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## SUNDAY SCHOOL VESPER SERVICE

**"Earth's Golden Day" The Theme of Program; Offering for Near East**

According to the usual custom, the Methodist Sunday School will hold a White Vesper service on Sunday evening before Christmas which this year falls on Christmas Eve. A committee has been at work for some time and a good program has been arranged, the theme of the program being "Earth's Golden Day." An offering will be made for the Near East Relief. The following is the program to be carried out:

Processional "Earth's Golden Day."  
Invocation. Mr. Tuttle.  
Recitation. A Little Word of Welcome. Margaret Holland, Jr.  
Scripture Reading.  
Song. Making Jesus Glad. Juniors.  
Recitation. Merry Bells.  
Josephine Hales, Tommy Creech, Nell Gordon, Jack Broadhurst, Mary Noble, Charles Parrish, Nancy Lyon.  
Song. Echoes of Angels Songs. School.  
Solo. Thomas Hood.  
Song. Welcome Your King. Young People.  
Christmas Fancies. Recitation. Gladys Edgerton, Ada Stevens, Christine Hales, Lillie K. Patterson, Thelma Butler.  
Song. Santa Claus, Beginners.  
Song. Selected. Choir.  
On Christmas Night. Recitation. Carrie Young.  
Song. Creations Shrine. Juniors.  
The Universal Light. Recitation. Mildred Cotter.  
Hills of God Break Forth. Recitation. Raymond Woodall.  
Chorus. Hosanna.  
Intermediate Department Christmas Eve. Recitation. Tamah Holt.  
Holy Night, Holy Night. Virginia Williamson.  
In Days Long Ago. Quartet. Mary Gattis Holland, Anne Stevens, Nell Grantham, Leone Sanders.  
Which Is Best? Six little tots.  
Christmas Giving. Nell Grantham.  
Offering. Solo. Miss Emma Young.  
Recessional. Joy To The World.

## PRESIDENT ASKED TO PARDON EX-SERVICE MEN

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 19.—A motion requesting President Harding to investigate and consider pardon cases of ex-service men serving court martial sentences before considering those of so-called "political prisoners" was adopted by the national council of administration of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, at the closing session of a two-day conference here tonight.

Adoption of the motion was in line with a suggestion offered by Col. C. R. Forbes, director of the veteran's bureau, in an address before the conference yesterday when he declared that 20,000 ex-service men are in prison serving time for various offenses "where they have been forgotten."

## THE TIGER OF FRANCE BACK IN HIS LAIR, HAPPY

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Former Premier Clemenceau, back in Paris today from his American trip said he was happy to have made the voyage, as he found the American people still great friends of France. They had been most enthusiastic, he added.

When the "Tiger" reached his home in the Rue Franklin he found a number of reporters and photographers waiting at the door. He declared at first he had nothing to say to the newspaper men, but he allowed the cameramen to operate, displaying unusual willingness for him, to undergo this ordeal.—Associated Press.

## INFLUENZA IS RAGING AT TRAINING SCHOOL

KINSTON, Dec. 20.—Influenza epidemic raged at the Caswell Training School, State Institution for the feeble minded here, today. The superintendent issued an appeal for volunteer nurses. Scores were ill, including faculty members. No serious cases were reported.

Miss Ruth Wilson leaves today for Dunn to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

## COUNTY BOLL WEEVIL MEETING

**W. M. Sanders Arranges for Meeting; Serves Barbecue Dinner at Frost Place**

A boll weevil discussion, a forerunner of others to be held in Johnston County and other cotton growing counties of the state, was held at Johnson Union church near here yesterday, Messrs Franklin Sherman, State Entomologist, and W. Bruce Mabee, Extension Assistant being the chief speakers.

Mr. W. M. Sanders as every other farmer is interested in the boll weevil and its appearance in this section, and he conceived the plan of having these specialists come to his farm. "The Frost Place," and speak on this vital question not only for his own benefit but for his neighbor farmers and friends.

