

Marrying Popular Christmas Week

By JIMMY L. LIS
Reflector Staff Writer

Christmas week has just about established itself as the year's biggest for the Register of Deeds' marriage license section.

Twenty-six licenses for holiday weddings were issued by the office this week. Ten of them were handed out Friday in one of the biggest single days the office has had all year.

As things stand now, the month of December stands a good chance of offering a firm challenge to June as a "marrying month" but both have a long way to go before overtaking August. Through yesterday, 46 licenses had been issued this month. Fifty-seven were issued in June and 65 were handled in August.

Despite the popularity of August, a big month for college students, the combination of Thanksgiving and Christmas periods is one of the most formidable of the year for the office. In the last 15 days of November, with Thanksgiving almost squarely in the middle, 32 licenses were issued.

A total of 505 licenses have been issued thus far this year. February, with 27, September, with 28, and April, with 29, have been the lean months. August was first in the totals, June was second, November third (with 51), May and January next with 43 apiece, July next with 40, March way down the list with 39 and October near the bottom with 37.

Not everybody who tries to get a license winds up with one. Friday, for instance, one couple came in late in the afternoon and asked for a license. They were told that the girl's mother would have to come in with the girl and prove the girl's age or the girl herself would have to furnish proof that she was at least 18.

The boy and girl looked at each other and sat down for a short while. Finally, the girl asked, "Well, what are we going to do now?"

The boy replied, "I don't know, I don't know."

They left shortly after that and didn't come back.

Couples which did meet all the requirements for licenses and days they were issued included:

Monday, December 17: Jimmie C. Hawkins, Route 1, Stokes, and Lina Crawford, Greenville; Kenneth C. Paul, Greenville, and Cassie Tyson, Route 3, Greenville; Nelson Ennis, Negro, Route 1, Winterville, and Edith Mae Sanders, Negro, Route 1, Winterville; Mason Lindsay Carroll, Jr., Shelby, and Margaret Mewborn, Farmville; Roy Manning, Jr., Conestoga, Ohio, and Mildred Marie Trout, Ashabula, Ohio; and Curtis Eugene May, Route 1, Grimesland, and Annie Marie Kite, Route 3, Greenville.

Tuesday, December 18: James Ray Stocks, Route 3, Winterville, and Myrtle Jean Mills, Greenville; and James Henry Braxton, Negro, Ayden, and Myra Lee Burney, Greenville.

Negro, Ayden.

Wednesday, December 19: Edward Ray Basemore, Aulander, and Beatrice Pauline Calhoun, Potocast.

Thursday, December 20: Harvey Lee Garris, Negro, Route 3, Ayden, and Bernice Nobles, Negro, Ayden; Wilbur Franklin Singleton, Greenville, and Hattie Marie Gurganus, Route 6, Greenville; Theodore George Warren, Route 1, Stokes, and Betty Frances Sutton, Greenville; Durward Meeks, Greenville, and Jeannette Meeks, Stokes; and Robert Lee Elks, Route 3, Greenville, and Betty Lou Haddock, Route 1, Vanceboro.

Friday, December 21: Ben F. Walson, Route 1, Farmville, and Leona Drake Whitley, Greenville; Kirby Tyson, Fountain, and Faye Corbett, Route 4, Greenville; Adam Hawkins Corbett, Farmville, and Effie Debore Bagley, Route 3, Walstonburg; James Roy Wilson, Greenville, and Shirley Lanman, Greenville; William Staley Mason, Jr., Dunn, and Jean Flora, Farmville; Virgil Wilson, Grifton, and Helen Louise Hales, Ayden; Willie James Moore, Negro, Greenville, and Shirley Simpson, Negro, Greenville; William L. Ormond, Greenville, and Sadie Ray Manning, Greenville; Claude Wesley Cobb, Route 1, Farmville, and Ethel Joan Thomas, Farmville; and Sellers Crisp Dickerson, Route 2, Farmville, and Mary Evonne McLawhorn, Route 1, Greenville.



CAMPUS SWEETHEART—Miss Peggy Oakley of Farmville, a freshman at Mount Olive Junior College, was chosen last week as the campus sweetheart by her classmates for the school year 1956-57. Miss Oakley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oakley of Route 2, Farmville. She graduated from Farmville High School in 1956 and is studying business education at Mount Olive Junior College.

Social Notes

The Rev. and Mrs. Jack Paramore arrived Saturday from Nashville, Tenn. to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mills. The Rev. Mr. Mills is a ministerial student at the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville.

Home from Florida State University for the holidays is Miss Janet Watson and Miss Denyse McLawhorn of Winterville.

Miss Sue Tucker, a student at Duke University, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Tucker, 1305 E. Fourth St.

Mrs. Eleanor Clark and son of Raleigh and Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Rives and two children, Karen and Leon, II of Sanford arrived over the weekend to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Rives, 406 E. Eighth Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirkland are spending Christmas in Durham with Mr. Kirkland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kirkland.

Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Walters left Saturday to spend Christmas with their families in Indianapolis, Ind.

some 12 months.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dowd are home from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill for the holidays.

Wayne Bishop, a student at the University of North Carolina, is home for the holidays.

Mrs. Dallas Merritt and son, Edward, of Huntsville, Ala. are spending the holidays with Mrs. Merritt's sister, Mrs. Gentry Mills and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Duncan left yesterday to spend the holidays with their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Duncan of Burlington.

Miss Rena Smith of Paris, Texas, Miss Virginia Lee Smith, a student at Randolph Macon, Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Smith of Louisville, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Smith, Jr., and sons, David, Donald and Charles, of Louisville, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Smith and daughter, Ella Marie, of Louisville, are spending the holidays with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. D. S. Smith, Grandmother, Mrs. D. S. Smith, Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Hanes and

sons, David and Tommy, will arrive next Thursday to spend the New Year.

Mrs. J. H. Rose has returned from Georgiana, Ala., where she visited her mother and Birmingham where she visited other relatives.

Miss Mary Ann Waldrop is home from Raleigh for the holidays.

Miss Marty Hadley is home from Durham for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Junius H. Rose, Jr., and little son, of Chapel Hill are spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rose.

Pathfinder Club Feted At Party

Mrs. J. R. Pollard and Miss Joann Pollard were hostesses to the Pathfinder Club Thursday evening when the Woman's Club was the scene for a Christmas party.

Some 40 guests attended. The refreshment table was laid with a white cloth and centered with a yule arrangement of candles, Christmas balls, and silvered greenery and pine cones.

Bright red Christmas punch was served by Mrs. W. G. Smith from a crystal punch bowl banked in greenery. Guests served themselves to decorated red and green cookies and other party refreshments. Games were led by Miss Thelma Flanagan and gifts were exchanged to bring the evening to a close.



BIRTHDAY CAKE FOR BABY JESUS—Little Peter West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete West of 1608 Berkeley Road, has been giving considerable thought to a proper observance of Jesus' birthday. For weeks now, he has been insisting that his mother bake Baby Jesus a cake. He and his sister LeAnne, 2 years old, are pictured above as they admire the cake. The photo was snapped in the middle of "Happy Birthday." (Reflector Staff Photo).

Miss Beard Entertains At Open House

Miss Sally Beard entertained at an open house Friday evening to which some 150 invitations were issued.

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Decorations in the dining room featured a white and blue color note. The table, laid in blue green satin, was centered with a Christmas arrangement of white candles, silvered boughs and shiny green balls.

Serving were Miss Sylvia Bonner and Miss Mary Dunn Beatty.

Throughout the house candles and Christmas arrangements were placed to lend a festive air to the Yule party.

Called To Belhaven
Mrs. B. P. Skuttleharpe, 116 E. Seventh St., was called to Belhaven Saturday afternoon due to the death of her brother, Charlie Rice.

Banquet Guests Feted By Wootens

Members of the senior class of Belvoir-Falkland High School were entertained after the Junior-Senior Banquet Friday night by Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wooten of Falkland.

Guest of honor was Miss Shelba Dawn Wooten, niece of the hosts. A Christmas motif was carried out in both decorations and refreshments.

The refreshment table, covered with a Christmas cloth, was centered with a miniature tree decorated by tiny, fairy-like ornaments.

Holiday punch with cheese wafers, green party sandwiches, fruit cake squares, salted nuts and Christmas cookies were served.

30 Years Ago Today

December 24, 1926

The old Colonial Rectory on Third and Greene Streets was never more alive than this Christmas. The Rector and Mrs. Cook and daughter Margaret had prepared the home for a number of guests. The home was gaily decorated with holly and mistletoe, while the entrance hall was graced with an illuminated Christmas bell with chimes, rung electrically to interest the young folk. On Christmas Eve the visitors began to arrive from Wilmington, Camden, N. J., Eades Park, N. J., Atlantic City and Philadelphia. The visitors from the North, admiring the beautiful spell of mild weather, will stay for a few days longer.

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EXPECTANT—In many homes throughout Greenville tonight the children were eagerly awaiting the arrival of Old Saint Nick just as Carla Ruth, 4, Katy, 6, (with cap on), and Anne Hardee, 12. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Joyner, 1807 E. Third Street. (Photo by Anne Singleton).

Happy Holiday

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| SUNDAY | 2:00—Redskins vs Colts | 4:30—Sunday Showcase | 5:00—News, MBS | 5:05—Thou Bethelhem, MBS | 5:30—A Christmas Carol, MBS | 6:00—Walter Winchell, MBS | 6:15—Tomorrow's Front Page Headlines, MBS | 6:25—News, MBS | 6:30—Standby Round The World, MBS | 6:45—Harry Wismer, MBS | 6:55—Program Previews | 7:00—Proudly We Hail | 7:30—Methodist Men's Hour | 8:00—Handel's Messiah | 8:50—Christmas Carols | 9:00—Church of God in Christ | 10:00—Wings of Healing, MBS | 10:30—Organ Reveries | 10:45—Eventide | 11:00—Sign Off | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MONDAY | 6:00—Sign On | 6:01—World News | 6:05—Morning Farm Hour | 6:30—Weather Report | 6:32—Morning Farm Hour | 7:00—World News | 7:05—Wakeup Time Down South | 7:30—State News | 7:35—Joe Overman, Weather | 7:45—Spotlighting The Stars | 8:00—Pitt County Hillites | 8:05—World News | 8:10—Music Over Coffee | 8:55—Bundle of Joy | 9:00—Man Around The House | 9:35—Morning Meditations | 9:50—Community Calendar | 9:55—Obituaries | 10:00—Man Around The House | 10:30—News, MBS | 10:45—Carnation Time | 11:00—News, MBS | 11:05—Urellels In The News, MBS | 11:15—Moments in Melody | 11:30—Songs of our Times | 12:00—Farm Agents Report | 12:10—The Farm Hour | 12:20—Market Reports | 12:25—The Farm Hour | 12:30—News | 12:35—Joe Overman, Weather | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TUESDAY | 6:00—Carols | 6:30—Weather Report | 6:32—Carols | 7:00—World News | 7:05—Carols | 7:30—State News | 7:35—Joe Overman, Weather | 7:45—Mixed Chorus | 8:00—Pitt County Hillites | 8:05—World News | 8:10—Music Over Coffee | 8:40—Carols By Crosby | 8:55—Bundle of Joy | 9:00—Man Around The House | 9:15—Carols by Fred Warling | 9:30—Carols By Crosby | 9:50—Christmas Carols | 9:55—Obituaries | 10:00—Carols By Como | 10:15—Christmas In The Air | 10:30—News, MBS | 10:35—Carols For Christmas Day | 10:45—Carnation Time | 11:00—News, MBS | 11:05—Parellels In The News, MBS | 11:15—Jackie Gleason's Christmas Carols | 11:30—Christmas Greetings | 12:00—Farm Agents Report | 12:10—Carols | 12:20—Market Reports | 12:25—Carols | 12:30—News | 12:35—Joe Overman, Weather | 12:45—Carols | 1:00—Christmas Greetings | 1:30—Christmas Greetings | 2:00—News, MBS | 2:05—Carols | 3:00—World News | 3:05—Carols | 3:30—God's Blessing On One And All | 4:00—News, MBS | 4:05—Christmas Carols | 5:00—Bob and Ray | 5:45—Daily Reflector Headlines | 5:50—Harry Wismer | 5:55—News, MBS | 6:00—State News | 6:05—Tis The Season | 6:25—Sports Parade | 6:30—News | 6:35—Joe Overman, Weather | 6:45—Tis The Season | 7:00—Queen For A Day | 7:30—Gabriel Heatter | 7:45—Christmas Concert | 9:00—Hungarian Relief | 10:00—Christmas Carols | 11:00—World & Sports News | 11:05—Sign Off |

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Family Activities On Yuletide Tighten Bonds

By JOE WING
It never is too early, nor too late, to develop a family's Christmas traditions.

And let it be said, in case of any doubt, that traditions with their nostalgic associations are a very important thing in this fast-moving world.

