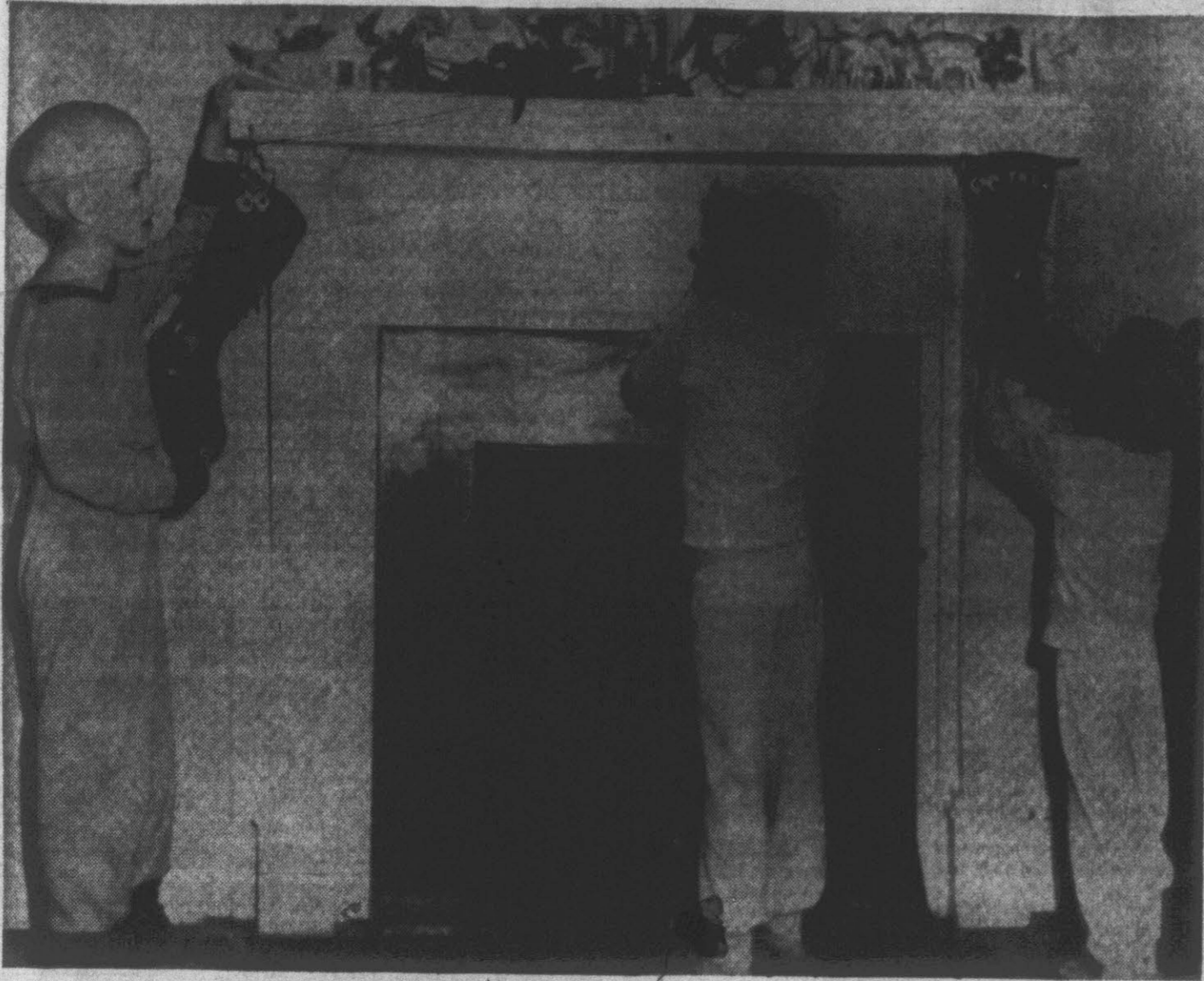


As All The World Knows, Christmas Was Meant For Children



A major Christmas project for Tommy, Ben and Frederick, as for all children at this season, is the hanging of their Christmas stockings. Tommy, 7, seems to have had no trouble, but little Frederick, 3, will probably have to wait until next Christmas until he can hang his stocking all by himself. Ben, 5, is so engrossed in watching Fred, for the moment he is forgetting his own stocking. But not for long, as all the boys, sons of Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Irons, are looking forward to tomorrow when they hope Santa will have filled their stockings with all sorts of good things. (Reflector Photos by Edwina Haynes).

"While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads . . ." Yes, the boys are all snuggled down now, but not for "a long winter's nap." They'll be up at dawn tomorrow to "see what Santa Claus has brought." Frederick was worried a little earlier in the evening that St. Nick couldn't make it down their chimney, but he was reassured by Tommy and Ben, who pointed out he had certainly made it in previous years. Though the boys wanted to wait up to see Santa, they were soon hustled off to bed where sleep was a long time in coming.

This Tot Just Couldn't Wait



One-year-old John Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Carlton Taylor of 1622 Woodlawn Drive just couldn't wait until Christmas to open one of his gaily wrapped presents under the tree. He is pictured above as he rips into one of the tinsel-covered gifts. Looking on is his dog, Lucky. (Reflector Photo by Alvin Taylor)

Civic Groups Worked To Spread Yule Cheer

Christmas will be merrier for hundreds of Greenville and Pitt County families this year because of the efforts of many local civic clubs and organizations.

These organizations, working through the local welfare office, have distributed baskets of food, toys and clothes to many families for whom Christmas would have been just another day without the outside help.

More than 100 Pitt County families have been assisted during the Christmas season by the various organizations. Hundreds of dollars have been spent in providing the food baskets and other articles.

Each of the local civic clubs has worked through the Pitt County Welfare Department in selecting the families which will receive the Christmas packages. Each of the families is investigated by that department to determine their need and by clearing with the welfare department duplication of families is avoided. One family was not to be taken by two different organizations.

Mrs. Elizabeth Avery, case worker with the local department, is in charge of the Welfare Department's Christmas program this year. She pointed out that the Welfare Department provides clothing for needy families throughout the year, but additional clothing and all Christmas cheer had to come from local clubs and organizations and private individuals.

List of Organizations
A partial list of local clubs and organizations providing Christmas packages for needy families follows:

Kiwanis Club has helped around 20 families during the season. Approximately \$400 has been spent by the club, most of which went to provide Santa Claus for the children and food for those without children. Each of the families taken by the Kiwanis Club was contacted to determine their needs. In addition to names furnished by the welfare department Mrs. J.B. Spillman of the Pitt County Tuberculosis Association furnished the names of two families in need because of tuberculosis.

Money for the Christmas project comes from the annual Kiwanis Minster.

About 25 baskets were given to needy blind in the county by the Lions' Club. The families are selected by Miss Jeannie Manning, case worker for the blind. Food, fruit and toys for the children in the families have been included in the Lions' baskets. Money for the Christmas gifts comes from the club's annual blind drive and its broom sale. The Lions Club expects to spend between \$150 and \$200 on the project.

Salvation Army
A major contributor to the poor is the Salvation Army which is distributing baskets to 48 families this year. The baskets contain food items for Christmas dinner and candy, fruits and nuts. In addition clothes and toys are being distributed. Cost of the entire project is between \$600 and \$700.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce has distributed 25 baskets to needy families in Greenville. Cost of the baskets averaged between \$17 and \$18 each, with most of the items being obtained wholesale. Approximately \$325 was made available for the project by the club through a sale of light bulbs conducted earlier this month.

A party was given for 135 children at the Salvation Army by the Jay-cettes, the Jaycee women's organization. Each of the children



A large number of local civic organizations have delivered food baskets and other items to needy families during the Christmas season. Baskets were made up by the clubs and have been delivered this week. Four Junior Chamber of Commerce members are shown above as they prepare to deliver a basket of food to one of the 25 families assisted by the Jaycees this year. From left to right are: Bill Hudson, Harry Douglass, Charles Hydon and Jaycee President Frank Dail. (Reflector Photo by Alvin Taylor)

Preparation For Christmas Apparent Throughout Pitt

Clubs, organizations and churches in Pitt County communities are quite active during Christmas week, a survey of the county indicates.

In Farmville the Kiwanis Club is taking care of a mother and five children. While the husband, a veteran of World War I, is in a hospital being treated for tuberculosis. They are also buying clothing for a colored man waiting to get into a hospital for TB treatment, and the club recently bought glasses for a small boy who lives in the Farmville area.

Most of the churches in Farmville will be active with Christmas religious programs in addition to the usual Christmas services.

The Farmville Dance Club is sponsoring a dance on Tuesday night after Christmas. Several stores and commercial establishments have already held their annual Christmas parties, including the Garner Furniture Company, the Carolina Credit Company, and the Farmville Furniture Company. On Sunday night, December 26, the Farmville Ministerial Association will hold a worship service at

the Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. This program will be held primarily for college students home for the Christmas holidays, and will include a social hour.

The Farmville Rotary Club is contributing funds through the county welfare department for the benefit of needy families in that area.

In Ayden the Lion's Club and various church organizations are contributing funds and gifts to needy families during Christmas week.

The Christian Church in Ayden held a "White Christmas Party" in the early part of the month, and will hold a communion service at 10 o'clock tonight.

The choir of the Ayden Methodist Church gave a concert of Christmas music on Thursday night. The Christian Church will hold a Christmas eve night communion service at 10 o'clock. In Pactolus the Epitran Club is distributing baskets, including staple items such as flour, etc., to families in that area. The Pactolus Baptist Church held their annual Christmas party on Thursday

night, along with a pageant depicting the birth of Christ.

In Grifton the Men's Club of the Baptist Church is distributing gifts to needy families. The Veterans of Foreign Wars are selling mistletoe and holly to raise funds to help families in need. The Lion's Club held a Christmas party earlier in the month, and also a Christmas party for the boys scouts.

In Bethel the Rotary Club aided in securing a band for the teen-age club dance earlier in the week. The Men's Bible class of the Methodist Church has been actively helping needy families in the area. The Baptist Church took up a toy collection for children in needy families.

The Woman's Club in Fountain recently aided a family whose house burned.

Most of the towns in the county have put up various Christmas decorations and lights for the holidays.

Religious services are being held in most of the churches in the county during the week.

Church, Meadowbrook Presbyterian Church.

Youth Fellowship of the Presbyterian Church, ECC YWCA, Episcopal Ladies Auxiliary, Delphin Book Club, Eighth Street Christian Church, St. James Methodist Church, Methodist students at E. C. C. National Guard unit, an

Eighth Street Christian Church Circle, Winterville High School Club, a Sunday School class at the Christian Church, Matron's Social Club, Twentieth Century Club, and two anonymous individuals plus other contributors.

Seven-Year-Old Named For Santa

NORMAN, Okla. (AP)—There's a 7-year-old boy here named Santa Claus. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Claus, and his middle name is Michael.

He was born in Kilgore, Tex.

Thinking Realistically About Life

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Alfred J. Buescher

Scripture—Ecclesiastes 1-5; 12.



The preacher wrote that "all was vanity." "What profit hath a man of all his labor? One generation passeth and another generation cometh, but the earth abideth forever."

He gave his heart to seek out by wisdom concerning all things that are done, "I have seen all the works that are done, and behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit."

He saw the oppressions that were done and beheld the tears of the oppressed, seeing they had no comforter. The oppressors had power, but they too had no comforter.

His conclusion was, that "fear God and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man." These bring contentment and happiness.

MEMORY VERSE—Ecclesiastes 12:13.

County Churches

FOUNTAIN FIRST BAPTIST Rev Richard L. West, pastor 10:30 a. m.—Sunday School, Mr. F. Tolerton, superintendent 11:30 a. m.—Services 1st and 3rd Sundays 7:30 p. m. Tues.—Prayer Service

FOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN Rev. Philip M. Cory, pastor 10:30 a. m.—Sunday School, Mr. R. A. Fountain, superintendent 11:30 a. m.—Services 2nd and 4th Sundays Junior and Primary children meet second and fourth Monday 7 to 8 p. m.

FALKLAND PRESBYTERIAN Rev. Philip M. Cory, pastor 10:30 a. m.—Sunday School, Mr. W. J. Little, superintendent 11:30 a. m.—Service 1st Sunday 7:00 p. m.—Services 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN Rev. Philip M. Cory, pastor 10:30 a. m.—Sunday School, Mr. W. J. Moore, superintendent 11:30 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 10:30 a. m.—Sunday School, Mr. Clifton Gardner, superintendent 11:30 a. m.—Worship 2nd and 4th Sundays 6:00 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 10:30 a. m.—Sunday School, Mr. Glenwood Wooten, superintendent 11:30 a. m.—Service 4th Sunday and 4th Sundays Quarterly Meeting on 4th Saturday, January, April, July and October Services for each Quarterly Meeting at 11:00 a. m. and 3:00 p. m.

OTTERS CREEK F.W.B. CHURCH Rev. Charles L. Hamilton, pastor 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School, Mr. Raymond Jefferson, superintendent 11:30 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.

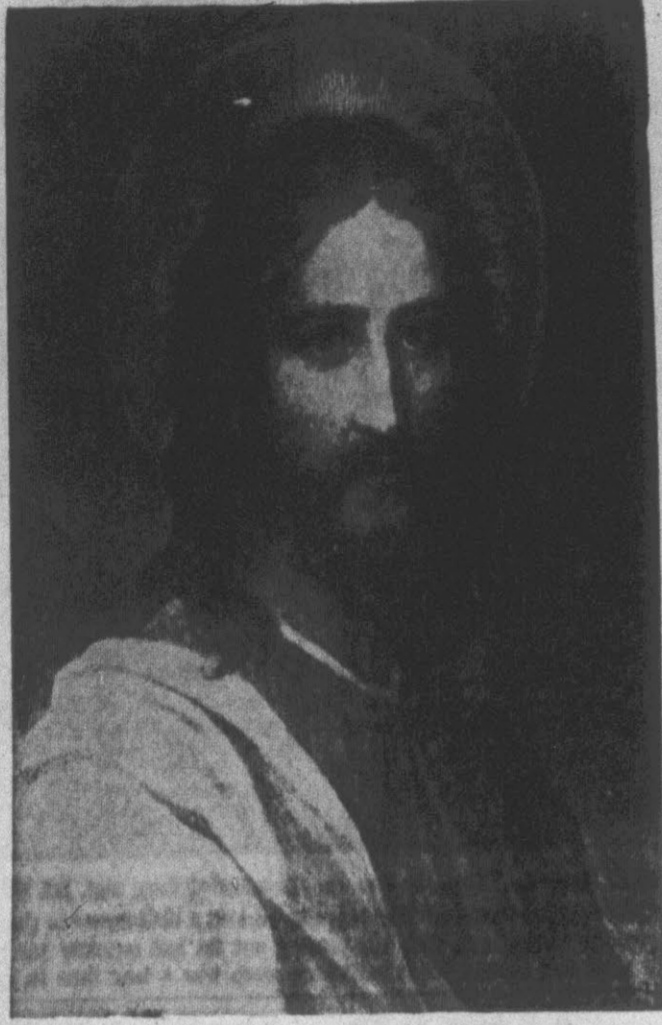
CHICOD PRESBYTERIAN Rev. E. Lee Willingham, III, pastor 10:30 a. m.—Sunday School, Mr. William Smith, superintendent 11:30 a. m.—Services 1st and 3rd Sundays 7:30 p. m.—Services 2nd and 4th Sundays 7:30 p. m. Mon.—Youth Fellowship

ST. PAUL PENTECOSTAL Washington Highway Rev. B. C. Harrell, pastor 10:30 a. m.—Sunday School, Bill Harrington, superintendent 11:30 a. m.—Worship Service 7:30 p. m.—Worship Service 7:30 p. m. Thurs.—Prayer Service

BALLARDS PRESBYTERIAN Rev. Herbert W. Dale, pastor 10:30 a. m.—Sunday School, R. E. Lloyd, superintendent 11:30 a. m.—Worship 1st and 3rd Sundays 6:30 p. m.—Youth Fellowship 2nd and 4th Sundays 7:30 p. m.—Worship Service 2nd

HOLLYWOOD PRESBYTERIAN Rev. E. Lee Willingham, III, pastor 10:30 a. m.—Sunday School, Mr. Horace Branch, superintendent 11:30 a. m.—Services 2nd and 4th

The Golden Text



Head of Christ.

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man."—Ecclesiastes 12:13.

Thinking Realistically About Life

THE AUTHOR CONCLUDES THAT MAN'S SATISFACTION COMES FROM FEARING GOD AND KEEPING HIS COMMANDMENTS

Scripture—Ecclesiastes 1-5; 15.

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL

THIS BOOK of Ecclesiastes is the meditations of "The Preacher," which in Hebrew is called the Koheleth. The opening verse tells us that "the son of David, king in Jerusalem," is the author. Many modern writers deny that it is the work of Solomon, but he seems to fulfill all the requirements of authorship of the text.

As we cannot settle a dispute about the authorship, we had better disregard it and see what help for our lives in this modern world we can gain from the writings.

Even Solomon, with all his glory and wisdom, occasionally had moments of deep depression, we may suppose. When he wrote the book of Ecclesiastes he must indeed have felt that life was hardly worth living.

Even small children have their moments of discouragement. It would be an interesting thing to ask each child about their moods and how they recovered from them. It doesn't take much to discourage a child or to bring him out of the doldrums.

A loving word, embrace and kiss to reassure him of love, a promise of a new toy, or a happy occasion coming up, will often make him happy again. And he may be taught that even if earthly help fails to comfort him he has a heavenly Father to turn to.

who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool?"

That would be another disaster to the man whose heart and mind were bent only on working hard to achieve earthly possessions. He might think of his labor as wasted if he was succeeded by one who squandered those hard-won possessions which he could not take with him.

Solomon had accumulated silver and gold, had planted vineyards and gardens, built a beautiful house and filled it with servants, friends, family and music. With all these his heart was not happy—all were "vanities."

"So I returned and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun; and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter."

Our world is so much wider than the one in which Solomon lived. We have also experienced more oppression of helpless people and cruelty than ever was known before. However, many who were oppressed turned to God, their Father, and were comforted in their affliction. Who was there to comfort their oppressors? No one; their guilty consciences must have haunted even their dreams.

"He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he

MEMORY VERSE

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man."—Ecclesiastes 12:13.

"Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity." The first definition of vanity is "that which is vain or empty, idle, useless." That is what the preacher meant by using the word here.

"What profit hath a man of all his labor which he taketh under the sun? One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh; but the earth abideth forever."

The Preacher next tells of his efforts to find satisfaction in life: "And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heavens: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith."

"I said in mine heart, Go now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure and, behold, this also is vanity." He also tried wine, but found that drinking, empty mirth without cause would do no one good as he said, "It is mad: and of mirth, What doeth it?"

The laughter of children at play; the mirth of people who are enjoying gay, witty conversation in congenial society—those are cheering and worth while. "He that is of a cheerful heart hath a continual feast."—Prov. 15:15.

"Yea, I hated all my labor which I had taken under the sun; because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me. And based on copyrighted outlines produced by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., and used by permission. Distributed by King Features Syndicate

Little superintendent 11:00 a. m.—Worship Service 7:30 p. m.—Worship Service

BEYD BRANCH F.W.B. CHURCH Rev. Henry Mavin, pastor 10:30 a. m.—Sunday School, Russell

that loveth abundance with increase; this is also vanity. "When goods increase, they are increased that eat them; and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes?"

"The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep." Solomon beheld wickedness even in the place of judgment, and in the place of righteousness there was iniquity. There are so many beautiful verses in the lesson assigned to us today, but we shall have to omit them because of lack of space.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them: While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain."

The clouds seem to be lifting from the writer's heart, as he concludes the book with these words: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man."

That seems a simple enough solution to our moods, doesn't it—whether we be young or old? Let us fear God and keep His commandments. We can try, anyhow, to follow the advice of this wise man who has been preaching to us in today's lesson.

HOGNAPERS STRIKE MIRRISON, III. (AP) — Strong men visited the E. J. Starbuck farm and left with a 250-pound hog. They lifted it over three fences.

7:30 p. m.—Service 2nd Sunday 11:00 a. m.—Service each Sunday

PACTOLUS BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. C. F. Laughlin, pastor 10:30 a. m.—Sunday School, Mr. Noel Lee, superintendent 11:00 a. m.—Service each Sunday 6:30 p. m.—B. T. U. each Sunday 7:30 p. m.—Service each Sunday

BLACK JACK F. W. HOLINESS Rev. G. H. Turner, pastor 10:30 a. m.—Sunday School, Van Mills, superintendent 11:00 a. m.—Service 1st Sunday 6:30 p. m.—Youth Service each Sunday 7:30 p. m.—Service 1st Saturday 7:30 p. m.—Service 1st Sunday

MOUNTREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH 10:30 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 10:30 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. P. Millam 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. Earl A. Lupo, pastor 10:30 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 7:00 p. m. Sun.—Bible Study and Lecture 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 Arden Rev. James Lynn, pastor 10:30 a. m.—Sunday School, Mr. T. Beddard, superintendent 11:00 a. m.—Worship 1st and 3rd Sundays 6:30 p. m.—League each Sunday 7:30 p. m. Wed.—Prayer Meeting

RED OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH Rev. Harold Tyer, minister 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School, P. L. Allen, superintendent 11:00 a. m.—Service 4th Sunday 7:45 p. m.—Service 2nd Sunday

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS Winterville Rev. Ola Porter, minister Sunday School each Sunday; T. R. Bradshaw, superintendent Morning Worship service, 1st and 3rd Sunday

STOKES METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Arnold Pope, pastor 10:30 a. m.—Sunday School Worship 1st and 3rd Sunday

MARLBORO F. W. B. CHURCH Rev. L. B. Manning, Pastor 11 a. m. & 7:30 p. m.—Services each second and fourth Sunday.

KING'S CROSSROADS F. W. B. CHURCH Rev. L. B. Manning, Pastor 11 a. m. & 7:30 p. m.—Services each first and third Sunday.

HOPEWELL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH Black Jack and New Bern Highway Rev. W. A. Crawford, Jr., Pastor 10:30 a. m.—Sunday School, Charlie Harris, superintendent 11:00 a. m.—Worship Service 6:30 p. m.—Youth Society 7:30 p. m.—Worship Service 7:30 p. m. Wed.—Prayer Service

SHELMERDINE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH Rev. J. W. Bunch, pastor 10:30 a. m.—Sunday School, Horace G. Hardy, superintendent 11:00 a. m.—Services 1st and 3rd Sundays

Advertisements for Merit Shoes and other businesses, including 'Greetings of the Season to All Our Friends'.

Advertisement for Riddle Roofing & Heating Co. featuring 'Season's Greetings for Christmas and the New Year'.

Advertisement for S & E Motor Service featuring 'Greetings' and 'May all the joys of Christmas be yours throughout the New Year'.

Advertisement for Cascade Laundry & Cleaners with a 'Merry Christmas' greeting.

Advertisement for D. T. House, Clerk of Court, with a 'Merry Christmas' greeting.

Advertisement for A. B. Whitley Inc. with a 'Season's Greetings' and 'Our Holiday wish...'.

Advertisement for Greenville Equipment Co., Inc. with 'Season's Good Wishes'.



NOW DON'T FORGET, DEAR SANTA — These youngsters give Santa a personal reminder of what they'll be expecting in their stockings Christmas morning. Santa was the center of attention at the Jaycee Children's party as the youngsters told the man with the white beard and bright red suit they will be anxiously awaiting his visit tonight.

"Oh, dear!" she said, "wouldn't you just know it!"

just have to give them something we already have here in the house," Brad said.

"We can't do that, Honey. I wouldn't feel right about it."

Margie pensively chewed at her lower lip. "What do we have?"

Rising slowly from his chair, Brad walked around the small living room. "Whatever it is, it should be on a par with that candy dish they gave us last year." He tentatively examined several of the articles that filled the bric-a-brac shelf.

"How about this one?" he asked. "Which one?"

"This green vase — the small one. It should equal a candy dish any day."

Margie crossed the room to where Brad was standing. "It's very pretty, all right. I guess maybe it would do. It doesn't look damaged — no chips or anything."

"Why don't you wrap it, Honey," Brad said. "I'll pull the car out in front and load in the rest of the packages."

None Too Soon

A few minutes later, as he was climbing out of the car, Brad noticed a pleasant middle-aged couple heading up the steps of his house. He gulped as he recognized them. That had been a close call!

"Hello, Mr. Simpson!" he called. "Mrs. Simpson! Merry Christmas! We were just heading over your way."

The couple turned to greet him. In Mr. Simpson's hand was a small, neatly-wrapped package.

"We were just bringing your gift by," Mr. Simpson said. "Merry Christmas to you."

"Won't you come in?" asked Brad. "Margie has your present inside." He crossed his fingers. He HOPED Margie had wrapped the green vase by now.

As usual, Margie had taken care of her little task with wifely dispatch. The vase was wrapped and waiting on the living room table. Inwardly feeling a great surge of relief, Brad handed the package to the Simpsons.

Truth Awakens

When the thank-yous had been exchanged and a few moments properly dedicated to small talk,

the Simpsons excused themselves, stating that they had a number of calls yet to make.

As Margie closed the door behind them she burst into giggles. "Golly! That's one time my husband was on the job. We would have felt just horrible to slight them again this year. They are sensitive. I'm glad you talked me into giving them the vase. I wonder what they gave us?"

"That's easy to find out," said Brad. He tore eagerly at the wrapping on the Simpson's present.

"No, he said when it was opened. 'Oh no!'"

He held up a candy dish.

"They gave us the same thing as last year."

"Margie looked thoughtful. 'That's funny,' she mused. 'I wonder why they did that.'"

"I don't know," said Brad. "Unless . . ." A grimace of pain crossed his brow. "Unless they . . ."

"They did!" cried Margie. "I just remember now, they did. It wasn't the candy dish they gave us last year. It was the green vase."



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.

**Carr Allen's
Texaco Station**

BEARING GIFTS

By Bruce Shelly

"OH NO!" said Brad Carr. "The Simpsons! We've completely forgotten the Simpsons!"

He plopped himself into the easy chair, still holding the precariously-balanced stack of gifts in his arms.

"Who?" asked his young wife. "The Simpsons. The couple that used to live next door to Dad. You remember, last Christmas they gave us that candy dish and we were so embarrassed because we hadn't bought anything for them. And now this year we did it again!"

Margie Carr scowled, her pert face filling with little wrinkles of child-like concern and attractiveness.

"Oh dear!" she said. "Wouldn't you just know it." She slumped on the arm of her husband's chair. "What will we do?"

"Too late now to buy something for them. Stores are closed. We'll

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

Rainbow Cleaners & Laundry Inc.
627 Albemarle Ave.

Christmas Greetings

To All Our Friends And Neighbors

in

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

The value of friendship cannot be measured in dollars and cents. Yet we count the friendship of our customers as our most important asset, our most dearly cherished possession. That's why our Christmas message is primarily one of warm, deeply felt gratitude to all of those whose loyalty and good will have made possible our growth, progress and success.

It is our firm resolve always to conduct our business in such a manner as to confirm your confidence, hold your friendship, and merit the privilege of serving you for many, many years to come.

It is our sincere wish that the joys of the season may shine brightly in your home and in your heart at Christmas and that the New Year may bring you an abundance of good health, deep happiness and rich fulfillment of your dearest desires.

FROM

The Greenville Furniture Dealers Association

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HOLIDAY HISTORY



By Robert C. Preble
PRESIDENT, ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA

The exact day and year of the birth of Christ has never been settled, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. As missionaries moved into those Northern lands that depend upon the sun for their very existence, they encountered "festivals of light" marking the "return" of the sun at the winter solstice. Tradition had held that Christ was born at about this time of year, and the pagan festivals came to mark the Nativity of Christ as the light of the world.

From the pagan accent on light can be traced the Christmas lights and the Yule log. The ever-green decorations recall the green boughs with which Romans decorated their temples for the Saturnalia, as well as the sacred mistletoe of the Druids and the Holly of the Saxons—all symbolically altered into Christian terms.

Boniface, English missionary to Germany, is said to have set up the Christmas tree, a fir, to replace the sacred oak of Odin, and Martin Luther, tradition holds, first introduced a tree lighted with candles.

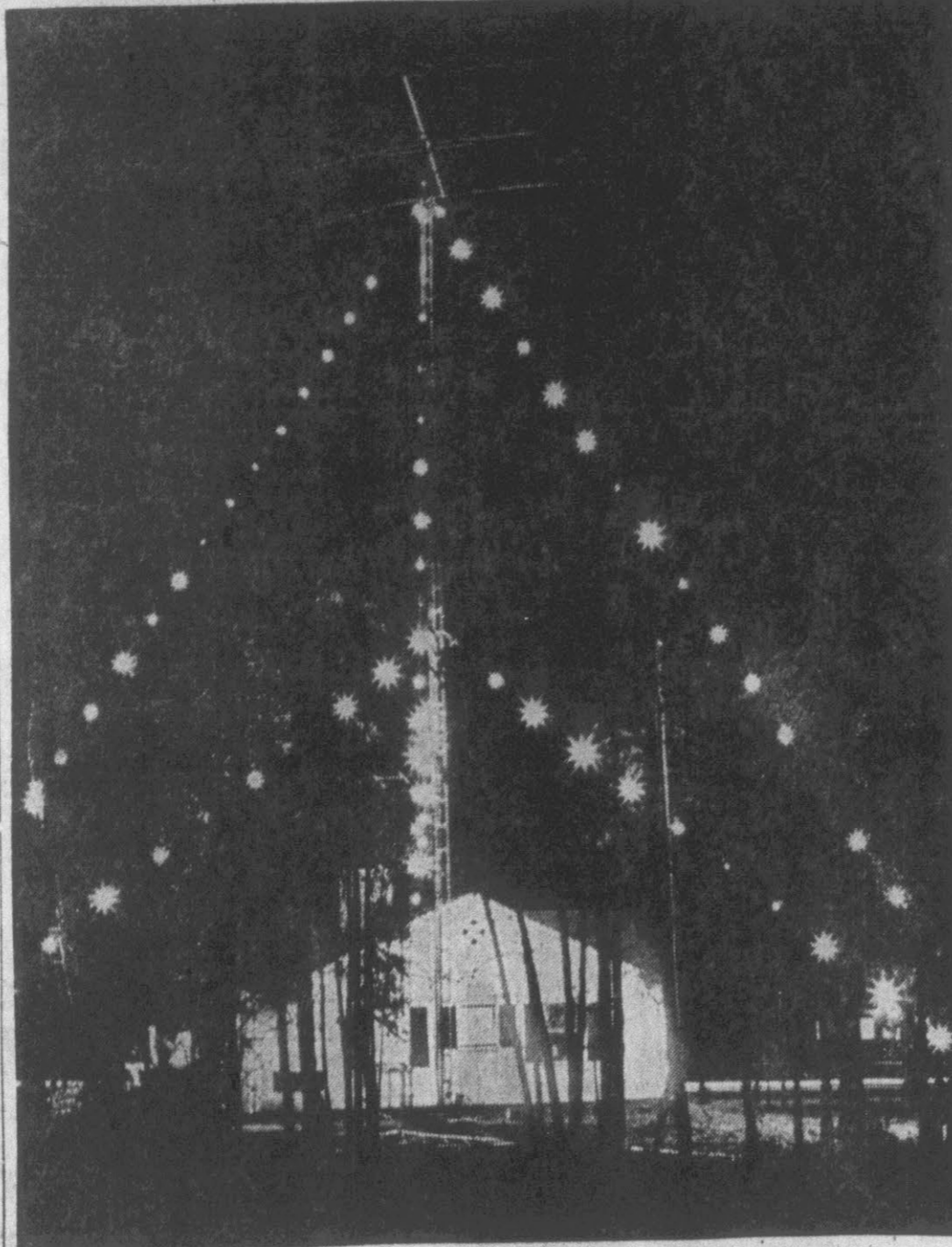
The Christmas carol apparently derives from "corolla" meaning a garland or ring, and originally meant a tune written for a

ring dance. Some of the most famous Latin Christmas hymns were written to dance tunes. Carolling, the combined exercise of dance and song, found its way from pagan ritual into early Christian use, though eventually the practice was banned by the church. In certain parts of England carollers still carry "milly-boxes" or My Lady boxes, showing figures of the Virgin and Child, to solicit donations.

