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## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES

Sunday will be characterized by special Christmas services in the Gastonia churches. This year, as never before, the spirit of "giving" instead of that of "receiving" will be emphasized.

At the First Presbyterian church Sunday school, at 10 a. m., the children and adult members will bring groceries, clothing, money and other suitable and useful articles for distribution among the poor of the city. There will be a special musical program. At 11 a. m., the pastor, Rev. J. H. Henderlite, will preach a special Christmas sermon. There will be no service at night.

A special collection will be taken at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Sunday school Sunday morning for the orphans in Belgium. The pastor, Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway, will preach an appropriate Christmas sermon Sunday morning.

The Sunbeams Society will have charge of the Sunday night service at the First Baptist church, and will render a special Christmas program. At 11 a. m., the pastor, Rev. W. C. Barrett, will preach on "The Birth of the Savior".

At Main Street Methodist church the pastor, Rev. H. H. Jordan, will preach a special Christmas sermon Sunday morning and there will be a program of special Christmas music. At night the Sunday school will give a Christmas entertainment and the members will bring contributions for the poor in the shape of fruits, etc.

The Lutheran church will have special Christmas services at 10 o'clock Christmas morning. The pastor, Rev. J. C. Deitz, will preach a special Christmas sermon at that time. He will also preach an appropriate Christmas sermon on Sunday morning.

At St. Mark's Episcopal church there will be a special Christmas service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock conducted by the rector, Rev. E. N. LaBlanc. At this service the idea of remembering our soldiers in camps and abroad will be particularly stressed. Saturday night a Christmas tree and entertainment will be given by the Sunday school. This afternoon at 4:30 o'clock the Episcopal Sunday school at the Armstrong Mill will have a Christmas entertainment and tree.

## NEGRO SHOTS AND KILLS ANOTHER

Fate Rankin was shot and killed by Fred Lineberger in the "bull pen" as the barracks at Spencer Mountain are called, last night between 8 and 9 o'clock. Both men were negroes and each was about 18 years of age. Lineberger made his escape. Sheriff Davis and Coroner Grier went to the scene of the killing this morning and made an investigation. There was only one eye witness to the shooting, a small negro boy. He said that the trouble started when one of the negroes knocked a cigarette out of the other's hand.

Both men were members of a party of eight negroes who went to work at the quarry at Spencer Mountain a day or two ago, having gone there from Belmont where they had been employed by a bridge construction company.

## UNIVERSITY NEWS.

CHAPEL HILL, Dec. 18. — The regular Christmas holidays will begin at the University of North Carolina on the afternoon of Friday, and continue until January 2, when registration for the new term begins. Prof. Edwin Mims, of Vanderbilt University, is now delivering a special course in American Literature for the advanced students of the language departments. About 40 are in attendance upon this seminar. On Monday night Dr. Mims delivered a public lecture before the student body on "The New Significance of Literature as a National Asset."

"Public Discussion and Debate" is the title of a new number of the University of North Carolina Record that has just been published. Though this is intended primarily for the schools in the State High School Debating Union, it is suited to the work of various clubs, literary societies, unions and the like. Many debate propositions are treated fully, and parliamentary procedure is explained.

Dr. Edwin Greenlaw, head of the English Department, goes to Washington in response to a request for a conference by Dr. H. N. McCracken, president of the Junior Red Cross, and secretary of the Membership Council of the Red Cross. Dr. McCracken is interested in promoting the organization of the Lafayette Association and wishes to embody the idea set forth in the bulletin issued by the University in the Junior Red Cross organization.

## IN SOCIAL CIRCLES LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

### HOME FROM STATE NORMAL FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

The following Gastonia young ladies are at home from the State Normal College, Greensboro, to spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks: Misses Rebekah McLean, Katherine McLean, Alleen Reid, Sue Ramsey Johnston, Bertie Lee Whitesides, Nan Craig, Annie Lee Nolen, Ruth Lineberger, Sadie Thomson, Macie and Bess Parham, Madelyn Thomson and Mary Bradley.

### MR. J. B. BEAL WEDS MISS GOODSON.

Mr. J. B. Beal, one of Gastonia's leading citizens, took his friends by surprise yesterday morning by being married, his bride being Miss Lake Goodson of Iron Station. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride at that place and the bride and groom left at once for Florida where they will spend the winter. Mr. Beal is over 70 years of age while the bride is hardly half that old. Before leaving Gastonia Mr. Beal made each of his three children a Christmas present of \$8,000 worth of improved real estate, a total of \$24,000 worth. His children are J. Lawrence Beal, Mrs. S. B. Barnwell and Mrs. V. E. Long.

