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### Christmas '44

Next Monday we will celebrate the fourth war time Christmas in the country, still secure in home untouched by the disasters of war, thanks to GI Joes in foxholes all over the

THE NEWS extends seasonal greetings to all of its readers and patrons as it rejoices on this its first Christmas since publication under present ownership. But as we exchange greetings and wishes for happiness during the yuletide season, let's not forget the sons, brothers and husbands who are giving their lives and blood that we might have continued peace on earth as we worship Him who first shed blood for a world of sinners.

Those on far distant battle fields will continue the fight to bring peace on earth until the distasteful task is accomplished, but peace on earth is not sufficient. There must be good will or the battle will be in vain for the victor as well as the loser.

Who will establish good will? GI Joe's weapons that bring peace will be useless. It will be up to us at home. If we do not unshackle ourselves from the chains of greed and false pride, there will be another peace to be won and more lives and blood to be sacrificed.

As THE News extends its greetings, it is our wish also that it is more than mere words when we greet another next Monday morning with the familiar "Merry Christmas."

### **School Sanitation**

The current report of the grand jury of WITH AUTHORITY AS AUTHOR Lenoir county is something all who have accepted responsibility for county government in North Carolina would do well to take into TO YOU ORANGE COUNTIANS, account. It deals primarily with the public school system and points out conditions which it calls "deplorable." Since the items deplored FROM IT, THAT I AM GLAD run to defective plumbing, shortage of busses, water pumps that refuse to work, lacking or faulty septic tanks and such-like it requires no great stretch of imagination for up-state folk to grasp the situation. We Orange folks EACH OTHER REGULARLY FOR have been right there, and, we suspect, are not without guilt at present.

What does the Lenoir grand jury suggest by way of correction? That the county superintendent make the required repairs or get out in favor of somebody who will.

That's plain, understandable talk. There ought to be more of it. We are not trying to take the Lenoir superintendent, E. E. Sams, who is a schoolman of repute, for a ride, nor are we talking at Orange's superintendent by indirection. We are simply getting around to the flat-footed statement that the people of North Carolina are fast approaching the point at which they are going to demand that those who administer the public school system leave off their boasts about the number of pupils transported to eleven or twelve grades for nine months of the year and safeguard the pupils in transit and on the school

All of us who are conversant with rural schools in North Carolina know that in sanitation they do not compare favorably with the county prison camps maintained by the state highway commission.

It may well be that the legislature has not provided sufficient money for the proper maintenance of the rural schools, it is possible, that the counties must resume some sense of obligation; but a county superintendent who has a single school under his supervision inviting an epidemic of typhoid through a lack of sanitation or a bus which picks up primary graders a mile from home before daylight and does not fetch them back within an hour by sun and doesn't resign if he can't do anything about it ought to be

If we refrain from saying what ought to happen to a state superintendent of public instruction who neglects the physical condition of schools and pupils to devote his time to attending the meetings of a state board of answer to any of the questions parents of school children are asking, you may infer that what we say about the superintendent of one county ought to go about 100 times for the boss of the outfit.

LET'S ALL BUY MORE WAR BONDS

### **ETAOIN SHRDLU**

THE LONE DISSENTER . . . John Foushee, Chapel Hill's mayor before Bob Madry took over, has entered two protests against changes that have been made in THE News since it came to Orange for its printing job. He wants his "Lone Ranger" back, and he likes the tabloid size. I didn't even have to send an inquiring reporter around to get his views about it, either; he made protest against dropping his favorite comic the first rushed on the field and tried to week it disappeared from the newspaper and last Wednesday night before he'd seen his paper and the results of the opinion poll ex-Mayor Foushee was wanting to know why the paper had changed that convenient size.

DOWN MY ALLEY . . . The last two weeks' front page headlines of your county newspaper have topped stories my typewriter has duplicated many a time. "Achievement Day," "Farm-to-Market Roads,"—these were two of them. Then, there were the articles about progress in dairying, the REA man talking about electric line extension, a hint of rural telephone development, and Norfleet Webb's flower shop in Hillsboro and the Wests' in Carrboro. . . Then, over in the advertising section was that half page news-tisement by Swift & Company. Did you read that one? If not, go back and check it. There will be a series of ads on agricultural topics by the same people. For the privilege of talking to Orange county farmers on sub jects close to their daily living Swift & Company is paying for liberal space in this paper. ... And, you don't have to be the newspaper counterpart of a radio. Plug Shrinker to go all the way through the Swift messages. There's no selling message in them.

