

## CROWDS OF XMAS SHOPPERS NOW THROUGH CITY'S FESTIVE STREETS

### And The Jingle of Bells on The Frosty Air is Taken of the Christmas Spirit Which is Manifest Everywhere

The cold weather and threatening storms of last week delayed Christmas shopping to a considerable extent, keeping the good people of Pasquotank, Perquimans, Camden, Currituck and Dare away from town and even keeping indoors the little people of Elizabeth City and many of the grownups.

But with the dawning of Monday morning the Christmas rush was on and by noon Monday it was in full swing. On Monday night the stores were open until ten o'clock, brightly lighted and humming with the voices of clerks and shoppers. On Tuesday the crowds increased and this evening a large crowd was down town to see and to buy and to enjoy the holiday gaiety. The stores will be open every night until Saturday, and will close entirely on Christmas Day.

Passing through the shopping section any night this week—starting at the Advance office with the Christmas number of The Advance as a directory—the visitor is met with gaily decorated stores and brightly lighted windows on every hand. Gay red express wagons for little folks of all sizes fill a window at Markham & Ferabee's and Silverthorn's; Melick's shows a galaxy of books, trees, trains that actually run on real track, dolls, and everything else to be found in toyland; Sellig's gleams with diamonds, silver, gold, and crystal and is decorated with the red and green of the holiday season; Owens shows an amazing array of lovely slippers; the millinery stores are all filled with toys and fancy work and are showing lovely scarf sets for the school girl, and the Standard Pharmacy is more attractive than ever in its history.

Not forgetting the big groceries, the sightseer spies M. P. Gallops big windows filled with an abundance of nuts and fruits and sees new counters added, and stacked with a gorgeous assortment of bright colored cans with prices reduced for the holiday season, further on other groceries—D. C. Merzans, Lefkows, and Twiddy's prominent among the number—tempt the appetite with splendid displays of all good things to eat, and Parker Brothers in the Hinton building are in full holiday dress.

The department stores, beginning with Siff's which is rushed with its big sale, are crowded with shoppers and their windows are full of attractive gifts while their counters show specialties such as lovely comb and brush sets, manicure sets, scarf sets, dolls and bath robes, Mitchell's which seems one big bower of Christmas beauty displays an unusually large variety of accessories for the feminine wardrobe, such as bags and purses, neckwear, handkerchiefs, and so on, and a Christmas tree loaded with ties for men at one of the windows at McCabe & Grice's gives much pleasure to the passerby.

Gallop & Toxey also have a Christmas tree filled with gifts for men, ties, hats, gloves and shoes, and Weeks & Sawyer makes the woman shopper wish to be a man as ardently as she "wished I was a boy" in the days of childhood, when prevented from some form of play on the ground that it was "tom boyish" for a girl to do such a thing. This store started out Monday with the biggest day's holiday trade it has ever known, except on the day before Christmas in some years and needed double its force of clerks to supply the wants of its customers. The Womens Wear Store of the M. Leigh Sheep Company is featuring the gifts that do

### NO POWDER PLANT FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Recently in North Carolina papers there have appeared reports that the Du Pont Powder Company was on the point of locating a plant at Winston, Fayetteville or some other town in North Carolina.

Noticing these reports Mr. W. R. Lambert, a well known real estate man in this city, sent a night letter to the main office of the company at Wilmington, Delaware, suggesting Elizabeth City as a suitable factory site and offering his assistance in securing a site here for the company. In reply to this communication, Mr. Lambert received the following letter:

"Referring to your night letter of the 10th inst., beg to advise that at this time we are giving no consideration whatever to locating a plant in the State of North Carolina.

However, we thank you for your kind offer of assistance.

Yours Very Truly,  
Wm. G. Ramsey, Chief Engineer.

There have been various rumors afloat here recently that the Du Ponts were considering Elizabeth City as a possible factory site. In view of this declaration from their head office, one wonders where all these reports have had their origin.

