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OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE CHRISTMAS JOY

The Cases Below Have Been Investigated by County Welfare Officer

Seven families can be reached from Smithfield. The time for giving is now—Friday and Saturday of this week. Things to be given are things that children need to eat and wear—children between the ages from one month to fifteen years of age. All articles will be assembled at W. L. Woodall's Sons store and from there busy workers will see that they are distributed to the needy homes. All gifts should be in the above mentioned store by noon Saturday, December 24th.

It being impossible to reach several of the homes into which Santa Claus cannot visit this Christmas, it has been decided to make a direct appeal to all who wish to help helpless and destitute children to do so by mail. The appeal does not apply to the seven homes mentioned above. This is a good work in which all who read this may take a hand. Let every giver send his or her gifts through the mail or take it to the homes:

Opportunity No. 1.

Address Box 210, Selma, N. C. Three children, two girls, fifteen and eleven, one boy—three. Would appreciate Christmas confectionaries and toys.

Opportunity No. 2.

Address Mrs. McCoy Pollock, R. F. D. No. 3, Middlesex, N. C. Four children, two boys, eleven and one, two girls—six and four. Would appreciate Christmas confectionaries.

Opportunity No. 3.

Address Mrs. D. E. Moody, R. F. D. No. 3, Middlesex, N. C. Send Christmas toys and confectionaries for a boy of two and a girl of 1 year.

Opportunity No. 4.

Address Mrs. Robert Edwards, R. F. D. No. 1, Pine Level, N. C. Send a girl ten years old and two boys 8 and three, Christmas confectionaries and toys.

Opportunity No. 5.

Address Mrs. J. Y. Allen, R. F. D. No. 2, Four Oaks, N. C. Five children, three girls, twelve, ten and eight, and two boys six and two. Send Christmas confectionaries and toys.

Opportunity No. 6.

Address Mrs. Nathan Adam McLamb, R. F. D. No. 2, Benson, N. C. Five children, four girls, 12, 8, 4 and 2, and one boy eleven. Send Christmas confectionaries and toys.

Opportunity No. 7.

Address Mrs. Sherman Moore, care of Mr. Charlie Adams, R. F. D. No. 1, Benson, N. C. Send a six-year-old girl and one-year-old girl Christmas confectionaries and toys.

Opportunity No. 8.

Address Mrs. W. G. Pennell, R. F. D. No. 2, Knightdale, N. C. Send Christmas confectionaries and toys to a two-year-old boy and useful articles to a two-months-old baby.

Mr. John L. Davis Dead.

News reached here Wednesday night that Mr. John L. Davis died unexpectedly at his home in Burlington Wednesday evening about six o'clock. He was old and his health had not been good for some time and it was realized he could not live long. Mr. Davis came to Smithfield a few years after the Civil war as a school teacher and made this his home for many years. He had charge of the Smithfield Academy before Mr. Ira T. Turlington moved to Smithfield. He did good work here as a school man and was a highly respected citizen. He married a daughter of Mr. B. A. Woodall but she lived only a few years. It will be remembered that their son, Mr. Almond Davis, died at Burlington only a few months ago. The family had been living at Burlington for twenty-five years or more. They had been quite active in the business life of Burlington. For several years they ran a large furniture store and later Mr. Almond Davis was cashier of one of the leading banks there.

Miss Luna Lassiter who teaches at Roanoke Rapids, arrived in the city Wednesday night to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lassiter.

MR. E. L. HINTON TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Mr. Godwin of Cleveland Township Also Commits Suicide

For a year or two it has been known that the health of Mr. Ernest L. Hinton, of Clayton, has been failing and those closest to him knew that he could not live very long. The past fall while so many of his friends were going ahead with business, he was confined to his room unable to get out and do business. This he took very hard and seemed to brood over his ill health. Last Monday he heard of the suicide of Mr. Arthur Godwin and remarked that perhaps he might as well go away the same route. That evening he asked one of his boys for a gun and had him to load it for him and show him as much about how to use it as possible, saying that he might go hunting sometime very soon. The boy really prepared the gun for the killing but did not know it. Monday night he insisted that his wife should go to the Baptist parsonage where the members were pounding the preacher. Mrs. Hinton went out a little early and returned home before the pounding began. He insisted that she go again and meet the folks who assembled at the parsonage. While she was away the second time he took the gun, and going back to his bed, put the muzzle of it in his mouth and killed himself. The burial took place in Clayton cemetery Tuesday afternoon, the burial service being conducted by Rev. A. O. Moore, assisted by Rev. A. C. Hamby. This is one of the saddest deaths ever known in Johnston County. He was a useful member of Clayton Baptist church and one of the county's best and most useful men. He was a man of large business capacity. For many years he had helped to manage the business of J. G. Barbour and Son, and was a very valuable man to them. He was connected with the Cotton mills of the town and the Clayton Oil Mill. Ill health which no doubt affected his mind was the sole cause of his tragic death. At one time he was one of our county commissioners and was well known over the county. Thousands will hear of his untimely death with the greatest sadness.