In England Christmas became increasingly the great festival of the year, with observance from Christmas Eve to Twelfth Night. In holly-decked great halls of the feudal lords their friends, tenants and household engaged in feasting, singing and games, dancing, masquerading and pantomimes. A lord of misrule directed the revels, and headed the minstrels who paraded for the Christmas feast.

It was the wild license of these celebrations with no hint of the true meaning of Christmas, that caused the parliament under the Puritans to forbid Christmas festivities after 1644. England, and simultaneously the American colonies, gradually found Christmas again, and made it what it is today—the most beloved Church ceremonial and home festival of the year.

Radio Antenna Makes A 'Christmas Tree'



This unusual photo shows the decorated guy wires on the short wave antenna at the home of I. J. (Jack) Edwards, Jr. at 956 Shady Lane. Edwards ran multi-colored strings of lights up each of the guy wires supporting the tower. The picture was taken by local photographer C. L. Perkins, Jr.

Christmas Plant, Poinsettia, Named After Statesman

The poinsettia, "The Christmas Plant," takes its name from a brilliant American statesman, Joel Roberts Poinsett.

Poinsett was U.S. ambassador to Mexico and a friend to several American presidents, yet he achieved his principal fame by introducing this Mexican plant to American botanists. Upon his return to his South Carolina home, Poinsett grew the unusual house plant and was directly responsible for its ensuing popularity in this country.

The beautiful poinsettia thrives in its native Mexico, but elsewhere must be handled with care. Constant warmth is needed, with most

experts recommending temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 65 at night. Sudden changes in temperature cause the plant to drop its leaves.

The brilliantly colored flowers it has at Christmas time, however, make the poinsettia a decoration "must" in most homes and is reward enough for any effort needed to make the plant thrive.

Cedars Of Lebanon Oldest Christmas Trees

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Early Controversy Over Exact Christmas Date

The origin of many of our Christmas customs can be traced back to prehistoric times, with some pagan customs being modified to fit into the Christian observances.

Even today, while December 25 is almost universally celebrated as Christmas, some countries, such as Armenia, celebrate it on January 6, the Epiphany, or spiritual birth of Jesus.

There was considerable controversy in the early days of Christianity as to whether the physical birth or the spiritual birth of Jesus should be celebrated. And those who believed the spiritual birth should be celebrated even disagreed among themselves about the date, some holding that it took place on March 25, others that it occurred on December 25.

The theologians finally agreed upon December 25 as the correct date and such has been celebrated since the year 354.

CONVICTS ON GUARD

FOLSOM PRISON, Calif. (AP) — Inmates of California's maximum security prison get an hour and a half "good time" credit toward parole for every hour they spend in the civil defense plane spotting program.

RUDE SHOCK

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) — Andrew Brown told police someone took 11 \$100 bills from his wallet. The thief must have been surprised when he found the bills were of the king-sized type Uncle Sam quit printing in 1928.



A Christmas Greeting to Our Wonderful Community

...We'd like to shake the hand of every one of you. We'd like to wish you all a personal Merry Christmas. But, please take the thought for the act and accept our sincere good wishes for Health, Happiness and Prosperity now and always!

Quality Eastern Oil Co.

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

Salute TO THE New Year

To our many friends a New Year's toast... May you enjoy all the happiness and good fortune life can give.

Austin's Double "N" Restaurant
Bethel Highway

Christmas Plant, Poinsettia, Named After Statesman

The poinsettia, "The Christmas Plant," takes its name from a brilliant American statesman, Joel Roberts Poinsett.

Poinsett was U.S. ambassador to Mexico and a friend to several American presidents, yet he achieved his principal fame by introducing this Mexican plant to American botanists. Upon his return to his South Carolina home, Poinsett grew the unusual house plant and was directly responsible for its ensuing popularity in this country.

The beautiful poinsettia thrives in its native Mexico, but elsewhere must be handled with care. Constant warmth is needed, with most

experts recommending temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 65 at night. Sudden changes in temperature cause the plant to drop its leaves.

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O come, all ye faithful...

Joyful and triumphant, the message of Christmas echoes once more throughout the world, lifting every heart with its glorious promise. May the infinite blessings of the Day surround you and your family and abide with you throughout the years to come.

Greenville TV And Appliance Center

921 Dickinson Ave. — Phone 2616
Carlos W. Murray and Malcolm C. Williams - Owners



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.

Hendrix-Barnhill Equipment Co.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

All of us at Edwards Hardware join in wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We will be closed Dec. 25th thru 29th for inventory.

Edwards Hardware

SEASON'S GREETINGS



J. G. Clark
Sinclair Products

Greetings

It's Santa Claus time again and we want to wish everybody the merriest Christmas ever, chock-full of good things!



Carolina Office Equip. Co.

Pupils Revived 'Bringing In The Yule Log'

Christmas activities in the South Greenville School prior to the holidays provided for many kinds of meaningful experiences for the children, parents, teachers and the whole community. The showing of Christmas films and film strips served both as information and motivation for the drawing of Nativity scenes and other Christmas pictures in the school. Original Christmas cards and Christmas tree decorations were designed and used extensively by all classes. Classroom windows were favorite subjects for paintings. The hall display case was gaily decorated with Santa and his Christmas tree. The hall bulletin board showed a mural of Shepherds and wise men bringing gifts to the Christ child.

The school library provided favorite Christmas stories and poems at the appropriate grade level. Some of these told of Christmas customs in other lands as compared with those in our land. Charles E. Eaton's fifth grade dramatized the English custom of "bringing in the Yule Log." In this activity the pupils found dramatic expression both enjoyable and satisfying. Throughout the school reading was enhanced as children read and reread their favorite stories and talked about them.

On Wednesday evening before the holidays, the primary grades presented their annual Christmas program for members of the P. T. A. Following the program Mrs. Odessa Perkins, president, presided at the business session. An appreciable number of parents were present. Mrs. Mary G. Robinson's first grade won the attendance banner for the month.

Classroom parties were held during the last period Friday afternoon, at which time the spirit of Christmas giving, kindness, consideration of others, helpfulness and the love of Christ was in evidence in every classroom.

Eppes Observed Yule Traditions

The festive spirit of Christmas permeated the halls of Eppes High last week prior to the beginning of the two-week school holiday.

Bulletin boards, blackboards, and classroom walls displayed holiday motifs and scenes depicting incidents surrounding the birth of Christ. Christmas carols resounded joyfully from classrooms during devotional and music periods. The spirit of the student body as a whole seemed to reflect the peace and goodwill which characterize the Christmas season.

Special classroom projects contributed to this general atmosphere. Elementary classrooms displayed the use of a wide variety of materials in shadow boxes, friezes, woodcuts, silhouettes, posters and mobiles on Christmas themes. Few classrooms were without trees bedecked with ornaments constructed by pupils.

High school classes heard recordings of "The Littlest Angel," "Why the Chimes Rang," and "A Christmas Carol." English students discussed Christmas card etiquette; mathematics students fashioned Christmas designs from geometric figures; French students sang carols in French; and commerce students applied art typing to make little holiday pictures.

The announcement in paper sculpture and a unique arrangement of Christmas carols on the bulletin boards of the library attracted the students. Huge candles made by a sixth grade class and original illustrations of Christmas carols and the Christmas story, a project of the advanced art class were also displayed in the library.



Bringing in the Yule log was dramatized in Charles E. Eaton's fifth grade class at the South Greenville School. In keeping with their study of English history, the students decided to revive an old custom, so they constructed a huge fireplace and dramatized the historic Christmas event of bringing in the Yule log.



A Christmas program was presented by the junior high students at Eppes High School as a part of the school's pre-holiday activities in keeping with the Christmas season. Above is the angel choir, while in the background are gathered some of the other characters, shepherds, wise men, angels, who participated in the program.

On Friday morning the elementary department presented a play, "Song in the Air," in the auditorium. After the close of school Friday, many classes and clubs held parties, thus culminating another Christmas celebration at Eppes.

Happy Holidays

May your Christmas be Merry and your New Year prosperous.

Pitt Hardware Co.
718 Dickinson Ave.

CHRISTMAS Wishes

May the joyous tidings of the first Christmas re-echo in your heart today and lift your spirit with that glorious promise of peace and good will for all.

Security Life & Trust Co.
W. M. SCALES, JR., General Agent

Season's Greetings

Everything's ready for another merry Holiday season...including our warmest greetings to all our friends!



Quality Chemical Corp.
Keel Warehouse



GREETINGS
At this joyous Christmas season... we extend to everybody our heartfelt wishes for a happy holiday, a prosperous New Year.

Diana Shop
319 Evans Street

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.

Mrs. Morton's Bakery
816 Evans St.



Taff Office Equipment Co.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

By Shirley Sargent

RALPH RANSOME, a forceful-looking, dark-haired man of about fifty, left the office early Christmas Eve. There was no use staying, he reflected almost bitterly, the office staff had been having a Christmas party since noon on company time. His family accused him of not having any Christmas spirit. Well, the office staff had too much of it.

The gaily decorated streets were lighted as he walked along the downtown area. Hurrying crowds seemed to be in a gay mood. Ralph remembered the Christmas of his own youth. He lived on a ranch with four other brothers and sisters, an aunt, two fatherless cousins and his parents. With that many mouths to feed, they were lucky to find a dime, an orange,



He felt excited. This was fun. And challenging, too.

nuts and a hand-knit pair of socks in their stockings.

Now it was vastly different. Ralph thought. Christmas was commercial and presents elaborate, often useless. Molly, his wife, bought the gifts for their three children. A less brilliantly lighted store window attracted him. Sports equipment was exhibited. Ralph remembered his boy's shout of pleasure last Christmas when he had opened something he wanted particularly. "Gee, dad, how did you know? Just exactly what I wanted."

And Ralph had to say, in honesty, "Thank your mother, son, I just work here."

Julie, his nineteen-year-old, had burst out, "Oh, daddy, it just isn't any fun when you don't take part. You don't even know what you're giving us."

After All, He Paid
Well, who paid for it? Ralph thought now. So long as they got what they wanted . . . but did they? Maybe Julie and Jim had been trying to show him that they wanted something from him. Something he picked out. Ralph thought again of his boyhood presents that had been made especially for him. Why, he realized, that was what made them special.

The children were right then. All he did was pay for their gifts. This year he could pay double and take a chance that he would choose things they liked. It was supposed to be the thought, not the gift that counted anyway. Why, last Christmas it was that Jim had given him that awful pipe rack. But Ralph had accepted it with pleasure and still displayed it in a prominent place because Jim had worked hard to

make something he could use. And the ill-fitting, hand-knit socks from Martha. Those gifts had meant more to him than any store-wrapped package could. He turned and hurried into the store.

Getting The Spirit

Ralph shopped carefully among the jostling crowds. He thought carefully as to whether the gift would be practical or not, appreciated or not. Molly was first and that was easy for Ralph knew she had wanted a watch for years. The children were harder. Julie was in college. She had everything. No, wait . . . She loved music, the type Ralph had no patience for. A Brahms symphony wasn't entirely practical, but he knew it would be appreciated. He felt excited. This was fun. Challenging too. Other shoppers' faces reflected his own growing excitement. Next, year, he vowed,

he and Molly would shop together. He backtracked to the camera department. Martha, their seven-year-old, was a photography fan. He bought several rolls of film and a "How To" book. Then, Jim. The boy lacked coordination, yet liked sports. A basketball and a punching bag. That ought to do it. Later, as he let himself in the house, Ralph could hardly wait to see their faces tomorrow. But he didn't need to wait. As he placed the packages around the tree, Julie's delighted squeal brought the rest of the family in. When he turned around, he met four pairs of shining eyes that expressed their affection more clearly in words.

"Gee, dad," Jim spluttered, "you finally got the Christmas spirit."

Ralph smiled back at them warmly. "Guess it's catching, and incurable."

Lesser Events Took Place On Christmas Day

Christmas is, above all else, the day on which we recognize the Nativity of Christ. It has been so since the fourth century, when the Western Church officially adopted December 25th as the date of the birth of the Saviour.

Since that time, this greatest of all events has completely overshadowed every historical event occurring on the same day. Ask anyone to tell you of something else in history that happened on December 25th other than the

birth of Christ, and chances are they will give you a negative answer.

A few will remember that it was on this same date that George Washington crossed the Delaware. Only a true student of history will tell you that the date marks the birthday of Isaac Newton, Clara Barton and Frances Blake, among others.

Actually, the fact that Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas is all the average American should be expected to remember. But, it's interesting to note some of the other events that happened on the same day:

In 1837, the Battle of Okeechobee.

In 1941, Japanese captured Hong Kong.

In 1492, wreck of the Santa Maria, at Haiti.

In 1926, Hirohito became Emperor of Japan.

It was also on Christmas day, in 1897, that China's constitution was adopted and went into effect, making the date China's National Renaissance Day. And, Christmas is also the birthday of the town of Kelso, Washington, settled on Christmas day, 1847, by Peter W. Crawford.

"NIGHT BEFORE XMAS
Dr. Clement Clarke Moore was ashamed of his famous poem, "Night Before Christmas" and would not acknowledge that he wrote it for more than 20 years.

SANTA, INDIANA

The community of Santa Claus, Indiana owes its fame to its unusual name. At Christmas time its small post office is swamped with mail from throughout the world.

Holy night

In the hush of a mid-night clear,
the herald angels
sang out to praise
the new-born King.
May His message of peace
and good will lighten your
heart and brighten your
home this Christmas and
all through the New Year.

State Bank
& Trust Co.

GREETINGS

May the spirit of Peace and Good Will that came into the world with Him on that first Christmas, abide with you and those dear to you, now and always...

Hooker & Buchanan
General Insurance Agents

Season's Greetings

1954

This is the time of year for counting blessings. Among ours, none is more dearly treasured than the friendship of those whom we are privileged to serve. Not to be measured in dollars and cents, this is by far our most precious possession. To continue to deserve it is our constant aim.

To all who have helped make this year a memorable one for us... our sincere thanks and best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season... for a New Year richly rewarding in the best things of life.



Greenville Utilities Commission

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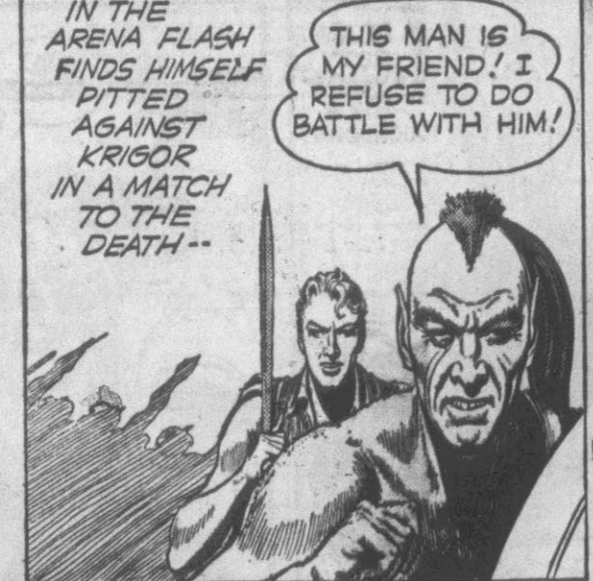
By DAN SPIEGLE



Happy New Year!

FLASH GORDON

by MAC RABOY



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DICK TRACY



CRIMESTOPPERS TEXTBOOK

A LIGHTED CHRISTMAS TREE NEAR A WINDOW, WITH VALLIABLE PRESENTS LEFT LYING ABOUT, CAN BE A GREAT TEMPTATION. BE CAREFUL!

IT WAS A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS!

SEEING A CHRISTMAS TREE FOR THE FIRST TIME! I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT IT IS!

AND SPARKLE AND WINGY! GEE, IT'S BEEN WONDERFUL!

I PROMISED GERTIE AND B. O. WED DRIVE THE GIRLS HOME THIS AFTERNOON. DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A RIDE, KIDS?

I'VE OFFERED HER A TEMPORARY JOB IN MY OFFICE UNTIL SHE DECIDES JUST WHAT SHE WANTS TO DO.

MEANWHILE, AT HEADQUARTERS, CORNY'S POCKETBOOK?

YES, CHIEF, AND IT DOESN'T CONTAIN VERY MUCH OF INTEREST EXCEPT THIS SNAPSHOT.

IT'S CORNY AND HAPPY STANDING IN FRONT OF AN APARTMENT BUILDING AT 19— SOMETHING STREET.

IF WE COULD ESTABLISH THAT LOCATION—WE COULD HIT THE FLAT AND MAYBE LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT RUGHEAD.

A SIGN ON A BUILDING IN THE BACKGROUND READS "LOTUS CLUB".

THERE ARE HALF A DOZEN "LOTUS CLUBS" IN THE PHONE BOOK.

HEY!

IF YOU LOOK CAREFULLY—I BELIEVE YOU CAN MAKE OUT THE NAME "MADISON ST." ON THAT BUS.

MEANWHILE, ACROSS THE BORDER— BUT, SENOR, YOU SHOULD HAVE COME TO ME FIRST!

YOU HAVE RUINED ZEE WIG! YOU HAVE DYED HEEM WEETH ZEE WRONG DYE! SHE HAS SHRUNK, SENOR!

YOU'RE TELLING ME!! OKAY, HANDLE ZEE WIGS. I WHAT CAN YOU WEEL FIT YOU WEETH ZEE DO ABOUT IT? NEW TOUNPEE?

Happy New Year!

CLARK LIKE
by ED STROPS

THE PASSER WAS RUSHED! THE BALL WAS KNOCKED HIGH IN THE AIR AND INTO THE ARMS OF WILLIE WYLIE!

HE RAN SIXTY YARDS FOR A TOUCHDOWN!

ICKKI-POO U. BEATS WREN STATE, 6-3!

OUR HERO!

YOU SAVED TH' SCHOOL!

CONGRATULATIONS, OZARK! YOU DID WONDERS FOR THE TEAM!

THE DEAN'S RIGHT! THE FIRST TOUCHDOWN ICKKI-POO SCORED THIS YEAR BEAT WREN STATE AND PUT A NEW WING ON THE SCIENCE BUILDING!

OZARK!

... OZARK! HERE'S A MESSAGE FROM EARL GUSHER ASKIN' US T' RUSH OVUH T' HIS HOUSE RIGHT AWAY!

HE PROMISED T' GIVE ICKKI-POO \$200,000 IF THEY BEAT WREN STATE, BUT I BET HE'S GONNA CALL IT OFF!

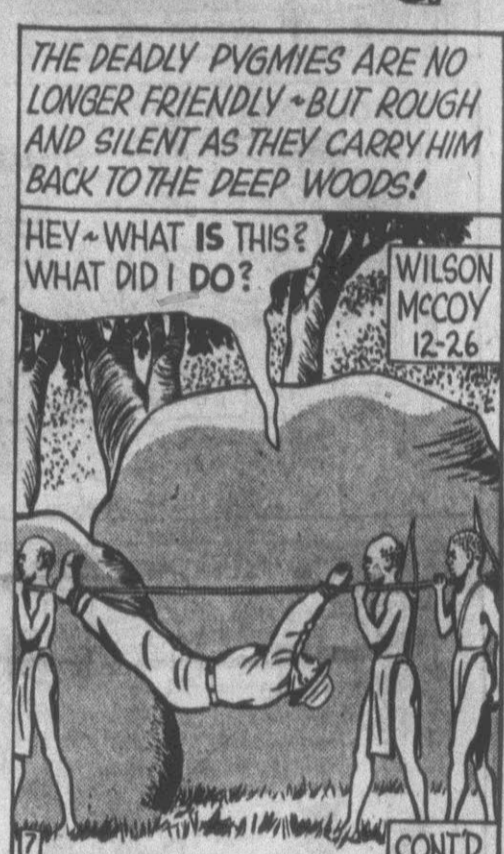
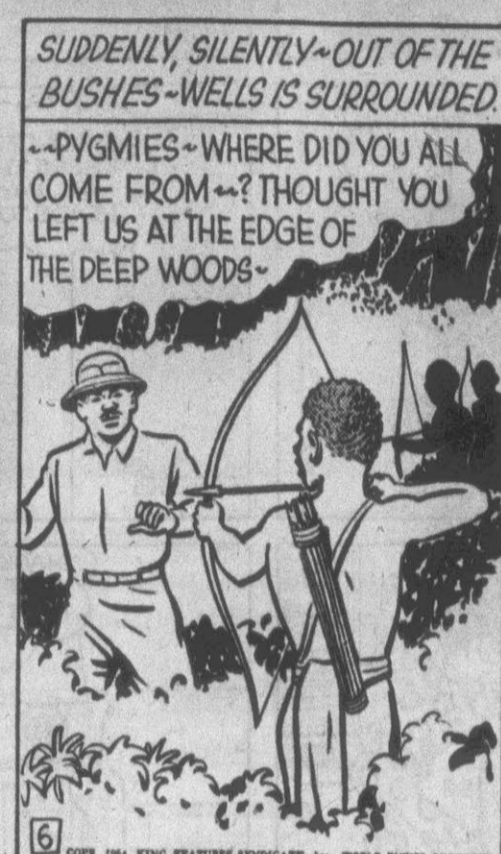
ONE HOUR LATER...

COME IN, PLEASE! MR. GUSHER WILL SEE YOU IN THE LIVING ROOM!

NEVER LET IT BE SAID EARL GUSHER RUNS OUT ON A DEAL... I'VE DECIDED TO DONATE \$400,000 TO ICKKI-POO U...

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL !!



Happy New Year!



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

BLONDIE
by CHIC YOUNG

THE FUMES FROM THE FRESH PAINT WILL MAKE US SICK IF WE TRY TO SLEEP HERE TONIGHT. WE'LL GO TO A HOTEL.

THE BELLBOY WILL SHOW YOU TO YOUR ROOM, MR. BUMSTEAD.

BE SURE AND ENJOY YOUR SLEEP DEARS... THIS ROOM IS COSTING DADDY TWELVE DOLLARS.

Z-Z

I'M HUNGRY--I'M GOING DOWNSTAIRS AND MAKE MYSELF A SANDWICH.

GREAT SCOTT... I FORGOT WE WERE IN A HOTEL!

THIS ISN'T OUR ROOM.

E-E-E-HELP

POLICE!

THIS ISN'T OUR ROOM, EITHER.

I WONDER WHERE THIS HALLWAY LEADS TO.

IT LED INTO THE MAIN LOBBY!

AM, AT LAST I LOST THEM--THEY'RE GOING BACK.

THANK GOODNESS WE LEFT THE WINDOW OPEN TO VENTILATE THE HOUSE.

THE FAMILY WILL PROBABLY WONDER WHERE I AM IN THE MORNING.

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12-26 CHIC YOUNG

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Happy New Year!

BIG BEN BOLT
by JOHN COLLEN MURPHY

MANY'S THE TIME I SEEN HEAD-LOCK HARRY BUTT A GUY ACROSS THE WHOLE RESERVED-SEAT SECTION. BUT THAT BASIL--HE'S A ROCK! A SOLID LEAD ROCK!

LOOKIT BASIL. HE DON'T GIVE AN INCH! NOT AN INCH!

BASIL, SPIDER'S DISCOVERY, IS BEING GIVEN THE ACID TEST BY AN EXPERIENCED WRESTLER.

IF I KNEW IT WAS MY STUMMICK YOU WAS AIMIN' FOR, MR. HEADLOCK HARRY, I'D A WARNED YOU. THERE AIN'T NO REASON FOR IT TO BE LIKE THAT, BUT IT'S VERY HARD!

NOW HE TELLS ME! GET ME TO A DOC WHO SPECIALIZES IN FRACTURED SKULLS!

HE AIN'T HUMAN--THAT EXPLAINS IT. HE JUST AIN'T MADE OUTA FLESH AND BLOOD!

THAT YOU CAN TAKE IT, THERE AIN'T NO ARGUMENT ABOUT, BASIL. NOW JUST A ROUTINE LITTLE MATCH T'SEE HOW YOU CAN RASSLE! MAN MOUNTAIN MELVIN'S GONNA COOPERATE.

THIS IS THE HALF-NELSON--THAT'S THE IDEA, BASIL--PULL IT BACK! SEE THE LOOK O' NATURAL PAIN ON MY FACE? YOU'RE KILLING ME, Y'UNDERSTAN? MURDERING ME!

YOU MIGHT AS WELL KNOW, MR. SPIDER, I DON'T LIKE T'INFLECT PAIN ON NOBODY! IT MAKES ME NAUSEOUS T'SEE A PERSON BUFFER--EVEN RASSLERS!

BASIL, MY OLD PAL, YOU MEAN--YOU AKSHULLY MEAN--YOU WON'T RASSLE BECAUSE YOU CAN'T STAND THE SIGHT O' PAIN?

THAT IS CORRECT, SIR. THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO GET ME ANGRY, AND I DON'T TELL THAT TO NOBODY!

ME YOU CAN TRUST, BASIL. WHAT'S THE ONE WAY TO MAKE YOU GOOD AN' SORE?

WELL, IF YOU'RE SURE YOU WON'T TELL ANYBODY, I'LL TELL YOU!

TO BE CONTINUED.

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Primary Pupils Staged A Christmas Play



A scene from the Christmas play, "Why the Chimes Ring," presented by the primary grades of West Greenville School December 15 is pictured above. This particular scene took place in the sanctuary of a great church on Christmas Eve. At the altar before the minister are the prince and king and the little poor Pedro. Graham Quinn portrayed the minister, while Tommy Coward was the prince, Billy Clark the king and Jim Galloway, Pedro. The singing choir was composed of the third-grade students. (Reflector Photos by Edwins Haymes)

"Why the Chimes Rang," a Christmas play, was presented by the primary grades of the West Greenville School December 15 as a part of that school's pre-holiday activities. The play was enacted in three scenes and included in the cast Jim Galloway as Pedro; Billy Gene Upton as Little Brother; Graham Quinn as the minister; Tommy Coward as the prince; Joan Dell Evans as the princess; Billy Clark as the king; Hill Which-

ard as the artist; and Michael Jones as the writer. The rich people in the congregation were Nancy Forehan, Jerry Carawan, Lynn Sermons, Dan Tatum, Johnny Langley, Daisy Hooks, Marcia Hadley, Mike Frucht, Judy Godley, Hank Worsley, Lou Whichard, Gina Smith, Ellen Thomas, Susie Jackson, Linda Phillips and John Cayton. Children in the second grade composed the speech choir, while the third grade students made up

the singing choir. Pianist was Mrs. O.M. Mullins. school board. Such practices as occasional notes to parents and pupils, quiet praise, scholarship rolls and certificates, and public recognition of scholarly achievements will be tried.

Back Pats Await Good Students

DES MOINES (AP) — Superior scholarship will receive greater recognition and encouragement in Des Moines senior and junior high schools in a plan advanced by the

Old Superstitions About Eating Of Mince Pies

Many writers say the mince pie originated in Germany, while others claim that its beginning is lost in the annals of history. Nonetheless, it was an essential part of the Yuletide celebration in early England.

Old superstitions held that any person refusing to eat mince pie would be unlucky for the coming year. Should he accept the invitation, and partake of mince pie during the holiday season, he would have the same number of happy months during the year as the number of houses at which he ate mince pie.

St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, is responsible for establishment of the universal date we celebrate today. In 337 A.D., with the permission of Pope Junius I, St. Cyril appointed a commission to determine, if possible, the precise date of Christ's nativity. The theologians of the Church finally agreed upon December 25, and since the year 354 this date has been celebrated.



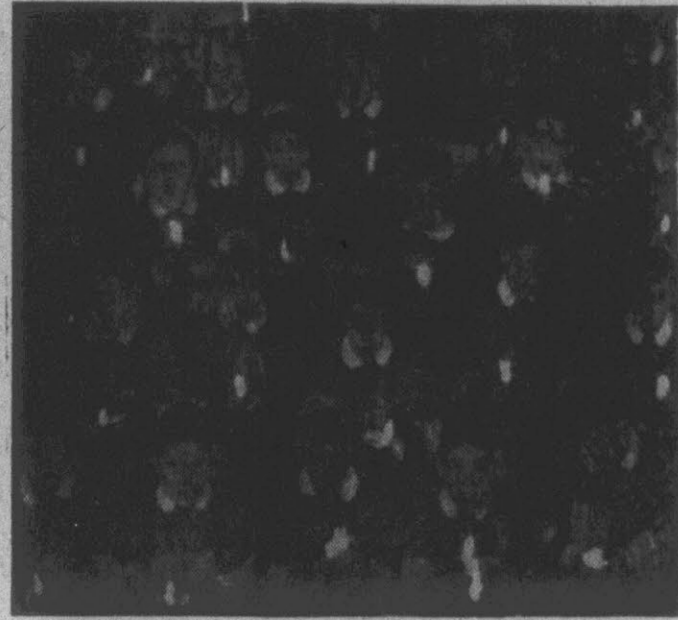
Christmas Was Once A Movable Feast

Christmas was once like Easter in that it was a movable feast, celebrated on a different date each year.

Season's Greetings

In the spirit of the season we send you warm-hearted greetings and best wishes for a joyous Holiday.

Ideal Plumbing and Heating Co.



JOY TO THE WORLD . . . The famous boys' choir of St. Vincent Ferrer Church raises its collective voice in song during rehearsal of hymns which will be sung at Christmas Eve midnight mass. Boys are from eight to 14 years of age.



May your Yuletide glow brightly with that good old fashioned Christmas cheer that makes every heart lighter, every friendship warmer, every hour richer in happiness and contentment.

Mary Ann Soda Shop



Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season

Comes Christmas...and warmly we welcome another opportunity to extend best wishes to all our friends and neighbors for a very happy Holiday Season, filled to overflowing with all of the best things in life.

Carolina Dairy Products, Inc.



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.

College View Cleaners & Laundry

The Management and Employees

Students Packaged Gifts For Needy



At the Stranahan School a favorite Christmas project was filling boxes with gifts and clothes for the needy. The children brought food from home and collected many articles of clothing and clothes for the needy. The background of the picture above was done by Mrs. Margaret Blanton's class. The Manager was Mrs. Blanton.

Fleming Street School Festive

December had been a busy month at Fleming Street School, as in other schools throughout the city and county. Thoughts of Christmas have filled the hearts of the children and teachers alike.

Activities in connection with the Yuletide season were varied, and gave numerous informative ideas about the First Christmas as well as Santa Claus and his elf.

The children in the primary grades made balls, candy canes and other room decorations. They drew and colored pictures of the season, and they also made and decorated socks.

The art of writing letters to Santa by children was also introduced by the children. The making of Christmas trees and cards was prominent, as well as the construction of Christmas tree decorations for the trimming of the tree.

Room decorations depicted Santa and his reindeer. Christmas waffles, paper pinettes and even a "Jingle-Bells" window scene brought many variations of the Manager's class, as well as some decorative balls.

In the upper grades, Christmas activities were just as varied. The children made Christmas greeting cards and tree decorations, in addition to gifts for their mothers. One fourth grade class made hundreds of small pieces of glass in the form of Christmas trees. These were carefully decorated, being in a brightly colored string and hung on a circular wire frame. When completed they made a beautiful hanging display.

Along with the handwork, the Christmas story was stressed in each room and the children learned many carols, poems and Christmas stories.

Of the many pictures shown, the one creating the greatest interest was that of "Silent Night and Now It Was Born."

Two short plays were given by grades 2-4 and 5. The concluding activities before the holidays included a party by grade 2B entitled "Christmas As Of Long Ago." Each class had a party with an exchange of gifts in many rooms.

Mrs. E. J. Butler, school principal, reported each teacher tried to teach the students how to "be Christ in Christmas."

Devotional And Play At School

Pre-Christmas activities at the Stranahan School were climaxed by a devotional and play on Friday, the last day of school before the holidays.

