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SELL-BUY-BANK and CHRISTMAS SHOP IN FARMVILLE

VOLUME TWENTY-EIGHT

Gay Lights and Greenery Provide Coloring Setting For The Yuletide Season

Farmville and Her Merchants Unite in Giving Suitable Atmosphere For Celebration Of Christmas.

Thousands of yards of mountain laurel twined about the light poles and festooned across the streets of the business section and interspersed with hundreds of colored lights combined with scores of lighted Christmas trees on the sidewalks, provide a gay scene which has not been equaled here in any previous year.

To the laurel, incandescents and other street decorations was added two large and brilliantly lighted stars on Friday evening at the hour when old Santa Claus made his arrival in town. Santa was given a warm welcome by the town officials, the high school band and practically all the children in the community.

Other decorations and beautiful scenes are to be found in the show windows of the stores where samples of the huge stock of Christmas gifts are to be seen effectively arranged. The town authorities and merchants have done a wonderful job in uniting to give Farmville a suitable atmosphere for the Yuletide celebration and when the individual home Christmas trees, inside and out, candle lit and wreath hung windows become alive the town will be at its brightest and best.

Rehearsals for Christmas pageants are underway and plans for a universal celebration of the birth of Christ is receiving cooperation from everybody in Farmville.

The poor and needy will not be forgotten as various organizations are planning to carry joy and happiness to many families during the season.

What Do You Think?

(By N. C. Tuberculosis Association)

Tuberculosis has been responsible for the deaths of more than 50,000 North Carolinians in the last 25 years. We think that is a tragedy. What do you think?

Tuberculosis, in spite of a great decline in the death rate from this disease, took the lives of 2096 North Carolinians last year. We think this is entirely too heavy a toll to pay for ignorance and indifference. What do you think?

The death rate of tuberculosis in North Carolina is higher than that of the country as a whole and of some of the other Southern States. We think it should be lowered to at least the level of the rate in the United States Registration Area. What do you think?

Tuberculosis is caused only by the tubercle germ. Open cases spread the germs of the disease to others. The most of our tuberculosis is not found until it is moderately or even far advanced. Yet we have all the knowledge necessary for finding it before serious damage is done. We think it should be found early, isolated and properly treated. What do you think?

Some school teachers in North Carolina have been found spreading tubercle germs among their students. There is a State Health Department regulation requiring all teachers and janitors to be free from active tuberculosis. We think this should be strictly enforced. What do you think?

We think that the knowledge concerning the value of the tuberculin test and the X-ray in finding tuberculosis early should be spread everywhere and applied to all physicians. What do you think?

We think that every school boy or girl entering competitive athletics should be given the tuberculin test and that all reactors should be X-rayed. Further than that, we think that all high school students should have the advantage of this procedure as a matter of routine. What do you think?

We think more knowledge is essential to solution of the tuberculosis problem and that the early diagnosis Campaign offers a splendid opportunity for spreading this knowledge. What do you think?

We think educating the public in regard to tuberculosis is a worthwhile task and that everybody should accept some measure of responsibility for its accomplishment. What do you think?

We think that the war against tuberculosis is one in the prosecution of which you have a part to perform. What do you think?

We should not think of these little seals as only a Christmas seal, but as a means to saving lives—to preventing tuberculosis and to curing it—for it is preventable and curable.

Just to keep everybody to the start, we say, "Happy New Year!"

Special Service Christmas Eve

A service of praise and adoration, through which will run the theme of the angel's chorus, "Peace on earth, good will to men," will be held in the Episcopal church at midnight Christmas Eve. A call to the community to "Come and Worship" is hereby extended by the rector, the Rev. J. R. Rountree.

Japs Fired On Fleeing Crew

Service Vessels Machine-Gunned Panay After Bombing

Washington, Dec. 16.—Secretary Hull announced today that official reports had confirmed that Japanese service vessels machine-gunned the American gunboat Panay after it had been bombed from the air by Japanese fighters.

The Secretary of State said this information had been transmitted to the American Ambassador at Tokyo for presentation to the Japanese Foreign office in the form of representations to supplement facts already set forth in this government's formal note of protest on the bombing.

