

## May This Christmas Be One of Your Finest

### MRS. LEON CHAMBLEE, ALSO WILLIE BOLTON DIE HERE

#### This, That & the Other

By Mrs. Theo. B. Davis

This is the tenth year that I have sent through this column a Christmas wish to friends. Sceldom has it varied much, for ever at this season our thoughts return to the groove worn by habits of years. That is, if they are not jolted out of that groove. And that is what has happened this year.

I find myself with the idea that to say "Merry Christmas" to those who are grown-up seems too shallow and frivolous. However, I would say it to all little children everywhere, with the added wish that another ten years may find them in a world different from this.

For the young people who face conditions that are appalling I wish courage and strength and the joy that comes from facing duty unafraid. And I should add to that wish the prayer that they may be able to see clearly the face of duty and to hear plainly her voice as she bids them go or stay.

For mothers and wives of men in service I wish the patience that will enable them to wait while husbands and sons mount up with wings like eagles, go down to the sea in ships, march when and where ordered, or otherwise conduct themselves as patriots and men. And I wish also that each woman may fully realize that, whatever comes, she is not alone; that thousands of women know and share whatever may come to her. For once we get the idea that we are the most unfortunate or most afflicted, we become of less use than before. There can be a measure of peace, deeper than submarines can submerge, a hope higher than airplanes may soar, a love broader than the whole earth. May we be enabled to attain a measure of it.

For all of us I wish the realization that only through the personal and practical application of the meaning of Christ's birth may we ever reach the day when nation shall not rise up against nation and men shall learn war no more.

#### Philatheas Meet

Twenty-one members of the class met on Dec. 1 in the home of Mrs. T. C. Pippin with Mesdames Grey Finch and Berniece Finch assistant hostesses. Present officers of the class—Mrs. Henry Hood, president; Mrs. H. C. Mitchell, secretary; Mrs. C. D. Pace, treasurer; will serve another year.

After a program of Christmas readings and carols refreshments were enjoyed, each one being given a favor appropriate to the season.

#### 250 Negro Workers Needed

The Raleigh Divisional office of the North Carolina Employment Service has immediate urgent openings for 250 colored laborers for work at a cantonment camp in the eastern part of North Carolina.

This work will be ten hours per day, seven days per week, wages \$34.00 per week. Room and board is available in a nearby town at \$2.50 to \$3.00

per week and transportation to the camp site is provided at a cost of 30c to 40c per day round trip from this town. This work will last approximately 3 months.

These men are wanted IMMEDIATELY. All applicants will please contact the Employment Service Representative in Wednell at the Town Hall Friday morning, at nine o'clock, December 26, 1941.

#### Jr. Club Holds Regular Meeting

The Zebulon Junior Woman's Club held its regular meeting Tuesday evening in the Woman's Club Building. The club house was attractively decorated with a number of Christmas arrangements which the Garden Club and the Woman's Club had at their meeting in the afternoon.

Mrs. Norman Screws, president, presided over the business session which included a \$10.00 donation to the Red Cross emergency drive; contribution to the Art Fund at the local school; donation of \$50.00 to the Senior Club to apply on club house debt and a committee was appointed to buy and present the usual Christmas basket to a needy family in the community.

Mrs. Robert D. Massey was in charge of the program. She presented Miss Emma Jean Pace, who rendered a solo and then accompanied Miss Pace when she sang "O Holy Night." Mrs. Massey then presented Prof. E. H. Moser who gave a Christmas reading.

At the conclusion of the program refreshments were served.

#### Omitted News Printed Now

Because of a lack of space in four pages and lack of time to print others if the paper went into the mails on schedule many items were left out last week. The editor regrets the omission, but hopes that printing early this week will give the news before it is wholly out-dated.

#### Theatre Notes

The Wakelon Theatre will have a slight change in hours for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The show will run continuously starting at 2:00 P. M. for these two days only. Also on Christmas Eve there will be a special Owl Show starting at 10:45 P. M. Our special Christmas week program is in this paper for your convenience.

We are calling your attention to our picture for Christmas Day, "Cadet Girl," with Carole Landis and George Montgomery with many others, who will give you 71 minutes of entertainment that you will enjoy and be glad to tell your friends about, in a stirring musical drama.