### PORTER-FALLS MARRIAGE.

A marriage which will be of interest to many Gastonians will take place at Greenville, S. C., next Wednesday, December 26th, when Miss Pearl Falls will become the bride of Mr. R. C. Porter, of Gastonia. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Vandon Falls. The bride is a popular and attractive young lady and has many friends in Greenville and here. The groom is an engineer connected with the double tracking system of the Southern Railway and has been located in Gastonia for several months past. He has many friends here who will congratulate him upon the happy event and who will welcome his bride to Gastonia.

### A SILVER T.

A High T.—a silver T is planned for this community T. On Wednesday night it is to be. The 26th. Such jolly T! Come, test to its capacity T. These ladies hospital T. Attend as a celebri T.— Inside, then, with celebri T. Two maids accept of your boun T. No fixed sum of necessi T. But silver liberati T. There's fun and much frivoli T. Then later, midst hillari T. Good things, most prized for rairi T. Good things most prized for rairi T. The gastronomic propensi T. Is satisfied, in veri T. Don't fall in sociabili T. This is for church and chari T. And for its nifty quali T.— As well as bounteous quanti T. You'll give approval hear T. To this church Silver T Par T. To be given at the residence of Mrs. James Adams, near Bowling Green, on Wednesday, December 26, beginning at 2 p. m., for the benefit of Crowders Creek A. R. P. church.

## HOW THE INCOME TAX AFFECTS YOU

(The International News Service)

### THE \$60-A-WEEK MAN.

The \$60-a-week man or woman has an income of \$3,120 and, if unmarried, must pay the Government a 2 per cent tax on \$2,120, or \$42.40. He or she is exempt up to \$1,000. The married man or woman, with an exemption of \$2,000, must pay a 2 per cent tax on \$1,120, or \$22.40.

If a man makes \$40 a week and his wife \$20, each may put in a \$1,000 exemption claim, but the tax will be the same as if the husband were earning the entire \$60.

If you fall in the \$60 class, sometime between now and March 1 next, you must pay a visit to the Collector of Internal Revenue. There you will be given a blank on which to file your return and also your exemptions.

In addition to the exemptions cited, you may exempt any interest paid during the year 1917 on personal indebtedness. This means that if a man owns property on which he carried a mortgage, he may deduct the amount paid in interest, for taxes and for water rent. Also, that if he has borrowed from a bank, he may claim exemption for interest paid on the loan.

## MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREE.

Don't forget the Municipal Christmas tree which is to be given Monday night at 7 o'clock under the auspices of the Music Club. It will be in front of the Armington hotel on Air Line avenue.

The final practice for the songs for this occasion will be held Sunday afternoon at 8 o'clock at Main Street Methodist church. The committee in charge, of which Mrs. W. T. Rankin is chairman, urges all the men and women of the town who can sing to attend this practice and help in the singing. An especial invitation is extended to the school children and the men.

## THIRTY-EIGHT KILLED IN L. AND N. WRECK

Shepherdsville, Ky., Dec. 20. — Thirty-eight known dead and 40 to 50 persons injured, some of them seriously, was the toll taken when Louisville & Nashville passenger train No. 7, from Cincinnati to New Orleans, early tonight crashed into the rear of a Bardstown, Louisville & Springfield accommodation train 500 yards south of the station here.

The accommodation train had just left the station after making a stop, when the faster train which makes no stop here came in sight moving at a high rate of speed. Efforts to bring it to a halt were futile and the heavy locomotive with the heavy weight of a steel train behind it crashed into the rear of the accommodation with a terrific impact. The two wooden passenger coaches and baggage car making up the smaller train were splintered.

Virtually every person aboard the accommodation train, both crew and passengers, was either killed or badly injured. None of the passengers aboard the fast train was killed, though a number were injured. The locomotive was demolished and the heavy steel coaches making up the train were thrown from the track.

## WAR-MAKING MACHINES

B DAVID M. CHURCH  
(Written for the International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 19.—The Council of National Defense, as a war machine, reminds one of the British "tanks." From all outward appearances it is cumbersome and clumsy. At the same time the Council "goes over the top" and accomplishes a great deal, just as the tank does.

