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**CHRISTMAS INSURANCE**  
If you want a happy Christmas, help someone who needs your help. "Insurance" as you have done it into one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me.

Have you purchased your Christmas Tuberculosis Seal yet? Do so today.

## All State Feast At The Mansion

Editors of North Carolina Get First Hand Knowledge of Living At Home When Gov. and Mrs. Gardner Give Dinner

Sherwood Brockwell, who introduced the entertainment features of Governor and Mrs. Gardner's live-at-home dinner Thursday evening, stated that "Max Gardner had out-Hoovered Hoover called the big manufacturers including Henry Ford to the White House to ask them what to do; Gardner called all of the editors of the state to the mansion and told them what to do."

And there is little doubt but that the editors will do it. Many of them have already been boosting a live-at-home program, and after the sumptuous demonstration Thursday evening of what North Carolina can do in the way of "hog and hominy" not a one of the 200 editors present will fail to do some more boosting.

The affair at the mansion Thursday evening was a home grown affair in every detail. The decorations of pine, holly and other greens suggestive of the approaching Christmas season were native, and none could have been lovelier, if the North Carolina idea had not been desired. As the guests entered and greeted the receiving line composed of Governor and Mrs. Gardner, members of the Council of State, and officials of the North Carolina Press Association, a magnificent phase of the decorative scheme caught the eye—a replica of the state seal, with a huge horn of plenty overflowing with North Carolina products. The table appointments down to the receptacle which held the home grown salt nuts, an improvised galax leaf basket carried out the North Carolina idea.

The two hundred guests were served buffet fashion, the menu having been prepared under the competent direction of Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, head of the State Home Demonstration work. And such a menu—cold pressed scuppernon juice from the Coastal Test Farm at Willard; oyster cocktail and shrimp, from the East; roast turkey from the West with cranberry jelly and pickles; country ham and baked yams, to say nothing of turnip salad raised at the Caledonia farm, sauerkraut, and corn pone. And then there was potato salad with celery, lettuce, and tomato aspic and cheese. Hot rolls made from Shelby flour, and butter from a Rowan creamery completed the first course. The dessert of ice cream with conserve made of Sandhill peaches, and cake was followed by confections, fruit and nuts. North Carolina grows no coffee nor tea, so the drinks served were sweet milk from Klondyke Farm at Elkin, and buttermilk from Pine State Creamery, Raleigh. Cigarettes made in North Carolina by R. J. Reynolds company, Liggett & Myers Tobacco company, and the American Tobacco company were on the tables.

Toward the close of the dinner, Sherwood Brockwell put on an entertainment which was in keeping with the home grown idea. Mr. Brockwell announced that a program would be broadcast over Station WONS—Wonderful Old North State—and Miss Julia Bradham, of Rocky Mount, well known in North Carolina as "Miss Personality" sang two numbers, after which the Misses O'Conner, of Greensboro, in costume, gave two selections accompanying themselves on ukuleles. Then Mr. Brockwell impersonated a black-faced comedian in which role he got off a number of clever bits.

There was disappointment among some of the editors present that there was no speech-making, but the Governor got his message across in a concise statement printed on the menu which was given to each guest. The Governor's message was as follows: "North Carolina's supreme problem today is the production of elementary necessities. The

## Selma Kiwanians Start New Year

New Officers and Committees Take Charge For 1930; Club Sends Crippled Child to Gastonia

SELMA, Dec. 21.—At the Kiwanis luncheon last Thursday evening the following officers and committees took charge for the year 1930:

President, Stanly Armitage; Vice-president, Linwood Richardson; District Trustee, Fred Waters; Directors, C. P. Harper, C. W. Scales, George M. Norwood, J. D. Massey, Fred Aters, John S. Flowe, Carl Worley, G. C. Hinton, A. J. Holliday, John N. Wiggs.

