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We wish you all a Merry

Christmas



Carol Singers Greeted By Enthusiastic Crowd

Christmas Festivities Climaxed By Street Singing Monday Evening

Coming as a significant feature and a fitting climax to the celebration of the Birthday of the Christ child in Farmville, was the singing of carols by the Farmville Symphonic Chorus, augmented by other singers of the town on Monday night of this week.

The sing took place on one of the principal business blocks of Main street, which had been closed to traffic by courtesy of Mayor Davis and the other town authorities, and was attended by a crowd of enthusiastic listeners, estimated at 500, who, with radiant faces, lustily joined in the singing of the carols, which every season bring back to the imagination the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem... the angelic music above the hills of Judea... the rustle of the wings of the heavenly host... the new Star in the sky... the quest of the Shepherds and the Wise Men... Mary and Joseph... the new-born Babe.

The new inspiration, which pulsated in every breast as the notes of the familiar Christmas carols floated out on the air was quite apparent, and their magic seemed to dispel the gloom and anxieties of both carollers and listeners.

The gay company made its way to many homes where there was illness and carried the same message of joy and gladness.

The several concerts given by the Symphonic Chorus, including the recent presentation of Handel's monumental "Messiah," have been festivals of joy and delight to the entire community, but notwithstanding the inspiration which evolved from each and every program, one ventures to say that the carol singing of Monday night outshone all of the previous achievements of the Chorus, in that it reached all classes, ages and colors, and was indeed the greatest as the Song of Christmas is understood by every heart.

P. T. A. Holds Splendid Meeting

The December meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association, attended by five hundred members and visitors, was featured with a splendid address by Ray Armstrong, superintendent of the Goldsboro City Schools, who chose as his subject, "The Education Which Pays Today." Mr. Armstrong was introduced by John Hill Taylor, local attorney.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO SEPTUAGENARIANS

The season would soon come to an end. But, for the remembrance, of a friend; May the passing of this year leave with us memories dear. From Home Office, 104 Wilson St. Farmville, N. C. WATT PARKER, President

FARMVILLE ROTARY NEWS

A few nights ago, the Farmville Rotary Club journeyed over to Snow Hill, for the occasion of Charter Night for that club. More than one hundred Rotarians were present, from the clubs of Kinston, Greenville, Goldsboro, Farmville and Snow Hill.

Irvin Morgan, thru whose initiative the Snow Hill club was reorganized, presided at the meeting. Rotarian Pittman, of Snow Hill, brought the address of welcome and Dave Clarke responded. John A. Park, of Raleigh, District Governor, presented the charter to the club and Dr. Harper, president of the club, made the remarks of acceptance. Tom Grant, president of the Greenville club, presented Irvin Morgan as the next District Governor and he was followed by Haywood Dail, who interested all present with his humorous remarks.

Prior to the last meeting of the club, High School Night was observed with thirty-five members of the Band and the Foot Ball Squad as honor guests. The club was greatly honored by the presence of these boys who have served their school in a very commendable manner this year. Superintendent Moore, Coach Shufford, Mr. Coates and Mr. Burt added inspiration to this occasion.

Coach "Doc" Newton, of State College, brought a great message to the boys. He urged them to strive for an adequate preparation before entering College as the demands are very exacting. Pictures of the State College football games played this year, were shown and enjoyed by all.

On Tuesday evening the club was honored with the presence of Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, Mrs. A. Q. Roebuck, Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt, Mrs. Haywood Smith, Charlie Baucom and Pierson Hassell. This group sang Christmas Carols and Mrs. Hobgood recited the story of Silas Marner. The program was greatly appreciated.

Officers Destroy Big Illicit Still

Greenville, Dec. 22.—One of the largest and most modern illicit distilleries ever found in this section was located just across the Pitt-Beaufort line this morning by special officers employed by the ABC boards of the two counties.

The plant was situated about one-half mile across the line on Aggie's run, which branches off from Tranter's creek. The four officers, J. M. Ward and J. L. Taylor of this county and L. W. Smithwick and Ben Willis of Beaufort county, raided the still about 4:30 o'clock.

They reported that it had been operated earlier in the night, but no one was at the still when they came upon it.

The plant, operated by a 15-horse power steam boiler, had a capacity of 500 gallons. Twenty thousand gallons of beer, equivalent to 2,000 gallons of whiskey, was found about the place and destroyed. The beer was in 40 500-gallon vats. Two tons of coke also was found about the distillery.