Experts and more experts make up the Council. In the most modern office building in the city the Council offices resemble a great workshop overseen by experts. There are some 500 specialists who are members of the organization. A large majority of these devote but a part of their time to the work they are called into session on short notice. For instance, Secretary of War Baker desires to place large contracts for shoes for the armies. He informs the Council of National Defense of his desire and asks for some information. Immediately a call is sent out for a meeting of the Shoe Committee of the Council. Then there assembles a group of men who have made shoes their life work. They go over the situation thoroughly and finally forward through the Council head a mass of information dealing with conditions in the shoe industry, possible costs and recommendations as to style and probable ability for placing contracts.

This is but one of the sixty or more committees operating in the same manner. The Council has had for its part in the war work the co-ordination of the resources of the most resourceful of all nations—America.

Every industry which in any way attends war needs has been taken under the sheltering wing of the Council of National Defense. It is virtually a great clearing house for war work.

All of the work of this war machine has not been materials, however. Much of it has been sentimental. Through its State branches and through its Woman's Committee the Council has done a great deal to arouse the war spirit in the breasts of America.

When it was formed last March the Council of Defense was hardly more than a committee of seven, meeting to discuss war needs. Today this organization employs nearly as large an office staff as does the Navy Department.

There is very little war work carried on in the United States that has not at some time or other gone through the mill of the Council of Defense. The work of the council is "starting things." It has no power to execute, but it lays hundreds of war plans, and these plans are the basis for the great war preparations of the nation.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The Gazette will not make its appearance next Monday. This issue will be missed in order that the members of The Gazette force may have a holiday Monday and Tuesday. Today's issue will, therefore, be the last to appear before Christmas.

## SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Mrs. M. F. Kirby, Jr., is spending the day in Charlotte.

—Mr. C. J. Huss, of Bessemer City, was in Gastonia on business Thursday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Pursley, of Crowders Creek, are among today's shoppers in the city.

—The city schools close today for the holidays. Work will be resumed on January 2nd.

—Mrs. J. Holland Morrow and little son, J. Holland, Jr., left Wednesday for a two weeks trip to points in Southern Florida.

—Miss Kizide Oehler, of Palestine, Texas, is spending the holiday season here with her aunt, Mrs. Fannie Morrow.

—Mrs. Mattie S. Anderson will leave tomorrow for Chattanooga, Tenn., to spend the holidays with relatives.

—Miss Katherine Shuford is at home from Fassfern School, Hendersonville, to spend the holidays with homefolks.

—Misses Bess and Jean Withers leave tonight for Broadway to spend the holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Withers.

—Miss Willie Bryan returned today to her home in Durham after being the guest for some time of her sister, Mrs. W. Y. Warren.

—Friends of County Treasurer Carl Finger will regret to learn that he is confined to his home on South York street by illness.

—Miss Ethel Harris, teacher of music in the city schools, has gone to her home at Henderson to spend the holidays.

—Miss Agnes Lindsay and Miss Dorothy Proffitt will arrive tomorrow night to spend the holidays here with the former's father, Mr. J. D. Lindsay.

—Mr. A. J. Rankin, of the office force of the Gastonia Insurance & Realty Company, has been confined to his home at Belmont for a week or more by an attack of rheumatism.

—Prof. G. C. Ferguson, a member of the faculty of Hearne Institute at Cave Springs, Ga., is spending the holidays with homefolks in the Crowders Creek section.

—Mr. Graham H. Anthony, superintendent of the Allen Manufacturing Company's steel plant at Hartford, Conn., spent yesterday here with his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Gardner.

—Mrs. George M. Nolen and child, of Atlanta, are spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Mary R. Patrick, at Union. Mr. Nolen is in Washington attending the railroad investigation.

—Mrs. W. M. Chambers and Miss Julia Byars, of Spartanburg, S. C., are expected to arrive tonight to spend the holidays with their sister, Mrs. E. B. Stabler, in West Gastonia. Mr. Chambers will join them the first of the week.

—Mr. J. L. Ferguson was called to Kings Mountain last night on account of the very critical illness of his brother-in-law, Mr. R. T. Candler. Mr. Candler has been in feeble health for several months and his condition is now quite grave.

—Miss Jamie Murrey, teacher of piano at the West Gastonia graded school and her sister, Miss Addie Murrey, who has been her guest this week, left this morning for Lewisburg, Tenn., to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Murrey.

