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What This Town Needs

Thoughtful citizens of any well ordered community as large as Roxboro are always pondering ways and means by which their town can be improved, although it is true that not too many of these same thoughtful citizens often agree on either ailments or cures. But, tonight, when the Chamber of Commerce meeting called by President Glenn Stovall is convened, we hope there will be a prompt and sincere agreement that the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce will celebrate its 1940 birthday.

The account published in last Thursday's edition of the "Times" made it plain that there has, of late, been an undercurrent of dissatisfaction working from within among some members of the local Chamber organization. This discontent is said to have taken open expression by the simple expedient of dropped membership. The exact nature of each and every individual act of negation has no place here. We are concerned at this point with the belief that tonight's action by the members must be of an affirmative nature: Roxboro needs its Chamber of Commerce.

We say this, even though we know many similar organizations in other cities have not done as much as they might for their respective municipal parents. But, to come back to Roxboro's need of a well organized and efficiently operated Chamber of Commerce. In its present form the local Chamber has been and is the only medium, except the town council, through which civic improvements may be suggested and carried out; it is, at present, the only organization in the city capable of presenting a business code of operations applicable to all local merchants; it is, at all times, a unified advertising medium for the Roxboro Tobacco market and for all other businesses and industries in the city; it is the one place in town where local business and historical information can be kept and made available to all citizens and it is the only organization capable of maintaining a look-out post position in regard to new businesses or industries seeking locations here.

Plain speaking requires admission of the fact that the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce is capable of doing these things for the town, only when the Chamber membership is both representative and large, as well as active mentally. To take advantage of opportunities for service requires administrative skill and forethought from a good secretary, working in conjunction with an active and cooperative membership, and when the work is carried out under these conditions we have no fear that every resigned or recently resigned member will be begging for the favor of readmission to the organization.

This town has had a good Chamber of Commerce, capable like anything human, of some improvement. It will need a good Chamber of Commerce more now than ever before and it is to be hoped that the men who are now members will seek to have a reasonable increase in membership, new or old, and that some attempt will be made to outline a plan of work for the as yet unselected secretary.

We can try "getting along" without the organization here: we want everybody to see that the getting along would be mighty "poor" going and we hope that the right rather than the wrong kind of support will be given to the renewed Chamber of Commerce we may have here. We are certain Roxboro needs a good Chamber of Commerce.

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The King's Message

Christmas morning we sat by a radio and listened to the Christmas message of George VI., of England. We did not make notes and we do not have a good memory, but we are still amazed at the good job he made of it in trying to combine peace and war.

According to the custom of the day the King was expected to mention the holiday spirit and happiness in the home, and according to the necessities of the moment he was compelled to speak a word of cheer to the soldiers and to the fighting home folks of the empire.

It was all done by the King with less embarrassment than usually attends such public performances and it may be taken as a manifestation of the ability the English people have, for combining reality and sentiment in such a fashion that you never know where one ends and the other begins.

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That End of the Year Feeling

Signs of it are all around us. Discarded Christmas trees stand forlornly by backdoor steps or at the edge of the driveway, waiting for the trashman. Crushed ornaments and bits of paper add to the pile.

And in the stores—what is left can be had for half-price, maybe, if you want it. At home the half-price spirit takes hold too. Enough is enough. Turkey, candy and even visiting relatives, though some of each will last through New Year's night.

And in the newspapers there is the usual but no less appalling list of people killed and injured during

the holidays. And the list of ten most popular movie stars (box office) during the year.

You have guessed it, this editorial has the same end of the year feeling. For the moment we are caught between seasons, and we don't feel like writing a sermon on how good the old year has been (though it has) and we are not in the mood to make predictions for 1940, and so there you are. Maybe the sixteenth century Englishmen were right. Christmas to them was a long holiday lasting until "Twelfth Night in January".

Under the old custom there was less of a chance for the let down feeling so many of us have, for "Twelfth Night" carried the holiday period well beyond the first of the year. In an age when Christmas was mostly hunting and singing and sitting before open fires, if card-makers are to be believed, it must have been splendid to have such a long holiday time. Nowadays, we might not know what to do with so much time devoted exclusively to pleasure.

