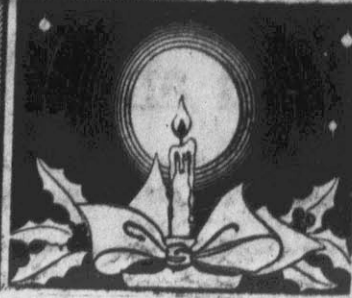




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Many Unfortunate Pitt Families Have Happier Christmas

Spirit Of Giving Is Bright

By ALVIN TAYLOR
Reflector Staff Writer

Literally hundreds of needy Pitt County families will have a happier Christmas this year because of the efforts of many of Greenville's civic clubs.

Many organizations have made it a club project this year, as in years past, to see to it that needy families have the necessary food, clothing and toys to make Christmas a joyous occasion.

The clubs make sure that families who receive the aid are actually in need of assistance during the Christmas season by checking with the Pitt County Welfare Department. When the welfare department gives its approval, the way is opened for the families to receive packages for Christmas.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce raised money for its Christmas cheer program by staging a talent show over radio station WGTC. Through this program the Jaycees were able to raise money and gifts of clothing and toys to make its "Operation Christmas" a success. The Jaycees made up boxes and gifts for 20 needy families and distributed the packages last Saturday afternoon. Each food package contained five pounds of sugar, one ham a bag of oranges, five pounds of potatoes, two

pounds of lard, five pounds of flour, dried beans and peas, candy, nuts and salt in addition to gifts of clothing and toys according to Jaycee president Ben Rouse.

The Greenville Kiwanis Club will provide food and clothing and some toys and confections for about 70 persons in 12 families. Bill Tait, chairman of the Underprivileged Child Committee's Christmas Committee stated.

The chairman and other Kiwanians on the committee visited and checked needy families and individuals in the county. They plan to give more food and clothing this Christmas Eve. It is an annual custom for the Kiwanians to pay Santa Claus to worthy persons at Christmas. The club also contributes to Christmas cheer at some orphanages, reformatories and state institutions. President-elect Bryan Brown stated.

The Greenville Service League has decorated a tree in the lobby of Pitt Memorial Hospital. In addition, floral designs donated by local florists have been placed in the lobby by the Service League.

The Service League also plans to place favors on the trays of patients in the hospital on Christmas day. They plan to decorate the dining halls which the employees of the hospital use. Finally the

Service League has plans for distributing a number of food baskets to needy families during the Christmas season.

The Salvation Army, always a major contributor to the needy at Christmas time, is giving out 50 food baskets this year. The Salvation Army this year, as in year's past operated a kettle house at Evans and Fourth Street to collect money for its Christmas program.

The Christmas committee of the Elks Lodge is distributing baskets of food to ten families on Christmas Eve.

The local Moose Lodge held a dance at the armory Tuesday to raise funds for their annual Christmas party for underprivileged children Wednesday night. The party is to be held in the Moose Hall on Dickinson Avenue and gifts will be presented to the kids present.

The Lions Club has decided to help 24 families this year. Baskets of food to make up a complete Christmas meal have been packed by members of the Lion's Club. Each basket will contain a ham and other food in addition to fruit and candy.

The Exchange Club made a cash donation to a family in which the father is sick in the hospital. J.R. Newell, secretary of the organization, said the money is made up of

donations made by members of the club.

The Rotary Club has donated money to help needy families this year.

The King's Daughters voted for each member to select a family in need of assistance and to help them as much as possible.

Files Helped

Every needy family listed in the Pitt County Welfare Department's "Christmas Card File" received aid this Christmas. K. T. Futrell of the department reported today. The families listed by the Welfare Department are those who need some outside assistance to help make their Christmas brighter.

Each year various organizations and individuals call the Welfare Department for names of families who need help at Christmas time and this year every name was given to someone who gave something that helped them enjoy a brighter Christmas.

Mrs. David Proctor handled the card file this year for the Welfare Department, but efforts to reach her to find out exactly how many families received aid were unsuccessful.

'More Would Be Giving If They Saw The Need'

Jaycee Distributors Echo Thought On Encountering Pitt's Needy Families

By BOB BOYETTE
Reflector Staff Writer

All the members of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce who help distribute the "Christmas Cheer" to many of Pitt County's needy families only reported, "I wish that everyone who gave something could have been with us!"

Frank Dall, who headed the club's drive to help the families this year, said that "I have never seen anything like it," when referring to the various families he visited when distributing the various boxes of food and clothing this year.

He said that he and his group would drive up to a house and explain that they were there to bring some "Christmas Cheer" from the Greenville Jaycees and the citizens of Greenville.

"At one home," Dall stated, "the father was unable to work because of sickness and there was a nine-year-old girl who looked very undernourished." He explained that the family lived in a two room shack with hardly any furniture and no modern conveniences as well as holes in the roof so one could stand inside and see the sky. "The door was kept closed by a chain running through a hole in the wall such as one would see when going to a 'corn crib' on a farm."

"They were very happy," he continued, "and after we had given them the box of groceries and some clothing the father invited us in the house where he knelt and said a prayer like it should have been said."

Deaf and Dumb Child

"The next home we visited we found the father sick again and a deaf and dumb child whose health was very bad. When we brought in the box of groceries and a nice coat that we had for the girl she seemed to try to holler and made some noise. She was the happiest person I have ever seen," Dall continued.

The Jaycees then went to the home of a Negro woman who had four children. They lived in a two room shack that had no glass in many of the windows. These windows had either some old oil cloth or some type of rags to try to keep the cold air out.

"When we arrived she was coming out of the woods with wood in her arms and an ax on her back. She was sick, too, but had to have the wood for heating and cooking. The children were dressed ragged and had so much cold that they should have been in the hospital. "We not only gave her the normal share but added eight quarts of milk, a bushel of sweet potatoes and a lot of extra clothing," he said.

Wanted Fuel Oil

One family needed fuel oil, Dall reported. "They lived in a converted school bus body, but had a garden where some food had been grown and the 'widow woman,' who had two children, said that she needed fuel oil so we just had an oil company in Greenville deliver her some oil."

Dall said that he could continue to explain the types of houses the families lived in and the condition of the families, but maybe this would give the people of Greenville who contribute to the worthy cause realize what their contributions did to make someone happy over the holidays.

He said that no home that he remembers had electric wiring nor any of the modern conveniences that a majority of the people have today.

He pointed out that probably most of the articles of clothing given came from the homes who just had in the way, but if they just only knew how much the families appreciated them they would give even deeper next year.

What Was Given

The Jaycees, who bought the merchandise with money raised from the talent show last week, as well as the clothing from families in Greenville, placed a ham, bag of flour, bag of sugar, beans, peas bag of nuts, bag of candy, lard, bag of salt, clothing, toys and milk in each box for each family.

Various businesses gave the milk and cleaned the clothing for the expedition.

In concluding, Dall said that it was an experience that he would never forget and that everyone could certainly feel like they helped some family have a better Christmas by contributing to the "Operation Christmas" drive by the Jaycees this year.

SOLDIERS MOVE IN

PARIS (AP) — French soldiers moved into post offices and railroad stations today and tried to cope with stacks of Christmas cards and gift packages piling ever higher as mail sorters still refused to work.

The sorters struck yesterday for a bigger year end bonus.



SWEATING OUT SANTA CLAUS—Mike, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Hall of East Fourth Street Extension, is one of the many kids who are sweating out Santa Claus. Skippy, the pup, seems content to just wait, but Mike keeps an eye on that stocking in hopes that St. Nick will soon arrive. (Reflector Photo by Bob Boyette).

Post Office To Make Every Effort To Finish Deliveries Christmas Eve

"Everybody thinks I know everybody else just because I work in the Post Office."

That was Postmaster J. Knott Proctor's only complaint about the Christmas mail thus far. The basis for his complaint was the stack of improperly addressed Christmas mail that is something of a bottleneck in the Post Office routine.

Most of the improperly addressed pieces of mail are Christmas cards. They'll just have to sit idly by until the Post Office employees can get together (probably after Christmas). A that meeting, the employees will get the proper addresses on all the letters they can. The rest will go into a dead-letter file.

Except for those improperly-addressed pieces of mail Postmaster Proctor figures the Post Office is in pretty good shape. The mail being handled is up at least 15 per cent over what it was a year ago, according to estimates, with most of it moving smoothly to delivery points. That includes both packages and letters.

No delivery service is planned for Christmas Day unless the deliveries are "fully justified." That means special delivery mail or an extra-ordinarily (and unexpected) heavy volume.

The daily deliveries by individual postmen in the city have been increased considerably, Proctor said. There isn't much overtime being

tabulated.

The hardest day the Post Office employees have had thus far during the holiday season was Monday. No records were kept on the number of individual pieces of mail handled but the number was considerable and deliveries were heavy throughout the city.

Since Monday, however, the amount of mail handled has slackened considerably and Proctor expects to have the office cleared at quitting time Christmas Eve. That quitting time is rather indefinite, however, because it will be determined by the amount of mail to be delivered. Every package and letter in the office will be delivered, if possible, Proctor said.

turned in, though because there are six holiday carriers helping to get the mail delivered.

To go along with the six new carriers, there are ten part-time inside workers. They help sort, mark, and bag the mail for delivery here in Greenville or to other points. Their work has gone rather smoothly with little extra office time required to make the necessary services to the mail.

Window business has increased considerably over the same period of 1952. Proctor said that window receipts for the quarter (since October 1) were up "roughly \$3,000" but no final figures will be available until January 1 when the monthly and quarterly reports are

MERRY Christmas

from all the folks at the Daily Reflector

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Greenville People Are Cool To White Christmas Idea

By JIMMY ELLIS
Reflector Staff Writer

People talk about it, but they ain't in favor of it.

A good 75 per cent of the Greenville citizens don't particularly care whether they have a white Christmas or not. In fact, most of them are downright against the idea.

Most of those who are against the idea of a snowy Christmas Day are the older folks. They almost all claim to have seen them before and while they'll agree that they're pretty, they don't like the idea of putting up with the after-effects.

The younger folks are more in favor of a white holiday. In fact, they don't want just a white Christmas, they want the works: big snow, last a while.

Perhaps the experience has something to do with the different schools of thought. One of the older citizens was rather angry about the whole idea.

"Look," he said, "I've seen these snows before. It's pretty—for awhile. That is, until you have to start worrying about the plumbing. Then, the pipes freeze. There isn't enough hot water in all of Greenville to melt the (concrete) things when they freeze up, when my pipes freeze, they freeze. No thanks."

On the other hand, a representative opinion of the younger folks expresses the other extreme. "I've never seen a white Christmas, at least not since I was a very small

child. I'd like to see another one if for no other reason than the sentiment attached to it."

Other ideas: "All my life I've heard other people talk about how nice it is to sit in the living room before the fire place (do they still exist?) and roast one's toes while it snows outside. I'm selfish. I'd like to know how it feels."

"White Christmas? Not me. The kids have to track in and out a blue million times and they leave the house in a solid mess. And the slush and mud that comes later—not me."

"Sweet"

"A white Christmas? You mean a real, honest-to-goodness white Christmas that lasts through January? That would be so sweet, don't you think?"

"Snow on Christmas would be nice. I remember when I was younger I got a nice little sled for Christmas. I'm still waiting for enough snow to enjoy it for more than 35 or 40 minutes at the time."

"Well, I've seen both (at different times), snow and hot as the dickens. All depends on how you look at it. If you want snow, then leaving snow scenes in its path. Of course, it might pass away before next week and that would mean no snow for Greenville."

And that would tickle three-fourths of the population.

Snow Cream

"The only good thing about snow is snow cream. I remember my parents used to fix a big bowl of it every time it snowed. But that

goodness in a bowl of snow cream isn't enough to balance the messes that always come about."

"Look, I've gotten to the point where I could hardly live if I didn't have my car. If it snowed, what would I do? I couldn't drive, I couldn't work. Besides, I hate to walk."

"No! Read that article J. P. McEvoy wrote in a recent Readers Digest. Man, he's got the right idea: Christmas under palm trees."

"Yes, but I don't know why. It would be pretty."

"No! When it snows, it's cold. If we could have just one day of it. The recent warmer weather may have influenced a few opinions. Last week (remember?) it was cold very cold for this part of the country. The coldness may have been just enough to change a few ideas about really cold weather being 'sweet' or 'nice' or whatever. It is that some people seem to think snow is."

There is some slight chance that Greenville's Christmas might be white. There's a new cold wave moving in from the Midwest and it's leaving snow scenes in its path. Of course, it might pass away before next week and that would mean no snow for Greenville.

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Ladino Pasture Beat Dry Spell

GOLDSBORO — Plenty of good Ladino-grass pasture solved the dry weather problem for Purebred Beef Producer Frank Scarborough this year.

Scarborough, who operates a farm just outside Goldsboro with some 40 purebred Herefords has three acres of lush pasture for each animal. There was plenty of grazing all during the summer and fall drought and there will be plenty for grazing all winter.

Christmas Tree Just For Birds

BOSTON (U)—A Christmas tree strictly for the birds will be decorated today on Boston Common. Among the trimmings will be popcorn, cranberries, pine cones filled with peanut butter, grapefruit and orange halves.

Greeting Cards, But No Tickets

ARLINGTON, Mass. (U)—Traffic officers will hand out greeting cards instead of parking tickets this Christmas. The message reads:

"Merry Christmas. This is our gift this year instead of the usual parking summons. Make it a safe Christmas. Drive carefully."

SLEICKERS GET JOBS
LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—Gov. Robert Crosby of Nebraska got a complaint from city workers in various parts of the state that small farmers were moving into town and taking jobs of normal city workers.

Social and Personal

All items for this page received after 10 a. m. will be published the following day. Dial 6106-9 a. m. to Moon; 1 to 4:30 p. m.

Major and Mrs. James H. Magill and children of Santa Ana, Calif. are here to spend Christmas with Mrs. Magill's mother, Mrs. F. M. Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McMillan will arrive December 26 from Jacksonville, Fla. to spend the day with Mrs. McMillan's mother, Mrs. J. B. White.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Basnight and Miss Lou Crossland of Charlotte will arrive today to spend Christmas with Mrs. J. B. White.

Miss Mary Patricia Waldrop will arrive today by plane from Houston, Tex. to spend two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Waldrop.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kittrell and Miss Elizabeth Kittrell are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fritchman in Tampa, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reid of Wilson will arrive today to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Reid's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hannaford.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Brooks are spending the Christmas holidays with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Merrell, in Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Mrs. George Holloway of Elizabeth, N. J. is spending the holidays with Mrs. Julius Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kachmer.

Miss Nancy Smith of Washington, D. C. arrived this morning to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Smith.

Churches of Christ, Scientist The practical value of daily obedience to the teachings of Christ Jesus will be emphasized at Christmas Service Sunday.

"Christian Science" will be the topic of the Lesson-Sermon to be read in the church services. The Golden Text is from Isaiah 52:9-10 "Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem; for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations."

Passages from the Bible include: "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

And from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The substance of all devotion is the reflection and demonstration of divine Love, healing sickness and destroying sin. Our Master said, 'If ye love me, keep my commandments.'" (241-19)

The horse-collar, invented about 1,000 A.D., was a great advance in transport and hauling of loads.

Free Will Baptist Church
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. with Mr. Stephen Walters, superintendent. The pastor's sermon topic at 11:00 a.m. worship service will be "It Is Finished." The choir will sing the hymn "Trusting Jesus" at this service. The F.W.B. Leagues will meet at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Leroy Forlines of Winterville and Nashville, Tenn. will be the guest minister at the 7:30 p.m. service.

Monday at 7:30 p.m. the Woman's Auxiliary will meet at the church. The 1954 officers of the auxiliary will be installed at this service. Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. prayer service and a class in Child Evangelism will be held. At 8:00 p.m. the church will hold a business conference.

Thursday at 10:00 p.m. until 12:05 a.m. there will be a Watch Night Service.

Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Youth for Christ Rally at Reedy Branch F. W. B. Church.

Entertain At Tea
On Monday afternoon Mrs. W. I. Bissette, Mrs. Cecil Cobb and Miss Bert Johnson entertained at an informal tea hour at the home of Mrs. Bissette for members of the Grifton Service League of which they are members of the advisory committee. The home throughout was decorated with the Christmas motif. Miss Johnson served hot fruit juice and guests served themselves to sandwiches, cheese stars, stuffed dates and ham biscuits, from a beautifully appointed table where a low crystal bowl of red roses was placed.

Marriage Licenses

Register of Deeds Blair Wheelock issued marriage licenses to the following couples since December 17: White: Paul A. Scott Sr. and Hazel Kennedy Corey of Greenville; William Cooley of Greenville and Susie Gray of Washington; Elwood C. Dail of Falkland and Louise Lloyd of Greenville; James C. Coward and Irene Forbes of Greenville; Mack G. Chauncey and Mildred Cherry of Winterville; Jimmy Lee Walls and Jean Cameron of Greenville.

Negro: John B. Ebron and Maggie Simmons of Greenville; J. Henry Tripp and Mary L. Joyner of Farmville; Milton Gardner and Minnie Pollard of Ayden; Andrew Howard and Virginia Jenkins of Bethel; William Stanley Little and Elen V. Wilkes of Winterville.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Diefenback of Grifton announce the birth of a son on December 18 in Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Tucker of Grifton announce the birth of a son, Glendel Leon Jr., on Dec. 20 at Pitt Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Tucker is the former Miss Kathleen Stout of Star.

Flowers For Hospital



Above is one of the floral arrangements donated by local florists and placed in the lobby of Pitt Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bissette Hold Open House

GRIFTON—Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Bissette held "Open House" Sunday afternoon between the hours of 4:00 and 6:00 at their home here. Callers were received by the hosts and their family, Miss June Tomlinson, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Phillips, in the reception hall where decorations were of red poinsettia. In the den Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cobb greeted the callers. Here white chrysanthemums in pretty arrangements were used. In the drawing room Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Williams and Mrs. H. P. Quinerly received. The traditional tree, gaily lighted, and candlelight made a pretty scene. Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Mewborn, Mrs. Gower, Mrs. Heber Wade, Mrs. W. H. Gower and Mrs. Robert Mewborn assisted elsewhere in the home. The refreshment table was covered with a lovely Christmas cloth. Epergnes with red roses and tall red candles formed the centerpiece. On the mantel was a brass bowl of roses and the buffet held a five branched silver candelabra with red candles. Mesdames John Groat, Robert Forney and Tom Gower served fruit punch and egg-nog from either end of the table. Guests served themselves to party sandwiches, tiny ham biscuits, cheese straws and Christmas cookies. Goodbyes were said to Mr. and Mrs. Brown Hodges in the front hall which was festive with white poinsettias and green candlelight. During the calling hours around 200 friends called.

Small Towns First to Light Outdoor Trees

It was a small town that first thought of lighting an outdoor community Christmas tree.

Four communities are believed to have thought of the idea about the same time—as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, were in Pennsylvania. Salem, Ore., decorated a large Sitka spruce. Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracuria.

The first national Christmas tree was in 1924 and was sponsored by the American Forestry Association. The event is now televised every year for all parts of the country to see.

The most spectacular outdoor displays in the United States are at the White House and Rockefeller Center in New York. The New York display is possibly the most elaborate in the world.

But it was the small towns that first thought of the idea.

Today, nearly every community in the land has some kind of Christmas decorations. Many communities string colored lights across the street and decorate light posts with evergreens. Many suspend bells and stars at street intersections and have dazzling community trees.

Little Indiana Town Owes Fame To Unusual Name

The little community of Santa Claus, Indiana, owes its fame to its unusual name. And at Christmas time its small post-office is swamped with mail from throughout the world by people who want their letter postmarked Santa Claus.

In addition, thousands of letters are received at the post-office addressed to "Santa Claus, Santa Claus, Ind." The notes range from the wistful to the desperate, requesting such things as a mama doll, a sled, a sweater, or a pair of overshoes.

They come from countries all over the world—small villages in Canada and big cities in Europe.

30 Years Ago Today

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A quiet but very pretty double wedding took place on Saturday evening, December 22, in St. Paul's Episcopal Church when Walter L. Harrington and Mary Gaskill Fianagan were united in matrimony by the Rev. James E. W. Cook, and Hogan Gaskins and Blanche D. Davenport were similarly joined by the Rev. Leland W. Smith of the Memorial Baptist Church.

The beautiful ring ceremony of the Episcopal Church was used and the unique way in which the two clergymen arranged the service was particularly pleasing. The church was decorated for Christmas, and bridal pairs stood under a brilliant electric star reminding everyone present of the Star of Bethlehem. A large number of friends will wish these young people every happiness and success in the life so propitiously started.

Miss Johnson Hostess At Buffet Supper

GRIFTON—On Friday night, Miss Bert Johnson entertained at a lovely buffet supper at her home on Church Street. The traditional greenery and red candles with soft light in the living room gave an air of gaiety to the guests as they arrived. They were invited into the dining room where the table was covered with a white linen cloth and held a miniature silvered tree with red lights. Here a delectable turkey dinner was served. Guests seated themselves at card tables which were centered with antique goblets which were used to represent bells. These were topped with candles. After the delectable repast, bridge was played at four tables with Mrs. J. L. Quinerly, Mrs. J. W. Short and Mrs. Roger Johnson receiving prizes for highest score.

Others playing were Mesdames Thurman Williams, Alton Chapman, H. P. Quinerly, Glendel Tucker, L. L. Mewborn, Robert Mewborn, W. I. Bissette, Jack Chapman, J. L. Tucker, H. C. Oglesby, Miss Marie Chapman, Miss Louise Mewborn and Miss Hazel Patrick.

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For Once, June Leads December

More couples apply for marriage licenses at the register of deeds office in the courthouse in Greenville during the month of June than in December.

Register of Deeds Blair Cox Wheelock reported today that the office issued from last June 1 through December 22, licenses to 42 couples. From December 1 through December 22, licenses to 34 couples. She issued 480 licenses to couples from last January 1 through December 22.

The register of deeds issued from June 1 through June 22, 1952, licenses to 38 couples. From December 1 through December 22, 1952, she issued licenses to 32 couples. From January 1, 1952, through December 22, 1952, the office issued licenses to 530 couples.

Huron, Michigan Erie and Ontario are all names which derive from the American Indians.

Self-Treatment Said Dangerous

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Self-treatment of skin rashes and itches can often make troubles worse, firing up allergic-type reactions to the remedies used, two Indiana physicians report. By patch test, they found that one-fourth of a group of patients had skin troubles caused by one of a succession of remedies they'd used. The report is by Drs. L. E. Gaul and G. B. Underwood in the Indiana State Medical Association Journal.

About 45 per cent of Rhode Island's labor force is employed in manufacturing compared with 24 per cent for the United States as a whole.

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Season's Greetings

And to you—our friends—we make a toast for happiness and well-being during the coming holiday season. With the deep-elt wish that this may be the merriest, cheeriest Christmas of them all! And that the coming fifty-two weeks of the New Year give you and yours health, joy and prosperity.

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GREETINGS

Along with our warm Christmas Greetings we send to you and those dear to you every good wish for a joyous season filled with good health, good cheer, and contentment. And may your Holiday happiness extend throughout the New Year

Gaskins Jewelers

Mrs. Eure Speaks Before Book Club

GRIFTON—Mrs. Bryan Davis was hostess on Tuesday afternoon to members of the Grifton Book Club for the December meeting. Mrs. Mae Eure of Ayden was the guest speaker.

Mrs. Eure's discussion was both timely and interesting. She told of a recent trip through the New England states and Cape Cod, and dwell on the cranberry growing, its beginning in this country and the progress that had been made by the growers of cranberries, giving a description of the bogs and the way the berries are harvested and made ready for the market.

Mrs. Tom Gower presided at the business hour and presented the topics for next year's study. These were given to the members and the exchange of books followed. Mrs. Davis served a congealed cranberry salad, ham biscuits, fruit bars and coffee.

Present were Mrs. Eure, Mrs. Gower, Mrs. H. P. Quinerly, Mrs. Alton Chapman, Mrs. Thurman Williams, Mrs. Jack Tucker, Mrs. Cecil Cobb and Miss Bert Johnson.

Plan Midnight Church Service

WINTERVILLE—A Christmas Eve midnight Holy Communion will be administered at Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church Thursday night at 11:30.

The service will last about one hour and it is open to those interested in spending this midnight hour in worship on the eve of Christ's birthday. Rev. Henry Melvin, the pastor, stated. He will lead the service. His son-in-law, Rev. T. O. Terry of Cove City, will assist.

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News From Ayden

By MRS. JAMES EVERETTE Mrs. MARVIN McCORMICK

Jerry Britt, a student at The Citadel, Charleston, S. C., is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Britt. Wingate Dall arrived from the tobacco markets in Kentucky to spend Christmas with his family. Miss Estelle McClees of Burlington is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McClees. Wayland Harrington has arrived from the tobacco markets in Tennessee to spend Christmas with his family. Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Sudor and Debbie Jo left Tuesday for Pennsylvania to spend Christmas with their parents. Miss Jackie Little, student at Meredith College, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Little. Master Billy Johnson underwent a tonsilectomy last Thursday in Pitt Memorial Hospital, Greenville. Randall Harrington, a student at State College, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Harrington. Misses Betty Jean and Joan Padley, students at Greensboro College, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Padley. James Hemby, a student at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hemby. Goodwin Moore, a student at the Bible College in Lexington, arrived Tuesday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Van Jones spent several days of last week with Mrs. Helen Jones. Miss Sue Jackson of Greensboro College is spending the holidays with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Thomas and daughters, Judy and Ruth, arrived Thursday from South Carolina to spend Christmas. David Manning of the U. S. Navy, stationed in California, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Manning. Riley Tripp, a student at State College, is spending the holidays with his father. Allan Johnson Jr., a student at Carolina, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Gardner left Sunday for Oklahoma to spend Christmas with relatives. Geogry Davis, a student at Wake Forest, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Davis. Fred Sumrell of the U. S. Army arrived home to spend the holidays with his sisters, Mrs. Lewis Vann and Miss Hilda Sumrell. Miss Charlene Smith, a student at Meredith College, Raleigh, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Josie McGlohon. Mr. and Mrs. David Smith. Todd Kittrell, a student at Mars Hill College, arrived home to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kittrell. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Allen of Kirkville, Mo. arrived Sunday to spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Sally Ann McGlohon. Gordon Hart is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hart. Mac Whitehurst, a student at State College, Raleigh, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitehurst. A. O. Curtis Barfield of Andrews Field, Washington, D. C. spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Barfield. Miss Lois Clare Tripp of Ashboro is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hent Tripp. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cannon and sons are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Cannon. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Tripp had as their Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sawyer and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sawyer and Frankie, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Manning of Plymouth, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tripp, Ann and Bert, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tripp, Joe and Lewis, Mrs. Anna Tripp and Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Davis and son Bobby of Snow Hill. Boyce Harrington of the U. S. Army is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Harrington. Mrs. J. E. Burgess of Raleigh spent several days last week with friends and relatives. Mrs. Dixie Harris underwent an appendectomy last week in Pitt Memorial Hospital, Greenville. Elliott Dixon, a student at Duke University, is spending the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Dixon. Jim McCormick of East Carolina College is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Bonnie McCormick. Larry B. Willoughby arrived home from the Kentucky tobacco market to spend Christmas with his family. Miss Louise McGlohon is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Josie McGlohon.

Farmville Groups Make Christmas A Happier Day

FARMVILLE—A number of civic clubs, churches and private citizens have made it a point to see that the poor families in Farmville have something to make this Christmas a happier occasion. Several churches have sponsored families in the area and furnished them with food and toys for Christmas. Saint Elizabeth's Catholic Church under the direction of Father Joschim Benson has taken care of a large number of poor families in a three county area. In addition the Methodist, Baptist, Christian, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches have furnished food, clothing and toys to needy families. The local American Legion post is assisting a family consisting of the mother and six children this year. The father of the family is ill with tuberculosis. The underprivileged committee of the local Kiwanis Club is aiding several groups of underprivileged children during Christmas. An additional list of 45 needy families has been taken care of by local individuals and organizations. American Indians attached bird houses made of hollow gourds to their tepees long before Columbus discovered America.

Many Businesses And Offices Will Be Closed 2 Days This Christmas

Many businesses and offices will be celebrating at least two days or more for the Christmas holidays this week. The county offices will be closed from Wednesday noon until Monday morning while the City Offices at City Hall will not open Friday nor Saturday. Members of the Greenville Furniture Dealers Association, Greenville Oil Distributors Association, Greenville Appliance Dealers Association, Greenville Auto Dealers Association, and the Greenville Insurance Association have signified that they will be closed Friday and Saturday for the holidays. From all indications and reports it appears that practically every place of business other than those who stay open for necessity will be closed Friday and Saturday. Since the governor has declared Saturday a holiday the banks in town will also be closed. The Zulus of South Africa believe that every man always is accompanied by an ancestral spirit in the form of a serpent which moves underground. If the serpent dies the man dies and then the serpent comes to life again.

Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS 1. Spreads loosely 2. Tree exudation 3. Snatch 12. Spoken 13. Epoch 14. The moon 15. Married woman 16. Agrees 18. Strong boxes 20. Corpulent 21. Begin 23. Female deer 24. Young goat 26. Article of belief 28. Steal 31. Yale 32. Pale 33. Sheep 34. Entirely



Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle



- DOWN 1. Pulls after 2. Kind of silk 3. Flower 4. Slumber 5. Pouch 6. Gone past 7. Animal enclosure 8. Land belonging to a parish church 9. Early alphabetic character 10. Insects 11. Ignoble 17. Partly burned carbon 19. Collection 22. Not so old 23. Cotton cloth 24. New Zealand parrot 25. Poorly 27. Short sleep 28. Permanent 29. Have debts 30. Wager 35. Village in Meath County, Ireland 36. June bug 38. Goddesses of destiny 40. Prims donnae 41. Hurried 42. Persian fairy 43. The Emerald Isle 45. Ancient slave 46. Hardest 48. Sort 49. Born 50. Kind of bean

TEEN TALK

Dear Judy

AP Newsfeatures A little Yuletide planning can pay sparkling dividends now and for the future. Here are some ideas that may hit the spot: 1. Save those Christmas cards you love and work towards the year you may decorate a standing screen with them. If you have been saving them and have a sufficient number now paste them to a screen which may be used in your room. It can be a great conversation piece, and very decorative if the cards are placed attractively. If that seems like too ambitious a program, paste cards to a waste basket scrap book. 2. Before you take down the Christmas tree or pack away the creche for another year consider the possibility of taking a snapshot to use for next year's greeting card. 3. List of the names and addresses of those to whom you sent Christmas cards. Then next year it will be an easy matter to check off cards as they are written, so there is no duplication or overlooking of friends. Keep a record of cards you receive too, as it will be a simple matter to observe those who do not respond to your greeting year after year. After a few two-card years such a person should be crossed from your list. 4. A gift system should be kept, also. List those to whom you gave and those who gave to you. It will be an easy matter then to check on what you gave family and friends next year so that you do not duplicate the present year after year. 5. Write your thank-you note soon after you receive your gift so that your letter will have a genuine ring. It will be easier to write when you are enthusiastic, whereas if you procrastinate your letter will sound no more personal than a store-bought thank-you card (which is not in good taste). 6. If you have been disappointed in your gifts, for goodness sake, keep it a secret. It isn't any individual's fault that you received nothing but letter openers, wallets and key rings (all initialed) — as one girl did. But to gripe about it certainly shows you are a poor loser. 7. Be just as enthusiastic about the smallest as the largest gift. If you open your gifts in a crowd don't be effusive about something in particular which catches your fancy, brushing off gifts given to you by others present. 8. When you send a note of thanks don't make it a "Thank you very much for your Christmas gift" . . . Take time to think about the gift so that you can express a deeper appreciation. For instance. . . "Dear Aunt Carrie— I adore that lovely silver pencil you sent me at Christmas. I'm sure you must have known that I needed it because I am always borrowing pencils from my friends. I shall take good care of it, you can be sure. It was very thoughtful of you, too to have it initialed since if I do mislay it or lend it, it will find its way back to me. . . . 9. If you receive cards or presents from people you have forgotten to remember, reciprocate on some appropriate occasion soon. A little Valentine's gift or a plant at Easter time may show your thoughtfulness. 10. If some of the family presents

Institutions To Hold Big Dinners

Prisoners at the State Prison Camp on the Bethel highway and at the Pitt county jail in Greenville and the inmates of the County Home at Bell's Fork will have special menus for dinner Christmas Day. At the State Prison Camp, Capt. Paul Crawford is going to provide turkey and all of the "trimmings" and cake and pie and confections. Jailor W. G. Leggett's menu for Christmas dinner for his prisoners includes roast chicken and the usual vegetables and fruit, candy and nuts. The jailer said some Greenville people had remembered the prisoners and sent packages of cake, candy and fruit. There are 17 prisoners there (all men, 15 Negroes and two whites, in the jail. The inmates at the county home are going to have turkey for dinner Christmas Day and the usual "trimmings." Supt. D. C. Wilson stated. A special diet is provided for many of the elderly inmates at the County Home under direction of Mrs. Wilson, the superintendent's wife. Last Monday night a Christmas tree party was held there.

THE ULTIMATE ARRIVES

NEW YORK (AP)—A conductor on the Long Island railroad no longer announces the train's arrival at Pennsylvania station with the words: "New York, the wicked city." Somebody complained. Now he simply says: "This is IT." have been bought in the wrong sizes, offer to exchange them. And if the store is out of the proper size, keep track of the gift until it is delivered. If you receive identical presents and one may be returned to the store without the giver's knowledge, that is the best method. If, however, you do not know where the gift is bought, you might tactfully suggest to your friend that you have hit the jackpot in the item, and perhaps he will suggest replacing it with something else.

Moel advertisement featuring a man in a suit and a woman, with text: 'For now... for always... Joy to our friends and neighbors, Peace to our nation, Good Will to all. Ideal PLUMBING & HEATING CO. Phones: Day, 4629; Nite, 5885 204 West Tenth St. Greenville, N. C.'

Greetings advertisement with text: 'Here is our wish to all our friends—that this may be the Merriest Christmas ever—the Happiest, Healthiest and Most Prosperous New Year of all. Carr Allen's Texaco Station Williams Sport Shop'

Joyous Greetings advertisement with text: 'Joyous Greetings May every heart at your house be filled with good cheer and happiness this Christmas. Williams Sport Shop'

Belk-Tyler Co. advertisement featuring a large illustration of a living room decorated for Christmas with a tree, stockings, and gifts. Text: 'Merry Christmas to All! It's Christmas Eve. Everything lies in wait for the Big Day... the stockings ready for the filling... a tree adorned with multicolored balls prepared for the laughter and joyous voices of all who search 'neath it on the morrow for splendid gifts... warm, roomy chairs awaiting visitors to share Yuletide with the family... On this night before Christmas, we wish one and all, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Belk - Tyler Co.'

Christmas Greetings advertisement with text: 'Christmas Greetings As we enter into the gladness of this happiest day of the year, we recall the joy with which the angels heralded the birth of Christ. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. Ivey Coward EXTERMINATING CO. and PERSONNEL'

First Federal Savings and Loan Assn. of Greenville advertisement with text: '3% Current Dividend Rate On Insured Accounts Assets Over \$4,000,000'

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Yuletide Spirit Has Not Been Dimmed

There are no strangers at Christmas. The feeling of oneness among men is apparent at every turn.

Benevolence effervesces like it does at no other time of year. People carry a smile, a cheery word for everyone. The exchange of gifts, the sending of greeting cards . . . the help, the kind words . . . all bespeak the kindred feeling among men at Christmas.

The rush and scramble to get ready for the holiday somehow are forgotten in the joy of the day. The pleasure, the contentment which abounds overshadows hardships, trials, tribulations.

There are reunions of families and friends which occur only once a year, and that on Christmas. There are the memories of bygone days . . . one's own stock-

Climax To Mossadegh's Stormy Leadership Era

The sentencing of former Premier Mohammed Mossadegh of Iran to three years in solitary confinement climaxed one of the most dramatic trials of international importance in recent history.

The full story of Mossadegh's trial and imprisonment is not yet finished, for his appeal is yet to be heard. Nevertheless, any appeal is likely to come as an anticlimax to the emotion packed trial in Iran which drew the attention of the world.

With Mossadegh removed from circulation in Iran, and his trial out of the public limelight, there is a chance that conditions in that vital middle eastern nation will become more settled. There will still be repercussions from Mossadegh followers from time to time; but they will dwindle as time dims the vivid picture of Mossadegh's activities as head of the Iranian government.

It is doubtful that the aged former premier of Iran will survive his three-year sentence in solitary confinement; but the three years is a much lighter sentence than many expected in view of the fact that charges of which he was found guilty could have carried the death sentence.

The sentencing of Mossadegh virtually ends the spot in the international limelight which the former premier made for himself as head of the little middle eastern nation. Mossadegh will not soon be forgotten by his followers, or by his enemies whom he caused many troubles.

Strength for the Day

By EARL L. DOUGLASS
THE BIBLE SPEAKS

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which is, being interpreted, God with us . . ."

"Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favor with God." "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God . . ."

"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots: The Spirit of God shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord . . ."

"With righteousness shall He judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth:"

"Now is come the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ." "I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

National Whirligig

WASHINGTON—Military experts at the Pentagon still insist on a closer alliance with Pakistan, strategic sector in West and East Asia, despite Prime Minister Nehru's protest that it will violate the "neutrality" he seeks to preserve for India and neighboring states. The global strategists want air bases and a strong American-built force along the borders of Communist Russia and China.

It poses a delicate, diplomatic problem for President Eisenhower, especially as Secretary Dulles agrees with the defense planners. Although irked by Nehru's indifference toward Kremlin aggression, he prefers not to throw this powerful neutral into the Red's camp. But the Joint Chiefs of Staff argue the advantage of airports within easy bombing range of Communist oil fields, industries, possible atomic centers and rich farming lands.

AN IDEAL BULWARK—Pakistan's geographical location makes it an ideal bulwark in two sensitive and exposed areas. The western part, which is entirely desert, is separated by only a few miles from Russia's southernmost boundary. With simultaneous strengthening of Turkey and Iran, it can prevent or slow up a Red advance into the vast, oil-rich Arabian country, Egypt, the Suez and Eastern Mediterranean.

The Eastern section, which is separated from Western Pakistan by querulous and suspicious India, is rich, subtropical and populous. As the Turkish-Iran-West Pakistan wall shuts off Russia from the Middle East, so reinforcement of East Pakistan and military support of the French in Indo-China erect an anti-Soviet line there, guarding the mineral and agricultural wealth of Southeast Asia. Any map shows the importance of these two gateways southward, lying at each edge of the impassable Hima-

ing above the fireplace . . . one's own unuttered delight at looking forward to the visit from St. Nick.

There are the greeting cards which remain the lone tie that still holds together friendships of many years. They bring the warmth of kinship, friendship and devotion which no other expression quite gives.

All this and much more is part of the true spirit of Christmas.

The good feeling of Christmas which is abundant at this season makes one realize no man is alone anywhere in the world at Christmas . . . or any other time. People rush madly, or pause quietly in their celebration of the holiday . . . Holy Day.

Behind it all—the presents, the greetings, the friendships, the feeling of oneness—is the true spirit of Christmas. It manifests itself over and over again as the basic principle of human life. Its roots are entwined in the Babe of Bethlehem, the Gospel, and Calvary.

The ancient, intangible spirit of the Yuletide—divinely conceived—has not been dimmed through the centuries.

Important Stake In Foreign Trade

It used to be the case many years ago that the average tobacco farmer in this area did not look beyond the auction warehouse floors at what was happening to the tobacco he grew.

Of course he knew the tobacco was going into cigarettes, chewing tobacco, snuff and the like; but he didn't pay too much attention to where the products went.

Now, most farmers are interested not only in domestic consumption of United States tobacco, but also in foreign consumption of flue-cured and other types of tobacco produced in this country. Farmers realize that buyers in other nations as well as consumers in the United States affect the future of their product.

Figures released by Tobacco Associates, Inc., in its recent bulletin show where the exports of flue-cured tobacco went during the period of January to September 1953 as compared with the same period in 1952.

The 1953 exports for the period amounted to an increase of approximately 30 per cent over the same period during 1952, and brought exports in farm sales weight to 321.4 million pounds.

Biggest consumer of flue-cured tobacco was the United Kingdom which took 115.9 million pounds. Western Germany was in second place with 36 million pounds, and The Netherlands was third with 21.3 million pounds. Exports to other countries included: the Philippines, 16.2 million pounds; Australia, 9.1 million; Belgium-Luxembourg, 4.4 million; Ireland, 9.3; Indonesia, 9.3; and Japan 5.9 million pounds. Exports to all other nations amounted to 57.3 million pounds during the period.

With those statistics as background, it is important to see what a major part the demand for United States tobacco abroad plays in the economy of tobacco even here in Pitt County.

It should impress upon tobacco farmers the need for their taking a more active interest when government matters on foreign trade are to be decided.

PAKISTAN'S ARMY—Pakistan has requested formally American intervention, in contrast to nations which are wary of it, or which, like India, offer no favors in return.

The Karachi Government already has a good volunteer army of 300,000 fighting men, but it needs modern arms, Western training and economic aid. It is only five years since this primitive country received independence from Britain. Moreover, an uneasy truce with India over Kashmir has exhausted her resources.

Eisenhower has undoubtedly raised this question in his Bermuda talks with Churchill, who has shown strange sympathy for Nehru's neutralist policy. The Prime Minister apparently does not care to antagonize Moscow during present negotiations for solution of world tensions. But in White House opinion, the West will have a major talking point at prospective conferences with Malenkov if a military pact with Pakistan becomes an accomplished fact before the meeting. It would complete the ring of democratic defenses on the perimeter of the Communist Empire.

DIFFICULT CHOICE—But Nehru must be placated or disregarded, an extremely difficult choice. A recent article in a Hindustani newspaper, which is considered a semiofficial organ, reflected New Delhi's deep feeling on this problem. After proposing a Monroe Doctrine for the sub-continent, it says:

"The Indo-Pakistan bloc must function as a whole, and will be considered as such by India. For Pakistan to join a Middle East defense organization would make nonsense of India's policy of non-alignment (as between the U.S. and U.S.S.R.—Ed Note). India's intention is to keep war not only from her own frontiers, but also from the subcontinent. That applies to Pakistan."

December 24th



Somebody Told Me

A Special Day For Children

Merry Christmas!

At this time of the year the most fun of all is to look around and realize there's no one in the world that you have a great deal of contempt for. Most of us have our differences during the year, but it's nice not to have any serious ones to remember at Christmas! True, there might be some who have contempt for me, but I simply refuse to return the feeling. Call me a dog at Christmas-time and I'll laugh at you!

Nothing is as much fun as helping Santa Claus arrange the gifts for the children; that is, nothing except seeing the expression on the faces the next morning. Anybody without children should make arrangements to borrow some for Christmas-time. It's just one of those feelings that makes life worth living.

What Other Editors Are Thinking

A FIGHT FOR ALL THE PEOPLE (Hertford County Herald)

A fight that must be the people's fight is going to get some attention in Raleigh on January 1 when representatives of the journalistic segment of the state meet for a two-day forum on freedom of information.

Uppermost in the minds of the participants—and on the agenda—will be the North Carolina "secrecy law," enacted last winter in the General Assembly. The law giving legislative committees the right to exclude persons from regular meetings of the groups.

The job of those present at the January 14 meet will be to dramatize to the public the character of the issue.

Around Capitol Square

A Time To Strive Even Harder For Good Will On Earth

By LYNN NISBET

CHRISTMAS—It is Christmas, and in every corner of the earth on Friday the birthday of Jesus will be observed. Not all people will celebrate the occasion, but so compact has the world become there is no place of consequence where Christians do not constitute an influential group. Businessmen and soldiers and adventurers from American and other Christian nations will pause wherever they are to do honor the Christ-child and the traditions of their homelands.

Methods of observance vary widely, but it is primarily a time of emphasis. Men and women of good will strive harder than usual to bring cheer and happiness into the world. It is the time, too, when humans emphasize their slavery to selfishness because they have such manifest satisfaction in temporary selfishness. Admitting that the season has become too commercialized, that many merchants are cold-blooded and many gifts inappropriate, the fact remains that back of all the frenzy is the inherent desire to do something for somebody else.

HUNGER—There are a lot of physically hungry people in the world, some of them in North Carolina. As individuals and corporate communities we strive at Christmas-time to relieve that hunger.

There are more heart-hungry folks everywhere. A cheery smile, a friendly greeting, can do wonders to brighten the day for the lonely. Physical hunger is confined to the very poor, the indigent or the ill. Heart hunger is common to all classes and perhaps is more prevalent among the rich. There is no problem of selection or worry about the gifts of a smile being misplaced.

It is recalled that even Old

And the celebration of the birth of Christ is really what brings about all of these joyous feelings. It's a spirit that sinks in our bones and puts us in the right frame of mind, with the right spiritual attitude.

It always hurts a little to hear somebody say, "Christmas is just another day with me." It seems that with just a little effort everybody could get the Christmas spirit.

Department stores, even in giving excellent service, have taken part of the fun out of Christmas. Wrapping presents used to be a ceremony that was thoroughly enjoyed by the women of the house. But now almost every store does gift wrapping. That's nice, but it's just another one of those projects that makes part of Christmas.

And think of the contacts all over the world that would die if

it weren't for Christmas cards! Wife Rachel and I have many acquaintances around the country that we have only one contact with a year, that being the Christmas card. We never seem to take time for correspondence, but we will take a Christmas card and fill it up on both sides with a message that seems to last until the next year.

And even here in a small town we exchange cards with people that we always intend to visit, but never seem to get the time.

In general, Christmas-time is the time for love and giving, remembering each other with kind thoughts. It's a strong spiritual event that will never fade, no matter how much the pace of our lives increases in tempo.

And I thank you.

JACK EDWARDS

has been painfully garnered by the people—the tradition of open meetings and open decisions by bodies of the people's legislative and executive servants. That right and tradition has been traduced by the hastily-conceived, short sightedly motivated, and preemptorily-passed secrecy bill.

The secrecy bill must become a major issue in the election of legislative officials in North Carolina. Hertford County's two legislators in the secrecy bill session—Senator J. William Copeland and Representative Gordon Maddrey—stood for secrecy. They past stand, and their future decisions on the matter, must be a matter of public concern, not only in these columns, but in the minds of the entire citizenry.

Scrooge could not maintain his attitude of indifference to the spirit of Christmas in the contagious atmosphere of a cheerful smile.

PARTIES—For the past ten days there have been numerous departmental Christmas parties among State employees. Some have been dinner dances, others have been affairs in the office buildings. One of the most enjoyable was the unique Christmas tree party in the lobby of the agriculture building.

Occupants of the building and several dozen from other offices gathered around the tree to sing carols and listen to really fine special musical and reading numbers. The departmental folks and others in the building had contributed a huge box full of clothing and another of foodstuffs for the welfare department. Mrs. Josephine Kirk, Wake county welfare superintendent, was presented a corsage made up of sixteen \$5 bills, \$80 in all, to buy things for the needy.

Every contribution of cash or merchandise or participation in the program was voluntary. Nobody was asked to sing or play or give. After the program some of the fellows said if they had been asked they would have made it \$100 for the bouquet. Commissioner Ballentine said any sort of pressure or assessment would destroy the pleasure of completely voluntary participation and defeat the whole purpose of the occasion.

Another nice party was staged at the Raleigh Elks Lodge Tuesday night when 125 kids were fed an excellent dinner and given needed clothing bought to fit the recipient, along with bags of candy and nuts and toys.

Numerous similar affairs have been held here and throughout the State. Churches and Bible classes and Goodfellow Clubs and Empty

Worth Noting

The following is from the Claremont, Minnesota, News: "The Brookings Foundations found that only five per cent of our high school students receive any instruction in economics." The average teacher and scholar when asked what the average profit of corporation was per dollar of sales made a guess of 25 per cent. Statistics by the U. S. Department of Commerce shows that over a 20-year period corporate profits have averaged only three per cent of sales."

Of nearly 2,000 collective bargaining agreements in 1953, only 20 contained any form of the guaranteed annual wage or employment, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States points out.

Business Today

Buying Outlook Up?

By ELMER ROESSNER

Better-off customers will be better customers for most merchants next year. Their buying potential, always good, is likely to increase more in the coming year.

One reason: the changes in income and social security taxes. Among the low-income group, the rise in social security taxes after December 31 will largely offset the fall in withholding taxes. But the higher the income, the greater will be the net gain. A Couple with an income of \$4,000 and filing a joint return will pay \$88 less taxes next year. A couple with an \$8,000 income will pay \$192 less and a couple with a \$12,000 income will pay \$312 less.

On top of this, those families with incomes from dividends will have them fattened by the end of the excess-profits tax January 1, and the cut in corporate tax rates April 30.

For another reason: People in upper bracket will less likely be victims of layoffs, which have been increasing of late.

For still another: The \$22 billion total of consumer credit is largely owed by persons in the middle-income bracket. The wealthy may owe a large segment of the \$4 billion in charge accounts, but very little of the auto, furniture, appliance and small-loan indebtedness.

Progressive taxation, unemployment benefits, minimum wages and pensions have, in the last 20 years, narrowed the gap between the highest and lowest income groups. The income of families in the \$10,000-and-over brackets has been sharply reduced by taxes. All this has obscured the fact that there has been a great

increase in the number of families with incomes of \$10,000 and more a year.

Economist Peter B.B. Andrews pointed out in Printers' Ink that in 1929 there were 1,100,000 family units in the \$10,000-and-over group and that there are approximately 2,300,000 now. The total income of these groups, measured in constant dollars, was \$4 billion a year in 1929 and \$2.3 billion now.

That spending is so large, and the chance of it increasing is so good that no merchant can neglect asking himself whether he is getting his share of high-end and luxury sales.

ZELOMEK SEES RISE

The situation will be even better for the forecasts of A.W. Zelomek, economist and author of "No Major Depression in Our Lifetime" are fulfilled. He told an American Marketing Association meeting that personal income after taxes will be slightly higher in 1954 than in 1953. He said even income before taxes may approximate the 1953 total, despite an increase in unemployment during the early part of 1954 and a decline in overtime pay.

UNIONS MAY CUT IN The nylon hosiery industry, beset by overproduction and price cutting, has another problem. The American Federation of Hosiery Workers recently asked retailers to feature union-made hosiery, a request that was greeted with thunderous inaction. So now the union is offering nylon hose to other unions, both AFL and CIO for distribution to their members at wholesale prices. The nylons are obtained from unionized manufacturers.

A Christmas In Korea Re-Lived

EDITOR'S NOTE: Hal Boyle, who by his nature always measures the time present by times future and time past, renews at his own instigation the following letter home he wrote in 1950.

Dear wife: The star of Bethlehem may have shone as usual over America and the rest of the free world this Christmas season, but it was rather difficult to see here.

The nights have been cloudy in this capital of a land of agony, a country as troubled now as was the country in which Jesus was born.

Many a refugee mother these days hasn't even the meagre comfort given to Mary so long ago. There is no small inn where her Joseph can take her. There isn't even a manger to shield her from curious eyes as she bears her child.

A frozen roadside ditch has been the birth bed for many a young Korean in recent weeks. Then the mother has had to rise and walk stolidly on, clutching her new-born babe to her bosom and hoping to find a refuge somewhere for it and for her. Where there is so much misery there are few sanctuaries.

The infant Jesus had a better start in this world than many Korean babies.

"If the Prince of Peace is looking down on us now from Heaven as we were taught to believe—He must feel the aches that mortals still inflict upon each other as blindly as they once inflicted them upon His own immortal self when He fell by choice within the reach of their ignorance and panic fears.

Santa Claus came here in small ways. The United Nations troops generally had a better Christmas than they had expected, considering the military emergency. Special airplane flights brought their mail and many last minute packages from home.

They may have had to stagger their Christmas Day celebration over several days, but even all

the frontline companies managed to rotate their men back in turn to get the same hot Christmas meal enjoyed by rear area troops.

The basic menu was the same: cream of tomato soup, olives, roast turkey with cranberry sauce, giblet gravy, candied sweet potatoes, buttered corn and green peas, fruit cake and hot mince pie, Parker House rolls, coffee, cream, hard candy, salted nuts, cigarettes and a big special Christmas cake.

It all tasted wonderful to men tired of eating the same old basic rations out of cold cans for five or six months.

These men in the field showed so much ingenuity to keep the spirit of Christmas alive, honey, that it would break your heart to see how stubbornly they cling to things they love.

The doughboys went out into the dangerous hills to bring back evergreen growths to serve as Christmas trees. They cut sections from cans for stars. They saved the foil from their cigarette packs for weeks to give their trees a silver glitter. They used wonderful bandages served as artificial snow.

The American Christmas rations were distributed to all United Nations troops who shared this Christmas holiday. A British correspondent said that he had never seen his troops enjoy a better meal, either in wartime or in barracks. As usual at this time, the British officers personally served their enlisted men—a wonderful custom. The Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders had a special treat—two hundred puddings sent by their own colonel-in-chief, Princess Elizabeth.

For most of us over here there was a sense of guilt about trying to celebrate Christmas in an atmosphere of temporary plenty in a country that lives in perpetual need.

But there is a time for staying and a time for coming home. So, keep that light shining in that same old window. I'll be home as soon as a fair time comes—and I feel there is a happier new year in sight than many of us thought could be.

You loving, optimistic husband.

Hal

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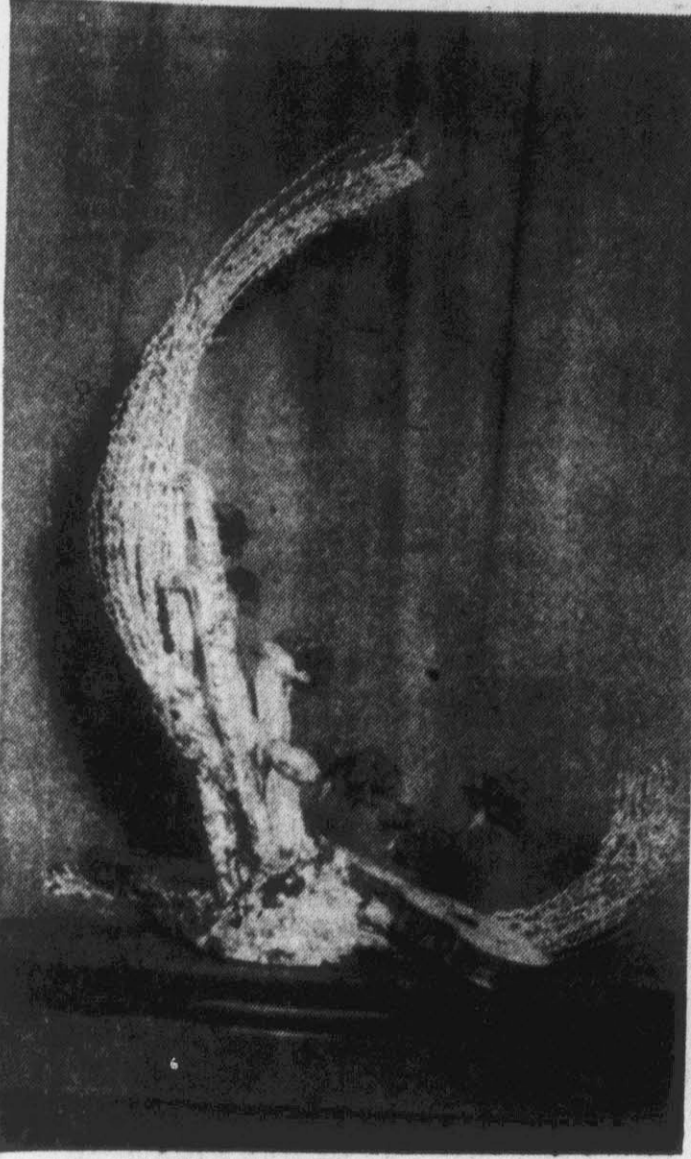
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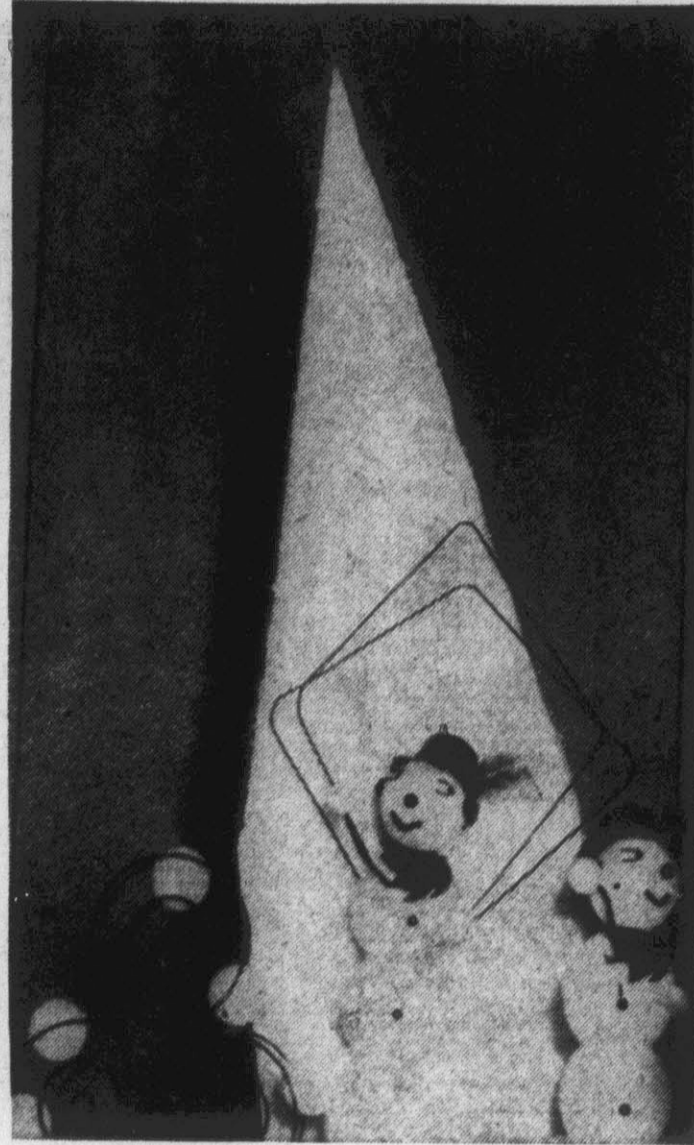
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Yuletide Decorative Arrangements Added To Festive Air



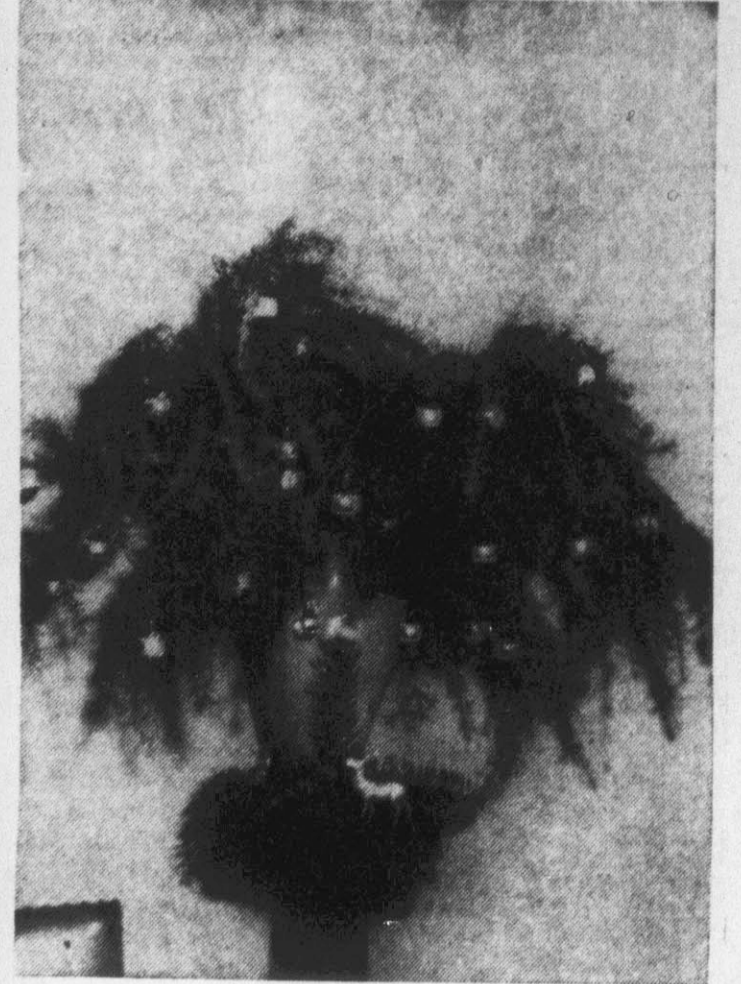
A musical arrangement using silvered toy instruments, silvered foliage and red carnations could be placed on a piano or in a music room.