Along with the parties, a speaker was held for all parents who wished to visit the school.

Activities in keeping with the season included drawing, and the painting of cards depicting scenes of Christmas in each classroom. In addition, the students collected food and clothing for needy children in the school and for the Welfare Department. Principals Arthur Hudson reported the response in the appeal for help among the students was "quite good."

Midnight of the pre-holiday activities at the Winterville School was a Christmas program presented December 13 by the primary grades.

The devotional was given by the first grade boys and girls, while the second and third grade children presented a Christmas play, "Don't Tell Me It's Christmas."

The play centered around a "dear little red girl" who shares her Christmas with the poor children and in turn is made happy when these children put on a Christmas entertainment for her.

GREENVILLE WITH A CRIME

Were sure the R. R. C. (R.P.) Police had the man who shot and killed a man in the town of...

Festive Table Decorations



Perhaps the most fun of all the traditions in the tree-trimming package-wrapping-festive decorations that take place in most homes at Christmas time. Dinner is usually a special affair and through the week. This can be rather time-consuming and costly, but it can be festive and economically done with a little imagination.

By decorating your table with a winter sports theme, you can be left on the buffet table to delight the children's eyes, which can serve one hot and one cold snack and a satisfying beverage—and arrive a party wad for the Christmas "work party" which you can make, for any informal party throughout the winter months. For that At your local five-and-ten you will find everything you need for a piggy bank price. Tiny figures of skaters and skiers look as good as gold on a "hot" of outdoor which dips to a corner "take" table, bringing one of your handbags. Candles "trees" add both landscape and light to the scene. If you look each plate with lovely leaves (made by rolling paper) and stuffed olive "berries" you need only simple centerpieces—serving "buffet breakfast" of your best china. Press the leaves into the metal center, allowing them to sprout for best effect. Drinking may be reduced easily and quickly here that the Seagram-Dishley Company has brought out their new "Golden Server," which makes a handsome decoration for any table. The "Golden Server" is a handsome jeweler's bronze basket-like bottle holder, made to fit their regular size bottles, which can be used again and again.

Food may be simple but should be plentiful. For dinners we suggest the Seagraves' champagne—delicious, hearty and very low in calories.

SEAGRAVES' CHAMPAGNE: Made in France and bottled in America with a container of vintage champagne. Season with salt and pepper, chopped olives and lime or lemon juice. Serve on ice with milk toast and garnish with pineapples slices.

An excellent drink for a winter party is the Tea Toddy, which can be served in a tumbler with liquor added to each drink individually. This is just as delicious plain for toddlers and the youngsters served in old-fashioned "tea and soda holders" this becomes a point of interest on your buffet table.

TEA TODDY: Put of freshly brewed tea—add a few whole cloves for extra flavor. Mix your own drink using any or all of the following: T-slices, lemon slices, sugar, cinnamon sticks for stirring.

Eggnog With No Punch



A WAITRESS'S PERSPECTIVE: This is how your Christmas reveler is served before delivery by your policeman.

AP News Service Time was taken last night on the punch bowl on Christmas morning, warmed away by small fry and then went to work with milk and cream and eggs and nutmeg—and make some. Turn of "bourgeois" mix in a batch of them, for the folks who would come walking later in the day. Nowadays, in most cities, the milk man brings the egg nog. It is still left for Dad to add (or not) to the mulants. Some...

Best Wishes
To our friends and neighbors—greetings and abundant wishes for the happiest Christmas you ever enjoyed.

Cox Floral Service

GREETINGS

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

Fleming's
The Gift Art

We will be closed from December 25th through Monday, December 27th.

Holiday Greetings

It is our sincere wish that your Holiday Season be enriched with all the blessings that belong to Christmas... that you find every happiness in the New Year ahead.

Proctor Hotel
Barber Shop
George A. Brown, Mgr.

Happy Christmas

Again it's time for us to wish all our friends and neighbors a full and overflowing measure of the Season's good cheer and happiness.

National Supply Co.
412 Evans St.

Christmas Cheer

With holly, mistletoe and Holiday cheer, may your Christmas be a merry one, your joy complete.

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Insurance & Real Estate

Season's Greetings

At this happy time, your best wishes go out to all our friends and neighbors: may peace, health and good will be with you always.

Folger Buick Co. Inc

Joy to the World

We join the clear-voiced carollers in sending out our wishes for a Happy Holiday to all our friends.

Larry's Shoe Store
At Five Points

GREETINGS

Harrison's Drug

Merry Christmas

Here's a hearty holiday wish to all our good friends... May your Christmas be abundant with health, happiness and contentment.

White Chevrolet Co., Inc.

A Merry Christmas

To all our friends and neighbors we send our sincerest wishes for a joyful, cheerful, healthful Holiday Season.

Ruel W. Tyson
Sheriff of Pitt County

Carols Help Make The Christmas Season Brighter



A group of Girl Scouts from Troop 9 have been Christmas caroling during the holidays. Shown here with their leaders, Mrs. Morris Brody and Mrs. J. B. Newman, in the background, are left to right front row: Nena Duncan, Millie Overton, Jeanette Taylor and Gall Stancill. Back row: Judy Norris, Goldis Starling, Mary Harrington, Sara Collins, Ann Green, Ellen Bennett, Margaret Nobles and Bobbie Newman. (Reflector Photo by Edwina Haynes).

Season Greenery Will Make Home Echo Xmas Spirit

Did you ever notice that the prettiest homes around the community at Christmas are the ones decorated liberally with the green things of the season? Their festive appearance is obtained easily with proper display of such things as evergreens, berries, seed pods, and pine cones.

These simple decorations are readily available to most everyone at no cost and to use an old expression: "The woods are full of them." A trip into the country to gather them can also be turned into a pleasant excursion for the whole family and a brief rest period from the "getting ready" for Christmas company, parties, and holiday affairs. One word of caution, however: Don't kill trees or bushes. Prune carefully when selecting your evergreens. The Christmas tree — whether large or small—should be the center of the decorations. Place your

tree in front of a window, so that its bright, cheerful glow can be seen from within and without. Decorate the tree with balls of red, silver, blue and green, strands of popcorn and various decorations that are saved from year to year. Be sure to hang a rope of evergreens, a spray or wreath on your front door—these signify to many who pass your home that you are celebrating this joyous season. A rope of evergreens requires approximately four or five yards of rope. The place you plan to use it will determine the exact length. Next, you'll need several short lengths of wire, short sprays of evergreen, balls, bows, red berries or bells. Place a bunch of evergreen against the rope and fasten



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.

Scott's Dry Cleaners

Christmas is for the YOUNG

Christmas is for the young! How many times do we hear grown-ups make this statement? Much too often. Christmas belongs to all of us, to share in the celebration of the birth of the Saviour, the greatest event in the history of the world. It seems to some that Christmas will then be young at heart.



A new Christmas tradition has been brought about in recent years or perhaps it should be called a pre-Christmas tradition. At any rate, it's that time of the year again and safety organizations, insurance companies, fire department officials, even this newspaper give out with the perennial Yuletide warning: "Don't you have a Christmas tree fire this year." Precautions against fire is especially urged during the Christmas season because of the hazards presented by decorations, gift wrapping, defective wiring for Christmas tree illumination, and the tree itself.

This warning is necessary because of the established fact that fire takes a toll of more than 7,000 lives each year in the United States, with mortality from this cause naturally reaching its peak during the winter months. You can keep from having a Christmas tree fire in your home by being especially careful about two things: the tree and the lights. Choose your tree carefully. One that has been cut too long or stored in a warm place will lose its needles quickly and is a definite fire hazard. If possible cut your own tree or buy it direct from the grower, then keep it in a cool, shaded place out of the wind until you're ready to decorate it.

XMAS CUSTOMS

The origin of many of our Christmas customs can be traced back to prehistoric times, with some pagan customs being modified to fit into the Christian observances. But, as official Christian holidays, Christmas and New Year's had a long struggle to become firmly established.

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...

Daveed's

And The Furniture Store Personnel

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.

VanDyke Furniture Store, Inc.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

A word of thanks and Season's Greetings to the many friends we have been privileged to serve. We wish you and your family health and happiness for many years to come.

D. H. Conley
Superintendent of Schools



Even The Family Cat Gets Into The Act

Enjoying the Christmas tree as much as other members of the family is "Blackie", a cat belonging to Joe and Willie Lupton of Bell Arthur. "Blackie" likes to sit up and swat at low hanging icicles with his paw, according to his owners.

Bethlehem

Holy City Today Filled With Poor And Homeless

As they have done since the first Christmas, Christians will this year follow the Star to the stable-grotto beneath the Church of the Nativity, the traditional birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth in Bethlehem.

Always small and poor, Bethlehem is even poorer today than most people would believe. A recent visitor said, "Wanderers fill the streets—anyone can see why Mary and Joseph found no room in the inn."

Last Christmas, shepherds watching their flocks outside Bethlehem had to be especially watchful lest the sheep trap themselves in the barbed wire of the narrow no-man's land separating Jordan and Israel. Bethlehem, on the Jordan side of the wire, has as well been sorely affected by the hostility and the uneasy truce. It is crowded with Arab refugees who formerly lived in Israel.

The effect of the conflict has been crippling of Bethlehem's chief industry, the making and selling of objects of plecty from olive wood, Dead Sea stone and mother-of-pearl. Except at Christmas, pilgrims are so few that the profit had gone from the business.

On Christmas Eve, however, the dusty city takes on new life. Christian diplomats living in divided Jerusalem expect to be escorted to the little town over the unused highway through no-man's land. Pilgrims from the Israeli side pass through the Mandelbaum Gate.

Pilgrims rich and poor alike, worship together in the fourth century Church of the Nativity. There is a High Mass, during which the image of the Christ Child is carried from the church through a series of underground chapels.

The ceremonies close to a climax before three adjacent shrines. The Altars of the Nativity, the Wise Men and the Manger. Outside, Christians from many lands will sing, as angels sang nearly 2,000 years ago: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Christmas WISHES

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

Ivey Coward
Exterminating Company and Personnel

Greetings

To all our friends we wish a Christmas that is a merry one in every way and a New Year that will be happy every day.

Bright Leaf Motors, Inc.
1600 N. Greene St.

Quick Xmas Quiz

- Why are candles used during the Christmas season?
- Who gets credit for origin of the custom of hanging Christmas stockings?
- Is Kris Kringle and Santa Claus the same?
- A familiar plant to us — what is the golden bough?
- Who was Joel Poinsett?
- Who sent the first Christmas cards?
- Which state has a town named Santa Claus?
- Legend says the crown of Thorns was plaited from which Christmas plant?
- What does the name Kris Kringle mean?
- Who wrote "A Visit From Saint Nicholas"?

ANSWERS

1. As symbols of the star of Bethlehem. 2. Saint Nicholas once dropped some coins down the chimney of a poor family. The coins fell in a stocking hung up to dry. 3. Kris Kringle is recognized as Santa's helper. 4. Mistletoe. 5. The American statesman who brought the poinsettia from Mexico. 6. Henry Cole, an Englishman, in 1846. 7. Indiana. 8. Holly. 9. Christ Child. 10. Clement Moore.

MINCE PIE

The oriental character of the spices and flavoring in mince pie was said to represent the rich gifts the wise men brought to the Christ Child.



IS IT TIME FOR SANTA YET? — Like other youngsters, Margaret and Ginger Seales, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Seales, Jr. of College Court, are counting the hours until it's time for Santa's visit. Here they make a preliminary inspection of early arriving packages which have been placed under their Christmas tree.

ADVERTISING PAYS
DENVER (AP) — Frank Ross, 32, showed up in the downtown area carrying his young daughter and a sign pleading for a job. Two days later he picked a \$112-a-week oil field position from among 25 offers.

About a third of U.S. deaths from heart disease occur at ages under 65.

TOO BUSY
ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — The Roanoke World-News reports that a Roanoke county mail carrier admitted he had Christmas cards at his home addressed by his wife three years previously. For two years he put them in his inside coat pocket and forgot to mail them in the rush of handling Christmas cards.

GREETINGS OF THE Season AND BEST WISHES FOR THE New Year

Stauffer's Jewelers

Greetings

Once again it's the time of the year for Joy and Merriment, and we wish to take a moment to extend to all our friends our very best wishes for a Holiday Season full of good cheer and happy times.

Pitt F. C. X. Service

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Dunn Building Supply Company

The Spirit of Christmas

In all the hustle-bustle of our happy Holiday preparations, let us never forget the true spirit of Christmas, so beautifully expressed in those carols of beloved memory. Let us dedicate ourselves to the ideal of which the Angel sang: "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men."

Gaskins Jewelry

Christmas Luncheon Held By HD Club



A group of Home Demonstration Club women from the Bethel club pose around a table laden with Christmas gifts which were later distributed to each member present. In observance of the Christmas season the women had a luncheon for their December meeting. Pictured above left to right are: Mrs. F. C. James, Mrs. J. A. Edmondson, Mrs. J. B. Harris, Sr., Mrs. W. R. Bullock, Mrs. R. R. James, Mrs. W. E. Crisp and Mrs. Minnie Manning.

It was when he was passing the big house where Mr. Robert Thatcher lived, that the idea came.



"Could you give it to me in new shiny dollars," Tommy said. Tommy went in and asked Mr. Thatcher for a job. Mr. Thatcher was said to be a bad-tempered, stingy old man, but Tommy wasn't going to be afraid of him. He said, "I need some Christmas money, and I thought you might give me a job to do."

The old man asked grumpily, "What do you want for Christmas?"

His Xmas Wish

Tommy explained about the dog and Mr. Thatcher said, "All right, you can go to work in the orchard, cleaning out under the trees."

Tommy found the rake and other tools and went to work with vim. A little before five, the job was done. Mr. Thatcher took a look at it, and said he'd earned the two dollars.

"Could you give it to me in new shiny dollars?" Tommy asked. The old man nodded. "Thought you were going to buy a puppy?"

"Nope. Can't have the puppy. Christmas is for giving."

The old man put two silver dollars in his hand. He said softly, "Glad you reminded me, Tommy, I'd almost forgotten."

Then it was Christmas. After breakfast Tommy proudly laid a shining silver dollar in Aunt Lucy's hand and one in Uncle Pete's.

They were both so surprised for a moment they didn't speak. Then Aunt Lucy nodded at Uncle Pete. He left the room and they heard the chugging of the old Ford as it went down the lane.

"The dollar shines pretty, doesn't it?" Tommy asked.

"It's beautiful, Tommy. Thank you," Aunt Lucy's voice sounded choked up.

The Real Thing

When Uncle Pete came back, he gave Tommy two packages, mittens from Aunt Lucy and shoes from Uncle Pete. "Just what I needed," Tommy exclaimed and gave them both a big hug. Uncle Pete cleared his throat. "Tommy, your real present is on the back porch in a basket."

It was Blaze, the puppy. Tommy gave a cry of joy. He ran back to the sitting room, the puppy in his arms. "Oh, thank you, Uncle Pete. Thank you, Aunt Lucy. Thank you a million!"

But that wasn't all. An hour later a car stopped outside and a chauffeur brought in a big basket of fruit and one filled to the brim with wonderful things to eat. Even a turkey. There was a note, which read:

"Christmas is for giving. I wish you all a very Happy Yuletide."

It was signed Robert Thatcher. Aunt Lucy and Uncle Pete looked at each other in amazement. Then Uncle Pete said, "Well, Robert Thatcher certainly did get the Christmas spirit, didn't he?"

"Everybody is so good," Tommy said. He looked down at the puppy which was now asleep in his lap.

Legend Says Christmas Trees Came From Egypt

Legend has it that the Christmas tree originated in Egypt, where the first trees used were palm trees.

The Germans brought the tree

to America, however, as they also introduced it to England. The German Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the first tree into England when he had a tree for his young daughter.

Martin Luther is said to have brought the first Christmas tree indoors for decoration, early in the

16th century.

When you fasten ornaments to your tree this year you will be commemorating a centuries-old Arabian legend that relates how plants blossomed and flowered and trees miraculously bore ripened fruit on the eve of the first Christmas.

MERRY Christmas

The Yuletide Season

brings with it so many happy things... glad hearted greetings, good fellowship, family reunions and a deep feeling of contentment. May all of these joys be yours this Christmas.



Cozart's Auto Supply



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



By Maud McCurdy Welch

TOMORROW was Christmas and Tommy was worried. It hadn't snowed at all, and if there was no snow to shovel, how could he make any money for Christmas? Tommy lived in the neat farm cottage with his Uncle Pete and Aunt Lucy. Aunt Lucy had just told him he could go over and see Jimmy Reeder but be sure to be back by five o'clock. So Tommy started walking slowly toward the Reeder farm, as he had a lot of thinking to do.

In the small sitting room Aunt Lucy and Uncle Pete were talking. Aunt Lucy insisted that two dollars was an awful lot to pay for a dog. They were poor people after all and could only afford to give Tommy sensible things.

Uncle Pete thought Tommy should have the puppy he wanted. He was only seven, and needed a playmate.

Tommy was walking along still slowly, trying not to think how wonderful it would be if he could have this little puppy. His name was Blaze, and he was a runt; that's why he cost only two dollars. Tommy thought how the pup would frolic along beside him and wag his tail, and how they'd race over the fields when spring was here. But no use thinking about Blaze. He had to get a job.

JOYFUL Holiday Greetings

In the warm and cheerful atmosphere of this wonderful Christmas season when families are gathered together — when spirits are refreshed, hearts uplifted and all the world is suddenly full of smiling people — we want to offer to one and all our very best wishes for the happiest holiday you've ever enjoyed.



Garris Grocery Co.



Season's Greetings

As we approach the season that symbolizes peace and good will, we recall with gratitude the friendships we have made in the years that have passed. May this greeting serve to carry the wish that your Christmas be joyous and the New Year hold all that you desire.

Carolina Cleaners & Laundry

"Your Friendly Cleaner"

Christmas Decorations For Future Homemakers' Open House



The Chicod Future Homemakers of America recently sponsored an open house in the school home economics building for Home Demonstration Club members and for the mothers of the community. A variety of Christmas decorations were displayed throughout the building. Putting the finishing touches on the refreshment table above are Mary Ida Gray, Nancy Sue Dixon, Beatrice James and Betty Hodges. (Reflector Photo by Edwin Haynes).

Like Mistletoe, Legend Surrounds Holly Plant

Holly, like mistletoe, has become a part of Christmas tradition, but the similarity does not end here. Both holly and mistletoe were once surrounded by numberless superstitions.

The legend of the mistletoe, which changed from a symbol of evil to one of love is the best known. Yet, there are some interesting superstitions regarding holly. They believed that its ever-green leaves signified that it was never deserted by the sun, and



therefore considered it sacred.

Legend also has it that the leaves of the plant were once white. Then, the crown of thorns was plaited from holly and from that day the leaves turned a deep, blood red.

It was also a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, whether husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household during the ensuing year. The boldest of witches, according to another once-prevalent belief, would not venture near a house which displayed a wreath of holly on the door.

Once-Plentiful Reindeer Dwindle in Numbers

Santa's helpers—the reindeer—once were plentiful in their native habitats in the north. In recent years, however, their number dwindled so seriously that conser-

vationists once feared the animals might become extinct.

Chief enemy of the reindeer, as of so many animals, is the wolf. Some experts estimate that wolves have destroyed over 500,000 reindeer within the last 15 years or so. It was estimated in 1950 that there were 50,000 reindeer left.

In the past few years American boys and girls have been forced to settle for "stand-ins" or native deer wherever Santa's sled with its eight helpers was used. The true reindeer are difficult to keep alive in temperate climate and with the supply so short, protective measures don't allow the reindeer to come southward for the holiday season.

GROWING CITY
OSAKA (AP) — This city, second in size only to Tokyo, now has a population of 4,509,298, an increase of 650,000 since the 1950 census, a recent survey shows.

SUNNY'S SONNY
MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons, the grand old man of horse racing, likes to boast that he is assisted by his "little boy" in training his thoroughbreds. Sunny

Jim is 80 years old. His son, John, is 61.
BROTHER ACT
VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP) — Crewmen of the S. S. Oronsay think

they have the No. 1 brother act of the British merchant marine. When the ship put into this West Coast port, the crew list included nine sets of brothers.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

At this cheery time of year...we wish everybody a good, old-fashioned Merry Christmas, replete with all the joy and contentment of a Happy Holiday.

Biggs Drug Store



Season's

GREETINGS

*** May time turn backward in its flight... and make you a child again just for a night... as Santa bows in with a sack full of gifts and a wealth of good wishes from all of us to all of you.

J. A. Collins & Son
FURNITURE RUGS STOVES & HOUSE FURNISHINGS
AURORA • • • GREENVILLE
Try us First!
DIAL 4010



Greetings

Whatever else might be lost among the years, let us keep Christmas. Let us hold close this day, remembering family and friends. May yours be a very joyous Holiday, surrounded by all whose love and friendship you cherish.

Garris - Evans Lumber Co.

Merry Christmas

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Airport Commissioners Act To Deter Air Force Protest

Vote Not To Renew Lease

The Pitt-Greenville Airport Commission voted unanimously yesterday afternoon not to renew a lease for the Pitt-Greenville airport if the U. S. Air Force files a protest with the CAA blocking approval of the new bridge and bypass project.

The action by the local board may open the final round in the fight between local officials and the Air Force to gain CAA approval for the new bypass and bridge at Greenville. The Civil Aeronautics Administration has withheld approval of the release of right-of-way for the project across the Pitt-Greenville airport property because of an anticipated protest from the Air Force.

At the present time the local airport is under lease to Serv-Air Aviation, Inc. of Winston which has a contract with the Air Force for training pilots. The lease expires December 31. The Commission at its meeting here yesterday afternoon voted not to renew the lease if the Air Force protests approval of the

right-of-way, and authorized the following telegram to be sent to Serv-Air:

"It appears our contemplated lease with you is interfering with CAA approval of bypass and bridge. Renewal of lease will not be granted if Air Force protests approval of project by CAA. Your present lease expires December 31, 1954; please govern your flight operations accordingly. Any offer previously submitted to you is hereby withdrawn."

At a meeting in November, the local Airport Commission voted to renew a lease with Serv-Air for another three years for use of the airport, but the lease has not yet been executed. Under the conditions laid down by the Commission yesterday afternoon, the local airport will not be available for use by Serv-Air after December 31 if the Air Force protests CAA approval of the bypass and bridge project.

At the time the Commission voted

to lease the airport for another three-year period, it was specified that Serv-Air would not have use of the proposed highway right-of-way across the airport property, and the Commission was informed by Truman W. Miller, president of Serv-Air that the proposed right-of-way across the airport property would not hamper training operations at the local field.

County Attorney W. W. Speight told the Airport Commission at its meeting yesterday: "We know from conversation with Air Force officials in Washington that Serv-Air use of the facility is the only basis for the Air Force protest." Speight likewise told the Commission that State Highway officials no later than Wednesday advised local officials it must be known immediately whether the right-of-way for the proposed highway project will be available. The three-quarter million dollar project is scheduled to be let by the Highway Commission on

January 25.

Speight added that officials have reiterated that the proposed location is the only bridge and bypass location the State Highway Department will approve.

Should the Air Force file a protest with the CAA over the approval for the bypass, it would necessitate hearings on the matter before the CAA before that agency would grant approval of the bypass or uphold the Air Force protest. Local officials pointed out that such hearings would take a minimum of six months, and such a delay would virtually kill chances of the proposed bridge and bypass becoming a reality.

Present at the meeting yesterday in addition to Speight were C. C. Harris, chairman of the Airport Commission, C. W. Harvey, Jr., J. A. Collins, Sr., W. L. Whedbee, W. T. Kyzer, Thomas W. Rivers, A. C. Ruffin, J. Vance Perkins, M. Brown Hodges, and Woodrow Wooten.

Merchants Say Season Good; Practical Items Sell Best

Christmas Toy Sales See Decline

By ALVIN TAYLOR
Reflector Staff Writer

Christmas shopping with local merchants this season has been good for the most part, a survey of local stores indicates.

Most of the merchants contacted expect the holiday shopping season as well as the year to be profitable although some believe that when the final totals are in, sales will be somewhat below last year's.

Estimates of the rise and drop in business ranged from as much as 10 percent off to as high as 30 percent above the Christmas period last year.

Some store managers reported toy sales to be off during the present season. They reported that shoppers are buying more of the necessities of life rather than toys. One furniture store said parents were buying such objects as children's beds and desks rather than toys this year.

One appliance dealer pointed out that "white goods" are not being bought by holiday shoppers as they have in the past but said sales of television sets are still running strong.

Comments From Stores
Following are comments from managers of several type stores in

Greenville concerning business during Christmas and for the year as a whole.

Department Store — Business going pretty good. If it keeps up for the next three days (prior to Christmas) there is no doubt that the store will have the best December ever. Each day has exceeded a year ago. Shoppers buying both practical and novelty goods. Store has had an increase going into December and is extending increases for the year. This year expected to be among the best year's volume-wise ever.

Department Store — Christmas shopping is going to exceed last year. Business is three percent ahead of the first 20 days of December last year and the rest of the month will probably hold up just as well, perhaps better. There is an extra day coming up before Christmas. Sales for the year as a whole will be about the same as 1953 and this year will probably be the most profitable ever.

Shoe Store — Shoe business is better than last year with buyers placing special emphasis on cowboy and cowgirl boots. Sales are expected to exceed 1953 for both the Christmas season and for the

year.

Department Store — Final week before Christmas will equal last year. Month of December might run a little better than last year, perhaps one percent. Business for the year as a whole not as good as last year. Winter business did not start until the first of November and since then business has been good. December will be the biggest month of the year this year whereas October is usually the biggest month. People are not toy minded and toys are moving slow.

Furniture Store — Business has been unusually good for the entire year and will be ahead of last year. 1954 will be the best year ever. Month of December expected to run about the same as last year.

Furniture Store — Christmas business has been good and has exceeded expectations. Toys and things of that nature have not been as much in demand. Essential things more in demand than in a long, long time. People are a little more conservative and buying better quality merchandise. Cheaper brands not moving as well. November and December above last year. However year as a whole has shown a decrease over

1953. Toys off an estimated 30 percent from last year. Children's desks, beds, lamps and other essential are up 30 to 35 percent. Selling more to each individual and selling better quality merchandise.

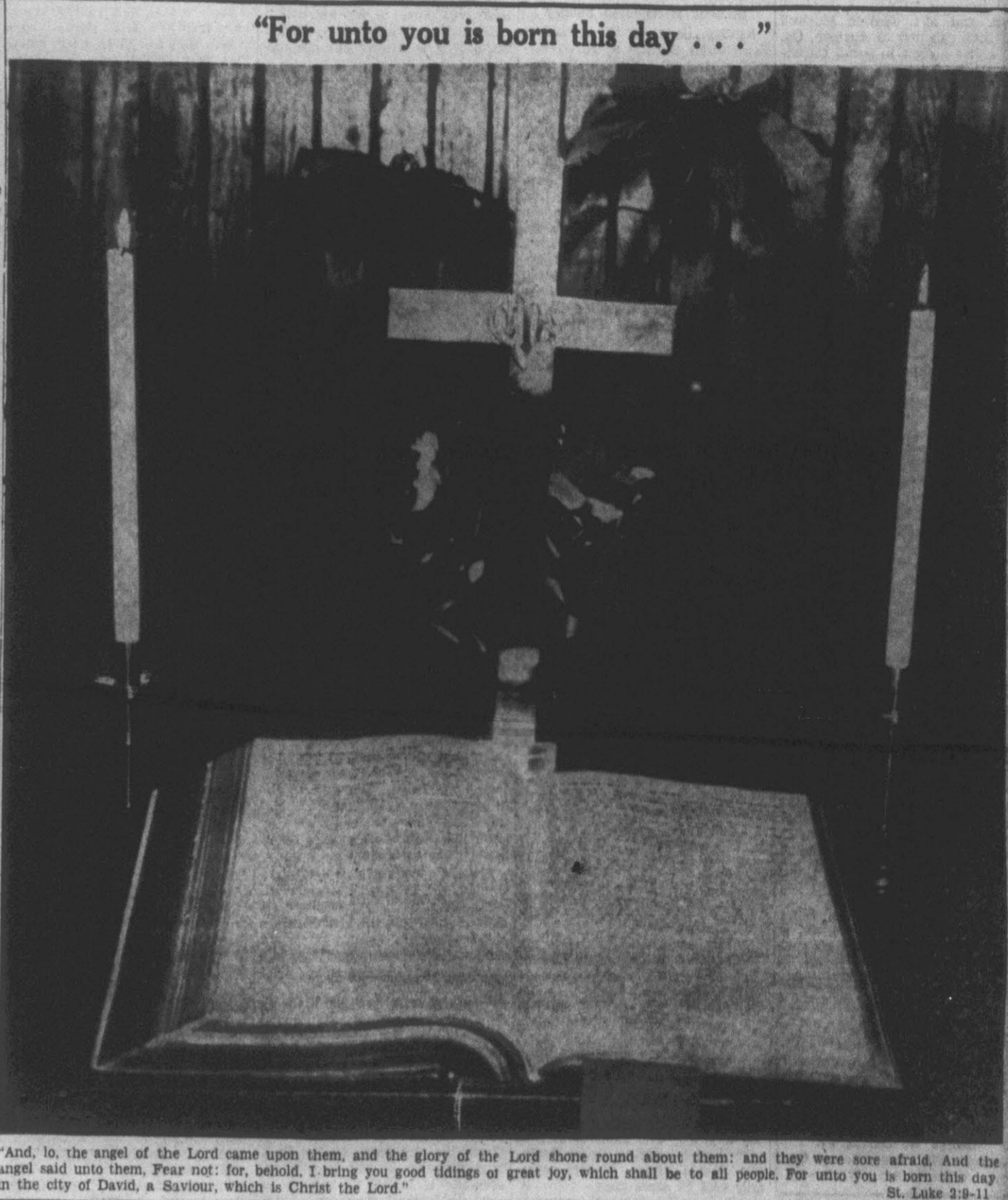
Variety Store — Business going good this fall and is ahead of last year. Christmas season sales are about the same as 1953. Toy sales running about even with last year but could possibly fall slightly under 1953.

Auto Accessory Store — Business going like a house afire. Total business ahead by 30 percent for year. Christmas business ahead by 50 percent. Toys going just as fast as they can be brought in. Last year stopped bringing in shipments of toys on November 15. This year shipments were brought in up to December 21. Toy sales ahead of last year.

Drug Store — Business about the same as 1953. Photographic supplies selling good as always.

Variety Store — Toy sales are going very good and are up to last year if not a little above. December above last year and this month is expected to bring sales for this year up to the previous year's level.

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"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." — St. Luke 2:9-11

Post Office Will Do Its Best To Deliver Packages

Postmaster J. Knott Proctor promises that every package in the post office "that can be delivered will be delivered by Christmas Day." He said there will be no deliveries Christmas Day "unless the amount of mail justifies it."

The postmaster reported an average of 130,000 pieces of mail were handled daily by the local office during the ten-day period from December 13 through yesterday.

This is an estimated ten per cent increase over the amount of mail handled during the same pre-Christmas period last year.

Public Mailed Early
Though the amount of mail increased this year, Proctor noted the work of the post office has been facilitated a great deal because more and more people mailed their cards and packages earlier. "The public's mailing early this year has helped everyone concerned," the postmaster commented, "all the way to the final delivery."

He said the main bottleneck in the department's work this season has been in the delivery of mail from the star routes. He referred particularly to parcel post rather than first class mail.

Addresses Still Problem
Improperly and incompletely addressed mail has again been a problem, Proctor revealed, though he complimented the people on an improvement in addressing their cards and packages.

He pointed out the public must remember Greenville has grown considerably and can no longer be classed as a small town "where everybody knows everybody else," and thus the need for properly addressed mail, including street name and house number.

Daily deliveries by the individual postmen have been increased since the Christmas rush began, with a good deal of overtime put in by the local post office employees.