Just think back, if not to your own childhood then to stories from elders, about Christmases in the old home. Remember the midnight church services that the family attended together? Or that certain spun glass angel that made its appearance year after year at the top of the tree? There was a feeling about such things, and about the people involved, that arises on no other occasion.

If you want to make a conscious project of it, establishing a tradition is not at all difficult. Just follow out some appropriate little ritual or action that leaves happy memories. Do it again a year later—and there you have it, a real, living tradition.

At no time more than at a tradition-steeped Christmas celebration does a bunch of relatives become a close-knit family.

The Making of Gifts
The buying and giving of gifts at Christmas has a long and honorable history. Especially in a family of small children, to whom prestige among their fellows means so much, it hardly would be possible to get away from the custom even if desirable. And the making of a few personal gifts at home establishes another tradition.

What better token of a little boy's love for his mother than a tray backed out of plywood, sanded and varnished ever so neatly? And how many wives have laid up more pennies than they realize in the heaven of their husband's regard by knitting him a pair of long woolen socks, dropped

stitches and all, for that extra gift. Instead of just saying "charge it"? Not for nothing do cartoonists make merry each year with the figure of a family man staggering under the debt load of his own Christmas presents.

It will take more than a wish or announcement to bring into being the practice of making gifts for others. Mother and Father should talk things over with the youngsters, make suggestions of suitable projects, offer them help, and encourage them to complete things on time, otherwise it may be that good intentions will be crowned with disappointment instead of achievement and appreciation.

Some suggestions:
For a small boy to make: Bookmark, notebook, paper clip tray, waste basket, ashtray, book ends, candles, box for letters.
For a little girl to make: Wash cloth, pot holder, handkerchief, embroidered motto, painting, knitted wrist warmer, candy, cookies.

For a big boy to make: Photo portraits, bookcase, tool chest, porch table, an album with snapshot picture story of some family or personal activity, large shallow pan to serve as humidifier for house plants.

For a big girl to make: Illustrated notebook on some far place or region her parents or other relatives hope to visit some day, sweater, socks, apron, fruit cake.

Trimming of the Tree
Though rooted in old pagan ritual, the lighted tree has become such a part of Christmas that for most families the season would hardly be real without one.

Buying, setting up and trimming the tree can be a comradely job. Of course, if you live on a farm or have opportunity otherwise to



"AMERICAN HOMESTEAD WINTER" — an old Currier & Ives print.

grow and cut your own tree, the possibilities are that much better.

This is one project in which Father can take a leading part. On Saturday morning, like as not, he will pile the youngsters into the car and drive off to town on the venture. It's well to decide beforehand on the amount of money to spend. No matter what his dollar ceiling may be, he can usually find a tree that will answer your needs. It isn't necessary after all to compete with neighbors on this.

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Such things should be done this year, and next year, much as they were in the past—with modifications of course as the children grow older.

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not only help in the actual trimming but that they really have something to say about the way it is done. Their job may not be as neat as if you did it all yourself, but it will be far more satisfying to them. And that, after all, is what you are thinking about, isn't it?

Placing of the Gifts
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eve seems the proper time. It should never be a question of who can sing and who can't sing and who can sing best. Perhaps one of the older children can play accompaniment on violin—or mouth harp. In one household we've heard about, the mother, who hasn't touched the piano for 20 years except on these annual occasions, manages to bang out



the tunes. The grade schoolers join in and the college student daughter, though a professed skeptic now, wouldn't think of being left out on this occasion.

After the old, dear songs have been sung, it seems only natural to open the family Bible and read once more the Christmas story from Matthew or Luke. The youngest child starts it off and there are exclamations after he has completed his turn about how much his reading has improved since last year. His older brother or sister finishes off the sacred passage, of course, with a flourish.

Opening of the Gifts
Christmas morning can be a mad scramble if you don't watch out. Some families like it that way and chuckle in later days about the way the youngsters vied to get down to the business first.

Perhaps a better system—better on the nerves and better for stored memories—is to bring a

little organization into the ritual. Even without an early morning run for the Christmas tree, there is likely to be little enough sleep for the youngsters, and for the worn parents too, on Christmas night. If the ground rule is laid down that breakfast must be eaten first and that the ceremony will not come off until 8 a.m., or some such half way reasonable hour, the tension is likely to be a little easier.

Comes 8 o'clock, with all members of the family present and accounted for and perhaps even fed. No-one of course has dared to peek in the living room, with the rules being what they are and a curtain hung up to boot.

Now the youngest stands first in line, with others following according to age. Father says "let's go," and the curtain parts.

Somewhere there isn't the rush you had expected. This is the big moment, the moment of the year. No one quite wishes it to pass. But the children crowd in at last, start opening a package here and there—not necessarily the big and showy ones. And then the exclamations, the comparisons, the little yelps and cries. Christmas does come just once a year thank goodness, you say, but this makes it worth every bit of time and effort and expense.

This Guy Must Be St. Nick

"Who do you think you are, Santa Claus?"

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It also proved to be the turning point in the life of Frank Markow, who today gets more requests from children, shut-ins, photographers, advertising agencies, department stores, hospitals and orphanages than the real Santa ever dreamed of.

In fact Markow feels that another spirit is guiding him every time he attaches white whiskers to chubby face and dons red costume with black boots.

A Natural Santa

The 47-year-old Markow is a natural for the Santa part. Round faced, chubby and jovial, his wide grin seems to create an atmosphere of friendliness and good cheer. He is portly enough not to need a pillow for padding.

It began in 1942 when Frank was a wartime sailor.

Just before his oil tanker left for England, a newspaperman told

Frank: "If you get to London, go to the Piccadilly Theatre where Bebe Daniels is starring in 'Panna-Hattie.'" Tell her and hubby Ben Lyon 'hello' for me."

Frank carried the message and also a food package containing items one couldn't buy in England at that time. The next trip Frank brought the theatrical couple another much appreciated food package. This caused Bebe to ask Markow that "big" question.

When Markow returned to the States late that year he mullied over the idea of becoming a Santa Claus. So he got a job as Santa in a New York department store. He liked the role.

Advertising agencies use him as a model for their Christmas ads. He poses for Christmas cards. Last year he had 33 modeling jobs as Santa. Also he is a bit player on stage and TV.

His regular station during the Yule season is at one of the large department stores in New York.

Greatest Pleasure

But he receives his greatest pleasure and delight visiting children in hospitals and orphanages.

"That's when I feel the most like Santa," says Markow. "No matter how sick or lonely, these kids all perk up when Santa comes. Their eyes brighten the moment they see me. But I get a bigger thrill out of it than they do. You see, my wife and I don't have any children of our own. And being Santa to these little ones makes me the happiest guy in the world."

Mr. Claus does have his problems, too, admits Markow.

"One Christmas, in a department store, a little fellow asked me for a choo choo train. I told him I would do my best. The following year (in the same store) the same youngster rushed over and gave me a swift kick in the shins. Then he yelled: 'That's for not giving me those trains last Christmas!'"

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'Christmas Lane' Has Been Visited Both By Night And By Day



JACK-IN-THE-BOX—This figure on the Christmas lane at Elm St. Park is one of the favorites of visitors. The jack-in-the-box rode on a float in the Christmas parade and then became a part of the Christmas scene at the park.



BATH FOR SANTA—St. Nicholas takes a bath in full view of everyone. His helpers, the elves, hand him the necessary items.

By ANNE SINGLETON
Reflector Staff Writer

Once again this year flood lights flash on at dusk each evening to bring to life ten scenes at Elm St. Park.

The scenes form the Christmas Lane set up each year at the park by the Recreation Department. This year the lane has been placed in the parking area above the recreation building at the park and it is through this area that visitors may walk to view the Christmas scenes.

Although the lane looks its best at night after the floodlights have been turned on, the Christmas lane has also been in use during the daytime.

Santa has been at the park several days during the Christmas season to hear the youngsters' requests for Christmas. While there he makes use of the sleigh and reindeer exhibit which was used in the Christmas parade that opened the holiday season locally.

And for the kiddies who weren't able to be at the park when Santa was there, a special mail box stands by the sleigh in which they may post their letters to St. Nick.

This year's Christmas lane is all new. But it is not the first year that such a lane has been set up locally. The idea began in 1954 and that year the then Recreation Supervisor Warren Carroll approached Mrs. Donna Tabar and asked her to prepare several sketches for Christmas scenes.

The sketches were presented to various civic organizations who were asked to sponsor one of the scenes in the Christmas parade. Then, the organizations were told, the scenes could be placed on view in the Christmas lane for the remainder of the holidays.

The idea caught on and Mrs. Tabar recalls, "20 or 25 volunteers worked on the scenes, first in a warehouse where we nearly froze and then in the Armory."

The group at one time had to move their scenes to either side of the main floor of the armory so the National Guard unit could conduct their drill.

"After the drill was over the

guard invited us all over to have coffee with them," she declared.

After Christmas that year the scenes were stored and as planned they were used in the parade in 1955 and set up for the Christmas lane again.

This year a group of local persons with artistic talent decided that the scenes should be reworked so the group, largely under the direction of Mrs. Tabar, took on the job of repainting them. As a result the Christmas lane is all new for this Christmas season.

The lane is also more compact this year than in the past. Previously the scenes were set up in all parts of the park. However, visitors found it difficult to climb hills and walk the long distances necessary to view the lane so it was decided this year to place the plane in the parking lot at the park.

As a result visitors are able to view the scenes more easily. In addition the lighted lane is more impressive when seen from Elm St. at night.

What about future plans for the lane? "Well, it would be nice to see the city add more scenes next year," says Mrs. Tabar. "The original plans were to add to it each year. As it turned out we have fewer."

In spite of the fact that civic organizations were asked to sponsor the scenes Mrs. Tabar says "some wouldn't have been added this year if it hadn't been for the Recreation Department."

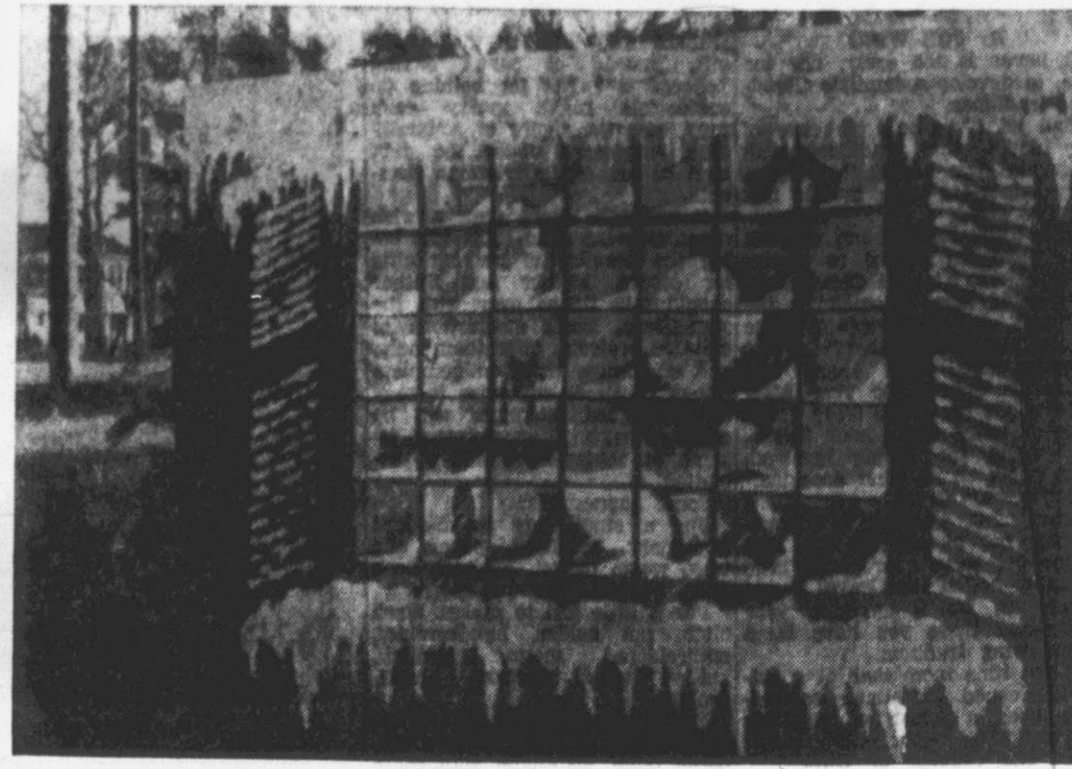
"I don't know what will be done in the future," she continued. "We can't do it without financial backing so if the civic groups like them, ask them to get on the ball early next year and not two weeks before Christmas."

Gordon Goodman, Recreation Director, praised Mrs. Tabar's work on the scenes.

He urged local citizens to visit the lane and view the scenes during the holidays.

Others who helped in the work of repainting the scenes this year were: Jay Robbins, Bee Behr, Elba Rowe, Rita Husted, Rose Brooks.