ETAOIN SHRDLU, SCRAMBLED LET-TER COLUMN OF YOUR NEWSPAPER, WISHES ALL OF YOU READERS, IF THERE ARE ANY READERS, THE BEST CHRISTMAS SEASON YOU, HAVE EVER HAD IF THAT WERE AT ALL POSSIBLE IN A WORLD WHERE THERE IS NO "PEACE ON EARTH" AND WHERE THE USUAL GREETING "GOODWILL TOWARD MEN" HAS A HOLLOW SOUND. NEVERTHELESS, I CAN SPEAK OF ETAOIN SHRDLU IN SAYING TO HAVE MET YOU AND I HOPE WE WILL BE SEEING CHRISTMASES TO COME . . . AND MAY ALL THE CHRISTMASES

THAT COME NOT BE LIKE THIS ONE.

### BY THE EDITOR

CHRISTMAS . . .

It is natural for one to wonder what Christmas must have been like way back yonder. The season has been so commercialized that today there is so much hum-drum and nervous confusion that on December 26th there is a spirit of relief, relaxation and sighing after about two months of running high and low. EXCEPTIONS . . .

Of course there are exceptions to the day after-Christmas resting rule. There are those donning the ice pack on heads that feel enlarged by about three times—the result of an overdose of egg nog and reasonable facsimiles. They wish they could rest.

RESTRICTIONS . . .

There are some restrictions on the wartime celebration though. The one that has caught me the hardest is the lighting problem. If there is a string of indoor tree lights to be had, they aren't on my tree. But then there is a more advantageous shortage-fireworks. Before the war, there were at least two fireworks stands in every town and the whole Minstrels; honor to whom honor community rocked with the booming of fireworks for a month before and after. And some kid in the next block always held a "thunder- all the thunderbolts we could find bolt" or "cherry bomb" in his hand too long and landed in the hospital with a couple of fingers gone or his hand badly burned and bruised from the explosion. There are a few firecrackers in circulation, but nothing like education which so far has not offered an there used to be, and I, for one, am not complaining of that shortage.

LOOKING BACK . .

I remember the Christmas season when fireworks were plentiful and two gangs of us rowdys got mad at each other. We still insist that they threw at us first (not a sworn statement). The scrap resulted in our getting

# 1919...In Orange County

Chapel Hill never before witessed such a gathering . . . "Commencement day or Rally day would have been swallowed up in the great throng." . . . 13,000 to 14,000 persons attended the Carolina-Virginia football game ... . Carolina outclassed the Virginians.

In Rocky Mount, where Chapel Hill high school was playing football a crowd of several hundred start a fight. . . . "Rocky Mount did everything in its power to get the Chapel Hill team to fight but the steady Hillians kept on playing ball."

Carrboro's Ellington & Durham store was broken into and a quantity of merchandise was stolen.

Efland's John Clark and a party of friends, going to Hillsboro Thanksgiving evening in his Ford, was struck by a larger car and the Ford was almost demolished. No one was hurt. . . . Miss Annie Cole of Hillsboro was visiting her sister, Mrs. John Smith in Efland.

> "White Cross is coming, So just look out and see; If you find a better place, Just report to me."

"A new buggy fever is raging in this section. Look out girls in every direction." . . . "Guess Rex is still studying his geography for more information concerning the stars." (White Cross.)

The Graham Memorial fund has reached the \$104,000 figure.

good behavior at Rock Hill school. Hurrah for Miss Dark. She's a

"Cotton 391/2c, cotton seed \$1.28 per bushel."

amounted to over \$300,000."

The Chapel Hill graded school has a Ford truck nicely equipped for the purpose of hauling children to school, those who live in the nearby country."

Chapel Hill: "The renting of the new boxes in the new postoffice building took place Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. The next important thing to'do is to have free mail delivery in town and the University."

Hon. Thos. R. Marshall, vicepresident of the United States, spoke in Raleigh Monday night.

(... These were the things THE NEWS (then published at Chapel nificantly, it said: "All subscriptions not paid up before Jan. 1st, the New Year. Some may take this as a joke, but don't be disappointed, come in during the next except sows, stags, and boars. week or so and pay up and renew as next year is a political year, and you will want THE NEWS more than ever before.")

MORE THAN THE USUAL NIP IN THE AIR

Unofficial weather diagnosticians in and around Hillsboro are in pretty much agreement that below average temperatures have prevailed in these parts during the late fall days of this year. Although Orange county has escaped the snow blizzards of further-North areas and the snow flurries that have fallen in other sections of the state and certain sections of the "sunny South, it has experienced low temperatures for days at a time and has seen its pre-Christmas piles of fuel fall lower than is customary.

