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Merry Christmas

THE staff of The Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian take this means of wishing a "Merry Christmas" to their many friends and readers, in Macon county and elsewhere. All have helped in every way to make our service helpful to others, and for this, we thank you, one and all.

Now, as all are united through various community efforts to see that no one lacks Christmas cheer, may joy and happiness be multiplied for all. As the Season is celebrated with singing and giving and entertaining, may all express the spirit of the angels' song on that first Christmas night, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Christmas and Children

CHRISTMAS is traditionally a time for childhood. Children's eyes sparkle with Christmas anticipation. Gifts and toys gladden their hearts. The coming of the Christ Child naturally appeals to them.

All this is proper. Indeed if we are honest we will realize that at Christmas we are all children. The excitement of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is something we never outgrow. Nor should we. For beneath all our pretensions we really are children. Our chiefest blessings are the things that come as gifts—the joy of family life, the blessings of friends, of health, of happiness. Nor should we ever forget the wonder of that first Christmas gift—God's gift of Himself in human form that men might know Him, love Him, and follow Him.

Yet Christmas is also a time for adult thoughts. For a world of harsh realities needs Christmas every bit as much as does the world of childhood. For Christmas is the reminder that to this stumbling world of ours God has showed a way. If we believe that why do we not follow it? Christmas comes this year with a tremendous challenge to us as adults.

Do the gifts we give at Christmas have any meaning for us? For surely to us as Christians they must stand for something. They are reminders of a gift once given to mankind—the gift of Christ.

After all Christmas finds us all in the role of children. We are all dependent on this day not on what we have made or created but on what we have received.—Selected.

"Gone With the Wind"

FRANKLIN is near enough to Atlanta to experience some of the thrill of the premiere of "Gone With the Wind" and the attendant festivities that took place last week. Some of our citizens went down for the occasion and others are planning to go during the holidays to see the picture.

One amazing feature of the celebration was the enthusiasm of the visiting stars for the whole memorable two days of spontaneous and gracious hospitality. That the Georgia city rose to the occasion in a great way is something of which her people may be justly proud. The whole south is grateful to Atlanta for thus honoring first, the great little lady who wrote the book, then, the stars who have interpreted the characters with the perfection of their art.

If The Atlanta Constitution declares that comment on the production, as a picture, is impossible, most of us will be satisfied just to see it. Those of us who sat up all night to read the book, because we couldn't put it down, will await eagerly the day or night when we can sit through the double-length film.

Robert Quillen says "Gone With the Wind", by the simple expedient of telling the truth, has won the admiration and affection of all America, made a new generation feel its kinship with ancient heroes, and thus has done more than any other single influence in the last 75 years to erase sectional lines and make us one nation."

Clarke Gable says, "There was only one way to make 'Gone'. That was as Miss Mitchell wrote it."

Press Comment

The following article by the late Dr. F. M. Register, who died last month, is printed in the December issue of The Progressive Farmer. For its timeliness and good advice we pass it on as part of our Christmas message to our readers. Dr. Register devoted a long active life to the service of North Carolina, in public health work and as superintendent of the Caswell Training School:

First of all this month let me give you a conversation between a country doctor and his friend—with lessons for all of us at the Christmas season.

"Good morning, Dr. Jim," said Ben as he went into Dr. Jim's office.

"Good morning, Ben." "Dr. Jim, you look kind o' tired this morning. Been to see somebody who is very bad off or have you lost a patient?"

"No, Ben, neither one. Just thinking about Christmas and the many wrong ways people spend Christmas. Just passed two men down the road staggering from side to side. Passed a home back there where some boys were setting off firecrackers. A little farther along another boy with a cap pistol was firing away. These cap pistols are very dangerous—if you have a sore on the hand, you are apt to get lockjaw from the poison in the caps; it should be against the law to sell them. All this going on already—and still over two weeks till Christmas. I thought of the casualties we usually have during the Christmas season, when it should be a day of enjoyment and rest.

"Take last Christmas, I was hoping for a quiet day at home and church, but alas! Christmas Eve I got a call to come to see a carload of people who had been in a wreck. I found that all had been drinking and several were seriously hurt. I did not get home till 8 next morning. Just finished breakfast when I had a call to see a boy who had set off a noise-producer. He bored a hole in a log, tamped the hole with a stick then set off this devilish contrivance. It made a wonderful noise, but when the boy came to, he found a great splinter driven into his head. He got well after a long time. About the time I sat down to my turkey dinner, here came a hurry call to come to see a boy who had a finger blown off by a giant firecracker. So thus my day was used up. I was just wondering, Ben, if I would have this Christmas season ruined by the foolishness of others."

Last night I was ruminating over the things I wanted to do for Christmas and wishing I was a real Santa Claus, so I dotted down a few of the things I would do for all Progressive Farmer readers if I were Santa Claus. If I were Santa Claus and could give good gifts to everybody, both young and old, on "The Night Before Christmas" I would put into the stocking of every man, woman, and child "365 Days of Health."

I would put into the stocking of every man, woman, and child a vaccination against diphtheria, typhoid fever, and smallpox.

Into everybody's stocking I would put 365 quarts of Grade A milk.