Education Committee: Chairman, George F. Brietz, H. Bueck, R. J. Noble; Public Affairs Committee, chairman Dr. L. W. May erberg, Carl Worley, C. P. Harper; Agriculture Committee, chairman J. D. Massey, George M. Norwood, A. J. Holliday, G. C. Hinton, I. W. Mayerberg; Club Membership Classification Committee, Chairman H. Bueck, Dr. G. D. Vick, John N. Wiggs; Publicity Committee, Chairman C. L. Richardson, John S. Flowe; Financial Committee, Chairman C. A. Jacobs, E. V. Woodard, W. T. Woodard; Inter-Club Relations Committee, Chairman Fred Waters, George M. Norwood, C. W. Scales; Special County Government Study Committee, Chairman J. W. Mayerberg, J. D. Massey, George D. Vick, C. A. Jacobs; Special Farmers Institute Committee, Chairman C. L. Richardson, Carl Worley, C. W. Scales, E. V. Woodard, Fred Waters, the office of secretary-treasurer for the coming year will be filled by C. A. Jacobs, who since being made treasurer of the club some time ago, put the finances of the club in tip-top shape.

John S. Flowe, who was appointed to look after getting a little 13-year-old Bryant child who has been crippled for life, into the State Hospital at Gastonia, reported that he was successful and the child will be sent there for treatment.

Lions sent out of the state annually for the purchase of food and feedstuff which might easily be produced at home represents an extravagance and a loss which must shortly, unless immediate and far-reaching remedial action is taken, result in economic disaster.

"This is potentially one of the richest agricultural regions in the entire world. There is no reason, other than our own deliberate disregard of familiar economic laws, why it should not be a land blossoming in prosperity and with the gaunt spectres of undernourishment and hunger unheard of. What is there that we need that we cannot produce at home? Is there any evil enchantment upon North Carolina's rich acres that would prevent the growth of corn, wheat, potatoes, beans, apples, hay and the great secondary crops of cattle, hogs and poultry?"

"The only evil enchantment I know of is that of the so-called 'money crops.' Deserting the green oasis of diversified farming, our people have followed the mirage of huge profits from cotton and tobacco into a trackless desert of uncertainty and gloom and instead of the anticipated profits, they have harvested deficits and, in a tragic number of instances, actual undernourishment and want have resulted.

"This dinner, given chiefly in honor of the members of the North Carolina Press Association because of their great power to shape and mould public opinion, dramatizes a single remedy in a serious situation. Let North Carolina produce its elemental food necessities and prosperity and plenty will not be long in returning. For the process is cumulative in its operation and the more corn, hogs, cattle and poultry we raise, the more will our cotton and tobacco bring. In this way—and in this way only—can they be once more converted from 'hunger' into 'money' crops and substantial and enduring prosperity assured.

## MAKES EIGHT BALES ON SEVEN ACRES

Mr. Lee Johnson of Smithfield route 1, was in town Saturday. While here he stated that in spite of the boll weevil he made eight bales of cotton on seven acres of land the past season. On one acre he picked 1100 pounds of lint cotton, and from the seven acres he produced 4271 pounds of lint cotton. Mr. Johnson stated that he had several turkeys and guineas in his fields and he thinks they did as much good as poison would have done.

## A Merry Yuletide



## Welfare Supt. Is Grateful For Aid

All Christmas Opportunities Have Been Taken and Already Christmas Joy Has Been Brought to Unfortunates

How generous has been the response, how Christ-like the spirit, and how far-reaching the benefits of this 1929th celebration of our Saviour's Birthday! The opportunities have all been taken and from the generosity of the religious and civic organizations of the county, the unfortunates have been remembered locally in the towns and even the outlying districts.

Mrs. D. J. Thurston, county welfare superintendent, makes the following comment concerning the response to her call for support: "The White Christmas offering from the Smithfield school exceeded all expectations, and a gigantic poultice to be distributed among the poor was turned over to the welfare department. This provided for the large number of needy families in the isolated districts not reached by other organizations. If the lady who sent the \$10 check could have seen the joy on the cripple's face when he learned that \$5 was for him, and despite the fact that he had two bad legs, no work and a family with no food, he limped gaily for after all it was Christmas, and someone cared. Or could she have seen the children who have been unable to attend school for lack of clothes—receive their Christmas donation, or the sick woman, her cheer!"