The scenes and their sponsors are: carolers, Lions Club; Church



MRS. SANTA—A look into Santa's workshop through a window is depicted in this scene on the Christmas lane. Mrs. Santa can be seen within.

scene, Chamber of Commerce; Santa's Sleigh and Reindeer, Junior Chamber of Commerce; Wizard of Oz; Sugar Plum House; Jack-in-the-Box; Mrs. Santa in Workshop; Snow White and Seven Dwarfs; Santa in the Tub, Paint and Putter class; Nativity scene.

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ON LANE—This scene is on the Christmas Lane at Elm St. park. This and other scenes were done by local citizens with artistic talent who volunteered their services.

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Santa and the Crippled Angel

BY F. H. BORDSEN



SANTA CLAUS was late that Christmas eve in departing from his workshop at the North Pole. What with filling last minute orders for toys and putting up bags of candy, he had spent a very busy day. Now it was almost midnight and he was ready at last for his annual Christmas journey, carrying gifts to good boys and girls.

The back of his sleigh was laden with the huge sack of Christmas presents. His reindeer stamped their feet in the snow at his approach, jingling the merry bells on their harness.

"Steady, steady," Santa chuckled. "I know you're anxious to be off."

He turned to his elves who gathered in a happy knot near the sleigh.

"Is everything in order?"

"Yes, Santa," they said. "We've been very careful."

"Are you sure there's a train for that?" he paused.

Someone, a very little someone, was crying.

Santa looked at his elves but each one wore a broad grin, so it couldn't be one of them.

There it was again. A little cry like that of a kitten, only with a note of sorrow.

It could come only from within that big sack of toys.

"Quick," Santa ordered. "Unpack the bag. Be careful now. Someone is unhappy. Imagine that—unhappy on Christmas Eve. We'll have to fix that right away."

The elves scurried to the top of the sleigh and handed down dolls, trains and other toys to the elves. Santa looked at his watch. It was getting even closer to midnight.

"Here it is," an elf called out. "It's the little angel doll."

Sure enough, the cry grew a bit louder in the clear and cold night air.

Santa peered into the big sack. There, on top of some cowboy books, was a little wooden angel. She was dressed in white, she had tiny wings and she wasn't as big as your hand. Big tears fell from her blue eyes.

"Now then," Santa said. "What's the trouble?"

The little angel tried to con-

rol her sobs but couldn't quite succeed.

"It's my leg," she said. "It's broken."

"Now, now," Santa said. "That's nothing to cry about. Toys don't feel any pain."

"I know," the angel sniffled. "But who would want an angel doll with a broken leg? Who would want me?"

Santa gathered the little angel in his mitten.

"Don't you worry about who will want you," he said. "We'll do a fast patching job."

He hurried into his workshop, took down a pot of glue, and with swift strokes glued the broken leg together. It was a little crooked, but strong.

"There now," he said. "We'll be off." He opened his red coat and tucked the little doll inside.

"You stay right there until we get some altitude," he said. "You're going to be all right."

"I hope so," she sighed.

Once the sleigh was among the clouds, Santa bent his head to her and said, "Are you comfortable, tiny one?"

"Yes, I am."

"Well, then, listen. Soon we'll be over a town where a little girl lives who has polio. Her doctor says she'll recover but that she may have to wear braces on her legs and use crutches for a while. I'm sure she'd like an angel doll with a leg like yours. I didn't make your leg absolutely straight, you know. I wanted you to be a little bit like her. Do you mind?"

"What's the girl's name?" the angel doll asked.

"Her name's Sally and she's five years old."

"Will she take me to bed with her and let me sleep on her pillow, Santa?"

"I'm sure she will."

"Well, then, I'm glad I broke my leg," said the doll.

Santa gave her a pat.

"Now tonight I'll leave you at her house. I've a lot of work to do so I can't stay around. But I'll be back a year from tonight and I'll see you then."

"All right, Santa. I'll take good care of her," the angel promised.

Sure enough, a year later Santa called again at Sally's home

and he tiptoed into her bedroom. The little angel was on Sally's pillow and the girl was fast asleep.

"Are you happy here?" Santa asked.

"Oh, yes, Santa. She plays with me all the while because I have a leg like hers."

"And how is she getting along?"

"Just fine. She walks a little now with crutches and the doctor says she may not need them next Christmas."

A big grin showed above Santa's white beard. "Wonderful. Do you want to stay with her?"

"Oh, yes. She needs me."

"Good. I'll be back next year." And Santa threw the little angel a kiss as he stepped from the room.

Once more, on the following Christmas Eve, Santa entered the bedroom. There was Sally, a little bigger now, but the little angel was not to be seen.

"Good. I'll be back next year." And Santa threw the little angel a kiss as he stepped from the room.

Here I am, Santa, on the floor in the corner."

Santa picked up the little angel and blew dust from her clothing.

"My little one, you must have been in there a long time."

The angel managed a smile.

"Well, Sally has been walking quite a bit, ever since last summer. And she wants to play with dolls who have good legs now. So she put me here and forgot all about me."

"Well, now," Santa said. "I think you've done your work here. Would you like to come with me tonight?"

"But where would I go, Santa?"

"Oh, I know of another little lame girl. And she needs a doll like you."

The angel blinked her eyes in surprise. "And can I sleep on her pillow, too?"

"Of course."

"Well, I'm ready," she said.

So Santa opened his coat and put the angel inside and flew away with her into the night time sky.

And the little angel doll was happy again. She knew that waiting for her was a little girl who would take her to bed and pat her mended leg.

Bible Is Sure Gift Of Season

By W. G. ROGERS
Christmas after Christmas, the big, steady, sure best seller is the Bible.

Other books catch on for a year or so. Anne Morrow Lindbergh's "Gift from the Sea" is due for another good season, and so is Elizabeth Orton Jones' "How Far Is It To Bethlehem?" Roger Duvoisin's "The Night Before Christmas" finds its dependable annual customers.

The piece of fiction that has lasted the longest and is still the leader year in year out is Dickens' "Christmas Carol." There are editions from a dozen different houses; one of them reports, "we sell 500 copies every Christmas as regular as clockwork." Some of the houses have different editions, too, specially illustrated, cheap and expensive, aimed at the juvenile and at the adult. There are probably sales of 3,000 to 5,000 and more every December.

One other juvenile with a continuing appeal is Rachel Field's "Prayer for a Child," on the market about a decade. For grownups there is Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man" and Kate Douglas Wiggin's "The Birds' Christmas Carol." In a lot lighter vein but in the Christmas spirit, there is also a recurring demand for Milt Gross' "Hiawata" and "De Night in de Front from Chreesmas."

But the Bible offers the greatest appeal to the greatest number of bookstore visitors. One publisher has heard estimates of annual sales ranging from 8,000,000 to 25,000,000. One thing they don't give away at Christmas or any other time is the real sales figures, but the fact seems to be that 6,000,000 is nearer the likely annual sales. Even that is a highly satisfactory total to the big houses which publish the Good Book in at least several hundred styles, perhaps as many as 600, and at a lot of different prices.

From World Publishing, Oxford University Press, Thomas Nelson, Harper and other houses, you can get the Bible, or the New or Old Testaments, at several levels below \$1. World's 150 editions sell from \$1 to \$250 for the Bruce Rogers leather Bible. Oxford prices begin at \$165 and rise to \$300, and Nelson's range is from \$2 to \$100 for a pulpit Bible.

They come in all shapes and sizes, illustrated and plain, with and without concordance, with zippers, specially boxed, perhaps thumb-indexed, and in leather bindings of different colors.

Rules And Ethics For Santa Claus

There is much more to being a Santa Claus than having a red coat and some white whiskers. There are all sorts of ethical dos and don'ts that any self-respecting Santa must learn in order to do his job properly.

Every year around Thanksgiving a school for Santas opens in New York. Here newcomers to the profession can learn the basic principles, and veterans can take a refresher course.

Run by the Volunteers of America in order to man their street corner "chimneys," the school graduates around 100 each year. Some of the tenets a good Santa must remember are: Keep your whiskers clean. Be patient with children. Don't drink, eat garlic or onions. Don't smoke or eat on duty. And never lean on your chimney.

well-watered—and then forget the whole thing. Save the pots for other uses.

Some begonias can be made to bloom again. Keep the soil in the pot moist at all times, feed with organic fertilizer, give them bright sun in winter and sink them in the garden, providing light shade, in summer. They will flourish better if you keep them in a room with temperature around 65 degrees.

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Flowers Are Logical Expression Of Christmas

By CYNTHIA LOWRY
Flowers are a logical expression of Christmas and the spirit of the holiday—but December 25 falls for most of us in a season when just about the only outdoor color comes from the evergreens.

Cut flowers—inescapably purchased by those without their own green houses—are pleasant and graceful gifts, and for indoor gardeners with a windowsill of greenery and occasional bloom, there are potted plants, many of

them traditionally used as gifts during the season: poinsettia, and azalea as well as Jerusalem cherry, kalanchoe, begonia, cyclamen and cineraria. Cut or growing in pots, they are useful because they can be sent by telegraph, or a simple telephone call to a local florist who will handle the whole matter—even if it involves a gift to a foreign land.

It always seems a shame to discard a plant, but the truth is that most of these popular gifts domesticate poorly. Most people fuss with them for a bit, but finally the plants sicken and die. Unless you are a dedicated plant fancier, blessed with a green thumb and enjoy living in low temperatures, savor the blooms of the winter—can be set out in

the garden permanently. Jerusalem cherry, cyclamen and cineraria, handsome plants all, really aren't worth keeping after they have ceased blooming. They all like 50 degree and lower temperatures, plenty of humidity. While you have them, keep them in sunny windows, keep them

Poinsettias, for instance, enjoy an existence with the thermometer around 60 degrees, and plenty of humidity and water. They do best in a sunny window.

Tender azaleas (which most gift givers should be kept well watered, given full light and they like 50 degree temperatures. They rarely can be set outdoors in a cold climate—so if you've a garden, specify the gift type which it lasts through the winter—can be set out in

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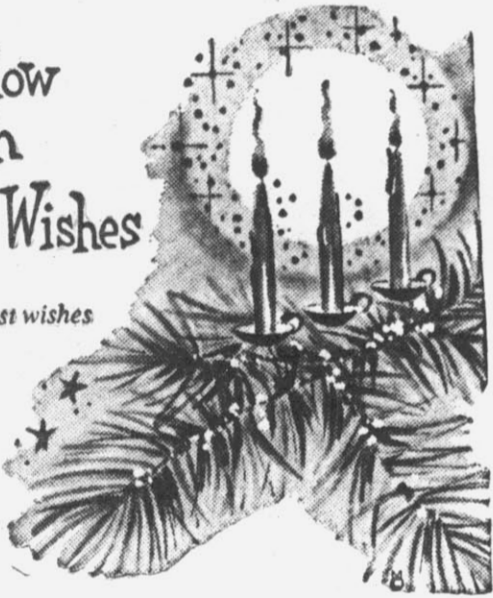
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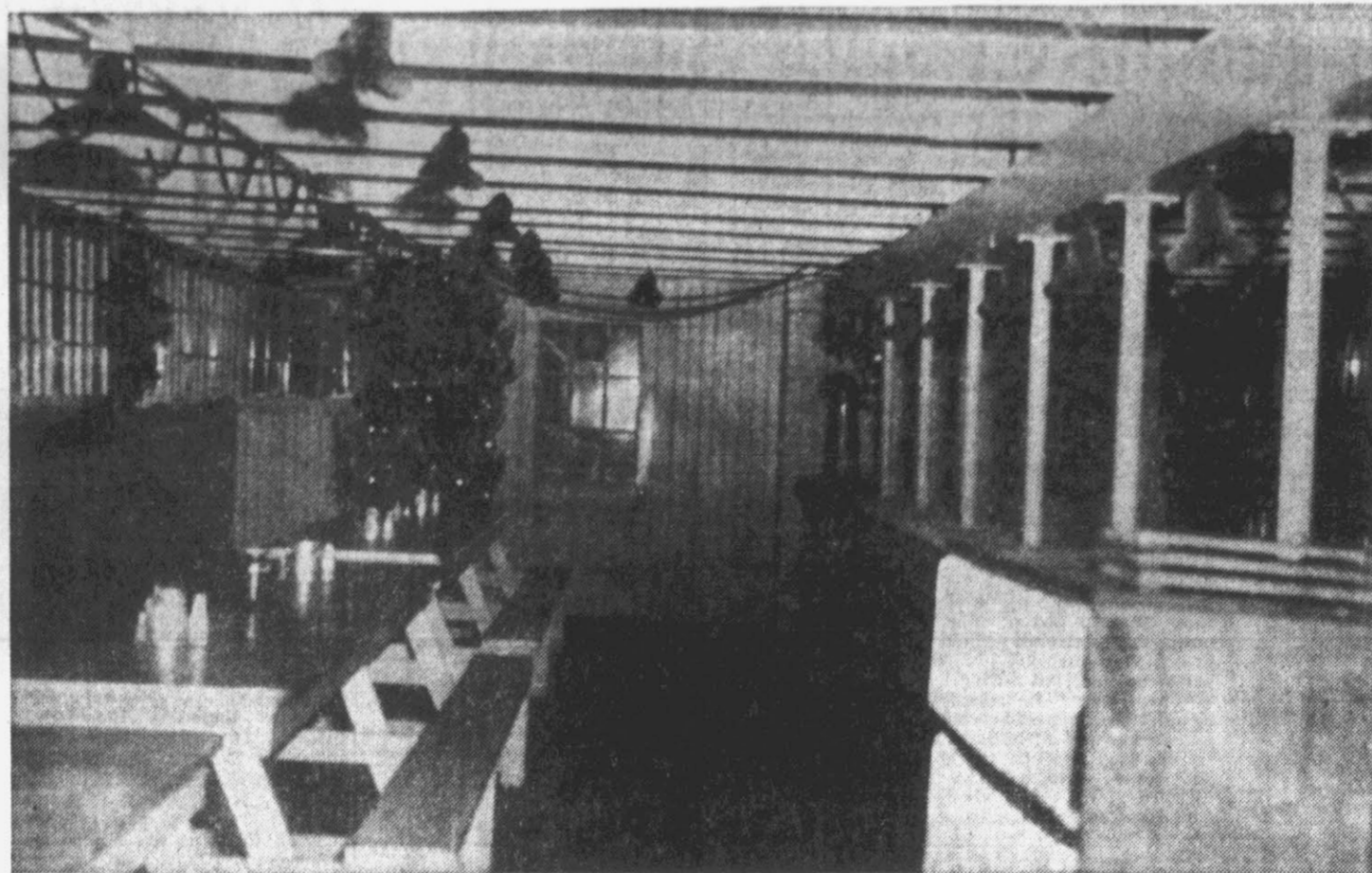
Silent night

"All is calm, all is bright." And the radiance of Christmas fills our hearts with rejoicing. May the blessings of the season be yours.