Two vegetables for every day in the year would go into everybody's stocking.

Into everyone's stocking would be put some kind of fruit for every day in the year and a set of sound teeth to chew all these good foods with.

Into the stocking of every head of the house and every boy and girl over 21 years of age, I would put a job that would pay a living wage.

Into the stocking of every boy and girl I would put a high school education and along with this a desire for this education.

I would put into everybody's stocking 52 Sundays at church to hear the beautiful story of Him whose Star in the East appeared to the Three Wise Men and they came to worship Him who was to

"OLD HURRYGRAPH" HAS PENNED HIS LAST "RAMBLING AROUND"

In recording the passing of one of North Carolina's most beloved newspaper men, known as "Old Hurraygraph," we quote excerpts from an editorial tribute to him in the Morganton News-Herald, of December 15.

"J. A. Robinson, veteran newspaper man of Durham, better known as 'Old Hurraygraph,' whose 'Rambling Around' has been a regular contribution to The News-Herald for many years, has 'rambled' for the last time. Monday night, after a brief illness, he fell on sleep and his facile pen has been forever stilled....

"Mr. Robinson was one of the last of the old school of newspaper men whose personalized journalism left its mark on North Carolina life of the last century, being a contemporary of Capt. S. A. Ashe, Henry A. London, J. P. Caldwell, Col. W. L. Saunders and a number of others whose names are woven in brilliant colors in the newspaper scroll of the state. He was one of the organizers and early presidents of the North Carolina Press Association and nothing delighted him more than to relate stories of the first meetings of that group more than 60 years ago. In his long life he tasted the extremes of joy and sorrow, failure and success, happiness and disappointment, but brought into his last years a mellowed, sweetened philosophy of living that was as remarkable as it was inspiring.

"From his last column in The News-Herald the following examples of his ability to use words pointedly and brilliantly are selected at random:

"Many a man gets tired of thinking. He secures a political job. Then he gives his brains a vacation."

"At bargain sales many women run for the stocking counter. Then, afterwards, some of the stockings run for the women, with alacrity. It's a clear case where the buyer gets the "run" for her money!"

"The foundation of every successful business is confidence, cemented with friendship."

"His love of poetry was attested by his frequent quotation of verses he had picked up in his wide reading and which, having applied to his own life, he enjoyed sharing with others, as for example:

"And thou, too, whoso'er thou art That redest this brief psalm,

be the Light of the World. The last package I would put into this universal Christmas stocking would be a package of "Peace and Good Will to All Mankind!"

CHRISTMAS JOY



Another year . . . another Christmas . . . may it be your happiest and most joyous!

City Market
E. W. LONG, Prop.

As one by one thy hopes depart,
Be resolute and calm.
"O fear not in a world like this,
And thou shalt know e'er long—
Know how sublime a thing it is
To suffer and be strong."

"In his long life he had truly learned to suffer and be strong, and there is no doubt in the minds of those who loved him but that he met death calmly and with a sublime faith."

PHOSPHATE
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For Your Christmas MENU

MEAT DEPARTMENT

CORNFIELD OR STAR	CORNFIELD
Hams per lb. 27c	Bacon per lb. 29c
BRANDED T-BONE	PICNIC
Steak per lb. 45c	Hams per lb. 19c
Fancy Dressed Turkeys, lb. 28c	
FRESH COUNTRY	LEG-O-
Eggs per doz. 35c	Lamb per lb. 29c
Young Dressed Hens, lb. 19c	
BONELESS VEAL	CHOICE BEEF
Roast per lb. 25c	Roast per lb. 20c
2 LB. BOX CRAFT	PARKAY
Cheese per lb. 55c	Margarine per lb. 20c
Grocery Department	
2 LB. BOX STICK	Jello 5c
Candy 25c	PURE
Sugar 5 lb. bag 28c	Extracts 10c
Swan's Down Cake Flour 25c	
2 LB. JAR MINCE	BEECHNUT
Meat 25c	Coffee 3 lbs. 99c
Extra Fancy Coconut, lb. 21c	
PLUM OR FIG	RIPE
Pudding 35c	Olives 19c
CHRISTMAS	SPICED CRAB
Cakes 25c to \$1.00	Apples 2 1/2 can 25c
Produce Department	
FANCY	Broccoli lb. 15c
Oranges per doz. 15c	CAULI-Flower head 25c
BRUSSEL	
Sprouts qt. 25c	
Lettuce or Celery 10c	
CRAN-	
Berries lb. 19c	Tomatoes lb. 10c
Winesap Apples, per doz. 10c	
BRAZIL	MIXED
Nuts lb. 17c	Nuts lb. 19c
Coconuts 2 for 15c	Grapes lb. 10c
We Will be Closed Christmas Day	
SLOAN'S MARKET	
THE COMPLETE FOOD STORE	
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Christmas Cheer 1939

We hope the Christmas star shines bright for you, lighting your way to success and happiness during the holiday season and the coming year.

THE BANK OF FRANKLIN

MEMBER F. D. I. C.

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To Our
FRIENDS AND
PATRONS
ECONOMY CLEANERS
Paul Carpenter, Prop.