Light womanhood, however, and the woman shopper turns in that direction and is glad once more to be mere woman. The windows of this store are always attractive and it was difficult to make them more so but Santa Claus came himself to these windows and is still there, as big as life, making the store as unique as ever in its appeal. It's a long sound and there is so much to see. The shopper must intersperse the many visits with a drink at the A'lemarck Pharmacy, which with its advantage of position makes a most excellent showing of candies—the "blee stick" and the Charles Chaplin Cane, besides many other varieties with fruits, nuts, and home made cake.

Then after seeing the furniture at Quinn's and the big rocking horses and toy autos and farm wagons, and peeping at the crowds at the People's Bargain Store and the display of Mens and Boys gifts at the Store of C. A. Cooke, one is almost ready for home a gain. Going around the block to see the Alkrama program for Christmas matinee and evening show, the Apothecary Shop cannot be passed without stopping again to see its varied list of gifts and to rest for a moment in its attractive grill room while a little boy who looks as if he believes in Santa Claus brings a tray of glasses and sets them before you.

It is time for the stores to close, even at Christmas time, and it is time for sleep. All the shops have not been seen, there are so many, and all the wonders have not been seen either. This has been but a passing glance. To-morrow there must be no dillydallying. The real Christmas shopping must be finished. For Christmas is only three days away, and there is no excuse for the lack of preparedness so far as opportunity goes.

### A CHURCH FOR CONVICTS ON THE STATE FARM

The Rev. N. Collins Hughes of Raleigh was in Elizabeth City Sunday in the interest of a plan to put a house of worship for the convicts at the State Farm.

Mr. Hughes spoke at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning and at Christ Church Sunday night.

The church on the farm is to be an interdenominational one and all the denominations have assisted in the matter. The central committee in charge of the work is composed of: Dr. R. T. Vann, ex-president of Meredith College, A. A. Thomas, John A. Mills, Albert Cox, and J. S. Mann, superintendent of the State Prison. The State Treasurer, Hon. B. R. Lacy, is treasurer of the fund.

The local committee is composed of: Judge Leigh, Dr. B. C. Henning, Messrs P. H. Williams, E. F. Aydielt, L. R. Foreman and W. G. Galtner Jr.

Mr. Hughes made two strong addresses here on Sunday, pointing out the need of this kind of interest in the convicts. The response to his appeal has been very generous here, very few refusing to help in this work. Mr. Hughes is arch-deacon at Raleigh and at the request of the central committee runs out now and then to try to raise money for this fund whenever he can get away from his own work. Only his travelling expenses are paid by the central committee.

Mitchell's is the place to meet your friends—for most every body trades there.

### WEEKSVILLE NEWS

Weeksville, N. C. December 20  
The Weeksville Ginning Company is closing down for the season today.

J. E. Pallin, and J. B. Walston have gone to Norfolk on business.

Dr. W. A. Davis is extremely busy at this time with his large practice.

Mallon Raper had his leg broken just below the right knee last week while he and Howard Harris were playing with a truck. Dr. Davis was summoned and set the leg and the boy is getting along nicely thus far.

Rev. Rufus Bradley the new pastor of Newbegin church will preach at that church at three o'clock Sunday and at Union Church at eleven o'clock.

Capt. J. A. Parker and Capt. Oscar Wright are making three trips a week on their boat now and carrying freight on every trip.

Mr. Walter Jackson of the N. S. S. New Hampshire is at home with his parents for a twelve days furlough.

Mrs. J. A. Harris is expecting to leave for Panama in a few days to join her husband who is employed there in the government service.

### DR HENNING MAKES ADDRESS

Dr. B. C. Henning delivered a very interesting address at the First Methodist Church Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. of this city, speaking upon the progress of the Temperance movement in the various phases of American life.

A number of musical selections were rendered, including choruses representing the dry states of the Union and over thirty five dollars was raised at the meeting.

Misses Ruth Brunser and Evie Ross of Currituck were here Saturday shopping.

When you want your orders filled send them to Mitchell's—We don't write letters, we fill the orders for we have the goods. Try us.