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Inside Prison Camp 208, The Day Of Christmas Is Not Forgotten



DINING HALL—Shown above is the Prison Mess Hall, brightly decorated with red paper bells, streamers of spun chrysal paper in red and green, boughs of holly and berries, and a tall, thick Christmas tree in the far left corner. The hall can easily seat the 110 prisoners and most of the 14 employees that run the camp. The Christmas season is celebrated at the Camp in other ways, including Church-sponsored gatherings, parties, and the acceptance of relatives and friends on Christmas Day.

By BILLY ARNOLD Reflector Staff Writer Behind the dismal wire walls of Prison number 208, on the outskirts of Greenville, 110 men will celebrate their Christmas quietly, reverently, will pray, will sing, will sup on turkey and all the trimmings, much like the rest of Pitt County and America. And, ironically, their Christmas will be quite different from that of the rest of Pitt County and America.

On that brightest of all days, the enclosing steel bars and the ever-present guards will not be forgotten; but for one moment—one moment in Time's monotonous eternity for these men—a greater truth will be observed.

The inmates of State penitentiary 208 will be treated to a meal fit for a king—and cooked by five of their own. There will be 113 pounds of turkey, complete with all the side dishes, and flanked by bushels of apples, oranges, nuts, bananas, candy and other foods.

Christmas dinner will be served in the Prison's Mess Hall, a rectangular white frame building, which is more than large enough to seat and feed the 110 men. Also sharing their meal with the inmates will be "practically all of the 14 employees who operate Camp 208," according to Supt. Paul Crawford.

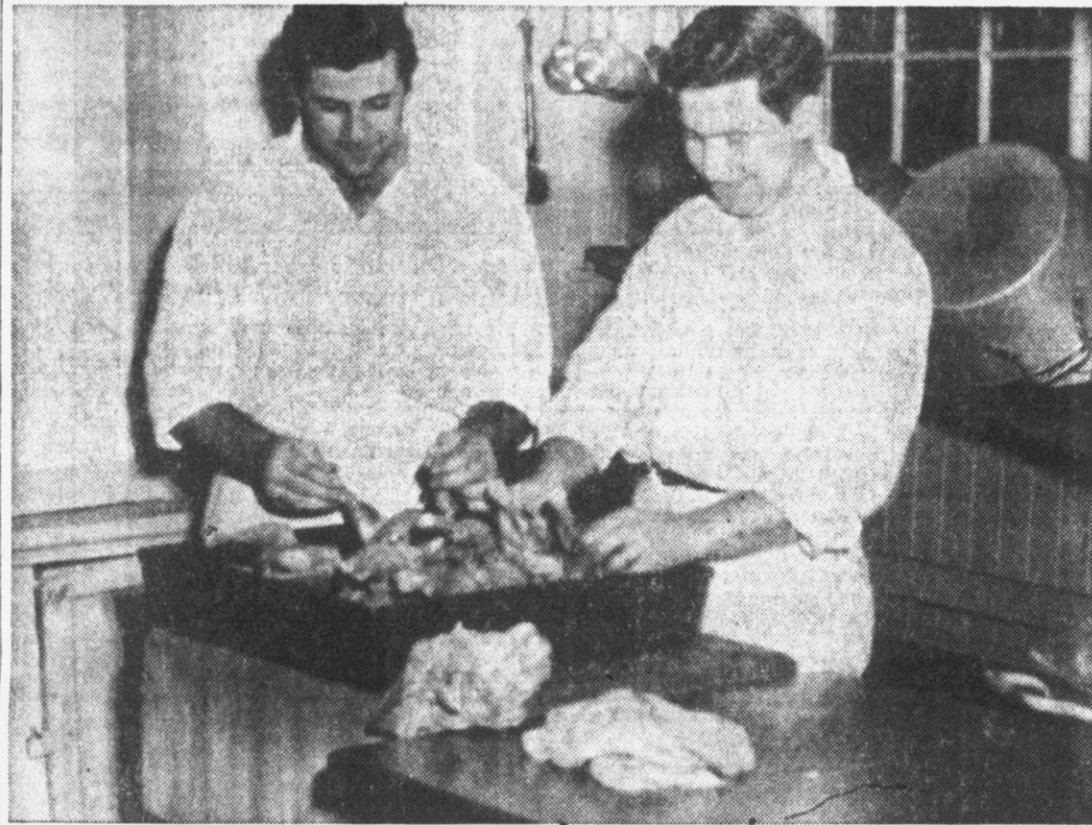
Gifts and Friends On Christmas day, the prison doors will open to friends and relatives. Gifts, either brought by those relatives or sent by those who could not come, will be given to the men. There will be much talk, some laughter, perhaps music, and prayer. "It is usually the happy day. There's so much to do and one observed at the camp.

There will be services, then the big dinner will begin at 12:00. Captain Crawford said, "It takes us a full day to get things ready. There's so much to do and the prisoners have a lot to do with getting things in shape."

Christmas Decorations Last Friday, decorations went up around the Camp. The Mess Hall's clean-but-drab countenance received new gaiety. The windows were trimmed with bright red and green streamers of spun chrysal paper. Huge circular boughs of holly, fresh green leaves sprinkled with the red of berries, were situated at intervals along the stretch of window glass, almost blotting out the network of heavy wire covering outside.

A tree, tall and thick, was placed at one end of the Mess Hall in a conspicuous corner. Last Friday was spent decorating it with bright, multi-colored lights, snow flakes, balls and silver trinkets. Some of the prisoners did the honors.

Saturday night, a group of women from various churches of Greenville united to give a party for the inmates, bringing gifts, music and food. There were presents for each man, which were



PREPARING CHRISTMAS DINNER—Two inmates of Prison Camp 208, on the outskirts of Greenville, are shown preparing a pan of small turkeys for the annual Christmas dinner. This year, 113 pounds of turkey, ham, vegetables and fruits of all kinds will go into the making of the meal. The dinner will be cooked and served by the prisoners.

placed beneath the tree. Hymns and gay songs were sung by the visitors and the inmates alike and prayer services were also a big part of the gathering.

For the men of Prison Camp 208, Christmas is a time of gaiety, happiness, and thanksgiving—and it is a time of grim thought, realization, a time of truth. In this, it is not unlike Christmas for others. In this, it is not greatly different from Christmas as celebrated anywhere on Earth.

Inside Camp 208, the day is seen and greeted simply and thankfully for what it really is: the birth of Jesus Christ.

ROMAN DECORATIONS

Decorating the home with evergreens and berries is a carry-over from Roman times. The ancient Romans, in their celebration of the Kalends of January, decorated their homes with green boughs and gave them to friends as a token of good luck.

The Norse people brought the woodland spirit into their home when they decorated their halls with holly and ivy.

Santa's Time Table

Santa Claus may not be quite as busy as you might think. His job is made a bit easier because he doesn't have to complete his chores in one night. Not every country practices the giving of gifts on Dec. 25.

In Holland, Belgium and Germany the time is Dec. 6. In Austria many communities celebrate Dec. 5 as gift giving time.

In Switzerland, a tiny nation of intermingled and overlapping cultures, languages and religions, there are two different dates for Santa. In Roman Catholic sections the Swiss Christmas season begins on Dec. 6, the feast of St. Nicholas. In most Protestant sections, mainly around Geneva, the celebration is on St. Lucia's Day, Dec. 13.

In Sweden and Hungary, Dec. 13 is the day for presents. In England Dec. 26, St. Stephen's Day or Boxing Day, is the customary time for giving presents to the poor and to public

servants (postmen, milkmen, etc.). Family gift giving, however, is the same as in the United States—Dec. 25.

Gifts are not exchanged at Christmas in France and Scotland. Family reunions and celebrations take place on New Year's Day instead.

In Latin America, Dec. 25 is strictly a religious day and not one for gift giving. The end of the one-month feast period—Jan. 6—is the time for festivities and giving of presents to the children. Santa's timetable probably looks like this:

Dec. 5 — Austria, Dec. 6 — Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Dec. 13 — Switzerland, Sweden, Hungary, Dec. 25 — United States and England, Dec. 26 — England (Boxing Day gifts), Jan. 1 — France and Scotland, Jan. 6 — Mexico, Central and South America, Jan. 7 — North Pole and much needed rest.

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Advertisement for Silo Restaurant. Includes the text 'Bright, Best Wishes', 'We wish you and yours a rich abundance of all of the joys of this happy holiday season.', and 'Silo Restaurant AYDEN HIGHWAY We will close December 24th Through December 31st.'

Advertisement for Cascade Laundry & Cleaners. Includes the text 'Holiday Wishes', 'Our sincere wishes for a happy holiday to all the good friends whom it has been such a pleasure to serve.', and 'Cascade Laundry & Cleaners'.

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Spirit Of Christmas Is Found At Home, Not In Far Places

By DR. LISTON POPE
Dean of The Divinity School,
Yale University

The significance of Christmas? You could look for it in Bethlehem, but you would not find it there. Last Easter I stood in the Church of the Nativity on the traditional site of His birth and sought the inner meaning of that great event. But the gilded manger and flickering lights and greedy guides destroyed all the magic.

It was better outside on the Judean hills. They at least are much the same as then. Shepherds still tend their flocks and the stars come very close at night. In the darkness and quiet one can almost believe in the angel and the heavenly chorus and the Wise Men coming slowly down the Jerusalem road. But the heavens do not open again and no star comes on an appointed mission, and the mood passes.

You could look for it in Nazareth, where He grew in wisdom and stature, but you would not find it there. Children still play in the streets and I saw a small boy at work in a carpenter shop. But most of the people are Arabs and good number are Communists and the sites associated with His youth are unconvincing and sometimes unkept.

You could look for it at the River Jordan where He was baptized and commissioned, but you would not find it in that murky stream. You can buy a bottle of river water, preferably distilled, to use in the baptism of your grandchildren.

An Unspoiled Spot
By the Sea of Galilee you might come nearer to what you were looking for. The fishermen still get prodigious hauls in their nets, and the sea is very rough sometimes. The Mount of the Beatitudes is so serene that one can almost believe in the ultimate triumph of the meek and the merciful. You would find it all very beautiful, but like a garden from which the Gardener has gone.

In old Jerusalem, the Holy City in which He died, you could find both reverence and revulsion. From the Mount of Olives you can look down on the ancient city. You can see a courtyard in which the Romans played their games, and a hush might come over your spirit as you too walked the Via Dolorosa. But you

would be shown two Golgothas and two tombs wherein they say He was laid, and you would find various groups of Christians contending with each other over their possession of Him.

Back to Our Traditions
And so you might come back to your own city and your own house, somewhat weary and shaken.

There are always the traditional Christian symbols to make the season both busy and glad: carols in the streets, magnificent displays in the stores, wreaths on the doors and lights in the windows. Each year's tree in the living room is the most perfect yet, and the brightly-wrapped packages under it are gayer—and more numerous—each succeeding year. And the children: the light in their eyes is authentic and their unfeigned wonder can kindle again a deeper wonder about the significance of it all.

We have been taught that Christmas should be a happy

time, a "Merry Christmas." In a wonderful sense the time of Christ's birth was an occasion of "joy to the world." But Jesus Christ, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, is not a merry figure.