News spread around first of this week that Arthur Godwin, who lived in the western part of Cleveland township, near Mount Zion church, had committed suicide. He was a little above fifty years old and had been in poor health for a year or more. His ill health seemed to affect his mind to some extent. In his room about 8 o'clock Monday morning the fatal step was taken when he killed himself with a breech-loading shot gun. The burial took place Tuesday afternoon at Mount Zion Methodist church. He was a Primitive Baptist and the funeral was preached by Elder J. A. T. Jones. He is survived by his wife and nine children. He was a brother of Mr. Jap L. Godwin and Mr. E. R. Godwin both of Clayton, and Mr. O. L. Godwin, of Richmond, Va. Mrs. Pell Benson, Mrs. Ada Honeycutt, Mrs. H. M. Stephenson, are his sisters. He was a son of Mr. Pinkney Godwin. He was an industrious man and had friends wherever he was known.

Couldn't Fool Him.

From London Tit-Bits.
A private, walking down the street arm-in-arm with his sweetheart, met a sergeant belonging to his regiment. "My sister, sergeant," said the bashful private, introducing her. "That's all right, my boy," said the sergeant, grinning. "She used to be mine."

Big Hogs and Plenty of Meat.

Last Tuesday Mr. S. V. Pittman, near Micro, killed a hog which weighed 781 pounds. This hog was of the big boned Poland China type, named "Giant Guy," registration number 120465. He measured 7 feet and 3 inches in length and 6 feet and three inches around. He was 2 years and 10 months old.

Mr. Pittman also killed nine other nice hogs which together weighed 2,542 lbs, making a total of 3,332 lbs.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

By REV. HOWARD HARTZELL
Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

I was looking at the sky one winter evening and could not help wondering how lovely were the stars. It was one of those cold and frosty nights, with the air so clear and everything so calm and still. I could not help wondering how solemn was the evening and how beautiful the stars in their intimate touch with God. Early that day the sun had been shining brightly until, tired no doubt, it dipped gently down behind the hills beyond the river. Then twilight came in the trail of the sun. It lingered a little—shivering, cold and shadowy—then drifted into night.

And one by one the stars came out, shyly at first, until they gained more courage and took their appointed places in the firmament above. They were lighting all the world. They looked so mirthful, eager, bright and happy.

How nice it was to stand awhile and watch them! It was as if I were communing for a time at least, with the Master-mind that made the stars. One simply felt as if one's thoughts had taken wing and bridged the gulf that lies between the noise of earth and the silence of heavens. Men could not live, if they did not know that the stars were always shining. They could not live if they did not see the hand of God in the firmament of heaven. They could not battle on through life if they did not have the promise that makes them brave and keeps them strong. Be swift to make the stars your friends. God loved the stars. And the stars are always shining with the boundless love of God.

Out on the plans of Bethlehem shepherds watched their flock by night. And while they watched, there came to them a wonderful message—the lesson of the stars. The story is old; but it is ever new. It was one of God's stars that led the way to Bethlehem—to the manger of Christ. Wilt Thou grant us our prayer, O Heavenly Father! Teach us the lesson of the stars. Teach us to be kind and bright and helpful. Give us an optimistic outlook. This world is still the abode of horrid cruelty; but sins against humanity are no longer condoned, nor are human wrongs allowed to remain unrighted.

Christ has lodged in the hearts of men a new altruistic spirit. He has awakened new hopes. Before the brightness of His presence evil things are passing away.

With the birth of Christ came the birth of the Christmas spirit within the hearts of men. And this is the essential thing in Christmas keeping.

"Tho Christ in Bethlehem a thousand times
be born,
If He's not born in thee, thy soul is still
forlorn."

Death of Mrs. Dollie Anne Rose.

On Thursday morning December 1, the Death Angel visited the home of Mr. O. P. Rose, near Selma, and bore the soul of his beloved wife to the spirit world. Mrs. Rose had been in failing health for a year but had been confined to her room for only two weeks. All was done for her that doctor, friends and loved ones could do but to no avail—none could stay the icy hand of death. She had accomplished her mission on earth and God commanded the soul to come up higher.

Mrs. Rose was born January 26th, 1862 and died December 1, 1921. She was 59 years, ten months and 6 days old.

