

Santa Claus by any other name would cost as much--and be worth it.

Do not be satisfied with wishing people a "Merry Christmas;" help make it one.

Lots of men put on long white whiskers and think they look like me when they look more like a goat--and perhaps they are.

If Willie wants to see what is inside the drum, for goodness sake let him.

You are living in God's own country. What more do you want for Christmas?

It is a wise Santa who keeps his whiskers away from the candles.

Keep up the "Good will to man" part of it right through until next Christmas.

It is more blessed to give than to receive, except in the matter of offense.

Fortunately for most of us, we won't get what we deserve on Christmas.

When Christmas giving becomes a necessity it ceases to be a virtue.

There is more joy in heaven over a ton of coal given to the poor than a ton of diamonds given to the rich.

A Red Cross Christmas Seal If Any

There is little reason or excuse for the unusual run of Christmas stickers when Red Cross Seals are available. The various Christmas stickers still used occasionally have no significance beyond a Christmas suggestion and the immense revenue they turn in to the makers of holiday novelties.

The Red Cross Seal has a distinct mission. Besides playing the part of a messenger of the season's cheer and greetings, it stands for the real Christmas spirit--love, sympathy, service for a brotherhood of suffering humanity and as the means of alleviating this suffering humanity by stamping out the cause--tuberculosis.

Sentiment and reason have paved the way for the Red Cross Seals, and their work as well as their popularity is well established. The time is a ready here when the presence of a meaningless type of a sticker in the place of a Red Cross Seal is not understood and appreciated by the recipient when the latter is to be had.

Spain-Brown

Greatly to the surprise of their friends, Miss Nannie Brown and Mr. Luther Spain were quietly married on last Sunday afternoon at one o'clock. The marriage took place at the residence of Mr. C. G. Gum, and the ceremony was performed by Magistrate W. C. Allsbrook. Mr. and Mrs. Spain are both residents of this place, Mrs. Spain being the eldest daughter of Mr. J. E. Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Spain will make their home in Roanoke Rapids.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS NEAR AT HAND

Causes rush of business. Stores festive with holiday attire. Uncle Sam gets his share from Money Orders. Business of Community at Stand Still until Monday

MILLS, BANKS AND STORES CLOSED

Christmas is near at hand and this fact is reflected in the holiday decorations and gala appearance of the stores of the community. Christmas shopping which was even slower than usual in getting started is now well under way and most of the stores are crowded with customers. Practically all of the largest stores of the community are alive to their opportunities and offer as large and attractive selections of articles for Christmas shoppers as are shown in communities many times the size of this.

Other branches of industry are also feeling the near approach of the glad some Yuletide, most notably the express office and the postoffice. Agent Crews is almost swamped under the sea of express packages, the majority of which hail from Virginia and are breakable. At the postoffice of both Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids the money order business is distinctly booming. Rosemary wrote ninety-eight money orders on Monday alone, two of which, we understand, were strictly non-fluid. Roanoke Rapids wrote forty-five money orders on Monday and twenty-five on Tuesday.

Practically all of the business of the community will be stopped from Christmas Day over to Monday morning. The Hancock-House Company, Taylor and Collier, Wells D. Tillery and Burnette and Cherry, of Roanoke Rapids, will be closed until Monday morning. Both banks, the First National Bank of Roanoke Rapids and the Rosemary Banking and Trust Company will be closed until Monday. The First National Bank of Roanoke Rapids, however, will be open for deposits until eleven o'clock the night of Christmas Eve. The Rosemary Manufacturing Company will close down at 2:50 Wednesday afternoon and will start up again Monday morning. The Roanoke Mills Company and the Patterson Mills Company will close down Thursday at noon and will resume operations Monday morning. The office of this Herald Publishing Company will also be closed from Thursday noon until Monday morning. With the exceptions mentioned, the stores of the community will be closed only for Christmas Day, resuming business the Saturday following.

Song of the Christmas Tree

By Gene Morgan

I come from northern forest lands
Where men would hark my voice.
The seasons come, the seasons go,
But I am green forever.

The flowers of spring bloom at my feet.
The shadows always spreading
Near by there runs a forest path
Where watchful deer are treading.

The summer passes all too soon,
And autumn winds are chilly
Four flowers, they wither, droop and die
Amid the woodland hilly.



From every branch, sad tears I drip
In rainwater's fierce endeavor.
The flowers may come, the flowers may go,
But I am green forever.

Now bark! the woodman's ax is heard!
What can this cruel destruction mean?
The winter wind is telling

"Do not bewail the mournful fate,
The 'ax' men wield with madness.
Bedecked in tinsel, bright and fine,
You'll soon bring children gladness."

"Thou canst not die, although thy trunk,
Harsh hatchet blows may sever.
Within the little children's hearts
Thou wilt be green forever!"

SAID LITTLE SOCRATES.