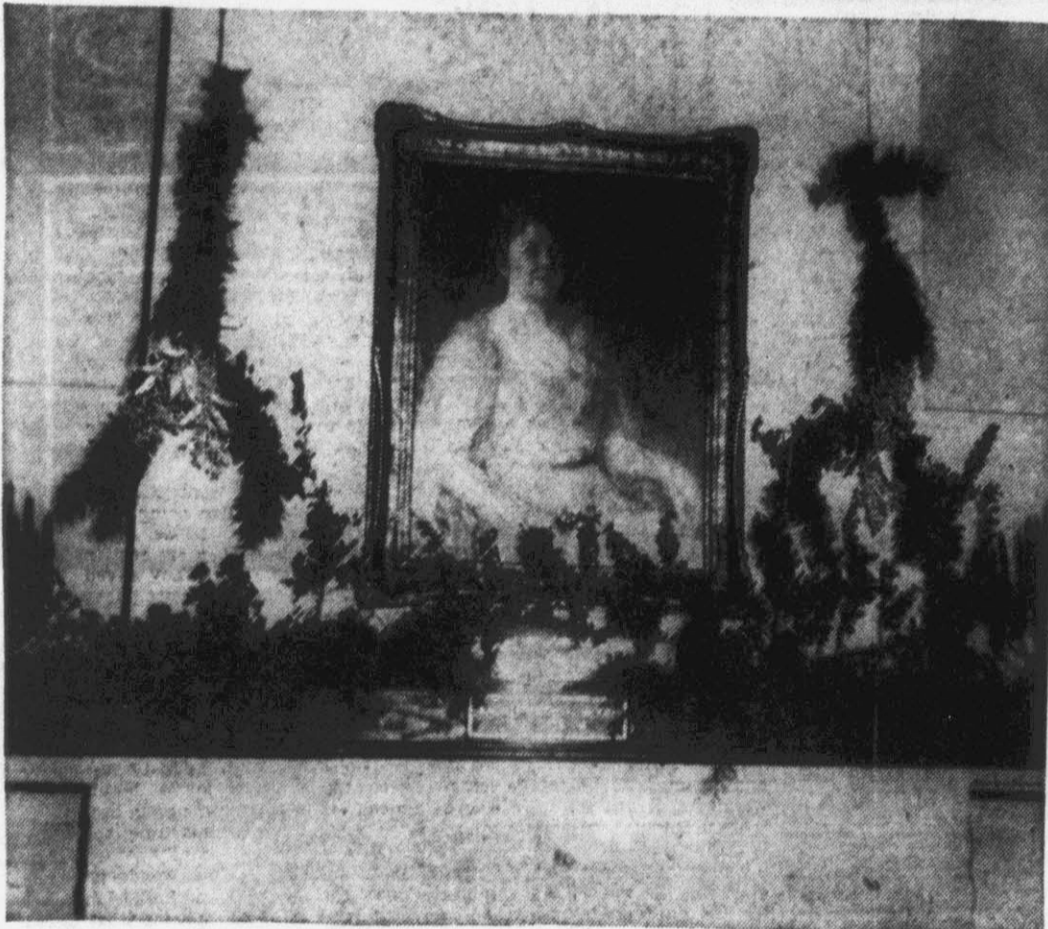
A child's decoration made from napkin holders, coat hangers and plastic foam. This is a very inexpensive decoration.



St. Francis at the cave shows an interpretative creation that could be used on a buffet or sideboard in decorating for Christmas.



Santa's reindeer looks up to a flowing green arrangement sparked by Christmas balls. This is another arrangement as seen at the Woman's Club.



The mantel at the local Woman's Club as decorated by the Garden Club for the Christmas season. It carries various greens, candles, and berries.

News From Fountain

By MRS. J. E. OWENS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oakley and children, Carol and Dana, Mrs. T. B. Oakley and daughter Doris visited Mrs. Libby Mercer of South Creek Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Anna Taylor had as her guests Sunday Mrs. Earl Frizzelle, Mrs. Abe Wooten of Farmville, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Moore, Mr. Eber Gardner, and her Monday guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Everette and children, Cathryn and Sammy, of Elm City, Mrs. Mary Everette and Miss Marjorie Everette.

Wiley Lee Owens, student at the University of North Carolina, is spending the Christmas holidays at home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roney Lee Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Alford and son are spending the Christmas holidays in Laurinburg visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jacobs and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Alford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hardy and Mrs. Albert Bell spent Monday in Raleigh visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hardy's son, R. M. Hardy, a patient in Rex Hospital.

Jimmy Bell, student of State College, Raleigh, is spending the holidays at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bell.

Mrs. Mary Everette and daughter Marjorie spent a few days this week near Wilson visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ford.

Mr. Clarence Everett has returned to his home in Fountain to recuperate after having been a patient three days last week in Edgecombe General Hospital, Tarboro.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Trevathan of Baltimore, Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Trevathan and family of Richmond are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Trevathan.

A Christmas play, "The Meaning of Christmas Day," was presented at Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church Wednesday night of this week at 7:30 under the direction of Mrs. Robert Oakley and Miss Alice Langley and accompanied at the piano by Miss Peggy Oakley. A beautiful Christmas tree and other decorations were used. Characters in the play were: Jean Owens, John Owens, Geraldine Ellis, Odie Ellis, Guy Owens, Hilda Owens, Martha Moore, Anita Moore, Joe Everette, Mavis Everette, Kenneth Ellis, John Smith, Charles Summerling and Rebecca Smith.

Rotarian Floyd Cherry won the "on time" prize; Rotarian Bill Johnson, the "fellowship" prize.

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The Fountain School P. T. A.

met Thursday night in the school auditorium for the regular December meeting. The highlight of the evening was a Christmas pageant presented by A. S. Alford's seventh grade and Mrs. Laura Tanner's eighth grade pupils. The Christmas story was told in song, scripture readings and tableau in a very unusual manner, and the overall effect was quite impressive.

The tableau was presented in three scenes. In the first scene, characters portrayed the angels announcing to the shepherds who were shown on the hillside with their flocks. The shepherds were grouped around a fire warming themselves when the angels appeared on the stage. In the second scene Mary and Joseph were depicted at the manger with the worshipping shepherds kneeling in adoration. A guardian angel stood watch over the babe while other members of the heavenly host were on the stage.

The third scene showed the visit of the Wise Men who came with their offerings of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The Glee Club of the seventh and eighth grades sang several beautiful Christmas songs, directed by A. S. Alford and Mrs. Laura Tanner and accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Elizabeth B. Eagles.

The business meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Henry Smith. The roll was called by the grades. Arthur S. Alford's seventh grade room won the attendance prize.

At the conclusion of the Christmas pageant, Santa Claus made an appearance and gave bags of fruit, candy and nuts to all the children.

The Baptist Training Union presented a Christmas pageant in the church Sunday night, directed by Mrs. J. M. Horton. Music was conducted by the regular choir accom-

Pitt And State Theatre Employees Hold Their Christmas Dinner Party

Employees of Pitt and State theatres had their annual Christmas party on Tuesday night from 11 to 12:30 at Respass Barbecue House. Supper was served in the private dining room. The long table at which guests were seated was decorated with silvered leaves and pine encircling clusters of kumquats and red candles were placed at intervals the length of the table. Sprigs of mistletoe and a miniature Christmas tree were also used in the decorations. Place cards designated the place for each guest. Following supper the group joined in singing Christmas carols and participated in games and contests after which gifts exchanged.

During the social hour Ginger Worthington and Dale Brooks gave amusing monologues. Mr. Gordon Sturm and Mr. R. M. Corbett were the recipients of gifts from their respective employes.

Home Decoration Contest Is Held

GRIFTON—The Grifton Garden Club awarded a \$10 first prize to Mrs. F. C. Butcher for the best local decorated home recently.

Second prize in the Christmas home decorating contest went to Mrs. Don Casey and third prize was awarded to Mrs. R. C. Money Jr.

All Signs Point To Chilly Yuletide

Indications last night were that this will be a cold if not a "white Christmas" after the temperature had started falling precipitately shortly after noon.

This area was beginning to feel the influence of the blizzard now raging in the Central West to as far south as the northern Texas border. The temperature dropped 10 degrees yesterday between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mrs. Carl E. Maiden, local observer for the U. S. Weather Bureau, quoted her records to remind that last Christmas Eve the temperature here was 59 degrees and it dropped 20 degrees to 39 by 8 a.m. Christmas Day.

There was not enough snow to measure last winter. A light snow flurry occurred in January and it

soon melted, she stated. December, 1952, rainfall in the Greenville area was 2.85 inches. The lowest temperature here this winter was in mid-December, when the local U. S. Weather Station reported 15 degrees (12 below freezing).

December, 1953, rainfall here was 3.01 inches up to the 23rd.

Premature Baby Has Club's Help

GRIFTON—The local Service League as a Christmas project placed a child born prematurely in the hospital recently.

The family of the child was unable financially to pay the necessary hospital bills and the Service League agreed to pay the hospital costs.

To help defray the hospital expenses the Club conducted a fund raising drive locally.

Choir Sings For Ayden Rotarians

AYDEN—At the Ayden Rotary Club's last meeting, the Ayden Baptist Church choir, under direction of Mrs. Berkeley Rutledge, sang several numbers.

A special arrangement of "Old Time Religion" and "Birthday of the King" and "Bethlehem" were featured songs and the choir responded with an encore. The singers are Harvey Gwin, Brantley Jolly, Billy Pierce, Mrs. Roland Cannon, Mrs. O. L. Griffin, Mrs. Sam Pierce, Mrs. Helen Hill, Miss Barbara Griffin, Mrs. Luke Stocks and Mrs. Dorothy Pierce.

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Greetings

May the wondrous spirit of Christmas bring you a special note of joy that will continue with you throughout the coming New Year!

Mercer's Glass Shop
1306 Evans Street

GREETINGS

With all the warmth in our hearts, we extend to you our best wishes for a joyous Holiday Season.

John Lautares
Jeweler

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May the good cheer of the season enter your home at Christmas and abide with you and yours through all the days and months to come. To all we extend our sincerest wishes for health, happiness and the fulfillment of dreams most dearly cherished...

Garris Grocery Co.

Shoppers Happy Despite The Rush, Strain, Worry

By JIMMY ELLIS
Reflector Staff Writer

If there's ever a time in the life of the human species when individuals don't seem to mind getting shoved, yelled at, and stepped on, it's Christmas time.

If there's any "minding," it doesn't show immediately in the personalities of the thousands who have jammed Greenville's business district this week. They take every thing in stride and go merrily on their way of stocking up for Christmas.

The only situation observed in a whole morning of "just looking around" didn't involve any of the crowds in the stores. It was a little exchange of words between a truck driver and an automobile driver at the corner of Fourth and Evans streets Tuesday morning. No body got hurt and the casual on-lookers weren't especially impressed by the exchange of mild oaths.

Elsewhere, everything was sweetness and light.

In one of the jewelry stores, for instance, the shopful of customers took time out from their shopping spree to smile lovingly at a little boy who was having a big time raising the dickens in the store. He was a rather cute little fellow who had not been in the walking stage very long. He ran from one end of the store to the other and laughed with everyone. He was very generous with his squeaky "His" and made a lot of friends in the few minutes he spent in the store with his mother and father.

In the dime stores, the pushing and shoving was at its worst. Everybody was doing last-minute purchasing of wrapping paper and ribbons and trying to beat everyone else to the cash register. One clerk finally gave up and announced to the world that she was going to eat dinner and seriously consider not coming back. She was back in about a half-hour, obviously feeling better.

Curious youngsters, little carbon copies of Dennis the Menace, roamed all over the business district. Questions, a million of them, popped from their wondering minds but went unanswered by mothers and clerks who had other things to think about.

Even though there were questions with no answers, shoving with no argument, and yelling with no apparent intent except to yell, everybody seemed to know exactly what they were doing. There was little of the aimless wandering from counter to counter in an effort to get a sudden inspiration. Evidently, the inspirations had already

come and the purchasers just didn't care.

There were few people on the streets with Christmas trees despite the large number of "store bought" trees in the homes in our neighborhood. That seemed to be a bit different from other years when there was always somebody trying to shove a little fir tree through the crowds on the street corners. Perhaps most of the trees are already up and decorated.

The bank clerks, used to the rush because of the nature of their work, actually seemed to be able to take things a little easy every now and then. Our favorite bank clerk had time to stop and chat for a moment about coming events. The money

she was handling seemed to be her last concern (good customer relations) but she always counted out the right amounts.

Quite unlike the bank clerk, many people were very much concerned about their money. There were constant references to "well, I didn't want to spend more than five dollars, but..." or something of the sort. There were more than just a few creased foreheads and worried looks on the faces of the shoppers as they paused to re-check their resources.

But they didn't pause too long. They were too busy getting shoved, yelled at, and stepped on. And enjoying it.

Kiwanis Club To Install Officers On January 8

J. Bryan Brown, the 37th president of the Greenville Kiwanis Club, will be installed at a regular meeting Friday, January 8. The club was chartered October 14, 1921.

Jimmy Copeland of Wilmington, lieutenant-governor of the Seventh Division of Carolinas Kiwanis District, will officiate at the installation of officers and directors and committee chairmen and members.

Retiring President Leo W. Jenkins will preside and turn over the gavel to his successor.

Brown was elected president in October. Other officers and directors are: Leo W. Jenkins, immediate past president; John T. Barnhill, vice-president, and John O. Reynolds, secretary and treasurer.

David C. Moore Jr., veteran secretary-treasurer, resigned about a month ago on account of his health.

Hold-over directors are: C. K. Beatty, John A. Collins Jr., Reynolds May and J. Ed Waldrop. New directors are: Dr. Stephen R. Bartlett Jr., J. Dixie McGlohon, H. Franklin Steinbeck and Rev. L. W. Topping.

The four retiring directors are: Henry L. Andrews, Ted Ashworth Jr., Dr. J. M. Barrett, J. C. Clifford Jr.

Committees

Achievement Report: John T. Barnhill, chairman; James W. Brewer, Bill B. Drum, Edward S. Jones, Reynolds May, John O. Reynolds.

Agriculture: D. A. Blue, chairman; J. D. Hice, Dr. Davis L. Moore, W. O. Moore, Mack G. Smith.

Attendance: Theo J. Ashworth Jr.,

chairman; Ed J. Carter, D. Lacy Harrell, Wyatt R. Highsmith, Russell W. Peterson, Ed E. Rawl Jr., Boys and Girls Work: Robert L. Elks, chairman; Stanley F. Anderson, Roger M. Collins Jr., Bill B. Drum, R. R. Forrest, Dr. Walter C. Humbert.

Building: J. R. Moyer Jr. and R. E. Rogers, chairmen; C. K. Beatty, W. G. Dunn, Robert L. Elks, David A. Evans, Mack G. Smith, L. E. Tyler.

Business Standards: Bill B. Drum, chairman; John D. Dickens, Robert W. Fennell, L. F. Johnson, W. H. Taft.

Circle K: Reynolds May and James E. Poindexter, chairmen; John T. Barnhill, John O. Reynolds, Civil Defense: Joe M. Taft, chairman; Don H. Conley, W. G. Scott, Fred M. Stokes, L. E. Tyler.

Classification and Membership (secret committee):

Extension: W. L. Whedbee, chairman; Stanley F. Anderson, Dr. J. M. Barrett, A. C. Tadlock, W. Arthur Tripp.

Finance: W. C. Hollowell, chairman; David A. Evans, Dink James, Guy V. Smith, W. H. Woolard.

House: H. H. Duncan, chairman; Henry L. Andrews, D. Lacy Harrell, A. C. Howard, Fred Webb.

Inter-Club Relations: Hunter B. Keck, chairman; Eli Bloom, Tige Gardner, C. D. Ward, Charles V. Wilkerson.

Kiwanis Education: H. Glenn Haney, chairman; Leo W. Jenkins, J. D. Messick, E. E. Rawl.

Kiwanis Kapers: Eli Bloom, chair-

Decorating A Christmas Tree



Above are Miss Louise Morris, director of education at the Eighth Street Christian Church and Miss Johnnie Simpson, president of the Christian Youth Fellowship as they put the final touches on a "Stocking Tree" sponsored by the CYP. The stockings were donated by members of the Christian Youth Fellowship to be distributed among the poor on Christmas Eve. (Reflector Photo by Alvin Taylor).

Germans First Lighted Christmas Tree Here

German immigrants, homesick for the traditions of their native land, were the first to decorate Christmas trees in their homes in the United States, according to tradition.

Historians believe it was about the end of the Revolution that the practice began to grow in the colonies.

Before that the Pilgrims forbade Christmas celebrations on the grounds they were pagan. And a Massachusetts law in 1689 subjected anyone to a fine who observed the day by feasting, refraining from work or in any other manner.

Historians also believe that Martin Luther was the first to decorate and light a tree. He was fascinated by evergreen trees, glistening with starlit-snow, pointing to the heavens at Christmas time. So he brought an evergreen into his house and lighted it with candles for his children.

75-Year-Old Is Bike Enthusiast

DANVERS, Mass. (AP)—Ernest Dame, 75-year-old railroad crossing tender, is wearing out three bicycles. He has one for fair weather, one for rainy weather, and one for special occasions.

The "Sunday" bike is equipped with all modern gadgets. He doesn't have an automobile and doesn't want one.

About one-third of Americans—48 million—live in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, says the National Geographic Society.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Henry Bennett, deceased, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned administrator on or before the 9th day of December, 1954, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to me.

This the 9th day of December, 1953.

R. L. MARTIN
Bethel, N. C.
Administrator of the estate of Henry Bennett
Dec. 10-17-24-31 Jan. 7-14

PICKS HER COMPANY

BOONVILLE, Mo. (AP)—Mrs. Margaret Davis stopped here recently, walking south for the winter with her 10 dogs—three old ones and seven little pups only a few weeks old.

She says her way by selling things she crochets en route.

GHS Singers, Musical Ensemble, Offer Carols



Members of the Greenville High School Glee Club and a brass ensemble sang and played Christmas carols on the Court House lawn last week. The group was under the direction of Miss Ona Shindler and James E. Rodgers of the high school faculty. (Reflector Photo by Alvin Taylor).

Greenville Carriers

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| Connie Sumrell | William Brown, Jr. | Earl Stocks |
| Aubrey Hudson | William Barnes | Bill Moore |
| Roy Wainwright | Tommy Bodkin | Gene Byrd |
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| Larry Stocks | Ray Smith | Levon Duncan |
| Edward Elks | Dennis Harris | Jack Barnhill |
| Jimmy Horton | Wayne Sugg | David Wade |
| David Williams | Eric Johnson | Jimmy Keziah |
| Joseph Barrett | John Greene | Roger Tyndall |
| Buster Daniels | Ray Corbett | |
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| | | Bennie Leggett |
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Christmas Story Is Told Again



Shown above is the joint choir of the Bell Arthur Christian Church which took part in the "Birth of Christ" presented at the church Wednesday night. (Reflector Photo by Bob Boyette).

Wednesday night at the Bell Arthur Christian Church the Christmas program "Birth of Christ" was presented under the direction of Mrs. Joe Lupton.

Music for the program was presented by both the Junior Choir and the Young People's Choir as well as special music.

Principal Joe Lupton of Bell Arthur School was the reader and Mrs. Bruce Strickland was the pianist.

The program opened with a piano prelude by Mrs. Strickland followed by both choirs singing "Angels We Have Heard on High" from backstage.

Next came a processional with the choirs singing "O Come, All Ye Faithful."

The reader then began with music in conjunction with the reading. First, the choirs sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and then special music consisted of "O Holy Night" with soloist Miss Rebecca Allen and the choir.

After more reading the Junior Choir and soloist Miss Vivian Strickland sang "Away In A Manger."

Both choirs sang "The First Noel," and "While Shepherds Watched Their Flock," and then Mrs. Lupton sang "Angels From the Realms of Glory."

After another part of the reading

the Junior Choir sang "There's a Song in the Air" followed by more reading and the Choir singing "It Came upon the Midnight Clear and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "Silent Night, Holy Night." Then came an Obligato Solo by Mrs. Lupton.

The choir sang "The Christmas Song" and then another section of reading before soloist Bruce Strickland Jr. sang "We Three Kings."

After more reading the choir sang "The Magi's Token" followed by the conclusion of the reading and then the Recessional while the choirs sang "Joy to the World."

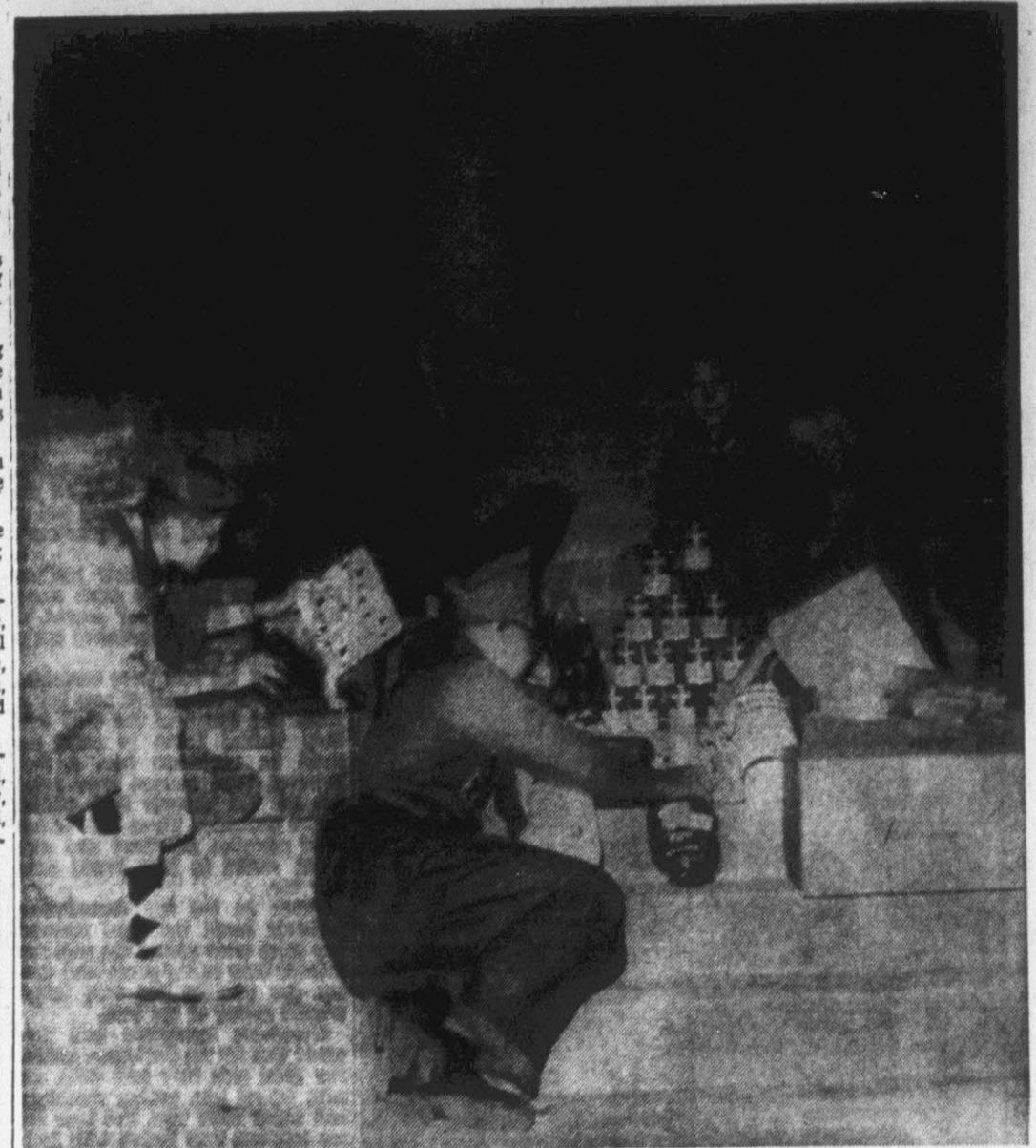
The program concluded with both choirs singing from backstage, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Members of the Nativity Scene were: Mary — Mrs. Wesley Allen; Joseph—Fred Carraway.

The Young People's Choir consisted of Rebecca Allen, Geneva Flake, Barbara Lloyd, Frances Lloyd, Hazel Moore, Linda Nichols, Jean Moore, Shelby Wayne, Trilby Lee Smith, Lula Letchworth, Effie O'Neal, and Mrs. Ethel Skinner.

The Junior Choir had as its members Faye Smith, Vivian Strickland, Betty Sue Flake, Yvonne Rasberry, and Connie Jones, Sidney D. O'Neal, Charles Carraway and Fred Lee Carraway.

Boy Scouts Joined Giving



Pictured above are Kirby Branch, Graham Tucker, Preston Jarvis, Charlie Ross and Rudy Ross of the local Boy Scout Troop 36 as they packed a box for a needy family which the troop is helping during the Christmas season. The troop packed several boxes of goods for the family and delivered them Tuesday night.

Local Boy Scout Troop 36 sponsored by the American Legion, packed several boxes of food, clothing and toys for a needy local family and delivered the goods to the family last night.