The inclemency of the weather and the condition of the roads kept the crowd from being as large as was expected, but the round table discussion, possible only in a small group, probably offset the smallness of the crowd. Seed was sown in good ground, and yesterday's meeting will undoubtedly bear fruit.

Mr. Sanders opened the meeting with a few appropriate remarks and asked Mr. N. B. Stevens, County Farm Agent, to introduce the speakers of the occasion. Mr. Sherman was called upon first and his convincing manner of speech, his words backed by years of actual experience, made quite an impression upon those present. He began by saying that not until 1919 did the boll weevil invade North Carolina and not until 1921, this particular locality. Real injury has not been done in this section yet, but judging from the experience of other sections, 1923, will mean a loss to the cotton farmers, the extent of the loss no one is able to say. He ventured the assertion that for the next two or three years the cotton crop in Johnston County will be more or less retarded by the weevil, but predicted that ultimately Johnston County will grow cotton as well if not better than now. He cited the Irish potato bug and the San Jose scale as examples of pests which have been practically overcome, more Irish potatoes and fruit being raised in North Carolina now than ever before. He thinks it probable that the boll weevil will have a similar effect.

Mr. Sherman then mentioned a few theories concerning the destruction of the boll weevil of which he wished the farmers to rid their minds. First he stated that in North Carolina the winters were rarely severe enough to freeze boll weevil. Then he discounted the plan of burning off fields to burn them up. He did not think much of using a machine which some salesman might try to sell, for collecting all the squares to be burned and he exploded the theory that lights attract the weevil. By this process of elimination, he led up to the two methods of boll weevil control which have proven effective by actual demonstration. The first is known as the Cultural method and the second, a system of Poisoning. For the thirty years since the boll weevil crossed the Mexican line into Texas, experiments have been tried for its extermination and only these two methods have thus far been effective.

Speaking of the Cultural method, Mr. Sherman stressed the importance of securing an early matured crop. He pointed out the advantages of selecting well drained land, the importance of plowing the land early, of planting the seed early, planting a good variety of seed, of using a good grade of fertilizer and of cultivating frequently and thoroughly.

After a discussion of the Cultural method, Mr. Sherman called upon Mr. Mabee who has been doing demonstration work in poisoning in Scotland county, to present the plan for poisoning the boll weevil. Mr. Mabee first stated that calcium arsenate had been found best to dust with, and that night was the best time to put it on. He did not advise using it on land that produced less than a half bale to the acre. He told the farmers how to tell what percentage of their cotton was infested and gave reasons why the calcium arsenate should be put on at night. The dusting season lasts only about a month from the middle of July to the mid-

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## Christmas Vesper Service

UNDER AUSPICES OF

### The Woman's Club

SMITHFIELD, N. C., DECEMBER 25, 1922

Anthem—"The Earth Is the Lord's" ..... Lerman  
Invocation ..... Rev. Fred Collins  
Duet—Message of the Angels ..... Beazley  
Mrs. Jno. W. Ives and Miss Helene Ives  
Scripture Lesson ..... Rev. W. C. Cumming  
Anthem—Peace and Good Will ..... Wilson  
Hymn—O Little Town of Bethlehem ..... Choir and Congregation  
Trio—Where Is He? ..... Heyser  
Messrs. Easom, Medlin and Eason  
Anthem—Shepherds Hail the Wondrous Story ..... Heyser  
Trio—O Bethlehem ..... Gabriel  
Misses Myatt, Johnson and Mrs. N. T. Holland  
Bass Solo and Chorus—The Angels Chorus ..... Heyser  
Mr. Paul Eason and Choir  
Anthem—Joy to the World ..... F. Lyon  
Solo—O Holy Night ..... Mr. H. B. Easom  
Quartet—Crown Him King ..... Gabriel  
Mrs. Holland, Miss Johnson, Messrs. Eason and Hood  
Anthem—Hail to the Lord's Anointed ..... Stutts  
Benediction ..... Rev. D. H. Tuttle

## LUMBERTON SEEKING BUFFALO FOR ZOO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Lumberton is seeking a couple of Buffalo for its zoo, and in this matter E. J. Glover called upon Congressman Lyon for assistance. Mr. Lyon took the matter up with the National Park service and is informed that if Lumberton will bear the necessary expenses it can get two buffalo. The department states that it has made a practice for some years of giving buffalo and other animals to parks and that this could be done for Lumberton but not until Spring and that necessary assurances must be given that the animals would be properly cared for. The expenses that must be met include about \$75 for capturing and shipping the buffalo, these to be shipped from Gardiner, Montana.