"Some generous person," said little Socrates Bulgibrow, of Boston, "has been kind enough to send me a copy of Mother Goose's lyrics for Christmas. Do you know, the theory that a representative of the bovine genus at one time leaped over the chief luminary of the night leads to some interesting calculations as to the muscular development of the cows of that time. I have ascertained that they must have been endowed with strength proportionate to that of the flea of the present day."

VANCE LANDS RECORD BREAKER

Employs Whole Time Health Officer Who Helped Establish a World's Record in Health Work

Vance County again shows a lot of other counties a pair of clean heels. This time she has elected a whole time county health officer. Dr. D. C. Absber, of Wilkesboro, was the man finally decided upon. For several months Vance County authorities have been casting about over this and other states to find the best health officer available. They early recognized that it would be taking long chances to tag any doctor that happened to apply for the office and call him a health officer. Health work is different from the practice of medicine as is surgery dentistry. They appreciated also the fact that training a man to be a sanitarian and a health officer is a slow, expensive and an uncertain proposition. In some cases a doctor may readily become a good public health official while in other cases he may prove to be the proverbial square peg in the round hole.

Dr. Absber will co-operate with the State Board of Health in his work in Vance and the plan of work adopted by him and the county is that approved by the Board.

Dr. Absber graduated in medicine from the University of Maryland in 1904. For the last two years he has been making a record for himself in hookworm and community health work for the State Board of Health. He has just completed a campaign in the Philadelphia community in which out of a population of 951, every family installed some form of sanitary privy, every person was examined for hookworm disease, and every person having the disease was treated. This, the community of Philadelphia is claiming, is a world record.

THE JOY OF SHOPPING.

By Wilbur D. Nesbit.

I love to go and shop for things
To send as Christmas gifts to friends,
For then my fancy girls on wings,
I feel the joy that never ends
O, what a rapture 'tis to stand
And be stepped upon, bumped into,
Joggled, jostled, pushed, squeezed,
Shoved, frowned at, scowled upon,
Trampled, bruised, slammed, rushed,
Hurried, jolted, and finally get up to
the counter and discover that you are
at the wrong one!

To Insure Success.

Advertisers should not indulge in random, unsubstantial claims. Every ad should put forth a real reason for the purchase. Price an article so as to bring a fair margin of profit, then stick to the price rather than stick the customer. Advertising is a part of the sales force and by truthful advertising and carrying out a policy of doing exactly what you promise to do, having one price, marking all goods with plain figure prices, one brand of treatment for all customers and selling a line of reliable goods that best meets the requirements as to style and price of a majority of customers--you then cannot help but be successful.

WITH THE CHURCHES

Episcopal Church
All Saints Mission
Services every Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Sunday evening at seven thirty.
Sunday School every Sunday morning at ten o'clock. Mr. Whittaker, Superintendent.
Everybody invited to all services.

Presbyterian Church
Rev. H. F. Morton, Pastor
Sunday morning services, Rosemary Theatre at 11:15 A. M. Subject: "Ambassadors of Peace" A Christmas service, Songs, recitations and special music.
Sunday evening services, Peoples Theatre at 7:30 P. M. Subject: "The Incomparable Value of the Kingdom of Heaven."

Methodist Church
Rev. Wm. Towe, Pastor
Roanoke Rapids:
Thursday evening at 7 o'clock the Sunday School will be given a Christmas treat. Special music.
Christmas morning at 6 o'clock a special service.
Sunday Services.
Morning at 9:45 o'clock Sunday School, W. V. Woodruff, Supt.
Night at 7:30 o'clock Subject, "A Successful Life".
Rosemary:
Thursday evening at 7:30 "Christmas Entertainment".
Sunday Morning at 9:45 o'clock, Sunday School, J. B. Boyd Supt.
Night 7:30 o'clock, services conducted by J. B. Boyd.
Come and worship with us.

The Baronet's Last Compliments.
I heard of the most perfect manservant in the world recently. He had waited 50 years upon an aged and crusty baronet in his London lodgings, and his servility and obsequiousness were without bounds. Presently, in the fashion of all aged baronets, our gouty and rheumatic crank died. His funeral hour being set and given out, the attending clergyman suddenly found himself unable to attend. In haste he summoned the servant, and bade him send out notice of the change in the time of funeral ceremonies. The old man thought a very long time. Then he took up his pen and laboriously indicated many little notes. Each one read: "The master sends his compliments to you and says as how he won't be buried till tomorrow evening at five."--Exchange.

Football and a Clergyman.
The more recreation we have the less vice there will be in the country, and I regard the football match on a Saturday afternoon as one of the best possible devices to keep men in the purity of the open air. I believe that the increase of sport is the biggest factor in the increase of temperance, and go so far as to say if you take the Church of England away from London you remove the greatest sporting influence. Some people object to the professional footballer, but I see no reason why a man of that class who gives entertainment to the public should not be paid for his services just in the same way as a musician or a parson. If we want the best we always have to pay for it--Rev. A. J. Waldron, in T. P.'s Weekly, London.