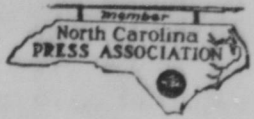


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## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

As has been their custom for several years, the Garden Club of Zebulon is offering prizes for the most attractive decorations for the Christmas season. We understand that the prizes will be given for both exterior and interior decorating, which allows more latitude than usual.

It is hoped that many will take part in this project, which has become one of the most beautiful features of the holidays. Travelers along the highway are impressed, favorably or otherwise by the appearance of the homes they pass; and nothing equals greenery and gaily colored lights to stimulate the Christmas spirit and express more hospitality to the stranger who may not be within our gates, but is within our town, though merely passing through.

Let's try to do a bit of decorating. The lights will be the only necessary expense, as pruning of shrubbery and judicious selections from the woods will provide all else needed.

## CHRISTMAS TIME AND TIDE

As Christmas draws nearer the tide of getting and giving rises higher and higher. 'Most everybody answers to the name "Jimmie." We used to hear much about a "sane Fourth." Perhaps in the minds of overworked mothers and moneyless fathers a sane Christmas, one that leaves out the material side of giving is longed for more than a sane Fourth or any other day. Yet, we have known parents in the past whose uppermost thoughts seemed to be to spend just as much as this tendency is seen among the young.

Would not a Christmas like the first one, a quiet, cold winter night, stars shining overhead, most of the people asleep, the occasional call of a lamb in the dark and the answer of the mother sheep—everything suggesting peace and safety, would that not be a wonderful Christmas? How different it would be from a big man stuffed with pillows, with a grotesque false face, tooting a tin horn, streets filled with shouting, noisy people, people arguing and discussing how to spend the last dime, the roar of fireworks and racing automobiles—what a difference must all this be to that first Christmas eve when the angels sang and shepherds listened.

The spirit of Christmas should carry the spirit of the Christ. The knowledge of God's gift should stir our hearts to the most unselfish giving with no hope of return save the peace of God that fills the soul of the one who fully understands and appreciates the meaning of Christmas.

Unless our gifts this Christmas spring from love and are offered in the unselfish way the Christ came, there will be no real Christmas though one may be weighted down with the world's costliest treasures and deafened by the sounds of all the world's music and noise. Unless I hear the angels' song and experience the peace of God and have good will to all men, then I shall have no Christmas.

## BIG CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EDITION

Next week the Zebulon Record will cover the whole Zebulon shopping district. It will be chock full of Christmas bargains of every sort—furniture, hardware, groceries, Christmas goods and novelties of all kinds. There is no need for anybody to go elsewhere to do his Christmas shopping. He can do it right here at home, get what he wants, and actually, save money.

Wait and watch for the big Christmas shopping edition of the Zebulon Record next week.

## AFTER THANKSGIVING, WHAT?

We recall a story read years ago of a boy who, when his father brought home a whole box of meat, said, "Let's ask a blessing for this meat now before we open it. Then we won't have to bother about it any more"! We wonder if that is not about the way it is with most folks. They (a few of them) go to church on Thanksgiving morning, "go through the motions" of expressing their gratitude, drop in a piece of silver (not a dollar), go home and eat a dinner that makes them miserable all the rest of the day—and so a year of Thanksgiving is ended.

We are told that "think" and "thank" are words coming from the same word—ancestor—in our language. One who truly thinks on the blessings that are constantly being supplied to him from "the giver of every good and perfect gift" will be led to realize his obligation to express his thanks for these blessings. Blessings are like the breath of life, both come constantly or life ceases. If there is occasion for thanksgiving on one day, there is reason for it every day. If there is a constant need of receiving, there is equally a constant reason, or better, need for giving an expression from our hearts for the blessings of God constantly come to us from His love and bounty. And this particular gratitude is primarily to God and not man.

Thanksgiving is not an occasion. It is an attitude of heart that is constant in the life of a thankful man to his Creator and Provider.

## A JEW'S ESTIMATE OF THE CHURCH

With so-called Christian nations like Germany and Italy and that heathen people, the Japanese, persecuting Jews to death, it is refreshing to the rest of the world to read one Jew's estimate of the Church. This is what one great intellect and fine character, a Jew, Albert Einstein, says about the Church:

"Being a lover of freedom, when the revolution came in Germany I looked to the Universities to defend it, knowing that they had always boasted of their devotion to the cause of truth; but, no, the universities immediately were silenced. Then I looked to the great editors of the newspapers whose flaming editorials in days gone by had proclaimed their love of freedom; but they, like the universities, were silenced in a few short weeks. Then I looked to the individual writers, who, as literary guides of Germany, had written much and often concerning the place of freedom in modern life; but they, too, were mute. Only the Church stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign for suppressing truth. I never had any special interest in the Church before, but now I feel a great affection and admiration because the Church alone has had the courage and persistence to stand for intellectual truth and moral freedom. I am forced to confess that what I once despised I now praise unreservedly."