Micro Highs Swamp Clayton.

MICRO, Dec. 18.—Micro Highs journeyed over to Clayton Wednesday, December 13, where they did the trick to Clayton highs to the tune of 61 to 19. The main feature of the game was the goal shooting of Micro.

## CLOSE SCHOOLS AT HIGH POINT ON ACCOUNT OF INFLUENZA

High Point, Dec. 20.—Following a conference between the city physicians and Superintendent W. M. Marr, the public schools of High Point were closed at noon today because of sickness among the teachers and pupils.

Superintendent Marr reported this afternoon that 14 teachers were absent today, being confined to their homes with influenza or colds. Three hundred pupils were absent yesterday and an investigation disclosed that more than 160 of these were kept at home because of colds.

It was explained by the school superintendent that decision to close the schools today was reached because of the illness of the teachers and not because of any fear of an epidemic of influenza here. With the teachers absent, it is impossible to make any progress in the school work, he explained.

Although several hundred cases of influenza or colds have been reported here during the last few days, Dr. J. W. McAnally, city physician, said this afternoon there was no occasion for alarm.

## "BOOZE" POURED INTO CAPE FEAR

**Better Bank Laws Needed; Uniform Tax System for School Financing**

(By Maxwell Gorman.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 20.—U. S. Marshal R. W. Ward having returned to Raleigh from Wilmington where he superintended the breaking of twelve thousand quart bottles filled with liquor and the emptying of the fluid into the sewers and thence into the Cape Fear River, it may be safely asserted that the cargo of the "good ship Message of Peace" was not put to such a bad purpose as was intended, and that it at least will not figure in the supply of Christmas "booze" during the holiday period that is "just around the corner."

The confiscation of the whiskey was one feature of the agreement which ended the prosecution of Captain Arthur Coleman and Supercargo Claude Graham. The cargo of a thousand cases of whiskey, said by Captain Coleman to represent a n original cash investment of approximately \$32,000, is estimated to have been worth, on the basis of prevailing prices for bootleg whiskey, around \$100,000.

But that amount of money is small in comparison with the saving made for those who would have drunk it and their families and loved ones—in not only a financial sense but in the more important aspect of saving the lives of the drinkers, the illness of others whom it would not have actually killed, the tears and the heartaches and privations which its use would have caused innocent persons connected with the victims who would have used it. It was a good job, and let us believe that the example will deter other sea captains from attempting to bootleg whiskey in North Carolina ports.

## Better Laws Needed to Convict Embezzlers and Bank Thieves

The Superior Court solicitor of this (7th) judicial district, Hon. Herbe E. Norris, who is voluntarily retiring after 12 years of a most active service as prosecuting officers at the State Capital, today gives out in a statement some information and recommendations based on the valuable experience, that are of current interest and real value.

The views of the solicitor in regard to the banking laws have been influenced by a specific instance in his recent experience, growing out of the failure of the Central Bank and Trust Co., of Raleigh. A nol pros was taken against R. G. Allen former president of the bank, after a substantial settlement; one of the reasons being the solicitor's opinion that he could not convict under existing laws. Cases against J. H. Hightower and H. H. Massey, resident and cashier, respectively, of the defunct bank, are still pending in the court, a verdict of guilty of receiving deposits knowing the bank to be insolvent having been set aside at the September term of the court by Judge C. C. Lyon.