Although Hull withheld details of the information in the hands of the State Department, officials asserted it confirmed that while the Panay survivors were escaping from the sink ship in small boats, Japanese airplanes dived and machine-gunned the boats at low altitude. Two were wounded.

The State Department official advised, it was added, confirmed also that before the Panay sank two Japanese army motor boats approached the ship and machine-gunned it. Some of the Japanese, it was said, boarded the Panay and remained on it about five minutes, although the American colors were flying and easily visible.

Help Others If You Wish To Enjoy Xmas

"Christmas is a season when we should make every effort to bring joy to the community in which we live," said Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent at state college. "As we make our plans, we should look out for the children, the young folks, and the older ones as well. And remember we often get more real pleasure out of preparing for Christmas than we do out of celebrating the day itself."

In urging all home demonstration clubs over the State to hold Christmas programs, Miss Current suggested that several evenings of entertainment will not be too many. Christmas entertainments may be held on different nights, with a separate night for the Christmas tree exercises.

People living in the country can get together a chorus of singers, or perhaps a quartette, and on Christmas Eve or Christmas night they can go from home to home, singing carols at each stop.

In towns, singers can arrange to go around, pausing to sing in front of each house where a lighted candle is twinkling through a window. Arrangements can be made for families who wish to hear the carols to place the candles where they will be seen from the street.

On Christmas day, why not have the young folks take a few "made-up" baskets to needy families, or families where sickness has interfered with Christmas preparations? Miss Current asked.

Or maybe some old couple that would like to be taken for a ride through the country, or to visit some old friends, she continued. There are so many things to do, if one stops to look around for them.

Everybody Buys and Uses Christmas Seals

The POSTMAN CARRIES THEM

1 MORE WEEK TO SHOP

Japanese Prompt Punishing Officers For Bombing Ship

Commander Of Aerial Operations Relieved Of Position; Warfare Moves Into Interior; Japanese Officials Announce U. S. Embassy Building Not Damaged

Shanghai, Dec. 16.—Rear Admiral Teizo Mitsunami, chief of Japanese naval aerial operations was relieved of his post today as a result of the bombing of the United States gunboat Panay.

Domei (Japanese) news agency declared the Japanese government was acting swiftly to carry out its pledge to America to punish officers responsible for the attack.

It was explained that Mitsunami was recalled because most bombardments in China had been carried out by naval planes.

The Rear Admiral was ordered to go to Tokyo, but Japanese authorities here did not know what other action he faced.

During the day Japanese army planes carried the warfare into the interior with a series of attacks. Three columns of Japanese shock troops advancing northward from a point between Shanghai and Nanking entered the heretofore quiet countryside.

One column advancing along the ancient Grand Canal threatened a number of rich populous towns.

Japanese officials announced that the American Embassy building and other Embassy and legation headquarters at Nanking were not damaged in the attacks on the city. All Americans and foreigners who remained there were reported safe.

First American to report on conditions at Nanking was Arthur Menken, Paramount newsreel cameraman who went through the attack. He wireless that "Nanking is in shambles."

"Except for the efforts of three American missionaries the wounded were not cared for," he said.

Various Soils Need Various Treatments

It's hard for a farmer to adopt the kind of erosion control practice that would be most effective on his land unless he knows what type of soil covers his fields, said Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College.

He needs to consider the thickness and texture of the topsoil and also the subsoil underneath. He needs to consider the slope of the land over each field, how badly the soil tends to erode, and how much has been washed already.

In parts of the State, the dean continued, so much topsoil has been washed away that the farmers on it have to eke out a living as best they can by virtually tilling the subsoil.

There are soils being cultivated that are better suited to making brick than to producing crops.

Within a single field there may be differences in the type of soil found in various places. Or differences in the slope over a field cause it to be badly eroded in some places while in others there is still a fairly good layer of topsoil.

The badly eroded places should be retired to thick-growing cover crops but the more level places may still be good for careful farming.

A striking example of differences in soil may be gained by examining the thin top soil on a place where row crops have been grown for a long time, then compare it with the thick, spongy soil in a wooded area nearby.

