

## CAMERON

The season's greetings, and a happy and prosperous new year to everybody!

Mr. and Mrs. Earl York, of Sanford, spent Christmas eve and Christmas day with Mrs. York's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wooten.

Dr. and Mrs. John D. Muse are passing the holidays with Mrs. Lula Muse and family.

Married on Sunday, the 25th, by Rev. O. B. Mitchell at the Baptist parsonage, Miss Lela Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ab. Thomas on Route 1, and Mr. A. B. Lyons of Fuquay Springs.

Misses Minnie and Bonnie Muse are home from Roberdell for the holidays.

Cone McPherson, student at Davidson, is home for the holidays.

Frank McNeill of Richmond, and John McNeill of Hamlet, came home for the yule-tide joys and to be with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. D. McNeill.

Mrs. J. W. Cameron and little daughters Virginia and Johnsie, are visiting Mrs. Cameron's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coon on Route 3.

Miss Kate Harrington came over from Charlotte to spend the Christmas period with her mother.

After spending Christmas with her home folks at Huntersville, Miss Callie Hunter returned to Charlotte on Tuesday.

Misses Mary and Alma McLean, of Raleigh, are spending the holidays with their mother and family, Mrs. Margaret McLean on Route 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Graham and children, of Ruffin, S. C., came up for the holidays and a visit to relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. McNeill and children, and Mr. Vance Lawhon, of Smoaks, S. C., are visiting relatives in town and community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLean left, Tuesday, for Vanceboro where Mrs. McLean will remain for a week's visit to relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Parker entertained at a family Christmas dinner on Monday.

Miss Burdette Joyner, of Louisville, with Messrs. Paul of Oxford, and Belton of Trinity, are here to spend the yule-tide with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Joyner.

Rev. Mack McDonald, of Columbia, S. C., and Mr. Pat McDonald, of Carthage, visited relatives in town Monday.

The correspondent has been very beautifully and bountifully remembered this Christmas. In Christmas cards and booklets, 38; in presents, 24; making a sum total of the useful, the beautiful, substantial and financial.

Allie Smith, teacher of Cameron's colored school, and Will Harrington (col.), a Seaboard employe, were recently married at Stone's Crossing, the home of the bride; they have gone on a wedding trip to Florida. After Christmas they will be at home on Cedar Hill, Cameron.

On Thursday night, December 22nd, at eight o'clock, a very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vick on Route two, when their daughter, Miss Frances, became the bride of Mr. Mallie Kelly of Thagardville. The home was artistically decorated in the colors of the yule-tide. Just before the ceremony Miss Herminia Haynes of Lakeview, and Mr. Turlington of Farm Life School sang "I love you truly" to the piano accompaniment by Miss

Vera McLean of Cameron; then, to the strains of Lohengrin, the bridal party entered as follows: Miss Herminia Haynes maid of honor; Mr. Carlton Wicker of Southern Pines, best man; Miss Flora Kelly, Mr. Bert Vick, Miss Letty Rowan, Mr. Turlington; the ceremony was performed by Rev. K. C. Taffe. The bride wore a midnight blue coat suit with accessories to match, carried a bouquet of white and pink American Beauty roses. She was the recipient of many handsome and useful wedding gifts.

The old cake walk song, once so popular, has been vividly recalled for the past few days—"You buck up to me and I'll buck up to you, for I'm from away down in Georgia, and if the Georgia girl is sweeter than sorghum molasses, the cracker is a cop that naught surpasses."

To be returning from a festal board at the Christmas season, to get stuck in the mud, to have to cold-foot-it to town, a distance of three miles, arriving in the "wee sma' hours," would seem to be tough luck. However, it all depends on the company one is keeping. Love turns winter's cold to spring, and the hoot of the owl is like a warbler on the wing.

Mr. Roy Blue Smith, of Raleigh, and Miss Lena Watson, of Wendell, were married during the holiday commencement. Mr. Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Smith of Niagara, and holds a responsible position with the Norfolk and Southern, with headquarters at Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Thomas entertained a number of their relatives and friends at a Christmas dinner on Sunday.

Mr. J. D. McLean was handsomely remembered by his Sunday school class, from the Christmas tree at the Presbyterian church.

Miss Mattie Thomas on Route one, and Mr. Hennings, of Clay Road Farm, were married during the Christmas festivities.

## BUSINESS CODITIONS

By W. Biddle Gilman

The retail Christmas business was rather disappointing, not nearly as much money being taken in as was one and two years ago, the people passing by the high priced goods and buying the more moderate priced articles, those of a more useful than ornamental type. The profit was less, though more goods were sold, the parcel post being heavier than ever before.

Bank clearings, according to the Federal Reserve Board, gained 21 per cent over last week.

The cotton goods market fairly firm, increase 30 points.

Wool is firm with improvement in prices; at the wool market at Dunediu, N. Z., prices were very firm and higher, due to much competition. Woolen goods are selling higher and more of them, due to the use of winter underwear increasing.

Steel market dull; tin plate about normal; very little doing in pig iron, it selling \$1 below quoted prices, an Alabama furnace offering it at \$16.50 with expectation of having to reduce to \$15.

Greater demand for wheat, both domestic use and export, with a more active market and some increase in price; corn advancing in sympathy.

Slight increase in price and somewhat greater demand for live hogs—lard dull.

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The Holidays are nearly over, and we take this opportunity to extend our thanks to the purchasing public for its liberal patronage through the season just closing.

May all the good things of life come to its doors --- and go in to stay.



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LUXURY TAX REPEAL

In response to numerous taxpayers are advised that taxes, among them the "nuisance" and "luxury" taxes repealed, effective January 1, 1922, by the Revenue Act of 1921.

Patrons of soda-water ice cream parlors and "simply of business" no longer are to pay the tax of 1 cent for each or fraction thereof on the amount expended for sodas, sundaes, articles of food or drink." Patrons may rejoice in the fact that the ice-cream cone doesn't cost a penny. The tax imposed by the Revenue Act of 1921 is on "beverage" the constituent parts thereof paid by the manufacturer.

The tax on the transportation of freight and passengers is repealed, effective January 1, 1922, and is paid by the purchaser of the goods. The tax on apparel for men's and women's apparel (shoes, hats, caps, shirts, hose, etc.) in excess of \$5 is repealed.

Taxes imposed under the Revenue Act of 1918 (which under the Revenue Act of 1921 are now confined to a 5 per cent on the following articles: the amount in excess of \$4 on carpets; the amount in excess of \$6 a square yard; trunk and suitcases in excess of \$35 each; traveling bags, suit cases, and cases used by travelers and cases, on the amount in excess of \$5 each; portable lanterns, including lamps of the amount in excess of \$5 each. These taxes are included in the manufacturer's excise tax payable by the manufacturer or importer, and the purchaser, as required by the Revenue Act of 1918. The manufacturer is to reimburse himself, by agreement with the purchaser, by quoting the price and tax in separate amounts, or by stating the price in advance of the portion of the quoted price which represents the price charged for the portion which represents the tax.

The taxes on sporting articles, including tennis rackets, fishing rods, football uniforms, etc., are also repealed. The taxes on chewing gum, electric fans, thermometers, articles made of fur, and articles and musical instruments are also repealed.

The tax on sales of jewelry, imitation, is 5 per cent, payable by the vendor. The tax on the sale of works of art (paintings, art porcelains, and the like) is reduced from 10 to 5 per cent, payable by the vendor, except in the original sale to a collector, artist, or to an educational or public art museum, or to a recognized dealer in such