The troop under the direction of Scoutmaster Bob Kittrell, took as a project during the Christmas season the helping of a needy family.

Members of the troop brought food and clothing from home and the local American Legion Post 39 assisted financially in the project with an appropriation.

Scout officials reported that the family was made up of five children and the mother. The father of the family is deceased.

"This is typical of boys who have main office. If in good condition, they go directly to the outbound store room.

These include play pistols. Even a bizarre ray gun of the future was kept from prison hands.

It's an all-year project, but the atmosphere changes with the arrival of the yuletide season. Guards notice surprising changes in usually grim faces of felons.

Hard expressions go soft as rough hands fix a dolly's dress, or paint a fresh eye, or restore a mama voice.

Any inmate can ask that his children get some of the toys. Otherwise, they go to the needy, picked by local contributing groups.

had good scout training," said Lester Dollar, Scout Field Executive for this district. "A scout receives training in character building, citizenship and physical development," he said.

The local troop made up several boxes for the family and the entire troop went along to make the presentation to the family.

Keep Trees Green
If you have the type of a tree-holder that permits the tree trunk to rest in water, you will find that a small amount of plant food dissolved in the water will aid in retaining the needles on the tree, and keep the needles green. If you use a pebble or rock-filled pail to support the tree, cover the pebbles or rock with a plant food solution.

Use one teaspoonful of plant food, powdered form, to each gallon of water in the container, or use one plant food tablet to each gallon.

Last Christmas Eve, Refugee Was In Red Prison; His Story

Editor's Note—Joseph Pisarik, 42, is one of the eight heroic Czechs who crashed through the Iron Curtain to freedom in West Germany last summer. Here's his story of Christmas Eve a year ago, in a Communist prison cell. He was released from prison after Stalin's death. He is now in this country, a guest of the Crusade for Freedom supporting the work of Radio Free Europe.

By JOSEPH PISARIK
NEW YORK (R)—I spent last Christmas Eve in a Red prison cell, together with a saint. Prison was nothing new to me when the Communists arrested me on Jan. 9, 1952. I'd been through the Gestapo torture chambers, too. That had been 1942, when I was a member of the anti-Nazi underground in Czechoslovakia. I know how both dictatorships treat their enemies.

I learned a lot from the Nazis. They know how to break a man's will. They never broke mine but not because I was some sort of hero. They never broke mine because God was with me.

I was a member of the anti-Communist underground in Czechoslovakia and I knew the Czech secret political police were after me. They got me when I was hiding at my sister-in-law's apartment and I was in their custody last April.

At first they took me to the same jail where the Nazis had beaten me up 10 years earlier: the former Gestapo prison in Pilsen. They tried to break me there, but I prayed and God was with me and they never learned the names of my friends in the Czech underground or where our arms were hidden.

After a while they gave up and sent me to the district jail in Pilsen a place which had special

cell blocks for "politicals" like myself. I have a broken ear drum to show for their efforts.

They put me in a cell just 12 feet long, 10 feet high and an arm's breadth wide. It had a window with frosted glass and iron bars, higher than a man's head. We weren't allowed to look out.

My cellmate was a farmer about my own age. I don't want to give his name because I might get him or his family into more trouble. He isn't as lucky as I, I'm free. He's still freezing in some Red cell.

We'd been there for months, starving and cold in that tiny cell. We slept on straw mattresses on the floor. Three ragged, thin blankets given each of us never kept us warm at night. Bread and a watery soup and some bitter coffee substitute for breakfast were all we had to eat.

Then it was Christmas Eve. In the old days, Christmas Eve was

the big holiday for us in Czechoslovakia, bigger than Christmas Day, and always filled with laughter, singing, prayer, and good food.

But we were in our cell, lonely,aching hungry, miserable. I'm ashamed to say that we had been animals. My cellmate and I both were religious men, but we hadn't so much as crossed ourselves since we had entered that cell.

When prisoners refuse to talk, the Reds often put a spy in their cell. We distrusted all newcomers. And so, when the guard suddenly opened our cell door at noon and shoved in a new man, we looked at him slowly.

He was a man of 58, thin, but holding himself erect and dignified. He was without tie or collar. When I looked into his eyes I trusted him. He smiled and spoke in a tired voice:

"God greet you, my brothers in suffering. My name is Joseph Limpouch, an a priest."

I found out later he was a monsignor, a dignitary of the church and a professor. But more, I found out he was a saintly, simple man.

Suddenly happy to meet him, we asked him to sit down. "Brothers, talk to me as a friend," he said. "We are all brothers in suffering here and we will want no formality. We must take hope from God."

He asked us why we were in jail. We told him: suspicion never entered our minds. Why, I don't know. We simply felt that here was more than a friend.

He was tired and spoke with difficulty but he gave us courage and his words filled our hearts and warmed our cell and made us feel that, somehow, God was among us.

"Look," he told us, "I have spent years in Nazi concentration camps. I endured only because I believe in God. I never despaired. I only prayed—and God helped me. Today we are in the same situation but if we only have faith in our God, then he will surely help us. . . ."

Then, as he spoke to us, for the first time since I was arrested, I forgot where I was. The Christmas, of which we had despaired, was with us after all. This man brought us courage and, what's most important, he renewed our faith.

The next day we were amazed. Instead of the watery soup, we got a Christmas dinner. Sure, the soup was a part of it and four portions of the dinner would not have filled us up, but it was our Christmas dinner and we were thankful for it.

They gave us our food in small tin pots and we sat about the tiny table in our cell and the monsignor led us in saying grace. It was the first time we'd said grace since we'd been jailed.

He bowed his head and all of us joined in to pray:

"We thank Thee our Lord, for these Thy gifts, which we enjoy from the fruits of Thy bounty." And then we spoke the Lord's Prayer and the room seemed to fill up with warmth and for just a moment, I thought myself at home again, with my loved ones.

From 1940 to 1950 the proportion of men in the U.S. population who were married increased from about 62 to about 67 per cent.

Convicts Helped By Making Toys In Prison Shop

By TOM MADDOX
DEER LODGE, Mont. (R)—Big hands carefully cut out tiny doll dresses. Others sew patterns together. Still others sand and paint battered toys.

For Santa's workshop has a Montana State Prison branch.

The prison's castle corner turret and gingerbread trim look up from Deer Lodge Valley to snowy caps of the Continental Divide—a likely setting for one of Santa's toy factories.

Here Santa's workers are felons, with soft hearts.

Five thousand toys have gone out to some 3,500 needy kids this Christmas season.

These Santa Claus workers, of course, never know who gets their toys, but that doesn't dim their enthusiasm.

The prisoner-foreman of a crew of about 15 inmates is a strapping fellow. His predecessor was so moved by the toy work that after he went free he wrote back twice to ask how it was going.

He was told "Just fine" by the friendly woman who has been the toy shop's contact outside the high stone walls for seven years. She is Mrs. Fern Baker, secretary to Warden Fay O. Burrell.

The enthusiasm is contagious. Civic groups in 21 Montana com-

munities contribute used toys. Stores give remnants for dresses or paint. A truck line hauls the re-finished playthings free.

Law officers and others also help deliver.

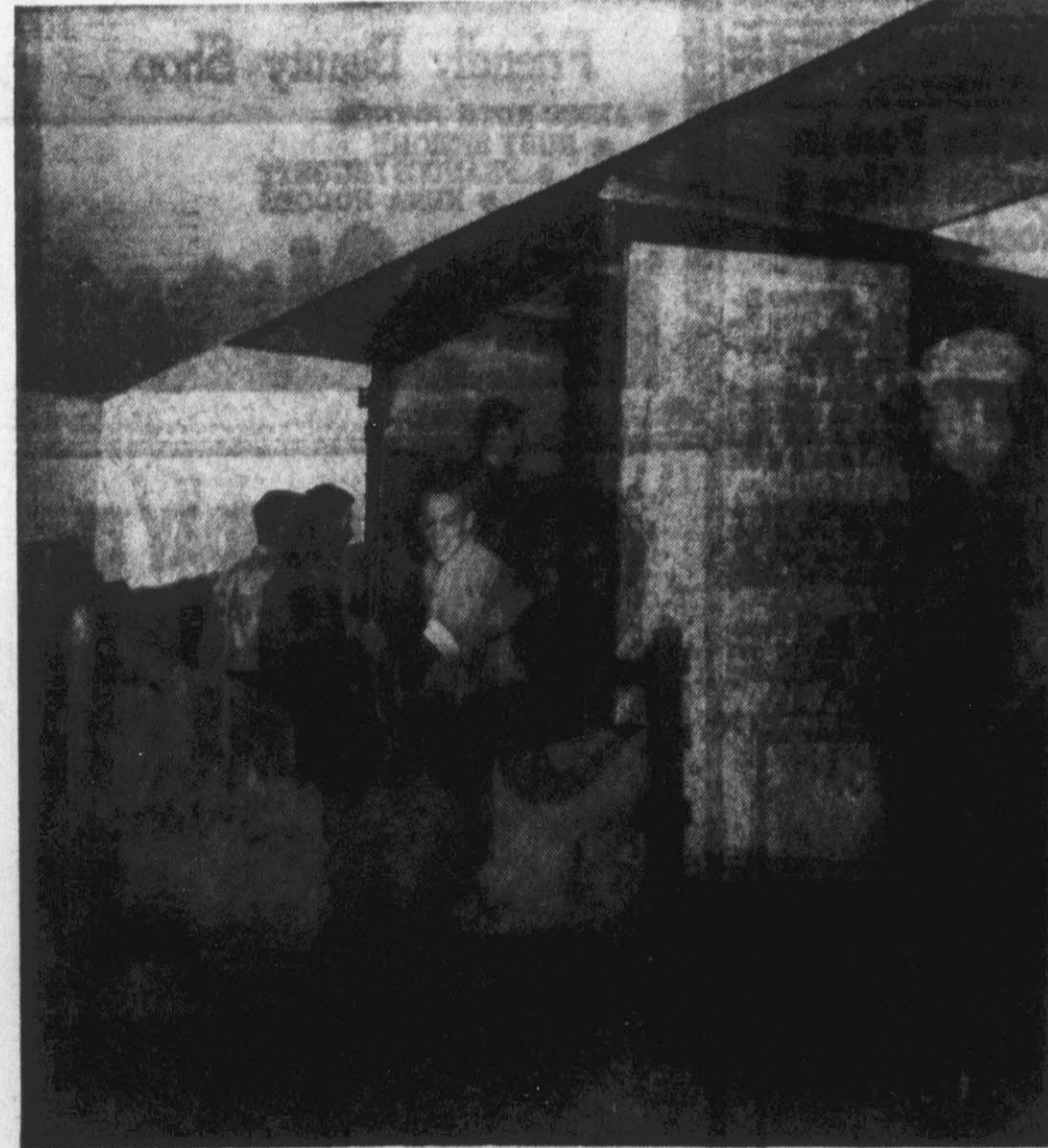
Inmates are selected for the toy shop work.

"Although they actually work harder than at some other jobs, the men like it because of the feeling of doing something worthwhile. They write home and tell their families how much they like it," says Warden Burrell.

"It's the best morale builder we have."

Most toys are stockpiled. It may take two battered bikes to make one good one.

Some toys are intercepted in the



POST OFFICE employees unload a portion of the huge shipment of mail which arrived in Greenville Wednesday morning. The shipment is typical of the ones which have been coming in this week and is partially responsible for the post office work increasing an estimated 15 per cent over that of the Christmas season period in 1952. (Reflector Staff Photo by Jimmy Ellis).

Merry Christmas

and

HAPPY NEW YEAR

JIMMY WELLS

ESSO SERVICE

Corner of 4th and Greene Streets

Christmas WISHES

A wealth of health, happiness and contentment are our wishes for all our friends and neighbors on this most joyous holiday.

Bell's Coal & Oil Co.

Season's Greetings

May the "Peace that passeth all understanding" enter into your heart at Christmas. In the spirit of Him, whose Natal Day we celebrate, may you find the hope, faith and courage to hold steadfast to the bright promise of a world in which peace and good will shall reign forevermore.

Garris - Evans Lumber Co.

Thousands Of Children Flocked Into Toy Departments



The above youngster was heartbroken when his mother would not buy the toy he is holding in a local store recently. Mother told the boy to wait until Christmas and maybe Santa would bring it to him. (Reflector Photos by Alvin Taylor).

By ALVIN TAYLOR
Reflector Staff Writer

Greenville stores have had one group of customers that they welcomed even though they did not buy anything during the last few weeks. They were the thousands of kids that flocked into the toy departments just to gaze at the piles of toys on the store counters.

They represent the largest group of non-buying customers that merchants encounter but they are as welcome as the richest man. The young people came from all over the county and they represented all age groups but they all had one thing in mind when they arrived in the downtown district. And that was to crowd into the nearest toyland.

Most of them were not disappointed by what they saw there for the toy departments were chock full of dolls, trains and other playthings that kids like.

Some came with their mothers and fathers and some came alone, but nearly always they staved as long as parents and harassed clerks would allow them.

Most of the kids were contented to look over the piles of toys before them and dream of the ones that they wanted Santa to leave for them on Christmas Eve. A few, however, cried because they could not get the presents they wanted before Christmas. These soon turned their attention elsewhere and once again smiled as they found some new toy.

Clerks in the toy departments probably heard the "just looking" line more often during the past two months than at any other time during the year as the kids milled around gazing at the toys.

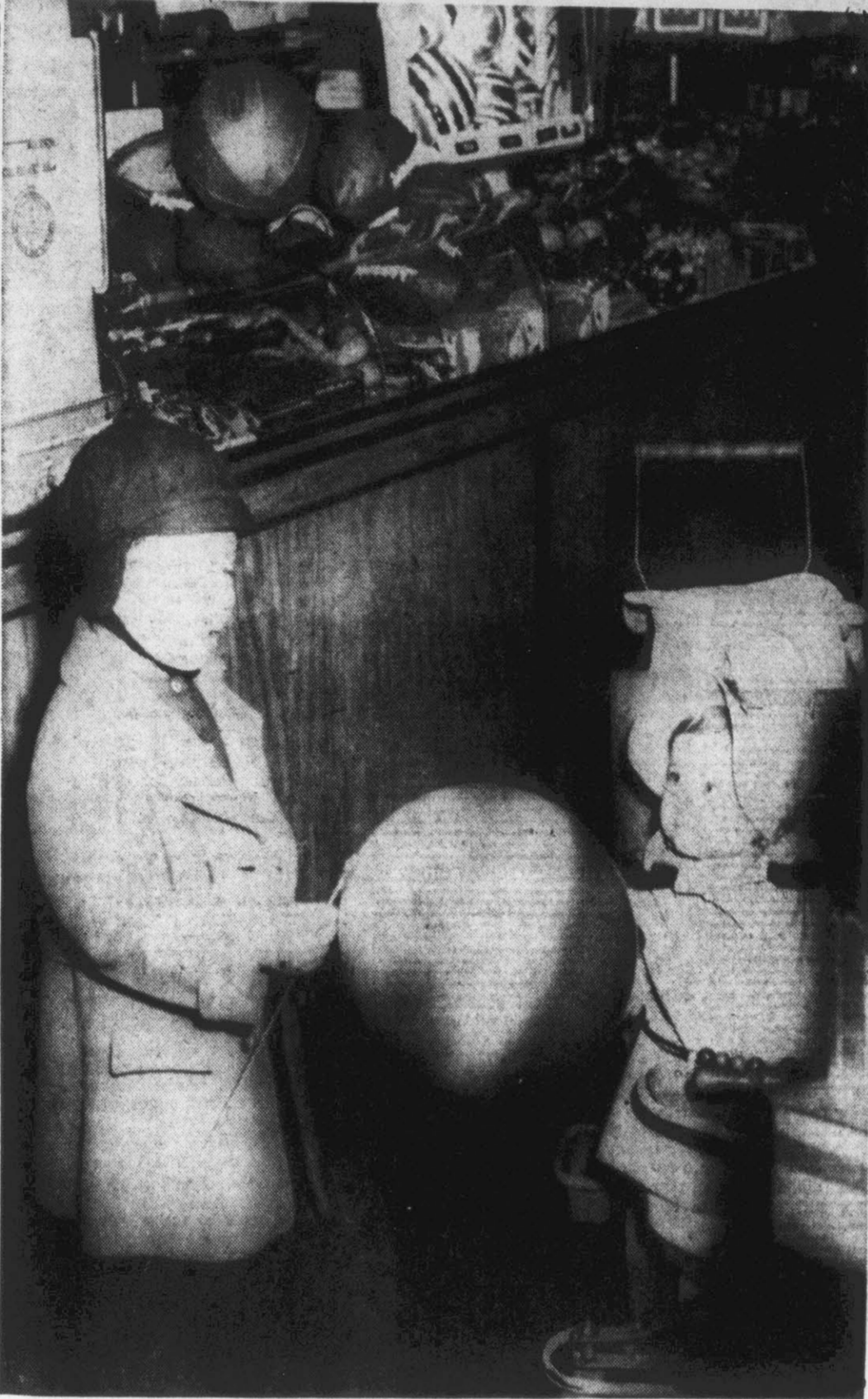
Greenville merchants had prepared well for the Christmas season. For little girls they had dolls, tea sets, nurses sets, sewing machines and many other toys. For boys the toy counters were loaded with football and baseball equipment, pistols, air rifles and wagons.

For both boys and girls, tricycles, paint sets, games, push toys, balloons, telephones, spinning tops, pianos, building blocks and hundred of other toys were on display.

A few kids could be seen at other counters, perhaps buying presents for other members of the family. But by far the most popular department in the stores with them was the toyland. Next in line, of course, would be the candy counter where many young people spent time walking from one end to the other carefully studying each bin filled with candy.

The Christmas season turns local stores into a "children's paradise" and the merchants know that the toys that the young people like will be sure-fire sellers during the holiday rush.

Few of the boys and girls will get all the things they saw and admired in the toylands. Probably fewer still will get nothing at all for Christmas. But most of them will find something under the tree Christmas that just a few days before they were looking at and hoping for.



This young man has the Christmas spirit as he gives a balloon to his younger sister that his mother just bought for them. These youngsters were part of the thousand kids who swarmed through the toylands of local stores "just looking" during the Christmas season.

WNCT Schedule Week Of Dec. 20th

THURSDAY
 5:00—Cactus Jim
 6:00—News
 6:15—Sports
 6:20—Weather
 6:25—Safety Tips
 6:30—Piano Tops
 6:45—Farm Facts
 7:00—News Reel
 7:15—Dick Carter
 7:30—Favorite Story
 8:00—You Bet Your Life
 8:30—4 Star Playhouse
 9:00—I Led 3 Lives
 9:30—Living Book
 10:00—Late Show
 11:00—News, Weather & Sports
 11:15—Sign off

FRIDAY
 5:00—Cactus Jim
 6:00—News
 6:15—Sports
 6:20—Weather
 6:25—Safety Tips
 6:30—Riders of Sage
 6:45—Farm Facts
 7:00—Armchair Adventure
 7:15—News Reel
 7:30—Christmas Show
 8:00—Boston Blackie
 8:30—Pepsi Playhouse
 9:00—Life with Riley
 9:30—Calvacade of America
 10:00—Late Show
 11:00—News, Weather & Sports
 11:15—Sign off

SATURDAY
 5:00—Uncle Marvin
 6:00—News
 6:15—Sports
 6:20—Weather
 6:25—Safety Tips
 6:30—Ranch Hands
 7:00—Juniper Junction

7:30—Clisco Kid
 8:00—Western Feature
 8:30—WNCT Feature Film
 10:00—Medallion Theatre
 10:30—Hit Parade
 11:00—News, Weather & Sports
 11:15—Sign off

Coyotes Now Are Being Protected

TOPONAS, Colo. (AP)—Coyotes are now finding a friend in western ranchers who once shot them on sight. The ranchers are posting "Coyotes Protected," signs says Audubon Magazine.

The change of attitude results from the discovery that coyotes help keep down mice, gophers, moles and rabbits. The rodents have destroyed as much as one-third of the hay crops and have cut the livestock carrying capacity of the ranges by as much as one-half.

Three-Year-Old Went Traveling

BUTTE, Mont. (AP)—A three-year-old Billings tot decided to see the world and climbed aboard a Northern Pacific passenger train at Billings.

Butte police met the train 238 miles later and heard the young traveler say: "I got on all by myself... my father's name is daddy." Police had been told that little Danny's daddy was Vincent Quinlan of Billings.

Bare Facts For Haircut Decree

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Thirteen students showed up at Balboa High School after an initiation with Mohawk Indian style haircuts.

On the warpath, vice principal Kemp Frederick ordered the boys to visit a barber and be made "presentable."

Barber John LaDuca made them as bald as eagles.

May Find Tomb Of Alexander

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt (AP)—The tomb of Alexander the Great may be found near this city following discovery of a huge marble statue which Egyptian archeological circles believe was buried near the Macedonian conqueror.

Although Alexander died in Asia, traditions say he was buried in the vicinity of Alexandria.

Highway Patrol Plans Special Holiday Watch

The State Highway Patrol will make an effort to reduce motor accidents by use of electronic speed recorders and daily "saturation" patrolling over the holidays.

From now until the end of the year we intend to keep our radar and electronic speed recorders in constant use throughout the state," said Motor Vehicles Commissioner Edward Scheidt. "This plus day and night saturation patrols may help to cut down holiday fatalities."

Under the saturation plan a number of patrolmen will rove assigned stretches of about ten miles along unspecified highways daily.

Commander James R. Smith of the State Highway Patrol said a majority of his men had volunteered

to work through the holiday. He urged motorists to drive at reasonable speeds on holiday trips and to keep a close watch on pedestrians.

Scheidt had the following recommendations for holiday celebrants from the National Safety Council:

Stay alert. Don't become so preoccupied with holiday making that you go into a holiday haze. Keep your wits about you whenever you're in traffic—on foot or in a car.

Don't venture into the street—walking or driving—if you've been drinking.

At office parties and other festive gatherings, arrange rides (or call taxis) for guests who have been imbibing.

"If you drive, don't drink—if you drink, don't drive," is a good motto for the holiday season.

Legion Post In Ayden Helps 3 Needy Families

AYDEN—The local American Legion post agreed to help three underprivileged families at their regular meeting Thursday night.

A collection was taken up from members present and an additional \$75 dollars was appropriated from the general fund to help the needy families.

A committee was appointed to select the families which will receive aid composed of Roy Turnage Jr., chairman; C. E. Hart and Harry Stillman.

The committee will be in charge of purchasing food, clothing and toys for the families and making the presentation to them.

FOR SALE — HOUSE TRAILERS

At Greatly
Reduced
Prices



American Coach—\$2400. Can be financed on easy terms. 1954 Series. Fully equipped with Duo Therm heater, Frigidaire refrigerator, Preway gas range, tub and shower, electric hot water heater. Sleeps four persons. Trailer, one of the best on the market. Investigation was made for me by finance company as to quality of trailers.

MOBILE HOME SALES
West End Circle, Greenville, N. C.

GREETINGS
of the Season

May the happiness of the Holiday season, deepened and strengthened by the spiritual inspiration of the Christmas message, abide with you through all the days ahead. This is our warmest wish for you and yours, as through the soft silence of a Holy night, the shining wonder of Christmas once more dawns upon the World.

Quality Eastern Oil Co.

CHARLES P. GASKINS, Mgr. — 601 Albemarle Ave.

Greetings

We're thinking of you, all our friends, and hoping that this happy Christmas season brings to you good cheer, good health and good fellowship. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All.

State Bank & Trust Co.

Best Wishes

FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

From The Personnel
—At—
Friendly Beauty Shop

- ANNIE RUTH JOYNER
- RUBY SPEIGHT
- FRANCES LEGGETT
- EDNA HODGES

HOLIDAY!
Special!

Smooth!
Rich!
Delicious!
Refreshing!

Our Own EGG NOG!

Carolina Dairies EGG NOG with that old fashioned flavor. EGG NOG that is carefully and expertly blended from traditionally fine ingredients such as Milk, Eggs, Sugar, Cream and Spices to give you EGG NOG with the real Old-Fashioned Flavor. Carolina Dairy EGG NOG is delivered non-alcoholic and is prepared from an Old Southern Recipe. Get Carolina Dairy EGG NOG from your milkman or at your favorite grocery store or telephone us. Keep several quarts on hand to serve those unexpected guests.

Carolina Dairy Products, Inc.

'Thy Kingdom Come'

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Alfred J. Buescher

Scripture—Matthew 6:9-10; 23:16-20; John 17:18-21; Acts 1:6-8; Revelation 11:15b.



In His Sermon on the Mount Christ taught us to pray our Heavenly Father, "Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."



The disciples went into a mountain to meet their Risen Lord. He commanded them to "Teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost."



On Thursday of Holy Week Jesus prayed that all believers might be one, "As Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they may also be one in Us, that the world may believe Thou hast sent Me."



Voices from heaven told St. John: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and He shall reign forever and ever." MEMORY VERSE—Matthew 6:9, 10.

"Thy Kingdom Come"

"THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN."

Scripture—Matthew 6:9-10; 23:16-20; John 17:18-21; Acts 1:6-8; Revelation 11:15b.

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL. JESUS CHRIST referred to the Kingdom of God 96 times, and in 15 of His parables. This subject begins and closes the Book of Acts. It is the chief theme of the Book of Revelation. At the close of the Nineteenth Century no New Testament subject was quite so widely discussed.

In His Sermon on the Mount Jesus tells us to pray for the coming of the Kingdom. "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

At this moment in history the Kingdom seems remote indeed. Instead of love, peace and God's will being done on earth, we see chaos, hatred, accusations and counter accusations, with the threat of war always hanging like a black cloud over the world.

At such a time it seems fitting

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Then the Lord was taken up to heaven.

Jesus Himself prayed for unity among His followers all over the world. On Thursday of Holy Week St. John records His beautiful prayer:

"Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth. As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth."

"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; that they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me."

MEMORY VERSE

"Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."—Matthew 6:9, 10

that our 1933 lessons close with emphasis placed on the peace, unity and happiness that would come with the reign of God and His Son, Jesus when His Kingdom comes. We cannot know when it will come, but we can live so that we will be ready for it.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee; into a mountain, where the Risen Lord had appointed them. When they saw Him they worshipped Him, but some doubted.

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." How many weary, unhappy souls have been comforted with that thought, that their Lord is with them always.

The disciples wanted to know when the kingdom of Israel would be restored, and they asked Jesus. He told them: "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power."

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The Golden Text



The soul's awakening.

"Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."—Matthew 6:9, 10.

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. W. J. Moore, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Service 3rd Sunday
7:00 p.m.—Service 1st Sunday
7:00 p.m. Mon.—Youth League
7:00 p.m. Thurs.—Choir Rehearsal

ASPEN GROVE F.W.B. CHURCH
Rev. M. E. Godwin, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. Clifton Gardner, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Service 2nd Sunday
8:00 p.m.—League each Sunday
Quarterly Meeting on 2nd Saturday, March, June, September and December. Services for each meeting at 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

DILDA GROVE F.W.B. CHURCH
Rev. Robert Lee Norville, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. Glenwood Wooten, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Service 4th Sunday
7:30 p.m.—Service 4th Sunday
Quarterly meeting on 4th Saturday, January, April, July and October. Services for each Quarterly Meeting at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

OTTERS CREEK F.W.B. CHURCH
Rev. Charles L. Hambron, pastor
9:45 a. m.—Sunday School, Mr. W. E. Gardner, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Services 1st and 3rd Sundays
7:30 p.m.—Services 1st and 3rd Sundays
8:00 p.m. Wed.—Prayer Service
Quarterly meeting on 3rd Saturday, March, June, September and December. Services for each quarterly meeting at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

CHICOD PRESBYTERIAN
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Services 1st and 3rd Sundays
8:00 p.m.—Services 2nd and 4th Sundays
8:00 p.m. Mon.—Youth Fellowship
8:00 p.m. Tues.—Young People's Meeting

ST. PAUL PENTECOSTAL
Washington Highway
Rev. B. C. Harrell, pastor

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Bill Harrington, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service
7:30 p.m.—Worship Service
7:30 p.m. Thurs.—Prayer Service

BALLARD'S PRESBYTERIAN
Rev. H. W. Dale, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, R. H. Lloyd, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Services 1st and 3rd Sundays
7:30 p.m.—Worship services 2nd and 4th Sundays

HOLLYWOOD PRESBYTERIAN
Rev. E. Lee Wingham III, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Services 2nd and 4th Sundays
8:00 p.m.—Services 1st and 3rd Sundays
8:00 p.m. Fri.—Youth Fellowship and Pioneer Fellowship

PARKER'S CHAPEL F.W.B.
Rev. W. H. Willis, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. Paul W. Harris, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Service 2nd Sundays
7:30 p.m.—Service 2nd Sundays

GRIMESLAND CHARGE
Rev. Noah B. Hill Jr., minister
Salem—Services 1st and 3rd Sunday morning, 3rd Sunday night
Grimesland—Service 1st and 4th Sunday night, 2nd Sunday morning, Providence—Service 2nd Sunday night, 4th Sunday morning.