To Save Us from Ourselves
We know that we should be generous and forgiving and hopeful at Christmas. But the meaning of Christ's coming is precisely that man is not good and able to save himself, but that he is always a mixture of good and evil, a sinner who needs a Savior. Christ came to save men from themselves.

Great stress is put on Christmas as a family festival, with homecomings, a great family feast, special attention to children and grandparents. But Christmas is also for orphans and childless widows and deserted old people and sentries on lonely outposts. Perhaps it is especially for them. The Son of Man had no place to lay His head.

In the land of Christ's birth the significance of that event eludes us. In our own time it escapes us because we attempt to find Him in the pagan festival that the observance of Christmas has become. We can accept Him only on His terms, not ours. He proclaimed that He had come as the Son of God, as a representation of a God of love, to save the world and every man from self and sin.

End of the Quest
The real significance of Christmas has never changed. It is to be found now, as at the beginning, in taking seriously and believing deeply the proclamation at the time of Christ's birth: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

CHRISTMAS WARNING

Writing in the Fourth Century, Gregory Nazianzen, archbishop and poet, warned against celebrating Christmas "with excess" and protested against dancing and decorations of evergreens and boughs which he described as a "heathen practice."

GIVING AND HELPING

Christmas is an annual occasion for giving and helping on a grand scale. Local welfare agencies, churches, the Red Cross, Salvation Army, service clubs, Tuberculosis Assn., American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, newspapers and many other organizations collect funds for charity in advance of Christmas.

America's Chances For A White Christmas



HOW THE WEATHER BUREAU figures percentage chances of snow for Dec. 25.

Civilization Was Built By The Eternal Son

By THE MOST REV. JOSEPH F. RUMMEL

Archbishop of New Orleans

The anniversary of the birth of the Eternal Son of God into the human family is accepted by the Christian world as the pivotal feast from which stem the life-giving truths that constitute the basis of genuine civilization and establish the guideposts for the way of life which guarantees peace, security and happiness for mankind.

The Eternal Son of God was born into a world that was dominated by paganism with its idolatrous worship, its lust for political power, its base subservience to sensual gratification and its materialistic interpretation of life in general.

all men towards God and towards their fellow men without distinction even as between friend and enemy.

That supreme law of universal love the Babe of Bethlehem sealed with His life's blood on the Hill of Calvary, 33 years after His birth. Today we again face a world antagonistic to Christ in the complex form of atheistic communism, gross materialism, manifold repudiation of Christian morality in personal integrity, domestic relations and social responsibilities.

Let us mark Christmas day by our re-dedication to its spiritual ideals of profound faith in the divinity of Christ, sincere acceptance of His way of life, genuine devotion to His mandate of love of God and of neighbor and persevering pursuit of the peace which will be the firm possession of "men of good will" in time and in eternity.



"THE MADONNA OF THE GOLDFINCH" by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, as shown in the Samuel H. Kress collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D. C.

Warm Wishes

May the glow of holiday cheer brighten the faces of our many kind friends whose patronage we value so highly. Our thanks to you all.

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Season's Greetings

To All Our

Friends And Neighbors In Eastern North Carolina And May The New Year Be A Happy One...

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.



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SILENT RIVER
By WAYNE ROBERTS

SYNOPSIS
Lieutenant Chad Endicott, a Civil War veteran, is irked when he is ordered from St. Louis to establish an Army post in hostile Dakota Territory. For he must leave his fiancée, Elizabeth Tipton, daughter of General Tipton, and postpone their marriage for at least a year. Before he leaves, Chad warns Alvin Siner, a wealthy trader and his rival for Elizabeth, to respect their engagement or he will kill him when he returns. Myra, a fun-loving wife of Major Otto Grunwald, is in love with Siner, and although she knows he prefers Elizabeth, helps him plot against Chad. Meanwhile, Chad sails up the treacherous Missouri river with an infantry company commanded by Colonel Randall, who is bringing his beautiful Spanish wife, Isabella. Chad doubts Randall's ability as a leader. As the river boat makes its way slowly upriver to Indian territory, Zack Cubberly, a weather-beaten scout for the Army, tells Chad what to expect from the warlike Sioux. Back in St. Louis, Siner, after a reasonable wait, starts his campaign to win Elizabeth. At about this time, Chad and his troops experience their first difficulty—the boat gets stuck on a sandbar.

CHAPTER 9
Chad watched the crew of the river boat take stations near a set of upright spars rigged at the bow. Many times he had wondered what these awkward-looking timbers were. They reminded him of telegraph poles. As the Molly McClain struggled futilely to make headway, he saw the ends of the poles slip into the water and go to the bottom of the river.

Zack, coming up behind Chad, said, "Reckon we're fixin' to take out 'cross the prairie for a spell, Lootinant?"

"I was wondering," Chad said. Chad watched with intense interest. Slowly the deck engine took up slack in the lines and presently the bow lifted. Snorting, the small engine ground patiently at the lines and ever so slowly the bow came up.

"Now what do you know about that?" Chad said in amazement. "Lifting the old tub right out of the river."

Suddenly, splinters flew from the

Christmas

To you, our friends and patrons, we extend every good wish for a happy holiday season, with our sincere thanks for the privilege of serving you over the years.

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Christmas Message

Let our thoughts this Christmas turn to Him who was born in Bethlehem. Let us remember and cherish His message.

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hiding somewhere?"

"Sure," Zack's hand slid downward to the belted knife he wore on his right side. "Crawled down into a hole. I figured you boys was paid to do the fighting. Me, I've shot at a passel of Injuns in my time."

"All right, Sergeant," Chad said. Mulvane drifted away, scowling, and Chad turned to Zack. "Born ornery, the sergeant was. Don't worry about him."

Chad, studying the scout's lean, weather-burned face, decided that Mulvane had come very close to being cut up. He asked, "Stout?"

"That's what they was, all right. Country's full of 'em generally when you ain't lookin' for 'em. Mostly Minnicou and Hunkpapa. The Ogalallas and Brules hang out further south, down as far as the Platte."

By this time the Molly McClain's bow had been raised sufficiently to get it off the bar and the paddle wheel was tearing at the water. She edged forward, then she was free, and the banks were moving by again.

Zack spraved tobacco juice over the rail. "I'm figgerin' we'll run into Red Cloud and his bunch morn' afore the Colonel gets that fort of his built."

"But once we get it up, we ought to make out," Chad said.

Zack gave him a close look. "Yeah, we'll make out if we stay inside our little fort. And what good does that do? And tell me somethin' else. What good is the infantry when it comes to fightin' Injuns? You seen how them boys rode today. Gonna chase 'em on foot?"

It was a question which had long been in Chad's mind. But you didn't ask questions in the army.

Day after day the Molly McClain struggled upriver, fighting dust storms that almost obscured the river, and at one time waiting an entire day for a herd of buffalo to cross the river.

Then the waiting was over. On the third of June, Fort Blaine came in sight. After a brief stop, the boat was turned around and headed downstream. Colonel Randall stood next to the pilot house, watching the terrain carefully. Eight miles below Fort Blaine he made a quick resture, indicating to

Captain Grant that he had found the location he sought.

"Stand by to plant the dead man," Captain Grant bawled, and headed the vessel's bow into the mud bank.

The men scrambled ashore, dragging a heavy pole. Quickly they dug a hole in the bank, which at this point was devoid of trees, and planted the timber. When the job was finished, a line was secured to the mooring post. The Molly McClain left off steam and swung lazily in the river's current.

For two days the boat's crew and the soldiers were busy unloading personal belongings, guns, powder, food, and sundry supplies for the two companies of the Fifteenth Infantry that would make their home here deep in Dakota Territory.

When the last sack of flour and the last duffel bag had been set ashore, Colonel Randall conferred briefly with Captain Grant. Then Chad ordered the men to fall in at attention as Randall came ashore. In a few moments the river boat was gone.

Chad suddenly felt lonely. For almost two months he had followed the last duffel bag and been set ashore. Colonel Randall conferred briefly with Captain Grant. Then Chad ordered the men to fall in at attention as Randall came ashore. In a few moments the river boat was gone.

CHAPLAIN HILL (AP)—North Carolina Symphony Week will be observed Jan. 13-19 in tribute to the state's symphony orchestra, which celebrates its 25th anniversary in 1957.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust dated March 14, 1956, and executed by Maggie Hemby (widow) to W. H. Woolard, Trustee, of record in Book A-29 at page 206 in the Pitt County Registry, default having been made in the payment of the debt thereby secured, the undersigned trustee will on Wednesday, the 16th day of January, 1957, at 12 o'clock noon at the courthouse door in Greenville, N. C. expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate:

That certain lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being situated in Greenville Township, Pitt County, North Carolina, on the north side of Tar River and near the City-County Airport property, and on the south side of a new street opened up through the M. K. Porter property, and beginning at a stake in the southern line of said new street, a corner, and running thence southerly with the line of the adjacent lot 150 feet to a corner; thence westerly and parallel with said new street 50 feet to a stake, a corner; thence northerly with the line of the adjacent lot 150 feet to the new street; thence along the line of the new street in an easterly direction 50 feet to the beginning, and being Lot No. 11 in the subdivision of the M. K. Porter lands and being the same property conveyed by M. K. Porter et al to Maggie Hemby by deed dated August 29, 1951 and recorded in Book W-25 at page 43 of the Pitt County Registry. Reference is also made to Map recorded in Map Book 6 at page 51 of said Registry.

This the 15th day of December, 1956.

W. H. WOOLARD,
Trustee
R. B. Lee, Atty.
Dec. 17-24-31 Jan. 7

Santa Ticketed By Policewoman

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—A Louisville policewoman gave a traffic ticket to Santa Claus.

Santa had several people he had to see and left his automobile in a no-parking zone.

When policewoman Louise White found it was Santa's auto, she exclaimed:

"If only I'd seen you."

But Santa merely laughed and said: "I'm glad to pay the fine, because I was in the wrong."

Television Log

WNCT Ch. 9

MONDAY
5:00—Cartoon Carnival
5:15—Santa Land
5:30—Little Rascals
6:00—Man Behind the Badge
6:30—Your Esso Reporter
6:40—Weatherman
6:45—Renfro Valley Folks
7:00—Organ Nocturne
7:15—Doug Edwards, CBS
7:30—Robin Hood, CBS
8:00—Burns & Allen, CBS
8:30—Talent Scouts, CBS
9:00—I Love Lucy, CBS
9:30—December Bride, CBS
10:00—Studio One, CBS
10:00—Weatherman
11:05—News Final
11:10—Sports Nitecap
11:15—Christmas Carols
11:30—National Cathedral Service
12:30—Hungarian Refugee Service

TUESDAY
6:45—Wake Up
6:55—Weatherman
7:00—Good Morning, CBS
7:25—Carolina News
7:30—Good Morning, CBS
7:55—Weatherman
8:00—Capt. Kangaroo, CBS
9:00—Morning Meditations
9:30—This Day We Celebrate
10:00—Garry Moore Show, CBS
10:15—Big Picture
10:45—Godfrey Time, CBS
11:00—Travelogue
11:15—Godfrey Time, CBS
11:30—Strike It Rich, CBS
12:00—Holiday Greetings
12:15—Love of Life, CBS
12:30—Search For Tomorrow, CBS
12:45—Guiding Light, CBS
1:00—Moonheart
1:30—As The World Turns, CBS
2:00—Spotlight Theatre
2:30—Industry On Parade
2:45—Linkletter's Houseparty, CBS

WEDNESDAY
3:00—Big Payoff, CBS
3:30—A Star Shall Rise
4:00—Brighter Day, CBS
4:15—Secret Storm, CBS
4:30—Edge of Night, CBS
5:00—Cartoon Carnival
5:30—Hans Christian Andersen
6:00—Joe Palooka
6:30—Your Esso Reporter
6:40—Weatherman
6:45—Meet A Farmer
6:55—Riders of Purple Sare
7:00—Jewel Box Jamboree
7:15—Doug Edwards & News, CBS
7:30—Name That Tune, CBS
8:00—Phil Silvers Show, CBS
8:30—Wyatt Earp, ABC
9:00—Ford Theatre
9:30—Amos 'n' Andy
10:00—64,000 Question, CBS
10:30—Do You Trust Your Wife, CBS
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1:30—As The World Turns, CBS
2:00—Spotlight Theatre
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3:00—Big Payoff, CBS
3:30—Art Appreciation, CBS
4:00—Brighter Day, CBS
4:15—Secret Storm, CBS
4:30—Edge of Night, CBS
5:00—Cartoon Carnival
5:30—Sky King
6:00—Susie
6:30—Your Esso Reporter
6:40—Weatherman
6:45—This Is Your Business
7:00—Superman
7:20—Dr. Christian
8:00—Arthur Godfrey Show, CBS
8:30—Dr. Hudson's Secret Journal
9:00—The Millionaire, CBS
9:30—I've Got A Secret, CBS
10:00—Flights
10:45—Nationwide Fights
11:00—Weatherman
11:05—News Final
11:10—Sports Nitecap
11:15—Bright Leaf Theatre

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by S. T. Porter Jr. and wife, Mary S. Porter, to W. H. Watson, Trustee, dated May 24, 1955, and recorded in Book P-28, at page 243, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pitt County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, the undersigned will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, for CASH, at the Courthouse door in Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina, at 12:00 o'clock noon on Tuesday, January 8, 1957, the property conveyed in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

"BEGINNING at a stake in the northern right-of-way of the Truck Lane connecting N. C. Highway No. 43 and U. S. Highway No. 264, said stake being located South 83-45 East, 110 feet from the southwest corner of the O. S. Kittrell property and the southeast corner of the A. R. Barrett property, running thence North 7-45 East, 200 feet to a stake; thence parallel with the aforesaid Truck Lane, South 83-45 East, 110 feet to a stake; thence parallel with the first line; South 7-45 West, 200 feet to a stake in the northern right of way of the aforesaid Truck Lane; thence with the said northern right of way of said Truck Lane, North 83-45 West, 110 feet to the point of BEGINNING and being a part of the property described in that certain deed from L. S. Hardee, et ux, Addie L. Hardee to O. S. Kittrell, et ux, Effie C. Kittrell by deed of record in Book H-27, at page 10 of the Pitt County Registry; see also deed of record in Book M-25, at page 517 of said Registry, and being also the identical property conveyed by O. S. Kittrell and wife, Effie C. Kittrell, to S. T. Porter Jr. and wife, Mary S. Porter, deed dated December 6, 1954, recorded in the office of the Pitt County Registry."