One of the most up-to-date plants ever found in this section, the still was equipped with electric lights provided by batteries. A pipeline running from a nearby creek, furnished water. A gasoline pump forced the water to the plant.

The officers declared that the still had been erected only recently, about three weeks ago. A truck was summoned from Washington and all equipment was taken to that place.

Congress Closes Its Extra Labors

Adjourns for Holidays After Sending Housing Legislation to Conference

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Senate passed the housing bill today, the House sent it to conference and, with these things done, Congress gladly concluded its special session and began thinking about Christmas.

Some of the departing members, more particularly those of Republican persuasion, were calling it "the goose-egg session," because, although much preparatory work was done, not one of the Roosevelt bills it was called upon to consider was finally enacted.

The wage and hour bill rejected by the House, was reposing in a labor committee pigeon-hole, the farm and housing bills, approved by both branches in different form, were in the conference stage, government reorganization and regional planning had received no more than committee consideration.

The Congress completed action only on bills to pay the traveling expenses of the membership and the wages of the pages, a bill to lend four portraits to an art gallery, one amending the credit union act and a resolution asking the Agriculture Department what had been done to prevent the distribution of an elixir of sulfanilamide.

The Senate devoted the final day to debating the housing bill, a measure intended to promote a boom in home-building by reducing the financing cost. It would do so, among other things, by cutting the present down payment on small homes in half, and cutting interest and carrying charges on more elaborate types of construction.

Meanwhile, many of the House members were already homeward bound. The remainder spent most of the day in recess, awaiting the Senate's action on the housing bill. They killed some time listening to the speeches which from time to time well up within the bosoms of legislators.

House leaders have freely conceded that since last Saturday, when the housing bill was passed there, it would be exceedingly difficult to produce a quorum.

Because the only action arranged for the week was the formality of sending the housing bill to conference, leaders assured numerous members that they might leave the city without fear of missing anything important.

So when the question of action on the housing bill came up, all factions obligingly shut their eyes to the fact that there was scarcely a quarter of a quorum in the chamber, and acted anyway.

The decision to adjourn today came as a surprise. The administration leadership had intended to stay in session until Thursday if necessary to complete conference action on the housing bill and send it to the White House, thus making it possible to say the session had produced one major enactment.

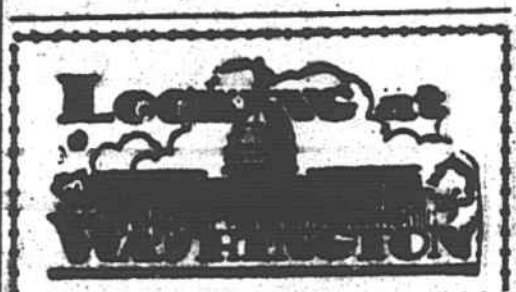
It was discovered today that several House members who must be included upon the Housing Conference committee had already left the city. That settled the matter, and word that adjournment by nightfall was expected to spread quickly through the Capitol.

KILLED ON WEDDING DAY

Haverstraw, N. Y.—Driving home after a visit to a florist to order corsages for her wedding attendance, Miss Margaret McCordy, 33, was instantly killed when a truck struck her automobile. She was in the driver's seat. Her husband was taken to the hospital.

Farmville To Have City Mail Delivery At Early Date

Postmaster B. O. Turnage informs us that he is just in receipt of a letter from Congressman Lindsay Warren informing him that as soon as the residents of Farmville number their homes and erect mail boxes, free delivery service will be established here.



WHAT JAPAN WANTS. IS THE DOOR OPEN? JAPAN DETERMINED. WATCHES U. S. FLEET. BUILDING WARSHIPS. FACING A DECISION. ARE INTERESTS VITAL?

(Hugo S. Sims, Washington Correspondent)

The situation in the Far East, where the Japanese invasion of China has been a striking military success, creates the necessity for Western powers to reach a momentous decision. When Japan inaugurated her present aggression, there was some doubt as to the attitude of the powers to the maintenance of the territorial integrity of China but few people now believe that any nation in the world will undertake to prevent the political dismemberment of China. In fact, the Chinese themselves thoroughly understand that the territorial salvation of their nation depends entirely upon the action of the Chinese themselves.