PLEASANT HILL F.W.B. CHURCH
Rev. S. R. Kennedy, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, L. D. Stanley, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Services 1st and 3rd Sundays
8:00 p.m.—Services 1st and 3rd Sundays

BLACK JACK F.W.B. CHURCH
Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, A. G. Gaskins, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Services 1st and 3rd Sundays

6:30 p.m.—League each Sunday
7:30 p.m.—Services Saturday and Sunday
7:30 p.m. Wed.—Prayer Service

GUM SWAMP F. W. B. CHURCH
Rev. D. W. Alexander, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Floyd P. Harris, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Services 2nd and 4th Sundays
7:30 p.m.—Service 4th Sunday

ROSE HILL F. W. B. CHURCH
Rev. S. R. Kennedy, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Junior Lee Dall, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Services 2nd and 4th Sundays
7:30 p.m.—Services 2nd and 4th Sundays

BELL ARTHUR CHRISTIAN
10:00 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Services 1st and 3rd Sundays
7:30 p.m.—Services 1st and 3rd Sundays

MOUNT PLEASANT CHRISTIAN
Rev. William Clifton, pastor
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, O. J. Stancell, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service each Sunday.
7:30 p.m.—Worship Service each Sunday.

7:30 p.m. Wed.—Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Thurs.—Choir Practice

BOYD MEM. PRESBYTERIAN
Rev. W. D. Morton, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service

BELL ARTHUR METHODIST
Rev. J. O. Jernigan, pastor
1st Sunday 11:00 a. m.—Monk Memorial
1st Sunday 7:30 p.m.—Bell Arthur
2nd Sunday 11:00 a. m.—Bell Arthur

2nd Sunday 7:30 p.m.—Wesley
3rd Sunday 11:00 a.m.—Wesley
3rd Sunday 7:30 p.m.—Bell Arthur
4th Sunday 11:00 a. m.—Bell Arthur
4th Sunday 7:30 p.m.—Monk Memorial

PINEY GROVE F.W.B. CHURCH
Rev. R. N. Hinnant, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, E. P. Tyson, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Service 2nd Sunday

SWEET GUM GROVE F. W. B.
Rev. J. B. Narron, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Marion Nobles, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Services 1st and 3rd Sundays
7:30 p.m.—Services 1st and 3rd Saturdays

REEDY BRANCH F.W.B. CHURCH
Rev. Henry Melvin, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Russell Little, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service
7:30 p.m.—Worship Service

HICKORY GROVE F.W.B.
Rev. L. B. Manning, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Kenneth Manning, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Service 3rd Sunday
7:30 p.m.—Service 3rd Sunday

FACTOLUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. C. F. Laughlin, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. Noel Lee, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Service each Sunday.
8:30 p.m.—B.T.U. each Sunday.
7:30 p.m.—Service each Sunday.

BLACK JACK F. W. HOLINESS
Rev. W. R. Kennedy, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Van Mills, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Service 1st Sunday
8:30 p.m.—Youth Service each Sunday.
7:30 p.m.—Service 1st Saturday
7:30 p.m.—Service 1st Sunday

ROUNTREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

10:00 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Service 4th Sunday
7:30 p.m.—Christian Men's Fellowship each 4th Sunday
OAK GROVE CHRISTIAN
Rev. John White, minister
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Services 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays.
7:30 p.m.—Worship Service

GRIFTON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. F. Miam Johnson, pastor
9:45 a. m.—Sunday School, Mr. John Rooney, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
6:30 p.m.—Baptist Training Union
7:00 p.m. Wed.—Prayer Meeting

GRINDEL CREEK CHURCH OF GOD
Rev. Wade Crofts, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
7:45 p.m. Wed.—Prayer Service

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Falkland Highway
3:00 p.m. Sun.—Bible Study and Lectures
7:45 p.m. Fri.—Service Meeting
9:00 p.m. Fri.—Theocratic Ministry School

SAINT STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Haddock's Crossroads
10:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer 2nd Sunday
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer 4th Sunday

ELM GROVE F.W.B. CHURCH
Ayden, N. C.
Rev. James Lynn, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. J. T. Beppard, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Worship 1st and 3rd Sundays
6:30 p.m.—League each Sunday
7:30 p.m. Wed.—Mid-Week Prayer Service
We welcome visitors to all services.

RED OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Rev. Harold Tyer, minister
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, F. L. Allen, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Services each Sunday

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA PITT COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Eli Leggett, deceased, late of Pitt County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of December, 1934, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 16th day of December, 1933.

MARTHA J. LEGGETT, Administratrix
Route 2, Box 117
Ayden, N. C.
Richard Powell, Atty.
107 E. 2nd St.
Greenville, N. C.
Dec. 17-24-31 Jan. 7-14-31

NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA PITT COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified as executrix of the estate of John P. Hooker, deceased, late of Pitt County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of December, 1934, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of this recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 2nd day of December, 1933.

BESSIE M. HOOKER
Executrix
Bethel, N. C.
Blount & Taft, Attys.
Dec. 3-10-17-24-31 Jan. 7

Ships from those of the Vikings to those of the 18th Century are on exhibit at Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Conn.

Christmas Floral Specials
● POINSETTIAS 1 Bloom \$1.75
2 Blooms \$2.75 3 Blooms \$3.75
● BEGONIAS ● CYCLAMEN
Dish gardens make lovely gifts or an arrangement of red roses or red carnations with that special Christmas look.
INA'S FLORIST SHOP
Phone 6651 We Deliver Bethel Highway

To all our friends both old and new...
Greetings
Mary Ann Soda Shop
At Five Points

A Merry Christmas
This greeting goes to all our friends, With a special note of cheer— "We wish you joy on Christmas Day and happiness throughout the year."
R. F. McLawhon & Sons
Bethel Highway

County Churches

FOUNTAIN FIRST BAPTIST
Rev. Richard L. West, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. L. P. Yeiverton, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Services 1st and 3rd Sundays

FAKLAND PRESBYTERIAN
Rev. Philip M. Cory, pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. W. J. Little, superintendent
11:00 a.m.—Service 1st Sunday
7:00 p.m.—Worship service 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN
Rev. Philip M. Cory, pastor

Consult
LES TURNAGE
Merry Christmas
May your heart sing out this Christmas in tune with all the happiness of a Joyous Holiday Season.
D. L. TURNAGE
Real Estate and Insurance Agency
3rd & Cotanche Streets

Season's Best Wishes
As the Christmas chimes ring out once more we send wishes for a Happy Holiday to all our friends.
S & E Motor Service
AYDEN, N. C.

Season's Greetings
In the spirit of the season we send you warm-hearted greetings and best wishes for a joyous Holiday.
D. H. Conley
Superintendent of Schools

Greetings
May the joys of the Season and all its friendly cheer brighten your home at Christmas and abide with you all through the year... This is our warm Holiday wish for you and yours.
Mrs. Morton's Bakery



Greetings

As "it came upon a midnight clear," may the message of Peace and Good Will dwell in your heart at Christmas.

J. Bryan Brown
Distributor Pure Oil Products

OZARK IKE



THE FIRST PLAY AFTER THE OPENING KICKOFF.

RAZ DAZZUL IS FADING TO PASS?

THERE IT GOES... A LONG ONE!

YOW! — A TOUCHDOWN BEFORE US WILDCATS EVEN GOT OUR HAMS ON THE PIGSKIN!

THE RUSTLERS ARE OFF TO THE RACES. RAZ DAZZUL CHALKED UP A TOUCHDOWN WITH HIS FIRST PASS!

LOOK! — RAZ IS FIRING ANOTHER ONE!

WOW! A TWO-TOUCHDOWN LEAD OVER THE WILDCATS IN THE FIRST PERIOD!


(MOAN) OUR LINE IS GIVING RAZ ALL DAY TO SPOT HIS RECEIVERS... GOTTA CHANGE OUR DEFENSE!

WHY BOTHUM, COACH? YOU JUST KNOW OZARK'S GONNA OUTSCORE EM!

Our Dining Room Will Close
Friday, December 25th
Open For Business Monday, Jan. 4th

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year To Everybody Everywhere

Proctor Coffee Shop



Greetings OF THE Season TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Bunch Shoe Service

FLASH GORDON



YOU MEAN — IF I HELPED YOU ESCAPE YOU WOULD TAKE ME TO THE SURFACE WITH YOU, FLASH GORDON?

YES — BUT NOT JUST YET, DANITRA! I WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN THE TIME IS READY!

I WILL BE WAITING, FLASH GORDON! AND NOW I MUST GO!

— I'LL TRUST YOU TO LOOK AFTER DALE IN THE MEANWHILE, DANITRA!

WELL, ZARKOV! WE'VE GOT ONE ALLY... I HOPE!

NO FEAR! THE WAY SHE LOOKED AT YOU, SHE'S GOING TO BE MORE THAN JUST AN ALLY. — COME ON! WE'VE GOT TO DRESS FOR NOACHIM'S BIG SHOW!

AMID ATLANTIAN SPLENDOR, FLASH AND ZARKOV ARE FETED AS VISITING "GODS" IN THE PALACE OF NOACHIM...

...AND TREATED TO ROYAL ENTERTAINMENT...

YOUR SISTER DANITRA IS QUITE A GOOD DANCER, NOACHIM!

AHH... YOU LIKE HER? PERFORMED YOUR MISSION, PERHAPS WE CAN KEEP ALL THE WEALTH WITHIN THE FAMILY, EH?



Greetings

In sincere appreciation of our pleasant relationship through the past year... we extend a wish to you, our patrons, for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Stafford Oldsmobile Co.



GREETINGS

We would like to thank you for making 1953 a successful year for us... Our sincerest good wishes that you may enjoy a Merry Christmas and all the good fortune to make your new year a happy one.

A. B. Whitley, Inc.
Boyd Avenue

BLONDIE



DAGWOOD, WOULD YOU MARRY ME IF WE HAD IT TO DO ALL OVER AGAIN?

SURE.

LET ME HEAR YOU ASK ME.

DARLING, WILL YOU MARRY ME?

I CAN'T... I'M ALREADY MARRIED.

COME TO THINK, I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED YOU... I'M MARRIED, TOO.


THANKS FOR THE COFFEE... NOW DO YOU MIND IF I TAKE MY LITTLE AFTERNOON NAP?

YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF... THE LIFE YOU LEAD.

I'M A SUCCESS.

HOW MANY OTHER MEN DO YOU KNOW WHO ARE RETIRED AT MY AGE?

Z-Z



CHEER for Christmas

May the joyful hours of Christmas overflow with good cheer and happiness for all our friends

Proctor Hotel Barber Shop
GEORGE A. BROWN, Mgr.

THE HEART OF JULIET JONES



IF THAT'S MISS JULIET JONES CALLING TO TELL ME SWEETLY THAT CHET'S SPENDING ANOTHER EVENING WITH HIS STUPID PATIENTS —

RING

OH, HE WON'T, EH? — WELL, YOU PUT HIM ON THE PHONE, MISS JONES. I SAID I WANT TO TALK TO HIM!

MRS. DAVIS WANTS TO TALK TO YOU, DOCTOR.

DIDN'T YOU TELL HER I WAS ALL TIED UP? OH, ALL RIGHT — LET ME HAVE THE PHONE.

BUT I TELL YOU I CAN'T LEAVE NOW. LOOK, DARLING, I'M A DOCTOR. THESE PEOPLE NEED ME —

WELL, I'M A WIFE — AND I NEED YOU TOO! SO STOP TRYING TO CURE THIS HICK TOWN SINGLEHANDED!

DUSTY — CUT IT OUT! I'M BUSY AND I'M TIRED —

SURE, DON'T WASTE A THOUGHT ON ME AND HOW I FEEL — YOU'VE ALWAYS GOT MISS JONES TO SWATHE WITH YOU — WHY DON'T YOU CRY ON HER SHOULDER? I'M SURE SHE'D ADORE IT!

THAT'S NOT A BAD IDEA!



Merry Christmas

One wish is good and two are better. So, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year too!

Ruel W. Tyson
Sheriff of Pitt County



Merry CHRISTMAS!

We're filled with Christmas cheer and fond thoughts of our good friends, as we send this little greeting all around the town... Merry... merry Christmas!

Bill's Gulf Service
"We Never Close"

Extra Dollars!.. Extra Sales For Christmas!

TELL DAILY REFLECTOR WANT AD READERS ABOUT THOSE NEW AND USED ARTICLES YOU HAVE FOR SALE!

POGO

DUNNO WHY I BOTHEE WITH THIS YEAR AFTER-YEAR... HALLOO! WAKE UP! CHRISTMAS EVE!

OH... IT'S YOU, PORKY... DON'T YOU KNOW YOU AN' ME IS FILLED THE STOCKING'S AN' JES' FINISH TRIMMIN' THE TREES? IT'S FOUR AM.

THAT'S GOOD, 'CAUSE HERE'S SOMETHIN' I BEEN SAVIN' FOR YOU SINCE AUGUST... NOW, PLEASE, DON'T PANIC ON ME... A SPRIG OF LOVE-IN-IDLENESS... TAIN'T MUCH, BUT, THE WAY FOLKS TREATS EACH OTHER NOW-A-DAYS...

IF I LEAVES THIS UP TO ANY BODY ELSE, YOU'LL BE LUCKY IF YOU RECEIVES A SIMPLE GOOD MORNIN'!

AW-YOU OK, PORKY? I DO EAT 'EM UP AN' MAKE COCOA AN' PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICHES.

I GOT THE REST OF 'DECK US ALL' ALL WRIT OUTS 'DECK US ALL WITH BOLTON CHARLIE, HULLA HULLA, WASH, AN' KALAMAZOO! NORA'S FREEBIN' ON THE TROLLEY, SHALLER DOLLAR CALLIFLOWER 'T ALLEY-GA-ROO!'

"DON'T YOU KNOW ARCHIE BARREL, LULLABY LULLA BOY, LOUISVILLE LOU, TROLLEY MOLLY DON'T LOVE HAROLD, BOOLA BOOLA PENACOLA HULLA-R BALOO!'

COME ON! ROLL THE REST OF IT! 'ON THE SECON' DAY OF CRISPNESS, 'S MY TRIPLE LOVE SENT TO ME 'S TWO TURTLE PONES AN' A PARNIP IN A PANTREE!'

THAT AIN'T THE SONG WE'RE SINGIN'... AND BESIDES, IN THE PEAR TREE IS A LOYAL AMERICAN PARTRIDGE... P-A-T-P-A-R, S-N-P: RIDID!

RUSTY RILEY

RUSTY, YOU SAW IT, TOO! YOU SAW THE PURPLE GHOST!

JEEPERS, PATTY, I GURE SAW SOMETHIN'!

DADDY, WE...

DRENCHED! YOU TWO GET INTO SOME DRY CLOTHES! QUICK! BEFORE YOU CATCH YOUR DEATH OF GOLD!

BUT, DADDY... I WANT TO TELL YOU...

TELL ME LATER. GET DRY FIRST. BESIDES, SUPPER'S ALMOST READY.

PATTY, YOU'RE SHIVERIN'! HAVE YOU CAUGHT A CHILL?

NO, DADDY... I... WE...

I... I'M A MITE SHAKY 'CAUSE THE THUNDER SORTA SCARED ME, THAT'S ALL.

THE PHANTOM

THE GUY WHO TOOK OFF WITH SHYTH AND THE LONGO KING

WE KNOW THAT, THAT DON'T SAY WHO HE IS.

THE LONGO CALLED HIM 'THE PHANTOM'-THE GHOST WHO WALKS 'SEEMS TO ME I'VE HEARD ABOUT HIM BEFORE-

SUPER-APES! SPEAKING ENGLISH, NO LESS.

HMM-AWAKE ALREADY? YOU MUST EAT PLENTY OF SPINACH A SOCK WITH THIS USUALLY LASTS LONGER.

SHUT UP ABOUT THE PATROL!

PADDY SUITS-BULLETPROOF, TOO, STEEL-LINED FISTS!

SMART ONE, AIN'T YOU?

FORGET THIS HOODOO. WE GOTTA MAKE PLANS TO GET OUTA HERE.

TALK LONGO SO HE CAN'T UNDERSTAND US.

'HE KNOWS LONGO. THE INTEREST'LL BE INSTEAD TO KNOW YOU'RE MEN.

WHO'LL TELL THEM? NOT YOU, YOU VENT LIVE LONG ENOUGH!

BE QUICK, BE SAFE - WHEN something's lost phone The Daily Reflector immediately and place a "Lost & Found" ad to reach the finder. Phone 6166.

HIRE A GO-GETTER THROUGH a "Help Wanted" ad in The Daily Reflector. Phone 6166 for a friendly ad-writer.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE OF FARM NUMBER EIGHT NORTH CAROLINA PITT COUNTY

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BEFORE THE CLERK

Mrs. Mattie L. Williams, Executrix of the Estate of J. L. Williams, Mrs. Mattie L. Williams, Individually, et al

vs.

Joel Williams Brown, minor son of Eunice Williams Brown, deceased, et al

Under and by virtue of Order of the Superior Court of Pitt County made in a Special Proceeding therein in pending entitled "Mrs. Mattie L. Williams, et al vs. Joel Williams Brown, et al," and signed by the Honorable D. T. House Jr., Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County; and under and by virtue of an order of re-sale upon an advance bid, made by the Honorable D. T. House Jr., Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 28th day of December, 1953, at twelve o'clock noon at the door of the Court House of Pitt County in Greenville, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash upon an opening bid of Fifty-three Hundred (\$5,300) Dollars, subject to the confirmation of the Court, a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Greenville Township, Pitt County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

Located on the old road leading from House Station to Stokes and bounded on the North by W. H. Dail, on the East by Charles B. Spain, on the South by Charles B. Spain, on the West by V. C. Fleming heirs and the said road leading from House Station to Stokes, containing fifty-five (55) acres, more or less.

This tract of land has the 1953 tobacco allotment of three and nine-tenths (3.9) acres and a peanut allotment of one (1) acre. There are also eight and seven-tenths (8.7) acres of crop land and thirty-six and three-tenths (36.3) acres of woodland.

This 11th day of December, 1953.

J. N. WILLIAMS, Commissioner

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. L. Speight, deceased, of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Greenville, North Carolina, on or before the 18th day of December, 1953, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 16th day of December, 1953.

J. E. SPEIGHT, Administrator of the estate of J. L. Speight

Dec. 17-24-31 Jan. 7-14-21

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION

To all to Whom These Presents May Come-Greeting:

Whereas, it appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the Pitt Community Hospital, Incorporated, a corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated on Pinetops-Falkland Road, in the City of Greenville, County of Pitt, State of North Carolina (C. D. Ward being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served), has complied with the requirements of Chapter 55, General Statutes, entitled "Corporations," preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate of Dissolution;

Now therefore, I, Thad Eure, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 27th day of November, 1953, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of the proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law.

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In testimony whereof, I have here-to set my hand and affixed my official seal at Raleigh, this 27th day of November, A.D. 1953.

THAD EURE, Secretary of State

Dec. 3-10-17-24

NOTICE OF RESALE OF LAND BY TRUSTEE

Under and by virtue of power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed by Sam King and wife, Rosa King, and Delora King, to W. W. Speight, Trustee, recorded in book H-25 at p. 539 Pitt County Public Registry, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured, and bid placed at first sale having been raised and order of resale made on December 21, 1953, the undersigned Trustee will offer for resale and sell at public auction for cash before the courthouse door in Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina, on Saturday, the 9th day of January, 1954, the following lands, lying and being situated in Greenville Township, Pitt County, North Carolina:

FIRST PARCEL: Beginning at the William Waldrop southwest corner on the east side of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad right of way; thence eastward with the said Waldrop's southern line 32 poles to a stake, thence southward about 30 poles to a stake, thence westward about 32 poles to a stake in the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad right of way, thence northward with right of way 20 poles to the corner, at the beginning, containing five

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acres, more or less, and being a part of the land conveyed to L. C. Arthur and wife by deed recorded in book G-1 at p. 377, and the same conveyed to Sam King by Robert Booth, commissioner, by that deed recorded in Book A-24 at p. 507 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pitt County.

SECOND PARCEL: Beginning at a stake in William Waldrop's northeast corner and runs thence in an easterly direction about 30 poles to a stake, thence in a southerly direction with the western boundary of Tar Road about 15 poles to a corner, thence in a westerly direction about 30 poles to a stake in William Waldrop's line, thence in a northerly direction about 15 poles with William Waldrop's line to a corner at the beginning, containing three acres, more or less, and being one of the parcels of land described in a deed recorded October 6, 1941 in Book X-23 at p. 202, to which reference is made for a more accurate description. Purchaser will be required to deposit ten per cent of bid on day of sale pending confirmation.

This the 21st day of December, 1953.

W. W. SPEIGHT, Trustee

Sam O. Worthington, Atty.

Dec. 24-31

HELP WANTED - FEMALE

DEMONSTRATORS - \$25.00-\$40.00 daily parttime. Our lingerie and apparel are sensation of party plan selling. Free outfit. BeeLine Fashion, 4145-C Lawrence, Chicago. Oct. 18-19

YOUNG MAN BETWEEN 20 AND 27 years of age for floorman in business. High school education necessary. Apply by letter in own handwriting giving full particulars. Write National Biscuit Co., Greenville, N. C. 18-12

FOR RENT

THREE ROOM UNFURNISHED apartment for rent-Private bath, front and back private entrance. 1304 Charles Street. Telephone No. 4335. 23-31

FOR RENT-6 ROOM HOUSE 114 Park Drive, College View. Very desirable. Immediate occupancy. Day phone 2834. 23-26

FOR RENT-TWO ROOM FURNISHED apartment to couple. Hot and cold running water, bath. See L. W. Gaskins, 1306 Dickinson Ave. Phone 4800. 23-21

HOTEL-DAILY \$2.00 AND UP. Special rates: Bed, \$5.50 up; month \$25.00 up. Steam heat, linen, spring mattresses. New Greenville Hotel, 618 Dickinson Ave. Phone 8091. Dec. 9-1 mo.

HOUSES, APARTMENTS, ROOMS and business property for rent. Contact Oriental Rental Agency. Office located over Chamber of Commerce. Business hours phone 5700; residence phone 5428. Offices closed on Wednesday afternoons. Aug. 1-18

FOR RENT-SIX ROOM HOUSE with bath. About two miles from Farmville. See Johnny Mathews, Lang's Crossroads. 18-45

FOR RENT-APARTMENT ON first floor, 1300 Evans St. See Mrs. G. A. Evans, Greenville, N. C., Rt. 2, Box 100. 24-21

FOR RENT-JANUARY 1ST SIX room duplex apartment, 414 W. 4th Street. Electric hot water, oil heat, venetian blinds, screen front porch. Dial 2635 day only. Dec. 24-1

For AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE

JACK WALLACE Realtor-Insurer 6113 Phones 4407 Dec. 10-1 mo.

FOR SALE

PIANOS

Best piano for only \$5.00. First six months rent may be applied to purchase of piano. New Janssen pianos, Organs, Minsell electric organs and recommissioned pianos reasonably priced. **Bohler's Piano Store**, 725 Dickinson Ave. Phone 5118. Oct. 3-11

SELLING YOUR HOME? - A Classified ad in The Daily Reflector gets you many hot prospects. Phone 6166.

PIANO FOR CHRISTMAS! - Opportunity on lovely spinet in perfect condition. Resident of this vicinity can pay small payment down and finish account with few small monthly installments. Write Credit Manager, Box 726, Albemarle, N. C. Will notify where to see Spinet. Nov. 25-11

FOR SALE-ONE 4 FT. MEAT case in good condition. Call E. K. Fisher, 4260. Nov. 30-11

DID YOU KNOW THAT BELK-TYLER'S third floor, is now open? Shop early and save on Belk-Tyler's third floor. Nov. 27-11

HELP WANTED - MALE

SALESMEN WANTED - START now, to enjoy a good business of your own in '54. Opening in Pitt County. Permanent, profitable, independent. Write Rawleigh, Dept. NCL-443-216, Richmond, Va. Dec. 3-7-10-14-17-21-24-28

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS ONLY ONCE

This is not just another job but an attractive opening for a permanent connection with one of Carolina's leading manufacturers who needs a retail salesman to work the grocery and hardware trade. Unlimited opportunity for the right man under a profit sharing plan on an established product. This plan will bring 6-10,000 per year. Our men have protected territory. Ages 25-35 preferred. Must have automobile and be free to travel Eastern Carolina. If you are interested in a sales career, or if you are now selling but anxious to improve your income, reply in own handwriting listing employment record for the past 7 years, current salary and educational background. Your reply will be strictly confidential. Write "Retail Salesman," P.O. Box 406, Greenville, N. C. 24-61

Daily Reflector WANT AD Information

Your Want Ad Telephone Number in Greenville is 6166

RATES

(\$1 Minimum charge for 25 words or less for first insertion)

2 Insertions \$ 1.75

3 Insertions \$ 2.25

6 Insertions \$ 3.75

One Month \$14.00

DISPLAY WANT ADS

\$1.25 per column inch per insertion.

1 Week \$ 6.75

1 Month \$23.00

(Above rates for more than one insertion apply to ads running on consecutive days)

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No new ads, kills or corrections accepted after 3 p. m. the day before publication.

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FOR SALE

LANDSCAPE SERVICE-SHRUBBERY, rose bushes, fruit and nut trees, shade trees up to 40 ft. tall. Olla Ray Boyd Industries, Pineblow, N. C. 22-21

GET 100% WHOLE WHEAT BREAD at People's Bakery, 615 Dickinson Ave. 22-12

PAINT UP NOW!-ALL COLORS in gloss paint for the low price of \$1.99 gallon. Belk-Tyler's third floor. Nov. 27-11

TURKEYS TURKEYS TURKEYS If you want to be sure to get a turkey for Christmas, place your order now for a broad breasted bronze. We have most any size, live or freshly dressed. Dial 2227, Pitt Poultry Co., W. 5th St. Ext. 15-91

REAL ESTATE

OWN A LOT IN BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL HEIGHTS, East 10th Street. 80 ft. frontage. \$750 up. 68 lots left to choose from. Terms to suit. See James T. Keel, D. G. Nichols or Leon Roebuck. Dec. 18-11

HOMES FOR SALE

FOR SALE-ONE BRICK VENEER home, 3 bedrooms, living room, dining room and large kitchen. Lennox heating plant, weatherstripped and insulated. Already financed. Call Ayden Building and Supply Co., 3036 Ayden. Nov. 6-11

FOR SALE-NEW HOUSE ON corner lot. Living and dining rooms, den, 3 bedrooms, tile bath, 8 large closets, Delco heat, insulated and weatherstripped, large screened porch. Call 2411 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Nov. 30-11

HOUSE FOR SALE IN AYDEN- White brick, 8 rooms, 3 bedrooms, lovely yard and very desirable location. Write "House," P. O. Box 408, Greenville. Would rent furnished to acceptable tenant. 24-81

INSURANCE

CONTACT D. G. NICHOLS FOR your liability insurance. D. G. Nichols Real Estate & Ins. Co. 107 E. 5th St., Greenville, N.C. 11-171

Classified Display

Best Carolina Roofing Company Jobs Applied and Planned **CLAUDE B. WEST, Mgr.** Office - Proctor Hotel Office Phone 5181 Residence Phone 5983

CONFIDENTIAL

LOANS

Watches, Diamonds, All Kinds of Jewelry, Typewriters, Adding Machines, Watch Repairs-24 Hour Service. **Kinmont Loan and Jewelers** 127 S. Queen St. "We Buy Old Gold" Thur. 11

Don't Miss The Biggest Used Car SALE Ever Held In Pitt County Now Going On At John Flanagan Buggy Co., Inc. Greenville, N. C.

Prompt DELIVERY

DAY OR NIGHT Service

Prescriptions - Cosmetics Sundries - Toys **DIAL 2514**

WARREN'S DRUG STORE

No Used Car Over \$995. Regardless of Make or Model During Our Wholesale Sale. **John Flanagan Buggy Co., Inc. Greenville, N. C.**

Attention Farmers

See us for your Dowfume MC-2 for your plant bed. We also have covers and applicators. We can save you money. **PITT FCX** 18-124

Join our 1954 Christmas Club today. There is a class for every purpose. **First Federal Savings and Loan Association Of Greenville Greenville, N. C. Dec. 23-11**

Can You Afford To Pay An automobile accident damage award up to \$11,000? IF YOU CAN'T You stand to lose your operator's license under the new North Carolina Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act, effective January 1, 1954, unless you can comply with the law. We will be glad to help you become properly insured. **Keel & Bennett Ins. Agency Office at Keel's Warehouse, Phone 3030. No Parking Problem. Drive Right in Warehouse. 18-11**

SADLER FLOWER SHOP Winterville, N. C. Phone 5785

Fansies, candytuff, digitals, shasta daisies, roselushes, anemone, camellias, pyracanthas, holly, boxwoods, flowering crab, pitzer, Irish juncos, arbutoviae, pean, shade trees, landscaping service. Floral designs. Dec. 8-1 mo.