—Miss Margaret Willis, who is teaching in the Greenville Female College at Greenville, S. C., spent Wednesday night in the city with her brother, Mr. G. G. Willis. She was en route to her home in Charlotte to spend the holidays.

—In renewing her subscription to The Gazette Miss Clara M. Glenn, of Clover, says: "I cannot be without The Gazette for twice the price." Expressions of this kind bring cheer to the publisher's heart and inspire redoubled efforts to make a paper which will appeal to the people as the best in its field.

## HOOVERIZED STYLES TO BE HAD FOR \$300 DESIGNERS DECLARE.

(By International News Service.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. — "Sane Dress Statistics," issued by the Chicago Designers' Association, now in session here, insist that "any woman can dress for any position in society on \$300 a year."

"Quite right," says the pessimistic woman, "but where are we to get the \$300?"

The article makes an allowance of \$30 for furs, \$5 for one corset, \$30 for one party dress and \$25 for "three or four hats."

## ANTI-BOLSHEVIKI PARTY GAINING STRENGTH

(By International News Service.) COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21. — Instead of a collapse, as is claimed by the Bolsheviki, the patriotic revolution is growing stronger, advices from Russia today state. Part of the Roumanian army has joined the Bolsheviki. Kerenski is again reported as being at the head of fighting forces, this time near Moscow. Another dispatch states that Grand Duke Nicholas, former commander in chief of the Russian army, has thrown in his lot with the anti-Bolsheviki forces.

## WARNS SOLDIERS AGAINST WOMEN SPIES

(By International News Service.) AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Dec. 21. — In a special order today, Gen. Pershing warns the American soldiers against the wiles of women spies. Under the heading, "Don't talk too much," the General states that "women are the most successful of all spies" and cautions the troops against all strangers, even those in the uniforms of the United States army officers.

## NO BLANKET PAROLE TO PRISONERS THIS YEAR

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20. — Instead of granting a blanket parole to all honor roll prisoners, as was done last Christmas, Governor T. W. Bickett has issued Christmas pardons to 14 prisoners who were serving sentences in the State's prison aggregating 145 years.

The governor is this year handling the Christmas pardons only in individual cases and where a parole board survey or other investigation satisfies him that the pardon is justified. Last Christmas, all honor roll prisoners were permitted to visit their families during the holidays and in no case did any of the prisoners violate their parole. Conditions have arisen that have given Governor Bickett a great deal of concern over the wisdom of repeating the blanket parole and he decided to deal with each case separately.

Most of the prisoners pardoned so far had been sent up for manslaughter. In one instance the governor said, "There is no earthly reason for this man to remain in prison and in another case the pardoned man had written to the chief executive and promised "I will never do wrong again." It is probable that additional pardons will be granted before Christmas day.

## RUSSIAN OFFICERS MAY FIGHT UNDER PERSHING

(By International News Service.) AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Dec. 20. — All Russian officers on the French front, from commanding general down to lieutenants, have offered themselves to General Pershing, commanding the American forces, to be used as he may see fit. Their generous offer of their services is prompted by the American efforts to rehabilitate Russia in the crisis through which it has been passing. The offer has been taken under consideration by General Pershing and his staff.

## MAKES "REAL COFFEE" FROM "VELVET BEANS."

(By International News Service.) Quitman, Ga., Dec. 20. — The velvet bean, so abundantly grown in the South, is being put to an entirely new use in this section and is no longer classed as a stock food exclusively. A hotel started the movement by the announcement to a large number of traveling salesmen that the coffee served was made from velvet beans, after the dinner had been finished and the guests were profusely complimenting the proprietor for the splendid "Java." One of the guests, claiming to be an expert connoisseur, had taken the third cup.

## REPORTERS SCARCE SINCE WAR BEGAN.

(By International News Service.) MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 20. — The humble newspaper reporter is coming into his own. Once a live chap, ready to work hard, could be had in almost any town at \$10 a week. But he has disappeared. Whither no one knows. He will probably be most frequently found in the army — not as a wonderful war correspondent, but patiently carrying a gun, intent upon "getting the Kaiser." The scarcity of reporters emphasizes the urgent demand for man power by the army and the industries of the nation, according to editors, many of whom contend that a man will quit almost any other occupation before he will give up newspaper work.

