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It's Not Too Late

It's not too late to make the most important holiday purchase of all — tuberculosis Christmas seals.

Some of us neglected to take that moment to acknowledge Christmas seals when they were received in the mail in November. It is easy to put something like that aside during the busy, pre-Christmas days. But it is not too late to take a moment off to make a return for the seals.

The dollars and cents' cost of tuberculosis in this country is conservatively estimated at \$350,000,000 a year.

That is high tribute to pay a disease.

It is particularly high tribute to pay a preventable disease.

Even so, it is only a small part of the cost of tuberculosis. The worst toll exacted by this disease cannot be computed in dollars and cents. It is paid for in suffering, in the pain of separation for months, perhaps years, from loved ones, in the sense of frustration when careers are interrupted.

The costliness of tuberculosis lies in the fact that it is a chronic, long-term, communicable disease. These characteristics explain both the financial burden and the physical and emotional suffering it causes.

TB has a slow onset, thus too frequently it is not recognized and diagnosed until it has a firm hold on its victim. Recovery is then a slow process. During the period when the patient is under treatment, he is deprived of normal family life, of earning a livelihood, of following a chosen vocation.

Yes, TB comes high. Better, far better, than paying the cost of TB would be preventing TB.

This is not an impossible task. We know that if all the people who have TB but who are unknown to health authorities — and it is estimated there are at least 250,000 in this country — were diagnosed and placed under proper treatment, within a reasonable time we could eradicate TB, and, eventually, the tremendous cost it exacts.

For the sake of our financial and human resources, it is obviously sound economy to prevent TB. And each of us can help bring this costly disease under control by supporting the campaign against TB in our community.

Through Christmas Seals, we can cut down the tribute to TB.

Sou'easter

By Captain Henry

I don't know what we would do if our alphabet didn't have an X. By itself it spells more words than two or even three letters in some cases. Look at Xmas, X X X at the end of a letter means kisses, X always marks the spot, there are X roads, and at the newspaper office one day I learned that an X through printed matter means "kill."

X makes the vowels look like pikers.

All America blossomed out in miniature Hopalong Cassidys Monday morning. Hopalongs, most of them, were busting two-wheeled broncs while their sisters in tooted boots and all the trappings were incongruously clinging to organdy-frocked dolls with silky, marcelled hair. Roller skates whirred, their wheels spinning in air more than they spun on the ground.

It was an all-out Christmas—for many felt as though this Christmas, perhaps, may be the last one before

a restricted way of living makes gathering of families and other holiday customs impossible during several Christmases to come.

This season of the year has been added by the faithless as well as the faithful. It sheds a light which can encompass all people but only the few feel the real warmth of the glow and only through those who believe can the true meaning of the birth of Christ be interpreted to the world.

Who dares to lay the fact of the birth of a Saviour against a disillusioned world, against the boom of cannon, against weariness, distrust, fear? It requires a courage born of faith and love.

In several days the new year begins. How fast time runs out! Another volume has been added to the history of the world. You and I had a part in writing it. You and I, too, will help to write the next one. The story we would like to be told depends on how even the least of us, my brethren, treat our fellowmen.

Covering the Waterfront

By Aycock Brown

Hatteras Inlet, N. C. — Christmas Eve came on Sunday this year. It came on Sunday in 1899 when the British tramp steamer, Aristo, a 2,285 ton schooner rigged vessel hailing from Glasgow, Scotland, stranded near the old Ocracoke Life Saving Station to become the worst maritime disaster of the year.

Out of the crew of 30 only nine were saved and the official report of the disaster described it as "the most calamitous because entirely needless, loss of life during the entire year, or indeed for many recent years in the history of the Life Saving Service."

Harkers Island - born Matthew Guthrie, one of the surfmen in the crew of the station which in later years was to be rebuilt and designated as Hatteras Inlet by the Coast Guard, was trudging through the slushy sand on the South Patrol when he discovered the dim outlines of a ship's hulk in the surf ahead. He also sighted the distress rockets fired from the ship and immediately answered the signal by his Coston light.

The sea was running high and a blizzard of gale force did not help matters. The surf was running over the high water mark. It was tough going walking against the driving sleet and snow but soon Guthrie was back at the station to report the ship in the breakers. David Williams, the north patrolman, having discovered the wreck, likewise returned to the station, to find his comrades already moving to the scene of the wreck with rescue equipment.

Aboard the Aristo the situation was in a state of confusion. First thought of Capt. R. R. Baines and his officers was that the ship had struck the dreaded Diamond Shoals. In those days when a vessel struck these shoals off Cape Hatteras the first thought was to abandon ship. And that is what 21 of the crew members were attempting to do when the lifeboat in which they hoped to reach safety overturned in the mountainous surf. The few members of the crew who remained aboard the ship were rescued shortly after day break. The Aristo had not struck the dreaded shoals, she had hit the reef within a stone's throw of the beach. Those in the crew who attempted to reach safety in the ship's lifeboat were lost. Several of the bodies were discovered during the day and they were given a Christian burial atop a dune in the vicinity. Bodies continued to come ashore here on Ocracoke Island, at Portsmouth and on nearby Hatteras Island until late January.