"And could the big-hearted citizen who gave \$10 on one of the opportunities have seen the 17-year-old boy, while the splendid neighbor who raised \$11 on this opportunity and the welfare officer helped him select a suit, cap, and shoes, socks, shirts, tie, and underwear. This is the first time this boy has had clothes to attend church, and he is such a manly, fine fellow.

"And we might describe all the opportunities if we knew the details. 'A little child shall lead them,' and the Christ-like spirit that has prevailed the schools, and sent ringing through to yuletide the 'Gloria,' 'Peace on earth, good will to men'—has done more—has flashed over Johnston county hope, optimism in the face of darkness and discouragement, and a blessing far greater than the children ever dreamed will come in answer to the call of the Christmas spirit.

"Such a fine response has brought joy personally to the welfare superintendent, who, in expressing appreciation for what has been done and in extending good wishes for a happy Christmas to all Johnston county, would say the prayer of Tiny Tim, 'God bless us everyone.'"

**Christmas Program Postponed.**  
On account of the bad weather, the Christmas program which was announced for New Hope Free Will Baptist church near Pine Level last Sunday was postponed. The same program will be given next Sunday at 1:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

A man and his wife were returning from Europe. The man died on the boat and a collection was taken to help the widow. When the captain counted the money he found he had \$500.03. "There must be a Scotchman on this boat," said the captain. "Yes, sir," replied a voice in the crowd. "There are three of us."

## Superior Court Adjourned Fri.

Several Cases Disposed of During Last Day; Solicitor Reports Clerk's Office in Good Shape

Superior court resumed its proceedings Friday morning after completing on Thursday afternoon the case in which Thurston Breedlove was convicted of second degree murder of his father, E. L. Breedlove.

The first case to get under way was state vs. Willie Morris, colored, age 18, and James McAllister, colored, aged 22. The defendants were charged with the larceny of an Oldsmobile valued at \$500. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and McAllister was sent to jail for a term of eight months to be assigned to work the roads of Johnston county. Willie Morris was sent to jail for four months to be assigned to work the roads. J. J. Farmer, a witness in this case, was called and failed, and a fine of \$40 was ordered against him. Sci fa to issue March term.

Emmette Eason was in court under a charge of violating the prohibition law. The defendant was convicted at the December term 1928 and was given until December term 1929 to pay cost. It appearing to the court that he is unable to pay cost at this time he is given until the March term 1930 to pay cost. Cause is continued under present bond.

Dan Young was convicted of violating the prohibition law and of assault with deadly weapon. He was committed to jail for two years execution of judgment to remain suspended if he will secure payment of cost by giving first mortgage on real estate.

Before court adjourned Friday afternoon Solicitor Williams reported to the court that he had examined the office of the clerk of the court and that said office and the books and records of H. V. Rose, clerk, appear to be in good condition, neatly and accurately kept.

Several cases were called and failed.

## GARAGE BURNS

The fire alarm called out the fire company late Saturday afternoon when the garage of D. H. Creech was found to be ablaze. The garage burned up before the fire company could get to the scene with its fire-fighting apparatus. No car was in the garage.

## CHRISTMAS TREE AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The local Presbyterian Sunday school gave its members a Christmas tree Friday night, December 20. Before the presents were distributed an appropriate Christmas program was given by the pupils under the direction of Mrs. W. G. Wilson. Quite a large crowd was in attendance and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

## NOTICE

The undersigned having qualified as administrator on the estate of Willis E. Wood, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 24 day of December, 1930, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 23 day of December, 1929.  
Y. W. WOOD, Adm.  
EZRA PARKER, Attorney.