In the fall of 1880, she was married to Mr. Oscar P. Rose, of near Rains Cross Roads. To this union were born four children, three of whom are living, one son having preceded her to the grave 31 years ago. When she was 18 years old she joined the Free Will Baptist church at Rains Cross Roads. Here she was a member until about fifteen years ago. Then she moved her membership to Pleasant Plains church and remained a faithful member until her death. Her pew was never vacant when her health permitted her to go. The church has lost a faithful member, the husband a devoted wife, the children a loyal mother, and the community a kind friend. May we who are bereaved realize as Paul did that to live is loss, to die is gain. We feel according to her testimony while on earth that she is resting in peace. She often spoke of being ready and asked the Christians to pray that she might be faithful until the Lord should call. She bore her afflictions with patience realizing that death

was near.

The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. M. Ferrell, in the presence of a large gathering of sorrowing relatives and friends, after which the interment was made in the family cemetery near the home.

Mrs. Rose leaves to mourn their loss a brokenhearted husband, two daughters, Mrs. Andrew Batten and Mrs. James Peedin, one son, Mr. Ransom Rose, and a father.

A FRIEND.

Teachers Leave for Vacation.

The following members of Turlington Graded school faculty have gone to their respective homes to spend the Christmas holidays: Supt. Thos. H. Franks, Apex; Miss Margaret Newell, Newell; Miss Lillian Maxwell, Calypso; Miss Ora C. Cansler, Newton; Miss Laura Holt, Bahama; Miss Lucy Lawley, Puckett, Miss; Miss Margaret Field, Asheville; Miss Annie Parker, Monroe; Miss Hazel West Dover; Miss Margaret Wilson, Wilson's Mills; Miss Sarah Miller, Mocksville; Miss Madge Kenette, Chapel Hill; Miss Elsie Sparger, Mount Airy; Miss Janie Lysterly, Hickory; Miss Nettie L. Smoak, Wilkesboro; Miss Lina Woodward, Statesville; Miss Elva Timberlake leaves tomorrow for her home at Timberlake.

White Gift Service.

At the Methodist church Sunday afternoon, the Sunday school will hold a White Gift service beginning at 4:30 o'clock. The offering will be used for the famine sufferers in Russia and Armenia, and the collection at the Sunday School hour in the morning will go for the same purpose. The public is invited to attend.

LEADING MEN IN THE COUNTY MEET HERE

Representatives from Each Township Plan for Co-operative Selling

A meeting of the representative citizens from each of the 17 Townships in the county was held in Smithfield on last Monday, December 19th, to devise plans for the completion of the cooperative sign up in this county before January 1st. About 60 of the leading men in the county were in attendance at this meeting and were addressed by Mr. Mask, of the State Extension Service who explained the absolute necessity for quick work to complete the sign up here and make it equal to that of other leading counties of the State. After Mr. Mask's address which met a ready response several members spoke briefly on the necessity of forming a temporary organization through which to complete the work in the county and to see that every section of the county is thoroughly canvassed before January 1st. The following officers of the temporary organization were unanimously elected: President, A. M. Johnson, Cleveland; vice-president, N. H. Lucas, Banner; sec., and treas., S. J. Kirby, County Agent; tobacco executive committee, J. W. Stephenson, Smithfield, J. M. Peele, Clayton, J. R. Taltan, Oneal; cotton executive committee, J. P. Parker, Smithfield, W. V. Blackman, Meadow, J. W. Woodard, Beulah. Each man present promised to give from one to six days each toward completing the work in his section and the county as a whole.

At a meeting of the executive committee following committees from each township in the county were appointed to have charge of the organization in their respective townships, to appoint canvassers, map out routes, call meetings, see to it that the people are notified of the dates and places of the meetings, to work up the attendance for the county meeting in Smithfield on next Wednesday, December 28th and to do anything that they can find to do to the end that Johnston County will be signed up 100 per cent for cooperative marketing. Every member of the cooperative marketing association in the entire county is urged to cooperate with the committee and to give any assistance that he may, in the completion of the work. There is something for every one to do. The committees are as follows:

Banner Township: J. Willis Creech, S. P. Honeycutt, Jesse D. Morgan, N. H. Lucas, Eli Morgan.

Bentonsville Township: W. A. Powell, A. M. Rose, Seth Lassiter, W. H. Upchurch, E. T. Westbrook.

Beulah Township: J. W. Woodard, E. G. Holland, P. A. Boyett, J. C. Grady, J. L. Rogerson, J. S. Stancil.

Boon Hill Township: A. J. Fitzgerald, P. H. Joyner, W. G. Rowe.

Clayton: L. F. Austin, J. M. Peele, Waylon Jones, Vick Austin.

