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CHRISTMAS

The sun at the close of the day floods the heavens with gold and crimson. Christmas at the close of the year floods the world with joy and happiness. Street, stores, homes and churches are everywhere draped in colors and made radiant with light. The hustle of business stops for a day. Thrilled cries and laughter of little children, mature words of thanks, prayers of priests, are all mingled with a song handed down from heaven by a mystic angel's choir. A spell of kindness and good will pervades the atmosphere. Back of the trees and lights, back of the gifts and good will, back of the songs and the prayers is God with a Christmas package. It is a bundle of wisdom and love, in form and figure a little babe, Jesus. He placed the package in the arms of an humble and devout Jewish maiden. Faithful shepherds came and shared the gift. Wise men of the East did the same. A cruel Herod searched for Him in vain. A profane world knew not that He was born.

A GENTLE SOUL PASSES ON

As Death closed the life of Mrs. C. B. Grout Friday, it removed a fine old character. Mr. and Mrs. Grout came to the Sandhills about half a century ago. The little town of Southern Pines was then so youthful and the uncertainty of its future doubtful enough that they did not know whether to cast their lot with the lively activity of Manly, which was at that time a thriving turpentine center, or join the small group of houses that constituted Southern Pines. Their decision was a compromise. They built their house half way between the two towns. Their home, one of the prominent old landmarks, stands at the edge of the Southern Pines of today.

Mr. Grout had a feed store and was in business in the town for many years. He was at one time head of the bank and active in many factors that stood for the development of his community. His partner, Mrs. Grout, likewise a founder, was prominent in the promotion and welfare of the new growth. She was a reader and a thinker, and despite her fourscore and five years, kept abreast of the topics of the day, reaping about as much joy and satisfaction today as in the yesterdays. She was an artist of ability and had the artist's faculty of observation and attention.

The older people of the town have lost a superior neighbor. The younger generation with whom she had numerous contacts will experience a break in a solid and substantial friendship. The town has lost one of its finest old citizens. A gentle soul.

OUR PART IN THE WAR ON TUBERCULOSIS

Hendrick Willem Van Loon has written the following article, on the attitude taken toward tuberculosis in the past, as a contribution to the Christmas Seal drive which is being conducted this month.

By Hendrick Willem Van Loon
It may have been the name that did it. For my native language was less euphemistic than the tongue spoken at the other side of the North Sea and tuberculosis (which is really rather a pretty word which would sound well in a song) was known in the low countries as the "wasting disease," or just "the wasting," for short. The Germans were even more explicit, one might almost say, more descriptive, for they called it the "disappearing affliction," and even at a very early age one knew how right they were.

When it was rumored that in such and such a house and in such or such family there was a case of "wasting," one glanced anxiously through the

windows, knowing that a well known face would soon be turning very white and would waste away, or disappear, quietly and patiently, but with perfect resignation, for it was part of our Sunday School lore that those who were about to leave this world via "the wasting" (it had become a noun and had ceased to be a verb) were invariably inspired by a saintly patience, so that in the end they enjoyed what the community delighted to call and to celebrate as "a most beautiful death."

I am not trying to be unduly funny upon a very serious subject, but in the case of epidemics the city undertaken would present his bill before the patient had even expired. Indeed, I have personally known hale and hearty citizens who had with their own fair hand paid for their interment, and who had greatly annoyed the industrious funeral directors as well as their physicians by making a complete recovery from the yellow fever or the cholera that had threatened to carry them away. And I am credibly told that this amiable custom still prevails in many parts of South America, but this is merely hearsay, and I won't vouch for it.

Perhaps the World War has changed all that.

While our doctors, as a race, belong very decidedly to the species of "homo disputans," and love an argument as well as the best of us, they seem to have agreed at least upon one point—that tuberculosis has not right to exist in a community that calls itself a civilized community. They know, as all of us know (unless we deliberately close our eyes and ears to this fact—such cases, however, have also been observed by some of our experts), they know that tuberculosis could be completely stamped out is for example, the world decided to spend the money appropriated for its armies and navies upon the fight against this universal affliction.