## TUBERCULOSIS SEAL SALE IS STILL ON

Mrs. J. J. Broadhurst, chairman for Smithfield of the Tuberculosis Christmas seal sale, reports that members of her committee have turned in \$75.65, and there are still some to report.

This campaign was begun soon after Thanksgiving, with a committee at work until December 19 at which time reports were made. The sale still continues at the drug stores in town, and those desiring to use these seals thereby helping in a worthy cause, are urged to call for them at these places of business.

The Tuberculosis Seal fund goes to help eradicate tuberculosis. A part of the money is used by a national committee for research and other such phases of the work, while the biggest portion remains in the local community to aid in tuberculosis work.

## J. B. HUDSON FOUND DEAD IN BED

News reached here Sunday afternoon of the death of a former townsman, Mr. J. B. Hudson, which occurred suddenly in Dunn. Mr. Hudson had not been well for a few days but was not confined to his bed. He went to his room at the home of Mrs. Annie Young, as usual on Saturday night. When he did not make his appearance on Sunday morning, nothing was thought of it until after the noon hour. About two o'clock some one went to his room and found him dead in bed.

A message was sent immediately to his son, H. G. Hudson, of Winston-Salem, who went to Dunn and made the funeral arrangements. The burial took place yesterday afternoon at Apex, the old home of the deceased.

Mr. Hudson is survived by his wife and two children, H. G. Hudson, of Winston-Salem and Mrs. J. R. Edwards, of Auburn, Ala. The deceased was 71 years of age having been born at Apex in 1858. He came to Smithfield as a cotton buyer when a young man. He married Miss Sarah Woodall of this city and spent the greater part of his life here.

## Lovely Shower for Bride-Elect

Selma, Dec. 18.—Miss Hazel Brown and Mrs. W. L. Etheredge entertained at a lovely party on last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Etheredge complimenting Miss Esther Hofmeister whose wedding to Mr. James E. Locher of Atlanta, Ga., will take place on Saturday, December 21.

The guests were received at the door by the hostesses and directed to register in the bride's book, which was presided over by Mrs. Ivan Bailey. The living room and hall were tastefully decorated with Christmas greens and bells which made an attractive setting for the occasion. Miss Edna Earl O'Neal in her usual vivacious manner gave a reading, "Nothing to Say, My Daughter," a duet, "I Love You Truly," sung by Misses Mary Emily Stallings and Sarah Creech was also much enjoyed. Paper and pencils were next distributed and guests were asked to write a wish for the honoree who was asked to read them aloud, a combination of gay, witty and wise wishes were recorded. At this juncture, little Dorothy Reid and Joseph O'Neal came in carrying a large laundry basket appropriately decorated with red and green crepe paper and containing a large assortment of gifts from the many admiring friends of the bride-elect.

The hostesses served fruit jello, whipped cream and cake in the holiday colors. The favors were unique, being green gum drops as a base for tiny red candles and handles made of white life savers. Out of town guests were: Mrs.

## South Has First Snow Of Season

Proposes Merging Rail Lines into 19 Giant Systems; China and Russia Sign Peace Agreement

The Interstate Commerce Commission is proposing the merging of the railroads of the country into 19 giant systems. The Greensboro News in commenting editorially upon the consolidation plan says in part:

"The project was given form in an act of Congress. The purpose was to link profitable and unprofitable lines of rail together. The theory contemplates that every section of the country should have railroad service equal in certain essentials; the revenues of heavy traffic territory giving support to facilities in light traffic territory. A system, therefore, should be a balance of most-profitable lines, least-profitable lines, and lines of intermediate earning. The government guarantees a certain return on all rail lines; it undertakes to arrange a system of systems whereby as nearly a uniform profit as possible can be shown in operations. It undertakes to provide, moreover, that the best transportation talent shall be available to all lines in all sections.

