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## Cunningham and Woodburn

Misses, Editors:—  
We have all read the very full account of the big football fight between the University of Va. and the University of North Carolina. I don't take any stock in the fight itself, but I consider it a game, though so-called by its supporters. I don't see it a brutal dangerous game, in which nothing good is accomplished, but nearly a way a great deal of harm. I can't consider anything that is dangerous to the mind and body as having any good in it. According to my way of thinking those boys of both Universities would have been much better employed at home in their studies than in that brutal contest at Richmond.

I am proud to know that my "Alma Mater", dear old Trinity College, put her foot down on it last year, put the lid down tight not to be raised again.

I give the faculty and board of trustees my warmest commendation for their fine action. We are not opposed to men make athletes, but give us something that is not dangerous to life and limb. There were several in this last fight seriously hurt.

Mrs. Mary Sydnor continues ill with her daughter Mrs. Bass, she is closely confined to her room. Her sons from Va. have been visiting her recently. Dr. Swann is attending her.

There was a recent marriage in our section, Mr. FLEM WELLS and Miss Lottie Reeves, daughter of Mr. Tom Reeves of Va.

Mr. A. J. Green and Mr. Nelson are building a store house at the fork down east of Crummingham where the dirt road crosses the Railway, and will put goods there in about the 15th of December. It would seem in view of present conditions with the farmers that having very short crops of tobacco, and getting but little for that, merchants will have a close time to live and make both ends meet.

The great war drags its long length along with nothing decisive as yet, may peace soon come again is the wish and prayer of all.—Frank.

Read the "Trey O' Hearts". See it at The Grand.

## A Plea For The Rural Carrier

There are few men who are so faithful as the rural carrier. He comes every day, rain or shine, sleet or snow, save a well earned holiday now and then. My, how you would miss him should he cease his daily visits. The next ten days will be trying times with him for he will have packages by the hundreds to deliver on his 25 mile daily drive, and he is just as anxious for your Christmas presents to be delivered promptly as you are. You can make life much easier for him if you will use just a little care and see that your packages are securely wrapped, tied with good strong cord, properly addressed with your name written on one corner to show where it came from—for he is not allowed to take these parcel post packages unless you have your address on them. Help him all you can, and help to make his burden lighter. To many of you he will be your Santa Claus on Christmas morning—for Uncle Sam says he must go and perform his task on that day the same as any other day, while you are having a gladsome holiday. A little present or even a merry Christmas wish with a cheery smile would help him on his way.

## Mountain School Exercises.

The following is the program of "North Carolina Day" rendered at the Mountain School on Dec. 11, 1914:

1. Song, The Old North State Forever, by the school.
2. Recitation, by Pamela Reade.
3. Recitation, North Carolina Teachers, by Dahlia Holsomback.
4. Recitation, North Carolina I Love Thee, by Dahlia Holsomback.
5. Recitation, Carolina, by Ethel Clayton.
6. Recitation, I Love My Native State, by Blanche Clayton.
7. Recitation, North Carolina's Pride, by Maude Harris.
8. Recitation, Boy Wanted, by Frank Reade.
9. Recitation, by Mabel Nichols.
10. Recitation, by Hallie Crabtree.
11. Recitation, What is a State, by Samuel Howard.
12. Song, Ho, for Carolina, by school. E.

## AUSTRIA CANDIDLY ADMITS DEFEAT OF HER ARMY IN SERBIA

### Servians Move Forward, They Take Many Prisoners and Have Driven Austrian Army Across the Drina.

London, Dec. 14, 11:10 p. m.—The most striking feature of the day's official news is the candid admission by the Austrian government of the defeat of the Austrian army in Serbia and apparently the abandonment of its third attempt to invade its small Slav neighbor.

While attributing the failure to the enemy's superior force, as all government bulletins explain failures, the Austrian war office announces plainly an extended retirement and heavy losses.

"New decisions and measures consequently will be taken to repel the enemy," says the Austrian statement. Apparently that means that the Austrian army directed against Serbia will assume a defensive line.

The Servians claim to be pressing home their victory with more captures of prisoners and to have driven part of the invading army across the Drina river. Moreover, they are reported to have retaken the capital and say they expect to expel the invaders from Servian territory.

Poland is fast becoming another Belgium in point of suffering, while the opposing armies drive each other back and forth, occupy and reoccupy cities and villages and inflict upon the inhabitants bombardments similar to those suffered in Belgium and north France.

More than 500 Polish towns have been ruined, according to various accounts.

Each army accuses the other of looting and cruelty. The flight of the civilians from Lodz was one of the most tragic episodes of the war, while one correspondent pictures the fate of Kalisz as a repetition of Louvain, with the slaughter of 400 civilians and the sacking of the city.

A distressing feature of the fighting in Poland lies in the fact that blood-kindred are pitted against each other. There are several hundred thousand Poles in the Russian ranks and several hundred thousand more in the ranks of the Germans and Austrians.