Good Will Toward Men



Not Democracy, But Paralysis Rules French Gov't Leaders

By JAMES MARLOW
 WASHINGTON (AP)—What is happening in France is not democracy but paralysis. And Secretary of State Dulles has just stuck another needle into the patient to see if somehow he can make him jump.

certain: this country would have to think hard before making any drastic changes in its European defense thinking.

The French are divided into so many political factions that since last Thursday their Parliament in ballot after ballot has been unable to agree on a president.

This failure symbolizes better than anything that has happened in the past two years the inability of the French to make up their minds about joining a single European army with West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg and

the Netherlands.

It was the French themselves who two years ago suggested such an army—called the European Defense Community (EDC)—and 18 months ago they signed an agreement to join it.

But they couldn't actually join until their Parliament approved. In 18 months it hasn't done so. Again the factions got in the way. No one faction had enough votes to put France in EDC or decide to keep it out.

This French delay has paralyzed EDC. It still is only a paper army.

Without France there can be no EDC. Yet this country considers an EDC army vital for the defense of Europe against possible attack by Russia.

If EDC became a reality, France, West Germany and the other four nations would put their troops in a single army, neither the same uniform, be under a unified command, act as a single army.

One of the main ideas behind EDC: With French and German troops in a single army, neither would be able to build individual armies to make war on each other. Germany's contribution to EDC would be 500,000 troops.

Main reason for French delay in approving EDC: Germany presently is unarmed. France fears seeing her rear in an army side by side with French troops.

This country has six divisions in Europe. The French want assurances, because of their fear of a rearm Germany, that the United States will keep troops there.

They've been given verbal assurances but not binding ones. American help and planning have been pinned on EDC.

Right after taking office last January Dulles told the French they had stalled long enough, that if they delayed much longer this country would have to re-examine its plans. Nothing happened.

On Dec. 14 in Paris he told the French again and hurt their feelings. Brutal, some of them said. Yesterday, in a speech here, he repeated the prodding, here and there.

He didn't budge them before and may not budge them now. They know this country considers the defense of Europe necessary for American defense and that any change this country makes in its plans isn't likely to come overnight.

American planners consider France necessary to EDC. If France doesn't join, what then? This country might try somehow to let the Germans rearm. That would cause more problems, more delay.

And if Dulles is thinking of anything like that he hasn't explained how it could be done. France, the United States and 12 other countries are members of NATO—the North Atlantic Treaty Organization—in which they all pledge to come to one another's aid in case of attack.

Suppose this country wanted to let Germany rearm and join NATO. France could block that, because under the NATO agreements no new nation can join up unless the present members agree unanimously.

The United States, Britain and France have troops in Germany. In spite of the peace contract

signed with Germany May 26, 1952, those three countries still, in effect, occupy it. France, as an occupying power, would have something to say if the United States wanted Germany to rearm without joining NATO.

Collectors Off For Holidays

Greenville Street Department Superintendent C. K. Beatty reported today that there would be no garbage collection in the city Friday nor Saturday.

The superintendent said no collection of any type would be made after tomorrow afternoon until Monday morning. He reported that usually trash is collected separately from garbage.

Beatty urged the people to be patient while the employees enjoy the Christmas season. He said the regular route of collection would be resumed on Monday.

Teen-Age Turnout

by ANN RUFFIN
 RUTH E. TOPPING
 Lloyd Heads for Charlotte

Lloyd Bray is headed for Charlotte for his Christmas season. He plans to visit his aunt there after Christmas. After visiting Charlotte Thanksgiving, Lloyd has decided that it is just the place for him during the latter part of the season.

Teenagers Attend Parties

Mary Will Long, Lou Cheatham, Hannah Proctor, Jeri Lassiter, and Nelson Blount will attend dances and parties in Wilson and Kinston during the holidays.

Dolly Wants Cashmere

Dolly Best wants to stock up on cashmere sweaters when they're reduced after Christmas. She's going to visit her grandmother in Wilmington and shop for sweaters there.

Sam, Fred, Dixie See Classics

Sam Winchester, Fred Haar, and Dixie Hobgood will turn into basketball fiends during the holidays. These three will attend the Dixie Classics in Raleigh, December 28, 29, 30. They will room with Fletcher Murray at State College.

To Grandmother's House We Go

"Over the river, and through the wood, to grandmother's house we go," merrily sings Jane Fuller. During Christmas week, Jane, her family, and Frank Bodkin will travel to Nashville, Tennessee. "That's where I came from," explains Jane.

But first Jane and Frank will explore Philadelphia. While there they will dine at "Bookbinder's" and do some Christmas shopping.

After Nashville, their destination will be St. Louis where they will spend the remainder of the holidays to sightsee.

Lassies To Entertain

Lou Cheatham, Hannah Proctor, and Mary Will Long are having a dance at the Country Club December 28. Ann Hamric, Dolly Best, Sue Tucker, and Norma Basnight are entertaining at a New Year's Eve Dance at the Woman's Club.

Betty Gayle Is Florida-Bound

Betty Gayle Raynor had rather be Florida-bound than snow-bound. She left Friday at noon and is coming back the Sunday before school opens. She would like for everyone to write her at 1633 Concord Avenue, Orlando Florida.

Bobby Spends Holiday in Cemetery

Bobby Conway is spending his holidays in the cemetery. Not that Bobby is a bit eccentric, he's just earning his money putting up tombstones.

"Scotland Neck Here I Come"

"Scotland Neck Here I Come," sang 50 GHS students on their way to the Scotland Neck Community building. They were guests of Patsy Madry, who gave a semi-formal Christmas dance Monday, December 21. Patsy states, "There were approximately 300 guests present, and Oh Boy!"

Doors Open Wide

The doors to the Greenville Country Club opened wide to the guests of Jimmy Little Monday night, December 21. Christine Smith and her band furnished dance music as the guests bounced from one couple to another in an attempt to dance. Punch and many Christmas delights were served from a table.

Colored News

The Laymen of Saint Gabriel's remind the people of Greenville that tomorrow is a Holy Day. Divine services will be held this evening at midnight and tomorrow morning at 9:30. All are cordially welcome to come and honor the Savior. A Holy and joyful Christmas to all!

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all of my friends for the kind remembrance I have received during my recent illness and recuperation.

Mrs. Belle Maye Atkinson

SINGER 4 STAR PLAYHOUSE

Tonight on TV
 Charles Boyer
 in
 "The Gift"
 Station WNCN-TV
 Channel 9 Time: 8:30
 Presented each week by your
 SINGER SEWING CENTERS

Carver Library

Carver Library will be closed on Christmas Day and Saturday and Monday, Dec. 25, 26 and 28. Have a good time and enjoy your Christmas holiday. We will reopen Tuesday, Dec. 29. Use your leisure time in your public library. Hours 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily except Sunday.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!
 SHE WANTS TO KEEP UP WITH THE JONESSES...
 and it'll keep you in laughs up to your RESISTANCE!

CHRISTMAS DAY SATURDAY

The Lady Wants Mink

Delightfully Dedicated — to all girls who have any ideas about getting mink coats!

DENNIS O'KEEFE RUTH HUSSEY EVE ARDEN WILLIAM DEMARES

Coming "Half A Hero" COLONY Soon "5,000 Fingers Dr. T"

Cases Heard In City Police Court

By CHESTER WALSH
 In Police Court Wednesday, Judge Charles H. Whedbee found Alma Barfield Stancil, Route 1, Grimesland, guilty of driving drunk, driving without an operator's license and being drunk in a public place.

The court gave her six months in Women Division of State Prison for driving while drunk and without an operator's license. She gave notice of appeal to Superior Court. Pending perfection of the appeal, the judge ordered that her driver's license be held by the court.

Judge Whedbee gave her 30 days in jail for being drunk in a public place, sentence to be suspended on payment of \$15. The defendant gave notice of appeal.

George Gray Streeter, Negro, 205 West 14th street, driving drunk, \$100 and costs, and the judgment also, provides that he shall not drive a motor vehicle for a year. His driver's license is to be revoked for a year.

James E. Blount, Negro, non-support, three months on the roads, suspended on payment of \$10 for support of his family before being released. The judgment also provides that he is to pay \$10 a week for support beginning December 26, 1953. Judge Whedbee ordered that this case be retained for further order.

John H. Winn paid \$10 for speeding. William S. Briggs paid \$15 for speeding.

John Bill Ebron, Negro, paid \$10 for failure to stop at a red traffic light.

Ernest Jenkins, Negro, 309 Reads street, was fined \$15 for exploding fireworks.

Solicitor Eli Bloom reminded that it is against a state law to possess, sell or explode fireworks in the state. Possession of fireworks is prima facie evidence of violating the law, the solicitor stated.

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Show Starts at 6:45

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"Ride Vaquero!"

Schools Contributed To Arousing Of Christmas Spirits



This Nativity scene is located on the front campus of the Chicod School. The displays were arranged by the Student Council of the school, and it is the first time such an undertaking has been done. According to reports it has added much to the spirit of Christmas in that community. The scene is lighted and carols are played nightly from six to ten o'clock.

the Grimesland event that made a contribution to the community in portraying the Christ of Christmas.

Chicod
The Student Government of the Chicod School had a display on the campus consisting of the characters of the Nativity.

This is the first time that such an undertaking has been done and it added much to the spirit of Christmas in that community.

The scene is lighted and Christmas carols are played nightly from six to ten o'clock. Reports from Chicod say that the display has helped the school children better understand the meaning of the true birth of Christ and the life size figures add many interpretations to the spiritual side of the real meaning of Christmas.

On Tuesday night, December 15, the Chicod School presented their annual Christmas program with pupils from the first through the twelfth grades participating.

The first grade Rhythm Band played several numbers with grades two through seven giving an operetta entitled "The Crosspatch Fairies."

Grades eight through twelve presented the Nativity scene which was done in pantomime on the stage.

Gritton
The Christmas Assembly program of the Gritton School was held Friday afternoon, December 18. A devotional on "Why We Celebrate Christmas" was given along with a musical program by the Girls Grade Glee Club.

Each room had a Christmas party after the assembly program ended.

Falkland
The pageant, "Light Shone Down," a story in pantomime, portraying the prophecy of the coming of Christ and how this prophecy was fulfilled was presented at Falkland School.

The reader of the program was Faye Corbett with other students participating in the pageant. A solo, "O Holy Night" was given by Mrs. Glenn Scott.

Pactolus
Over 250 persons gathered at Pactolus school on December 15 for their Christmas Program.

Mrs. Minnie J. Stancill's class interpreted the spiritual side of Christmas while Mrs. Thelma Switzer's class gave a play "The Little Christmas Tree," and pantomimed poems that portrayed the lighter side of Christmas in which a real Santa delivered toys to sleeping children.

After the program parents visited the classrooms where many ideas carrying out the theme of Christmas were apparent. Window paintings, murals, cut-outs, booklets, crayon drawings, silhouettes, etchings on glass, and many other types of work were on display. The teachers were hosts to the many parents present and explained the various projects emphasizing that Christmas really offers an excellent opportunity for constructive teaching.

Farmville
Farmville School held what Principal Sam D. Bundy termed the "best yet" in the way of an Open House. It had a Christmas theme and Mrs. Beverly Batchelor's Fifth Grade presented the program "Why The Chimes Rang."

The program took place on Christmas Eve in a far-away country with the students playing the roles.

Fountain
At Fountain School the Christmas Story was presented with traditional Christmas carols being sung between the scenes. The Girls Glee Club made up the Choir.

The December meeting of the PTA was held in conjunction with this program as it was in many of the other schools.

Ayden
Amid a Christmas setting of holly, pine, colored lights, and candles the annual Christmas concert by the Ayden High School Chorus and the Ayden and Winterville School Bands was presented in the Ayden School Auditorium December 10.

The opening number, "O Come All Ye Faithful" was played by the Bands as the Chorus entered from the rear of the auditorium in a candlelight procession to their places on the stage.

Others songs in the first group included "Today There Is Ringing," "A Musical Christmas Card,"

"Lullaby on Christmas Eve," "In The Silence of the Night," "Joy To The World," and "Merry Christmas Time."

Group II opened with the English Carol "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen" followed by "Go Tell It on the Mountains," "Away In A Manger," "Sing This Blessed Morn," and "Rudolph, the Red Nose Reindeer."

The third group consisted of the

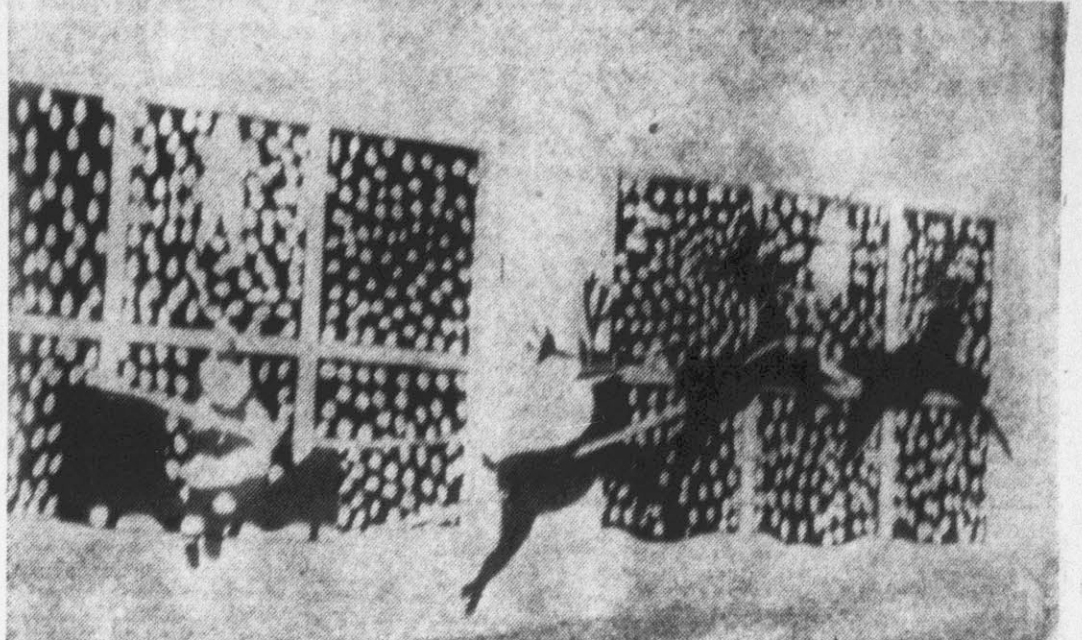
two bands playing "Holy, Holy, Holy," "White Christmas," "Jingle Bells," "Frosty, the Snowman," and "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town."

Group IV opened with Old Santa himself seated in front of the Chorus with a little girl at his feet. Santa and the little girl pantomimed the arrangement "Down Thru the Chimney" as it was sung by the

Chorus.

The 12 days of Christmas was then pantomimed by 12 students followed by several more numbers of the bands and Chorus.

After the final number, "Beautiful Savior" was rendered, the parents of the Chorus and Band members gave a Christmas party at the Community Building for all those who participated in the program.



The above scene is in the Eighth Grade at Fountain School. It was drawn, cut, and erected by the boys and girls of Mrs. Laura Tanner's eighth grade.



This was taken during the Annunciation in Scene I of the Christmas Story presented at Fountain School December 17. Brenda Sutton portrayed the part of Mary. The screen, which is in the shape of a church window, was made by Eighth Grade boys.

By BOB BOYETTE
Reflector Staff Writer

Each December everyone has their share of Christmas spirit and the Pitt County Schools were no exception.

Almost every school did something in the way of presenting

Christmas to the communities. These events ranged from small programs to Open Houses at other schools.

Stokes-Pactolus
In the Stokes-Pactolus School the annual Christmas program was presented on Wednesday night, De-

ember 16. The program began with a professional of the high school glee club students carrying lighted candles forming Christmas trees on each side of the stage. As the Choir began singing "Oh Come All Ye Faithful," the narrator,

John Gray, began relating The Christmas Story as the different scenes were dramatized on the stage.

The lighting arrangement created a vision of the glory of the first Christmas. The singing of "Away In A Manger" by the primary choir added to the significant part that a "little child" plays at Christmas.

The program was written and presented by Mrs. Eloise Mazingo with Mrs. Elsie Lewis and Mrs. Leyta Moore directing the high school Glee Club.

Winterville
At Winterville the Yule season was ushered in there by a Christmas Pageant presented by the Grammar Grades of the School. A total of 24 students and the Choir participated in presenting the Pageant "Joyful and Triumphant."

In the pageant the Grandfather read the Christmas Story from the Bible. Beautiful tableaux were shown during the reading and the choir sang many of the beloved Christmas Carols ending with "Joy To The World."

Members of the PTA and friends of the school there went home with the true spirit of Christmas.

Grimesland
Grimesland School, a religious pageant, "The Old, Old Story," was presented.

Against a background of midnight blue, studded with silver stars, the story of the Christ Child was told in pantomime and song.

As a reader gave the story the vivid picture came to life as three choirs embracing 125 students from the upper elementary and high schools sang the joyful Christmas music of the Christmas season.

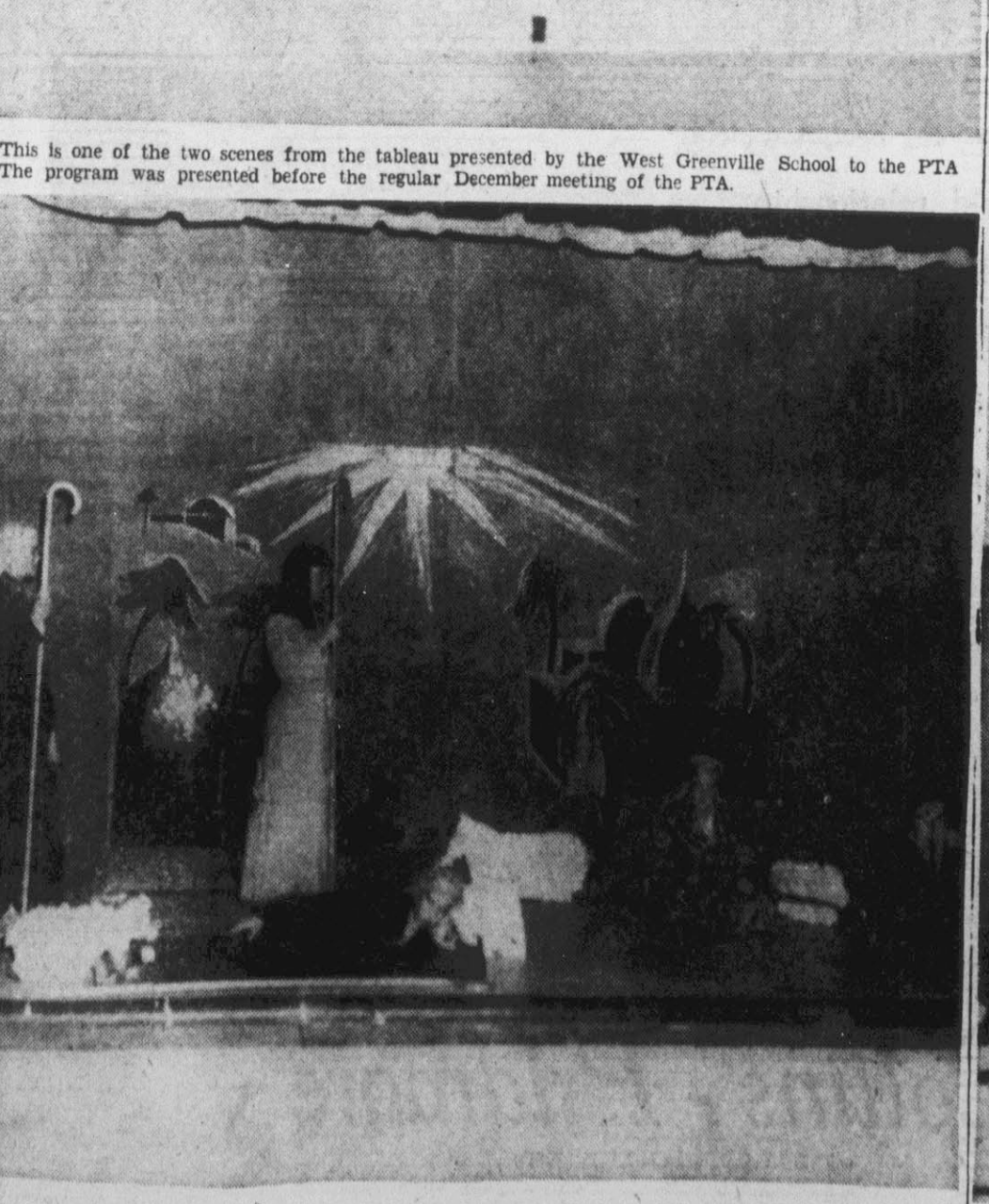
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Many departments of the school made contributions to the program which had as its purpose putting "Christ Into Christmas." The 7th Grade gave a silent version of the Bethlehem scenes with a cherub choir of First and Second Grade Students. Open Bibles and candles were used under the floor lights giving a Cathedral-like appearance.

A capacity audience attended



This is one of the two scenes from the tableau presented by the West Greenville School to the PTA. The program was presented before the regular December meeting of the PTA.



Another scene of the tableau at the West Greenville School. Participants in the tableau include: Mary—Sheba Jean Stokes; Joseph—Bobby Evans; Shepherds—Billy Forrest, Edward Elks, Larry Roberts, Kay Smith, Charles Littleton; Kings—Tommy Davis, Richard Nobles, Carl Whitfield; Angel—Dawn Best; Chorus—Joan Evans, Madeline Hill Whitehead. The string ensemble consisted of Helen Overton and Edith Davis. (Reflector Photos at West Greenville by Alvin Taylor).

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Tommy Phillips decorates the Christmas tree in the Eighth Grade room of the Fountain School. A majority of the decorations used were made by members of the class.

Movement To Restore Holy Spirit Of Christmas Grows



JIG SAW models were made at home by Kenny Woolridge of Manchester, Ia., last Christmas when he joined the move to put Jesus back into Christmas. This is his Christmas crib.

By CARL OCHS
Dubuque Telegraph-Herald Writer

DUBUQUE, Ia.—A movement to restore the Christ Child to his rightful place as the central figure of Christmas has become nation-wide. It began in 1948 when a group of mothers in Dubuque pledged themselves to erect Christmas cribs in their homes.

Last year more than 3,000 homes in Dubuque had nativity scenes as the focal point of Christmas decorations, and letters indicate that thousands who never had cribs plan them this Christmas. The movement also has taken hold commercially.

Mrs. Anthony Eberhardt who organized the campaign says stores across the nation will leave more room this year for appropriate religious symbols in Christmas displays.

First action of the Dubuque mothers came almost at the same time as a regional meeting of the Christian Mothers of Pittsburgh, Pa., who had practically the same idea.

Mrs. Eberhardt, a writer of short stories and articles, as well as of a novel that was published in early December, began to write crib articles for religious publications and letters to editors of secular magazines.

Letters come in from all over the United States. Answering them keeps her busy the year around.

This year, scores of towns in Iowa will have outdoor religious displays, with all denominations joining to raise funds for them. Evans, Ill., plans a great religious observance using crib figures. Large Chicago stores will use manger scenes. Milwaukee plans to better

its 1952 record of 400 advertising billboards depicting the Nativity scene, 1,700 posters and the name of Christ in electric lights on large buildings, bridges and theater marquee.

In Minnesota, Vermont, Washington, Maine Wyoming, Nevada, Georgia and nearly all the other states will be found cribs erected in parks or on the court house grounds—even on the sidewalks.

But the women who sponsor the idea emphasize cribs for the home. Their plan is simple, a three walled shelter with a floor of straw or evergreen tree branches and figures of the Nativity. The figures may be of plywood cut out with a jig saw.

Cardboard boxes and cartons also make fine cribs, says Mrs. Eberhardt. Covered with cloth or artificial snow with a few evergreen sprigs here and there, they can be effective, she said. For the children's crib, even a shoebox could do. Figures of the Christ in the manger, Mary, Joseph, the Wise Men and sheep for the tiny crib can be purchased at any dime store.

AGED CYCLIST ACTIVE
WICHITA, Kas. (AP)—C. N. Horner, 82-year-old cycling enthusiast, has piled up 3,000 miles at the pedals since the autumn of 1952—nearly 7 miles a day. He recently made a pleasure jaunt on his bicycle to the Fall River reservoir, 78 miles east of Wichita.

Shot Two, The Rest Flew Away

ROSEVILLE, Calif. (AP)—Woodpeckers pecked more than 100 holes in his roof before Milton H. Kendrick appealed to Police Chief Emmet McGarry, who said "use your own judgment."

Kendrick shot two woodpeckers with an air rifle. The others flew away.

Foreign Doctors Study In America

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—U.S. medical schools have become a magnet for graduate medical students from nearly all countries outside the Iron Curtain.

That report was given to the Association of American Medical Colleges at its annual convention here. The report said 2,751 foreign physicians are in the United States and the list of applicants is growing steadily.



GREETINGS OF THE
Season
AND BEST WISHES FOR
THE *New Year*
Garris Supply
RICHARD GARRIS, Owner



Miriam Alvarez and Sally Loesch, employees of the New York Telephone Company, are surrounded by the dolls the workers distributed last year to 95 of New York's charitable institutions. It was one of the largest collections in the annual affair's 35 year history.



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT . . . Full of Yule good fellowship, "Bingle" tries to arouse some ditto in the feline heart of "Ginger." Ginger, goodwill season or not, can't get over her distrust of dogs.

get the ornaments ready: mostly homemade, the Christmas committee had told her: something like pioneer life, the tree must be. So she went into a grocery store and asked for popcorn. It was the same answer in five stores: usual-



"But your job here?"
"Oh, this isn't any job. I'm a newspaper photographer. Just came down to visit my aunt and uncle and helped out in the store while they went for a visit with a sick friend. Seems rather strange, doesn't it? I got time off which was unusual. Came down here although I could have gone for the holidays to any one of a dozen places. You offered to trim a tree. I have the popcorn—" he hesitated.

Christmas Card Idea Originated By Englishman

Christmas cards are so much a part of the modern Yule season that one seldom stops to wonder how the idea originated and by whom.

This simple idea of wishing your friends a Merry Christmas brought honor and knighthood to the originator, Henry Cole, a middleclass Englishman.

Cole mailed his cards on a December day in 1846. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the festive board and the traditional Christmas custom of giving to the poor. They also bore the now-classic greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

He had a thousand of the cards struck off by a lithograph. They were such a success that plain Henry Cole subsequently became Sir Henry Cole.

The cards we send today, however, a far cry from those mailed by Cole. The cards you send and receive this year will be designed by famous names in contemporary art.

An American shopping for cards this year may select scenes painted by such famous people as Winston Churchill, Britain's prime minister and famed amateur artist, and Grandma Moses, one of America's most famous artists.

The demand for cards is so great that many companies spend their entire time in designing and producing them for the holiday season.

"Linda Lou added in her breathless fashion. "Why—it's like a story, almost. Isn't it?"

"It certainly is," he agreed, smoothing his black hair back as he stared down at her. "Now I never wrote a story in my life but I have noticed that in the stories, it all ends happily."

Linda felt the color rising in her cheeks.

"Well, I'm sure it will make a very happy ending if that tree is up and trimmed in time for the party, the Christmas party—"

"Ah, now, don't just use words to drag this out, Christmas party, indeed! Of course, they don't use Christmas trees at any time except Christmas. Well, I'll get the tree up and pop the corn and we'll color it pink. How does that sound?"

"It sounds wonderful," she murmured.

"Yes, the whole thing sounds wonderful to me, too. With maybe a bit of mistletoe on a long, high branch."

Linda Lou only nodded. It seemed a part of a huge pattern, she thought. A pattern marked MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Puritans Outlawed Yule as Frivolous

The Puritan government of England outlawed Christmas in 1643. With the restoration of the Stuarts Christmas customs and traditions were revived, but Christmas never regained its former prestige in England.

It is observed religiously in the churches and as a day for family reunions and social gatherings, in contrast to the lavish feasting and boisterous merry-making of olden time.

Merry-making and gift-giving come in for their share, however, on December 26 which is Boxing Day. The origin of Boxing Day antedates Christmas and can be traced to the custom of gift-giving during the Roman festival of Saturnalia.