#### Local Red Cross Goal Unattained

R. D. Massey, chairman of the local drive for Red Cross Funds, stated Tuesday that to date contributions from this community totaled \$228.51. This was given in amounts ranging from five cents to twenty-five dollars.

The campaign is not yet over and all who have not given are asked to do so as soon as possible. Wake County's quota of \$35,000 has not been filled and efforts must be made for its completion.

With the need daily growing greater none should withhold a donation, however small, nor should any be satisfied with a small gift, if able to do more.

See Chairman Massey or one of his helpers at once.

#### Methodists

Services for December 28:  
Church School — 10:00  
Worship Service — 11:00  
Young People Service — 6:45

#### Baptists

Services for Sunday, December 28, will be as follows:  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Morning Worship. Sermon topic: "Year's End" An important business meeting of the church will follow the service.  
7:00 Young People meet  
7:30 Student Night Program.  
At this time all from our church who are away in school or college will be with us to participate in a special program.

#### Critz-Strickland

On Sunday, December 14, in Bennettsville, S. C., Miss Etha Mae Strickland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Strickland of Zebulon, was married to Curtis Campbell Critz of Danville, Va., and Zebulon, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Critz of Danville, Va.

For the ceremony the bride wore a costume of soldier blue alpaca with black accessories.

Accompanying the bridal couple to Bennettsville were Miss Evelyn Fowler of Rolesville and J. C. Morris of Zebulon.

Mr. Critz has for some months been employed by the Record Publishing Company as linotypist. The bride has for several years has been one of the sales force at Flowers' Store here.

#### Local Man Falls Dead Friday

Willie W. Bolton, Zebulon, died unexpectedly here Friday. He was stricken while visiting uptown.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Fannie Whitley Bolton; his mother, Mrs. Richard Bolton; four children, Wade, Willa, Billy and Hazel Bolton; a brother, Cary; a sister, Mrs. Jack Liles.

Funeral services were held at the home here Saturday at 2 o'clock and burial was in the family cemetery.

#### Make Yourself That Brooder

A home-made lamp brooder, which can be built at a cost of from \$5.00 to \$7.50, will accommodate 50 to 60 chicks. County farm and home agents of the State College Extension Service will supply blueprints and detailed information for the construction of one of these brooders. Farm people also may obtain one of these blueprints free by writing to the Extension Poultryman, State College, Raleigh, and requesting Blueprint No. 46, "The Home-made Lamp Breeder."

#### Guard Your Tires; War Takes Them

Rationing has arrived, with auto tires the first item affected. Frankly facing the fact that additional rubber imports from the Far East may be difficult to obtain, the government first suspended tire sales except on A-3 preference ratings or higher, then announced that all new tire sales would be put under a consumer-coupon rationing system on January 4. Meanwhile, what John L. Collyer, president of the B. F. Goodrich company, described as the four-point "wartime rubber program" is being pushed.

The first step is prudent use of our reserve stocks of rubber. Because of the close cooperation between the government and the industry, reserve stocks today are the highest in history.

Second is expansion of synthetic rubber productive capacity. Collyer, who has often warned that we shouldn't be too optimistic about help from this quarter because it would take from three to five years to create sufficient synthetic capacity to free us from dependence on natural rubber, a year ago recommended that "standby" plants of moderate capacity be started.

Third point is extensive development of such domestic sources as the Mexican shrub, guayule; and fourth, a detailed plan for conservation not only of tires but of all rubber products now in use. The rationing order means we'll have to form some new riding habits, cutting down on unnecessary use of cars, and treating our tires gently—because the extent to which worn ones can be recapped depends entirely on the care that has been taken to preserve casings from cuts and bruises.

#### Farmers Lose \$5 per Acre By Burnings

Burning cotton stalks will cost the average North Carolina farmer just about \$5 an acre, says Dr. E. R. Collins, agronomist of the Experiment Station at N. C. State College.

In a warning against this practice, now commonly employed after the crop has been harvested, Dr. Collins pointed out that cotton stalks on an acre of good land contain approximately 27 pounds of nitrogen, 7 pounds of phosphoric acid and 36 pounds of potash.

At present prices for these fertilizing materials, the State College agronomist explained, the farmer would have to pay around five dollars an acre.

