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SANTA ON DUTY

*It is Christmas again, a time of surmises,
Ribbons untied and thrill of surprises.*

*Christmas again, with its worry and cost
In follies we bought and in hours we lost.*

*Christmas again with its boisterous childhood,
Litter and glitter and green from the wildwood.*

*Dulled heart remembers old tenderness then,
And who is not glad it is Christmas again?*

By JULIA M. MARTIN
in Idaho Farmer



ALBEMARLE WOMAN'S CLUB MET WEDNESDAY

Skinnerville-Mesdames M. J. Elliott and J. J. Burdine were joint hostesses to the Albemarle Woman's Club at the home of Mrs. Elliott Wednesday afternoon. Miss Covington demonstrated on foods.

Letters of the alphabet were given those present to spell correctly the names of trees, flowers, vegetables etc., by Miss Covington. Mrs. Clinton Everett won the first prize, Mrs. S. A. Holton, second and Mrs. Ida Brickhouse third. A very interesting paper was read by Mrs. Brickhouse.

After the business session, the hostesses served refreshments.

Do your bit towards contributing to the happiness of some needy family during the Christmas Time by helping fill the

CHRISTMAS BOX

sponsored by the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Cash in Box, \$100 Clothing, few Toys, none

If you know of a worthy family, notify Mrs. B. A. Sumner, J. P. Sutton or this office, giving number in the family and the ages and sex of the children. Any worthy family in Washington county will be helped.

Send your contributions of MONEY, CLOTHING or TOYS to U. D. C., J. P. SUTTON or BEACON & NEWS

Beacon and News office is headquarters for the committee

Virginia Electric And Power Company Has Begun Work Power Lines To Plymouth

The Spirit Of Christmas

By Miss Ida S. Ambrose

Creswell:—One thousand years ago marks the epoch in history when the first Christmas occurred.

Down through the ages, as times and customs alter, only for a period of time thus to oscillate back to the same methods in life. Humanity boasts of one appreciation that has and ever more will haunt the civilized world—this is the Spirit of Christmas.

Christmas is the best time in the year to teach others appreciation. However personal achievement is necessary, but not the expenditure for tremendous gifts. Are you planning to give wisely or unwisely at Christmas time? Millions of dollars are invested carelessly and wasted too each Christmas, because the majority of people buy carelessly; thus the outcome is one-half of the Christmas gifts are of minor use to man kind.

We must think soberly and consider deeply about the first and greatest gifts we're planning to bestow on our intimate friends. One of the best gifts to donate to humanity is that of character building, which is frequently neglected in the homes. Can we buy the Spirit of Christmas? Yes, it can be bought at the purchase of a reasonable price; even the wail of the streets may buy it easily. Some where, some one near you is in need of this rare gift; whether they be rambling rangers or hermit souls; all are His children and must have a representative for this great force. Therefore humanity will better appreciate their own blessings.

To make one nook of God's Garden wherein we live we must be more worthy of God, to help enlighten others burdens, to make some one more blessed and less accursed. By doing this we're laying up a treasure and living a sacrifice. The first is moral, the second is divine.

Corresponding to this, God gave to humanity the greatest and most priceless gift, that of life and love, therefore this is the foundation of a real Christmas Spirit.

HOSTESS TO LITERARY CLUB

Members of the Thursday Afternoon Literary Club were delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. B. G. Campbell last Thursday afternoon.

The guests were met at the door by Mrs. Campbell and ushered into the dining room. The table was covered with a tulle cut work banquet cloth with a silver basket filled with white narcissuses as the centerpiece. The holiday color scheme of green and white was tastefully carried out both in the decorations and refreshments. White tapers in silver holders were symmetrically placed on the table. The hostess served snowball salad, Christmas tree cannibers, fruit cake and wine. Green and white mints in transparent containers were also served. At each place was a cedar tree bouterrier placed on the napkin.

The theme of the literary program was Andrew Jackson. Mrs. E. W. Ayers gave his early life; Mrs. H. A. Williford gave his life as a general and Mrs. S. A. Ward gave him as president.

Special guests were: Mesdames A. H. Stier, Burr, W. Ebner, R. A. Douvall, W. A. Davidson and C. T. Robbins.

SERVICES CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUNDAY

The Rev. H. R. Allegood of Clearwater, Florida, will preach in the Plymouth Christian Church at both the morning and evening services Sunday.

PLYMOUTH HAS TAKEN ON CHRISTMAS SPIRIT BENEFIT SHOW MONDAY

Plymouth has taken on the Christmas Spirit.

The City Council has caused red and green lights to be stretched across the street in the business section; the merchants have decorated their windows and a few citizens have set up Christmas trees in front of their homes. All of this goes to make one feel the Christmas Spirit.