This sale will be made subject to all outstanding taxes and municipal assessments, and a deed of trust to Home Building and Loan Association, recorded in Book E-28, at page 209, and a deed of trust to Home Building and Loan

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CHANNEL 9
WNCT GREENVILLE, N. C.

One Of The Busiest Weeks Of The Year

By ANNE HARRIS
Belvoir-Falkland Reporter

Last week was one of the busiest weeks of this school year for most of the students at BFHS. Examinations were given on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and the school week was climaxed with gifts and parties for most of the grades on Wednesday. However, the week was brightened up quite a bit for the Juniors, for their class rings arrived Tuesday. The rings have round ruby sets with the United States seal on one side of them and the Lamp of Knowledge on the other.

The annual Christmas program was presented by the elementary grades in the high school auditorium on Wednesday. The program included poems, songs, and "The Christmas Story" in tableau and songs by the Junior Glee Club and Dillon Watson, a member of the Senior Class.

The Future Farmers of America Club sponsored an open Christmas Dance in the Falkland Community Building on Wednesday. Approximately 50 teen-agers were present and enjoyed dancing and refreshments. Chaperones for the occasion were Mrs. Marguerite Wooten and Mr. Eugene James, the club advisor for the Belvoir-Falkland chapter.

The Senior Class is sponsoring a closed New Year's Eve Dance on Monday night, December 31, in the Falkland Community Building. All young people are invited to purchase a dance ticket before the 31st so that you might be present to "ring in the new!"

On Monday, the student body enjoyed a Christmas dinner of

Christmastide Well Planned By Towns Of Pitt

Pitt County communities and towns did a thorough job of decorating and preparing for Christmas this year.

Every section of the county reported more and better decorations than they've ever had before. Towns which sponsored Santa Claus parades had the biggest crowds in their history to watch the parades and participate in official openings of the holiday season.

Church services during the holiday period have included special Christmas music and programs. Schools all had special programs by the students for parents and PTA groups plus decorations of schools and grounds.

Grifton's Garden Club sponsored its annual doorway decoration contest and awards were made last night. Winners were picked on the basis of appearance of the decoration at night.

Every post office in the county handled record volumes of mail this year. Farmville's post office, particularly, was a busy place with nearly 50,000 pieces of mail passing through the office during a peak period the first three days of last week.

Merchants' associations in Pitt cooperated with shoppers during the past week by remaining open after usual closing hours.

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SCHOOL TO MOVE

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AP)—The Tactical Air Command with headquarters here has announced that the Air Force's Air-Ground Operations School at Southern Pines, N.C., will be moved to Keesler AFB, Miss. next spring.

Association recorded in Book N-28, at page 31, Pitt County Registry.

This the 8th day of December, 1956.

W. H. WATSON, Trustee
James & Speight, Attys.
Dec. 11-18-24 Jan. 1

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O come, all ye faithful

May your Christmas be as joyful, as full of peace and beauty, and as rich in meaning as a Christmas carol.

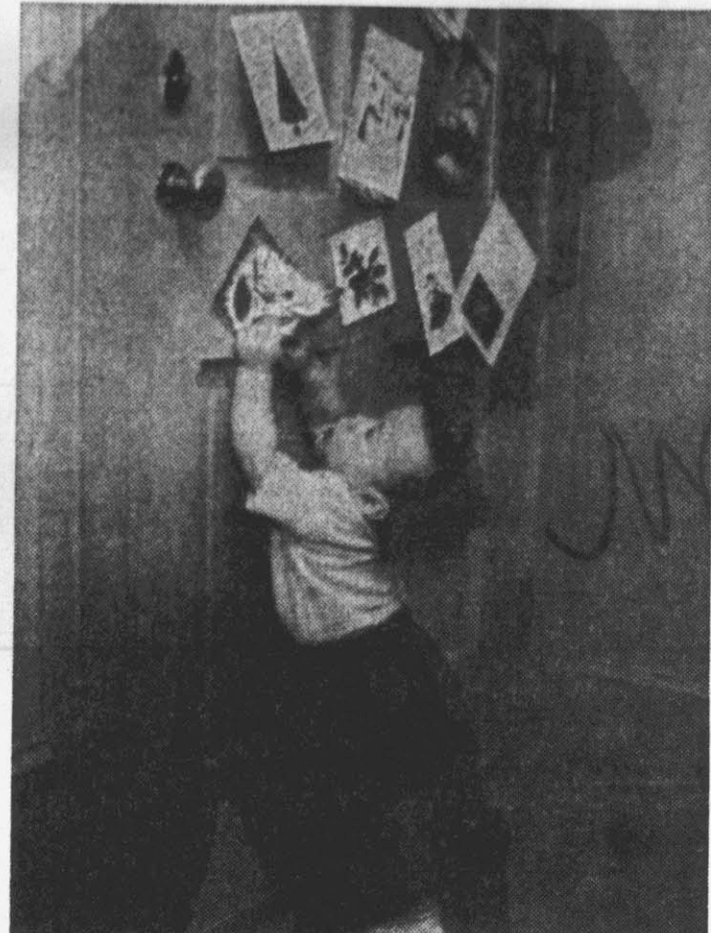
Home Building & Loan Association
405 Evans Street

A Very Merry Christmas

Good cheer to you and a bountiful measure of happy memories to cherish long after this Christmas day has passed.

Well's Esso Service
Jimmy Wells

Some So Young They Won't Recall Their Very First Christmas Day



"LET ME SEE, WHO SENT THIS ONE?" Blair, eight month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ellis.



"IS IT ALL MINE?" Linda, eight month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Singleton.



"COULD THAT BE SANTA CLAUS?" Timmy, eight month old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Garris.



"WHAT HAVE WE HERE?" Gregg, nine month old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Boykin.



"DADDY, WILL IT BITE?" Kim, six month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Carlton Taylor.

Joyous CHRISTMAS

May happiness and contentment be yours at Christmas and abide with you through all the days and years ahead.

Goodson Roofing Service
1005 West 4th Street Phone 4322

THE Season's HEARTIEST Wishes

We're coming your way with best wishes for a happy holiday and many thanks for your patronage.

D. T. House
Clerk of Court

Holiday Cheer

We'd like to add to the chorus of good wishes coming your way on this happy holiday.

Ruel W. Tyson
Sheriff of Pitt County

Greetings

May the joys of this most glad season come to you a thousandfold. And may your heart be filled with the spirit of Christmas always.

Respass-James Barbecue House
South Dickinson Ave.

SINCERE Greetings

Our warmest wishes for a Christmas abounding in all the spiritual joys of this holy time.

J. Hicks Corey Agency
Real Estate — Insurance

BLESSED CHRISTMAS

May we, with gratitude and humility, with reverence and rejoicing, celebrate this Christmas as He would have us do. To all, heartfelt wishes for a blessed Christmas.

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Heartfelt is our wish for you: have the merriest Christmas you have ever known.

D. H. Conley
Superintendent of Schools

GREETINGS

For your valued patronage, many thanks! And may you reap a rich harvest of happiness for the holidays.

H. L. Hodges & Co.
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Holiday Greetings

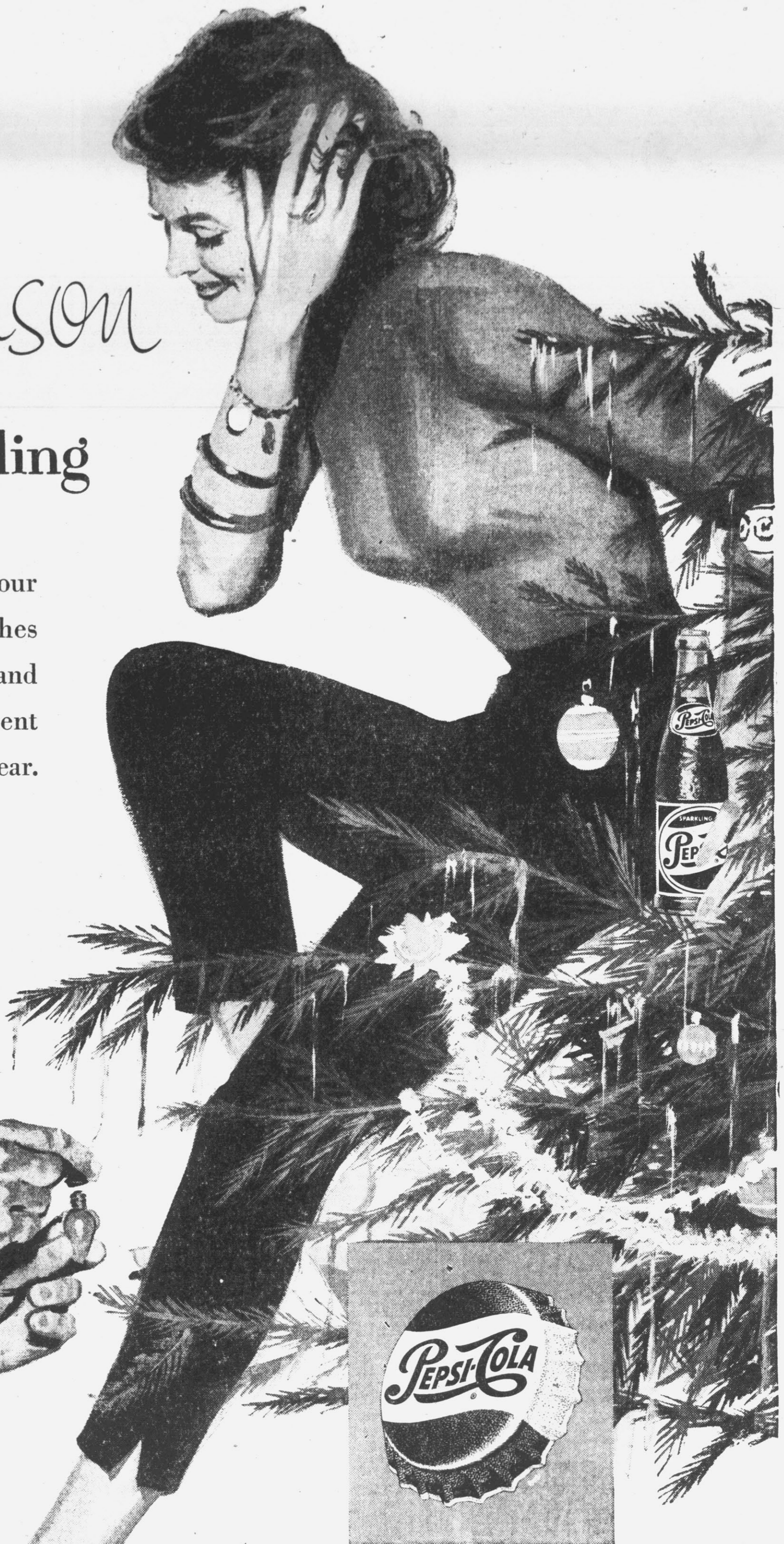
Wishing you season's cheer in abundance. And may it linger in your heart all year!

Mrs. Morton's Bakery
316 Evans St.

Over the Holiday Season

refresh without filling

Your friendly neighbor, your
Pepsi-Cola bottler, wishes
you a Merry Christmas—and
plenty of *Light* refreshment
throughout the coming year.