An advertisement in The Gazette reaches more people for the cost than you can reach in any other possible way. Rates on application.

## RED CROSS

### ...DEPARTMENT...

**WORK ROOM NOTES.**  
After Friday of this week the work room will be closed until Tuesday, the first day of January. It is hoped that every Gastonia woman will include in her new year resolutions a very firm resolution to spend at least one afternoon of each week at the workroom.

Two boxes of surgical dressings have been shipped in the last two weeks. A list of the contents of these boxes will be published later.

The last of the materials, etc., have been moved to the new work room in the post office building. The move was made on account of the heating facilities of this building. The chapter remembers with deep gratitude the generosity of the man who tendered to them the room formerly occupied, for use as long as the war should last.

The people of Gastonia can awake on Christmas morning with the comforting assurance that they, through the executive committee of the Red Cross, have done their part toward bringing Christmas cheer into the various camps. When the call came from Red Cross headquarters to the Gaston county chapter asking for one hundred and thirty-nine Christmas boxes to be sent to the boys in camp, the ladies of the executive committee with Mrs. A. A. McLean as chairman set to work at once, and the result was the usual one—Gastonia did her part and more. The money for these boxes was solicited and the committee feels very grateful for the hearty response to their appeal. In the preparation of these boxes the esthetic as well as the practical side of the soldier's nature was appealed to. White tissue paper, red ribbons and Christmas cards with their cheering message covered a variety of appealing and useful gifts. The ladies in charge feel sure that no prettier boxes were received at headquarters than those sent out by the Gaston county chapter.

**ARTICLES SHIPPED.**  
On December 3rd, the regulation size box of gauze dressings shipped to Southern headquarters at Atlanta contained:

- 106 dozen 9x9 compresses.
- 188 dozen 4x4 compresses.
- 17 dozen 2-in. x 2 yard drains.
- 18 3-8 dozen 1-in. x 2 yard drains.
- 24 dozen 1-2 in. x 1 yard drains.
- 11 1-2 dozen 12x12 Laparotomy pads.
- 17 1-2 dozen 6x6 Laparotomy pads.
- 17 1-2 dozen 4x16 Laparotomy pads.
- 12 dozen 3 yard x 4-in. rolls.
- 14 dozen 1 yard x 4-in. rolls.
- 82 dozen 4x4 sponges.
- 51 1-6 dozen 2x2 sponges.
- Making in all 1,244 gauze dressings.

On December 14th a regulation size box of muslin dressings was shipped containing:

- 5 dozen abdominal bandages.
- 4 1-2 dozen Oakum pads.
- 14 dozen triangular bandages.
- 4 dozen T. bandages.
- 7 1-2 dozen head bandages.
- 3 dozen fracture pillows.
- 3 dozen 4-in. flannel bandages.
- 5 1-2 dozen 3-in. flannel bandages.
- 5 1-2 dozen 3-in. muslin bandages.
- 1 1-2 dozen 4-in. muslin bandages.
- 16 dozen 3-in. crinolin bandages.
- 9 1-2 dozen 4-in. crinolin bandages.
- Making 924.

Muslin dressings, on same date in answer to special call the following knit goods were sent by express:

- 3 1-2 dozen sweaters.
- 1 1-6 dozen pair wristlets.
- 2 dozen pair socks.
- 1-6 dozen mufflers.
- 3-4 dozen fracture pillows.

These boxes conclude the shipment of old style dressings. The workers are now busy on gauze 4x4 compresses.

**MORE SWEATERS NEEDED.**  
The following letter has been received by the Gaston County Chapter American Red Cross:  
To All Chapters:  
Although a very large amount of sweaters and other knitted articles have been distributed to the various camps in our Division, there is still a very pressing demand for sweaters from soldiers who have not been supplied; and we beg that the Chapters who have sweaters on hand, though it be a small number, send them at once to our warehouse here, (32 James Street) that we may have them distributed where most needed. We also beg for prompt shipment of comfort kits intended for Christmas presents for our soldiers. Respectfully yours,  
W. L. PEEL, Manager Southern Division, American Red Cross.  
Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 12, 1917.

Although a great deal of interest has been manifested in this work and the committee in charge greatly appreciates all that has been accomplished, it is possible for the women of Gastonia to do much more. It should be our ambition to see just how large an output of both knitted garments and surgical dressings can be sent out by us during the cold months yet to follow.