Extra Help Hired
Seventeen temporary employees were hired to help with the receipt and delivery of Christmas mail. Eleven of these worked in the city, while the remaining six worked on rural routes.

Proctor reported the greatest amount of mail was handled by the local office Monday—150,000 pieces altogether, he estimated. Sixty-five to seventy thousand pieces of this was outgoing mail, with the remainder incoming mail and parcel post.

Since Monday the volume has gradually slackened, but "we are never out of mail," the postmaster asserted.

Welfare Dept. Says A Few Remain On List Many Families Given Help

By EDWINA HAYMES
Reflector Staff Writer

A total of 156 needy families listed in the Pitt County Welfare Department's "Christmas Card File" will receive aid this Christmas, Mrs. Elizabeth Avery, case worker in charge of the department's Christmas program, has revealed.

Mrs. Avery reported, however, that there are still 12 "urgent" cases which had not been taken at noon yesterday, plus 17 other families which "are not so urgent."

In addition, 26 families remained to be taken in the Farmville area, though the case worker said these may have already been taken by groups in Farmville or elsewhere.

Aid By Local Groups
Local groups which have taken needy families since the last report was issued by the Welfare Department include Greenville Electric Motor Shop, Greenville High School Future Homemakers of America, Redmen, Hollywood Presbyterian Church, youth groups at the Hollywood Presbyterian and Chicod Presbyterian churches, Greenville Presbyterian Church, Memorial Baptist Church Bible Class, and the Clio Book Club.

Jarvis Memorial Church has collected food for three families, Carson Memorial Sunday School class at Jarvis Memorial Church has taken three families and Reedy Branch Church has taken four families. Other families have been assisted by Circle 8 at Jarvis Memorial Church, a young adults class, the Fellowship Class of Memorial Baptist Church, Greenville High School Student Council Association, a group of men students at East

Carolina College, Ladies Auxiliary of Bethany Church, Gay Lenettes Club and the Golden Link Club. In addition, three groups brought clothes for families taken by the Junior Woman's Club.

Five more individuals who wish to remain anonymous have taken families, while one individual donated a record player and a collection of records for a boarding home for the aged.

Civic and church groups in Ayden have taken 23 Ayden families, with reports not yet received from Farmville, Grifton and Grimesland as to any families those towns are helping this year.

Appreciate Assistance
Mrs. Avery said the Welfare workers would like to extend their appreciation to those groups which have taken families, and also to express their appreciation to the groups which cleared with the office on the families they had taken in an effort to avoid duplication. "We hope we have not failed to give credit to every individual and group that has taken a needy family this Christmas," she declared.

Assisting Mrs. Avery with the Christmas Card File were Mrs.

Madeline Vincent, Mrs. Joyce Smith, Mrs. Carrie Oakley, Mrs. Peggy Evans and Miss Dorothy Bolton all general case workers.

Mrs. David Proctor and Mrs. Eloise Beech, child welfare workers were in charge of Christmas aid for needy children.

Big Dinners For Institutions On Christmas Day

The Pitt County Jail and County Home and State Prison Camp will serve old-fashioned Christmas dinners to the inmates Saturday.

Capt. Paul Crawford at the State Prison Camp is serving roast turkey and cranberry sauce, stuffing and gravy, pickles, roasted sweet potatoes, hot biscuits, slaw, coffee and coconut and apple pie.

County Jailor W. W. Leggett's Christmas dinner menu includes roast chicken, with stuffing and gravy, sweet potatoes, biscuits, slaw, peas and pie and cake and coffee.

County Home Supt. Wilson's Christmas menu includes roast turkey, giblet gravy and cranberry sauce, candied yams, slaw, hot biscuits, peas and coffee and pie and cake. In addition, fish will be served for elderly inmates who prefer it, the superintendent stated.

Highway Patrol Will Be Fully Mobilized

The highway patrol will ride herd on violators of the motor vehicle laws during the Christmas and New Year's holidays, Captain S.H. Mitchell, commander of Troop "A," declared today.

All leaves have been canceled and "all patrolmen, non-commissioned officers and officers" are to be on duty during the holidays, according to the troop commander.

He said vacations, days off and leaves have been canceled beginning Friday and continuing through January 3 for the state's highway patrolmen.

Nine persons were killed December 24 last year on North Carolina highways, Mitchell pointed out. On Christmas day, 10 persons met their deaths in traffic accidents. The day following Christmas, December 26 seven persons were killed.

"All electronic equipment will be used to reduce the speed of motorists," the captain continued. "The

Merry Christmas from everyone at The Reflector

Whichever Margaret Culbreth
Mrs. D.G. Whickard Jr.
L. L. Bridgman
Mike Brocato
John S. Whickard
Francis Elks
J. H. Morris
Edwin W. Walsh
M. C. M. Wainwright
Robert E. Smith
Anna Kozinski
Howard W. Minns
W. H. H. Bishop
David L. Morril
Bessie Phillips
Wiley Joyner
Donald A. King
William B. Habb
Oscar's Lopez
Roger Tyndall
Adel Parker
Mather Forest

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All items for this page received after 10 a.m. will be published the following day. Dial 6166—9 a.m. to noon; 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reid of Wilson have arrived to spend Christmas with Mrs. Reid's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hannaford.

Jack Spain and Jack Spain Jr. of Washington, D. C. will arrive this afternoon to spend the holidays at their home in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Maxwell and little daughter of Augusta, Ga. will arrive tonight to spend Christmas with Col. and Mrs. Owen Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Cary Warren and daughter Susan of Raleigh will arrive tonight to spend Christmas with Mrs. C. M. Warren.

Mrs. J. H. Rose has returned from Alabama, where she has been visiting her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dale of Boston, Mass. arrived Wednesday night to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Eland.

Mrs. Dorothy Halderman of Washington, D. C. is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gaston.

Lt. (jg) Marcel B. Humber and Mrs. Humber are here to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Humber. Lt. Humber recently returned from six months maneuvers in the Mediterranean on the Coral Sea.

John L. Humber, who is attending the University at Chapel Hill, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Humber.

Miss Doris Brown of Charlotte will spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Nannie E. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Gardner and sons, John and David, of Philadelphia; Lt. and Mrs. William Garvin and son Michael of Jacksonville, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Owens and Mrs. Jalie Poynter of Washington, D. C. and Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Parks of Hampton, Va. are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson.

A-1c Norman W. Heath, Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, S. C., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Heath.

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30 Years Ago Today

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THE DAILY REFLECTOR
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Misses Margaret Cone and Bruce Tucker, who are attending school in Raleigh are at home for the holidays.

Miss Helen Brown who is teaching in High Point, is spending the holidays at home.

Norman Winslow, who is attending school in Indiana, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Winslow.

Little Martha Ellen suffered a badly cut knee in an automobile accident near Williamston yesterday. Her injury is painful but not serious.

Christian Science
The everpresent power of God which brings courage, joy, and healing to men of all ages, wherever it is understood, will be emphasized at Christian Science services Sunday.

The Lesson-Sermon entitled "Christian Science" will include the following selection from the Bible (Matthew 2:12): "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he that is born King of the Jews?' for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

Readings from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy will include the following passage (109:24): "When a new spiritual idea is borne to earth, the prophetic Scripture of Isaiah is renewedly fulfilled: 'Unto us a child is born, . . . and his name shall be called Wonderful.'"

The Golden Text is from II Peter (1:31): "The prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

Important Bible Sermon
The Greenville Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses are sponsoring an important Bible sermon, "Can Persons Now Living Never Die Earth." Today world conditions are such that destruction of all life seems both possible and probable. People are fearful and look to the future with dismay. Scientists say the world seems to be obsessed by some unseen force. Everything about us seems to be crumbling.

However looking at conditions through the eyes of scripture it all constitutes the "sign" Christ gave of his return and the establishment of his Kingdom. In this important sermon the following questions will be answered from the Bible, "Will Science make it possible?" "Is it just a dream?" This sermon is to be delivered by Paul H. Manning a local minister and a Representative of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society.

This Sermon will be given Sunday night, December 26, 1954 at 7 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses located 2 miles from Greenville city limits on the Falkland highway. It will be free and everyone is invited to attend.

Joint Hostesses To Athenaeum Club At Christmas Party

The members of the Athenaeum Book Club and their husbands were delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Reid Perkins Friday night, December 17th, when Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. J. J. White and Mrs. J. L. Winstead were hostesses to the annual Christmas party and guests, Mrs. J. L. Fleming and Mrs. E. G. Flanagan.

The spirit of Christmas filled the home, bright with seasonal decorations. The warm welcome of the hostesses created a spirit of cheer and festivity which prevailed throughout the evening.

Upon arrival with holiday greetings, members and guests were served tomato juice, after which they were invited into the dining room where a delicious turkey dinner was served buffet style from a beautifully appointed table carrying out the Christmas motif, red cloth and silver decorations.

After serving themselves the guests found places at small round tables covered with round red cloths throughout the home. While they enjoyed their dinner, they also enjoyed the beautiful and original Christmas decorations of Mrs. Perkins.

Following the dinner several contests were played. Christmas wrapped prizes were distributed from a decorated basket.

In the midst of the good times the club, not forgetting those in need, paused to plan a liberal fund for a family in need.

Mrs. Winstead read a poem in honor of a member, Mrs. K. B. Pace, whose husband, Dr. K. B. Pace, recently received the distinguished honor of being selected the "Doctor of the Year". Dr. Pace told of the convention at Miami.

The social hour ending the guests left with many good wishes for the holiday season.

Bethel Music Club Presented 'Nativity' On Sunday Night

BETHEL — The Bethel Music club presented "The Nativity" a Christmas Cantata by Roger Wilson on Sunday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Tom N. Cooper, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, gave the invocation following the professional hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful."

The songs in the cantata were "The Phocphy, The Annunciation, Bethlehem, The Shepherds, At The Manger, The Wise Men and Gloria in Excelsis Eo. The soloists were Mrs. W. T. Ward, Mrs. T. R. Andrews, Jr., J. L. Gurganus, Jr., Mrs. S. C. Whitehurst, and Durwood White. The organist was Mrs. W. R. Hunnicutt and the director was Mrs. R. Harold Stotom.

The Rev. Carlos Womack gave the benediction.

Memorial Baptist Announcements
On Sunday evening at 7:30 the church will observe Student Night at Christmas. All students from the local church who attend college will participate on the program.

Speakers will be Miss Lou White Winstead, Miss Sara Lee, Dorothy Branch and Bobby Lee. Scripture will be read by Sam Fleming Jr. and the prayer and spirit of B.S.U. will be led by Gordon Gibbs Jr. Solo will be by Miss Kitty Collins. The public is cordially invited.

Free Will Baptist Church
The Greenville Free Will Baptist Church will meet at 9:45 a.m. under the direction of Mr. Stephen Walters, superintendent. At the 11:00 a.m. worship the choir will sing the anthem "Show Someone Else The Way," by R. C. Wilson. The pastor, sermon topic will be "Eyes Upon Jesus." At 3 p.m. a group from the church will conduct a service at the County Home. The League will meet under the direction of Mr. Jame Nobles at 6:30. The pastor's sermon topic at the 7:30 p.m. worship will be "Remember Jesus' Words."

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. the Chora Airs will meet for a rehearsal. All Tuesday at 7:30 the Men's Bible Class will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Jones, 109 S. Sylvan Drive. Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. prayer service will be held, followed by a church business conference at 8:00. Child Evangelism Classes will also be held at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 31, from 8:30 p.m. till 12:05 a.m. there will be a watch night service at the church. There will be Bible readings, prayers, a playlet, and three films that every Christian ought to see. Monday through Friday, 9:45-10:00 a.m. Rev. Crawford will conduct TV Morning Devotions from WNCT. Morning services this month are being broadcast over WGTC. Saturday, Dec. 25, Youth for Christ services will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church.

Immanuel Baptist Church Announcements
At the Morning Worship Hour, Miss Barbara White will sing "Come Unto Him" by Handel and the pastor will bring the message, using as his subject, "The Name Above Every Name."

Because of the holidays and the fact that so many of our people are away, there will be no Training Union or evening worship service tonight and no midweek service Wednesday night. Next Sunday morning, January 2, there will be an ordination service for the newly elected deacons. Those to be ordained are: Alec White, Fred Rogers, George Wilkerson, Raymond Lowe, and M. B. MacLeod. Following the ordination service, will be the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Although the United States Trust Territory of Pacific Islands is as wide as the United States, the 2,000 islands have a total land area half the size of Rhode Island, says the National Geographic Society.



Displayed on the bulletin board in the foyer at Falkland elementary school is this Christmas scene. Centered with a Madonna picture flanked on either side by realistic red crepe paper candles encircled with crepe paper greenery, this scene is truly a reminder to "Keep Christ In Christmas."

CWB Club Holds Party Tuesday Night

The Greenville Credit Women's Breakfast Club held its annual Christmas party at the Old Towne Inn, Tuesday night, December 21. The banquet room was beautifully decorated in the traditional red and green color scheme.

After a delightful social hour given to us by the Club sponsors, Mr. Walter Harrington, Mr. W. G. Scott, Mr. Bob Greene, Mr. Wesley Harvey and Mr. J. T. Barnhill, all the members and guests enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner.

Mrs. Thomas Coghill presided over the meeting and gave the welcome, with Mr. Walter Harrington responding. A number of Christmas stunts were presented, and Miss Mary Harrington gave a Christmas reading.

Christmas gifts were distributed to everyone present, and at this time each member's secret breakfast clubber for the past year was revealed, and names drawn for the coming year. Mrs. Coghill presented each club member with a necklace and each sponsor with an engraved leather memo pad. Mrs. Coghill received a lovely gift from the club, along with several gifts from individual members.

Christian Church Announcements

Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Haney and the entire staff of the Eighth Street Christian Church desire to express their appreciation for every thoughtfulness and kindness extended to them at this Happy Christmas time. They also wish to extend their best wishes for all good things to all of you during the New Year.

At the morning service Sunday some of the music rendered last Sunday evening in the Christmas Music Program will be repeated, under the direction of Mrs. H. L. Carter. The pastor, Dr. Haney, hopes to return to the pulpit after a brief illness and will bring a Christmas message on "Peace on Earth."

There will be a service of Infant Dedication as a part of the Morning Worship on the first Sunday in January. Some have expressed a desire for this service, as it is a very appropriate time at the beginning of the New Year, with a new life for dedication. If there are others who desire this service, please communicate with the church office some time during the coming week.

The Savannah River project where the United States makes H-bombs has an electric power system below the size of that for the state of Delaware and a water supply system about the size of that for Philadelphia.

Christmas Carol Is Read Before Lydia Wooten Class

The December meeting of the Lydia Wooten Class was held on Monday evening in the home of Mrs. G. H. Sturm. A large Christmas tree and other lovely decorations gave a festive air to the rooms. Little Anna Sturm read the Christmas story.

The president, Mrs. M. W. Maxwell, presided. She welcomed the members and six visitors. Old and new business was brought up for discussion and disposed of.

The class was privileged to have Dr. Elisabeth Uterback of East Carolina College read Dickens' "Christmas Carol" in a most impressive way.

A social hour followed and delicious refreshments of fruit jello, spiced tea, cookies and nuts were served.

Births
Smith
Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Smith a daughter, Deborah Sheryl, December 22 at Mercy Hospital, Charlotte, N. C.
Mrs. Smith is the former Shirley Savage of this city.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Troy Riddle, 1806 E. 4th St., Greenville, a son, Randy Troy, on December 23 in Pitt Memorial Hospital.

The coal mines of Spitzbergen, Norway's arctic outpost, are only 800 miles from the North Pole.

Hi!

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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.

Blount-Harvey



This mantle at the Woman's Club has been decorated with a candy Christmas tree for the holidays. The tree was sprayed with white paint and candy gum drops pressed upon the thorns.

Wishing All Our Friends and Customers a

Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year

We will be closed December 25th until 5:00 p.m. Open all day Sunday, December 26th, and will be closed 27th, 28th and 29th. Reopening at 5:00 p.m. December 30th.

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Host Entertains At Bachelor's Dinner

Mr. Jimmy Briley entertained for Mr. Lee Roy Hardee at a bachelor's dinner, preceding the rehearsal, on Friday evening at 6:15 at the Woman's Club.

A delicious dinner of turkey, cranberry salad, string beans, hot rolls, coffee and custard pie was served to the guests.

Mr. Hardee presented to his wedding attendants silver letter openers and book ends.

Guests who were present for the occasion were the groom's wedding attendants, Rev. Nelson, friends of the groom, associates of the fire department, George Gardner, fire chief, and Burney Sumrell, assistant fire chief.

Generosity Has Finally Paid Off

RIDGELAND, S.C. (AP)—Christopher Columbus Orr, 106-year-old Negro who was never a slave, says his bread cast upon the waters has come back.

Orr, born free in 1848, looked after Confederate horses during the war, worked afterward most of his life in sawmills, lived always on the place where he was born.

During his working life he built up a reputation for generosity to his people, always letting others in need charge food and farm items to his accounts.

With age his earning ability waned, he sold much of his land, and last year his small frame house almost collapsed.

Today, he has a new frame house, built mostly with materials and labor friends of both races contributed.

He recalls both white and Negro people used to warn him against his generous ways, but that he always said in reply that if he ever became destitute "I don't believe they'd let me suffer."

KNOWING THIEF

BUDA, Ill. (AP)—The safe cracker who made off with \$300 from a cafe knew what he was doing. Sheriff W. C. Duffield said the safe was completely disassembled without damage.

Honored On Golden Anniversary



FOUNTAIN, Dec. 22 — Mr. and Mrs. Lillie Richard Bell of Fountain were honored on their Golden Wedding Anniversary Sunday afternoon, December 19, from three to five o'clock at an informal reception given by their children in the home of a son, Richard Albert Bell.

The home was decorated in the Christmas theme, using yellow gladioli and gold chrysanthemums and featuring the golden color motif. The refreshment table was placed before a picture window, beautifully decorated with a gold and white Christmas tree over which draped a handsome gold cord swag. The table was covered with a white, hand-crocheted banquet cloth over yellow, matching the yellow wedding bells on the 4-tiered wedding cake. The wedding cake was placed at one end of the table, at the opposite end was the silver punch bowl on a silver tray. On the table, flanking the Christmas tree, were 3-branched silver candelabra on which were tied sprays of yellow gladioli and gold chrysanthemums with gold and silver wedding bells and bows of gold and silver laces. Nuts and bridal mints were served from silver plates centered with gold and white doilies.

The gift room and registration table repeated the same decorative motifs used in the dining room. Mrs. Albert Bell greeted guests and introduced them to the receiving line, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Bell and the honorees, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Hardison pinned favors on guests and directed them to the register, which was presided over by Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Beaman.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Eason and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bell directed guests to the gift room, presided over by Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Bell and Mr. Beasley Bell, who then directed the guests to the dining room where Mrs. M. D. Yelverton served the wedding cake and punch was poured by Mrs. Beasley Bell. Goodbyes were said to Mr. and Mrs. Slim Welsner.

Assisting in serving were Miss Rose Johnson and granddaughters Miss Greene Honored At Luncheon

Miss Marty Hadley and Miss Helen Stokes were hostesses at luncheon yesterday at 1 o'clock at Greenville Country Club as a courtesy to Miss Frances Estelle Greene, bride-elect of January.

Places for 12 were laid at a long table placed at one end of the lounge. Christmas decorations were used. The table was centered with an arrangement of white chrysanthemums and gladioli. Traceries of fern, tied at intervals with white net, extended the length of the table.

Bridal place cards were used. Miss Greene's place was designated by a bride doll.

Luncheon was served in two courses. The honoree was presented a corsage of white carnations and as honor gifts silver candle sticks and a silver bowl.

The guest list included Misses Shirley Saleed, Terry Flanagan, Sara Lee, Mary Frances Owens, Mesdames Jake K. Higgs, John H. Taft, J. B. Joyner, Rudolf Scheller and V. W. Haymes.

She Doesn't Need Hands Or Arms To Find Presents

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—It doesn't take two arms and two legs for an inquisitive youngster to find out what surprises Santa Claus has in store.

Louise, the Waxahachie Tex., baby born without arms and abandoned by her real parents, is doing all right with 10 nimble toes.

Hardly had she finished with her big birthday party—she was 2 last Friday—than she began exploring for the gift-wrapped packages hidden in the home of her adopted parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Capps, of Seagoville, near here.

She uses her nimble, sensitive toes as another child would fingers. Before Mrs. Capps knew what was happening, Louise had found her No. 1 Christmas present—a big doll with dark hair and black eyes like Louise. Since then doll and girl can't be separated.

The other night the Capps heard a crash in the living room. Louise had climbed on top of the divan and toppled the glittering Christmas tree with her inquisitive toes. The tree has been righted but it leans slightly.

Though Louise began life with a dark future, she now has loving parents and security. The Capps own a prosperous chicken farm. Louise is the legal owner of 200 healthy hens, whose eggs will produce an estimated \$7,000 in cash for her by the time she is 10.

Louise has many friends throughout the nation who want to help her. One friend, Col. Wesley W. Price of Astoria, Ore., has been writing to Mrs. Capps about Louise since he read a newspaper story last August. The retired Army officer sent a musical rocking chair that plays "Rockabye Baby" as a Christmas gift.

But Louise found that too. Now she spends much of her time rocking her Christmas doll in her Christmas rocker.

POLICE LESS VISIBLE

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—Uniformed police patrolmen have been issued blue caps to replace white ones. Police Chief Jack Heard said the switch was made because the white hats were too easily spotted by law-breakers at night.

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The Promise Of Christmas

"Fear not..."
What a world of meaning is expressed in those two simple words. What comfort we can derive from them as we await with frightened souls the outcome of the cold but not-so-silent struggle between democracy and Communism, good and evil.
Repeat the phrase to yourself, and remember by whom it was uttered on a starry night so long ago. Do you feel a sort of calm, a peace, settle in your troubled mind? Say it again, and continue, "... for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people." Hope. For you, for us, for all the world.
"Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour..." in whom lies this hope for all mankind, and because of whom the petty plots of human minds are lost before they have begun.
And finally, a promise. "Peace on earth..." How can we fear if we believe these words? Do not say they are empty, void of truth. For therein lies the Holy

answer to those who would make us afraid.
You know who said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." He was a wise man.
Fear clouds our minds and we cannot see the rays of streaming light from the Star of Hope. We cannot hear the eternal promise of the end of all earthly struggles.
We strive to find some worldly answer to our problems, but could we only remember it, peace is the promise of Christmas.

Local Government Needs Constructive Criticism

Now and then in practically every local government unit there crops up a major problem which necessitates calling in outside experts to help local officials and local people work out the solution.
In far more instances, however, problems are discovered while they are still relatively small, and local people find ways to work them out without the assistance of outside experts. That, of course is the best way. No problem starts out as a big problem. Each one begins as a little matter which can be handled easily if coped with in time. It becomes a big problem only when it is neglected by officials or people of a community.

In every community there are elected and appointed officials delegated by the people to serve as watchdogs over public affairs. That factor does not relieve the individual citizen from the responsibility of also keeping watch on local matters to keep things running smoothly. If there is to be good government in every phase of operation, the people must keep their eyes and ears open for small problems which, if not dealt with, will fester into major problems.
Too often Mr. Average Citizen feels he has no obligation to his local government other than voting for officials and paying taxes. He is willing in too many cases to leave it up to officials to discover problems as well as deal with them. In spite of their efforts, officials sometime do not recognize a problem in its early stages and it is not until a major difficulty arises that they move to cope with it.

If citizens of a community were more prone to voice constructive criticism to their government over small matters before they develop into major problems, the public interest would be served.

Selected Shorts

MOUNT OLIVE, N. C., TRIBUNE: "I will give you all the land you can walk around by sunset for this nugget of gold," said the landholder to the returned prospector. He put his hat down on the ground. "You must be at this hat before the sun sets over that hill." The prospector began to run, trying to get as much land as possible. He went too far. He exhausted himself. With all his strength he drove himself to get back before the sunset. He did, just as the sun went behind the hill. But he fell dead upon the hat. Life is not all getting. Greed makes us its slave—kills us at the end. 'He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house.' (Proverbs 15:27.)"

A Letter To Santa Claus

It just wouldn't be Christmas somehow without writing a letter to Santa Claus, so here goes:

Dear Santa:
First of all we want to thank you for the friendships and kindness you have installed in the people of Pitt County over a period of years. Our appreciation too for all the other gifts we've found in our lot.
When you're skipping about on your annual visit tonight, please leave an abundance of happiness, friendships, gratefulness and prosperity with the people of the county. They are mighty fine folks and are deserving of those things. We know it's a lot to ask, but there is one more thing which is most important of all. Leave with us the true spirit of Christmas to guide us in the year ahead.

Thank you.

Strength for the Day

BY EARL L. DOUGLASS
ADVENT AND PRESENCE
Mary brought forth her first-born Son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger. There was no physician or midwife at this birth, and every mother reading this description can imagine the anguish which the ordeal involved. Joseph, no doubt, was helpful, with all the tenderness of his great and manly heart. But there are some things which only a woman could do in those hours of pain, and since there was no other woman present, Mary had to do those things for herself.
Ponder this arresting fact. God humbled Himself to send a Saviour to the lost men and women of the earth. The everlasting God who had fashioned the universe with his fingers came to the world Himself in the form of a helpless Babe in a woman's arms, born in a cow stable because there was no room for mother and child in the inn.
But the Christmas message for us is not just that Christ came but that he is still here. "Our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." Life begins when we confess him as Lord and Saviour, and it continues and grows richer every moment as our fellowship with him increases.
It is inspiring to read that Christ came; it is even more inspiring, however, to realize that he has never gone out of the world.
He has come! The world resounds with the joyful proclamation.

National Whirligig

Tougher Role For Democrats

By RAY TUCKER
WASHINGTON—Democrats on Capitol Hill realize belatedly and ruefully that they will be driven into a difficult political corner, if they fulfill their legislative leaders' pledge to support the general Eisenhower program on foreign policy and national defense. Individual members are grumbling in plaintive letters to the Rayburn-Johnson offices.
The more philosophic and experienced are not raising the objection advanced by the late Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan, who was the architect of the "nonpartisan" or "bipartisan" behavior of the GOP representation after the end of World War II.
They see an even more embarrassing twist to the agreement to back Ike on matters that reach beyond the nation's political or geographic boundaries.
DEMOCRATS' TOUGH TASK—It is obvious, they note in their complaints to Speaker Sam Rayburn and Senate Leader Lyndon B. Johnson, that these two problems cannot become 1956 campaign issues, if the two parties embrace in a brotherly-love act with respect to them. There may be differences on details concerning national defense and foreign relations, but few voters will be influenced in pro and con arguments over technicalities.
As a result, the Democrats must oppose President Eisenhower on domestic questions—taxes, farm supports, labor legislation, power, etc. Since Ike has said that he will adopt a "progressive-moderate" stand on these problems, the Democrats may have to take an extreme attitude in order to pick some sort of a quarrel. And in recent elections the voters have indicated that they are weary of "extremists" on the right or on the left. They seem to want peace and order.
Moreover, it is on these very domestic problems that the Democrats, the Northern Liberals and the Southern Conservatives, are most divided. They rarely vote together in this field.
Thus, it appears, forcing the Democrats to fight the White House only on bread-and-butter, pocketbook issues, guarantees a fight among the Democrats. It is on these home-to-mother matters that elections are won or lost.

Night Before Christmas



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Somebody Told Me Visit To Santa Land Concluded

When auctioneer Bill Clark goes to Johnson City, Tenn. on the tobacco market each year he visits Santa Claus Land and writes his children about the experience. Today's column is the end of the letter which started Tuesday. We find Bill in one of Santa's factories:
I looked and one little elf was putting the finishing touch on a beautiful doll. The doll was as big as he was and after he finished he took the doll by the hand and began to dance with it. He was singing a funny little tune and it was a jolly sight to see the little elf dancing with the pretty little doll.
I turned around and there stood Ole Santa Claus laughing at the elf dancing with the doll. He was laughing so hard that his big round stomach was shaking up and down. He said, "Come, Bill. I must get you started back."

Santa's home where the little elf men were waiting to take me back to the plane.
Mrs. Santa Claus was on the porch and together with Santa we started saying goodbye. Mrs. Claus said to be sure to hug your sweet children for her and thanked me for the visit.
Ole Santa turned to me and said, "Bill, it's a real pleasure to have you come to see us every Christmas. It does us a lot of good to know you are thinking about us. Tell all the children all over the world that there is and there always will be a Santa Claus." I looked up into Santa's big round face and I could see tears swelling in his eyes and begin to run down his pretty red cheeks. He continued, "Bill tell the children to keep going to Sunday school; the ones who go to Sunday school get more out of Christmas. They are the ones who know why there is a Santa Claus. You know

I picked Christmas day to make millions of people happy all over the world because it's the best birthday present I could give Jesus: Happiness all over the world!
With that, Ole Santa put his big round arms around me and together we walked through the huge gate where the little elf men were waiting to start me homeward. I jumped on the sleigh and as the reindeer took off I turned and looked back and there in the path Ole Santa was waving his arms goodbye was long as I could see him. I felt a dampness on my cheek and sure enough a tear had slipped from my eye. Homeward... and I'll see you soon. Hope you enjoyed my visit to Santa Claus Land.
Your Daddy,
And I thank Bill, Merry Christmas to all!
Jack Edwards

What Other Editors Are Thinking

PROTECTING OUR OWN
(Washington Daily News)
Red China is holding 11 American flyers as prisoners. In addition America has every reason to believe that Red China is holding many more Americans, perhaps several hundred, as prisoners of war.
The Korean conflict was fought in the name of the United Nations with the United States doing most of the fighting furnishing most of the equipment, and paying most of the costs.
And today the United States has turned to the United Nations to affect the release of those 11 flyers now held prisoner. And a meeting is now pending between Dag Hammarskjold, United Nations secretary and Chou-En-Lai, Red Chinese premier. One can only guess now what the outcome will be, but the UN will make an effort.
Now a few weeks ago several prominent Americans proposed that the United States Navy blockade Red China. Among this

group was Senator William Knowland of California, Republican leader in the Senate. Immediately he cried "woe" at such a blockade would be an act of war. And Senator Knowland and others offering such a proposal were branded as waging the war flag.
Let us analyze this situation a bit. Suppose that the United Nations could not affect the release of those 11 flyers? Suppose that the United States continues to stand by and see Red China hold hundreds of Americans as prisoners? Are we to let such practices continue? If the United Nations efforts fail, then what?
We should not forget that those 11 flyers either volunteered for the service in the armed forces or they were drafted. They were drafted against their will and they were sent to foreign soil without their consent. Do we not owe them every protection within our power to give? If we fail to protect those we send overseas, then can we long expect

to keep our national dignity and our internal self-respect? If we fail to protect our own, then who are we to protect? When we try to find answers to these questions, we find immediately that far more is at stake than even the lives and well-being of the 11 flyers. The very reputation and leadership of the United States are at stake in a larger sense.
Of course Red China says the 11 flyers are spies. And Red China at this very moment is using these flyers for propaganda purposes. And when the Reds get full propaganda uses from the flyers they probably will be released.
In the meantime anyway we look at the matter, we cannot help but find that America owes full protection to those she drafts, those who volunteer, those she sends overseas to foreign soil, and those who for any reason are in the service of this nation and who are being held prisoner.
If we fail them in any way, we've failed them all the way.