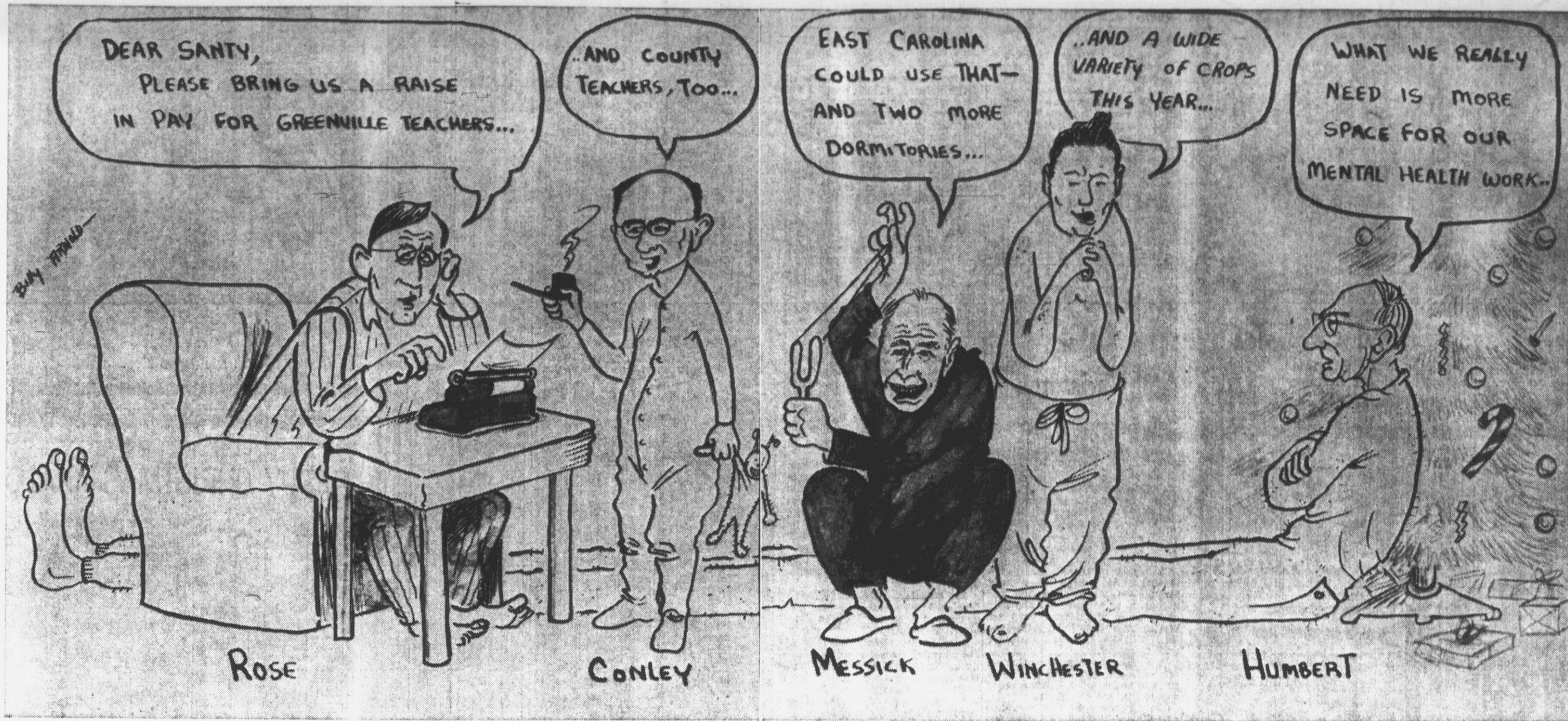


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The *Light* refreshment

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1956

---Meanwhile, the Boys were Writing to Santa..



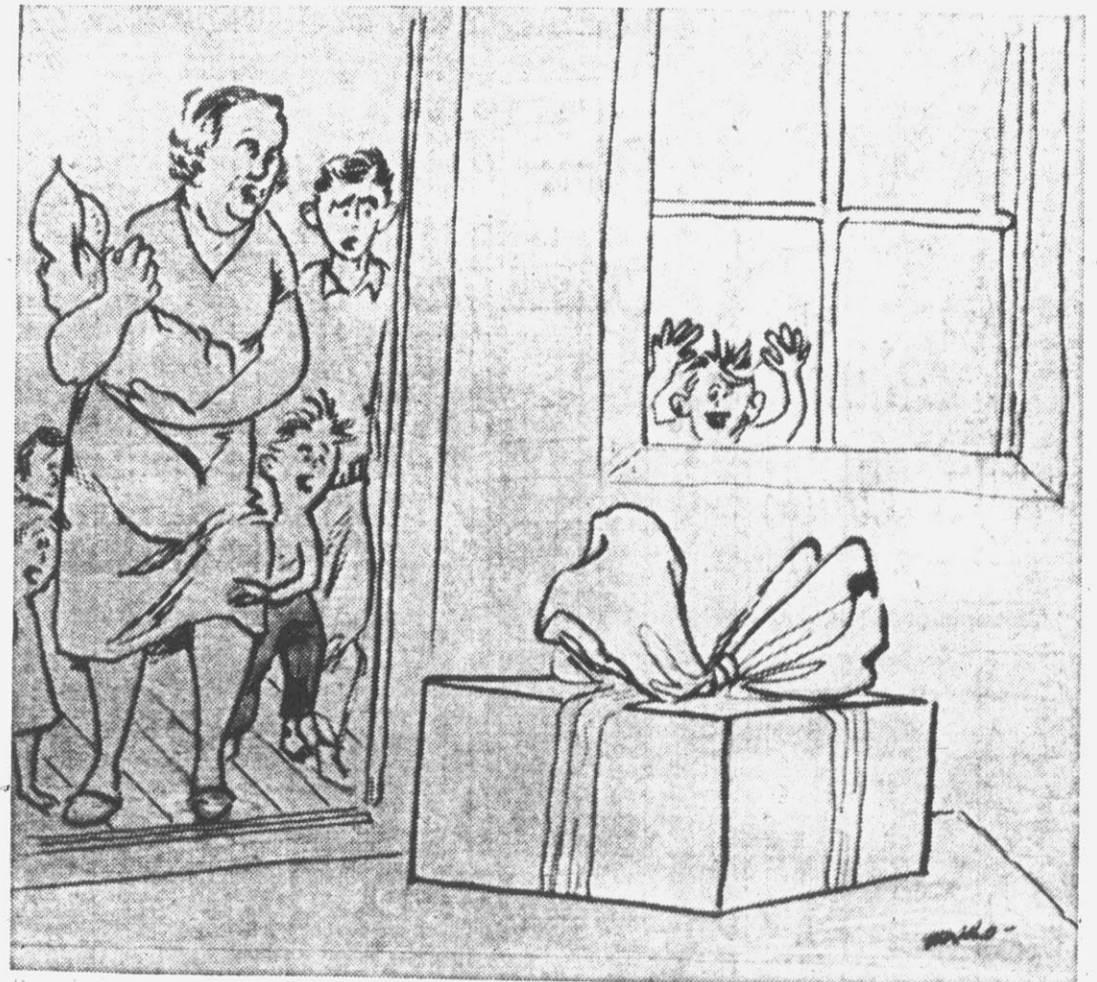
Civic Clubs, Organizations Have Been Playing Santa Claus Again

Who says there isn't a Santa Claus? Here in Pitt County many civic organizations and clubs have donned the bright red suit and long white beard and from their sacks have come toys, clothes, food, medicine, and furniture for 265 needy families. If it wasn't for these generous groups thinking first of others, many destitute families in this area would have seen Christmas come and go as any other day. Unemployment, sickness, or other reasons would have caused them to have faced a bleak Christmas. Their tables would not be heavy with food. Their children would not rush to find what each exciting package under the tree contained. Many parents would not even be able to provide the warm clothes their children needed. Working largely through the welfare department these groups have found the needy families in this area and during this week they have given them hundreds of dollars worth of goods in order that they, too, will have a truly Merry Christmas. Some of the Civic organizations and clubs that have contributed so much to these unfortunate families in our community are: Salvation Army Christmas bags containing candy, fruit, nuts, and toys will be distributed to approximately 406 children by the Salvation Army this year who is assisting 81 families. The Army will provide food baskets containing staple foods and also give each family clothing if needed. Some of these baskets will

be distributed; others will be picked up at the Army headquarters. Money for the Salvation Army Christmas work is raised through a Christmas letter appeal sent throughout Pitt County and from individual donations made at their booth set up at Five Points each year. Moose Lodge A Christmas Party was given by the Moose Lodge Sunday afternoon with 27 needy families as their special guests. There were approximately 100 children in the group who received toys. A thousand dollars worth of clothing was brought by the Moose members for the children. The parents were given food baskets, gifts, and clothing to be taken home for their individual Christmas. Proceeds from the Thanksgiving dance and individual Moose members contributions were reverted to the Christmas fund. King's Daughters Thirty families were provided for this Christmas by the King's Daughters, with many members also taking families themselves. This organization distributed medicine, food, clothing, furniture and whatever else was needed to the families. The Kiwanis Club and Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church gave the King's Daughters toys they had collected. These were distributed along with the necessities by the club members. Lions Working on a co-operative basis with the Pitt County Association for the Blind, the Lions club is aiding

24 visually handicapped persons this Christmas. They will furnish food baskets for each family which will be turned over to Miss Jeannie Manning, a case worker for the blind for distribution. Elks Greenville Elks, under the direction of Stuart Page as chairman of the Christmas Committee, will provide Christmas cheer for 15 families during the Yuletide season. The committee has completed plans for the Christmas visitations to worthy families. The Elks wives assisted in selecting the families to be helped and what is most needed. The Elks committee will deliver their Christmas baskets tonight. Kiwanis In addition to the extensive work among underprivileged children the Greenville Kiwanis Club at each Christmas provides the necessities of life for 15 families. Charles P. Gaskins, chairman of the Underprivileged Child Committee, is in charge this year. The needy families and persons assisted are screened through the County Welfare Department. Donations also are made at Christmas to some state correctional institutions. The Greenville Kiwanis Club's annual Minstrel Show provides nearly all of the money used in underprivileged child work, for college scholarships, and Kiwanis Park with the "Choo-Choo" train. Jaycees Twenty-six needy families will receive food baskets from the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. M.W. Aldridge is in charge of distribution. The Christmas project was financed by the recent sale of light bulbs in Greenville. Charles Lewis was chairman of this project. Exchange A Committee of three men from the Greenville Exchange Club distributed groceries to approximately fifteen needy families Sunday. The club is providing \$100 from the treasury for this year's Christmas work. American Legion Greenville American Legion will help one veteran's family this Christmas with food and clothing. Toys were also given to the seven children in this family. Ed Harris is in charge of the distribution. Their Christmas work is provided for out of their treasury. Throughout the year the American Legion helps many people and at this Christmas time they decided to aid this one particular needy family. Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Ladies of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary have bought toys which they will distribute tonight to a six year old girl who has a heart condition. This organization also provided gifts for four veterans in veterans hospitals in Virginia and North Carolina. Twenty-four gifts were sent to tubercular patients in Asheville by the VFW Auxiliary. Mrs. Beverly Joyner is the chairman of the Christmas work. The Christmas fund is reverted from the club's treasury. American Legion Auxiliary Two veterans' families were provided for by the Ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary this Christmas. Each family received food baskets and gifts were distributed to the five children this week. A gift was also carried to one of the mothers who has been ill. Mrs. James R. Worsley is in charge of the Christmas work. This work was financed by the sale of poppies in May. Rotary Instead of the usual baskets for needy families at Christmastime, the Rotary Club has decided to designate the Christmas fund as an emergency fund to be used in case a needy person develops during the year. Many individual Rotarians will provide baskets for needy families which they will deliver personally. Mr. Bancroft Moseley, president, said that the club itself felt that, "Need is not only at Christmas time."



NO GIFTS The giving of Christmas gifts was not a common practice among the early English settlers in America. The wealthy, however, were expected to be generous to the poor. Children received small presents. ROYAL CARDS The favorite Christmas diversion of King George III of England in the 18th Century was playing card games with the ladies and gentlemen of his court. He was following the example set by his grandfather King George II.



THE SPIRIT of Christmas is spread in Seoul by GIs like this giving holiday presents to Korean orphans.