The tuberculosis bacillus has but one serious enemy. That is not the man at the other end of a microscope. He plays his role, to, and a very important role it is. But the tuberculosis bacillus has one enemy infinitely more dangerous to his wellbeing than the whole of the medical profession. That enemy is the plain, ordinary citizen who has definitely made up his mind that he is going to do his share to set the world free from this entirely unnecessary affliction.

Is it really as simple as all that? I am afraid it is. Just as simple as all that!

90 PERCENT OF TOBACCO ACREAGE CONTRACTS SIGNED

More than 75,000 flue-cured tobacco growers in the state, owning between 85 and 90 per cent of the state's tobacco acreage, have signed the four-year adjustment contract, E. Y. Floyd, of State College, director of the State's program, announces. The sign-up continues through this month, ending January 1, except in exceptional cases, as when one grower buys land from another, the signing may be done later. Adjustments and details will be announced not later than February 1 by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, after a study of world supply of tobacco, world needs and other phases, Mr. Floyd announces.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses have been issued from the office of the Register of Deeds of Moore county to the following: Hampton Moore of Spies and Essie Mae Hussey of Bennett; Walter Henry Gentsch of East Jaffrey, N. H., and Doris Eddy of Southern Pines.

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—AT—
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Not too late for that Christmas turkey. Visit Saturday's Curb Market.

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IN 1933, APPROXIMATELY 40% OF THE POPULATION OF N.C. RECEIVED RELIEF

DO YOU KNOW YOUR STATE?

DURHAM
THE ORGAN OF THE DUKE CHAPEL CONTAINS 7,791 PIPES

FLORA
"AN HEAVEN"
Bolanisl
THERE ARE MORE DIFFERENT KINDS OF PLANTS AND TREES IN N.C. THAN IN ANY OTHER STATE

DID YOU KNOW THAT
NORTH CAROLINA HAS TOWNS NAMED JAPAN, NAZARETH CONGO, LIBERIA, BOLIVIA, COLON, CARTHAGE, RENO, SPARTA, PEKIN AND MAPLES

* THE EDITORS OF CARO-GRAPHICS INVITE YOU TO SEND IN INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY *

Grains of Sand

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

Th' ain't no Santy Claus—
No use to talk to me!
Fer I waited 'round the fireplace
About a week to see;
An' tho I asked Ole Santy,
I never got a single thing,
An' I don't see why folks say th' is,
An' disappointment bring.

But Jimmy Dodson, 'cross the way,
He says he knows th' is:
'As once he got a train o' cars
An' a little ole tin Liz.
An' 'when he woun' 'em up a bit
The wheels went spinnin' 'round
'n' 'round,
An' he laughed and laughed to see
'em go
A-hikin' o'er the ground.

Nen, he got some nuts an' candy.
En heaps an' heaps o' toys;
An' he says Ole Santy's sure to know
Just what to bring to boys.
But never once, since Daddy's gone,
Hez we had a Krismus tree,
An' I s'pose without the lights an' things
Ole Santy couldn't see

To find his way to our house,
An' down the chimbley flue—
If th' ever wuz a Santy Claus,
An' if he ever knew,
But Jimmie seems so positive—
An' if th' ain't th' oughta be:
Oh! If th' is a Santy Claus
I wish he'd visit me!

—MYRON M. ADAMS.

The Chamber of Commerce has its annual Christmas trees decorated and lighted each night in the parkway along Broad street, Southern Pines, a pleasing Yuletide greeting to passers-through by train, a seasonable welcome to new arrivals in town, a homey atmosphere decoration for the residents.

New York's former mayor, playboy of the metropolis during the regime which was finally upset by charges and investigations which sent him scurrying to Europe for several years — Jimmy Walker — passed through Southern Pines the other night en route to Sea Island Beach, Georgia, where he and his wife, the former Betty Compton of the movies, are spending some time. They were aboard the Orange Blossom Special, the Seaboard's crack train.

