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For the cause that lacks assistance,
'Gainst the wrongs that need resistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that we can do.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

With 1926 drawing rapidly to a close we can look back over its twelve months as they have passed in this community, and we find in them much that we will wish to remember, and but very little we will want to forget.

The Christmas season of 1926 brings to us a record of twelve months of community peace, of community good will, of community prosperity, and an increased community hope for the dawning year of 1927.

During 1926 we have enjoyed our neighbors, our friends; we have laughted with them in their hours of merriment, and we have grieved with them in their bereavements and consoled them as best we might. This is as it should be. It is such things that the spirit of Christmas teaches us. It is the lesson brought to us by the Man of Gallilee nineteen hundred and twenty-six years ago.

During 1926 we have grown better individually and collectively; we have evinced a greater degree of tolerance, of human kindness, of love and faith, than in any previous year, and this is but an evidence of the increasing betterment of the race.

With a backward glance over the records of 1926 we find every good reason for believing this Christmas season is to be the best we have ever enjoyed. We know that those blessings, faith, hope, love, peace, that are brought to the race with the birth of the Christian area are with us in a greater degree than ever before. We know we will receive a greater number of hearty Christmas greetings, a greater number of friendly smiles, and what comes to us will come to each and every individual in our community, including our Merry Christmas to each and every one.

THE PEACE OF CMRISTMAS

By Katherine Edelman.

The peace of Christmas time is all over the land, the blessed, holy peace that the angels first sang over the half hills of Judea and which echoed and re-echoed with added strength through each succeeding year.

"Peace on earth to men of good will." This the secret of the peace that comes at Christmas time, for true and abiding peace can come only to men of good will, it can dwell in the heart only when all that is opposed to it has been driven out. And it is that at this season, when man is at his very best, when his heart is filled with the spirit of love and service of giving and doing, when every trace of doubt and fear, of hatred and mistrust, of envy and malice, is driven out of his heart, this blessed holy peace enters in and he knows a happiness so deep and sincere that it fills all his being, like sunshine during a darkened landscape.

Peace—the word itself has a beautiful sound, a sweet cadence that delights the ear. It was a word that Christ child used often when He grew to man's estate. Once He told His disciples: "Into whatsoever house you enter, say peace be to this house." What a wonderful salutation and how sweet it must have sounded falling from His lips!

Let us away with strife at this season. Now is the time to speak kindly words. Let us not carry into the new year the enmities of the old. Let us not the harsh notes of contention come into the heavenly song of peace. Christ came to give peace, and from heaven's throne today He bends to give peace to all who trust Him.

To have peace within the heart and home is to enjoy sincere and genuine happiness. Without it no joy can be really satisfying, no pleasure or gain worth while. With peace lacking there is always unrest in the soul, always an unsatisfied yearning no matter what else one may posses.

Today, when the earth is wrapped in this beautiful mantle of peace, when it is enfolding the world and binding men and women more closely in a brotherhood of love and service, when its influence is filling all hearts and leading them to ways of happiness, let each one of us pray and hope that this beautiful spirit shall endure long after the Christmas time is past and gone.

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

In another column The Waynesville Mountaineer announces that we will give away a very caluable razor outfit free with every subscription or order for job printing. This is purely an advertising scheme of ours; but these razors are the genuine article and easily worth the price of the subscription. Many papers put on subscription contests and give away in prizes all subscription money taken in. In other words the paper is sent practically free to the patrons. We believe that our subscribers should get the benefit of any deducted percentage on the price of our paper, therefore we have adopted this unique scheme. The offer will only last a very short time.

Our subscription list is greater than ever before and we are not at all anxious to add many more names to our list either. It's the advertising matter that makes it possible for us to publish each week.

If we had thirty thousand subscribers, it would not increase the advertising rate of this paper, because the local merchants would not pay any more per column inch.

The zone law directs that all subscriptons be paid in advance and if we obey the law, which we certainly do, then delinquent subscriptions must be cut off.

We consider this paper easily worth $2.00 per year and sell it purely upon its merits. We do not carry foreign, national or state news, but do try to give all the local news fit to print and you cannot get this news anywhere else. As we are not running a police gazette, we do not publish the record of crimes or sensational news of any nature. We want our weekly paper to go into the homes all our citizens where the most innocent child can read it without fear of reading nausuating details of domestic trouble or some terrible crime.

We do not solicit subscriptions and because of the low price cannot spare the time nor expense to mail notices to our sbscribers when they are in arrears. The label on the paper is the record. The advertising rates are lowest of any weekly paper in this section.

The merchants of Waynesville and community make it possible to publish your home paper. If we had to run on subscriptions the paper would be no more.

We have published the above as information only to our many subscribers and as an explanation why we cut everyone one off who does not pay up.

These razors are going to be given away and they will only last a short time, therefore, we urge all our old subscribers to renew at once and get this valuable article free as a souvenir of your home paper. It doesn't make any difference if you are paid in advance for five years, add another year and get a razor.

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ENCOURAGE HONESTY BY REMOVING TEMPTATIONS

The National Credit Association plans a $1,750,000 fund to prosecute commercial crooks—fraudulant bankruptcy, inside robberies, arson for insurance, and similar business crimes. Estimates vary all the way from $500,000,000 to $2,000,0000,000 loss every year through such frauds.