The nearest to a White Christmas that this section has come in a number of years was the prospect Sunday when the snowflakes fell thick and fast nearly all day. Nightfall delayed the melting somewhat, but a fine rain finally vanquished the remains and by noon yesterday there was little left of the snowfall. A cold wave struck North Carolina last Friday and low temperatures have prevailed since, though yesterday found the weather moderating. The south from Texas to Western Carolinas was reported to be covered with snow Sunday. A thin coating of snow was in Pensacola, Fla., and in northern Alabama, it fell to a depth of five inches. In most of the south this was the first snow of the season.

According to an Associated Press dispatch from Moscow, announcement was made Sunday that Russia and China have signed a peace agreement which will lead to peace on the frontiers after months of hostilities. Troops on both sides will be withdrawn. The announcement stated that "full restoration of diplomatic relations between Soviet Russia and China are left open until a Russian-Chinese conference to be held in Moscow on January 25 at which all outstanding questions will be settled."

## CIN REPORT FOR JOHNSTON COUNTY

Census report shows that there were 33,593 bales of cotton ginned in Johnston county from the crop of 1929 prior to December 1, 1929 as compared with 37,641 bales ginned to December 1, 1928 crop of 1928.

E. G. HOLLAND, Special Agent.

## A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our deepest appreciation to each and every one who assisted us in any way during the recent death of our mother and wife. May God's richest blessings be theirs.

J. F. STEPHENSON & FAMILY.  
Four Oaks, N. C.

A. E. Hofmeister and Miss Mary Catherine Johnston, of Raleigh.

## NOT PERSON MENTIONED IN RECORDERS COURT

Paul Edwards, of Smithfield, route 2, asks the Herald to state that he is not the Paul Edwards mentioned in the Recorder's court proceedings in a recent issue when it was stated that he was required to pay the cost in a case. Mr. Edwards thinks there must be some other person with the same name.

## Feeding Hogs For Market In Spring

W. V. Blackman Makes Unusual Record in Feeding Hogs With Self-Feeder; 10 Hogs Gain 234 lbs. Daily

By J. B. SLACK

Mr. W. V. Blackman, who lives in the Meadow community has made what looks like a record for Johnston county when it comes to feeding hogs. On Oct. 31 Mr. Blackman put ten hogs on a self-feeder. Two of these hogs weighed 393 pounds and were killed 29 days later and weighed 671 pounds. This was an average gain of 89 pounds per hog or an average daily gain of 3.1 pounds for each hog. The eight other hogs averaged 119 pounds each on Oct. 31 and 50 days later when they were killed they averaged 336 1/2 pounds each. This was an average gain of 117 1/2 pounds each or an average daily gain of 2.34 pounds for each hog.

According to Mr. Blackman these hogs dressed out a little better than 75 per cent which was also an excellent record. A record was also kept as to the amount of feed that the above hogs consumed while putting on the 114 pounds of gain. A total of 69.7 bushels of corn was used and 50 pounds of fish meal. According to these figures it took 6.2 bushels of corn and 4.5 pounds of fish meal to put on 100 pounds gain. With corn valued at one dollar per bushel and fish meal at four dollars per 100 pounds it cost only \$6.38 to put on 100 pounds of gain with these hogs.

As stated above these hogs were fed on a self-feeder with each fed put in a separate compartment, letting the hog eat as much of each kind of feed as he desires. This is the same method that is followed by farmers feeding hogs to ship to eastern markets, and many farmers are feeding or will start feeding hogs in the next few days to ship next March and April. This is an excellent opportunity for farmers in this section to sell their surplus corn. According to present indications corn fed to hogs this winter and sold during March and April should bring at least \$1.50 per bushel.

Many farmers in Johnston county fed and sold hogs in this manner last spring and without an exception these same farmers are feeding hogs to ship this spring. This is a good indication that it is a paying proposition and many others are starting to do the same thing this year.

## THAT OLD WALKING STICK.

Mrs. Evelyn Boon Wienges, of Charlotte, formerly of Benson, wrote the following poem at the death of her grandfather, Mr. J. H. Boon which occurred last week, the deceased being 83 years of age:

It's an emblem of Grandpa to me, Staunch and sturdy old oak tree, Though I see him no more As it hangs by my door, It's an emblem of Grandpa to me.