### BABY HAZELLE AT ALKRAMA THREE NIGHTS NEXT WEEK

Dainty Baby Hazelle comes to the Alkrama on next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The little actress is only nine years old and has the reputation of being without doubt, the most graceful child actress in the South. Eden on people have expressed themselves as delighted with the show says Mr. Kramer, and have assured him that he need feel no hesitancy in recommending the play.

The admission fee is only ten cents to everybody, and a good house is expected at each performance for this special holiday attraction.

The show will be supplemented by the regular moving picture show, thus offering two shows for one admission price.

Those who have seen Dainty Hazelle declare that no one should miss the opportunity to see the wonderful little lady of the stage.

### PROF BRANSON AT MANTEO

Manteo, December, 20—On last Monday evening, December 13th, Prof. E. C. Branson, Professor of Rural Economics and Sociology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C., delivered an inspiring educational address before the student body and patrons of Manteo High School. His subject was "Live With Your Children".

The address from start to finish was full of concrete illustrations and specific instances tending to encourage young men and women in their educational careers. Parents were urged to become acquainted with teachers and to take a deeper interest in the education of children. The speaker spent Tuesday on the island and in company with Mr. B. G. Crisp and Supt. E. W. Joyner visited Wanchese the Mother Vineyard Farm and Fort Raleigh. He left Wednesday morning for his home in Chapel Hill, N. C.

Last Thursday evening in the High School Auditorium the Epworth League under the direction of its First Vice President, Miss Rennie Griffin, met in a potato social. Each one contributed for his admission a large potato. In this way two barrels of sweet potatoes was collected to be sent to the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh. A prize was awarded to Mrs. George Tolley for donating the largest potato. This mammoth potato was grown by Dan H. Hopkins, one of the most progressive farmers of Dare County. "Dan" says he expects to raise potatoes "bigger than that one" next year.

Under the direction of the music teacher, Miss Rennie Griffin, the music class of the Manteo High School will give a "musical" in the auditorium of the school building at eight o'clock Wednesday evening. The public is invited.

Mr. H. A. Reizenstein, sportsman of New York City, is spending the week at the Tranquil House.

Mr. E. C. Brishin, financier of Schuylerville, New York is spending a few days at the Tranquil Hotel in the interest of his property on Roanoke Island.

Mr. F. W. Hassinger sportsman of Orange New Jersey, is spending a few days at the hunting camps of Mr. A. V. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Kramer of Rhy Beach N. J. left on the steam or Trenton, Sunday morning after two and one half days hunting which resulted in the killing of fifty-two ducks.

Dr. O. J. Binder, dentist, is spending this week at the Tranquil House.

Miss Gene Robertson, primary teacher in Manteo High School, left on the Trenton Sunday to spend the holidays with her parents in Greensboro, N. C.

The holidays for Manteo High School will begin Thursday, December 23rd and last only one week.

Mr and Mrs J. W. Freeman of Wanchese were in Manteo Sunday evening.

## NO EMPTY STOCKINGS XMAS MORN AND XMAS DINNER IN EVERY HOME.

### This is The Program of Those Who Are Working to make Christmas Happy for Every Fireside in Elizabeth City

Not only is the Christmas season manifest in the brilliant red and shining green holly and other holiday decorations now found in the shops and homes of the city, but also there is abroad a kindness of spirit, that is striving to make the holidays bright for every unfortunate person in Elizabeth City.

Every church and every charitable organization is preparing to express glad tidings of good will to the needy on Christmas Day.

Announcement has been made that gifts for the poor will be received at Blackwell Memorial Annex Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. Liberal contributions have been promised those in charge of distributing these gifts. The pastor of the church has stated that walking down town on Monday morning he was overwhelmed by the generosity of those whom he approached in behalf of the needy ones in the city, and within a short time had secured liberal donations given in a most cheerful spirit. He declared that he had not seen such a spirit of giving in all of his experience, and he is anxious that all needy persons in the city should be reported to him at his home on Pennsylvania Avenue as early as possible, and that all little children who are afraid of waking on Christmas morning and finding no Christmas stocking let him know their names and addresses. Mr. Lofin says that he greatly desires that no person in the city shall be neglected in the city on Christmas Day and that his church may do its share in the work of bringing joy and comfort to the poor.