Business Today

New Housing Record

By ELMER ROESSNER
The United States may set a new record in housing this year. Not in the number of dwelling units started. The number started this year will be second to the number started in 1950.
But the amount spent on private housing may top the amount spent in 1950.
The total spent on private, nonfarm dwelling units in 1950 was \$11,520,000,000, according to figures of Commerce and Labor Departments. The same agencies report that \$9,980,000,000 was spent for the same class of units in the first ten months of this year. New housing starts in November were 20,000 more than in the record year, and December construction seems to be continuing at a favorable level. At that rate, there is a strong likelihood that, measured in dollars, this is our biggest year.
We are not doing badly in numbers either.
There were 102,700 private dwelling unit starts in November an all-time high for that month. That brought the total for the first eleven months of the year to 1,105,000 units. That compares with the 12-month total of 1,069,300 in 1953, 1,068,500 in 1952 and 1,020,100 in 1951.
The 11-month total for 1950 was 1,273,600 and the full-year total was 1,352,200.
And next year will be a good year too declares R.G. Hughes, president of the National Association of Home Builders.
"Present estimates indicate that the industry will provide new housing for about 1,200,000 families of all income brackets during 1954 and the outlook is for the construction of perhaps as many as 1,400,000 units in 1955, barring a major reversal of today's economic conditions," he said. "Such a construction pace would add some \$14 billion to the real wealth of the nation."
That figure, of course, would set still a higher mark.
APPLIANCES GAUDY BUT DON'T CATCH UP WITH '53
Manufacturers' shipments of

major appliances in October were about a year ago, according to the Retailing Daily index, but the total for the year was still running behind last year.
Figures for the first ten months of this year show shipments of ironers 46.3 per cent behind 1953, and all other appliances down lesser amounts except dryers, which were up 20.3 per cent.
FX'S LIMIT COMPETITION
The Army and Air Force PX service is severely limited in scope and type of merchandise carried, Col. Edward B. Gallant, deputy chief of the service told the New York University school of retailing.
Small portable radios, toasters and irons are handled, he said, but not "expensive, luxury-type merchandise," nor washing machines, refrigerators or jewelry.
He said the average service man spends from 15 to 20 per cent of his pay at exchanges, and of the average dollar, 22 cents goes for food and services, 21 cents for tobacco, 10 cents for bottled drinks, 7 cents for candy, 12 cents for uniform and clothing accessories 6 cents for drugstore type of goods, 5 cents for insignia watches, lighters, etc., 4 cents for stationery and 13 cents for all other goods.
He said that one survey shows army installations averaged 31 miles from the nearest civilian community, and that many exchanges were in foreign countries, on isolated islands and other places remote from private enterprises.
HOW TO BAR IMPORTS WITH A LOW TARIFF
One of the big tugs of war in 1955 will be over the tariff. There will be one bloc that wants tariffs reduced so that friendly nations can build up their economies by selling here, thereby requiring less financial help from the U.S. Treasury. And there will be another bloc demanding tariffs be raised so that goods made by lower-paid foreign labor will not undercut those made at American wage rates.

How Anyone Can Become Santa

By HAL BOYL
NEW YORK (AP)—Some people who want to do good don't know how.
This story is written to tell only one way. The feeling of wanting to help others often surges highest around Christmas. One way to express your good will is to go down to your local post office and answer a letter to Santa Claus—a letter that except for your effort will go unacknowledged, and perhaps rob a child of his faith.
Your postmaster will probably be glad to help you. Some 60 per cent of letters to Santa Claus are mailed without a postage stamp on them. Since the mailmen are reluctant to return a letter to Santa Claus marked "address unknown" or "insufficient postage," these missives cataloguing childish hopes have to end up in the "dead letter" file. What else can be done with them?
Well, a great number of postal employees personally answer the letters with gifts. So now do a number of other individuals and organizations.
Typical is Newman Broun, middle-aged, Jewish, reasonably prosperous, one of seven brothers and three sisters; from a family that knew hard times and had to put its young to work while they were young.
"Four years ago my wife, Helen, saw a notice in the paper suggesting that people pick up and answer letters to Santa Claus," Broun recalled. "It was four days before Christmas, and she thought I should help maybe a dozen, particularly those asking for food and clothing."
Broun read a few letters, shown him by postal officer Peter McIntee, who holds these things close to his heart, and ended up by trying to answer 700 requests.
Now he and the Young Men's Philanthropic League, started in 1925 as a Jewish charity, answer some 1,500 Santa Claus letters a year. The League members, now in their mid-50s, include many prominent businessmen. They raise money each year for some 200 charities, and don't

draw a line based on race, creed, or color.
But Broun and the 100 members of the organization's junior auxiliary get a great personal pleasure out of the "Operation Santa Claus." Each childish Christmas appeal sifted for them by the post office is further checked. The gifts are bought at wholesale prices or less.
Each child averages between two and three gifts.
The gifts aren't all dolls and toys and warm clothing. Often, after investigation, a family's rent is paid in advance for several months to relieve a money pinch.
One boy of 12, crippled since birth, asked for an aluminum wheel chair from Santa Claus. He got it, and insisted on hopping downstairs on his crutches from a fifth-floor cold water flat to try it out. His courage so touched the heart of a wealthy associate of Broun that he has underwritten the cost of a series of operations that may make the boy—be's Irish, his patron is Jewish—able to walk. The patron won't let his name be mentioned.
Broun says he realizes that the concentration of manufacturers here makes it easier for the "agents for Santa Claus" to operate, but says he feels businessmen are the same everywhere.
"Anybody in America can go down to his home town post office and pick up and take care of a few letters to Santa Claus. The postal officials will be glad to help you."
Broun, who says his business ulcer began to dry up after he started worrying about how to help children, now takes five weeks a year off from his advertising firm for the Christmas project. He says it is worthwhile. He and his wife are childless.
"You know, if a child writes an unanswered letter to Santa Claus two years in a row, he is likely to lose his religion," said Broun. "I wish I could make everybody catch fire."

Around Capitol Square

Paradoxes And Contrasts Amidst Christmas Season

By LYNN NISBET
CHRISTMAS—The Christmas season this year brings more than the usual number of paradoxes and contrasts. The birthday of Jesus is celebrated throughout all of Christendom as the birthday of the Christ child. In non-Christian lands, even in violently anti-Christian communities like Moscow, the occasion is recognized as memorializing one of the most significant events in world history.
In that respect there is global observance of Christmas and of the calendar change one week later which recognizes the birth of Jesus as the focal point of historic time. There are many religious denominations, fraternal organizations and civil governments which use other dates for internal reckoning of time. In all international relationships—economic, political and religious—dates are based on number of years before or after the birth of Jesus. In fact that rule is so authoritative and binding that when it was discovered some centuries ago that a mistake had been made in calculating the exact time of his birth, no change was made in the calendar reckoning. Although it is almost unanimously conceded that the event in the Bethlehem manger actually occurred four to seven years earlier than the originally accepted date, no one has

had the temerity to suggest that next year should be counted as 1959 or 1961. It will be throughout the world 1954 A.D. (Anno Domini, the year of the Lord, the year of the Master, the controlling element). That is one of the minor contrasts incident to the season.
A more significant contrast is found in the mingling of noises. The jangling of the cash register with the sweet music of the old carols. The discourteous shoving and shuffling of people, the hurried arguments over prices of merchandise, with the salutations of "Merry Christmas". The spending of too much time and money on non-essentials when there are thousands of people cold and hungry, because of lack of physical heat and food, and more because of yearning for human companionship.
PEACE?—Perhaps the greatest contrast of all is in the fact that nearly two thousand years after the Prince of Peace was born, war and the threat of war disturbs more millions of the earth's inhabitants than ever before. The presence of war is not lessened by the fact that cannon are muted in most parts of the world and bombs are being dropped nowhere. A terrific part of the total wealth of all peoples is being devoted to the making of cannons and bombs and airplanes and other implements of physical warfare.

The real battles now are being fought in conference halls, where diplomats and philosophers are seeking desperately to prevent outbreak of shooting wars. The degree of their success will determine whether additional millions of humans will be physically killed in armed combat, or even more millions will suffer moral and spiritual death, or if the ideals of Christianity shall prevail throughout the world.
The war of guns and bombs might be avoided; the conflict of ideas is inevitable. When the baby whose birth the world commemorates this week grew to manhood and became the Great Teacher, he warned that he would set father against son, mother against daughter, and brothers against each other. Although heralded by ancient prophets as the Prince of Peace, he said the application of his ideas would not tolerate peace in the commonly accepted meaning of the word.
He promoted strife and war against injustice and social evils. So it would seem to be an appropriate observance of the birthday of the babe to carry on the fight which the man into which he grew started more than nineteen hundred years ago. If that is done there can't be peace in the sense that there is absence of war; but there can be the kind of peace it is be-

lieved he was talking about—peace of mind derived from satisfaction in a duty performed and genuine effort made, even though at times the effort seems to have failed to gain its objective.

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STRONG—At Christmas time it seems appropriate to re-tell often the beautiful story of the

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HAWK WATCH

While photographing a hawk migration in the mountains of West Virginia, ace professional lensman, Charles Gratton, learns that some one is flying an eagle, a grave infraction of local game laws. He explores the ledge where he has seen an eagle in flight and comes upon a decadent mansion now occupied by one Anson Metcalf and his sister, Dana, both expert falconers. As Gratton approaches the residence, he is greeted by lovely young Dana who manages to keep at bay a vicious dog guarding the place. She ignores the intruder's reference to eagles, diverting him by exhibiting her pet hawk, "Butcherboy," a wicked looking fellow who meekly obeys the girl's commands. Dana speaks of her father who long ago had left this house, and of her hope of one day leaving here to join him. Returning to the village, Gratton finds a demolished car which had been towed in from a canyon. Search had failed to produce a driver or a body.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

The old barber finished his sandwich and moved to the marble wash basins where he very carefully scrubbed and dried his hands. Then he shuffled toward the far chair, sucking his lunch out of his teeth with little sounds like a chirping sparrow.

I pointed to the mugs. "Do you mind telling me a little about these?"

He hobbled over, his chocolate skin wrinkled into a smile. He had put on steel-framed spectacles which made him look like a sleepy Mahatma Gandhi.

"You seem to have a lot of customers," I said.

He shook his head slowly. "Most of those gentlemen gone on, suh." He said it very sadly. "Only five still livin'."

"These look in use."

"I dust them every morning."

"Were they all local men?" I asked.

He took his glasses off and polished them, blinking.

"Lots of them was summer folks, come down from the cities to take the waters. Back when Fairfax Springs was really something. Come back each year, each gentleman come in here for his own barber."

"You had other barbers?"

"We had all six chairs workin', suh." He grew an inch in height. "When Fairfax Springs was something."

"I imagine you remember most of your customers well," I said casually.

"Deed I do." He took down a pale number done in forget-me-nots and gold initials. "Some of the ladies used to hand-paint their husbands' shaving mugs in those days. This is Mr. Morgan with the posties. He only wanted once over." He set it back and lifted a pink and gold one, frowning at a speck on the interior. "Mr. Wakefield, that. Cold water with his lather."

"Why is this one blank?" I asked, touching an undecorated mug.

"That," he snorted. "That's Mr. Cadwallar from New York." He turned the mug around but left it sitting in its niche. It was the first time I'd seen a nude with a Police Gazette silhouette in china painting.

"That's quite artistic," I grinned. "Did his wife paint that?"

"He was a bachelor suh." He turned the mug around with the lady to the wall. "All three of those gentlemen long dead."

"Did you ever have a client by the name of Metcalf?" I asked.

He picked a mug from the lower row, black with an intricate Old English M in gold.

"There," he said proudly. "Is Mr. Anson Metcalf. One hot towel and twice over. A fine gentleman."

"You know the family?"

"I ought to, suh. Done their barberin' almost since I started workin' here in nineteen hundred." He put the mug carefully in its place.

"While you work on me," I followed him to the furthest chair, "tell me a little about Mr. Metcalf. Any man with a shaving mug like that must be interesting."

I sat down on the cracked black leather seat and said to give me a trim, fairly close. I noticed the bottles at the other chairs were empty.

While he adjusted a starched cloth about my neck with very clean-smelling hands he started on a long train of reminiscence, talking around a couple of straight pins pinched in his lips. He finally used the pins to fasten the neck cloth and I could understand him better.

"Mr. Metcalf started coming here after his own hotel burned down. Always come to me. Say no one but Jeff could shave him

right. Stop in every time he come to town." He'd begun to nibble at the back of my neck with a pair of hand clippers.

"You say he owned a hotel?"

"The Metcalf House, suh. Over next to the mineral springs. Burned down 'long about nineteen two."

"You're talking about a different Anson Metcalf," I said. "I'm thinking of a young man."

"That's young Mr. Anson. He's the grand-on." In the mirror I could see him shaking his head.

"That's different, suh. Yessuh, mighty different."

He laid down his clippers and started with his comb and scissors. I let him get under way and then I asked, "You know him?"

"Yessuh he come in 'bout every two months with his hair long and straggledy. Young Mr. Anson don't take the care in his looks like his granddaddy did."

He stopped and looked at me over my shoulder in the mirror while his scissors went on munching on thin air.

"Ever notice, suh, folkses' breedin' don't run true to form like horses and bird dogs. People has done too much helter skelterin'." He went back to his slow work on my hair.

"You say young Anson has no pride?"

He stopped, motionless. "Nosuh. I didn't say nuthin' like that. He got all kinds of pride. I say he don't take no care of his looks."

"What about the father? Old Anson's son?"

"He used to come in here." We weren't making much progress because every time he talked he stopped cutting. "Mr. John Metcalf never seemed to be the man his daddy was. He was a gentleman. I don't mean he wasn't, but beside old Mr. Anson drivin' up and tyin' his fast horses out in front, Mr. John never seemed to have much subject to him. You know the kind, suh."

He scratched his gray mossy head and chuckled.

"For all of that, he married one mighty handsome lady. Yessuh, Miss Belle she was a beauty."

"Really?"

"Mr. John, he twice as old as Miss Belle, they say. No one never thought he had it in him."

After a while I said, "You don't see young Anson very often?"

"Nosuh. He live way back up on the mountain and no one see him much. Always been peculiar. Makes me use his granddaddy's mug and brush on him. Want everything just like the old days."

His reflection watched me from the mirror. "They say nothing's been changed up at the old home. No electric, nothing different from the way his granddaddy had it."

He shook his head. "And if that's how young Mr. Anson want it, I can tell you that's how it gwine to be. He that kind of young gentleman. Have his way or bust."

"What does this young Mr. Anson look like?" I asked.

He stopped again to do his thinking. "It strange about young Mr. Anson," he said. "He come in here and he go out. Then a long time pass and he come and go again and after he gone it's hard to say what he look like. Ain't no one look like young Mr. Anson I don't guess."

"Well," I made an effort, "is he big?"

"Can't say he look big but he seem big. Yessuh, guess it's that he talk and feel big."

"Is he light complexioned?"

"His hair dark. Real black and long. But his skin, it white."

"His face—what's it like?"

"Best I can remember it always looks unhappy. Like somethin' hurt inside. Kind of hard for me to remember much how my gentlemen look. They all look like their shaving mugs settin' back there in rows. That's how I think young Mr. Anson look. Like that shaving mug—gold and black."

I thought about that for a long time while he droned on.

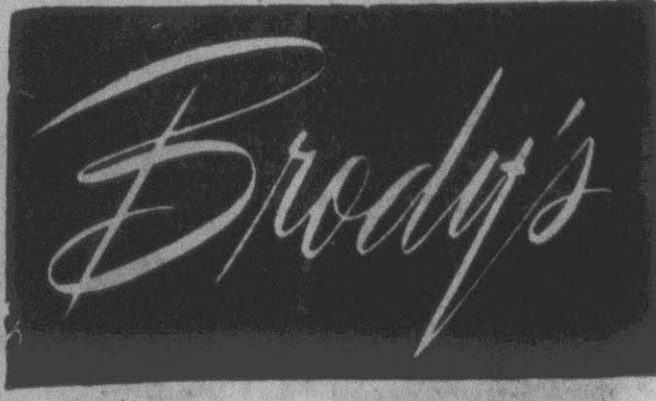
It must have got me for I came to when he laid a brushful of warm lather at my temples.

He chuckled as he stopped his razor with a slow, slapping sound. "Yessuh, somethin' 'bout the way I works puts folks to sleep."

He tilted my head and laid the straight sharp razor on my cheekbone, feeling for the place to start.

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TIMELY
ELMIRA, N. Y. (AP)—A fuse blew and plunged radio station WELM into darkness for 35 minutes last night just after a disc jockey had finished playing a recording of the song "Dim, Dim the Lights."



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EXCHANGES CHARGES REFUNDS



Christmas Toy

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Auto Accessory Store — Both Christmas season sales and sales for the entire year will be ahead of last year. Toys selling fast and expected to be above last year.

Variety Store — Sales slightly down from last year for both the Christmas season and for the entire year. Toy sales off about 5 percent.

Furniture Store — Sales for the Christmas season off from last year. Business was good for first eight days of December but have dropped since. Entire year off somewhat.

Appliance Dealer — Business

about the same this December as in 1953. August, September and October off badly but television sales at the first of the year will bring total sales up to last year's. Selling mostly television now and "white good" not selling well. Total sales expected to run slightly ahead of 1953.

Department Store — Business has been very satisfactory and is running about like it did last year. Christmas shopping expected to run about the same as 1953 also.

ABC Stores — Liquor sales off somewhat from last year in county-operated liquor stores.

A speed of seven miles per second or more would be required for escape from the earth's gravitation.

Officers Capture Moonshine Still

Local ABC officers raided a 100-gallon steam plant distillery in Pacolus Township behind the old Langley farm Thursday afternoon.

ABC officer J. M. Ward reported that the unit appeared to be new and to have been used only a couple of times. It was not in operation when raided by the officers.

The still used a 50-gallon boiler and officers found and destroyed 1,350 gallons of mash at the scene. It was found about two miles north of Pacolus and the plant used two copper coils and a 100 gallon pre-heating unit with two copper heaters.

ABC officers H. E. Lilly and Glen Perkins participated in the raid along with Ward.

Wednesday Pitt County's ABC officers assisted in the capture of five stills in the Free Union section of Martin County.

The still destroyed Thursday brings to 19 the number of distilleries the local officers have destroyed or assisted in destroying during the past week.

Makes Hobby Of Contest-Winning

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP)—When it comes to contests, Jesse H. Long, 28-year-old Tennessee Valley Authority employe, is the winningest man in these parts. Long makes a hobby of entering all types of contests and has won 129 prizes worth about \$3,000 since 1948.

Roller skates, war bonds, bicycles, a television set, a trip to New York for two and even clothes for his wife were included.

Long doesn't have any special formula to offer for winning contests, but he does abide by a theory that "the more you enter, the more you win."

Foreigners Are Departing Paris

PARIS (AP)—Maybe its the high prices, maybe just the aftermath of World War II, but foreigners are moving out of France.

New census figures show that the country's foreign population is now only about 1,452,000, against 1,671,000 in 1946 and 2,454,000 a decade earlier.

Paris, a city so many strangers like to visit, had 459,498 of them living here in 1931, but now has only 186,164. The French Riviera has had a similar experience. The Alpes-Maritimes district, which includes Nice, Cannes and Menton, has 47,594 foreign residents now, compared with 140,446 before World War II.

Santa In The Fireplace At Woman's Club



Santa Claus stands in the center of the fireplace in the main auditorium at the Woman's Club. The mantle is decorated with pine surrounding candelabras containing red candles. From the center of the mantle hangs an artificial bell.

Radio WGTC Schedule

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
3:15—Ebony Hit Parade	6:00—Morning Almanac	9:15—Home Demonstration Clubs
5:00—Letters to Santa	6:30—Negro Home Demonstration Clubs	9:30—Morning Meditations
5:15—Holiday Melodies	7:00—News	9:45—Musical Interlude
5:30—Wild Bill Hickok	7:05—Early Risers Club	9:55—Obituary Column
5:55—Cecil Brown News	7:35—Joe Overman	10:00—Morning Melody Magic
6:00—News	7:45—Local News	10:30—The Amazing Mr. Whiz
6:05—Sports Highlights	7:50—Musical Interlude	11:00—American Travel Guide
6:10—Variety Cafe	7:55—Hits of Yesteryear	11:15—Serenade in Blue
6:35—Joe Overman	8:00—Twenty Top Tunes	11:30—News
6:45—Variety Cafe	9:00—Forward March	11:35—U. S. Military Band
6:55—News		12:00—Farm Quiz
7:00—Parade of Bands		12:30—Musical Interlude
7:15—Dinner Date		12:35—Joe Overman
7:30—Gabriel Heatter		12:45—Farm Program
7:45—In the Mood		1:00—Fifth Army Band
		1:30—Ruby Mercer Show
		2:30—Richard Hayes Show
		3:00—Bandstand USA
		4:00—Salute to the Nation
		4:30—Sports Parade
		5:00—Letters to Santa
		5:15—Holiday Melodies
		5:45—Jack Brickhouse Sports
		5:55—John Price News

6:00—News
6:05—Sports Highlight
6:10—Variety Cafe
6:35—Joe Overman
6:45—Variety Cafe
7:00—Pop the Question
7:30—Keep Healthy
7:45—Globe Trotter
8:00—True or False
8:30—Quaker City Capers
9:00—Hawaii Calls
9:30—Lombardi USA
10:00—Chicago Theatre of the Air

It Didn't Make Any Difference

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—Some top sergeant probably had a disillusioned rookie after an 18-year-old soldier was involved in a minor traffic accident. He said the police couldn't give him a ticket for careless collision and no driver's license.

"I'm in the Army," he said. They said it didn't make any difference. And it didn't.

Strong, hot sunshine can kill a rattlesnake in nine minutes.

Holiday Greetings

It's hail and hi-ho! Santa's on his way! Now's the season for fun and well-wishing; so, happy holiday to all!

Farrow Auto Body Works
West End Circle

In the spirit of the first Noel... a very merry Christmas to our wonderful friends and neighbors!

Pitt Perma-Stone Co.
500 North Greene St. — Phone 2153
P.O. Box 290 — Greenville, N. C.

Greetings

To all our friends—old and new—our warmest wishes for a Merry Holiday Season!

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"Your Friendly Ford Dealer"
Farmville, N. C.

GREETINGS

At this festive time of year we want to pause for a moment to say: Thank You for your patronage—and may you have a merry, happy Holiday!

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Christmas Wishes

Fun and Good Cheer and Good Health the year through... An abundance of these is our Yule wish for you!

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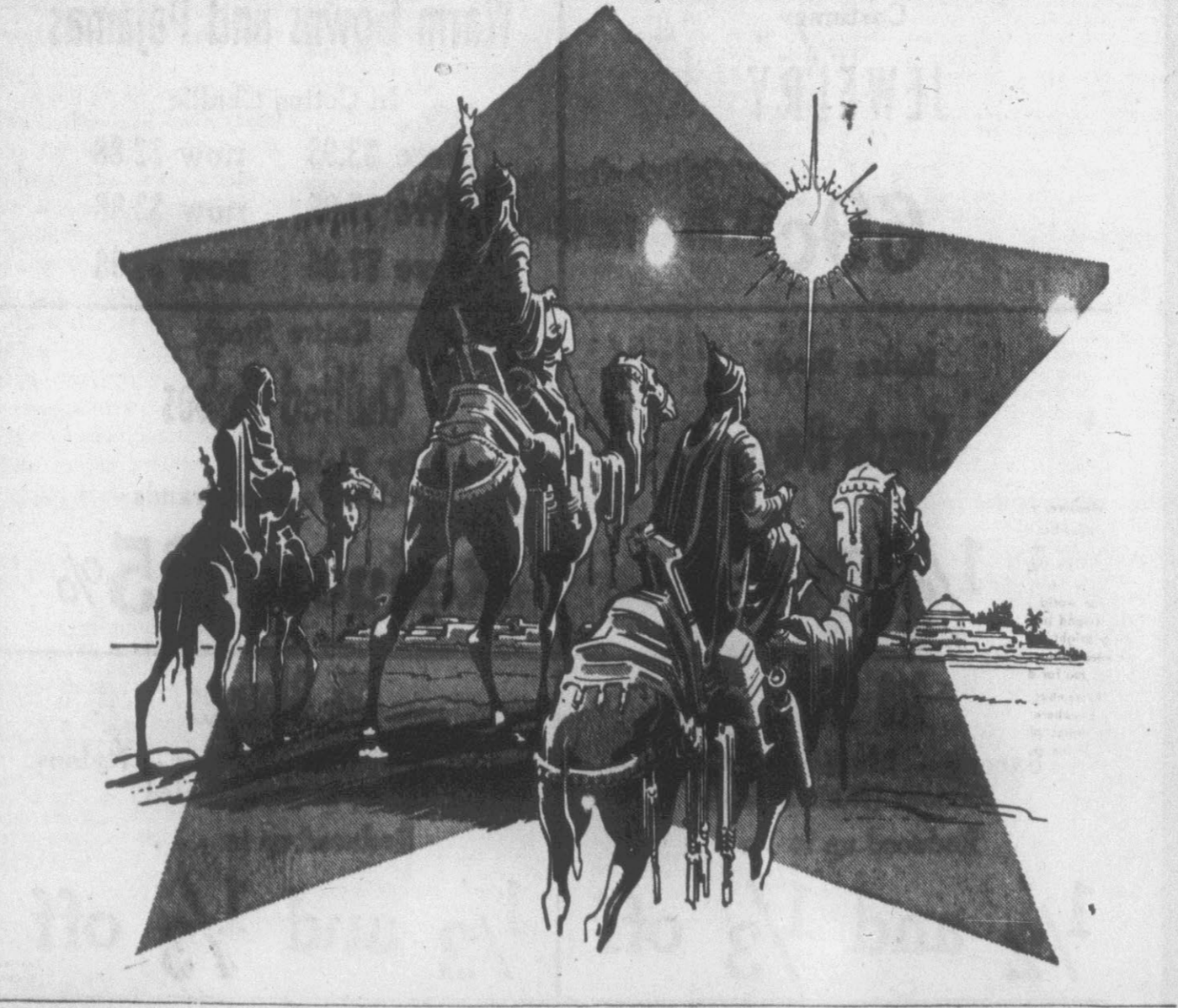
SEASON'S GREETINGS

From **WORSLEY'S** Fine SHOES..... To Open Soon East 5th Street - Next to Belk-Tyler Co.

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At this holiday season we extend our most sincere good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all our friends and neighbors

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First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Greenville
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Listen to Joe Overman "The Weather Man" Every Day at 7:35 A. M.



Greetings

It is our pleasure once again to say Merry Christmas to all our friends and neighbors.

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Insurance

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.

Respass Bros. Barbecue Stand

Greetings's

May your heart be light and your home be bright with every Christmas joy



R. F. McLawhon & Sons
Bethel Highway

WNCT Schedule

FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
4:00—Brighter Day, CBS	8:00—Toast of the Town, CBS	7:00—Christmas Music	1:45—Feature	12:45—News	1:45—Feature
4:15—Santa-Land	9:00—GE Theatre, CBS	10:00—The Christophers	2:45—Blue-Gray Football Game	1:00—Weather	2:45—Blue-Gray Football Game
4:30—On Your Account, CBS	9:30—Amos and Andy	10:30—Winky, Dinky and You, CBS	5:30—Rocket Rhythm	1:30—Carolina's TV Reporter	5:30—Rocket Rhythm
5:00—Pinky Lee, NBC	10:30—Father Knows Best, CBS	11:00—A Star Shall Rise	5:40—Christmas Music	1:45—This Is Your State	5:40—Christmas Music
5:30—Cactus Jim Club	11:00—Boston Blackie	11:30—Superman, ABC	6:00—Down Home	2:00—Pro Championship Football	6:00—Down Home
6:00—Persons, Places and Things	11:00—News Special, CBS	12:00—Big Top, CBS	6:30—Inner Sanctum	4:30—Gadabout Gaddis	6:30—Inner Sanctum
6:05—Band of the Day	11:15—Late Show	1:00—News	7:00—Cisco Kid	4:45—Public Prosecutor	7:00—Cisco Kid
6:15—Sports Highlights		1:10—Weather	7:30—Little Match Girl	5:00—Disneyland, ABC	7:30—Little Match Girl
6:20—Weather		1:15—Farming for Tomorrow	8:00—Ford Theatre	6:00—Drew Pearson	8:00—Ford Theatre
6:25—Safety Tips		1:30—Farmers Home Administration	8:30—Place the Face, NBC	6:15—TBA	8:30—Place the Face, NBC
6:30—Jewel Box Jamboree		1:45—Welcome Travelers, CBS	9:00—Two for the Money, CBS	7:00—Hopalong Cassidy	9:00—Two for the Money, CBS
6:45—Farm Facts		2:00—Preadolescent Child	9:30—Christmas Program	7:30—People Are Funny, NBC	9:30—Christmas Program
7:00—Cavalcade of America, ABC		2:30—Big Picture	10:00—That's My Boy, CBS	7:30—Jack Benny, CBS	10:00—That's My Boy, CBS
7:30—Doug Edwards, CBS		3:00—Greatest Gift, NBC	10:30—Hit Parade, NBC		10:30—Hit Parade, NBC
7:45—Perry Como, CBS		3:15—Golden Windows, NBC	11:00—The Acid Test		11:00—The Acid Test
8:00—Streitman Jamboree		3:30—Music with a Fashion	11:10—Wrestling		11:10—Wrestling
8:30—Topper, CBS		4:00—Brighter Day, CBS	12:00—TV Final		12:00—TV Final
9:00—Playhouse of Stars, CBS		4:15—Yesterday's News Reel			
9:30—Life of Riley, NBC		4:30—On Your Account, CBS			
10:00—Sports Highlights, NBC		5:00—Cactus Jim			
10:30—Great Moments of Sports		5:30—Rocky King			
11:00—Story Theatre		6:00—Persons, Places and Things			
11:30—TV Final		6:05—Band of the Day			
		6:15—Sports Highlights			
		6:20—Weather			
		6:25—Safety Tips			
		6:30—Dick Carter Show			
		6:45—Farm Facts			
		7:00—Television Court			
		7:30—Doug Edwards, CBS			
		7:45—Perry Como, CBS			
		8:00—Heart of the City			
		8:30—Loretta Young, NBC			
		9:00—I Love Lucy, CBS			
		9:30—December Bride, CBS			
		10:00—Studio One			
		11:00—Rocky King, DuMont			
		11:30—TV Final			

Primary Grades At Falkland Give Play

Climax of the pre-holiday activities at the Falkland School was a Christmas program presented by the primary department December 13.

The play, written by Mrs. Irene Mayo fourth grade teacher, from an idea suggested by Mrs. Glenn Scott was presented in two parts. The first part, featuring a religious theme, consisted of the reading of the Christmas Story by two students. Carolers also sang Christmas songs.

The second portion presented the imaginative side of Christmas, "The Christmas Dream." This story depicted two children, dreaming, who are visited by a Christmas fairy. The fairy with Christmas magic brought Santa and many toys to delight the children. Then before Santa had to leave everyone joined in a song.

Cast of characters included Charles Watson and George Davis as readers; with Paul Bright, Edward Casey, Steve Cobb, Clayton James, Frankie Edwards, Mac Wolfe, Robert Norville, Marjorie Thomas, Dorothy and Faye Corbitt Alma Davenport Melba Everett, Brenda Forrest, Carolyn Garrett, Donna Little, Joy Morrill, Beverly Gaynor, Karen Langley, Joy Parker, Jean Peaden, Sue Daniels were dolls; Jack Corbitt, Carson Thomas Jean Stocks, Janice Avery, Margaret Corbitt, Charles Mayo, Edith Smith and Ricky Smith were cowboys and girls.

Ann Haddock, Joan Casey, Sherry Oakley, Geraldine Corbitt, Virginia Everett, Charlotte Polard, Christine Corbitt and Mary Pollard portrayed teddy bears; Ronald Everette, Kenneth Allen, Curtis Wolfe, Billy Allen Dwight Eastwood, Wayne Evans and James Taylor were Indians.

Tin soldiers were played by Troy Langston Danny Smith, Joe Jones, William Turner, Stuart Davis and Jimmy Lee Sugg; while Steve Cobb, Roger Phillips, Ronnie Moore, Dwight Strickland, Charlie Brown Tyer, Clarence Tripp and Mickey Windham played snowmen.

Spain Clings To Religious Theme

MADRID, Spain (AP)—Christmas turkeys have gone up here due to heavy American buying at Thanksgiving time.