In Christian liturgy December 26 is observed as the feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, and during the centuries were journeymen and apprentices were in the habit of leaving upon their masters' customers, "Christmas Boxes" were collected on St. Stephen's day.

Most Beloved Carol Is 'Silent Night'

The most beloved carol of the many that are sung in all parts of the world is "Silent Night" that simple and tender German song.

Its origin was unknown for many years. Recent research, however, disclosed that it was written by Joseph Mohr, an assistant priest in Oberndorf in South Germany. The melody was composed by a schoolmaster, Franz Gruber.

The poet and the composer were part of the choir that sang the carol for the first time on Christmas Eve in the Oberndorf church in 1818.

The night it was sung the small church's organ was out of order and the choir sang to the accompaniment of a guitar.

Since then the carol has been sung to the tune of almost every musical instrument in the world and in the languages of nearly all men.



Merry Christmas
At Christmas time,
And all the year through,
Good health, good friends,
And good luck to you.
Merit Shoes
421 Evans Street



DOUBLE CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas

Make merry, be happy,
have fun for
this is Holiday time!
There's joy in the air,
warmth in our hearts—
and a very Merry
Christmas on our lips.

Peoples Bakery

DOUBLE CHRISTMAS

By Lilliac M. Mitchell

EVERYONE in the club thought it an excellent and unique idea: double Christmas! Wonderful! Two connecting rooms which would accommodate any number of members and guests—offe room a really modern Christmas tree, the other an old-fashioned tree.

"All right, then," laughed the president when the clamor had died down. "It's voted, definitely. Now, for the two committees to handle the two trees. I'd like volunteers. I know how busy everyone is at this time of year and if I may have volunteers, I shan't be imposing on anyone."

Unfortunately, all those who volunteered wanted to trim the modern tree. No one offered to take the old fashioned tree in the old-fashioned room. Linda Marby was almost as astonished as anyone when she said she would be responsible for it.

Outside in the clear, cool night she wondered why she had offered. She was a stranger in this community and knew no young men who would put up the thirty-foot tree for her. A teacher of freshman English in a small high school does not meet many young men.

At last she decided to let the putting-up of the tree wait and

"Popcorn!" his voice and blue eyes were both incredulous. "First time I ever saw a young lady running around in the dark for popcorn!"

ly they had an excess of popcorn but now they were entirely out.

Linda Lou was getting panicky-stricken by half past eight that night.

At nearly nine o'clock she saw a man in a small grocery store window reach up to pull out the light. "Oh, wait, wait, please," she said breathlessly as she pushed open the big door.

"Well, you must be really hungry!" laughed the tall, dark young man teasingly. "What'll it be?"

"Popcorn!" she said. "Popcorn!" his voice and blue eyes were both incredulous. "First time I ever saw a young lady running around in the dark for popcorn!"

So Linda told him all about the old-fashioned tree and how she had been unable to buy any popcorn which must be popped and strung and ready for the tree.

"They gave you little enough time," he grumbled as he went back to the shelf. "Whoever heard of getting up a thing like that in one day! I'd best help you. I think I'll pop tomorrow morning while you are in your school."



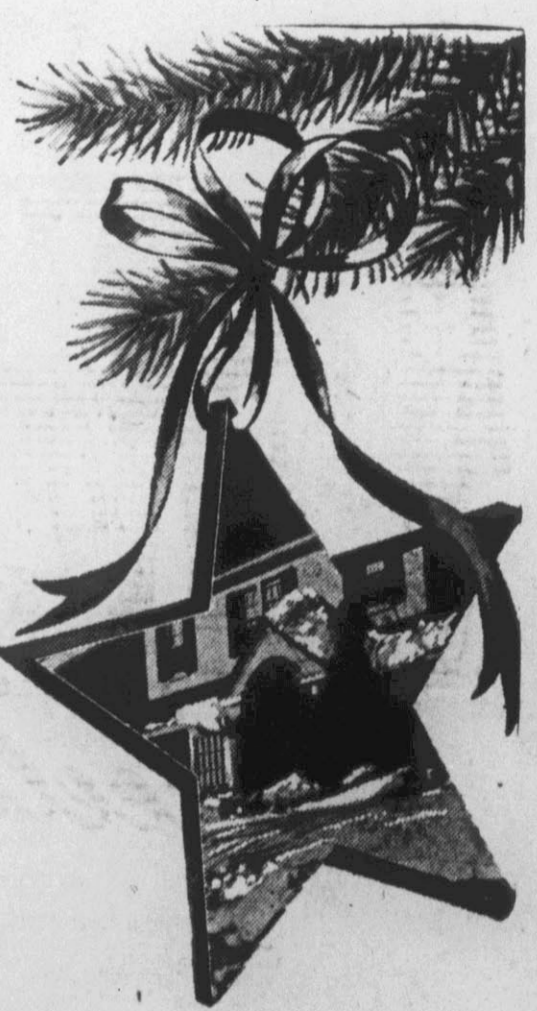
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
AT CHRISTMAS

As the joyous day draws near, we join with you in the spirit of the Season . . . to wish you, our friends and customers, the very merriest of Christmases.

Dunn Building
Supply Company

Christmas Greetings

As each succeeding year becomes richer and happier in old relationships, we derive more and more pleasure in extending Holiday Greetings to our many friends and associations. To everyone we wish a joyous and bountiful Christmas, a healthy and prosperous New Year.

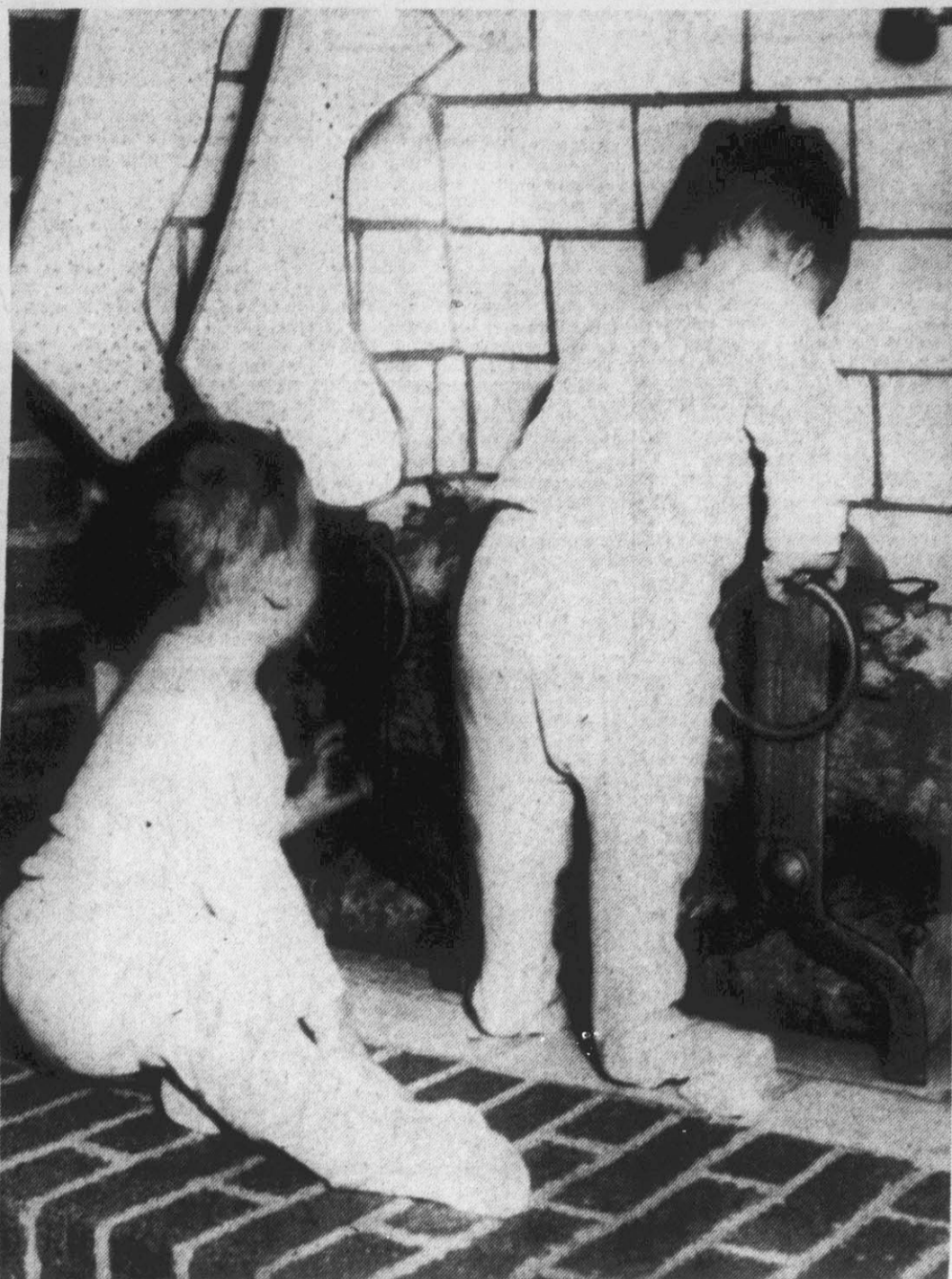


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DEPARTMENT STORE
628 Dickinson Avenue

The Taylor Twins Were All Set For Santa --- Then He Fooled Them



Ronald and Donald, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Jr., of Lakewood Pines await the arrival of Santa Claus on Christmas Eve.



The twins make a careful check of the fireplace to make sure that Santa will be able to slide down. Everything appears in order.



"Fooled you, boys," says Santa, "the door was open so I just walked in." (Reflector Photos by Alvin Taylor).



By SHIRLEY SARGENT

ON ACCOUNT of being the oldest in a big family, I've been baby sitting longer than I remember. Since I was twelve—that'd be four years now that I'm within hooting distance of my sixteenth birthday—I've been sitting for other people for pay. I've always welcomed jobs but tonight what I'd welcome is a date—so what happens? Four times I'm called to our wall phone and four times I have to turn people down 'cause

I already promised the Laytons. The Laytons are kinda old to have Jennie, four, and Jimmy, six, but they planned it so their first two would be grown-up before they had any more. Anyway, nobody calls me for a date, not that anyone does very often, so I'm off for an evening of fun and hilarity. Baby sitting, haw! They aren't babies, and try and sit with those two. For example, Jennie gnaws a fruitcake while I'm helping Jimmy with his train, they have two fights, Jimmy turns on all the lights as fast as I turn them off and finally Jennie knocks the Christmas tree over. It was a big tree with a standard and all, but she catches it with her jump rope.

Quick-like I run in and pull out the plug, thanking my stars that no fire started, then herd them up to bed. Three stories later they're both asleep and I hurry down to wash the dishes.

Tired now, I'm thinking of the good time my friends are having and wondering again why I don't have more dates. The hall mirror shows the same old reflection.

Short brown hair, brown eyes and a big mouth that hides my crooked teeth, if I don't forget and grin. Soon's I have a little more money, I can afford braces.

Jennie yells and I wake her from a nightmare. By the time I'm back downstairs, it's nearly



"Oh, please," his face is all eager, "stay. I hate to be alone."

"Say, that'd be keen. Would you?"

Well, of course, I do and, while Oliver eats, he tells me how he's staying at a friend's this vacation but decided to come home and take his girl to a dance. "So I called her and came clear in by bus, but she didn't wait. She went with somebody else. Heck," he grins, "now I'm sorta glad she stood me up."

"I'd better be on my way now that you're here to baby sit," I say reluctantly.

"Oh, please," his face is all eager, "stay. I hate to be all alone."

Back in the living room then, he asks me all about the kids and about me until, to hear us talk, you'd think we were old friends. I like the way he talks, slow and quiet, and the way his grin lights up his whole face. He tells me about boarding school and his friends and what he wants to do. Suddenly, he jumps up. "Let's dance. We can roll up the rug..."

It turns out we're both such sad dancers we have to take our shoes off so's not to hurt each other. But we laugh a lot and the radio sounds fine and I fit right into Oliver's arms. At midnight, he kisses me lightly on the cheek.

Well, it's the happiest sitter's eve I've ever spent and, from the look in his eyes, I can tell it's going to be a Happy Holiday.

Hit Wrong Car In His Accident

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—It's bad enough to have a traffic accident but a lot worse to do what Cleve Mayers did. He bumped his pickup truck into a automobile which had halted for a stop sign. The driver of the car was Columbia Police Chief L.J. Campbell.

THE WOMAN PAYS VALPARAISO, Ind. (AP)—A wife went to the hospital just long enough for treatment after an argument with her husband. Then, with one black eye, she appeared and paid the \$1 fine Justice of Peace Mitchell Loniewski assessed against her husband.

Refrigerators Face Dallas Law

DALLAS (AP)—It's illegal in Dallas to abandon or "dangerously expose" a refrigerator unless the door or latch has been removed. The city council passed the measure, in view of recent cases over the country, to protect children who might trap themselves in the boxes. The fine for violation is \$200.

VANDALISM COSTLY CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP)—Road sign vandalism in Virginia is costing the taxpayers \$90,000 a year, the Virginia Council of Highway Investigation and Research says.

Italian Traffic Fatalities High

ROME (AP)—Italian drivers last year killed one person for every 515 motor vehicles on their highways. This fatality rate is nearly three times as high as that in the United States and is believed to be the highest in the world.

Most officials blame fast drivers, slow pedestrians, high-powered cars and five million bicycles, many with no lights. There is no speed limit in Italy.

MAY IN DECEMBER WILTON, N. H. (AP)—Three Wilton housewives recently received bunches of mayflowers—in full bloom—picked by their husbands, hunting in nearby woods.

Greetings

May you find good cheer, peace and happiness at Christmas time. These are our sincere wishes for all our friends who have made this Christmas such a wonderful one for us.

Scott's Dry Cleaners

ten o'clock and I've still got that darned tree to set up. Like I say, it's a beautiful big tree, ceiling high, loaded with decorations. There I am half under the tree, trying to hold it straight and keep the globes on at the same time, when I hear the front door open. Somebody yells, "Anybody home?" I'm so startled I let the tree sway, so this voice yells, "Timber!" and a long arm grabs for the trunk. Looking up between the branches, I see a tall, dark-haired boy, neither handsome nor homely. "Thanks," I'm a little breathless. "I'm Oliver Layton," he explains, "isn't that a heck of a name?" Pine needles are thick in the air. "Not so awful," I laugh back. "I'm Margie, the sitter. Your folks are out." "I know. Look here, can't we do something about this tree?" A few minutes later we collapse into chairs, staring at the still-lovely tree. "Thanks so much. Can I get you something to eat or anything?"

AGED WONT ROCK NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—There will be no rocking chairs in a new \$2,500,000 dormitory planned by Connecticut for the chronically ill, aged and infirm. Rocking chairs, an official said, would conflict with the aim to keep the oldsters happy by keeping them busy in a workshop or a recreation center.

Merry Christmas

Our best wishes to you for a very joyous Yuletide!

TO ALL OF YOU FROM ALL OF US

First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Greenville
324 Evans Street — Dial 3224
A. C. Tadlock, Executive Vice Pres. & Secretary

Merry Christmas

Our hearts are filled with song and happiness on this glorious day when He was born. May the coming year be a good one for all.

C. Heber Forbes

Christmas Greetings

We're thinking about all our friends as the season's spirit fills the air. We want to extend our best wishes for the most wonderful Christmas of all, to all!

Davenport Motor Sales
"Your Friendly Ford Dealer"
Farmville, N. C.



GREETINGS

May we add our very good wishes to the hosts of sparkling greetings fondly given and gladly accepted during this, the joyous Holiday Season of Good Will to All.

Dot & Jean's Grocery
North Greene Street

The Quest

by **ELSIE MACK**

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SYNOPSIS

"Trumpet at Noon," a novel on which Kelly Fraser had long worked, was about to be published in New York. But Kelly would not be present to sign the contract for it, because Kelly Fraser was dead. Now Dale, his loyal and faithful young widow, would have to sign it for him. Their marriage had been happy and brief. Looking back, it seemed to Dale only yesterday that Kelly Fraser had first come to her grandfather's house where she met him. He'd fallen in love with a little white cottage on Grandfather's land.

CHAPTER FOUR

THEY fell in love, that summer. The roses came and went, a bluish spread over the green curve of apples, the butternuts swelled and ripened so swift was the season it seemed not to move at all; and so deep and sure was the love of Kelly and Dale, it seemed there never had been a time in their lives when they had not been in love.

Everyone said there never had been such a wedding as theirs in Swanscombe. Kelly's friends came in Rolls Royces and Cadillacs; the women's furs making Grandmother mutter with pretended disparagement that a November wedding certainly brought a lot of mink and sable out of mothballs! But her pose did not hide her serenity in the overflowing warmth of Dale's happiness.

Among their wedding gifts, gingham portholders were displayed cheek by jowl with a Dutch silver tea service elaborately embossed and pierced; an egg beater beside a signed Sevres porcelain vase. And Dale, in Grandmother's wedding dress, moved happily among their guests with Kelly.

At first he questioned her willingness to live in the cottage as compliance with his desire, rather than her own wish.

"The book may take a year," he warned her. "Maybe two."

She laughed and hugged him. "But I love the cottage, don't you?"

"I love you." He was kissing her, then, and the world and its problems and decisions and uncertainties were unreal and shadowy.

"I love you," he whispered. The words ran like a fugue through the sounds of a steady-paced typewriter and busy domesticity. At day's end they would walk in the snowy, starlit nights. They went on sleigh rides, and to the church box socials, and the Community Hall square dances.

But most of all they loved the evenings by their own fireside the flames making golden pools and black shadows in the room, with Kelly reading aloud, or the radio playing softly. When the rhyming commercials came on they would sing their own song to the jingling tunes. "I am you. You are me. We're one . . ." as Schubert had said it in music, and Dante in poetry, and El Greco in paint.

Then, rounding the swift curve of winter, spring came.

At bedtime one night, with the wind a wild calligrapher in the racing clouds and the bare

trees ardently bent, Kelly drew Dale to the window. "Listen!" he said.

A low rumble, familiar to Dale, undertoned the wind. "The lake is breaking up!" she cried. "Kelly, it's spring."

It came with a rush, violets and wake-robin in the woods and secret May apples under their green umbrellas, an explosion of sun and leaf and blossom. Feeling it more richly than ever before through all her senses, Dale loved to sit on the porch steps listening while Kelly and Grandy talked.

"Twitchgrass," said Kelly one June night as they watched fireflies streak the dusk with apostrophes. "Twitchgrass is crowding out my wife's cabbages, Grandy. What to do?"

Grandy packed tobacco into his

pipe. "Seed it to rye," he said. "Root for root and stalk for stalk, rye can lick twitchgrass any day."

He struck a match. "Only thing is, you get rid of the twitchgrass and then you have turn turn right around and get rid of the rye." His eyes twinkled over the flame he sucked into the old briar bowl. "I'd say plant the whole thing to potatoes. Potatoes and twitchgrass don't get along. Thing is, do you want a couple of hundred bagsful of potatoes on your hands, come fall?"

Dale laughed. "I guess I'll just go on fighting the darn stuff with my bread knife!"

By mid-June, the cottage was window sill-deep in roses; Dale filled the house with bowlsful of them.

Kelly said one evening, "I was talking with Mrs. Crosland in the village today. The one they call Armorel. Unusual name, isn't it?"

"You talked with Armorel?" Dale was surprised. "She hardly ever talks to anyone. She—well, she has always been considered 'queer.'"

"Lonely old girl, isn't she? I asked her if she would like to come and see our roses. Know what she said? Struck me as odd . . . 'I shall never be friends again with roses. Swineburne isn't it? I wonder what she meant?'"

"Armorel is full of ambiguities. It may have been some reference to her husband's death. Or her son's."

"Recent?"

"Oh, no. They both died before I was born."

Kelly stared at her incredulously. "But that's over twenty years ago!"

"Darling, Armorel is a strange woman. She never got over her husband's death, they say. She lives alone in that big house on the hill and never goes anywhere. I've often thought that all she lives on are her memories."

"But morbid! I'd say, Kelly remarked. 'I like the old girl, though. Don't you?'"

"I've never known her, really. A twinge of remorse followed her surprise at the discovery. It did seem odd that in all these years she had never known Armorel Crosland. But the label 'queer' had kept Dale, like everyone else in the village, at arm's length from the strange and solitary woman."

It was Kelly, with his exuberant outgoing love for people, who made friends with Armorel Crosland. She came, one Sunday, for tea. Untidy wisps of hair straggled from her high pompadour, and her taffeta dress, gray and full-skirted was age-cracked along the hemline and pleat-edges. She sat prim and re-

served, politely attentive to Kelly's gentle cajolery. Then, quite without warning, she laughed. It struck a false note, hard and unsmiled, and Dale wished she hadn't heard it.

Armorel herself looked shocked at the sound. With a stricken look, she sank back into her reticence, speaking only in vague monosyllables until it was time for Kelly to drive her home.

With the writhlike rustle of Armorel's departing taffeta echoing in her ears, Dale thought, I must try to get to know her.

But when she carried an armful of brilliant autumn leaves to the big house overlooking the village, Dale saw Armorel only through the cautiously opened front door. A thin hand took her offering, a pale mouth smiled vaguely, and the door was firmly closed.

Normally, Dale would have thought indulgently, it's only one of her moods. But now confused and more than a little depressed by something intangible, some dim ugliness behind that closed door, Dale asked herself, "What do any of us know about Armorel? Why has she shut herself up all these years in this big brick mausoleum?"

The words sent her running down the dusty stone steps, through the shadowy weed-tangled garden into the bright October sunlight to the car and the cottage and Kelly.

Another winter came and went; another summer filled with laughter, rich with love.

Dale painted the cottage that summer. "Anyone can dip a brush in paint and stroke it on!" she told Kelly confidently.

And Kelly, scrubbing paint spots off her with turpentine, said, "You look like a Dalmation. And isn't it customary to be able to see out of the windows? Or is paint all over the panes something new in decor?"

"It looks so easy!" she wailed. "Every man to his trade." He laughed.

(To Be Continued)
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Drought Hardens Steers' Appetite


OTTAWA, Kan. (AP) — "The drought," reasons meat cutter H.H. Brittain, "really must be rough when steers start eating stuff like this."

He found two Indian head penies, four nails and a cotter key in a steer he butchered.



Season's Greetings

With the approach of Christmas, our thoughts revert gratefully to those whose good will and confidence we have learned to treasure throughout the years. It is to these old friends and our many new ones that we wish to extend our warmest wishes for a cheerful and joyous Christmas — a happy and prosperous New Year.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Age-old, yet ever new, the true spirit of Christmas brings good cheer to every heart, new sparkle to every eye.

May you and your loved ones experience, in fullest measure, all the joys of the season, and may its happiness spread its glow throughout the New Year.

South - 11 Drive In Theatre

MERRY Christmas

We greet our friends at this happy time and wish them well, now and always.

National Supply Co.
412 Evans Street

Double Santa Claus

By Royce Fields

AS WAS his custom during Christmas week of each year, George Brandon leaned against a pillar in the toy department of the big store, and watched the kiddies. Whenever, with a particularly hungry look, a child picked up a toy or eyed one longingly, George raised his hand. This was a signal to the clerk that the price of the toy was on him.

George was no millionaire. It was just that, not having folks of his own to buy Christmas presents for, he spent his gift money on the kids. It gave him a satisfaction to see their faces light up.

A girl had entered the store and was standing by a pillar near the one George was propped against. He had noticed her, with more than casual interest, when she came in. She had a complexion that was the clearest he had ever

George. He was certain he had only signaled once. George turned his head to look at the blonde girl again.

The girl caught him staring at her and she smiled. A very nice smile. George would have liked to have a smile like that, just for himself, every day. With an effort he brought his gaze back to the toy counter.

A small boy was wistfully looking at a train. George could picture the kid at home, on the floor, playing with it. It would be nice to help a boy like that assemble the toy. He raised his hand.

This time the clerk seemed more puzzled than ever. He started to reach for the train, then instead, he motioned for George to come to the counter. George had been about to go over, anyway, to see what was behind the man's strange actions.

"Do you know that blonde girl standing over there by the pillar?" the clerk asked him.

"No," George told him, "but I'd sure like to. Why?"

"Did you notice I gave the little girl two dolls, when you signaled?"

"Why yes," George answered him, "and I wondered about it. However, I figured you knew the child and she probably had a sister that you thought should have a doll too."

"No, that wasn't the reason." The toy salesman motioned to the blonde girl. She had been watching them with interest and at the clerk's wave, she came over.

"Miss Marvin," the man behind the counter introduced them, "this is George Brandon. George, this is Joan Marvin. I think all nice people, such as you two, should know each other!"

The girl extended her hand eagerly and George took it just as quickly. He saw that he would have won his bet—her eyes were the bluest of the blue!

"Say, what's going on here?" The small boy had turned away from the glistening train and was looking at the trio wonderingly.

"I'll second the boy's question," George said. "Just what is going on here?"

The salesman laughed. "The reason I thought you two ought to get together, is that you're giving me signals on the same kids."

"You see," he told George, "Miss Marvin made the same arrangement this year, in regards to giving the kids toys, that you've been making for years!"

One Christmas, a few years later, Joan Brandon said to her husband, "Remember the Christ-

mas we met, George?" "Of course," he answered. "I'll never forget it. Why?" "Well," she laughed, "I'd seen you in the store the previous Christmas and it took me a year to figure out that scheme to meet you. One little girl got a double Christmas out of it, anyway!"

Dutch To Publish Edition Of Koran

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)—For the first time in history the Koran, equivalent of the Bible for the Moslems, will be published in the Dutch language in the Netherlands. A prewar edition was published in the then Netherlands East Indies.

Jhulam Bashir, leader of the Moslem Mission in the Netherlands, says, "Dutch people like to question a great deal, but Islam gives the answers."

Dutch converts are allowed up to four wives, in principle, but it never occurs, Bashir says.

Found Herself Off Reservation

DALLAS (AP)—When his military duties took Roland Goss of Dallas to Bainbridge, Md., he was joined there shortly by Mrs. Goss and their little daughter, Janice. Soon after they arrived, Goss suggested it was time Janice resume saying her prayers before bed. Obediently she started: "Now I lay me down to sleep. . . . But suddenly she stopped.

"It won't do any good," she announced. "I forgot to tell Jesus we were leaving Texas."

Big Family Goes To West Coast

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Millions of descendants of a famous Danish family have moved to Los Angeles so a brewing company (Pabst) can produce in a new plant on the West Coast exactly the same beer turned out here for generations.

The family is Saccharomyces Cerevisiae, a pure culture yeast imported from Copenhagen in 1887 by Fred Pabst and maintained since then in a carefully guarded pure state.

A small container of the yeast has been shipped to a new Los Angeles plant.

In 1800, the average American farmer raised food for his own needs and one-third of those of another person compared with today's farmer who supplies himself and 14 others.



Season's Greetings

May the chiming of the joyous Christmas bells, the voices of the choir boys, bring to you again all the warmth of spirit and peace of heart of this glorious season. A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all!

Cozart's Auto Supply

GREETINGS to All

May all the joy which comes from the true spirit of Christmas be yours through all the New Year.

We Will Be Closed
Dec. 25 Through Dec. 28

THE SILO GRILL
Ayden Highway

Greetings

Once more, with the approach of Christmas, we take time out to express to all our friends and patrons our deep appreciation for the confidence placed in us and for the loyalty shown us throughout the past year. It is our sincerest wish that your Holiday be filled with a glad spirit and good health.

Carolina Cleaners & Laundry
Phone 2276

Holiday Wishes

The blessings of friendship and loyalty are the very essence of the Spirit of Christmas... and so, at this joyous and heartwarming season we want to wish all of our many friends the richest of life's treasures—peace, good health and happiness.

Larry's Shoe Store
At Five Points

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To One and All
And Best Wishes
For A Prosperous
NEW YEAR

SASLOW'S

Greenville's Largest Credit Jewelers
406 Evans Street



By Shirley Sargent

"I ABSOLUTELY refuse to cook another Christmas dinner," Sarah Kilby announced firmly, hardly daring to look at her startled husband.

But Paul didn't argue at all. "We'll go out," he agreed. "I'll bet you spent four or five hours in the kitchen when we had the relatives for Thanksgiving. You missed all the fun."

"You mean go to a restaurant?" Ten-year-old Peter made the words sound evil. "Guy, who wants to do what?"

"I do," his seven-year-old sister, Jean, rallied unexpectedly. "Then I won't have to set the table!"

Sarah picked up her three-year-old. "Would you like to go to a restaurant for Christmas dinner, Kit?"

Kit stared soberly at her. "Do they have drumsticks?"

"Sure."

"Okay, I'll go."