Present statutes should be so amended as to provide that no loans shall be made to a director, stockholder, officer or employe of any bank until they have first been approved by the board of directors at a regular meeting, and that in the case of directors or officers, the endorsements of each directors be required on all notes, in the opinion of Mr. Norris. He would make violation of this law a felony and the showing of fact presumptive evidence of criminal intent. He also favors an amendment, requiring examination of cash overdrafts and notes by the finance committee of the board of directors of every bank once each thirty days, the approval of the committee to be made in writing. He would make a violation of this law a misdemeanor with members of the finance committee civilly liable for any losses to the depositors resulting therefrom. Another amendment he favors would require examinations of each State bank by the Corporation Commission, at least once every six months.

## Make Possession of Liquor a Crime.

The solicitor regards revival of the State prohibition laws so as to conform to the Volstead act essential to enforcement of prohibition by the State courts. "You can't break up bootlegging until you make possession of whiskey a crime," he asserts.

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## TURKS MUST MAKE DEFINITE ANSWER

**Allied Premiers Say the Last Word; United States Is Silent; Experts Leave**

LAUSANNE, Dec. 19.—Turkish fears of submarines, Turkish fears of swiftly flying military airplanes, laden with bombs and, generally, Turkish fears of aggression from without that will put Constantinople in danger, have conference in jeopardy.

The United States is silent on the situation, but the Allied leaders say tonight that they have uttered their last word on the question of the liberty of the straits. Tomorrow the Turks must say yes or no to the Allied project.

The British experts, Admiral Keyes and General Burdett Stuart, already have left for England, believing their work completed, and the French experts are preparing to depart tomorrow night at the conclusion of the last session for discussion of the straits. Whether a rupture will come on the straits problems depends chiefly on whether the Entente diplomats and their experts can remove the Turkish fears. This they are trying to do tonight.

The diplomats are endeavoring to convince the Angora statesmen that the straits project is essentially framed to meet conditions in times of peace, and that the Allies are not in any sinister hidden manner seeking facilities for war and especially against Turkey. They say they have only sought the equality of all fleets passing through the straits on peaceful errands.

The Allies have emphasized that they cannot accept the Turkish request for the suppression of submarines and military airplanes, especially they have been unable to accept the Ottoman suggestion that combined foreign fleets entering the Black Sea shall not exceed in strength the fleet of the strongest naval power of the Black Sea. "That would make the Black Sea forbidden ground," said a French expert to night.

As the Russians are here only for discussion of the straits question, tomorrow may see the last of them at Lausanne. They still are in a fighting mood, however. George Tchitcherin was in fine argumentative form today. He tried to win American sympathy for the Russian straits project by insisting that it incorporated the American idea of "beneficent warships."

But the Allies have agreed that the Moscow straits plan is absolutely unacceptable. Tchitcherin made a dramatic plea to the world masses. He said Russia was convinced the world's peoples were back of Russia in her attempts to secure international justice. He also bitterly condemned what he called "marinism" adding, "I mean the sea militarism which hopes to strangle Russia."

An additional fear of the Turks which the Allies must calm tomorrow is that with which they surround the proposed international commission to supervise control of the straits. The Turks claim the commission will be inquisitorial in nature, that it may infringe Turkish sovereignty and, finally that it may be used as a club by some powers to threaten Turkey. Hence their ambition to have a general guarantee pact signed at Lausanne which will assure the neutrality of the straits and prevent acts of hostility in Turkish territorial waters.

It was pointed out tonight that failure of the straits negotiations would not necessarily imply failure on other vital matters of the Lausanne agenda, one of which is arranging Peace between Greece and Turkey and between Turkey and the Allies.

Marquis Curzon today informed H. Barrere, of the French delegation, that the British government had abandoned the idea of having the Lausanne treaty written in the English and French languages. He agreed that French alone should be used. As France has made no request in this connection, the English initiative created an exceedingly pleasant feeling among the Frenchmen, who like to have their language regarded always as the language of diplomacy.—Associated Press.

## The Family Christmas Tree