The hundreds of American families who have arrived here since the signing of the "aid-for-bases" pact last year took fowl dealers by surprise about the middle of November — just when growers were fattening birds for Christmas sales.

There haven't been any loud complaints yet over the high prices of turkeys, even though it hits the Spanish in one of the best parts of their Christmas celebration.

This holiday here is mainly religious. Santa Claus doesn't give presents here. That is done by the three Magi kings on Jan. 6.

Traditionally, however, there is the big feast, usually the night before Christmas, or "Nochebuena." A typical menu includes hot boiled cabbage, roast fish, roast turkey with olive and apple dressing, fresh and candied fruit and the traditional almond paste called "turron."

All this is washed down with plenty of wines and liquors.

In poor homes, roast lamb replaces the turkey but most of the rest of the menu remains the same.

Relatively few Spanish homes have Christmas trees but nearly all have some form of scene of the nativity.

For children the American equivalent of Christmas begins the evening of Jan. 5 with a parade through the streets of the three kings, Melchior, Gaspar and Balthazar, on white horses (substituting for camels), followed by soldiers in ancient costume.

Children lining the streets scream with delight, should one of the kings wave in their direction. It's a sign there'll be lots of presents the next day.

And then they all troop home to polish their shoes. That's where the kings put the presents.

Home Restored In Class Project

LEXINGTON, Va. (AP)—Bruce McCorkle, a farmer here, thinks he is lucky that Washington and Lee University has a class in American art and architecture.

A 1790 home, fairly well preserved but showing the marks of its 164 years, stands on the McCorkle farm. The students are restoring it doing all the work themselves under direction of Professor Marshall Fishwick. They found no evidence of decay or termite in the hand-wrought cedar beams or solid 18-inch brick walls.

Salary Cut, But They Get More

GASTONIA, N.C. (AP)—Gastonia policemen have taken a five-dollar per day salary cut. But in the long run they'll make more money. They get it back as a subsistence allowance.

The cut means \$30 less per week the officers will have to pay taxes on. They don't have to pay on subsistence allowances.


GREETINGS

May you enjoy a full measure of happiness and good health this Christmas.



Bunch Shoe Service

Christmas Meditation



What's the Christmas Spirit, Daddy?" The child peered gravely over the magazine where she had found these words, confidently awaiting an answer.

"Well, girl, it's... it's a lot of things, big and small. And hard as you'll find it to believe, Santa Claus is part of the small. You see, the Christmas Spirit isn't likely to visit you when you're knee-deep in your own pleasure; you've got to be heart-deep in kindness!

"Remember how bleak and barren Main Street looked early this month? And you know how it looks now, with the wintry harshness all shut out by those evergreen arches, and strings of lights. Well, that's sorta like the way the Christmas Spirit changes people... and towns... and the world. It takes all the grey coldness out of streets, and human hearts—and brings in something fine and fragrant like evergreen; something bright and sparkling like those streamer-lights of red and green and frosty-blue. It stirs up the best part of human nature, that's usually buried too far down. It turns on a long, warm, friendly smile inside of us.

"Remember the midnight service at church last year? There, more than anywhere else, you'll feel the touch of the Christmas Spirit. So many things play a part in it—the crisp silence of the night... the lights of the church, throwing long, golden patterns across the snow... frosty breath in the starlight, and faces rosy-fresh in the cold... a certain closeness and warmth that you'll never find anywhere—except at a Christmas midnight service.

"And then, girl, when you stand with the others and throw all your being into one of those great Christmas Carols, and the organ has a silver sound you never heard before, with your heart riding on its melody—then the Christmas Spirit is all around you, like a gentle snowfall. And your thoughts are soaring far, far above all the glitter and surface-shine of Christmas, up and out through the midnight stretches searching the skies for the Star of Bethlehem.

"It's—so much more than I can say, and what I've said is probably hard for you to understand, but—"

She smiled across at him, her eyes shining in the lamp-glow. "I do understand, sorta better, anyway... and it is even more wonderful than Santa Claus, isn't it Daddy?"

And the winter wind whispered outside the window, envious of the bright glory within—for the radiance of the Christmas Spirit was with them, there in the room...

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Wishing you Christmas Joy

Our wishes ring out for a season filled with joy...with love...with peace.

Bell's Coal & Oil Co.

GREETINGS



and all best wishes for the season

Williams Sport Shop

HURRY!...HURRY!...HURRY

To Garris Supply Co.

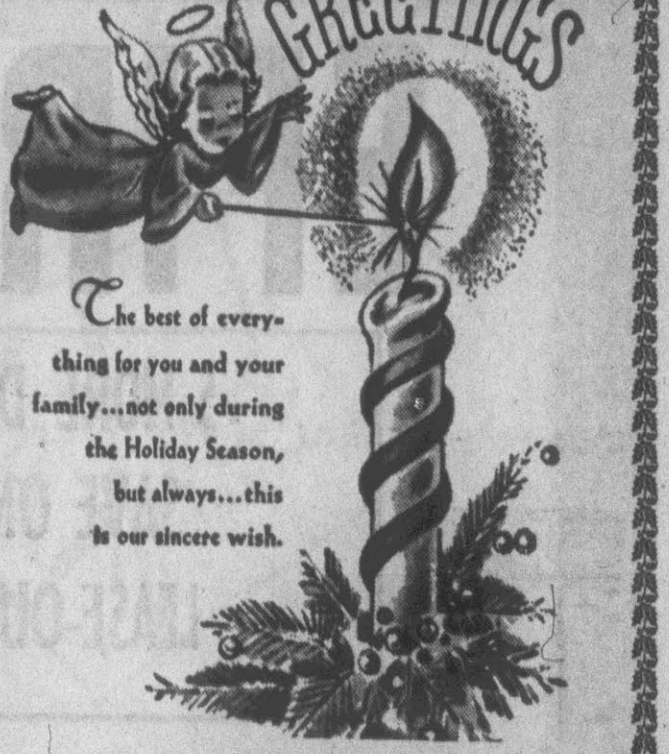
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We Are Selling Out To The Bare Walls! Prices Are Right As Long As Toys Last.

GARRIS SUPPLY CO.

GREETINGS



The best of everything for you and your family...not only during the Holiday Season, but always...this is our sincere wish.

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Merry Christmas

At Christmas time, And all the year through, Good health, good friends, And good luck to you.

Dress-Up Shop

Merry Christmas

from your

Daily Reflector Carrier Boy



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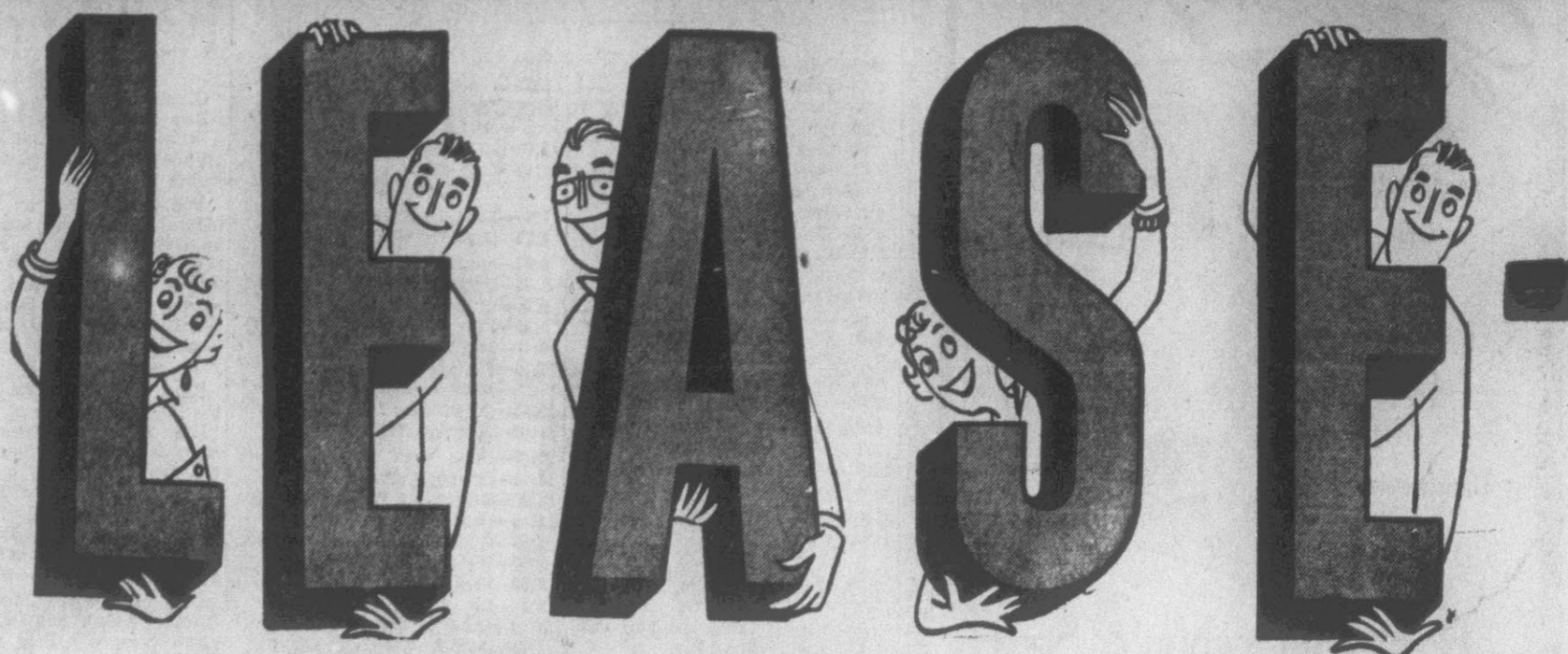
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\$5.98 Pants, Now Only	\$3.66
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100% Wool Gabardines, Part Wool, Rayon and Nylon, Rayon Acetate and Orlon Worsted, Blue Serge

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SWEATERS
All Wool, Orlon and Nylon — \$3.98
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Medium and Heavy Weight
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Regular \$1.29
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Regular to \$5.98 Dresses, Now	\$2.33
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JEANIES — By Blue Bell
Red, Black Twill and Blue
Denim — Were \$2.49
NOW **\$1.98**

One Lot
Ladies' Linda Lane
UNIFORMS
100% Nylon
Were \$4.98
\$2.66
White Only

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**CORDUROY LONGIES and
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RECEIVING BLANKETS
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DRESSES
Regular to \$2.98
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Children's
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Sizes 1-3
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Regular to \$4.98
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Regular \$2.49
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One Table Ladies'
COTTON SLIPS
4 Inch Nylon Lace
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LADIES 100% WOOL KNIT DRESSES
EXTRA SPECIAL — \$3.66
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Rayons — Cottons
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SEE THESE ITEMS QUICKLY
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EFIRD'S Department Store**

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IT'S ALL OUT AND INTO PLACE FOR FAST SELLING. YES, THESE ARE THE DAYS YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR. EVERYTHING MUST GO! STARTING MONDAY — NO REFUNDS—NO EXCHANGES—EVERY SALE FINAL!

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Now **\$1.44**

Men's Blue Bell DUNGAREES
8 oz. Denim
Regular \$1.98
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Men's, Youths' Blue Bell WRANGLERS
11 oz. Denim
Regular \$3.49
Now **\$2.33**

One Lot Men's Blue Bell OVER-ALLS
Sanforized 8 oz. Denim
Regular \$2.98
Now **\$2.66**

5000 Yards Seed Bed Covers
Kendall Mills
24x20 — 4x25 yds.
Regular \$9.50
Now **\$6.44**

3 Tables Ladies' HATS
Values up to \$4.98
Our Entire Stock At This One Price, Only . . .
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One Lot Infants BOOTIE SETS—Were \$1.98
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ONE BIG LINGERIE TABLE
Consisting of Ladies' Gowns, Slips, Bed Jackets—Rayon, Nylon and Cotton Choice
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Now. Come Early For This . . .
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\$1.98 Infant DRESSES	Now	87c
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It's The End! Time Is Short!

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One Table
Fruit of Loom and Spring Knight Percal, Solid and Printed
Values to 69c
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Ladies' Cotton DRESSES
Up to \$5.98
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Sold up to \$1.98
NOW
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One Lot Ladies' SHOES
Values to \$7.98
Including Parkhill, Slenderline & Gracious Lady styles.
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One Lot Men's "Autograph" OXFORDS
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One Lot NYLON HOSE
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Regular 97c Value
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One Table Ladies' SHOES
Regular to \$7.98
Including styles by Betty Smart, Gracious Lady and Fashion Craft.
\$2.33

One Lot Boys' CAPS
Including Hugger Caps
Up to \$1.98
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One Lot Ladies' Handbags
Regular to \$3.98
Leather, Fabric Plastic — Now
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One Lot Ladies SHOES
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Including Fashion Craft and Gracious Lady styles.
\$1.33

One Lot Children's SHOES
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One Lot Men's OXFORDS
"Berkley Square"
Regular \$4.98
\$3.88

One Lot Ladies' Nylon HOSIERY
First Quality
By Hudson
\$1.50 Values
77c

You, Don't Be Sorry - Too Late
Greenville, N. C.

Temptation Under The Christmas Tree



Gaily wrapped presents are surely a temptation to open! Little Becky White, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. White, glances up implacably as she carefully investigates one of the packages under the tree for a clue to its hidden contents. It seems too long until tomorrow morning when all the presents can be opened! (Reflector Photo by Edwina Haymes).

Attendance Helped By Christmas Tree

A variety of pre-Christmas activities highlighted the days for the Belvoir school students before their two-week vacation.

An unusual development was reported by Mrs. Nina Vainright, second grade teacher, who said her grade attendance had improved considerably since a new idea was initiated in her room.

This new development to encourage the children to come to school was a large cardboard Christmas tree on the bulletin board on which was placed an ornament with each child's name. If the child is present his ornament was hung on the tree. If he was absent the ornament was taken off the tree.

These ornaments consisted of stars, balls, candles, birds and numerous other designs which were cut from colored construction paper.

Mrs. Vainright said her students were anxious to help decorate the Christmas tree by attending school every day.

The second graders also made book-ends for their mothers' Christmas gift.

In the fourth grade the students spatter-painted Christmas cards. They also painted two murals, one of Santa and his reindeer and one of the shepherds at Bethlehem.

As an incentive for better attendance during the month of December, each child made his own little stocking. These were hung at the front of the room and each day the children came to school an item—nuts, candy chewing gum, for instance—was put in the stocking.

Christmas candles from paraffin were made by the fifth grade students. These were colored by melting bits of old crayons with the paraffin.

Milk Cartons, wax cups and cans of various sizes were used for the candle molds. When the candles were removed from the molds they were decorated with Christmas tape and seals.

Making stained glass windows highlighted the activities of the

seventh grade. These were made by cutting a design on construction paper and pasting colored cellophane on the back. These panes were then placed in the windows of the school room.

The students also drew a scene with colored chalk of the birth of Christ, and made Christmas cards for their mothers.

In the eighth grade the students designed a mural with a Biblical scene. Christmas pictures were drawn on paper and cut around the objects with bright material showing through the cutouts.

In the windows of the room were snow scenes made from a cleanser, forming the background for objects in black.

The students also spatter-painted leaves and decorated a Christmas tree. Some of the students made jewelry boxes from cigar boxes.

Mistletoe Once Symbol Of Evil

The mistletoe, once a weapon of death, later became to be considered as a magical medicine, is now a universal symbol of love and peace.

It was with a mistletoe arrow (according to Norse mythology) that Loki killed Balder, the sun god, after Balder's mother had obtained a promise from all living things, other than the mistletoe, that they would not harm him. Balder was restored to life and it was ruled by the gods that the mistletoe would never again be used to do harm.

Ancient Europeans considered the mistletoe a magical medicine. They carried it about with them for health and luck, and believed it a cure for ulcers and epilepsy as well as a charm promoting fertility.

The present day custom of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletoe, although a relatively modern one, is derived from the fact that down through the centuries the mistletoe has been recognized throughout the whole world as a symbol of lasting peace.

All Dressed Up For Christmas Program

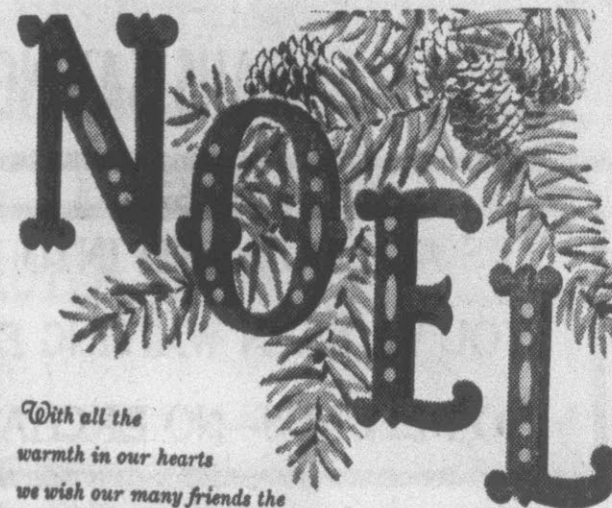


Students at Chicod School had a good time giving their Christmas program this year. With an opportunity to assume the identity of a variety of Christmas characters, the youngsters found working hard to make the program a success to be more fun than labor. Pictured above are a number of the characters in the program, including clowns, white ponies and even a majorette. Also on the program were snow men, angels and numerous other figures.

Saint Nicholas Was Bishop Of Myra

Saint Nicholas lived some 1600 years ago in Turkey where he was for 17 years Bishop of Myra. Today, the place is known as Demre, province of Antalya—where his church may still be found and one may yet hear of the generous acts which made his life a great legend and gave him the "Santa Claus" character we all know today.

It is said that Saint Nicholas, a man of great virtue and piety, became the patron saint of boys when he restored to life the sons of a rich Asiatic, who had been murdered by a robber-innkeeper while they were enroute to school at Athens. It is said that he was warned of the crime in a dream, but was unable to reach the inn in time to prevent the murders. He restored the boys to life through prayer and the murderer confessed his crime.



With all the warmth in our hearts we wish our many friends the very happiest of Holiday Seasons.

Drum's Hatchery & Feed Store West End Circle

Turkey Dinner



Planning a turkey dinner for Christmas? If you are, and you want to be sure it's a "good" bird when you place it on the festive table, then follow these tips in preparing that important part of your holiday meal.

Be sure all wing-tip feathers are removed. They may be pulled out easily by pressing the skin between the feathers down to the tips of the quill with the forefingers of one hand and pulling the feathers straight out with the other.

The drum stick can also be greatly improved by pulling with a pair of pliers as many of the nine heavy tendons in each leg as possible.

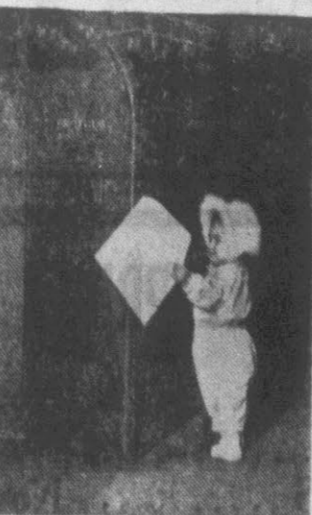
Singe your bird the easy way. Put a few teaspoons of rubbing alcohol in a jar lid, light, then rotate the turkey slowly over the flame. The bird should then be washed with soap in lukewarm water, using a scrub brush, then rinsed in clear water and dried.

Don't stuff the turkey until just before putting it into the oven. Three skewers should be used before closing the cavity and a square knot tied after each skewer so the lacing won't tighten. If there is not sufficient opening to let off steam, the dressing will get soggy.

In roasting the turkey, you'll find that the wing-tips can be brought over the back and tied to make a "rack" on which the bird will rest in the roaster.



Xmas Gift



KING SIZE . . . Letter of "thanks" is mailed by 19-month-old triple amputee in Roxbury, Mass. who received artificial limbs in time to walk for 1953 Christmas celebration.

Gift Idea!



Sutton's Service Center No. 2 1401 Dickinson Avenue

Holiday Plants Need Special Care

Holiday plants require special care if they are to look their best. Just like human beings, they need bright light or sunlight, in the day and a proper amount of water.

Wilting, leaf yellowing and burning, leaf drop and premature loss of flowers can be caused by under-watering or over-watering plants. Thorough watering is important as soon as plants are dry, but avoid leaving plants standing in water. Puncture the tinfoil or heavy paper on pots at the drainage hole to provide necessary drainage.

Lower the night temperature to prolong the life of blooms. Minimum night temperature for poinsettias and Christmas begonias should be 60 degrees. The desirable night temperatures for azaleas, Christmas cactus, chrysanthemums, cyclamen, Jerusalem cherry, Kalanchoe, ornamental peppers, potted bulbs and cut flowers are between 50 degrees and 60 degrees. High room temperatures hasten the maturity of flowers and shorten their life.

Avoid sudden temperature changes and drafts. Keep both plants and cut flowers away from radiators and heat registers and out of drafts. Poinsettias are especially sensitive to sudden temperature changes. They should never be left near a window sill as drafts will cause leaves to turn yellow and drop.

FOR THE BIRDS
MUSKEGON, Mich. (AP)—When a pet dealer's automobile and a light truck collided a batch of tropical fish perished, but seven canaries survived. Four people were hurt.

IMMOBILIZED
DETROIT (AP)—Anthony G. Azoury beat a parking ticket he picked up near his home with this explanation: "I couldn't move. The night before police let someone steal three wheels off my car."



Warren's Drug Store Walgreen Agency

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Holiday Greetings

To all of our friends everywhere go our best wishes for a real old-fashioned Yuletide, toast-warm with love and friendship... star-bright with the sparkle of children's eyes.

Coastal Refrigeration Co., Inc.

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Christmas Greetings

TO EVERYBODY — EVERYWHERE

We Especially Want to Extend Our Sincere Thanks and Best Wishes to All the Good People in Greenville and Pitt County. It Has Been Our Pleasure to Serve You . . .

EFIRD'S EXTENDS ITS HAND TO ALL FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.



Varied Activities In Arthur School

The students also made ash trays for the principal, teachers, and janitor out of flour, salt and tempera paints. In addition, the children filled a Christmas box for the janitor.

Featured in the first grade room was a four and one-half foot Santa Claus which the children had made from paper mache on a wooden frame. The students also wrote letters to Santa Claus and learned to write Merry Christmas, Santa Claus, Christmas Tree and names of many toys.

A number of songs for their Christmas party were also learned by the children.

In Mrs. Mamie B. Dempsey's fourth and fifth grade class the group found and brought to class many Christmas stories and poems which described the customs of the season.

In the primary grades of Arthur School the pre-Christmas activities were many and varied. The Christmas Story was told and discussed in devotional periods. Greetings were spatter-painted and new greetings were made from old ones.

Pine cones and sycamore balls, among other articles, were painted for decorations. Wreaths were made for doors, and windows were decorated with winter scenes of snow and Christmas trees. Christmas scenes were also drawn individually.

In Mrs. Virginia Strickland's first grade each child made his mother a plaque with handprint out of flour, salt and tempera-paint. The children made a calendar for their fathers from their paper handprints that had been made several weeks before and signed by their parents at the last PTA meeting.

RANCH TO BIBLES

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Barber of Fort Worth have donated a \$100,000 West Texas ranch to Abilene Christian College. Money from the sale of the ranch will be used toward building a Bible classroom building at the Abilene, Tex., institution.

A Time When Everybody Helps



DECORATING THE CHRISTMAS TREE — Shirley (left) and Ben, Jr. (right), children of Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. House of 200 N. Harding Street, put the finishing touches on their big Christmas tree as Papa Ben helps them reach the higher branches.

Wide Range Of Yule Activities

Christmas art work, stories, plays and music captured the attention of students in the Pactolus elementary school prior to the two-week school holiday which began last Friday.

In the primary grades many of the children made Christmas cards, paper plate plaques, memo pads and plant holders. Some made a large book for recipes and red boots with candy sticks.

In first and second grade classes silhouettes of each child and a desk folder with each child's photograph were constructed. In addition, numerous scenes on the Christmas theme were drawn by the students.

Activities in the upper grades included the decorating of a large Christmas tree with recipes and flash bulb ornaments.

Christmas scenes were painted on the windows of the classrooms in addition to the number of individual pictures painted which depicted the Yuletide season. A variety of unusual gifts were made by many of the students.

On December 13 and 15 assemblies were held and the students enjoyed singing Christmas carols.

A Christmas program for the December PTA meeting was given by Mrs. Ruth Raynor's second and third class and Mrs. Marjorie Adams' third grade class. Songs, poems and Bible Christmas scenes were presented by the children. The singing of Christmas carols and a party concluded the program.

Pupils Started Christmas Early

Christmas for students in the Fountain elementary school began two weeks before their holidays when they began a drive for toys, food and clothing for needy families.

These items made up baskets to be distributed at Christmas.

On December 13 a manger scene was erected on the front campus of the school, with spot lights to show it up at night. The figures in this scene were painted four years ago by seventh grade students.

A Christmas chapel program was presented December 16 by Mrs. Geneva Phillips' fifth grade students, along with Mrs. Loveless' junior choir.

That same evening the parents and teachers attending the PTA meeting were greeted by students singing carols by the Manger scene. That evening the PTA had its regular Christmas meeting.

On December 17 the students were visited by Santa Claus, with the help of the grade mothers who gave each room a Christmas party.

The Christmas theme was also carried out in the school through decorated Christmas trees and a variety of art work.

Yuletide Marked In PTA Program

Bethel School Christmas activities included a Christmas program presented at the PTA meeting December 16.

The program was given by a number of students under the direction of the school music teacher, Miss Carolina Wright.

Other activities also highlighted the school days prior to the two-week vacation. All the grades had a Christmas party December 11. These parties were given by the

Religious Theme And Traditions Observed

The Christmas message and the spirit of the season tied in with the Grifton school activities before the holiday vacation began last Friday.

Mrs. W.B. Dillingham's third grade gave an assembly program with a Christmas theme December 9. This program was viewed by the pupils of the first five grades.

On December 10, Mrs. Claybrook's eighth grade students presented an assembly program entitled, "Santa Gets a Surprise." Sixth, seventh and eighth grade pupils attended this program.

A study of astronomy was featured in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades prior to the holidays. As a climax to these units of work 53 pupils and their teachers took a trip to Chapel Hill December 12 to see "The Star of Bethlehem," presented at the Morehead Planetarium.

December 14, a Christmas program, "Unto Us a Son Is Given," was presented to the PTA by the music department of the school. The program consisted of the singing of favorite Christmas carols by the high school glee clubs; the

Scripture reading of the Christmas Story by a group of high school choral readers; and the dramatization of a number of Christmas scenes by elementary and high school students.

Also on December 14, in the afternoon, 25 underprivileged boys and girls were taken to Kinston to enjoy a Christmas party given by the Salvation Army. The transportation was furnished by parents and patrons of the Grifton school.

Bulletin boards in both the elementary and high school buildings were arranged with Christmas displays.

Many of the classes had individual Christmas programs in their rooms on the last day of school before the holidays. These programs were attended by a number of parents.

The grade mothers of each class planned parties for the students from two to three o'clock Friday afternoon. At this time the students exchanged gifts.

The faculty observed the season with a Christmas social December 16 in the Home economics department.

All the students brought grocery items to make up Christmas gifts for the school janitors, and all elementary classes made Christmas gifts for their mothers.

Each class had a Christmas tree and many room decorations, which the children made themselves.

Christmas Play Highlighted Pupils' Yuletide

Highlight of the Grimesland School activities in connection with the Yuletide season was the Christmas program presented the evening of December 15.

Entitled "Christmas with the Smiths," the play portrayed a normal American Christmas.

The cast included Joyce Bedard, narrator; David Boyd, Mr. Smith; Ruth Tucker, Mrs. Smith; Lois Reel, Larry Elks and Carolyn Sumrell as the Smith children; Joy Lewis, grandmother; Donald Ferguson, grandfather; Earle Hardee, Santa Claus; and Linwood Baker, Frosty.

Background music for the pantomime was provided by the elementary singers under the direction of Mrs. A.V. Medlin and Mrs. Glen Perkins. They were accompanied by Mrs. J.L. Mills, Jr. The entire production was under the direction of Garland F. Bailey, school principal, Miss Oma Lewis and W.H. Bunch.

HOT DINNER
CLEVELAND, Tenn. (AP)—Volunteer fireman Herbert Benton was en route to a fire when he saw smoke coming from his own house. He reported the "fire" but learned it was only a pot of beans burning on the stove.

The other boys are still ribbing him.

Saturday Night!

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Pantomime Play On Christmas Story Staged At Stokes-Pactolus School

"The Story of Christmas" was the Yuletide program presented by the Stokes-Pactolus High School December 15, climaxing that school's pre-holiday activities.

Written and directed by Mrs. Eloise Mazingo, "the most wonderful story ever told" was pantomimed in three scenes and narrated by Ronald Whitehurst.

A Christmas tree formation of the high school Glee Club on each side of the stage provided the music for the program. The Glee Club was directed by Miss Jean Grubb.

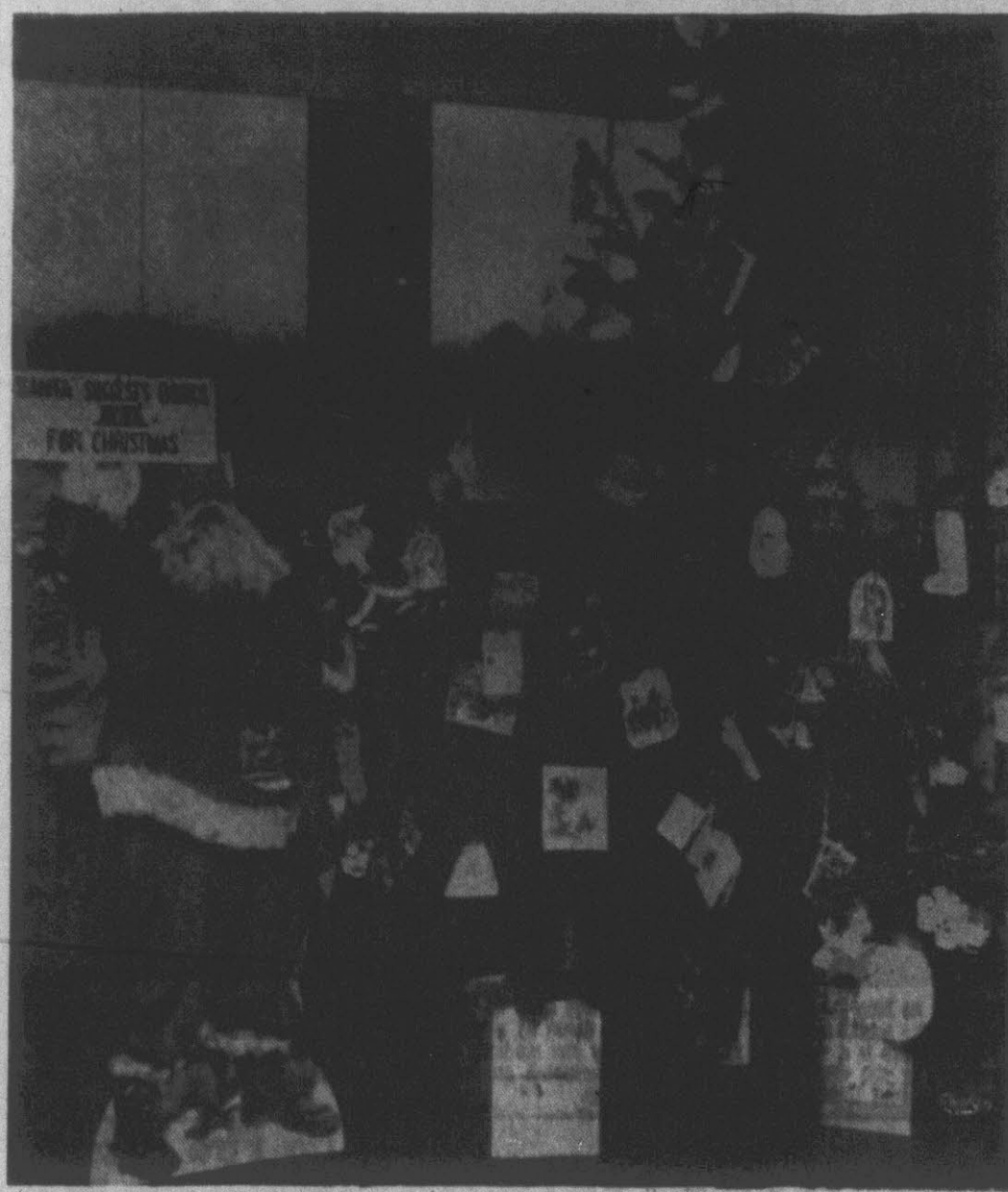
During the Nativity scene, a nested choir composed of students in the primary grades sang "Away In A Manger," accompanied by

the Dulcet bells played by Carrie Whitehurst.