We have a letter signed "Pipe Smoker" proudly announcing that Santa Claus smokes a pipe, not cigarettes. The current Saturday Evening Post has Santy's picture on the cover, pipe in mouth, he says.

What with the coming to town of another department store and a furniture dealer, Southern Pines' business section finds itself "full up." A good winter season will undoubtedly mean some new construction downtown.

Incidentally, new buildings on East Pennsylvania avenue so crowded the Men's Club roque court that a new court is being built just east of Dr. L. M. Daniels' office. The job is be-

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—AT—
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ing done by The Town of Southern Pines.

Of the \$6,476,028.58 provided in WPA projects up to December 3 in North Carolina, 18.88 per cent was for sewing rooms, 15.28 per cent goes to road projects, Director George W. Coan, Jr., states. The percentage on other projects follow: sewer, 9.7 per cent; drainage, 6.08; athletic fields, 5.55; beautification, 5.04; streets, 8.43; airports, 5.69; water supply, 2.91; clerical, 1.27; community sanitation, 1.56; recreation and direction, 1.8; oyster planting, 1.92; miscellaneous, 2.26; and less than one per cent, nutrition, packing commodities, home making and nursing and geodetic surveys.

Buy the Best

—AT—
Christmas Time and through the Coming Year

WE SELL
The Latest Books of all Publishers
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Rump & Sons Fine Leather Goods
Parker Vacuum Fountain Pens
B. & P. Blank Books and Loose Leaf Supplies
EVERYTHING THE BEST OF ITS KIND

and
The Very Finest in Christmas and Greeting Cards.

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East Broad Street Southern Pines

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With Classes in Ballet, Toe, Tap, Acrobatic and Ball Room Dances.
MRS. REBECCA BALLENTINE
of Raleigh, Director

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Do Your Christmas Saving at...

PENDER

Quality food values for the holiday feast. Not only will they save you money for other Christmas needs—but they will make your Christmas dinner more enjoyable.

May we take this opportunity to wish you and yours the heartiest season's greetings for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

<p>Dromedary Cranberry Sauce 2 No. 2 Cans 35c</p>	<p>Libby All Green ASPARAGUS 2 Cans 45c</p>	<p>Southern Manor Tiny Green Peas 2 No. Cans 35c</p>
<p>Dromedary Fruit Cake Mix 35c Pkg. New York State Pumpkin, can, 10c</p>	<p>Southern Manor Fruit COCKTAIL 2 Cans 29c Triangle Sweet Mixed or Gherkin PICKLES Quart Jar 21c</p>	<p>Pender's Old Virginia Fruit Cake 1-lb. Tin 49c Holiday Mix Candy, lb. 10c</p>

<p>Pender Flyer WAGONS each \$4.75</p>	<p>Sale of Popular COFFEES D. P. Blend 19c lb. Yellow Front 17c lb. Golden Blend 15c lb.</p>	<p>Libby's Queen OLIVES 13 oz. Jar 25c</p>
<p>Salad Treat MAYONNAISE Pine Jar 21c</p>	<p>California FIGS 2 pkg. 15c</p>	<p>Atlantic Brand MINCE MEAT 2 lb. Jar 27c</p>
<p>Weston's Crackerettes 1-lb. Pkg. 17c</p>	<p>Colonial Pure Concord Grape Juice Pint Size 13c Quart Size 25c Our Pride Bread, 20 oz.—10c</p>	<p>Dromedary DATES pkg. 15c</p>
<p>GOOD USED CARS</p> <p>—AT— Mid-South Motors, Inc. Aberdeen, (Chevrolet) N. C.</p>	<p>Holiday Wrapped CIGARETTES Carton of 200 \$1.20</p>	<p>Rumford's Baking Powder 12-oz. Can 21c Our Pride Bread Crumbs, Pkg. 5c</p>