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A NEW YEAR IS HERE—

Nineteen hundred twenty-nine has passed into history. As we ring out the old, reflection makes us conscious that "the old" has not been perfect.

- I will start this year with a higher, fairer creed; I will cease to sit repining o'er my ruthless neighbor's greed; I will cease to sit repining while my duty's call is clear; I will waste no moment whining, and my heart shall know no fear.

STATE COLLEGE AIDS IN FOOD PRODUCTION PROBLEM—

Governor Gardner's live-at-home program should be taken seriously throughout the state. A commonwealth, with all of the varieties of climate that North Carolina has, and with the variety of vegetation, probably unrivaled by any region anywhere of equal area, should begin to make inquiry as to why so much imported food is consumed within its borders.

A very material aid in remedying this situation will be the data concerning the food production problem in North Carolina which State College proposes to disseminate during the next four months. C. A. Sheffield, assistant director of State Extension at that institution, has been making a study of production and consumption and he finds that the farmers of North Carolina on the average are nearly feeding themselves. It is the city folks who are importing food.

With actual facts in hand on which to base a live-at-home program, it will be much easier to plan a balanced agriculture. It is the purpose of the Extension service at State College to show the condition in each county so that Boards of Agriculture, the county agents, and the county officials may take steps to improve conditions in the respective counties.

The preliminary report on cotton ginned in North Carolina, made public Dec. 20, shows a decrease of 142,004 bales for 1929. Last year 658,098 bales were ginned as compared with 800,102 in 1928. Cleveland County holds first place again among the cotton producing counties, with 52,670 bales.

Community Christmas Tree.

Selma, Dec. 30.—Selma's second community Christmas tree given by the Selma Woman's club was erected downtown in the business district at the intersection of Anderson and Raeford streets.

A CARD OF THANKS

We desire to extend our sincere thanks for every deed of kindness shown us during the illness and death of our husband and father. Every act is deeply appreciated.

MRS. LONNIE JOHNSON AND CHILDREN.

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HUSBAND, BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

The Baptist Column

Edited by S. L. MORGAN

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Interesting facts come to light from a study of the data sent up from the 45 churches of the Johnston Association to the recent meeting of that body. The study reveals a discouraging drift downward on the financial side—

The report shows 282 baptisms in 1929 as against 215 in 1928. Twelve of the churches reported no baptism, though all but four of the 43 churches reporting held revival meetings. The membership of the churches was 6,162 as against 6,022 in 1928.

Only three churches have preaching every Sunday: Clayton, Selma and Smithfield. Only five others have preaching two Sundays a month: Benson, Four Oaks, Middlesex, Pisgah and Pleasant Grove (afternoons). Only thirteen churches reported a weekly prayer meeting.

Clayton, Dec. 30.—Miss Helen Atkinson of this place and Dr. Ohas. A. Blalock of Wendell were quietly married Christmas morning at 9:15 o'clock at the home of Dr. A. G. Link in Raleigh. Rev. R. K. Davenport of Willow Springs officiated, assisted by Dr. Link. Only a selected group of friends and members of the immediate family witnessed the ceremony.

The bride was attractively dressed in a going-away suit of brown with corresponding accessories. She wore a shoulder corsage of rosebuds and lilies of the valley.

The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Abner Blalock of Willow Springs. He is a graduate of Atlanta Southern Dental College and is a popular young dentist.

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Per capita gifts for the four-year period have been respectively \$8.64, \$8.10, \$7.61, and \$7.00 for all objects, and \$1.52, \$1.45, \$1.74 and \$1.44 for all benevolent objects the rise due to the Centennial Campaign being more than lost in 1929—the per capita amount further reduced if we consider the paring down of church rolls.

Only seven of the churches reported the adoption of any budget for local expenses and three a budget for missions and benevolences. In response to a general appeal to adopt a budget for the Cooperative Program 14 reported the adoption of such a budget, but with the exception of several of these, the amount adopted was very small, the aggregate amount being only \$2,590.

Memorial, Selma, Thanksgiving, the total debt for the association being but \$5,494.

The dwindling of benevolence in the face of burdensome debts on all benevolent objects is discouraging—for all denominations, for all seem to be suffering alike.



WHY NOT A PLACE FOR THE CHILDREN TO SKATE?

During the past few days crowds of skating school children have practically taken the streets. They go in groups of ten or fifteen and it is almost impossible to drive a car through Smithfield when they are out without an accident.

The children need the outdoor exercise, but they should not be on the crowded streets. Will not the town commissioners pass an ordinance designating a paved street along some block where there is little traffic as a skating rink for the children, and forbid their skating along the main streets of the town?

ONE WHO HAS TO DRIVE.

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THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

By Siam Clothopper

(Too late for Christmas issue.) A few more days and Christmas day will be upon us, and I'm wonderin' of the height of us a'gittin' hitched up in the proper spirit for hit.

We've been unusually busy 'er the last few weeks. Pears lack everbody around in these parts vies with each other in tryin' to git their hogs killed fust, and they pick the coldest zero weather for the crachuns, which ain't rally the best time accordin' to I and Mandy's judgment.



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Christmas. Ef she don't git busy bakin' of her own Christmas cakes we'll be in a shore nuff pinch. All the childrens writ they was coming and that was a thurderin' report, or will be, when a leetle less than twenty little rascals git to hustlin' around a-nosin around in gran'pap's business.

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He found Rosy and Doris—Rosy wrote on her handkerchief: "Help! Go down Franklin street, three blocks and turn to your right. Go down this road until you see a figure of Uncle Sam holding a mailbox on the right. Go up this road until you get to a large hut. Follow Spot. He will show you the way to mother and father. From Rosy Milton."

She tied it around Spot's neck and pointed towards home. Spot understood and started toward home. When he got there he could not get in so he went to Rosy's daddy's office. He got there just in time to see her father, Mr. Milton saw the dog at the same time the dog saw him.

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and known as a part of the Hinton lands allotted to Kenneth R. Ellington in the division of the lands of Jesso T. Ellington and conveyed by said Kenneth R. Ellington to J. A. Vinson by deed recorded in Book No. 25 page 168, Registry of Johnston county.

2nd Tract: Beginning at a stake in the Johnston road, Maryland Goodson's corner, and runs as a twelve (12) foot right of way, S 73 E 635 feet to a witness Maryland Goodson's.

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