

**PERSONAL ITEMS**

—D. A. Coble is visiting relatives in Richmond.  
 —Mrs. W. M. Dunford and children are visiting in Richmond.  
 —Mrs. A. L. Capehart of Raleigh has been visiting friends in Oxford.  
 —Mrs. M. C. Evins has returned from a visit to Raleigh.  
 —Judge and Mrs. W. A. Devin and Billy Devin are visiting in Greensboro.  
 —Mrs. J. F. Meadows and children are spending the holidays with relatives in Richmond.  
 —Mr. and Mrs. Bert Taylor of Wilson are spending the holidays with Mrs. Thomas White.  
 —Miss Corie Tilley, sister of Mrs. J. H. Critcher, and Mr. E. R. Allen, of Amelia Court House, Va., were married in Petersburg last Tuesday.

—Misses Sophronia, Daisy and Nina Cooper and Junius Cooper are at home for the holidays.  
 —A Christmas Tree was given the little folks of the Presbyterian Church on Thursday afternoon.  
 —Mr. H. S. Williams, of Virgilina Route 5, was an Oxford visitor last Thursday.  
 —Mrs. A. W. Graham has returned home from a stay in New York City. Her many friends are glad to welcome her home.  
 —Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Boykins, of Richmond, are spending the holidays in Oxford, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fagan.  
 —At the closing of the Grammar Grade School, each teacher entertained her Grade with a Christmas Tree or some tempting treat. The little folks left their work for the holidays, feeling that school is not all work.

—Miss Mary C. Owen entertained informally at a dance on Tuesday night, in honor of the guests of Miss Betsy Ballou, Misses Haskins, of New Mexico and Nannie Cawthorne of Littleton.  
 —Little Miss Mary Currin celebrated her tenth birthday on Tuesday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Currin. Quite a number of her little friends assembled at her home to celebrate with her enjoying happy games and the delightful refreshments served. The little hostess was the recipient of many attractive gifts.

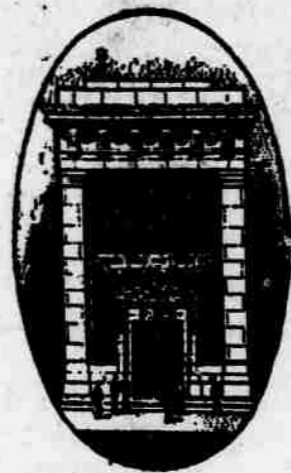
**WOMAN'S WISH NOT GRANTED**  
 Gen. Pershing Wants His Boy To Fight If Necessary.  
 Omaha, Neb., Dec 22.—When Mrs. Davie Vancoy, mother of an Omaha world war veteran, told little Warren Pershing she didn't want him to

grow up to be a soldier while General Pershing made a brief stop here en route, to spend Christmas holidays with relatives at Lincoln, General Pershing turned to her and said:  
 "Madam, I want my boy to grow up so that if his country needs him, he will be willing to fight for it. We

all want to create friendly relations with people of all countries, but when war comes we must accept the challenge."  
 Mrs. Vancoy remarked that she hoped "war was going to be made impossible" and the General "old he not "run away with that notion."

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Let the children hang up their stockings. Get a tree as big as you can buy and push through the door. Cover it with the magic fairy lamps the children love so well. Spare no tinsel nor the pendant balls that shine and glitter with a thousand re-

flections. Give and receive the little tokens of love and affection. Let your purse be wide open though it hold only pennies.

Do all you can to preserve and maintain the traditions of the season. Let the laugh of the cynic be not heard, nor the gray hairs of much wisdom overwhelm the gladness of youth when it says, "I do believe."

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