A careful study of the soil on each farm has proved one of the most important steps in the "whole-farm" method of controlling erosion now being demonstrated in erosion control areas over the State, Dean Schaub added.

SAVE BABY

Louisville, Ky.—After efforts of hospital nurses and doctors failed to make a newborn baby breathe, two policemen took over the task and administered oxygen for forty minutes. The baby, the son of Mrs. Halie Huges, began breathing normally.

RELICS TO BE SOLD

Philadelphia.—The equipment Thomas A. Edison used fifty-four years ago to introduce commercial electricity to a skeptical world—two generators and an unwieldy engine—will go on the auction block on December 22.

After deducting all expenses, Marvin Littleton, a 4-H Club Member of Wayne County, made a net profit of \$619.36 from his one-acre tobacco project.



ECONOMY PREDICTIONS. BRAZILIAN FRIENDSHIP. A 5-4 DECISION. PEACE THROUGH COMMERCE. HULL LOOKING AHEAD. BRITISH PACT VITAL. A SECRET MEETING. JAP DEFENSE CHEERED. CONGRESSMEN INVOLVED. COURSE MAY CAUSE WAR.

(Hugo S. Sims, Washington Correspondent.)

Congress last week seemed to be economy-minded and there were predictions that appropriation bills will be held in line with budget recommendations. Hearings on major appropriation measures, to be reported in January, have been underway and confidential information from the Budget Bureau is in the hands of the House Appropriations Committee which, so far, indicates an intention of holding appropriations within bounds. Back of the sentiment is a conviction that a balanced budget will help business and restore confidence.

At this outlook, it seems that the only increases will go to the Army and the Navy in order to carry out their defense programs. While accurate information is not obtainable, the present indications are that there will be a slash of \$500,000,000 off the relief appropriation, which will leave \$1,000,000,000 a cut of \$75,000,000 from the CCC, leaving about \$275,000,000 and a reduction of about \$100,000,000 in Federal Road aid. Other cuts will be comparatively small but because of the fact that there are a great many, the net saving will likely pass the \$100,000,000 mark.

Sumner Welles, under-Secretary of State recently took occasion to assure Brazil of our continued sympathy and friendship, unimpaired by the recent political events in the South American Republic. Mr. Welles pointed out that with the bare announcement of what had taken place, the editors and statesmen in this country jumped to the conclusion that vital changes had been made in the affairs of South America, linking Brazil with dictator developments in other parts of the world.

He was inclined to regard the Brazilian coup in line with the history of such happenings in South America, rather than with European fascism. Moreover, he sensed a need for commentators "competent and authorized to interpret and pass judgment" upon what happens in the countries of this hemisphere. He regretted that the recent crisis in Brazil failed to elicit in this country a tolerance and friendly sympathy toward the effort of the Brazilian people to solve their own problem in their own way.

At the same time, the State Department's Latin-American expert called attention to "propaganda of a type alien to our Western civilization," which has spread on our continent during the past years and indirectly warned foreign nations that the United States would not tolerate a violation of the Monroe Doctrine. Without referring by name to the annunciation of President Monroe in 1823, Mr. Welles declared that "any attempt on the part of non-American powers to exert through force their political or material influence on the American Continent would be immediately a matter of the gravest concern, not only to the United States but to every other American Republic as well, and appropriate action would undoubtedly at once be determined upon as a result of common consultation between them."

The Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, upheld the right of states to levy upon the gross income of contractors working on Government projects. The critical minority, including Justices Roberts, McReynolds, Sutherland and Butler, asserted that the majority opinion shattered court rulings of a hundred years. Some constitutional authorities seem to think that the decision indicated a trend to modify the long-established rule under which a State government has been barred from taxing an instrumentality of the Federal Government, and vice versa.

Increased world prosperity is the main contribution which the United States expects to make toward the establishment and maintenance of world peace.