And yet the nation is essentially honest. Statistics show that of the millions of auto sales on deferred payments, only .163 of one per cent fail after having paid one-third down on a 12-months contract. The percentage of loss increased rapidly with the extension of time and the smallness of the down payment.

Credit is the foundation of American business; the country would starve to death overnight, on a strict cash basis, even though America has more money per capita than any other nation on earth. The maintenance of credit, which is bankable honesty, is imperative, but the man who invites sales that tempt repudiation, is as potent a criminal as thief himself. Starting in to punish offenders and to educate tyros or excitable seliers who do not yet realize their co-responsibility, the Credit Association can perform a splendid national service.

"Lead us not into temptation," is no meaningless phrase; it is profound philosophy for religion and business."

STOP PLAYING POLITICS WITH MUSCLE SHOALS

Ten years ago, as a national defense measure, Congress started a development at Muscle Shoals to produce nitrates for powder and fertilizer. The war ended and there stood Muscle Shoals, the nitrate plants practically complete, but work on the power dam only about a third complete. To date this project represents an expenditure of about $150,000,000 of public funds.

Nothing could better illustrate the blighting effect of politics in business than the years of failure by Congress since the war ended, to make some disposition of Muscle Shoals, beneficial to the public.

There stands this great property, a potential producer of nitrates for farmers and power for industries. Our Federal laws provide the method for leasing such government property for useful purposes. In spite of the fact that the leasing procedure is clear and specific and duly protects the public interest, eight years' time have been wasted playing politics with Muscle Shoals.

Finally after considering its disposition from every angle, Congress, in March, 1926, on the recommendation of President Coolidge, created a joint Congressional committee to negotiate a proper lease of this property for the production of nitrates and other fertilizer ingredients primarily, and for power purposes—the power to be equitably distributed between the communities and states to which it may be properly transported. After exhaustive hearings, bids were called for, based on the terms specified by the committee. From the bids submitted, the committee has recommended acceptance of the offer made by a group of public utility power companies operating in eight of the Southern states. It now remains for the House and Senate to authorize the Secretary of War to execute a contract on behalf of the United States Government.

Therefore, the present Congress has the opportunity to finally settle this problem on terms that conform to the requirements made by Congress, insuring operation of the plants for the purposes for which they were constructed, and payment to the government of a large cash rental. If the proposed legislation fails of passage at this session of Congress, the question will again be deferred for perhaps another two years or more, before new legislation can be considered and acted on by Congress. In the meantime, the promise of fertilizer assistance to agriculture and the diffusion of surplus power to industries throughout the South will be unreueemed, and the benefit from the investment of $150,000,000 of public funds will be denied to the public.

By magnifying its importance, for political effect, Muscle Shoals has been given an apparent public value out of all proportion to its relative importance and the time Congress has wasted on it to the exclusion of more pressing matters.

LETTUCE EATEN FOR IRON

"Had your iron today?" the raisin ads formery asked us. Now lettuce, carrots and spinach are being eaten in tremendously increased quantities by the American consumer in his hunt for longer life and happier days. Lettuce shipments last year were six times the 1916 value, or about $20,000,000. California, because of her foresight in educating and following the popular tastes in farm foods and her large use of modern farm machinery, leads all states. New York and Florida follow in that order.

Comfy Bed Jacket

This bright and soft bed jacket does not look as if it were fashioned of little more than two straight lengths of loosely knitted, fine wool yarn, but it is. The outer length is in geranium red, the lining in white. They are joined by the crocheted shell stitch in red which finishes all the edges. Little clusters of gay yarn flowers are posed on the sleeves and collar and there is no member of the family who will not enjoy this comfy gift.

"Scissor Painted" Vase

"Scissor painting" is an easy new method of decorating pottery, lamp shades and other things so that they look as if they were hand painted. Here is a pretty vase decorated with designs cut from crepe paper and pasted to it, and glazed with thin, transparent amber sealing wax paint. The pattern is cut out carefully and the paste applied with the grain of the paper, being sure to cover the edges. It is then put in position and pressed down securely. Paint over the entire surface with the thin sealing wax paint, and after it has dried paint in a background with thicker paint, about as thick as cream, in one color or in shaded effects.

New Ribbon Fancies

For Chrisimas gifts, purses, card cases and all sorts of fancy bags, neatly and ingeniously made of ribbon come into bloom as regularly as poinsettia and Christmas trees. Here are two of this year's contributions—a flat envelope purse of black moire ribbon and a little melon-shaped work bag. The envelope purse has two flat pockets and fastens with snap fasteners under a flap that bears a rhinestone ornament. Sections of light satin ribbon with black diamond-shaped applique form the bag, that is left open between the handles of narrow ribbon.

Two Gift Suggestions

Think not that canny ladies with bobbed hair forego the wearing of pretty bandeau and breakfast cap. Therefore the picture discloses two suggestions for Christmas gifts that will please—the [illegible] robed and [illegible] and the [illegible] bandeau of the [illegible]

Time of Students Wasted Through Neglect of Proper Classification

By DR. GEORGE F. ZOOK, Prominent Educator.

American colleges and universities are illogical organizations which waste at least a year of each student's time because of failure to classify the students according to their abilities.

Boys and girls from all walks of life and of every variety of intelligence are being admitted without proper classification of the course to be pursued. We do a bad job of lumping them together.

It is the duty of the secondary schools to induce those who have the ability to do college work to attend college, and in some way to encourage those who do not to take special vocational work to fit them for earning a livelihood.