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Ramblin' 'Round

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Christmas is past. The New Year is at hand. It's a mighty good time to take an inventory of ourselves, as well as of our businesses; to see where we've made mistakes, where we may improve during the coming year. Let's do that, and we will have a happier year in 1938.

The past week has been a busy one with me as well as with you readers. We closed shop Friday at noon to give our force a little longer for Christmas; and I was glad to get away from the shop and be able to get in a little more rest and sleep.

But I did not get the rest until after Christmas was gone, for bright and early—too early—Christmas morning Peggy was awake, about 5 o'clock, and she refused to go to sleep again; so all of us got up to see what Santa Claus had brought Gene and Peggy. Gene, of course, knew to look for Santa, but it was Peggy's first year to know anything about Christmas—last year she was too small.

She is crazy about dolls, so she was delighted with the doll she got Christmas. To her it makes but little difference what else she received. Gene seemed more interested in fireworks, the very thing I'm afraid of and would rather he would not have. They're dangerous.

On Christmas day all of our family gathered in Mt. Olive, with my sister, Mrs. David Potts. By "all of the family" I mean my Mother and all brothers and sisters and their children. That's a custom we have had for several years. With the exception of two times I have always been with the family at Christmas time. Back in 1923 I was in the Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and we had only one day off, so I could not get home; then while in Bristol, Virginia, I was sick one Christmas and did not get home until after the beginning of the new year. At Mt. Olive we had a good dinner, spread in the yard; had a Christmas tree; and had a good time in general.

Prior to our going to Mt. Olive we had gone up to Pikeville to have breakfast with the Hams and to share in their Christmas tree too. All of their family, with the exception of David Ham, was present—Mr. and Mrs. Hoyie Efrid of Gastonia, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sherard, Jr., and our family of Goldsboro. We went back to Pikeville in the afternoon to be with Mrs. Roberts' folks again, and to help eat the fine turkey we had missed at noon.

On the way from Pikeville to Mt. Olive in the morning I stopped over in Goldsboro long enough to "tie the knot" for Cooper Thomas and Miss Edna Gurley, a fine couple of the Nahunia section of this county. The marriage took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thomas, uncle and aunt of the groom. Just a year ago I married a couple, Mr. Braxton from near LaGrange was the man, but I don't just now recall the bride's name.

That five-o'clock rising Christmas morning didn't sound like resting—and it wasn't—but I made up for it Sunday morning. I had planned to go to Sunday school, but when we awoke and looked at the watch it was already Sunday school time, so I kept on sleeping and did not get out of bed until near 1 o'clock in the afternoon. In that way I made up for some of the sleep lost in helping Gene and Peggy enjoy Christmas.

On Sunday afternoon we drove out by my Brother Dick's home and he and Emogene, his wife, and my family took a drive to the southern end of the county, going down the old Seven Springs road to Seven Springs and then back to Goldsboro by way of the route on the east side of the river.

After passing the Well stock farm, the home of George Moye, the home of the Walkers, the home of Mrs. Johnnie Moye, the home of Milford Daly, of Royle Kornegay, we drove to the Cliffs on the Neuse. I can recall that a few years ago when I first visited the Cliffs it appeared that but few people ever visited them, but now many people go there each week, and it is not unusual to see several cars there any Sunday you may drive down there. Three cars were there Sunday during the few minutes we were there. The Cliffs are well worth seeing—there where the sand Sapona Hills puts into the river and have been cut abruptly by the flowing water. I've forgotten how high the Cliffs are.

After leaving the Cliffs we drove on down by John Ivey's home, down to the Springs, where live the Maxwells, and then on through White Hall, where I lived when I did my first school teaching back in 1918. Things were quiet there and I did not see any of the many people I know there. On across the river we passed the Hinson homes, passed through the Ivey community and hit the Goldsboro-Kinston highway and headed back to town. We did drive down to the old Dobbs Courthouse sight for Dick and Emogene had not seen the site of the county seat of old Dobbs County, from which, as I recall, Wayne, Lenoir and part of Greene were formed.

We didn't tarry long in town, for we drove back out to Dick's home and helped them eat a good supper which they had already prepared. Chicken, backbone, ham, etc., etc.

Since Sunday I'm back at the routine work and have had but little time to do any rambling; but I'll be seeing many of you during the year which it not far ahead of us.