"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."
"Man never falls so low that he can see nothing higher than himself."
—Parker

Illustration of a bell with the text "Happy New Year" written across it. Below the illustration, the text reads: "THE bells that ring out to proclaim a New Year, also proclaim in resounding tones, our good wishes for you all through 1940. May good fortune and personal progress follow you throughout the year, as America goes forward, rich in achievement and happy people." Below this is the name "LONG, BRADSHER & CO." and the word "HARDWARE".

Large stylized number "1940" with a bell illustration below it.

Palace Theatre
ADVANCE PROGRAM
From Sunday Night, Dec. 31st. thru Wednesday, Jan. 3rd.
Motion Pictures Are Your Best Entertainment
Special New Year's Eve Show
Constance Moore - Johnny Downs - Marjorie Rameau - Edgar Kennedy, in
"Laugh It Off"
Musical: "Rhumba Land"
Box office opens 12:01; show at 12:15. All seats 30c

Monday - Tuesday, Jan. 1-2
Joan Bennett - Adolph Menjou and introducing Hollywood's Newest Heart-Throb John Hubbard with William Gargan - George E Stone - Donald Meek, in
"The Housekeeper's Daughter"
Five men tried to keep house with "The Housekeeper's Daughter", but keeping house was not in her line!
Phil Spitalny and his All-girl Orchestra in "Moments of Charm of 1940"
Hearst Metrotone News - "News While It Is Still News"
No Morning Shows;
Afternoons daily 3:15-3:45; Admission 10-25c;
Evening daily 7:15-9:00; Admission 10-30c

Wednesday, January 3
Walter Connolly with Onslow Stevens - Iris Meredith, in "Those High Gray Walls"
The Three Stooges in "We Want Our Mummy"
No Morning Show, afternoon 3:15-3:45; Admission 10-25c; evening 7:15-9:00. Admission 10-30c.

Dolly Madison
THEATRE
ADVANCE PROGRAM
From Monday, January 1st. thru Wednesday January 3rd.
Motion Pictures Are Your Best Entertainment
Monday - Tuesday, Jan. 1-2
George Raft - Jane Bryan - William Holden - Humphrey Bogart - Flora Robson - Paul Kelly, in
"Invisible Stripes"
(First Run)
Invisible but indelible — the stripes that none could see — but all could feel! A story — strange, powerful, tremendously moving — which blasts from the hearts of these unforgettable people!
Variety: "Sword Fishing"
Fox Moxietone News - "News of the Nation"
Special Morning Show
Monday 10:30;
Afternoons daily 3:15-3:45; Admission 10-25c;
Evening daily 7:15-9:00;

Wednesday, Jan. 3rd.
John Payne - Jane Wyman with Walter Catlett - Ed Brophy in
"Kid Nightingale"
(First Run)
The new King of Swing! He can warble like a Bird—and Wallop like a Mule!
Musical: "Bandits and Ballads"
Admission 10-25c
Morning Show 10:30; afternoon 3:15-3:45; Admission 10-25c; evening 7:15-9:00. Admission 10-25c.

Local & Society

Peck - Twisdale Marriage Revealed

Announcement has been recently made by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Peck, of Henderson, of the marriage of Miss Alice Starr Peck, of that city, to Arthur Marshall Twisdale, of Roxboro, on November 19, at Clarksville, Va. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. L. T. Blane, Methodist minister. Both Mr. and Mrs. Twisdale are former residents of Townsville and are graduates of Townsville high school. Mrs. Twisdale is connected with the Bell Telephone and Telegraph company at Henderson, but will come to Roxboro the first of the year to establish residence, where her husband has lived for a little over two years. He is assistant manager of King's Palace, popular restaurant on the Durham road.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Mr. Twisdale, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Twisdale, of Townsville, was a resident of Henderson before he came to Roxboro. He and Mrs. Twisdale have many friends in Henderson and Roxboro who will be interested to learn of their marriage.