The Japanese campaign has gone far enough to demonstrate that the invaders have control of vital economic areas, so far as China is concerned, and possess necessary transportation facilities. This means that the Japanese are in position to attempt, in regard to China proper, what they have already done in Manchukuo—the setting up of puppet governments which will be favorable to Japan. Thus, the establishment of preferential tariffs in favor of Japanese goods will mean the eventual loss of the Chinese market as far as the Western powers are concerned.

For many years, the nations of the world have concerned themselves with the maintenance of the "Open Door" policy in China. This was an agreement that the powers of the world would have equal commercial rights in China. Obviously, Japan is in a position to close this door unless Western nations are ready to do something more than talk about their rights.

The Japanese campaign in China is probably based on the intention of the Japanese to profit through the economic exploitation of China. In other words, the only source that Japan has available from which to recoup its military expenditures in China is the capture of Chinese commerce. This means that competition from other nations must be positively removed. This economic motive is behind the Japanese insistence that, in the Far East, Japanese rights are paramount and that the Western nations must permit the Far Eastern nations to work out their own destiny. It requires no prophet to foresee that if Western powers remain aloof, the destiny of the Far East will be directed by the aggressive military regime which now rules Japan.

The presence of such a determination on the part of the Japanese excites the anxiety of the United States. (See the Answer on Page 4)

Roosevelt Takes Steps To Combat Fear Psychology

President Says Majority of Nation's Newspapers Fostering Business Fears

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Roosevelt tonight struck to combat fear psychology underlying the current business recession by declaring that individual industrial leaders have assured him that they do not fear the effect of such New Deal legislation as the wages-hours and farm bills.

The President told more than 100 newspaper correspondents that he recognized the prevalence of business fears and sought through his conferences with trade leaders to determine their origin. On two occasions which he cited, Mr. Roosevelt said that industrial leaders favored certain legislation, but protested that their boards of directors would not allow them to endorse it publicly.

He said that the fear psychology is being inculcated and fostered by a large percentage of American newspapers.

"What are the newspapers going to gain by it?" he was asked. He replied that he was wondering about the same thing. The President met the press soon after he had resumed conferences with utility leaders looking toward a truce between the industry and government which would encourage the power group to put up to \$3,000,000,000 in the arteries of trade. He conferred with William H. Taylor, head of the Philadelphia Electric Co., and Frank R. Phillips of the Duquesne Light and Power Co., of Pittsburgh.

The main obstacle to a truce is said to be a dispute over property valuation in determining prices of electric current to the consumer. Some utilities insist upon their legal rights to include the cost of reproducing the property at modern-day values while the President demands that only the initial cost, plus "prudent additions or replacements" be included.

The President discussed this policy a fortnight ago with Wendell L. Willkie, head of Commonwealth and Southern Corp., and Floyd L. Carlisle, chairman of the board of Niagara Hudson Power Co., and won substantial agreement to his theory. Today, Taylor said his confidence with the Chief Executive was "a very helpful and pleasant one." He said a minority opinion written 13 years ago by Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis in the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. case, endorsing the "prudent investment" theory, was reviewed.

"We feel we can live on it," Taylor said.

Later, the President said that the Pennsylvania utilities executives agreed generally that his theory was a pretty good rule of thumb to go on. He said Taylor and Phillips reported that many people today do not want to invest in the junior securities of the utilities, but added that the man also assured him that this situation was not due to government interference.

ERECT SHAFT TO ROOSEVELT

San Juan, P. R.—As a public expression of gratitude for his aid toward rehabilitation of Puerto Ricans, a monument, to cost \$400,000, to honor President Franklin D. Roosevelt, has been proposed. The monument would be placed on the grounds of the University of Puerto Rico and would be financed by popular subscription.

Think China Has Closed Deal For Soviet Help

Beloved Man Dead In Pitt

William J. Boyd Claimed by Death Following Critical Illness

Funeral services for William J. Boyd, 53-year-old Ayden man, long active in Pitt County religious, political, civic and educational activities, who died Sunday night at 11:25 o'clock following a critical illness with heart ailment, was conducted Tuesday morning at the Ayden Episcopal church at 11 o'clock. Interment was in the Ayden cemetery.

The services was conducted by the Rev. A. C. D. Noe of Bath, former pastor of the Ayden Episcopal church of which Mr. Boyd was a member, assisted by the Rev. B. F. Huske, Kinston Episcopal minister and the Rev. W. H. Jackson, Ayden Episcopal pastor.