Hopewell News

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Holmes and son Gordon of Pine Grove spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lewis.
 Mr. Perry Moxing of Goldsboro spent Christmas Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Moxing and friends.
 Mr. and Mrs. Troy Holmes of Charlotte visited his mother, Mrs. George Holmes.
 Miss Donnie and Doris Holmes of Raleigh are spending the holidays with their parents.
 Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Farmer of Mt. Olive visited Mrs. J. W. Holmes Sunday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Lushy Corbin and family of Angier visited Mrs. J. W. Holmes Sunday.
 Mr. Zeb Grady spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. G. L. Farmer of Mt. Olive.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holmes Sunday were: Mrs. Lou Herring and daughter, Thelma, Mrs. Irma Herring and Irene and Raymond of Mt. Olive, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Herring of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Price and son, Othel, Mr. Mack Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Whitted and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Herring, Miss Carrie Williams and others whose names were not learned.

Mr. Andrew "Gump" Price of Zion spent Saturday night with Mr. Thurmon Holmes.
 Mr. Othel Price of Rocky Mount called on Miss Hespie Grady Holmes Sunday.
 Miss Sula Holmes is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Bula Price, of Pine Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Bose Grady and children visited Mr. Grady's sister, Mrs. G. L. Farmer, of Mt. Olive Christmas Day.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harper and family spent the week-end at Pink Hill with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Griffin and family of Goldsboro spent the holidays at Mrs. Griffin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Grady.

Mrs. Tommie Blanton and children of Williams Mill section spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hines.

Mr. Tank Garris of Zion and Miss Mary Price of Broadhurst Bridge community visited Mr. and Mrs. L. Barwick Christmas.
 Master James Holmes spent Sunday night with Norwood Grady.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Barwick and family spent Christmas evening with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Moxing.
 To our regret the B. O. Holmes' filling station went up in flames Friday night. The origin of the fire is unknown.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage license issued this week by W. E. Ormand, register of deeds.
 White: — Albert Dunbar, 30, Grantham township to Martha Laws, 24, Grantham township; Alton Britt, 29, Johnston County to Elma Taylor, 24, Grantham township; Harold Haskins, 24, Granville County to Etta Frances Aiken, 23, Granville County; William Gordon

Moulding and Columns
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Best, 22, New Hope Township to Lillie Mae Hinnant, 22, Craven County; A. L. Mills, Jr., 27, Iredell County, to Louise Aycock, 22, Nahant; H. B. Martin, 38, Brogden Township, to Ruth Paxton McLaurin, 30, Brogden; Raymond Monroe Durham, 29, Columbus County, to Rachel Kornegay, 28, Brogden Township; Royster Pittman, 27, Pikeville Township to Mary Lee Bailey, 27, Wilson County; Hallie Smith, 21, Grantham Township to Nellie Hill, 21, Sampson County; Harvey Jordan, 28, Fork Township to Minnie Woodard, 22, Fork Township; Worth Woodard and Holland, 2, Johnston County to Ellen Peele, 21, Johnston County; Cooper Thomas, 22, Buck Swamp; Milton Lane, 26, New Hope Township to Ruby Barwick, 26, New Hope; Alvis Bryan Carr, 26, Dillon, to Ethel Mae Pace, 27, Goldsboro; Norwood Ritter, 21, Mt. Olive, to Agnes Howell, 23, Pikeville.

Colored:—John Eddie Smith, 28, Fork Township to Ruth Wooten, 20, Fork Township; Harry Pittman, 23, Brogden to Mary Bell White, 21, Brogden; Anderson Sutton, 28, Nahant to Bertha Dixon, 20, Nahant; Raymon Lee, 23, Grantham Township to Julia Williams, 19,

Johnston County; Ennis Harris, 21, Wilson County to Lillie Mae Lewis, 25, Nahant; Nahant; Hubert Newsome, 28, Nahant, to Nora Pearl Yelverton, 22, Great Swamp; Cleo Sutton, 21, Indian Springs Township to Irene Davis, 18, Indian Springs; Randolph Worrell, 21, Saulton Township to Lillian Cox, 21, Fork; J. B. Lewis, 21, Saulton Township to Pearl Cox, 19, Fork; Sam Outlaw, 35, Brogden, to Essie Moore, 25, Brogden; Alvin Johnson, 29, Goldsboro Township to Ethel May Hooker, 19, Goldsboro Township; Eddie Sears, 32, Pikeville Township to Sarah Fletcher, 29, Goldsboro Township; Conrad Artis, 21, Goldsboro, to Lucille Smith, 20, Goldsboro.