The United Charities, co-operating with all of the churches of the city, with the exception of Blackwell Memorial Church—which decided to do its charitable work separately—and with the Rescue Workers, is endeavoring to give a Christmas dinner to every family in need, and to fill the stockings of children who would otherwise be neglected. Mrs. Cam W. Melick is president of this organization and called a meeting several weeks ago for the purpose of providing for systematic Christmas giving to the poor of the city in order that no family or child should be neglected.

Representatives from the churches responded to this call and the work of providing for the Christmas dinners was turned over to Adjutant and Mrs. J. B. Gossett, Rescue Workers in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Gossett have canvassed the town carefully and obtained the names of those who need to be provided with a Christmas dinner. About one hundred names are on the list and only a small amount has been contributed to this fund, although envelopes have been distributed throughout the city asking for contributions. It is greatly hoped that more generous donations will be received at once. All donations should be sent to Adj. J. B. Gossett at 521 Riverside Avenue, or contributions of money may be sent to Mrs. A. B. Houz on Road street. The baskets will be distributed on Friday. Any one wishing to inquire of Mr and Mrs Gossett about articles needed for the baskets may telephone number 858-L.

There are one hundred dinners to be provided and Mr. Gossett has on hand only \$32.60 in groceries and \$45 dollars in cash, which is less than one third of the amount needed. The time is short and contributions are needed immediately. In addition to the Christmas dinner, many families are in need of clothing and Mr. Gossett

will send for any contributions of clothing if telephoned in regard to the matter.

Committees from the churches were appointed to attend to Christmas stocking work, with Miss Maricle Albertson as chairman of the committees to receive donations to the Christmas stocking fund. Miss Albertson is receiving these donations at her home on Church street and the work of filling the stockings and distributing them is being done by the various church committees.

Provisions for the Christmas dinner are the urgent need of the charity workers just now, and it is greatly hoped that the people of Elizabeth City will not suffer this need to go un supplied. That Christmas Day may bring joy to every person in Elizabeth City is the aim of the churches and the charitable organizations of this city. They ask that the more fortunate citizens of the city share their good fortune with their less fortunate brothers.

Mitchell's is the trading center. They have 'he goods and sell them at reasonable prices

### CRESWELL BRIEFS

Creswell, Dec. 20—Mrs. Jennie Foley spent a few days with friends in Columbia last week.

Mr. J. T. Johnson spent Saturday and Sunday in Belhaven. Messrs Roy Hopkins, Roy Litchfield Sidney Smithson returned home Saturday night from College to spend the holidays with their parents.

Miss Magnolia Robertson gave a recital Friday night at the academy for the benefit of the music class.

Mr. Tim Davenport spent Saturday in town on business. Mr. Charley Stiman has purchased Mr. Ed. Darvish's cold drink stand.

Mr. Philip Shugart left Saturday for Baltimore to attend the Shugart-Goldman wedding.

The Ladies Aid Society will give a Christmas supper Friday night at Hopkins Hall.

Mr. Jim Anderson returned home Monday for the holidays.

Miss Jennie Hopkins gave a party Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Robertson.

Creswell School will close Wednesday for the Christmas holidays. Miss Myrtle Patrick spent last week visiting friends in Cherry. Mrs. J. C. Galtner made a trip to Stonewall last week.

### AT CITY ROAD SUNDAY

Presiding Elder G. T. Adams will preach at City Road Methodist church next Sunday.

### BLACKWELL MEMORIAL CHURCH

At next Sunday morning's services all new members will be extended the right hand of fellowship at the close of the service. It is hoped that all new members will be present.

### FINED TEN DOLLARS

Walter Zachery was fined ten dollars and costs in Police Court this morning for an assault upon Armstead Wilson last August.

300 Ladies coats received at Mitchell's this week. Bought very cheap and sold the same way.