Cleveland Township: A. M. Johnson, J. E. Yelvington, Jno. T. Tart, G. A. McLemore, W. G. Wrenn.

Elevation Township: Frank Honeycutt, Jno. A. Smith, Paul Johnson, J. Shep Johnson, D. D. Medlin, D. D. Barbour.

Ingrams: P. E. Johnson, R. E. Lee, J. I. Parker, Geo. Woodard.

Meadow Township: W. V. Blackman, J. Lib Lee, Don Smith, Zeno Parker, Ellington Tart, L. A. Johnson.

Micro Township: W. N. Barden, I. V. Pittman, Jno. Mazingo, S. A. Welions.

Oneal's Township: J. E. Corbett, J. R. Taltan, Cullen Creech, Moses Creech, A. D. O'Neal, W. A. Godwin, Jesse Bailey.

Pleasant Grove Township: Claud Stephenson, J. H. Parrish, Victor Penny, R. F. Coats.

Pine Level Township: D. B. Oliver, Berry Godwin, T. R. Fulghum, W. T. Woodard.

Selma Township: N. E. Ward, C. F. Kirby, B. T. Barnes, Jesse Daughtry, Jesse Brown, Joel Johnson.

Smithfield Township: J. P. Parker, J. W. Stephenson, W. D. Avera, G. B. Smith.

Wilders Township: Julian Williamson, A. M. Barnes, A. D. Atkinson, W. G. Tarpley, R. M. Richardson.

Wilson's Mills Township: C. M. Wilson, W. G. Wilson, J. T. Byrd, G. C.

XMAS. PROGRAMS GIVEN AT SCHOOL

Good Singing Characterizes Exercises; A Christmas Story In Play Form

Wednesday was the last day of school before the Christmas holidays, and the patrons of the school were invited to the chapel exercises which were in keeping with the Christmas season. Quite a number of parents were present and thoroughly enjoyed the programs: At nine o'clock pupils of the sixth grade and through the high school met in chapel and under the efficient leadership of Miss Margaret Newell, who is at the head of the music department, gave an interesting program consisting of short talks by some of the visitors, devotional exercises and songs. It was the singing that made the impression upon the visitors, practically every pupil present taking part. One day each week this fall, Miss Newell has devoted to public school music and her efforts along this line told in the Wednesday morning program. An enthusiastic spirit pervaded the school and the songs were sung with a zest one seldom sees.

After the high school program was given, the children of the lower grades held their exercises. Miss Madge Kenette, Primary supervisor, had charge of this program. Appropriate songs and a Christmas story told by Daisy Pearce led up the feature of the program—a play. The Christmas story had been dramatized and the scenes representing Mary and Joseph, the wise men and shepherds were splendidly given by the children.

Both the programs were well carried out and reflected credit upon those getting them up and also the participants.

The remainder of the day was devoted to various festivities in the rooms, Christmas trees being quite popular.

Court Proceedings.

The second week of the December term of court came to a close Tuesday at noon. In Friday's paper we gave an account of its proceedings to that date.

The trial of Jarvis Johnson, charged with killing Joe Atkinson in O'neals township the past summer began on Thursday morning of last week and continued four days and a half. The trial did not seem over half through. On Tuesday Mr. Johnson, through his attorneys, protested his innocence, but entered a plea of manslaughter and was sentenced to 20 years in the state prison.

Joe Atkinson was a son of Mr. T. R. Atkinson. After working in the forenoon he was on his way with others to a creek to go inswimming and stopped at a beer barrel, which they found in the woods. They stopped at the barrel to get a drink of beer and Joe was shot and killed.

Mrs. Alma Wade, of Smithfield was granted a divorce and allowed to retake her maiden name. She is a daughter of Mr. E. G. Smith.

Peace Work for Picric Acid.

Farmers are finding picric acid useful in clearing their lands of stumps and its use is recommended by the Department of Agriculture of the United States.

At the close of the war there was a large quantity of picric acid in the possession of the Government. This surplus war material is stored at Sparta, Wisconsin, and Fort Wingate, New Mexico, and farmers who want to use it for blowing up stumps can have what they need at no greater expense than the cost of drying, packing and freight charges. Groups of farmers have already secured shipments of carload lots and it is hoped to establish cooperating agencies for its distribution all over the Union.

Anything that will lighten the toil of the farmer in clearing up rough timber land so that he can plant a crop is a boon and will help him to forget some of the evils resulting from the war.—N. Y. Herald.

Uzzle, Willis Jones, Willis Worrels. The township committee will hold a brief meeting immediately following Mr. Sapiro's address in Smithfield, on December 28th.