



is Christmas Eve, the little lights glimmer in the windows of homes in varying tints of red, green, blue, and orange. Late shoppers are hurrying home with their loads of bundles. The shadows of night are falling, and already the shades have been drawn in some places of business, and others are closing for the day—and for the quiet, happy, sacred Day—celebrating the birth of the Babe in a Manager.

Out in the open spaces there is a slight rustle of leaves, and the boughs of the trees and the broom sedge sway gently in the last gentle winds of the day. Already the twittering birds have found their resting place for the night, except for an occasional one here and there that flits nervously from twig to twig and from tree to tree in search of a cozy, safe spot

for the night.

Around and in the barns, and along the lanes the cattle and horses have settled down for the night, with no sound from them, except an occasional shifting of position, or heavy breathing. The pigs in their pens are quiet, with now and then a drowsy grunt from one that is being crowded by its fellows.

Over it all the stars are already appearing, first one here, and then another there, and still others pierce the thin cold atmosphere with their brilliance. The peaceful hours slip by, and behind the spiny columns of pines a light grows more brilliant in the east, until a round full moon appears to take up its vigil over the peacefully sleeping earth, and to watch

the silvery frost weave glistening carpets among the grasses, and transform the weeds and shrubs into sparkling tapestries.

Appropriate services have been held in the various churches, depicting through readings, tableaux and songs the birth of the Child Jesus, and refreshing the minds of all concerning the coming of the Son of God into the world. Small children have had their bed-time stories, have been given their last instructions as to what to do before Santa comes, and how to inspect his mystic works the next morning, and are now tucked in their cozy beds for the night. A few voices are still heard about the homes, some moving on tiptoe to put last touches to the Christmas tree, or to slyly place another gift where it will be found by some happy recipient.

Down the dimly lighted streets in the frosty air moves a group of jolly young people, chattering in their innocent delight, with their breath making puffs of misty vapors in the icy atmosphere. Now all fall silent among them as they leave the street and gather around a window. Then, like an echo at first, but gathering volume as it proceeds, a lovely Carol floats out over the calm stillness:

"Silent night! Holy night!  
 All is dark, save the light  
 Yonder, where they sweet vigils keep,  
 O'er the Babe who in silent sleep  
 Rests in heavenly peace,  
 Rests in heavenly peace."

**DOWN EAST**  
 WITH  
**BILLY ARTHUR**

Christmas—the season of the year we must get junior something his father will play with, when foul murder promotes peace and good will.

Christmas comes but once a year—and that's enough.

And I've got enough ties—Christmas ties, I mean.

Some folks who sent me ties last Christmas evidently thought I was color blind. But I'll bet I'll break them of the habit. I've got the same ties all wrapped up and boxed, and am going to send them back to the same folks as a gift from me.

And, if women folks ever get to smoking cigars I'm really going to get even for some of those ties.

Red Cannady was powerfully busy when I walked into the bank to pay off a note the other morning. He was tending to people right and left, and when it came my turn he told me how busy he was.

"I'll just come back some other time when you're not so busy," I told him, trying to be considerate even though the note was a day past due.

"Not on your life," he declared. "I ain't that busy."

Funny people, these bankers! And I was wanting to be obliging!

Christmas season is a big event with the Dean Sullivans. In addition to that, it may limit the

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**Free Job-Wanted Ads For Onslow Veterans**

A service—our way of saying "Welcome Home"—for discharged members of the armed forces in Onslow County will be inaugurated by the News and Views with its next issue, January 1.

For one week—both issues of the News and Views—we will print, free of charge, advertisements for employment by all discharged men and women in this community. The advertisements will appear in the classified section of the News and Views, and the service will be available to all who are residents of Onslow County and immediate trade area. Advertisements must pertain strictly to the securing of employment.

Copy must be mailed or brought to the News and Views. No telephone copy, please. The only reservations that the News and Views make is that it may limit the

**Thirty-Two Onslow Veterans Get Their Honorable Discharges**

Thirty-two Onslowans have been honorably discharged from the armed forces in recent days. They include:

T-3 Lois T. Hill of Richlands, who entered service March 6, 1912, was an administrative supervisor, who wears the EAMET, Good Conduct and Victory medals and who was discharged November 24.

Sgt. Henry Lee Barbee of Maysville, who entered the U. S. Marine Corps for a second stretch May 25, 1912, and who was discharged November 30.

Seaman First Class Cyrus G.

**Sales Of Christmas Seals To Fight TB Now Total \$1,823.01**

A total of \$1,823.01 has been realized from the sale of Christmas Seals and Health Bonds by the Onslow County Tuberculosis Association. It was announced yesterday by Kenneth T. Knight, Jr., Midway Park, county chairman.

Knight said that the reports did not include Holly Ridge or Swansboro, and that he hoped persons who had received seals and who had not made their remittances to do so as soon as possible so that the campaign can be closed immediately after the first of the year.

Knight added that he expected the county would attain its quota of \$2,500 assigned by the State TB association, but doubted that it will meet the ambitious localized quota of \$3,000. A total of \$2,120 was realized from the seals and bonds last year.

Sales of seals so far have amounted to \$1,337.71, and bonds to \$485.30.

**Capt. W. W. Studdert Returns To Lejeune After Three Years**

Capt. W. W. Studdert, USN, who was assistant to the officer in charge during construction of Camp Lejeune, returned to the base yesterday for the first time in three years.

Captain Studdert left Lejeune December 10, 1912, in command of the 60th Seabee Regiment, sent to Guadalcanal, took command of the 10th Seabee regiment and carried it through the Saipan campaign, then was made commanding officer of the 43rd Seabee regiment took it into Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

He is visiting his brother George Studdert in New Bern. Another brother, Lieut. Tom Studdert, USMC, is a former member of the News and Views staff.

Captain Studdert has tentatively planned to open an engineering office in New Bern upon his discharge from the Navy, for which he has applied.

**Christmas Observance Here Will Be Varied**

**Chamber Directors Vote To Defray Census Costs**

The board of directors of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce this week voted to defray the costs of an official census of the City of Jacksonville to be taken by the Department of Commerce as soon as possible.

In a meeting called expressly for considering taking the census, the directors voted to spend up to \$750 for the census.

The department will make an official census before the regular time in 1920, the chamber has been advised, provided that it is approved by the city.

**Bond Referendum Registration Books Will Open January 5**

Registration books for Jacksonville's \$150,000 utilities improvements bond referendum election will be opened on January 5, and will remain open through January 19. It was announced yesterday.

The election will be held on Jan. 19.

Onslow County's first peacetime Christmas in four years will be observed appropriately with religious services in the churches, special Yuletide cantatas and radio programs, and as a day of solemn rejoicing by cessation of our usual daily labors.

Even Santa Claus, who already has visited at Camp Lejeune, will be on the streets of Jacksonville from 10 a.m. until 12 o'clock noon Christmas Eve to greet his little friends.

**Hospital Decorated**

The Onslow County Hospital Auxiliary has appropriately decorated the hospital with wreaths tied with red ribbons on doors and bowls of holly on bedside tables. Holiday favors will be on Christmas dinner trays also.

**Presents for Patients**

The Onslow County Chapter of