He said the amount of plant food removed by raking and burning the stalks would be equal to 400 pounds of a fertilizer analyzing 6.75 percent nitrogen, 1.7 percent phosphoric acid, and 9 percent potash.

"What's more," Dr. Collins continued, "burning destroys from 1,500 to 2,000 pounds of organic matter badly needed by most soils. Turning under or killing all cotton stalks before frost is an important factor in boll-weevil control, but to remove them from the land is a serious drain on the fertility of the soil."

"When only the lint and seed are removed," the State College man went on, "a bale of cotton removes a total of only 70 pounds of plant food, as compared with 95 pounds for 60 bushels of corn, leaving the stalks and fodder on the land, 100 pounds for 30 bushels of wheat in straw, and 115 pounds for 50 bushels of oats in straw."

#### Here's Why Hitler Likes His Spuds

The Commerce Department has issued an interesting tabulation. It shows that the principal anti-axis belligerents, plus countries whose resources are more likely to be available to that "side," comprise a total population of 1,484,547,000 persons... whereas the population of axis and axis-dominated countries is 506,605,000. In wheat, Anti-Axis controls 69% of the world supply, Axis, 21; in potatoes it's 34 to 62 in favor of the Axis; sugar—70 to 25 in "our" favor; petroleum—86 to 3; coal—67 to 29; iron ore—64 to 27. So it's "let 'em eat potatoes."

#### Things to Watch for

A cane for night watchmen—or day watchers, for that matter—with a tiny radio sending device concealed in the handle; a push of a button causes the cane to set off any number of help-summoning alarms... Tax tokens of fiber, instead of bright red plastic—Colorado had planned the plastic ones as an aluminum-saving measure, but couldn't get the plastic powder in time to avert a shortage of tokens.

#### Local Woman Succumbs Friday

Mrs. Leon G. Chamblee, 60, died at her home Friday afternoon following a long illness. Funeral services were held Saturday at 3 o'clock at the residence with the Rev. J. B. Murray in charge.

Surviving are her husband and nine children, Leslie and J. B. Chamblee, both of Zebulon; Mrs. R. A. Brantley, Mrs. Wilford Jones, V. L. Chamblee and Donald Chamblee, all of Washington, D. C.; W. E. Chamblee of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. T. E. Rogers of Inman, S. C.; and Perry Chamblee of Zebulon; three sisters, Mrs. R. M. Murphy of Selma; Mrs. W. Y. Wood of Smithfield and Mrs. T. E. Talton of Raleigh.

#### No Food Shortage

Reports of unseasonably and unreasonably large grocery purchases indicate that too many housewives—and others—are taking their cue from 1917 in the matter of forestalling food shortages. The real facts about food, however, indicate no reason for jitters on this score, no excuse for food hoarding. There's very little resemblance between the food situation today and in 1917: we're not sending vast supplies to France and Italy this time, as we were then; and actual food supplies here are much more abundant.

Flour, sugar and canned goods were the items most "hoarders" sought to buy in excess. But look: the U. S. has enough wheat right now to last until 1943 without growing a single blade next year; has much more sugar than we can consume; and Uncle Sam's larder right now contains about one and three-fifths as much canned vegetables as it did a year ago. There are plenty of statistics to emphasize all this, too.

Flow of foods to England is largest in dairy products, pork and lard, and eggs—and it's huge. But even in the case of these products, U. S. stocks on hand, thanks to stepped-up production, have been growing steadily larger instead of dwindling. So there's no sense in food hoarding. The main thing it does is cause confusion in the distributive system, temporary shortages in certain areas—and consequent higher prices, for you as well as for the other fellow!

#### Christmas Trade Low

Sudden arrival of war gave at least a temporary set-back to holiday shopping, especially in areas on either coast disturbed by air-raid alarms. Indications are still that dollar volume will set a new high for the month, but in view of the higher prices this will not necessarily mean a new record in actual goods moved. For the week ending Dec. 13 the nation's department store sales, in dollar volume, were up only 1 per cent over parallel week of 1940. Demand for blackout materials and flashlights, radios, candles, kerosene lamps and the like naturally spurred, but OPM moved quickly to discourage sale of special material for blackout purposes, urging that old drapes and other fabrics, already in homes be used.