Assisting the Ocracoke life savers in the rescue were crewmen of Durant's station at Hatteras. The survivors remained here and at Hatteras for several days. Late in the afternoon of Christmas Eve Chief Engineer Warren returned to his quarters aboard the Aristo to get a package. It contained fruit cake from his family in England. Many of the surfmen at the station here tasted fruit cake for their first time when it was cut on Christmas Day.

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THE MAN AND HIS WIFE WHO CAME TO DINNER



In The Good Old Days

THIRTY-THREE YEARS AGO

President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed that the government had seized the railroads and would operate them for the duration of the war.

Beaufort citizens held a meeting to decide whether or not to complete the water and sewerage systems. It was decided to continue the work.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

The barge Hammond, rescued a week ago, left Beaufort Christmas eve, making it necessary for the salvors to take action against her. She was stopped at Southport, bond was arranged, and the matter was to come up in Federal court.

According to a new ordinance it was now unlawful to hang chum or its by-products through the streets of Beaufort.

TEN YEARS AGO

Congressman G. A. Barden reported that \$143,000 had been allotted the Carteret-Craven REA, which meant that 90 per cent of the homes in the county would soon have electric power.

Capt. O. W. Chadwick, who for 15 years had run the Harkers Island ferry, was relieved of his duties by the State Highway department.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Four Morehead City men, J. V.

News from

BAY VIEW



Dec. 20. — The Christmas programs will be given Friday evening at Mt. Pleasant, F. W. B. church, Saturday evening at Graham's chapel and Bay View Baptist church Sunday evening. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

Mr. and Mrs. Kilby Haakett spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Conway of Hubert.

Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Watkins spent last week with relatives in Wayne and Johnson county.

We all hope that Mrs. James Skinner who is on the sick list will soon be better.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Haskett and daughter, Brenda Joyce, of Havelock spent Sunday with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. James Waddell of Havelock spent a while Sunday with Rev. and Mrs. Watkins.

Mrs. P. D. Smith of Maysville spent Monday night with Mrs. Gilford Cannon.

Mrs. Thomas Haskett and Mrs. Gilford Cannon spent Tuesday in New Bern.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Lewis and daughter, Darlene spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Small.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilford Cannon spent a while in Maysville Sunday.

Several from the community attended the concert given at the Newport school gym Sunday afternoon.

House on the Move

Moose Jaw, Sask.—(AP)—An 18-room farmhouse was moved 125 miles to Moose Jaw in 24 hours. Two linemen accompanied the moving crew to clear overhead lines. The house was settled on its new foundations with no damage except a few broken window panes.

Cardovan leather is made of horsehide.

News from

HARLOWE



Dec. 18 — Mr. and Mrs. Ashby B. Morton attended Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Taylor's golden anniversary in New Bern Sunday, December 10 at the Woman's club. Mrs. Morton, niece of Mr. Taylor directed the guests to register.

Mrs. Gordon Becton, Mrs. Luke Turner and Mrs. W. Kuch Williams were in New Bern Wednesday.

There will be a Christmas program and Christmas tree Sunday evening Dec. 24 at the church.

Mrs. George W. Ball and Mrs. Charlie Bell accompanied by Mrs. Earl Dickinson of Core Creek spent Tuesday in New Bern.

Mrs. Ashby B. Morton was in New Bern Monday.

Mrs. Burney L. Witherington of Vanceboro motored down Tuesday afternoon to bring her mother, Mrs. W. C. Williams home.

Mrs. James L. Smith of Bachelor passed through Tuesday enroute to New Bern.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Creech were in Beaufort Wednesday to see Dr. Moore. Mr. Creech entered the Morehead City hospital for treatment.

Philip and Frank Taylor spent last Sunday in Warrenton with Mr. and Mrs. Scott Gardner.

Mrs. Carl H. Morton was in New Bern Wednesday. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Kelly of Beaufort.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Becton and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Taylor of Bachelor passed through last Sunday enroute to New Bern to attend the golden anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Taylor.

Rev. J. M. Jolliff of Newport held services here Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Blivins of Havelock attended church services here Sunday.

Mrs. M. C. Taylor and Mrs. J. T. Hardesty were in New Bern Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashby B. Morton, Mrs. Earl Creech and M/Sgt. Harles Earnest visited Earl Creech Wednesday evening at the Morehead City hospital.

Xenophon Mason, member of

the national guard of Fort Bragg, spent the weekend here.

Mrs. Ashby B. Morton and Mrs. Earle Creech spent Thursday morning in New Bern.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Tolson, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Conner, Wallace Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Guy Temple and sons, Gary and Floyd attended the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Taylor at their home at Bachelor Sunday, Dec. 17 and Dew-

ey Taylor celebrated his birthday. Mrs. Lottie Adams and Mrs. Joe Sadler Morton spent Saturday in New Bern.

Mrs. Rupert Hardesty entered the Morehead City hospital for an appendectomy Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ashby B. Morton and Mrs. Earle Creech are in Morehead City today, Monday.

Mrs. A. N. Bell, Mrs. W. Kuch Williams were in Beaufort Monday afternoon.

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