Winter's arrival this week has been attended by no signs of a rise in the temperature.

## **Headlines Of Old**

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Big extra vote offer will close Saturday night; Sheriff Sloan and deputies capture still, oil burner; soldiers' and widows' pensions; Hillsboro boys on sight seeing trip in west; report of grand jury; marriage license issued; the Merry

were a cut arm on our side, a stunned hand on the other, and two broken gutter pipes and a shattered window on the house as we threw thunderbolts at them in the window and they threw torpedoes at us on the street. I am sure the parents of both groups knew nothing of the row or there would have been more casualties. That has convinced me that children's hands are too small for

# Schley News

Alton Wilson of State College is home for the Christmas holi-

Ray Allerson, Jr. is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Al-

erson, from State College. Mrs. Leonard Wilson of Hillsboro spent the day with Miss Ruth Wilson recently.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Johns are glad to have their daughter, Jessie; visit them from New York.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Johns, Jessie and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wilson of Hillsboro had supper with Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Wilkerson Friday night. Misses Inez and Mary Wilson of Meredith College are spending the Chirstmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wil-

Miss Louise Wilson gave her brother, Ray, a surprise birthday party on Saturday night.

Mrs. Herman Wilson entertained her Sunday school class at a Christ-

mas party on Friday night.

Mrs. Glenn Kennedy had supper with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mincey Sunday night.

Alton and Ruth Wilson visited Mr. and Mrs. John Hawkins of Cedar Grove Sunday evening.

#### BARBARA CASHION IS HIGH SCHOOL QUEEN; BERNARD LLOYD KING

Chapel Hill, Dec. 20.-Barbara Cashion was crowned Queen and Bernard Lloyd was crowned King of Chapel Hill high school at the "Proconival", a carnival sponsored by the Proconian, student newspaper of Chapel Hill high school At Rock Hill: "We are having held at the high school "Tin Can" Saturday night.

Runners-up in the popularity contest acted as ladies-in-waiting and pages to Queen Barbara and King Bernard. They were: Ardie Hamilton, Evelyn Merritt, Hilda Sharkey, Rebecca Huggins, ladies-"The Bank of Carrboro opened in-waiting; and Jimmy Blake, Saturday . . . first day's deposits Frank Farrington, Billy Carmichael and Preston Carroll, pages.

Queen Barbara and King Bernard were chosen by popular bal-

The formal program prior to the coronation ceremonies consisted of a trio singing "Pistol Packin' Mamma", a group of Christmas songs, and "Don't Fence Me In." Members of the trio were: Fay Jones, Nancy Williams and Charlotte

Movies, oddities, bingo, dancing and other features of the usual carnival were offered at the Proconival in addition to the coronation

#### CEILING PRICES RAISED ON BARROWS AND GILTS

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—Ceiling prices Hill) was reporting in its issue on all live barrows and gilts have of December 6, 1919 . . . and, sig- been raised to \$14.75 per hundredweight, Chicago basis, as a result of action by the Office of Price 1920, will be cut off beginning with Administration in extending higher ceiling prices on light-weight live hogs to all weights of hogs

The Raleigh OPA said ceilings on sows, stags and boars are now 75 cents per hundredweight under ceilings for barrows and gilts.

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**Birthday Party** 

Efland

Miss Nell McAdams was honored Saturday night by a surprise birthday party given to her by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mc-Adams at the Fairfield Community House. Apples, oranges, and cake were served to the following guests: Jessie Gray Nichols, Doris Taylor, Merle McAdams, Jane Compton, Sarah Vaughn, Edna Burke Nichols, Catherine Wilson, Rita Vaughn, Zelota Compton, Burch McAdams, Bobby Nichols, Ben Lloyd, Birch Compton, Glenn Caruthers, and William Dorsett.

Air Cadet Perry Brown has returned to Moody Field, Ga., after spending his furlough with his

furlough with his parents, Mr. a Mrs. Fred Brown

Wayne Taylor of Elon College spending the Christmas holids with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I

Miss Bettie Sue Lloyd of Elo College is spending the Christma holidays with her parents, Mr and Mrs. A. B. Lloyd.

Miss Flora Jane Efland of Wom an's College, Greensboro, is spend-ing the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.

Miss Annie Catherine Meass mer is a patient in Watts hospi tal, Durham. Miss Lillian Thompson spent th

weekend in Durham with rel

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