"Looks like you're outvoted, Peter," Sarah smiled.

"Yes, I do. It won't be like Christmas to eat out."

"You just like the easy part, son," Paul said, "and mother has

"I wanted white meat," Jean said, "an' they gave me dark meat!"

Quickly, Sarah gave Jean some of her white meat. The turkey was good, but the dressing wasn't nearly as moist as she could make and the gravy seemed a trifle greasy. Neither Paul nor Peter ate as much as they would have at home.

"Just think," Sarah said cheerfully, "no dishes to wash and wipe."

"No leftovers either," Jean complained.

"Yeah, no turkey sandwiches or anything," Peter growled. "Golly, mom, you could make better pie than this."

"At \$2.50 a plate," Paul said loudly, "and you kids have the nerve to complain!"

"Shhh, quiet, dear," Sarah tried to hush him, "people are looking at us."

"It's like eating in a goldfish bowl," he said quietly.

Just then Kit's pie went flying off the table and he let out a howl that echoed around the dining room. Now everybody was looking

at them and laughing with Paul and Sarah. But Peter and Jean were blushing, embarrassed to be the center of so much attention—good-natured or not. Only Kit really enjoyed the confusion as two waitresses cleaned up the spilled pie and brought him a new piece. A la mode, this time.

"Hey, look," he yelled delightedly. "I get ice cream too!"

Again the people at surrounding tables laughed, but Sarah was as redfaced as her children. "Honestly," she sputtered, "if I'd known . . ."

"Next time," Paul interrupted grimly, "we'll get a private dining-room."

"Next time, I'm staying home, even if I hafta eat shredded wheat," Peter said defiantly.

Sarah laughed. "There isn't going to be any next time here. Peter was right, it doesn't seem like Christmas to eat out. There's nothing to look forward to, nothing left over and it isn't as good as home cooking. Next time, we'll have all the relatives at our house."

"But the work," Paul protested. "Oh, nuts to the work. I hardly knew what to do with myself this morning. What do you say, kids?"

Jean just grinned, but Peter said, "I say fine, I'll even help with the dishes."

Large Business Follows Mistake

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP)—The Martin Rosenberger Wall paper Store, which observed its 19th anniversary recently, is part of a business born by mistake 86 years ago in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Rosenberger brothers, operating a small housewares store at the time, bought a carload of wall-paper borders instead of sidewall paper and in order to dispose of them had to buy hundreds of carloads of sidewall paper.

Selling the unwanted goods proved so profitable, they stayed in the business and now own a chain of 37 stores in eight states.



HAPPY HOLIDAY . . . A parade makes it a happy holiday for children. Every year Macy's of New York has a gigantic Christmas parade. Here excited youngsters watch the gay spectacle. They are having the time of their lives and the scene will be repeated in hundreds of towns throughout the country this Christmas season.



Sarah picked up her three-year-old. "Would you like to go to a restaurant for Christmas dinner, Kit?"

all the hard work to do. This year we'll make it a real holiday for her."

Christmas was on a Thursday and, that afternoon, long after the last exciting package had been opened, the Kilbys drove to a nearby restaurant.

Peter looked across the table. "Sure seems funny not to have Uncle Tom an' the rest of the family with us."

"The rest of the family" adds up to fifteen people," Paul remarked. "I'd bet you had your drumsticks."

Orders came on their plates, all orders came the turkey slices. Paul carved the turkey. When their table and she missed watching see only five of them around the seem odd, almost homesome, to Sarah knew how he felt. It did Peter didn't say any more, but dryly, "at \$2.50 per plate."



Christmas Greetings

May the true spirit of
Christmas dwell in your home
and in your heart throughout the year.

Home & Auto Supply

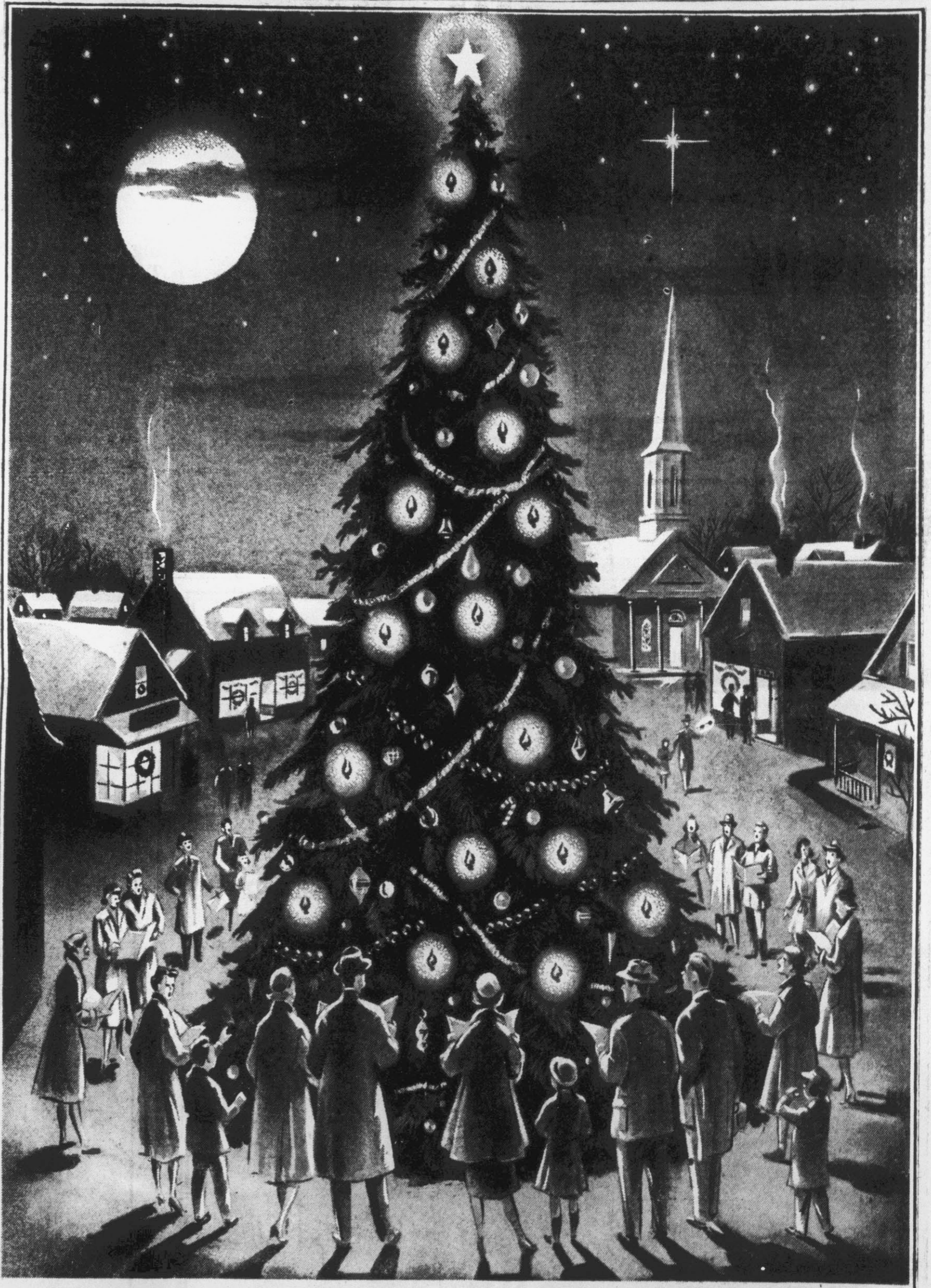
A. J. GARRIS, Owner



Season's Greetings

TINKLING BELLS, holly wreaths, winter scenes with evergreens; logs on hearth, candles bright, little faces beam delight . . . these, to us, are all warm reminders that a very special time is here . . . so a very special wish is due . . . May this Holiday Season bring you abounding stores of good cheer, peace and happiness.

Biggs Drug Store



Greetings

and best wishes for a
Christmas that will be memorable for the happiness
and enjoyment it will bring to you and your dear ones.

Saiced's
And Entire Store Personnel

With best wishes for Christmas

In appreciation for your valued friendship we wish to express our sincerest wishes for A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

J. Hicks Corey

Season's Greetings

May this greeting serve to carry to all our friends our wish that their Christmas may be a merry one and the New Year hold a full measure of happiness.

D. T. House
CLERK OF COURT

GREETINGS

May love and joy surround you at this time. May the Season's blessings be yours.

Mosely Bros. Inc.
INSURANCE

NOEL

No words express more sincerely at this time of year all that is in our hearts for our many friends than the good old fashioned "Merry, Merry Christmas"

Dee's Clothing Store

Season's Greetings

To you, our friends and neighbors—we extend our best wishes for the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years and add the prayer that your homes be blessed with Peace and Good Fortune.

Respass Bros.
Barbecue Stand

CHRISTMAS

GREETINGS

Greetings

May Christmas and the New Year hold for you the blessings of health, happiness and prosperity...

Carolina Office Equipment Co.

Greetings

May your heart be light and your home be bright with every Christmas joy

Cox Floral Service



Silent night

May the true spirit of the first Christmas shine brightly in your heart today and everyday.

Nicholls' Market

Greetings

It is our pleasure once again to say Merry Christmas to all our friends and neighbors.

Folger Buick Co. Inc.

Christmas Cheer

With holly, mistletoe and Holiday cheer, may your Christmas be a merry one, your joy complete.

Riddle Roofing & Heating Co.

Joy at Christmas

May the wonderful holiday spirit of joy and peace be with you and yours at Christmas time.

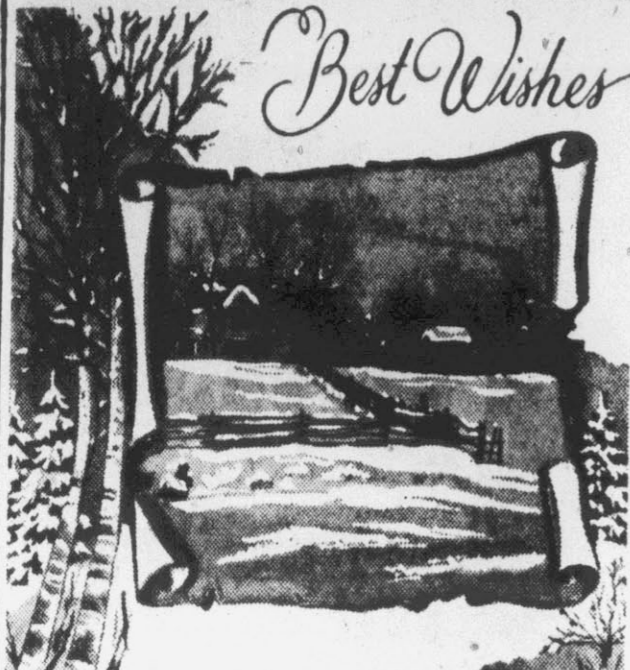
Harrison's Drug Store

Peace and Happiness for Christmas

May this Holy Season bring to our many friends all the rich blessings that will make for happiness and joy throughout the year.

Cascade Laundry & Cleaners

Best Wishes



In the true spirit of this most joyous of holidays, we wish all our friends and neighbors a full measure of happiness, health and prosperity.

Pitt Hardware. Co.
718 Dickinson Avenue

The Christmas Dinner

Dorothy Boys Killian

YOUNG Mrs. Frank Sanderson hung up the telephone receiver and stared bleakly at the beautifully set dining table. The Santa Claus sleigh centerpiece filled with red and white striped candy canes, the sprig of holly at each place setting, the gleaming silver—was it all to be for nothing?

"I'm so terribly sorry," her mother had just said over the phone. "We simply aren't going to be able to make it for Christmas dinner. The roads are just a sheet of ice—"


"Oh, Mother!" Eva had exclaimed. "It won't seem like Christmas at all without you here. And Frank and I were so excited about it being our first time to have the family."

"I knew how disappointed you'd be, Eva," Mother answered. "But Dad says it's just impossible."

"Oh, Frank!" Eva was close to tears. "It's going to seem so queer without Mom and Dad."


"I know how you feel, honey," Frank put an arm around her comfortingly. "And what's more,

Greetings



No Christmas would be complete for us without an expression of the warm feeling that we have for our many loyal and appreciative friends. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Security Life & Trust Co.
W. M. SCALES, JR., General Agent



"I know how you feel, honey," Frank put an arm around her comfortingly.

what about all that food sitting around in the kitchen?"

"We'll just have to find somebody to eat with us," Eva wiped her eyes and looked thoughtful. "Let's see, can you think of any of our friends here in town who hadn't planned anything special for today?"

"Well," Frank said, "the Springers are eating with his folks, the Albrights left by train yesterday for Detroit, the McCalls—oh, you know as well as I do that everybody's dated up. You just don't leave Christmas dinner to chance."

"Frank! What about the Aaronsgaards? You know that fisherman and his family who live in the cottage down by the docks?"

"You mean that tall, quiet guy with three or four tow-headed kids?"

"Yes; and I heard someone in the post office yesterday saying they've been having a struggle lately—the river's been so ice-blocked that he can't get his boat out to the lake, and there's nothing coming in for them."

"Honey, that's a swell idea!" Frank agreed heartily. "But what'll we tell them?"

"Why, just the plain truth, that our folks couldn't make it at the last minute and we'd be so glad if they'd substitute for them."

"Maybe they won't believe it," Frank said. "They've got their pride you know, people like that don't want ch—"

May the old fashioned Christmas spirit of peace and joy embrace your home this glorious holiday season. And may the richest gifts—health, happiness and good will come to you and your dear ones.

Greetings of the **SEASON**

Quality Chemical Corp.
Keel's Warehouse

"Just try anyway, Frank," Eva pleaded. "Go ahead and phone him right now."

"O.K., here goes." And Frank went to the phone.

A minute or two later Frank hung up the receiver and shook his head. "Just what I was afraid of," he sighed. "When I first started to talk, and wished him Merry Christmas he seemed tickled to death that we'd thought of them, but the minute I mentioned the invitation he froze up and said very politely that they had their own plans. He just didn't believe the story."

Eva looked crestfallen. But after a moment's silence she suddenly said, "Let me have that phone," and hastily dialed a number.

"Mr. Aaronsgard, this is Mrs. Sanderson. We're so sorry you can't come to dinner here, it would have meant a lot to us. But I'm calling this time to ask a

favor of you.

"I understand that you go inland to Brinkville every week or so to deliver some fish orders. I just wonder if, the next time you go, you'd be kind enough to take my family's gifts to them—their farm is right on your way."

"—Yes, all their things are under the tree here. We naturally expected them to pick them up when they came to dinner, but—"

Eva began to smile as she listened, and then said cordially "Oh, fine, we'll expect all of you at about three o'clock. Good-bye 'til then." And she hung up the receiver.

"They guess they'll come after all, if we don't mind their changing their minds," she reported happily.

"You're a smart little wife if I do say it myself," Frank grinned. "Come on, let's shove that bird in the oven."

'Emergency' Call Brought Results

MOBERLY, Mo. (AP)—Randolph county sheriff Amos Magruder and his deputy, Joe Moore, ran out of gas tried to radio for help. Moberly's police headquarters heard them only faintly but did hear the word "emergency".

State patrolmen set up roadblocks around the area. Peace officers began combing the countryside for lawbreakers. They finally found the stranded sheriff and his deputy.

CONNECTICUT SMOKES MOST

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—State tax records show Connecticut to have had the nation's highest per capita cigarette consumption during 1952. Taxable sales for the year amounted to 3,775 cigarettes, or a fraction more than 188 packages, for every person over 15 years old.

Found Romance In A Drug Store

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—They met in a drugstore—just like teen-agers. So Albert Knott and Mrs. Charlotte Charville got to "going out on dates and you know how those things end," she said after they were married.

Knott is 72; his bride 70. He owns the drugstore where they met.

'Smoke' Was But Tobacco Dust

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP)—People who live over a country store near here were alarmed by clouds of what looked like smoke after an automobile crashed into the building. They called firemen.

The "smoke" turned out to be clouds of snuff dust boiling up from a tobacco counter the car hit.

Dead Man Pays Speeding Fine

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Milwaukee Traffic Court collected a \$25 speeding fine from a dead man. He was released on \$25 bail. His speeding case was called next day. When he did not appear, the court ordered his bond forfeit as a fine as is customary.

The man was killed in a head-on collision.

COULDN'T TAKE IT

ALLEGAN, Mich. (AP)—After the Allegan County Board of Supervisors increased his duties and gave him a \$2,500-a-year stenographer, then kept his own salary at \$2,100 a year, Guy Tee, friend of the court and probation officer, quit.

Season's Greetings



1953

To Our Friends:

Just a friendly greeting
And just a word of cheer;
Merry Christmas to you—
And then a bright New Year;
Fellow travelers all are we,
Along life's broad highway,
And there's not much time for loafing
'Mid the business of each day.
But at Christmas time we pause a bit,
Set down our loads to rest
And extend a cheery "Howdy"
To the friends we like the best.

Each year we look forward to Christmas, a time when we can extend greetings to our friends and customers, and thank them sincerely for their patronage.

It will be a true pleasure to continue serving you . . . and at this time please accept our wish that Christmas will be joyful for you and yours, and that the New Year will be rich in good things for you and all those dear to you.

Sincerely,
Greenville Utilities Commission



Jack Wallace

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ANGELS WITHOUT WINGS
... In the Children's Aid Society Jones Center, all was calm as the call for rehearsal of carols was sounded. The little angels without wings took their places, with one moppet sporting a black eye. He couldn't resist reaching under his cassock to be sure his treasured gun and holster were still there.

HE ASKED FOR IT
CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP)—Albert Khuri was in a lively mood as he slid onto the stool at the restaurant. He told the waitress: "A cup of coffee, s'il vous plait." He got the coffee—along with a seafood plate.



By Papinta Knowles
ANN didn't lift her head when Jerry laid the work on her desk.

"I'm sorry to rush you, Ann," he said, "but this should be finished by three this afternoon. Banes will drop by for it."

His voice was gentle; it implied sincerity of his regret in putting the rush work before her. There was no doubt of it, Ann thought.

"Shall we go now, Jerry?" Beth Jenkins spoke at her shoulder.

"If you wish," Jerry said.

Ann kept her eyes on her work. She heard them close the office door.

They were going across the street to Tony's for a smoke and coffee. With the sound of their steps fading into silence, Ann stopped working and looked idly at her hands. From somewhere, along the street below Silent Night came softly from a radio, and she heard a vander chant, "Holly . . . mistletoe . . . cheap. Just two days till Christmas . . ."

Snow fell softly past the office windows, making a little mound on the sills. She had wanted a white Christmas. And until last week, she thought, I had planned on having a happy Christmas.

With Mom, her kid brothers Joe and Bill, Aunt Sissy and Uncle Reems, Christmas had always seemed complete before. Aunt Sissy and Uncle Reems lived with them, and they were together on Christmas.

And somehow there had never been anyone outside the little circle that Ann cared to share

their fun with. Not anyone she was interested in. But now—

There was no use denying her thoughts about Jerry Laws. He disturbed her the moment he stepped into the office last week as new manager of Rankin Real Estate and Loans. And in spite of her effort to push him out of her mind he had occupied her thoughts since. With Beth Jenkins working there too, she knew it was folly to think of him. Beth had a way with men.

Beth was working only until she could find someone who would give her a ring and a home. She used her salary to buy expensive clothes to set off her blond attractiveness. While I, Ann thought, fill a man's place at home. It took money for Mom, Joe and Bill. Any money left over from her salary had to be saved for a rainy day, and when she bought something new to wear it had to be conservative.

I can't compete, simply can't.

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BIKINI CHRISTMAS . . . They may not have snow, but it's Christmas in Miami Beach, too. Hilda Esteves gets into the Yule spirit by decorating a pool-side tree. Helper is Ellen Sweet.



In the same old friendly way,
On the same old friendly day—
We extend our very best wishes
For a very joyous Yuletide,
And a very Happy New Year.

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We're sextons this Yuletide . . . We're climbing to the belfry and ringing those joyous, silver-toned bells till everyone of our friends hears the peals of Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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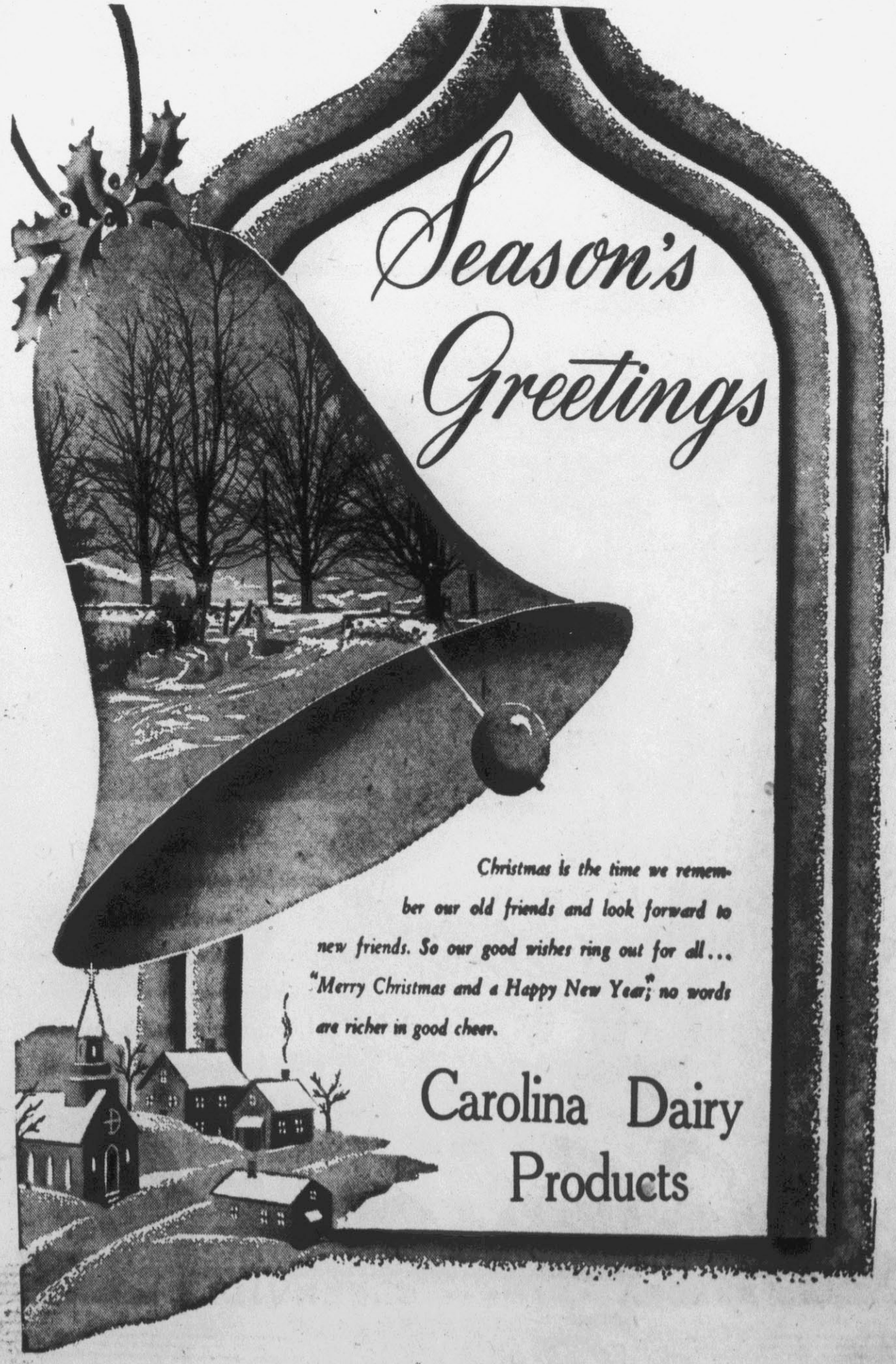
Merry Christmas Ahead



It looks like it's going to be the happiest holiday ever—filled with the pleasures that only the Yuletide season can bring . . . a deep down glad spirit, warm and loving hearts. May you enjoy this Christmas with unlimited good health and good spirit.

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Corny Cleanup For Automobiles

HARRISBURG (AP) — Hoby Greeseiman keeps ponies in a stable near his service station just outside Wernersville. The ponies eat corn and up to a few weeks ago, Hoby had the problem of disposing of hundreds of corn cobs. Now he dips the cobs in water and uses them to clean windshields of automobiles.

A BARGAIN, TOO
BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. (AP)—A last-minute Christmas gift suggestion came from the Cranbrook Institute of Sciences advising it was piling on sale "mounted rattlesnake heads at only \$1.50."

Names Changed For Convenience

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP)—Considering the sloppy way most people tack st., ave., pl. or dr. to mailing addresses, postmen have had a legitimate beef in one subdivision. Mail, public utility and delivery men have been required to find addresses on Quatro Way, Quatro Lane, Quatro Place and Quatro Drive, all close together. So the four streets have been renamed Figueroa, Bewley, Gunther and Jackson, respectively.

Store nutmeats, after you have taken them out of their shells, in a tightly covered jar in the refrigerator. This will prevent them from becoming rancid.



NO. 1 GRANDCHILDREN . . . Grandchildren of President Eisenhower get a look at Christmas dolls. They are (left to right) Susan, Barbara Anne, and Dwight David. The children spent last Christmas with their grandparents at 60 Morningside Drive, New York.

Dr. Clement Moore Was Ashamed of His Famous Poem

Dr. Clement Moore was ashamed of his famous poem, "Night Before Christmas" and would not acknowledge that he wrote it for more than 20 years. Today, the poem which begins—
*'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;*
is one of the most beloved of all Christmas writings.
Dr. Moore was an aloof professor of Greek and Oriental literature in the Episcopal Seminary in New York. He wrote the poem on Christmas Eve 1822 and read it to his seven children.
He had not planned for the poem to go further than his own family, but a relative who was visiting the Moores put a copy in her diary. The next year the relative's father sent it to a newspaper.
Other newspapers printed the jingles and they quickly became known all over the country. The dignified Dr. Moore was embarrassed and considered it beneath a man of his scholastic standing to be the author of children's jingles.
Twenty-two years later, however, he finally publicly admitted authorship of the jingles and it was published in book form under his name for the first time.

Make Gifts Attractive
Make your Christmas package attractive because half of the pleasure of the gift is the wrap-

ping and opening a beautiful package. Use plenty of ribbon and gay colored paper. Add bells and Christmas ornaments to the bows. Tie ribbon about the corners and put the bows off-center to make the packages distinctive. A little disguising by putting small boxes in larger ones before wrapping adds to the mystery of the gift.

Christmas Tree Industry Is Big Business in U.S.

The Christmas tree industry is big business in the United States—better than \$50,000,000 annually.
The majority of our trees come from New England, New York and Pennsylvania, the north Middle West, and the Northwest Pacific regions. In recent years, New Jersey has annually marketed around 100,000 trees.
Most of the trees for Christmas sales are cut early in the fall and the trees are kept green with plenty of water until shipped to distribution centers. Some mass producers, however, cut trees early in the new year, and treat them with preservatives and coloring solutions for storage in chilled warehouses.

That Reindeer Is Becoming a Tradition

That reindeer is becoming an American tradition.
Once upon a time there was a reindeer with a built-in flashlight bulb for a nose. You know, Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer. From a small beginning in 1938, the little animal with the built-in beacon has become as familiar as Humpty-Dumpty and Cinderella to youngsters everywhere.
First invented as a sales giveaway promotion for Montgomery Ward by Robert L. May, Rudolph was featured in many free booklets before he became associated with Christmas. Songwriter Johnny Marks liked the title "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer," so he wrote a song about it. He was so sure he had a success that he started his own Publishing company, using "Rudolph" as his first release. Gene Autry made the initial recording, and that one record sold 2,000,000 copies.
Last year, there were 16 different recordings of the song for sale, ranging from boogie-woogie by Sugar Chile Robinson to Bing Crosby, and cowboy singers.

Father's Voice Heard By Radio

HOPE, Kas. (APP)—Two-months old David Chartier heard his dad's

voice for the first time by radio. Chartier left last winter for service as company clerk with an Army unit at Kitzingen, Germany. Radio station KJCK, Junction City, Kas., telephoned Mrs. Chartier before broadcasting a tape-recorded message from the father.

Expenses Zoom For University

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—The University of Minnesota has reported

record expenses of \$54,189,630 for the past fiscal year. Income for the period was slightly more, leaving a balance of \$4,395. Costs of operating the school have mounted steadily since 1946-46, when expenses came to \$20,685,930.



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May the peace and happiness symbolized by the Star of Bethlehem remain with you throughout the Holiday Season.
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Warm Wishes at Christmas

May this happy Yuletide season brim over with all good things — with surprises as merry and pleasing as the findings under your Christmas tree. To all our friends, both old and new, go our warmest and sincerest wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season.

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