Although Mr. Boyd was a native of Beaufort, he lived in this county since 1903. For the last twenty years he had been actively connected with Tyndall Boyd and Stroud, Ayden wholesale firm. He had been a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee for the last 25 years and a member of the Ayden Board of Aldermen and was a senior Warden of Ayden Episcopal church. During the administration of former Governor G. Max Gardner, Mr. Boyd was secretary of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees of East Carolina Teachers College.

He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Albion Dunn of Greenville and Miss Willie Yvonne Boyd, instructor of art in the Durham city schools; one sister, Miss Lizzie Boyd of Ayden; two half brothers and two half sisters.

Carolina Begins War On Syphilis

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—North Carolina's public health department today embarked on an "unprecedented" war against syphilis, made possible by funds from the estate of Zachary Smith Reynolds, young tobacco heir. Trustees of the Zachary Smith Reynolds foundation pledged the income campaign to wipe out syphilis in the state. First contribution was a check for \$100,000, which will be used to lay foundation for the fight in 1938.

This money will be supplemented by funds already allocated by the state health department from its own budget and by counties in a plan which proposes that every one possible of the estimated 30,000 persons in the state suffering from the disease will receive full treatment.

FOR CHRISTMAS.

Almost everybody is planning gifts for friends and relatives. Some of these are mere expressions of love and friendship. They are valued and appreciated but not absolutely necessary.

Here's a Christmas suggestion. Let everybody seek out one person, man, woman or child who is in need and devote some thought towards making Christmas real for the needy one. A few dollars spent in such cases will bring real holiday joy.

The pessimist wants to know if anybody has any reason for being thankful.

Shanghai Observers Regard News of Mongol Military Aid as Vital Evidence

Shanghai, Dec. 22.—Reports that young General Chiang Ching-Kuo, rebel son of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek who split with his father 10 years ago, was rushing to China's aid at the head of 100,000 crack Mongol warriors today electrified Chinese circles and convinced foreign observers that China has "made a deal" with Soviet Russia.

The youthful war lord, who left China when Chiang ousted his Soviet Russian advisors in 1927 and has been in Russia most of the time since, was reported to have organized a powerful army of Mongols, regarded as among the fiercest fighters in Asia.

These highly-trained troops equipped with Russian arms and drilled in the hardy warfare of rugged Mongolian country, reportedly are marching southward into Shansi to join the armies of China's famed "Red Napoleon," Chu Teh.

The reconciliation between Chiang and his son, coupled with the shift to the left in the Chinese central government's political setup through the supplanting of several veterans of the Kuomintang party with Communist leaders, has convinced diplomatic circles that Russia is preparing to lend active assistance to China.

It was believed that the political shake-up, announced yesterday in Hankow, was part of Chiang's concession to the Soviets in return for military help.

Foreign observers recalled that Russia, in announcing a few months ago that Outer Mongolia—long considered an integral part of the Soviet Union—was regarded by Russia as "still a part of China," virtually paved the way for open military assistance from the hinterland.

Chinese sources predicted that the republican government of Outer Mongolia, which tore itself loose from the Chinese republic in a fight over land grabs in 1924, would soon "voluntarily dissolve" and pledge Outer Mongolia's allegiance to the central Chinese government.

It was understood that the Mongolian units which young Chiang is now reported to command include remnants of Soviet-drilled and Soviet-equipped Outer Mongolian regulars.

Soviet Russia obtained virtual control of Outer Mongolia during the "Young Mongol" rebellion of 1924, when the vast area above the Gobi Desert broke away from China because of the seizure of Mongolian lands by agents of the Chinese government, who sold them to Chinese settlers.

Russia immediately sent officers and men to Mongolia and organized an army variously estimated at between 300,000 and 500,000 men, and entered into a defensive alliance after Japan's Manchurian occupation, thus contriving an area of utmost strategic value in the event of a new Russo-Japanese war.

JANUARY ENROLLMENT OF CCC OMMITS PITT

The Welfare Department has received announcement from Raleigh that no CCC boys will be selected from Pitt County for the January enrollment, therefore no names will be taken of eligible juniors, either white or colored, for enrollment in January 1938.

The State has an allotment of only 200 and these will be selected in the manufacturing centers in the central part of the State.

Raleigh and Asheville are the two points where this number will be selected in the January enrollment.