This is exactly in line with Ludwig Lewisohn's contention made upon an Asheville platform that modern dictators well know that religion alone gives men courage to defy them. Hence the undying hatred of the new Caesars for the things of the spirit.

## COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENCE

### PLEASANT HILL

We are sorry Mrs. Jasper Oakley is sick and hope she will soon be better.

Miss Ruby Funkhouser spent Thanksgiving with Miss Lillian Pace.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Robertson of Knightdale, Mr. and Mrs. Matheny of Rolesville, Mr. George Robertson of Bethany, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Joe Knott.

Miss Ester V. Hood spent the week end with Miss Lois Williams of Knightdale.

Mrs. T. Y. Puryear spent Monday with her daughter Mrs. L. H. Williford of Bethany.

Mrs. J. M. Thorne of Zebulon Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Flowers and children and little Rochelle and Curtis Dean were visitors at W. Thorne's last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Puryear near Rolesville and Mrs. A. Thorne were visitors at T. Y. Puryear's last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Williford Bethany announce the birth of son Nov. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. David DeWitt spent Monday at Mr. Richard DeWitt's near Peares Monday.

Quite a number of people were killing hogs this week.

We have quite a bit of snow that fell Saturday in this section. At this date it is Tuesday.

Mrs. A. O. Puryear spent the day with Mrs. L. H. Williford of Bethany.

Mr. Harvey Hood spent the week end with his sister, Mrs. C. Jones of Knightdale.

Mr. Jasper Oakley announced the marriage of his son A. Oakley to Mrs. Ruth Mitchel, of Portsmouth, Virginia.

Mr. Jasper Oakley celebrated his birthday Thanksgiving. He enjoyed a dinner of Brunswick stew, barbecue, sandwiches, slaw, cakes, pickles and all it takes for a picnic dinner. Those present were Mr. Mrs. J. S. Mitchel, Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchel, Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, Misses Jerry, Marie, Nikita, Vadia Richards, Miss Mary Price, Miss Martha Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Oakley, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Pace, Mr. and Mrs. A. ley Wilson, Miss Ruby Funkhouser, Mr. Leicester Mitchel, Miss M. toka Pace, Mr. Warren Pace, Mr. Clifford Richards, Mr. Edd Marsey, Mrs. W. P. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Crosoe Denton, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rhodes, Mr. Irvin Privette, Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Horton and family, Mrs. E. C. Fowler and daughter Sally, Mrs. Mary Kemp and Mr. Jasper Oakley and family.

### PILOT

Guess it was too bad for our pastor to come out Sunday afternoon. The Rev. William Cone conducted the services for us.

Thanksgiving brought us our first snow and in a big way.

Miss Wilma Phillips attended the football game Saturday at Durham.

Miss Janice Lewis was at home for Thanksgiving.

Miss Cherry Pearce, of Raleigh, spent the week-end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hudson, of Washington, D. C., visited Mrs. Hudson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Brantley, last week-end.

Mr. Cebe Jones, of Raleigh, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Jones.

All of our school teachers went home for Thanksgiving and enjoyed the stay.

There will be a miscellaneous shower at Mrs. Troy Bunn's for Mrs. Aubrey Bullock Saturday night, December 3.

It is hog killing time over here. The weather is cold enough for the meat to keep in good shape, if it will only hold out.

Miss Mozelle Ray was at home

this week-end.

Miss Darnell Philips spent the week-end with her parents.

Mr. Wallace returned from Florida Sunday night and has been with his brother for Thanksgiving.

### WAKE X ROADS

It seems to be winter time now. Cold weather and snow. Hope the weather will soon be better again.

Miss Eva Ruth Harris, of near

rough on rats" to the dogs. Well there was a lot of talk, possibly some cussing, but that ended the dog epidemic for that particular church. CONTRIBUTOR.

### WILL TAXES BE LESS?

From N. I. News Service  
The Administration will press plans before Congress for a continuance of the present aids to agriculture, the unemployed, the needy, and the rest of the existing programs. It will press plans for greater centralization of authority in the Washington government. It will seek more revenues from the undivided profits tax, and as high as 19 per cent on incomes over \$25,000. It will seek to raise all income taxes and extend this operation to lower incomes—slighting no one.

White all this is going on some of the starry-eyed youngsters around Washington are trying to make the American public believe that taxation will be lower and the next budget balanced. They never paid many taxes, and the budget is a sort of football to them. But there isn't a lead pencil, or a business adding machine in the world that they could manipulate to prove that taxes will be less.

# Only 19 Shopping Days Before Christmas