Included in the cast of the program were Mary Edna Hawkins as Mary; Shelton Whitehurst as Joseph; Bobby Stokes, Joel Jenkins, Benny Leggett, James Barnhill and Franklin Congleton as shepherds; Carlton Whitehurst, Johnnie Meeks and Ray Heath as wise men; Kathy Vandye, Kathy Watson, Jewel Perkins, Patsy Rogers, Betty Jean Roberson, Linda Warren, Judy Taylor, Alice Bullock, Dorothy Moore and Sandra Vandford as angels.

Special lighting, costumes and scenery enhanced the production of the play.

Christmas Cards Decorate A Tree



Students at the Wahl-Coates Laboratory School provided unique decorations for the Christmas tree in the school library. Each child chose a favorite Christmas card scene and hung it on the tree. Standing by is Santa who suggests that books are a mighty nice gift for Christmas.

No Fireworks

Greenville Police Chief S. G. Gibbs today called attention to the law prohibiting the possession or exploding of fireworks in North Carolina.

The state law and a city ordinance designate violation of the law as a simple misdemeanor and provide a fine of as much as \$50 or 30 days in jail—or both.

The statute was enacted by the General Assembly several years ago and towns and cities adopted ordinances supporting the legislation.

"Remind the people that if they have fireworks in their possession or explode them, they are liable to arrest," the police chief stated.

grade mothers.

Also on December 17 the entire school assembled for a Christmas program.

Goats are the most destructive of all livestock kept by man, says the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

At Christmas



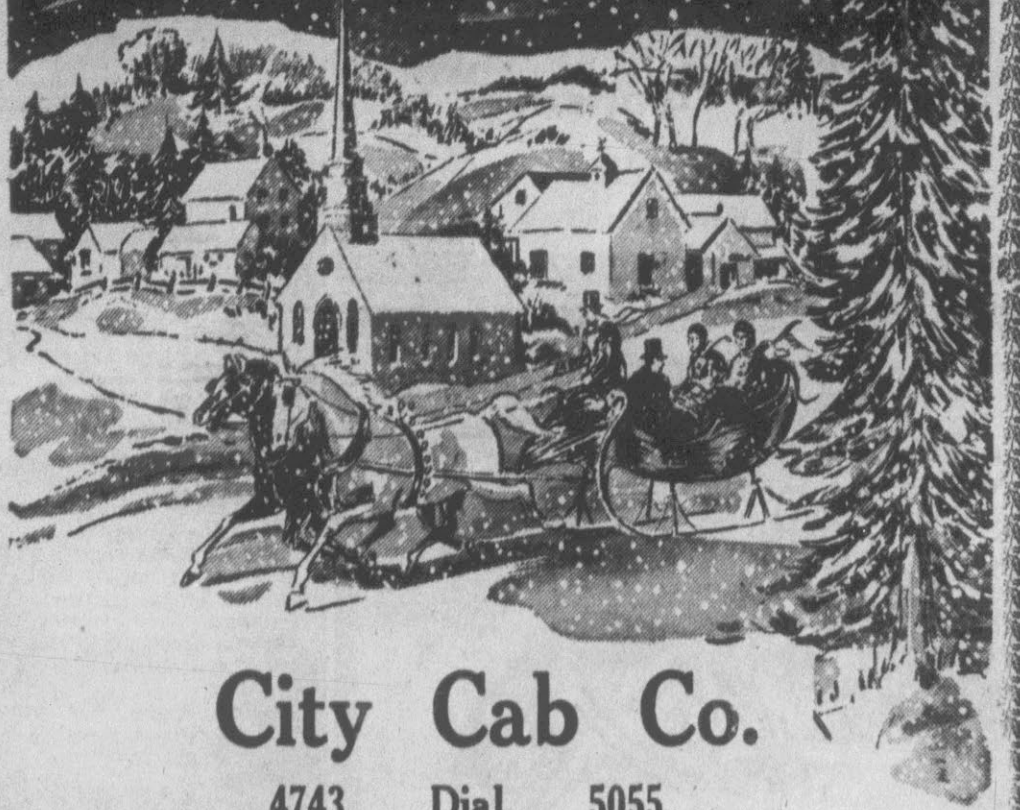
Our wishes go out to all our friends and patrons for a bright and cheerful Holiday Season.

Dixie Auto Finance

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Greetings

Play 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.



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Prince Hemby	30	Pete Rasberry	43
	Red Eaton		44

A Christmas Greeting

It is our pleasure at this joyous time to wish all our friends and neighbors a very happy Holiday Season.



Tadlock Mutual Insurance Agency

Happy Holidays

At this happy time we wish all our friends and neighbors a joyous Holiday replete with all the season's pleasures.

The SILO Grill

We will close December 25th, and open at our New Location in the near future.

Merry Christmas

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.

Clarence Waters
Service Station
Bethel Highway

Class Party Before The Holidays



Students in Mrs. Doris Planagan's fourth grade class at Third Street School enjoyed a Christmas party prior to the school holidays. The party was given by a number of the grade mothers. In the background of the picture is a "scribble mural" done by the students under the direction of James Walker, art instructor for the city schools. Each child scribbled on the paper, after which certain forms were distinguished and then emphasized in drawings.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. J. A. Nelson, pastor 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. Jim Taylor superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Solo—"Come Unto Him," Handel (Miss Barbara White) Message by the pastor; subject: "The Name Above Every Name" You are cordially invited to worship with us

Interested persons contact the pastor at 2523 Dickinson Ave or call 5923. We welcome visitors to all services FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH W. Vernon and Dewey Streets Kinston, N. C. Rev. Harold Buis, supply pastor 11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship Interested persons contact Mr. Ben Askew, 1104 Hadley Street, Kinston or call Kinston 4650

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, John Quinery, superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship The public is cordially invited. SIMPSON CHAPEL F.W.B. Simpson Rev. A. W. Williams, pastor 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, W. D. Hardy, superintendent 11:30 a.m.—Service 4th Sundays Wed. Nite—Prayer Meeting CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST Rev. Leroy Perkins pastor 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Leon Evans, superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Services 2d Sunday MORNING STAR HOLINESS Simpson Rev. Sister Hagnah Moore, pastor Services each 3rd Sunday 8:00 p.m. Wed.—Prayer Service Quarterly meeting on 2nd Sunday in March, June, September and December Service for each quarterly meeting at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:45 p.m.—Evening Worship 7:45 p.m. Thurs.—Prayer Service Each second Saturday W. H. M. meets at 2 p.m. Sister R. A. Moore, president. FLEMING'S CHAPEL A.M.E. ZION CHURCH Rev. Zackria Pierce, pastor 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. Frank Perkins, superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Worship 4th Sundays 8:00 p.m.—Worship 4th Sundays You are cordially invited to attend these services. ALLEN'S CHAPEL F.W.B. CHURCH Rev. W. A. Rogers, pastor 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. James Barnes, superintendent Worship service every 1st Sunday. WARREN CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. E. L. Hardy, pastor 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, H. M. Taft, superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship HOLLY HILL F.W.B. CHURCH Belvoir Rev. L. Wilson, pastor 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. Lacy Atkinson, superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship Farmville Churches Colored ST. JAMES F.W.B. W. Perry Street Rev. W. W. Askew, pastor 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. Charlie Parker, superintendent

11:00 a.m.—Services 2nd and 4th Sundays BYNUM CHAPEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE WAY CHURCH West Hines St. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship ST. JOHN F. W. B. CHURCH Lincoln Park Rev. F. L. Dixon, pastor 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Deacon J. L. Armstrong, superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Services 3rd Sundays ST. TIMOTHY EPISCOPAL Lincoln Park Priest J. H. Banks in charge. 11:00 a.m.—Worship 1st Sundays 2:00 p.m.—Service 3rd Sundays MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH Corner Wallace and Walnut Sts. Rev. John A. Mebane, pastor 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Mrs. M. L. Blount, superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Worship 1st and 3rd Sundays ST. STEPHEN A.M.E. ZION Rev. F. M. Reed, pastor 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. David Hope, superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Worship 2nd and 4th Sundays MT. MORIAH HOLINESS CHURCH Marlboro Rev. R. V. Wheeler, pastor 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. Blommy Foster, superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Service 1st Sundays ST. LUKE F.W.B. CHURCH Rev. Joyner, pastor 11:00 a.m.—Worship 4th Sundays

Assembly Program Concluded Activities

An assembly program Friday morning, December 17, brought to a close the pre-Christmas activities at Greenville High School. Presentation of food baskets and turkeys to Willie Miller and Curtis Simpson, janitors, and La Una Brewington, maid, plus an interpretation of the true meaning of Christmas served as the main events on the program.

No Fire Hazard Smoking In Bed

VICTORIA (AP)—A man who likes to smoke in bed says he has figured out a way to do it without causing a fire hazard. J. Henry Michaud says his invention is an aluminum tube with holes in the sides which screws into a cigarette holder. No ash can escape, he says. He got the idea recently in a hospital, where nurses were "always raising heck with me for smoking in bed," he explains.

At The Churches

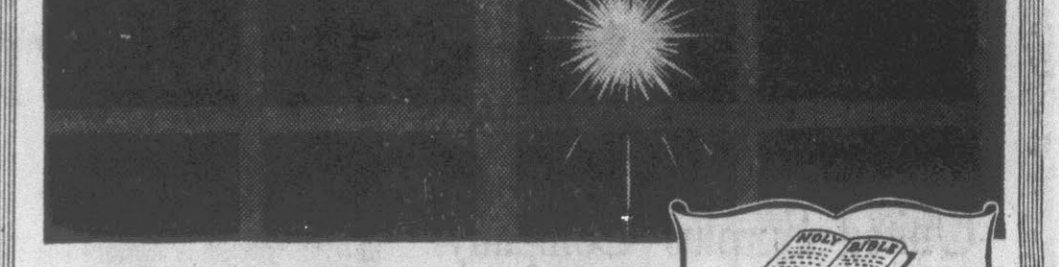
JARVIS MEMORIAL METHODIST Rev. W. M. Howard Jr., pastor Rev. Robert McKenzie Jr., associate pastor 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, J. H. Ross, superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Organ Prelude—"Carol Prelude on Greensleeves," Wright Anthem—"Gloria In Excelsis," Mozart Message, Miss Mary Ann Waldrop Organ Postlude—"Venite Adoremus," Wilson 6:00 p.m.—M.Y.F. 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship Organ Prelude—"Pastoral Symphony," Handel Offertory—"The Shepherd's Song," Gullmant Offertory Solo—"O Lord, Most Holy," Franck (Mr. James Piver) Sermon, Rev. W. M. Howard Jr. Organ Postlude—"Yuletide Echoes," Hodson 7:30 p.m. Wed.—Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. Thurs.—Boy Scouts, Troop 30 8:00 p.m. Thurs.—Adult Choir Rehearsal 11:15 p.m. Fri.—Communion Watch Night Service A cordial invitation is extended to all.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH Percy B. Upchurch, Minister 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, J. G. Gibbs, superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Choir anthem—"On This Good Christmas Morn" Message by the pastor; subject: "Persistent Faith" 8:00 p.m.—Supper for Training Union 8:30 p.m.—B.T.U., Larry Averette, director 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship 7:30 p.m. Wed.—Prayer Service GRACE FREE WILL BAPTIST Rashle Kennedy, pastor 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, E. B. Tennin, superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Message by the pastor; subject: "A Profitable Look" 6:15 p.m.—F.W.B. League, Edward Earl Sutton, director 7:15 p.m.—Prayer Period 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship Missionary service conducted by Tommy and Barbara Willey of Cuba. 7:30 p.m. Wed.—Prayer Service 7:30 p.m. Thurs.—Grace Bible Institute 7:30 p.m. Thurs.—Children's Bible Class

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Rev. Wallace I. Wolverton, Ph.D., Rector Rev. C. Edward Sharp, B. D., Curate 7:30 a.m.—Holy Communion 11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon 9:00 a.m. Sat.—Holy Communion (Low Celebration) 7:30 a.m. Sun. (St. Stephen's Day)—Holy Communion (No service at 9:15 a.m.) 11:00 a.m. Sun.—Festival Service with Christmas Cantata, Sermon and Procession to the Manger. Monday (St. John's Day) (Dec. 27th)—Communions to the sick. Wednesday (Dec. 29)—Communions to the sick. EIGHTH STREET CHRISTIAN H. G. Haney, D.D., pastor 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, James L. Harris Jr., superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 5:30 p.m.—Chi-Rho Fellowship 6:30 p.m.—CYP-DSA ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Rev. Charles Gable, pastor 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Sunday—Mass 6:45 a.m.—Week Day Masses 7:30 p.m. Sat.—Rosary and Benediction CHURCH OF GOD Skinner Street Lester B. Robbins, pastor 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Grover James, superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship Evangelistic Service 7:30 p.m. Wed.—Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. Fri.—Young People's Endeavor Meadowbrook Presbyterian Church Rev. C. D. Patterson, minister 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, L. C. Powell Jr., superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship CHRISTIAN SCIENCE 4th and Meade Sts 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Lesson-Sermon 7:45 p.m. Wed.—Midweek Service The reading room is open each Monday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. Visitors welcome. FIRST PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS Cotanche and 13th Sts. Harvey E. Johnson, pastor 8:30-9:00 a.m.—Broadcast from the Church 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Louis Jones, superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service 7:30 p.m. Tues.—Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. Thurs.—Youth Service, John David Cannon, president. "A Little Church With a BIG Welcome."

GOOD HOPE F.W.B. CHURCH Rev. S. Hemby, pastor 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. O. C. Bryant, superintendent 11:00 a.m. Sat.—Worship Message by the pastor; subject: "God's Gift to the World" 7:30 p.m. Sat.—Christmas music and communion at Arthur Chapel. YORK MEMORIAL A.M.E. ZION Rev. P. H. Mumford, pastor 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. Joseph Godette, superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship The public is cordially invited to worship with us. MT. CALVARY F. W. B. CHURCH Hudson Street Rev. E. M. Hill, pastor Sat. Nite—Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, Willie Joyner, superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship PHILLIPI CHRISTIAN CHURCH Rev. J. F. McLaurin, pastor 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, L. Benjamin Blount, superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship CORNERSTONE BAPTIST Corner 13th & Railroad Streets Rev. J. E. Tillet, pastor 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, Milton Carr Jr., superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Worship service 1st and 3rd Sundays 6:30 p.m.—B.T.U., Milton Carr Jr., director 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship ENGLISH CHAPEL F.W.B. Rev. S. Hemby, pastor 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, Luther Smith, superintendent ST. ANDREW'S MISSION Bonner's Lane Rev. Joseph H. Banks, rector 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 3:00 p.m.—Church School 7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship The public is invited to all services. ARTHUR CHAPEL Rev. S. Hemby, pastor 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. Leander Monk, superintendent 7:30 p.m. Sat.—Musical program and Communion Service 11:00 a.m. Sun.—Worship Message by the pastor; subject: "God's Supreme Gift to the World" 3:00 p.m.—Rev. E. M. Hill will officiate. ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH Falkland Rev. T. T. Shivers, pastor 10:00 a.m.—Church School 11:30 a.m.—Morning Worship HOLY TRINITY CHURCH Douglas Avenue Rev. B. B. Dunn, pastor 9:30 a.m.—Bible Church School Mr. James Taft, superintendent 11:30 a.m.—Morning Worship 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship Each third Saturday at 9 p.m. the Usher Board meets. P. Gatlin, president. CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS Pitt Street Bishop H. L. McBryde, pastor

PRINCE OF PEACE



Many centuries ago, in far-away Judea, a little child was born to humble parents. Its cradle was a manger. Its surroundings were poor and unsightly. Sympathetic village women must have ministered to the needs of the mother. But a brilliant new star shone above this humble birthplace, and those whose ears were attuned to the infinite heard an angel chorus singing "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men!" It was the birthday of the Saviour. This story has been told often, but it loses none of its charm in the telling. It grips men today as does no other human saga. For the birth at Bethlehem turned a new page in world history and gave new hope to mankind. Throughout the civilized world today people are singing Christmas carols and repeating the drama of the Saviour's birth. Some day, when His spirit triumphs, men will turn from war and strife to the peace that comes from God.

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Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Luke	2	1-20
Monday	Luke	2	21-32
Tuesday	John	1	35-51
Wednesday	II Chronicles	6	16-21
Thursday	Isaiah	9	2-7
Friday	Isaiah	40	9-17
Saturday	Isaiah	55	1-13

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Rev. Leonard W. Topping, minister Miss Olene Pleasants, Director Christian Education 9:45 a.m.—Sunday Church School For All Ages, Mr. W. M. Johnston, Superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Prelude—"Divinum Mysterium," arr. by Martin Solo—"Sleep, Holy Babe," Dykes Offertory—"The Christ Child," Halling Sermon—"God Speaks Today," pastor Postlude—"Joy To The World" 7:00 p.m.—Pioneer and Senior HI Fellowships 8:00 p.m. Mon.—Board of Deacons 8:00 p.m. Wed.—Session ST. JAMES METHODIST CHURCH (Meet in 3rd Street School) Rev. J. Malloy Owen, III, Minister 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School, Mr. William H. Watson, superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Student Recognition Day Prelude Anthem—"Let There Be Song" by Klem (Greenville High School Trio) Offertory Sermon—"Original Sin" (7th in Articles of Religion Series), texts—Rom. 3:10 and 23. Postlude An excellent "Nursery" is maintained for children over 6 months old. 7:30 p.m. Wed.—Prayer Cells, telephone 3334. 11:30 p.m. Fri.—Watch Night Service, New Year's Eve, 3rd St. School. Traditional Midnight Service. 7:00 p.m. Sat.—Choir Rehearsal, 3rd St. School 8:15 p.m. Sat.—Youth Crusade for Christ Meeting, 1st Presbyterian Church WEST GREENVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (West Greenville School) Rev. L. W. Topping, pastor Mr. William H. Horne Jr., Sunday School superintendent 9:45 a.m.—Church School

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST J. Martz, pastor 10:00 a.m. Sat.—Sabbath School, W. H. Waters, superintendent 11:00 a.m.—Worship

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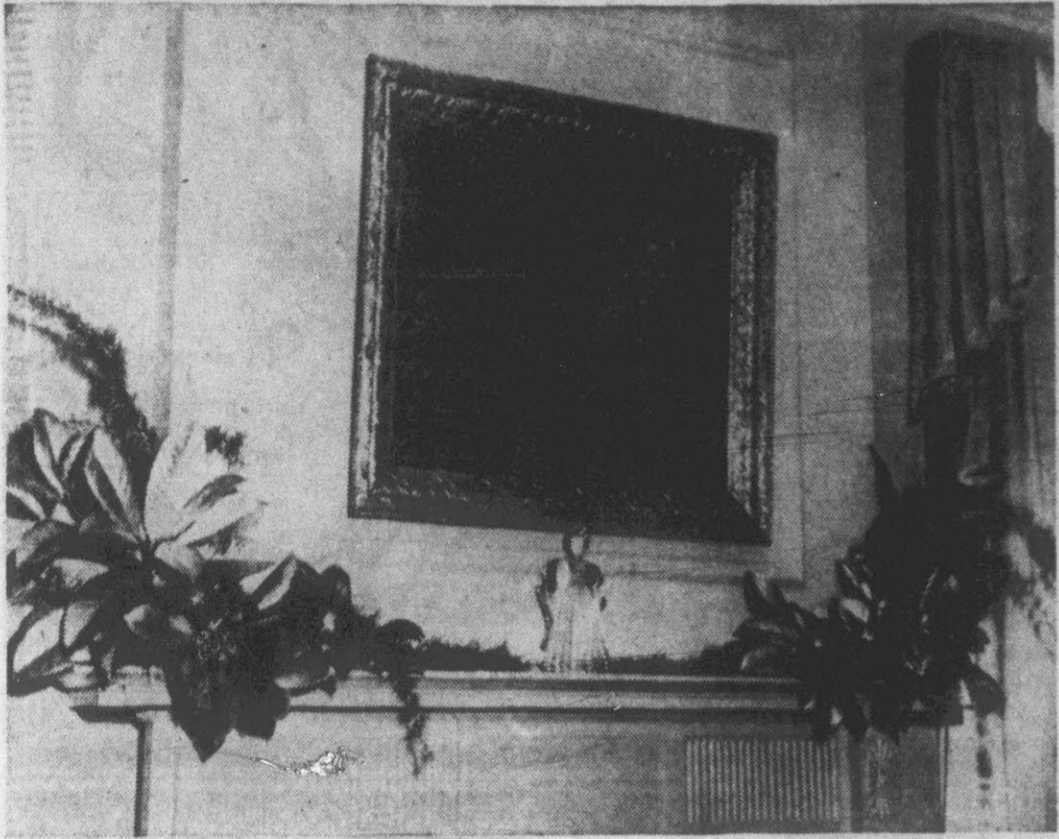
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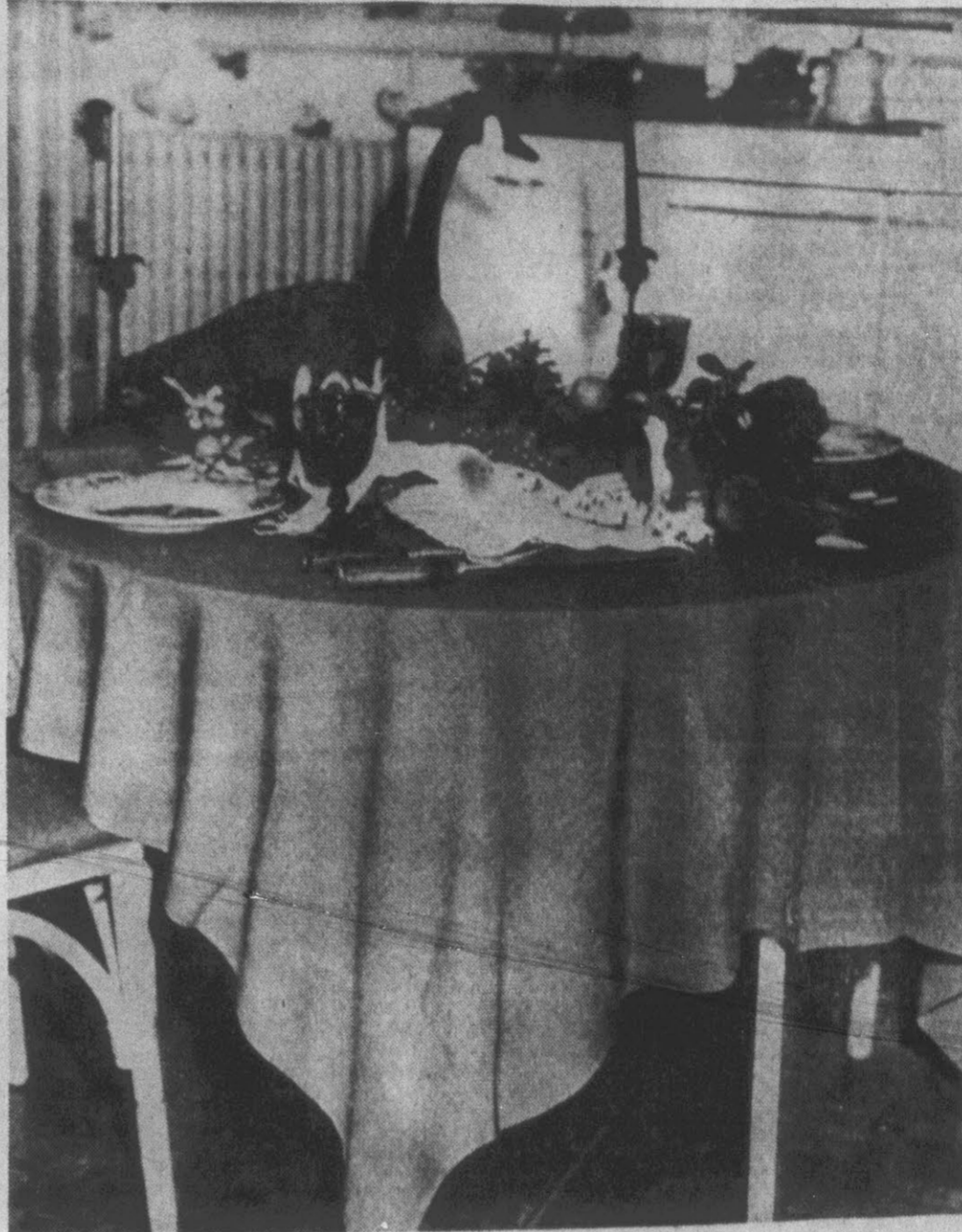
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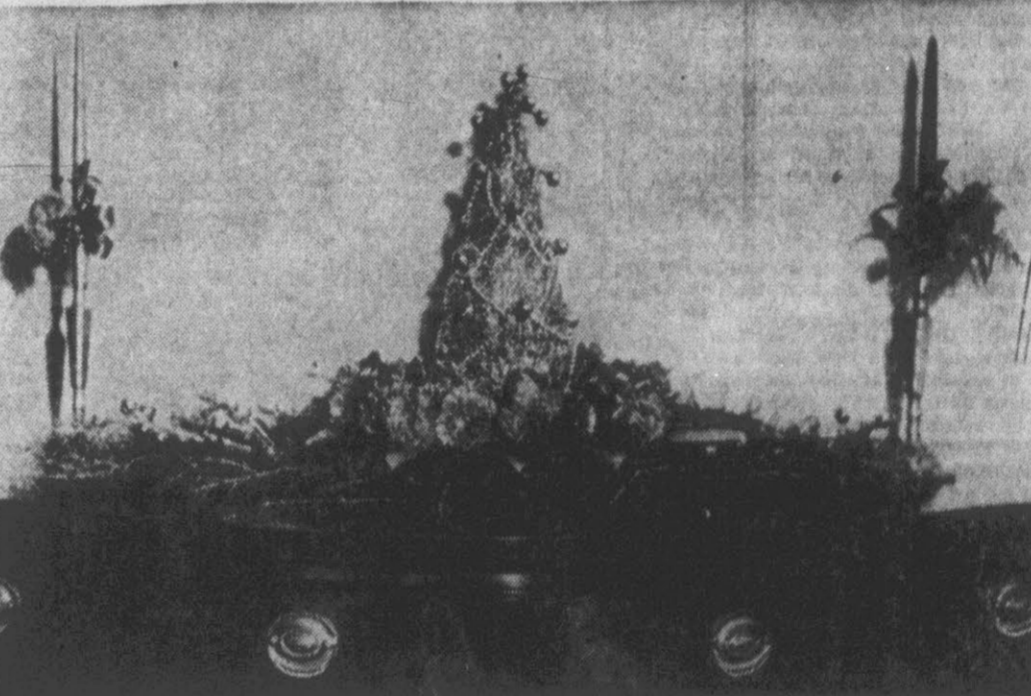
'Holiday House' Decorated By Garden Club



This arrangement of the dining room mantel of Holiday House, the home of Dr. and Mrs. John D. Messick, features red gold magnolia leaves interspersed with evergreen at each end, harmonizing with the gold-framed mirror above the mantel and the gold drapes hung in the room. Centering the mantel was a Christmas angel, made of cellophane and gold foil. All decorations were done by members of the local Garden Club. (Reflector Photos by Edwina Haymes).



A traditional English Christmas table featuring roast goose was set in the kitchen of Holiday House. Plates depicting hunting scenes and green goblets were used on the green cloth which covered the table. The centerpiece consisted of an arrangement of corn, holly and pine cones. The artificial goose was flanked by red candles in wrought iron holders.



More decorations in gold were featured on the dining room buffet at Holiday House. A Christmas tree constructed of gold tinsel over a wire base and decorated with gold and green Christmas balls served as the centerpiece. Surrounding the base of the tree were gold pine cones and garlands of red carnations placed on gold magnolia leaves and sprays of evergreen. The tree was flanked on either side by gold candlesticks holding red tapers and tied with garlands of red carnations.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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France Changing Yuletide Habits

By CARL HARTMAN

PARIS (AP) — Christmas, which used to be largely a religious occasion in France, is turning more and more into the festive, tree-decorating and gift-exchanging holiday celebrated in the United States.

The traditional practice of leaving gifts for children on New Year's Eve has become almost as rare, at least in the cities, as the wooden shoes in which the gifts used to be placed. Christmas cards and tree ornaments, once available only in special shops patronized largely by foreigners, are now sold everywhere in Paris.

Some bewail all this as part of the "Americanization" of France. The younger set doesn't seem to mind, especially since there's a chance of collecting gifts on Christmas and New Year's too.

World War I had something to do with the change. Most means of celebrating were scarce and expensive during the German occupation, particularly the food for a good "reveillon" — the big meal that is supposed to follow Christmas midnight Mass — but trees were available. Many Frenchmen were impressed with the big ones the Germans put up in their barracks.

The French have added some gimmicks of their own. This year, there are Christmas trees made entirely of sugarcandy, edible during and after the season. There are also chocolate tree ornaments wrapped in gaily colored paper.

Department stores put out a big spread of toys, with elaborate moving displays in their windows that jam sidewalk traffic. One even has a big sign stretched across its facade "Santa Claus official Headquarters."

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quarters." Like the British, the French call Santa Claus "Father Christmas" (Pere Noel).

Special Christmas Dinner Readied For Two-Year-Old In Her Iron Lung

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—Santa will set a special table for pretty 2-year-old Andrea Cappaert so she can have Christmas dinner with her mother and father.

Andy, ill with polio since August, will be spending Christmas in an iron lung.

Right now, her father Leroy, a junior high school teacher, is home trying to shake off a cold so he can spend Christmas with his daughter. Visitors with colds are banned from the respirator center at the University of Michigan's University Hospital.

Every day has been a sort of Christmas for Andy. Her mother brings her gifts wrapped in bright Christmas paper. But Andy can't open them. Her hands are imprisoned with her body in the giant metal lung.

"She's only been here four months," her mother says, "but she's matured an awful lot. Thanksgiving, we had dinner beside Andy on a card table. Christmas we're going to do the same thing."

An extension telephone will bring the voices of Andy's grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Pierson of Grand Haven, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cappaert, of Silvis Ill., to the hospital room.

Few And Costly Toys For East German Children

BERLIN (AP)—Santa Claus has come to Stalin Alley. But if the average East German father wants to buy a bike and doll, he'll use more than half his monthly pay of 300 marks.

Santa Claus has unpacked his meager bag of toys in a new building at the head of East Berlin's showplace street. One floor of the building has been given over to the display of what Santa—in this case the Red East German government—can provide.

The sight wouldn't impress anyone accustomed to Western standards, but for East German children and their parents it looks wonderful. They troop through the building by the thousands. They look and ask prices, but they don't come out with big parcels.

A small toy automobile made of wood costs 7.80 marks; a metal scooter, 87 marks; a small electric train, 123 marks; a doll with real hair, 39 marks; and a pine-wood junior bicycle, 127 marks.



A combination of crystal goblets form this unique Christmas display at Holiday House. Placed end to end, the goblets were filled with Christmas balls in shades of fuchsia, pink and lavender, some of them jeweled. The table was covered with an emerald green velvet cloth and draped in net of pink and rose shades. More Christmas balls placed in clusters around the table completed the display.