Through reciprocal trade treaties and insistence upon the most favored nation clause this nation hopes to avoid foreign entanglements of a political nature. The forth-coming trade treaty negotiations with Great Britain are important because the United States and Great Britain,

New Spending Suggested As Business Aid

Support of Move Develops Among Congressmen; Senator Bailey Is One of Authors; Some Anti-Administration Senators As Well As Supporters Favor Program.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Strong support has developed in Congress, a survey showed today, for resumption of government spending on a modified scale in an attempt to spur business activity.

Some anti-administration senators, as well as some Roosevelt supporters, said they believed new spending must start in January or February, but there was a difference of opinion as to whether it should be of the "pump priming" type.

Several senators disclosed they had been urged to sign a public statement advocating a 10-point program to stop the business recession.

Senator Bailey (D.-N.C.) said today he was one of the authors and the final editor of the statement.

The North Carolina senator, acknowledging participation in detailing the document which was headed "an address to the people of the United States," said several other senators were with him and they had hoped it would be agreed to by senators and the public generally as a program to restore confidence.

The steps suggested were revision of business taxes, approach toward a balanced budget, "just relations between capital and labor," reliance on profitable investment of private savings, recognition of the profit motive and superiority of the competitive

The Christmas Spirit Inspires Programs and Prevades Homes

the world's most powerful commercial nations, account between them for one-quarter of the world's international trade.

Secretary Hull, persistent and courageous advocate of the most-favored nation plan, utterly rejects the selfish philosophy of bilateral trade treaties. These aim only to benefit the commerce between the two nations affected at the expense of other nations.

The spread of such agreements would, in his opinion, militate against the normal development of international commerce. In order, therefore, that trade may be developed along natural channels of economic advantage, the American Secretary of State has insisted that whatever reductions are agreed upon should be also to the benefit of other nations under the operation of the most-favored nation agreement. This principle, he believes, will act to restore international trade and prosperity and thus improve and strengthen the basis of peace among all nations.

The successful conclusion of the trade treaty with the United States and Great Britain will be followed by similar agreements with Canada, Australia and the other units of the British Empire. Under the most-favored nation clause these benefits will be spread far and wide. Frankly, Mr. Hull thinks that the lowering of the trade barriers the world over and particularly with democratic nations, may result in a program of negotiation with the whole world for a general lowering of tariff barriers with the advancement of international economic cooperation and amity.

The more closely the democratic nations of the world are bound together by trade relations the weaker becomes the power of despotic nations. In fact, there are observers who believe that the successful conclusion of a reciprocal trade pact between the United States and Great Britain will be the hardest blow that has been struck in a long time against the despotic governments whose militaristic grip on the economic and political lives of their peoples now threaten the peace of the world.

The story is being told around the capital that one hundred members of the House of Representatives recently met in secret session to hear and cheer their guest, the Japanese Ambassador. The representative of Japan made a defense of his nation's action on the mainland of Asia. Press representatives were barred. According to James T. Williams, Jr., well known newspaper correspondent, nothing like this has ever happened before in Washington in peacetime or wartime.

Christmas Carols to Be Sung Monday Night By Local Chorus

system, reduction in the general tax burden, maintenance of state's rights, economical and non-political distribution of relief and preservation of the American system of private enterprise.

"There was a general feeling in the senate," Bailey said, "that there ought to be an understanding between each other on what should be done about the business recession. Nobody, however has been authorized or detailed to frame a platform."

Choral Rendition Receives Praise

The first rendition of Handel's "The Messiah" here on Sunday afternoon by the Festival Symphonic Choral Association in the Methodist church, was considered a successful presentation and has received much favorable comment and praise from the hundreds in attendance.

The Chorus, composed of more than a hundred voices from the towns comprising the organization, Ayden, Farmville, Goldsboro and Snow Hill, and directed by Lewis S. Bullock, of Goldsboro, sang the oratorio again that evening in Ayden to a capacity audience at the Christian church, with the Ayden group entertaining the entire chorus at the community house at tea.

The presentation in both towns was regarded as an impressive and inspiring performance and of considerable musical importance to this section of the state.

The oratorio will be sung in Snow Hill on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock and again in Goldsboro that evening at eight.