WOOTERS-BASS

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bass announce the marriage of their daughter, Frances, to Mr. William Henry Wooters, on Tuesday, December 14, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

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HAPPY CHILDREN

Around 500 children were made happy Monday night when the Salvation Army had its Christmas tree. Many were given toys and fruits by those who gave toys to be repaired for this purpose, by those who made contributions to the Army, by the Lions Club which gave toys, by many friends, by merchants.

But we wish that 500 Goldsboro people could have seen those eager faces, those happy expressions, and then next year hundreds of additional toys would be available for the fine work which the Salvation Army is doing in our midst. All strength to this fine organization in its work among the needy of our section. Let's help them to help those who need help.

LOOKING FORWARD

With the approach of the New Year it will be a mighty fine thing if all of us will look forward to what is ahead for us—to 1938 and the years beyond.

It is well for us to plan just how we will improve our lives during the month which are ahead of us; just how we can practice in our lives more and more the principle laid down by the Apostle James and described as pure religion; namely, personal purity and practical helpfulness.

We, of course, must look to material things, for we must live and must provide for our families; but after all, the material things are not the greatest things in life. LIVING is the thing; and we need to practice living the ABUNDANT LIFE.

Let us plan to begin the New Year with a determination to live fuller lives ourselves and to enable others, through our helpfulness, to live better and fuller lives.

To do this we need to look backward as well as forward. All of us make mistakes—however reluctant we are to admit them—and it is well that we profit from them. We often think that it is not so regrettable to make mistakes; but the regrettable thing is that we so often refuse to learn from them. When we have once made a mistake, let's try not to make the same one again.

If we will do that we will be bigger ourselves; and if we will try to make some one else happy we will be happier ourselves.

By practicing personal purity and practical helpfulness we will find ourselves living the ABUNDANT LIFE.

And may the ABUNDANT LIFE be yours during the coming year, is our wish for you.

OUR PLANS

During the past year we have tried to make the Herald a better paper than it was during 1936, and we shall try during 1938 to make it a better paper than it was during 1937.

You can help us do this—all of you readers. You can do this by letting us know of news events in your community which should be in the paper—and if you haven't a correspondent for the paper in your community, just help us get one—and by suggesting to us things you would like to see in the paper, improvements that could be made.

During the past year we have made a number of improvements. You have doubtless noted some of them.

We have changed Sunday school lesson discussions and we now have what some Bible students have told us is the finest lesson presentation they have seen.

We have added a SHORT SHORT STORY each week, a story just one column long which you may read in a few minutes. And if you have not been reading these stories we suggest you start this week to read them. Short Short Stories are a comparatively new type of literature, but they are so popular that most of our leading magazines carry them.

We have added a new Washington letter which gives you the facts from the National capital.

We have added a column each week by Irvin S. Cobb, one of the country's greatest humorists and writers. If you haven't been reading Cobb, we advise that you start this week.

We have added two local columns, one by L. E. Warrick, a native of the county and one who taught school for a long time. He is often spoken of as the "Will Rogers" of this section; you'll enjoy him.

Beggs Corbin, a newcomer to the paper, is doing a column. Read it. Read all of these features in addition to those which the paper has been carrying—Chips Off the Old Block, Ramblin' 'Round; Items and Ideas, etc.

And, too, we have added this fall the record of county court proceedings, of marriage licenses sold, and of land transfers. Many have told us they wanted these things and have expressed appreciation for their appearance.

Now, our plans include improvements for the coming year just as we have made them during the past year.

What we want you to do is to write in, or call at the office, and let us know just what are the improvements you would like to see made.

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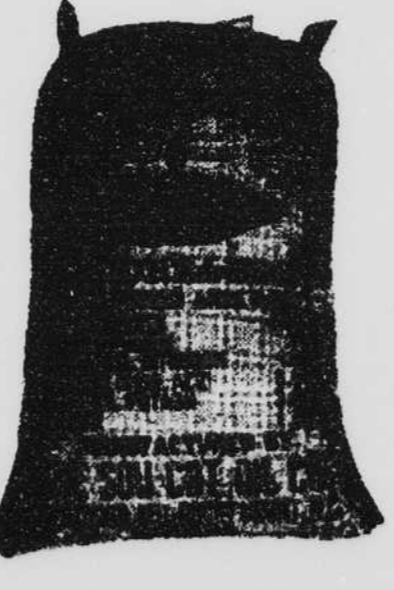
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