## A Correction.

In our last issue in giving the names of the officers of the Person County Fair Association we stated that Mr. J. A. Carver had been elected president. There are few better men in this County than Mr. J. A. Carver but he was not connected with the Fair and was not elected president. Of course we intended saying that Mr. Joe H. Carver had been elected, as he was. Every one knows how very hard he labored for the success of the Fair and no one did more to make it a success than did he. In fact no other name had been suggested in our hearing as to who would be the next president—Mr. Gwynn the former president having moved away, making it necessary for a new president to be selected. Joe Carver is the president and this fact alone is sufficient guarantee that the next Fair will be a big success.

## Christmas Decorations.

A number of our merchants have their windows tastily decorated for Christmas, but we feel that special mention is due Mess. Sergeant and Clayton, for they have a display which is unusually attractive. Walk by and take a look at it, it is worth while.

## Bethel Hill Items.

Quite a large number of the people of the community met at the high school building Friday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a betterment association. Mr. J. Y. Humphries was previously appointed to preside over the meeting and had arranged an interesting program, consisting of recitations by Mrs. W. R. Day and Miss Gladys Beam; a speech by Mr. B. P. Gentry, on "What is the duty of a Betterment Association"; a debate on the subject, Resolved: "That all Bachelors should be taxed." The affirmative was represented by Messrs. A. C. Gentry and Thos. B. Woody while Misses Nellie Montague and Ellen Boxes championed the cause of the old bachelors. The judges decided that the affirmative won and that the old bachelors should be taxed. After a completion of this interesting program the matter of electing officers was taken up with the following results:

Pres. Mr. J. Y. Humphries; Sect. Mrs. A. J. Crutchfield; Treas. Mrs. W. A. Woody.

Mrs. W. R. Day and Messrs. B. P. Gentry and Thos. B. Woody were appointed to draw up a constitution. Interesting music for the occasion was furnished by the high school orchestra.—Mary Sue.

## Letters To Santa Claus.

Dear Santa:—  
I will try to write you a little letter, if I don't spell my words all rite, why next time I will do better. I want you to bring me a doll and a little carriage too, and if you will I will be much obliged to you. Candy, some nuts and a large red apple sweet, so when I wake up I can begin to eat. I would like to have some more toys too, if you have them to spare. I would like another doll with yellow curly hair. I have been a good little girl and help mother, the thing to do, now dear Santa, don't forget and bring them to little Sue.

## Mr. Santa Claus:—

I write you a line or two to let you know what I want you to do. I want you to come to see me, if I knew where you live I would ask you home to tea. I will tell you what I want in my stocking: A little horse that when you touch him he will begin rocking, a knife and ball and harp I can play so I will have a joyful day, some candy and apples and all kinds of nuts, and a little billy goat that butts. Now dear Santa, excuse me for asking for so many things, for I am a good little boy and my name is James.

## Market Closes Friday.

On next Friday the Roxboro Tobacco Market will close for the Christmas Holidays, and will open on January 4th. While the sales started off rather slow on the market, owing to the lateness of the crop, still the sales so far have been very satisfactory to the farmer and the warehouses. Prices have been very satisfactory during the past two weeks and sales have been very heavy. Take a good rest during the vacation, then get your tobacco in order and bring it to this market and you can rest assured no pains will be spared to see that you get the very highest price for all sold on the market.

## Meeting to Aid Belgians.

Any one interested in an effort to raise funds for the aid of the Belgians is invited to attend an informal meeting in the Commercial Club rooms Thursday night, Dec. 17th, at 7:30.

## Entertainment at the Auditorium Friday.

On Friday evening, Dec. 18th, inst., beginning at 7:30 o'clock, the children of the lower grades of the Roxboro Graded Schools will give an entertainment in the auditorium.

Admission:—Children 10 cents; adults, 25 cents. Proceeds will be used for buying books and other equipment for the schools. Liberal patronage is respectfully solicited.

## Schools Close for Christmas

The Graded Schools will close on Friday for the Holidays, and all of the teachers living from a distance will take their departure on Saturday for their homes to spend Christmas. In many respects this has been the most satisfactory session, and the Superintendent and patrons all feel that extra good work has been done. Roxboro is fortunate in having a school of such sterling worth and we are glad to know that this is one institution in which every one takes a pride.

## Handsome Calendar.

We have been presented with a handsome calendar by the Roxboro Grocery Company. This is one of the best known firms in our town and they have built up a splendid trade, all of which they are justly entitled to. They are live people and are noted for their fair dealing with every one. We are glad to know that this year has been unusually satisfactory to them, their trade exceeded their expectations.

## Mr. Noah Biggs Is Dead.

On last Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock Mr. Noah Biggs died at his home in Scotland Neck. He was one of the best known Baptist laymen, and had done great things for North Carolina. He was indeed, a friend to man, and never lost an opportunity to do good.

That Christmas feeling is in the air, and everyone seems to walk just a bit more lively.