When so feeble his grip, It never did slip, Ever faithful and true, As a friend is to you, It's an emblem of service to me.

By his side at meal time, By his side at night time, Always ready for use, Never sighed at abuse, It's an emblem of patience to me.

Now at rest it must be For he's in Eternity, I shall miss his kind face, But I hope that by Grace An emblem of him I shall be.

EVELYN BOON WIENGES  
Charlotte, N. C.

## Dental Clinic To Begin Next Monday

Dr. W. L. Woodard Will Conduct Dental Clinic In Smithfield School For Children Under 13 Years

Some time ago, dental clinics were announced for Johnston county, the first one to be held at the Smithfield school. It was necessary to postpone these clinics but arrangements have been made to begin this week on Dec. 29. Beginning next Monday morning, announces Dr. C. C. Massey, county health officer, Dr. W. L. Woodard, one of the State School Dentists, will begin work at Smithfield graded school. He will work under the direction of Ernest A. Branch, State Director of Oral Hygiene.

All children under 13 years of age may have their teeth cleaned and other services rendered as they need require.

Dr. Branch will be here most of the time, advising parent groups and otherwise, and preparing the way for a successful dental clinic. This service will continue probably for a period of twelve weeks.

## BOYS AND GIRLS HOME FROM COLLEGE

Among the college boys and girls at home for the Christmas holidays are: Norman Grant, Winfield Lyon, Lawrence Waller, and Miss Mary Norcross, of the University of North Carolina; Misses Mary Ragsdale, Margaret Aycock, Dixie Johnson, Grace Smith, of N. C. W., Greensboro; James Wellons, William Ragsdale, William, Tom and Walter Lattimer, Lumsden Bundy and Miss Rebecca Royal, of Duke University; Ramie Davis of Tusculum University, Greenville, Tenn.; Miss Edith Henry and Juanita Sorrell of Meredith College, Raleigh; Misses Ellen and Lily Kooner, Patterson and Emily Davis Smith of Peace Institute, Raleigh; Misses Mattie Lee Grimes and Harriet Pierce, of Cullowhee State Normal; Misses Janie Belle Fitzgerald, and Louise Biggs, of Greenville; Donald Ward, of Hargrader's School, Raleigh; Edmund Ward and Bill Averett, State College, Raleigh; John Wallace and Lewis Morgan, of Wake Forest College; J. Ray Creech, Jr., Fishburn Military School, Waynesboro, Va.; Miss Rachel Creech, of G. C. W., Greensboro; Miss Marie Ann Stevens, of Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C.; Julian Boyd, of Guilford College; Walter Wharton and Sam Booker, of Davidson College; Miss Virginia Williams, of Randolph-Macon College, Lynchburg, Va.; Bill J. Austin, of Southwestern University, of Memphis, Tenn.; Miss Hilda Peedler, of Atlanta, Ga.

## Robert Tyner Dies.

The joys of the Christmas season were rudely halted in the Progressive community and surrounding section Saturday morning, Dec. 21, when it became known that Mr. Robert Tyner, familiarly known as "Mr. Tyner," had died at 12:30 a. m. Saturday after having been stricken with paralysis late on the evening before.

Mr. Tyner who was a very prominent, well known and highly respected citizen of this section, had suffered from some affliction for many years but his sudden taking away was a shock to everyone.

The deceased who was about 70 years of age, leaves to mourn the demise an afflicted widow and four sons, Messrs. Paul, Sydney, Robert, June and Clarence Tyner. Funeral services were conducted from the home by Elder E. J. Pauro, after which the body was laid to rest at the Worley cemetery amid a host of sorrowing friends and relatives.

A profit of \$300 an acre on tobacco is reported by A. J. Thomas of Pikeville in Wayne county largely because he uses the ridge method of cultivation.

Farmers of Allegheny county are buying shorthorn cattle to stimulate the beef cattle industry.