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CARRYING CHEER

It is a fine thing that Parson McQueen has started—the idea of carrying cheer to the community through the instrumentality of the human voice in song. He and the organization that is being built around the idea deserve the hearty co-operation of all people. They will do a great good and afford good, wholesome entertainment to a people whose entertainment is not always helpful.

This is not an agency for charity in the ordinary sense of the word. It is an agency through which the organizers hope to lift the spirits of those who are depressed and at the same time entertain those who seek only entertainment. Music, common-sense talks by men who have the confidence of their hearers, interesting readings, songs in chorus and all those things which the Dunn Cheerers will include in their programs can accomplish wonders in keeping up the morale of our folk.

And Parson McQueen and his fellow cheerers have started out with the cheering of the community as their prime job. The Dispatch hopes for them the highest degree of success and promises them all the support it can muster.

Welcome the Dunn Cheerers; may they live long and prosper.

PROSPERITY BY LEGISLATION

It will be well not to place too high a hope in the relief attempted by the national Congress in this hour of the nation's distress. Prosperity by legislation can be only a temporary prosperity, delaying the depression that is bound to follow an over production on a glutted market.

For four years we have enjoyed an abnormal wealth which all of us knew could not last. With eyes wide open we undertook the hazard of trade, knowing full well that if price reductions did not hit us now they were awaiting only another moment when the blow would be just as hard and deadly. Being an agricultural community and inexperienced in the handling of large sums of money, the wine of prosperity went to our heads and we did the obviously foolish things which produced momentary blizzards the world wanted then the world

needed. Meantime, we had not prepared against the coming of the day when conditions must come to normal. Normalcy caught us unawares, with big stocks, much farm products produced on high-priced land with high-priced labor and materials. Big industrial concerns, schooled in hazards, prepared for this condition. They are weathering the storm without serious loss, while we, with little saved, are appealing to Congress to pull us out of a hole into which we tumbled in broad daylight.

Congress may relieve the situation temporarily, but the best thing we can do is to realize that we have been a lot of dampfools, swallow our losses and "carry on."

Dunn schools close today for a two-week Christmas vacation. Nearly 600 boys and girls and twenty members of the faculty are thus set at liberty to enjoy the good things of the merry Christmas. On Tuesday, January the schools will reopen. Meantime most of the faculty will depart for homes in other towns to join with their kinspeople in the celebration. The Dispatch trusts that each will have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The children, of course, will remain with us and help us to lay aside the burdens of hardtimes for the time being and make merry. They will be augmented by those of Dunn's young people who are away from home in other schools. Together their happy laughter will drive dull care away and take us back to the time when we looked forward with such fond expectation to the coming of the little gentleman of the grey beard and could hear the glad jangle of his bells and the clatter of his reindeer hooves in the still night as the little god of children's joy slid down the hill toward home.

Reports from Professor Martin indicate that Dunn children have done exceptionally well in school this year. They deserve a merry Christmas—and here is hoping that they will get their deserts.

All persons who care to make contributions toward the relief of poor children in the Dunn District during the Christmas season are requested to telephone Secretary T. L. Riddle of the Chamber of Commerce. The contributions need not be large. Any amount will be gladly and thankfully accepted with the assurance that they will be applied where they will do the most good. So far there have been no donations, but many have expressed their willingness to help. These and others who care to do so will please communicate with Mr. Riddle at once so that the committee in charge of the work can ascertain just what its resources will be.

Need for these donations is so apparent that we think it hardly necessary to review the situation again. You are as familiar with conditions as we are. You are just as close to the sufferers as are the men and women whose hearts have been touched by the plight of the little ones whose misfortunes may cause Santa to ov-

erlook them when all the rest of the Christian world is rejoicing. Do as your heart prompts you to do.

Professor J. A. Campbell was in town today with a large body of students from Buies Creek Academy who are on their way to homes for the Christmas holidays. The school closed today to reopen on January 4. Professor Jim Arch is much pleased with the success of his school this year, although he regrets that financial conditions will compel many of his charges to remain home after the holidays. The enrollment of the school this year is the largest in the history of the institution—about 575. All of the dormitory space was taken during the fall term and many applications for entrance had to be declined. With the new year, however, there will be some vacancies which will go to the first applicants.

Twenty years ago next Monday night Professor Campbell saw the result of his life's work in building a school go up in flames. It was a serious blow to him and to the community. But with that indomitable spirit responsible for the school's creation he started to work again in an effort to rebuild. The intervening two decades have been wonders worked over there in the woods. Today Buies Creek Academy is one of the State's leading schools, a credit to the community and a fitting monument to the great and good man who has devoted his life to the creation of an institution to which the young men and women of America may come for those things which start them on the road to worthy, Christian citizenship.

Jim Arch Campbell isn't an old man yet—but in the years given him he has accomplished more than usually accomplished by men in their allotted span. May his school be ever

prosperous and may he be spared long to guide its destiny.

Of course now, if Mr. Harding is going to play only politics and reward only the "faithful," we cannot see any chance to hold our postmaster in his present position. But in places service and the desires of the largest number of patrons as voted by the office before small politics, we are confident that Eugene T. Lee will continue in his job. If North Carolina—or the whole nation, for that matter—has a more efficient man in a job than Gene has proved to be in his, we have not discovered him. Dunn folk want Gene on the job. He gives them real service and never plays at politics.

PENALTY OF 1 PER CENT WILL be added on January 1st on all taxes. Pay now and save cost. U. S. Page, Town Tax Collector. tf.

JURORS FOR JANUARY For the January term of Harnett Superior court which convenes on the 10th of January and lasts for one week for the trial of criminal cases exclusively, the following jurors have been drawn:

From Anderson Creek: W. R. West, H. R. Canady.
From Averasboro: R. C. Neighbors, M. A. Lee, T. A. Raynor, Ellis Goldstein, L. G. Tart, J. E. Tart, T. V. Smith, S. G. Pittman, J. L. Parker, W. J. Wood.
From Barbecue: D. P. Clark, D. H. Cameron.
Upper Little River: W. A. Morrison, J. A. Allen.
Judge C. C. Lyon of Bladen county.

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Christmas

See our pretty baskets of assorted Fruits and boxes of Fine Candies, prepared for the Christmas Trade.

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PEARS
Let Us Prepare A Special Box Or Basket for You—We Will Deliver It.
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—Railroad Avenue—

PRESENTS
For Everybody

With the coming of Christmas your thoughts are turning to presents for your relatives and friends; but you are also remembering that this is a season for economy. That is where we come in and we have the things most suitable for this year's Christmas presents, marked down to figures that make it economy to buy.

You Must Give A Useful Present This Year

Here Are Some Suggestions

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| FOR HIM | FOR HER |
| Neck Ties | Gloves |
| Shirts | Dresses |
| Shoes | Shoes |
| Gloves | Handkerchiefs |
| Hose | Coats |
| Hats | Suits |
| Suits | Furnishings |
| Over Coats | Hose and hundreds of other things |

that will be appropriate and acceptable. Come in, and look them over.

J. W. Draughon

Dunn, N. C.

USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

YOU CAN FIND THEM HERE

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|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Chairs | Knives | Rifles | Ranges |
| Rockets | Forks | Bicycles | Hardware |
| Couches | Spoons | Velocipedes | Musical Instruments and |
| Rugs | Community Plate | Tools | Furniture |
| Silver Ware | Guns | Stoves | |

Thousands of other things to Select from. Make it something worthy of yourself. Let It be a useful thing.

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