## To Person County Teachers

First of all, I desire to thank each of you heartily for the faithful service you have rendered in the schools of our County this fall. You have done a work that has done much to advance the cause of education. Some of you have done it under many disadvantages; but you have wrought nobly and your work stand as a monument to your faithfulness. Words cannot express my deep gratitude to you for your kindness to me, for your loyalty to me as your Superintendent and for your co-operation in our efforts to build up our schools and to stimulate a healthy growth along all educational lines. Personally I thank you for it all. In behalf of the Board of Education of Person County I thank you; in behalf of the citizens of our county I thank you; but above all in behalf of our noble boys and girls I thank you. God's richest blessing ever rest upon you. We shall look forward with much pleasure to your return to your school in January and promise as citizens, our sympathy, our appreciation and our co-operation in helping you make your school, yes our school, the best the county has ever known.

May you have a pleasant and profitable Christmas.

Respectfully,  
J. A. Beam,

County Superintendent.

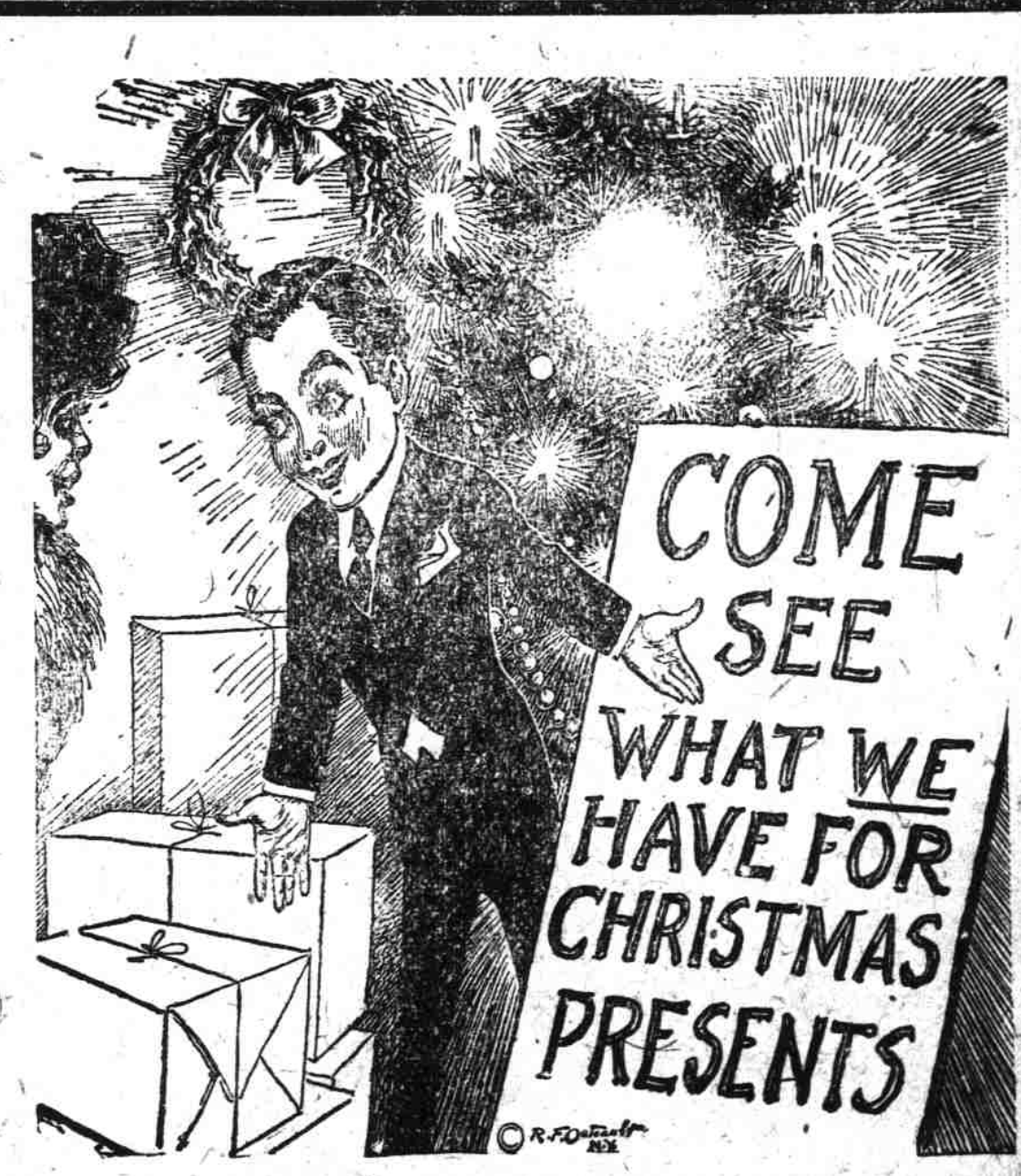
Some of the pleased customers selling at the Planters Warehouse MonPay are as follows: Oakley & Hicks, Critcher & Co., Blackwell & P., Hambrick & J., Hamlin & P., N. A. Wrenn, Hambrick & J., Wagstaff & S., C. M. Oakley and Baird & Jones.

Say, did you receive a message from this office concerning a little matter which is very important to us? Many of you have not indicated it by your actions. You are selling your tobacco now and while you are not receiving checks of such large proportions as of yore, still, one dollar left with us will not be missed by you and will wonderfully help our bank account if all will respond.



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