Mrs. S. F. Nicks, Jr., and daughters, Sylvia and Carolyn, are visiting her sister Mrs. David Cooke, in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Oakley and son, of Raleigh, spent Monday and Tuesday here visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walker spent the Christmas holidays in Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Atkinson spent the Christmas holidays here visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Holeman of Black Mountain, N. C., are spending the holidays here, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Brown spent Sunday and Monday in Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brandon and family of Winston-Salem are spending the holidays here.

Walter Tillman is spending a few days here visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Sanders is spending a few days in Black Mountain, with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Puckett spent several days in Virginia during the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hines of Greensboro, were Roxboro visitors Christmas day.

Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Hamilton spent several days in Davidson this week.

E. J. Hamlin of Burlington, was a Roxboro visitor Wednesday.

Miss Ida Winstead, of Warrenton, spent the Christmas holidays in Roxboro with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Winstead.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clayton, Jr., of Durham, were Roxboro visitors this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence C. Hall and family spent Christmas in New York City with Mr. Hall's sister, Miss Lucille Hall.

Claytor - Hamlin Wedding Takes Place At Church

In an impressive late afternoon ceremony Miss Louise Claytor, of Hillsboro, and Edwin J. Hamlin of this city and Burlington, were united in marriage Wednesday in the Presbyterian church at Hillsboro by the bride's uncle, the Rev. N. R. Claytor, of Milton. Shortly before five o'clock Mrs. Shepherd Strudwick, organist, presented a program of nuptial music and as the strains of the wedding march from Wagner's Lohengrin began, the four ushers, Messrs. Thomas M. Bumpass, and Gordon Carver, of this city, and William Chance and the bride's brother, John William Claytor, of Hillsboro, entered the church and approached the chancel.

They were followed by the maid of honor, Miss Mary Claytor, sister of the bride, who wore a long maroon velvet afternoon gown, with a basque waistline and short puff sleeves. She had a small matching urban and carried talisman roses and yellow snapdragons.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hume Claytor, entered with her oldest brother, Robert Hume Claytor, Jr., who gave her in marriage. They were met at the altar by the groom, who had as his best man, his brother, R. E. Hamlin, Jr., of Kinston. For her marriage Miss Claytor wore a floor-length afternoon dress of royal blue velvet, made with a full skirt, a fitted waistline, with bustle effect, and long sleeves, fitting tightly at the wrists and puffed slightly at the shoulders, with a high neckline. She wore a small blue turban of the same material, with a short length veil and carried a white prayer book.

P. L. Thomas spent Christmas day in Erwin, N. C. with his parents.

tooned with gardenias and lilies of the valley.

For the recessional Mrs. Strudwick sounded the familiar notes of Mendelssohn's "Mid-Summer Night's Dream" and immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin left on a Northern wedding trip. They will be at home after the first of the year in Burlington, where Mr. Hamlin is connected with the editorial staff of the Burlington Times.

Mrs. Hamlin, whose father is superintendent of schools, has been a resident of Hillsboro for most of her life and is connected with the office staff of the Orange-Person-Caswell health department. She is well known in Roxboro where she has often visited.

Mr. Hamlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edward Hamlin, of this city, is a native of Roxboro and a graduate of the University of North Carolina, in the school of journalism, Chapel Hill. He was formerly city editor of this paper before he went to Burlington.

For the impressive late afternoon ceremony, which was attended by many people from this city, the Hillsboro church was beautifully decorated in green and white, with ferns and chrysanthemums and adalabras forming an attractive massed pattern at the altar.

On Tuesday evening prior to the wedding rehearsal Mr. and Mrs. Claytor, parents of the bride entertained at a cake cutting at their home, where the same bridal decorations of green and white were used effectively both in the flowers and in the wedding ices and bridal cake.

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DURHAM, N. C.

Just for The Record . . .
Six months ago, when the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee was formed, a definite and sincere promise was made to the public.
We pledged the aid of this industry to the law-enforcement agencies in seeing that retailers of beer operate their establishments in accordance with the law and public sentiment.
That promise is being carried out—and will be carried out permanently. The record shows that in the past four months, the legal beer industry in this state has assisted authorities in bringing about the revocation of 34 licenses.
You can help your law-enforcement authorities and this awakened industry by giving your patronage only to reputable beer dealers—who deserve it.
Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee
EDGAR H. BAIN, State Director
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