Local merchants state that they can see but a little increase in their sales, but that they are going to keep their places of business open nights from now until Christmas and are going to offer the public some special from seven until closing time every night.

People are being very responsive to the plea for the unfortunates as \$100 has been placed in the Christmas box and some clothes have been brought to this office for distribution.

In the past, Christmas has not been Christmas until a number of drunks have been seen. This Christmas bids to be a sober one as there has not been any drunks arrested as yet and both town and county officials are very strict on drinking.

Sunday night the old town looked as though it was Christmas all ready as there were a number of boys down town shooting fire works and having a good time in general until Chief of Police P. W. Brown came along and put a stop to it. There is an ordinance against shooting fireworks, but it is thought that the councilmen will give the boys the privilege to shoot them during Christmas.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks to the many friends for their kind service, and flowers, rendered us during our bereavement and the loss of our mother and wife.

T. C. Craddock and Children

SEATON SWAIN DEAD

Seaton Swain, who for a number of years has been living in the back woods neighborhood, died Friday night. He had quite a long spell of stomach trouble.

Mr. Swain was one of Washington county's oldest citizens, having passed the seventy-fifth year. He was a member of Pleasant Grove Church and had been married three times. Interment was made in the Pleasant Grove cemetery with the Rev. J. Bascom Hurley, officiating.

Mr. Swain is survived by his wife four sons: Joe, Luther, Abarjia and Fate, and three daughters; Mrs. D. Marriner, Mrs. J. Mayo and Mrs. Pattie Burt of New Jersey.

POET AND PEASANT

"Have you done your Christmas shopping yet?" asked the Peasant.

"No," Poet. "I am sorry to say that I haven't, but I am about like the rest of the people, I don't have the money."

"What with all of these nice things being offered by the merchants and them staying open every night for your convenience," said the Peasant. "That's bunk. Just like what a lot of the things that some men have said. They say they are not going to spend any money for Christmas, but let me tell you when the women folks and kiddies get down behind them they will just have to loosen up. The kiddies will have Santa Claus."

"What about this Christmas Box that is being filled for the poor in the county?" asked the Poet

Mr. J. T. Chase, Mr. Moore and Mr. Goodman, with the Virginia Electric and Power Company were in Plymouth Wednesday. Mr. Chase stated that the V. E. P. Company will have their lines in Plymouth by the first of April.

The preliminary survey work will begin next week for a right-of-way and Stone & Webster will build the line from Williamston to Plymouth. The construction crew will have their headquarters in Williamston for the present, but later they will move to Plymouth.

A crew will be in Plymouth about the middle of January to look over the lines in Plymouth and rebuild them where it is needed. We are very anxious to get in Plymouth," said Mr. Chase. "Everything possible will be done to make our service satisfactory to the citizens of Plymouth," he continued.

FUQUA HURLEY SOCIETY HOLDS REGULAR MEET

The Fuqua Hurley Missionary Society of Roper M. E. Church held its regular monthly meeting with Mrs. A. R. Hooker, Monday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mrs. J. B. Hurley read the scripture reading and gave a short talk on "The Gospel, the Hermitage of All." Prayer was offered by Miss Jennie Knowles. Mrs. C. L. Walker read an article, "Our Work in China." Mrs. H. M. Williams read a pamphlet, "Helping To Possess The Land."

The social committee, Mrs. A. R. Hooker and Mrs. C. E. Mizell, reported fifteen visits and accommodations. The Superintendent of children's department, Mrs. A. Hooker reported having organized a Junior Missionary society, with an enrollment of twenty members.

Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Society closed with benediction and adjourned to meet with Miss Jennie Knowles, January 20.

NO COURT TUESDAY

Next Tuesday being Christmas eve, there will not be any Recorder's court until Tuesday, December 31. "We are expecting a full day Tuesday after Christmas as there will be lots of people who will do to much celebrating," said Judge Sawyer.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. A. H. Marshall, Rector Mr. Frith Winslow, Lay Reader. Sunday School at 10 A. M.

SPECIAL SERVICES

GRACE CHURCH

"A Visit to the Manger, Celebration of the Holy Nativity." At Grace Episcopal Church Sunday afternoon December 22nd. at 5 o'clock.

"That is one of the most worthy causes I know of," said the Peasant. Money, clothes, toys and food is being put in the box and will be given to the unfortunates in this county, both white and colored Christmas day."

"That's very nice," said the Poet, "I understand that there has been lots of clothes left at the Beacon and News office and that there is some over \$100 in the box. Also that the Almo Theatre is going to show a picture Monday night for the benefit of the box."

"I didn't know about that picture show," said the Peasant, "but I do hope that the people will go and have a big time. Whether the show is a good one or not, those who attend should have a good time as they know that they are helping some unfortunate."