Symphonic Group To Lead In Community Sing on Main Street

The Farmville Symphonic Chorus, under the direction of Lewis S. Bullock will sing Christmas carols on Main Street Monday evening at eight o'clock.

Mayor George Davis has announced that one of the main business blocks will be roped off from eight to eight-thirty for this event and everyone in the community is invited to attend and join in making this a happy occasion.

Down through the ages, since that eventful night in Bethlehem of Judea, men have centered their efforts to depict in pictures, poem and song the story of Nativity, and in the singing of carols its most popular and widespread observance has been reached.

The custom of friendly singing in groups seems to be inborn in the human race. It is known that as early as the eleventh century groups of singers or minstrels wandered from place to place, and that during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, France, Germany and England had well organized groups of singers known as the Troubadors, the Minnesingers and the Waits, whose business was the singing and playing of carols by night around the homes of nobility.

During recent years there has been a revival of many of the old carols that have been sung by various European countries, a number of which stir the imagination and bring to the ear and eye of the singer and listener alike wonderful scenes and harmonies, and carol singing has become popular in all countries again.

Postoffice Open Late Saturday Afternoon

Avoid the Holiday Rush by mailing parcels early. For the convenience of the public, the post office will remain open until six o'clock p. m., Saturday, December 18th.

B. O. TURNAGE, Postmaster.

guests were Mrs. Z. M. Whitehurst, Mrs. J. L. Walker, Mrs. Claude Barrett, Mrs. Lath Morris, Mrs. I. E. Satterfield, Mrs. Arthur P. Joyner, Mrs. J. Y. Monk, Mrs. J. H. Paylor, Mrs. I. E. Pierce and Mrs. W. E. Joyner.

Mrs. R. H. Knott was gracious hostess to the Merry Matrons Tuesday with the business session of this group being featured by the election of the following officers: Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, president; Mrs. Wesley R. Willis, vice president; Mrs. B. O. Turnage, secretary; Mrs. R. O. Lang, treasurer.

A contribution to the community chest and the decision to sponsor the Symphonic Chorus marked the business period. Leading a program, based on "Women in Science," Mrs. J. I. Morgan, Sr., sketched the life and research work of Maud Slye in her study of cancer. The program was concluded with the singing of Christmas carols with Mrs. M. V. Jones at the piano. Delicious refreshments were served. In addition to the members Mrs. Knott had as guests, Miss Edna Robinson, Mrs. J. H. Moore, Mrs. George W. Davis, Miss Bettie Joyner and Mrs. G. M. Shirley.

The Wednesday Afternoon Club held an enjoyable meeting at the home of Mrs. J. L. Walker with Mrs. J. G. Spencer winning the high score award, a table jardiniere. Plum pudding, topped with cream, and a variety of Christmas cookies and candies were served.

An interesting meeting the Colonel Alexander McAllister chapter, D. A. R. was held on Wednesday with Mrs. E. C. Beaman as hostess, the splendid address by the Rev. Jack Rountree and carols, rendered by Mrs. John D. Holmes, Mrs. J. W. Joyner and Mrs. J. L. Shackelford being inspired by the Yuletide season. The regent, Mrs. W. Iseley, of Finetops, appointed Mrs. J. W. Parker as chairman of a committee to select gifts to be sent to pupils at Crossnore. A congealed chicken and vegetable salad, hot rolls, pickles, sandwiches, coffee, cookies and stuffed dates were served. Sharing with the Daughters in the pleasures of the afternoon were: Mrs. John B. Joyner, Mrs. F. M. Davis, Sr., Mrs. B. O. Turnage, Mrs. W. E. Joyner, Mrs. T. W. Lang, Rev. and Mrs. Jack Rountree, Mrs. W. M. Willis, Mrs. C. L. Beaman, Mrs. R. A. Fields, Miss Edna Robinson, Mrs. R. A. Bynum, Finetops, Mrs. J. W. Joyner, Mrs. John Holmes and Mrs. J. L. Shackelford.

Farmers of Davie County growing a pedigreed cotton for the first time express themselves as being well-pleased with the variety, since it is ten days to two weeks earlier than most of the popular varieties grown in the county, has good yields, and a staple length around 1 1/8.