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Shopping Is War, All Agree

By ROBERT C. SMITH
Reflector Staff Writer

If you joined the other homo sapiens and went Christmas shopping in Greenville this week, did the odyssey through the various stores reinforce or numb your Christmas spirit?

Misanthropic shoppers probably agree on one thing at least—that shopping is war, brother.

You may not of course agree with the woman shopper in one of the 5 & 10 cent stores who told a clerk, "I like classy stuff" to give for Christmas.

"Oh," answered the clerk, emphatically, "something with chrome on it, hur?"

The average clerk, wearing a white shirt, with a pencil on his ear, considering the frustrations and harassments of his job, succeeded remarkably well in keeping his temper, and managed to remain moderately obliging.

The stores along 5th Street, Evans Street and Dickinson Avenue were jammed all week with eager shoppers. If you had cash, imagination, determination, and sufficient courtesy, you probably did not have much difficulty with your shopping.

At least one shopper who did not have cash, instead of doing without, simply walked into a store and gave the clerk a worthless check.

Shoppers did not seem to mind the confusion or the prices. Most of the stores were decorated very colorfully, with every color in the rainbow in evidence.

The tremendous quantity of goods in the stores for shoppers to choose from, is indisputable, but the quality of course is a matter of opinion.

The most pathetic and ignorant shoppers in the larger stores were probably the men shoppers gathered around the perfume counter. They had all sorts of question—as: "What is 'saah-shay'?" And the clerk would end up by having to explain the difference between "saah-shay" and toilet water and perfume.

The women shoppers, as always, seemed to be much wiser in shopping, were more choosy, and had more mental reservations about what they wanted to buy.

The children shoppers seemed spellbound and hypnotized by everything they saw. They usually wound up at the comic book stand, sitting on the floor, reading without buying.

Most of the younger children, however, had no money to go shopping. But even without money, they probably gave some of the most unique presents of all, as the penniless boy who said he was giving frozen frog legs to his friends for presents—legs from frogs he had caught himself along the banks of some river in Eastern North Carolina.

Some of the stores had background music to suit what they considered to be the tastes of their shoppers, ranging from Christmas carols, to symphonic music, to innumerable kiddie Fisher records.

Many of the male shoppers simply applied the time-worn formula of getting a multi-colored tie or shaving lotion for all males, and either perfume or hosiery for the ladies. A sure-fire way to save wear and tear, and thinking.

The women shoppers ranged all over the stores, from the potted plants to the parakeets, seeming to enjoy the frenzied orgy of shopping.

Many of the shoppers stopped at only one counter in the larger stores—the greeting-card counter.

Were there any "Scrooge" storekeepers about, dreaming only of a "commercially successful" Christmas? Perhaps you know better than we do—we wait until Christmas Eve night to do our shopping.

In giving Christmas presents—so we are told—all one can do is rely on instinct in selecting proper gifts for different individuals. For example, don't give a pink shirt to a 70-year-old man, or a mug of shaving cream to a ten-year-old boy.

If you have any fisherman friends, just give them a dozen red-blooded worms and a fishing pole.

Evidence Tastes Very Convincing

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP)—City Recorder E. Lloyd Wilcox determined to his and a lawyer's disliking, that a jar, which originally contained pickled pigs' feet, more recently had been put to other uses.

Police testified they suspected a woman, charged with possessing untaxed whisky, of pouring the jar's contents down a drain when she saw them approach her home.

The defendant's lawyer contended the film of clear liquid covering the bottom of the jar was water. Wilcox ordered a cup and suggested he and the lawyer sample the drink. The lawyer (gingerly) took the first sip and his fallen face left little doubt of the outcome, which was settled as soon as Wilcox tasted and grimaced.

Pigeons Turned Into 'Transients'

DECATUR, Ill. (AP)—The First Methodist Church no longer is bothered with a flock of 2,000 pigeons. Jimmie Soules and his son blasted them with shotguns, caught them in traps and knocked them down with tennis rackets. "I don't mean you'll never see a pigeon on the church," Soules says. "But from now on they'll only be transients."

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Little Emily and Nelson Smith, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith of 119 Eastern Street, look over the teddy bears in a local store as Christmas Eve approaches. Youngsters have thronged to the toy counters during the past few weeks along with grown-up shoppers who have crowded into Greenville. Store owners consider the holiday shopping season successful. (Reflector Photo by Alvin Taylor).



This young man was caught unawares by a cameraman as he looked over Christmas toys in a local store. Crowds have been swarming into Greenville's shopping district for the past few days as Christmas Day approaches.

Christmas Concert Features Activities

Culminating the activities of the Christmas season in the Ayden School was the Christmas concert by the 100-voice high school chorus, accompanied by two pianos.

As an outgrowth of three 35-minute periods per week, this musical event has become a tradition in the Ayden School. Students begin training in September for the performance.

Opening the concert was the candlelight procession, "O Come All Ye Faithful." This was followed by the entire chorus singing F. Melius Christiansen's "Today There Is Ringing."

The first group of selections closed with a novelty pantomime, "I Saw Mommy Do the Mambo." Santa Claus and Mommy in her night cap tripped the light fantastic in this number.

The second group of selections included the English carol, "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen," followed by the Negro spiritual, "Go

Tell It On the Mountains" with baritone soloist. This portion closed with an arrangement of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," with Rudolph himself making an appearance.

Group three opened with "The Twelve Days of Christmas" in pantomime followed by Martin Shaw's "Fanfare for Christmas Day," Jungst-Tkach's "White Shepherds Watched" featured an echo quartet, while "Silent Night" was enhanced by a descant.

"Beautiful Savior," arranged by F. Melius Christiansen, highlighted the concert as former members of the chorus were invited to come and join the present group in the singing.

Concluding the concert the chorus rendered for the first time G. F. Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from the Messiah.

Snow can contain as much as 35 parts of air to one part of ice.

Professional Air For Policemen

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The Philadelphia Police Department is ordering 200 new pairs of handcuffs. It seems someone in the department decided that a patrolman holding a prisoner by his belt looked unprofessional.

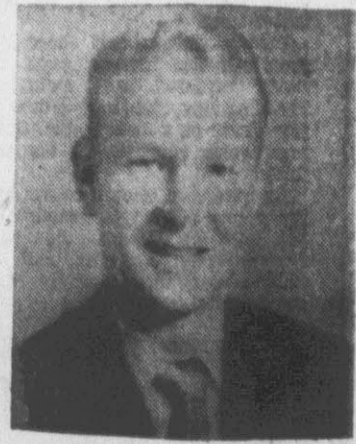
Up until now police officers had the option of purchasing handcuffs on their own if they wished but most of them used the belt method or grabbed the prisoner by the cuff of his sleeve.

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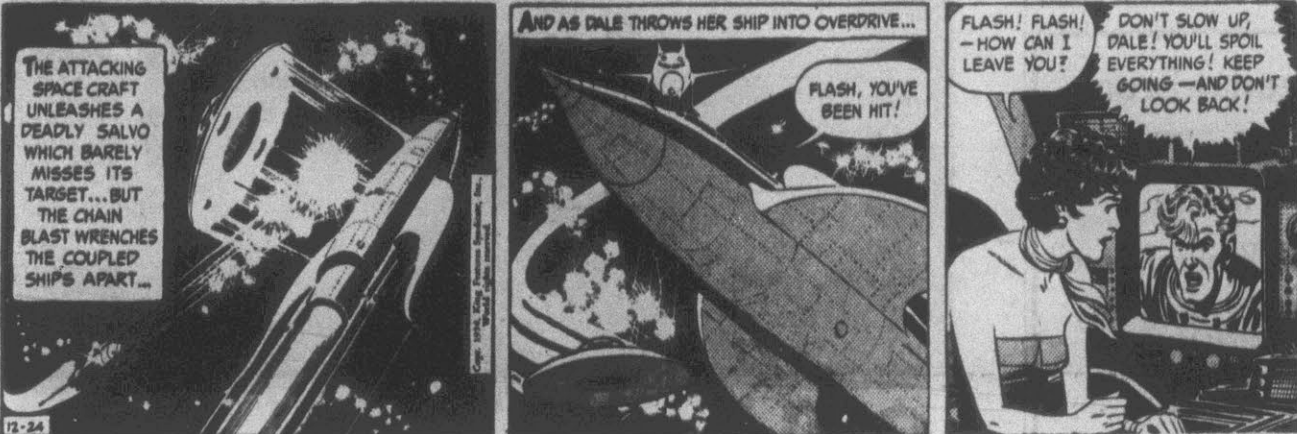
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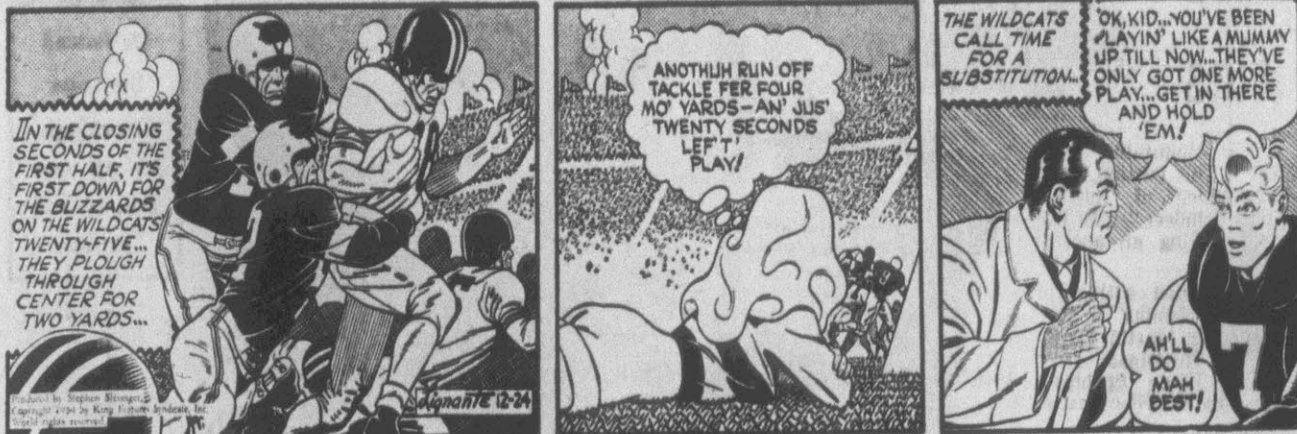
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA PITT COUNTY
The undersigned having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of F. M. Kilpatrick, 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 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 the undersigned.
This the 9th day of December, 1954.

IRMA C. KILPATRICK
Ayden, N. C.
Administratrix of the Estate of F. M. Kilpatrick
Dec. 10-17-24-31 Jan. 7

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Barnes S. Sumrell, deceased, late 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 administrator on or before December 16, 1954, 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, 1954.

MINNIE D. SUMRELL
Ayden, N. C., Rte. 1
Administratrix of the Estate of Barnes S. Sumrell
Dec. 17-24-31 Jan. 7-14-21

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Stephen Gardner, late 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, or J. H. Harrell, Attorney, on or before December 18, 1954, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
This December 18, 1954.

ROY LEE GARDNER
Administrator of the estate of Stephen Gardner
J. H. Harrell, Atty.
Dec. 18-24 Jan. 1-8-15-22

NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA PITT COUNTY

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator of the estate of (Mrs.) Blanche Case Scott, deceased, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned Administrator on or before the 24th 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 the undersigned Administrator.
This the 23rd day of December, 1954.

Guaranty Bank & Trust Co.
Greenville, North Carolina
Administrator
L. W. Gaylord Jr., Atty.
Dec. 24-31 Jan. 7-14-21-28

MISCELLANEOUS WANTED

WANTED TO BUY CLEAN COTTON rags, free of buttons. Will pay \$c a pound. The Daily Reflector. 1f

WANT TO RENT - 3 HORSE CROP on thirds. Can furnish self. Would like as much as 7 acres tobacco or more. See Lee Hardee, Pactolus Highway, 4 miles from Greenville, just beyond Winslow Livery Stables. 21-6f

Build a bigger business through The Daily Reflector Classified ads. The want-ads are famous profit-makers.

WANTED - SHELLED PECANS Mrs. Morton's Bakery, 318 Evans Street. Phone 4021. Nov. 15-1f

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

DAILY REFLECTOR

WANT AD INFORMATION

Your Want Ad Telephone Number in Greenville Is 6198

RATES
(\$1.00 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.)

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

ERRORS - OMISSIONS
The Daily Reflector will be responsible only for the first incorrect or omitted insertion of any advertisement. Errors which do not lessen the value of the advertisement will not be corrected by a make-good insertion. The publisher reserves the right to revise or reject any copy

SAVE MONEY
Order your ad to run six times; the cost is less per day when you get desired results call 6166 and stop the ad you pay for only the number of days your ad actually appeared.

LOST and FOUND

WILL THE PERSON WHO CALLED Martha Pierce about finding her glasses please call again, 481. Name was misread as food. 23-3f

SPECIAL NOTICES

CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY DANCE at Whichard's Beach, Washington, N. C., Friday night, Dec. 24. Free refreshments and prize for lucky drawing in appreciation for your patronage to Whichard's Beach for the year of 1954. 22-3f

THREE DANCES CHRISTMAS week at Whichard's Beach, Washington, N. C., Wednesday night, Dec. 22, Friday night, Dec. 24, and Saturday night, Dec. 25. 22-3f

THE COLONIAL HEIGHTS REMNANT Shop now open on Washington Highway. Fabrics for the whole family. All your sewing needs. The Little Shop with Big Bargains. Dec. 3-1 mo

DR. SHELL FOOT SPECIALIST office 217 State Bank Building, open Mondays only

NOTICE - PECAN GROWERS Want to buy 30,000 lbs. of pecans, small or large. Will pay top price. Try the New Greenville Fruit Market first. Owned and managed by J. B. Creech, located on Dickinson Ave., next to Pitt Hardware Co. Plenty of parking space in back. Oct. 22-1f

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN - I will not be responsible for any debts made by my wife G. H. Harrel. 18-1 mo

CHRISTMAS NIGHT DANCE AT Whichard's Beach, Washington, N. C., Saturday night, Dec. 25. Combination round and square dancing. Bring your friends and holiday visitors to holiday dances at Whichard's Beach for lots of fun and pleasure they will appreciate. 22-3f

THE GREENVILLE BEAUTY School will be closed December 24, 25, 27, 28. Open Dec. 29 and closed again Monday, Jan. 3. 24-3f

HELP WANTED - MALE

EXECUTIVE TRAINEE AAA-1 company with internationally famous product seeks ambitious young man or woman, 25-35, with college education or equivalent to train for important managerial position. Sales or management experience desirable but not necessary. This position will pay the right person substantial earnings to start, and a five figure income in their second year with us. For interview, write to Mr. James A. Bunn, 837 Nissen Bldg., Winston-Salem, N. C. 23-3f

WANTED - EXPERIENCED TANK wagon salesman for major oil company. Interesting salary. Apply in own handwriting to "Experienced Salesman," Box 408, Greenville, N. C. 24-3f

EXPERT SERVICE

WE DO TRIM WORK ON ALL makes of automobiles - Custom made seat covers, convertible tops. Bring us your work and we will guarantee to satisfy. Bril's Upholstery Shop, 1320 Evans St. Phone 8891. Dec. 1-1 mo.

FOR RADIO AND TV REPAIR service call 3121. All work guaranteed. Griffin Radio and TV Service Location: J. A. Rogers Furniture Store, Griffin, N. C. Dec. 8-1 mo

SADLER FLOWER SHOP Winterville, N. C. Phone 3785

Plant and beautify your home now! Ferns, daisies, candytuft, red, white, pink, geraniums, azaleas, camellias, pyracantha, holly, boxwoods, pittosporum, Irish junipers, Pecan, shade trees. Landscaping service 1f

NEW CONSTRUCTION GOING ON We are building our reputation on service. Ricks Service Center, 9th and Evans Streets, Greenville, N. C. 20-6f

FOR THE BEST CAR SERVICE deal in town visit Carr Allen's Texaco Service Station, next to court house. 20-6f

Classified Display

East Carolina Roofing Company Job Applied and Financed
CLAUDE B. WEST, Mgr.
Office - Proctor Hotel
Office Phone 6151
Residence Phone 5323

Limited Supply Cypress Boat Timber
J. P. Davenport & Son
Pactolus, N. C.
Phone 3911

SAVE Howard Link SEAT COVERS PRICES FROM \$12.00
Tailored and ready-made for coaches and sedans.
Sutton's Service Center No. 2
1401 Dickinson Ave.

FOR RENT

HOUSES, APARTMENTS, ROOMS and business property for rent. Contact Orler Rental Agency Office located in Room 23, Rivers Building, 209 Evans Street, which is upstairs over Chamber of Commerce. Telephone 5700. Closed on Wednesday afternoons. Aug. 4-1f

FOR RENT - SPACE IN BACK yard to part trailer. Water, lights, and sewer line. Close up town. Phone 2782. 5-1f

JAN. 1ST, BUILDING ON WEST 5th Street known as Hide Out Grill. All fixtures and equipment if desired. Suitable for sandwich shop, general merchandise, upholstery shop. Approximately 1800 sq. ft. floor space, two toilets and ample parking space. J. C. Youngblood. Dial 4293 or 5443. Dec. 22-1f

TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX APARTMENT on corner of Myrtle and Pennsylvania Ave. Available Jan. 1. Call 5210. 23-4f

HOUSE FOR RENT - \$40.00 108 Martin Street, Greenville, N. C. Call Farmville 3378. 24-5f

APARTMENT AVAILABLE JAN. 1st-3 large rooms, private bath, large front porch, shady back yard garage. Near college, schools, churches, business district - yet located in quiet, nice neighborhood. Furnished, unfurnished or semi-furnished. We invite you to inspect before making any decision. Phone 5884 or see the Lathams at 402 E. 8th Street. 23-3f

FOR SALE

WE NOW HAVE IN STOCK 55 items of diabetic food. Both sweet and unsweet. Overton's Super Market, 211 Jarvis Street. Dec. 16-1f

FOR SALE - TURKEYS, TURKEYS turkeys. Place your order for your broad breasted bronze turkey now for Christmas. Try a freshly dressed turkey and taste the difference. Dial 2227. Pitt Poultry Co. Oct. 27-1f

FOUR KELLEY SUPER - FLEK 670-15 white sidewall tires. One 1938 Plymouth coach. New paint job. See your Electrobus salesman, J. D. Fleming Jr., 305 White Street or 1131 Evans St. Phone 6719 or 4899. Dec. 11-1f

Save Time by solving every problem through The Daily Reflector Classified ads. Phone 6166 for an ad-write.

9 USED PORTABLE TYPEWRITERS - \$17.50 and up. Taff Office Equipment Co., 214 E. 6th Street, Greenville, N. C. 16-6f

AKC REGISTERED BEAUTIFUL and healthy German Shepherd puppies, 7 and 9 weeks old. Best National and International Champion blood lines. Nicholas Siders, Greenville, N. C. 23-3f

ONE 1948 GMC MODEL ACR 525 tractor with a 308 motor, just rebuilt transmission, and running gear in excellent condition. Brakes recently refilled. Can be seen at Utilities Commission Plant. 22-7f

Tiny cost, terrific results! That's what The Daily Reflector Classified ads stand for. Phone 6166.

ALL AMERICAN FLYER AND Marx trains and all wheel goods reduced to cost and below. Mechanical trains, \$2.19 up; electric trains, \$5.95 up. Williams Sport Shop, 206 E. 5th St., Greenville, N. C. 20-18f

FOR SALE - ALL KINDS OF roofing materials, asbestos siding, insulation, weatherstripping, venting blinds, awnings. C. L. Lupton Co. "Your Comfort Is Our Business." Phone 2236, Greenville, N. C. Oct. 23-1f

CLIFF'S OYSTER BAR, WASHINGTON Highway, open from 4:30 till 12:00 p.m., 7 day week. Steam oysters or any style to take out. Shrimp, T-bone steaks, hamburger steaks or sandwiches of all kinds. 21-10f

Classified Display

CHEVROLETS - 1952 models. One with Powerglide, one regular transmission. Your choice of tudor or fordor sedans for 1955 at Flanagan Buggy Co. Inc. 24-2f

You Are Cordially Invited To Try Our Service At Le Anne Beauty Shop 109 East 4th St. Open All Day Saturday Open Nights By Appointment Dial 3544 Owned and Operated By Mrs. Dot (Hubert) Simmons 23-6f

Carpet

Rugs - Furniture
Our Display Will Please You. See Us Before You Buy.
Complete Line of Foremost Manufacturers
Quinn, Miller & Stroud
516 Cotanche Street
Phone 2636
Your Credit Is Good

FOR SALE

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GOAT'S MILK IS NOW AVAILABLE in the Greenville area. It may be bought by quart or gallon. Contact Lawrence Tyson, 1004 Chestnut Street, or call 4788. 23-3f

FRESH OLD FASHIONED FRUIT and coconut candy. People's Bakery, 318 Dickinson Ave. 1f

FOR SALE - TURKEYS, TURKEYS turkeys. We have turkeys now through Christmas. Dial 2227. Pitt Poultry Co. Oct. 27-1f

POP TENNIS - \$58. HEAVY DUTY for camp or play. Sleeping bags \$10.95. Gym sets \$23.95. United Sports Co., 628 Dickinson Ave. 23-6f

USED BICYCLES FOR SALE - WE have a large assortment of boys' and girls' used and secondhand bicycles, traded in on new Schwinn bicycles. Prices start at \$12.50. Pitt Hardware Co., 718 Dickinson Ave. 8-6f

MAKE THIS AN EUMINATING Christmas. See us for your Christmas tree lights, in both parallel and series. 8 light set \$8c. Light bulbs, metal tree stands with watering containers, \$1.00 and \$1.25. Pitt Hardware Co., 718 Dickinson Ave. Phone 2733. 17-6f

GOOD HOG FEED FOR SALE - 2 cents per lb. 107 Manhattan Ave. 18-6f

REAL ESTATE

HOMES, LOTS, FARMS AND business property. If you want to buy or sell, contact D. G. Nichols Real Estate and Insurance Agency. Office phone 4912; residence 2760. 23-6f

FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION Two 18-room houses on the corner of Fifth and Washington Streets. Houses to be torn down and moved by purchasers. Sale to be held on property directly across from City Hall Wednesday morning, December 29, at 11 o'clock. For information contact Blount & Taft. 21-6f

HOMES FOR SALE

FOR SALE - NICE HOMES, SMALL or large, city or suburban; also some farms. Cash or terms. We buy or sell. If it's real estate see J. Hicks Corey Agency. Dial 2615, Greenville, N. C. Tues. & Fri. 1f

FOR SALE - DRASTIC REDUCED in price of attractive 7 room house in College View. \$1,250 slashed off the price of this roomy and attractive home. Call today for an inspection.

New 6 room brick home with two screen porches, heating plant, on large lot in College Court.
GENERAL INS. AGENCY
Dial 2401 314 Evans Street 21-6f

INSURANCE

Automobile Insurance
On Monthly Payment
Hines Insurance Agency
487 S. Cotanche Street
Dial 3728 20-6f

MONEY to LOAN

FOR QUICK CONFIDENTIAL loans from \$10 to \$100 on your household furniture and kitchen appliances, contact Security Loan Corp., supervised by N. C. State Banking Commission, 107 E. 5th St., Greenville, N. C. Phone 3680. 1f

Classified Display

FORD - 1953 SIX with overdrive transmission. Only 19,000 miles on this one owner custom model tudor sedan. New whitewall tires, radio and heater.
At Flanagan Buggy Co. Inc. in Greenville. 24-2f

PITT Hardware Co.

Last Minute Gift
SALE!
Westinghouse deluxe Vacuum Cleaner, were \$69.95 now \$49.95; 5 piece Overwater Pyrex Set, were \$2.95 now \$1.49; Regent English Bicycles with 3 speed transmission and hand brakes, were \$59.95 now \$49.95; One Lionel Train was \$49.95 now \$44.95; Westinghouse Clock Radio with appliance timer, were \$39.95 now \$29.95; Westinghouse Portable Radios with carrying case and batteries, AC or DC, \$49.95 value now \$39.95; All Toys 25% off Tricycles, Wagons, Skates, Games and Craft Sets.

PITT Hardware Co.

718 Dickinson Ave.
Phone 2733 - We Deliver
Closed Saturday and Monday, December 25-27
Reopening December 28



Festive Table In Sweden To Groan Capitol Square

By MICHAEL JAGERBLOM
STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP)—Swedish housewives promise to break all records this year with their purchases of pig's heads, ham, sausage, lutefisk and the numerous other delicacies that make Sweden's Christmas tables groan.
Shoppers started sweeping through well-stocked stores for food and gifts early in November. Record sales already have been rung up.
A red-ribbed straw goat shares a prominent place with Santa Claus in store windows. The goat is a traditional Swedish decoration for Christmas, but it is said to date back to the pagan era when the animals were slaughtered in sacrificial rites.
Christmas is a family occasion for the Swedes, celebrated about the same way everywhere from King Gustav's Drottningholm Castle to the huts of lumberjacks deep in the northern forests. The tradition of feasting flourishes.
In the center of the first holiday feast table usually is a pig's head with an apple in its mouth. Various cold dishes of the smorgas-

board surround it. The pig is another old tradition, going back to Viking days when it was a symbol of fertility.
It seems appropriate at this season for adults to go somewhat farther and remember that the Babe of Bethlehem grew into the Man of Galilee, a strong and virile man. The concept of a meek and lowly weaking is not supported by the biblical references to the Son of God and the Son of Man. These titles imply strength. He exhibited strength in resisting temptation to take the easy way in undergoing physical hardships in the service of humanity, and in submitting to martyrship for his cause. He exhibited it, too, when he took a whip to lash the desecrators out of the temple and again when he

looked the representative of Caesar's powerful empire in the eye and told him "Thou has said that I am king, knowing that statement would bring certain death."
The most important dates in the religious calendar of Christians are Christmas and Easter, the most hallowed spots are the manger at Bethlehem and the open tomb in the garden of Joseph of Arimathea, with Calvary accorded almost equal prominence. As the world now commemorates the Bethlehem event, it seems not inappropriate for adults to think also of the things that happened between the manger and the cross, and to devote more energy toward putting the ideas of the Great Teacher into practical effect.

Merry Christmas Fun!
Today-Saturday
Danny KAYE
The Management and Employees of the Colony Wish Each and Every One of You a Merry Christmas

COLONY
"KNOCK ON WOOD"
TECHNICOLOR with MAI ZETTERLING
A PARAMOUNT PICTURE

Colored News

The Sycamore Hill Baptist Church will observe its Christmas worship Saturday at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to share with us the blessings of this Christmas day. The pastor will speak on "The Shepherds and Wise Men Joy."
Evening worship and candlelight service will be observed Friday night at 8 o'clock at St. Andrew's Mission.

The Artistic Club will meet Tuesday night at 8:00 at the home of Mrs. Edna Corey, 107 Cross St.
The Bachelor Benedict Club will meet Sunday at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. Ernest C. Adams, N. Pitt St. All members will meet Saturday at 9 a.m. at Adams' Pool Room to give out Christmas baskets.

From Natchez to New Orleans—TWO CARDS IN THE DECK WERE STACKED AGAINST THE GAMBLING MAN!

Sunday-Monday
THE QUEEN OF HEARTS
Melanie, the river girl, who could fight as well as she could love! AND THE QUEEN OF DIAMONDS
Yvette, who knew a gentleman by the way he kissed her!
The GAMBLER from NATCHEZ
DALE ROBERTSON · DEBRA PAGET
TECHNICOLOR

South-11 Drive-In
Ends Tonight • Tech. • "WINGS OF THE HAWK"
ENDS SAT. NITE • BIG DOUBLE FEATURE •
No. 1 - Shown 7:05 & 10:15
Virginia Mayo - Tech. "DEVIL'S CANYON"
No. 2 - Shown 5:30 & 8:35
"ABBOTT & COSTELLO MEET DR. JEKYL & MR. HYDE"

PRIZES FOR REFLECTOR CARRIER BOYS — Christmas gifts and special prizes were presented to The Daily Reflector carrier boys at the annual Christmas party for the boys. Wayne Sugg of Greenville (center) won a bicycle presented to the best all-round carrier boy, and bicycle baskets were won by Tucker Allen of Ayden (right) and Billy Walker of Fountain (left).

Gringo Invader' Claims A Following In Mexico

By JACK RUTLEDGE
MEXICO CITY (AP)—"It will be our best Christmas," said Pedro with satisfaction, counting the money he and Adelita had saved during the year in a tin can and a clay piggy bank. "Almost 540 pesos (\$43.20)."
"Five hundred — why, that's almost a month's salary," said his wife. "We can give a posala (Christmas party) such as we've never given before."
"And think of the things Santa

Meadowbrook Drive-In Theatre
SUN. - MON. - TUES.
"ROGUE COP"
Robert Taylor
Janet Leigh
George Raft

SUNDAY and MONDAY NITES
Tony CURTIS
"The All American"
with Lori Nelson - plus 2 color cartoons
Please Note: that we will open Sat. & Sun. only at 5:15. Shows start 5:30. Mon. through Fri. open 6:30, show starts 7:00.
The Management and Staff of This Theatre Extend "Best Wishes" for A Very MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Manager and the Entire Staff Wish All Our Friends And Patrons A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Grand Holiday Entertainment 3 Big Days—Starts SUNDAY Big and Brand New Exciting Western

STATE
DAUGHTER OF THE OUTLAW DALTONS—BAD AS SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL!
Raised by the toughest gang the West ever knew... and from the day a man first kissed her she knew how to protect herself—all the way!
THE OUTLAW'S DAUGHTER
Photographed in COLOR
Starring BILL WILLIAMS, KELLY RYAN, JIM DAVIS
Prices This Attraction
Matinee and Night
Adults 50c
Children 15c

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY
Abbott and Costello
"Jack and the Bean Stalk"
In Super Cinecolor
FRIDAY - SATURDAY
Joel McCrea
"Black Horse Canyon"
In Technicolor

TODAY - SATURDAY
Guy Madison
"Marshals In Disguise"
For That 'Last Minute' Shopping GIVE THEATRE TICKET BOOKS \$1.00 - \$2.50 \$5.00 • Now On Sale

EARLY WARNING
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)—Air Defense Command headquarters says deer on the Sky Water Deer Ranch at Spooner, Wis. are being used to aid ground aircraft observers there. It has been discovered that the deer face in the direction of approaching aircraft, giving warning up to two minutes before humans can spot them.

Special New Year's Eve LATE SHOW!
Friday, Dec. 31st
Doors Open 11:15 - All Seats 65c

"THE WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL ANIMAL!"
Strictly ADULT Entertainment!
HUMPHREY BOGART
AVA GARDNER
THE BAREFOOT CONTESSA
IN COLOR BY TECHNICOLOR

Free Favors For All! Squalers, Balloons, Confetti and Hats!
PITT

— SATURDAY (Christmas Day) . . . and SUNDAY! —

"THE WILDEST BEAUTY IN THE PARIS WHIRL!"

She lived each day to the full as though every day was her last!
We Extend Seasons Greetings To All Our Friends and Patrons
F. Scott Fitzgerald's Famous Story of Youth On A Fling!
Their hearts were young and... The lights were on in Paris and there were no tomorrows... only tonight!
M-G-M presents in color by TECHNICOLOR

"The Last Time I Saw Paris"
STARRING ELIZABETH TAYLOR, VAN JOHNSON, WALTER PIDGEON, DONNA REED
Please see it from the start!
Features at 1:00 - 3:00 - 5:00 - 7:05 - 9:05

MONDAY and TUESDAY
AUDIE MURPHY in "DESTROY"
Coming Soon: "DEEP IN MY HEART"
For That 'Last Minute' Xmas Gift! THEATRE GIFT BOOKS \$1.00 - \$2.50 - \$5.00
Now On Sale At Our Box Office!