GIs Take Christmas With Them To Afar

By SYD KRONISH The traditional tree, gaily wrapped presents, familiar carols, the old fashioned Yule dinner. These are what servicemen stationed thousands of miles from home miss at Christmas time. And that's why, as in past years, the armed forces and the U.S.O. will be doing their utmost to provide some of all this for the boys in uniform overseas. There is no conformity, however, in the programs planned by the various branches of the service. The local military theater commander has the last word as to the activities of his command. Talent Needs Surveyed The Army's Special Services section surveys the overseas commands to determine what is needed in the various areas as far as entertainment troupes are concerned. After the survey the U.S.O. and special Hollywood groups which supply the talent are notified so they can fill the bill. "It is expected that a minimum of 100 entertainers will travel to all parts of the world during this holiday season to entertain members of the armed forces overseas," said E. J. Cottrell, news branch chief of the Public Information Division in Washington, D.C. If the Army travels on its stomach, as the old adage says, this year's GIs will travel fast. The Army Quartermaster Corps purchased millions of pounds of military installations. Also shipped were loads of mince meat, pumpkin, fruit cakes, nuts, candies and other holiday food items. In some locations the custom of the troops is to entertain the local children or townspeople. In many cases religious services culminate the day's activities. Parties for Orphans On the French Riviera, for example, the Sixth Fleet gives a series of parties for the small school children and orphans of the area. In Korea the spirit of giving will no doubt fill the Christmas air as it did last year. The U.S.O. invited servicemen stationed at this outpost of democracy to be "Dads for a Day." Korean orphans, some crippled and some blind, get new fathers for Christmas day. To show their appreciation the Korean kids put on a little show of their own. They sing, play native instruments and give recitations. Another outpost far from the bright Christmas lights of the hometown and the warmth of the family fireplace is the Northeast Air Command at Labrador, Greenland, Baffinland and Newfoundland. U.S.O. entertainment units usually arrive Christmas eve. Some sections survey the overseas commands to determine what is needed in the various areas as far as entertainment troupes are concerned. After the survey the U.S.O. and special Hollywood groups which supply the talent are notified so they can fill the bill. "It is expected that a minimum of 100 entertainers will travel to all parts of the world during this holiday season to entertain members of the armed forces overseas," said E. J. Cottrell, news branch chief of the Public Information Division in Washington, D.C. If the Army travels on its stomach, as the old adage says, this year's GIs will travel fast. The Army Quartermaster Corps purchased millions of pounds of military installations. Also shipped were loads of mince meat, pumpkin, fruit cakes, nuts, candies and other holiday food items. In some locations the custom of the troops is to entertain the local children or townspeople. In many cases religious services culminate the day's activities. Parties for Orphans On the French Riviera, for example, the Sixth Fleet gives a series of parties for the small school children and orphans of the area. In Korea the spirit of giving will no doubt fill the Christmas air as it did last year. The U.S.O. invited

of the order of the day--traditional Christmas food, that is. In preparation for Christmas last year, two aircraft carriers do-licited donations from the American community in that city. All nated 360 pounds of coffee, 120 the food was consumed at the Christmas buffet where 1,500 men were guests of the U.S.O.

Christmas Trees Are Big Business In Canada, U. S.

A tree will stand in some 32 million homes across the land this Christmas. Starting in October, hundreds of men armed with axes and pruning saws, harvest the trees that stand as the mark of Christian giving. Some of the trees, however, were cut last spring and placed in cold storage. The Christmas tree business, in brief, is big business. Before the holiday season ends more than 50 million dollars will have been paid to retailers for the tree which in pagan days represented the end of the winter solstice and the rebirth of the world. Canada annually ships about 10 million trees into the United States. The rest are cut domestically, chiefly from natural wooded areas and pasture lands, about seven per cent of the yield is cut from tree plantations. Pruned in Summer Christmas trees, incidentally, just don't grow haphazardly. To obtain the conical shape and to insure thick foliage, the trees are pruned heavily during the summer months. To grow an apartment-sized tree takes some three years. The age of larger trees can be computed at one foot of height per year. Most of the trees sold stand from five to seven feet. To preserve a Christmas tree, by the way, the U.S. Agriculture Department's forestry experts recommend that it be sawed again about one inch above the original cut and placed in water. The water NOT only serves to keep the tree fresh but cuts down on the fire hazard. Until about 1700, by the way, the Christmas tree custom seems to have been confined to Germany and probably was brought to this country by Hessian soldiers in the American Revolution. One of the earliest mentions of a Christmas tree in this country occurs in an account of festivities at Fort Dearborn, Ill., in 1804.



CHORISTERS, 100 strong, blend their voices in carols each Christmas under the giant tree in Rockefeller Center.

Spirit Of Christmas Permeates All Of Pitt Hospital



May the light of the Christmas Spirit shine on you and yours. May your holiday cheer remain long in your heart.

Davenport Motor Sales
Mercury and Ford Dealer
Farmville, North Carolina

By ANNE SINGLETON

Christmas finery can be seen up and down the corridors, in the wards, in the lobbies, in the dining rooms, and even on the front lawn of Pitt Memorial Hospital.

Some 50 women who are members of the Service League of Greenville are responsible for the majority of the colorful Yuletide decorations throughout the hospital this year.

In the circle in front of the hospital there is a "live" Christmas tree twinkling its multi-colored lights at the passing motorists.

Another Christmas tree decorated with varied colored balls and lights stands majestically in the hospital lobby along with a poinsettia with scarlet leaves furnished by the Greenville Floral Association.

A door swag of Christmas bells with a spray of green peeking out from behind have been placed on each patient's door in the hospital.

Table arrangements furnished by the Greenville Floral Association

have been placed in each of the lobbies on the second, third and fourth floors by the Service League.

One hundred miniature knitted Christmas stockings filled with hard candy will be placed on each patient's tray tomorrow morning.

A display of Christmas toys for sale can be seen at the hospital's Coffee Shop, Mrs. James T. Little, chairman of the hospital Coffee Shop and Guild of the Service League, quipped, "We don't have much room in the Coffee Shop to decorate."

A record player has been placed in the colored children's ward on the first floor on a permanent basis. They also furnished Christmas and nursery records for the ward which is now newly decorated with nursery mobiles.

Hospital Personnel, too

Hospital personnel aren't going unnoticed this year, either. Two hundred bags filled with fruit, candy, and nuts will be distributed to the entire hospital staff by the Service League.

Christmas decorations even seeped down to the basement and gave the hospital personnel's two dining rooms there a true holiday appearance.

On December 14 the nurses entertained the entire hospital personnel and medical staff with a party at the Nurses Home.

Others Contributed

A permanent record player has been installed in the white children's ward by the Jr. Women's Club under the direction of Mrs. E. D. Harrington, president. The Club played Santa to the children this week by distributing toys to all.

Greenville High School students contributed Christmas tree decorations and a committee from the High School Student Council decorated trees in the colored and white children's wards.

Tonight some of the students will visit the children's wards and give Christmas stockings filled with toys, fruit, and candy to the patients.

St. Gabriel's Catholic Church furnished the Nativity Scene that can be seen on the lawn in front of the hospital.

Miss Louise Galphin's grade at the Training School presented candy sacks to both of the children's wards on December 19.

Carolers

Saturday night the Ayden Baptist Church Youth Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Corey Garris, sang a selection of Christmas carols at the hospital.

Afterwards the group visited both of the children's wards, presenting gun drop trees to each child.

Many other church groups have been visiting the hospital during this week. The various groups have come as carolers or gift bearers bringing the Christmas message to the many patients who will spend this Christmas at the hospital.

"I want to give thanks to everyone who has helped spread the Christmas joy at the hospital in any way during the Christmas season," said C. D. Ward, administrator at Pitt Memorial Hospital.



DOOR SWAGS—Mrs. Fay Creech, practical nurse, paused in her duties to notice the gay door swag made of red bells and net with a background of greens that the Service Guild placed on each patient's door this year.

Some Do Have 'The Blues' At Christmas

Not everybody is happy at Christmas time.

Some are depressed, dreading these days or fearing them.

This state of unhappiness, says Dr. Eleanor Crissey, noted New York psychiatrist, is called the "holiday depression" and is most noticeable before Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.

"It is most common among young unmarried people and particularly women," says Dr. Crissey. "At a time when most people are planning parties and preparing to go home for the holidays, these unfortunate ones are lapsing into real misery, fearing they will be unloved, unwanted and uninvited."

"To some unmarried women, for example, not having a date for Christmas or a holiday party seems like the end of the world."

Dr. Crissey sees this condition sometimes, although for a different reason, in married individuals who have lost a child or a loved one. The loss is felt most during the cheery, gift-giving season which is remembered as once the happiest, now the loneliest of times.

Background Is a Factor

Another group in the melancholy category consists of persons who have had unhappy childhoods. Unfortunately, some individuals of this type can never develop a warm relationship with anyone. This feeling of aloneness reaches its zenith at Christmas.

Dr. Crissey observes that emergency services of many hospitals are aware of such a situation and are prepared for more than the usual number of suicide attempts during this period.

Then there is the embittered, chronic complainer who is never satisfied with anything.

Looking for Trouble

"This type seems always to be looking for things about which he or she can be unhappy. He is forever envious. Instead of being thankful for the many good fortunes—such as health, family, home, car, education, friends, popularity—these people are constantly comparing themselves to others who have more wealth and social position."

"Another unhappy person is the self-centered individual who doesn't care at all about other people. He is interested only in receiving and not giving."

"Like the envious type, the greedy person can never be truly happy. But in most cases the egotist is not aware of having a problem."

Early Greetings By Louis Prang

Although Louis Prang of Boston is credited with creating the first commercial Christmas card in 1875, the practice of sending such cards was a fixture in England for 10 or 15 years prior to that time.

Prang, well known as a lithographer, produced cards of excellent quality and design considered superior to the British. His cards became popular at once and dominated the market until 1890.



Joyous Christmas Greetings

Our sincerest wishes for a Christmas rich in the blessings of love and friendship.


Saad's Shoe Shop
113 Grand Ave.



Greetings

May the season bring life's brightest ornaments—the Joy of Loving, the Fun of Giving.


Respass Bros. Barbecue Stand
We Will Be Closed Tuesday Through Thursday Open Friday



GREETINGS

Our sincere thanks to all our good friends for their continued patronage. May you all enjoy a very merry holiday season and a very happy New Year.

United Surplus Co.
629 Dickinson Ave.



Joyous Christmas Wishes

Lots of holiday cheer to you and your family this Christmastime.

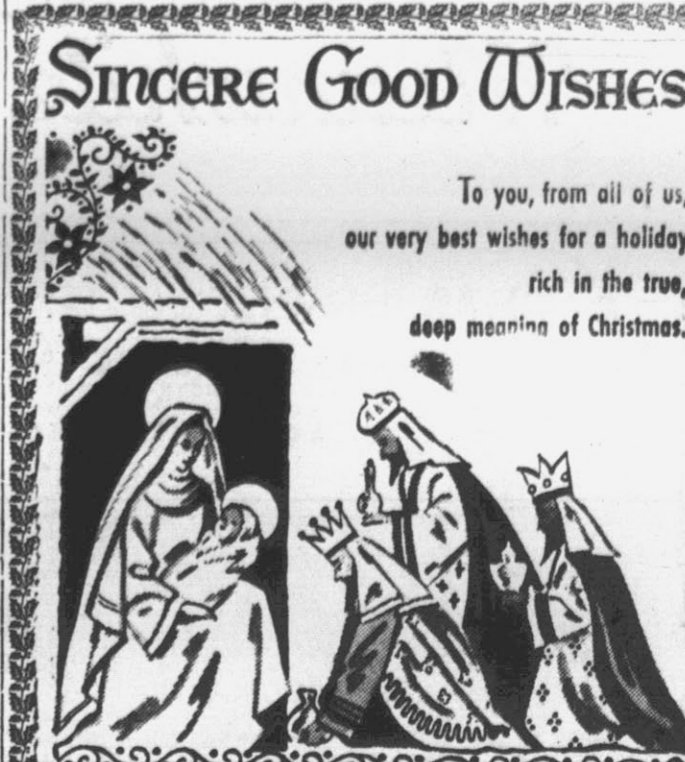
Riddle Roofing & Heating Co.
515 Cotanche Street



Season's Greetings

And may your Yuletide be bright with peace and happiness.


Ricks' Service Center
Cor. Evans & Ninth Streets



SINCERE GOOD WISHES

To you, from all of us, our very best wishes for a holiday rich in the true, deep meaning of Christmas.

Bodkin Music Co.
722 Dickinson Ave.



HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

May your holiday be one of genuine good cheer!

W. M. SCALES, Jr., Gen. Agent
Security Life & Trust Co.



Merry Christmas

Cheer and happiness to you and yours on this most joyful of all holidays.

Concrete Products, Inc.
Phone 4000



JUST TO SAY, "Merry Christmas" AND "Thank You"

FOR YOUR FRIENDLY PATRONAGE DURING THE PAST YEAR

W. D. Boyd
Paint & Wall Paper



ARMFUL—Santa received a warm welcome from the hospital staff and children when he visited Pitt Memorial Hospital. Santa and Mrs. Rena Jones, hospital nurse, stopped in their rounds to find out what this little two-year old would like for Christmas.

Each Will Find Time To Re-Tell That Story



WRAPPING YULE GIFTS—The R. B. Crawfords are spending Christmas this year in Tennessee with Mrs. Crawford's parents who are celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary during the holidays. Bettye, 10, and Bobby, 8, will hang their stockings and place their gifts under grandmother's tree this year. Getting the packages wrapped for the trip above is the entire family. Bettye gets some pointers from mother on bow-tying.



THE FIRST CHRISTMAS RE-TOLD—The Irby B. Jacksons traditionally gather on Christmas Eve to have the story of the first Christmas read by the Rev. Mr. Jackson, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church. The family is pictured above: Jane, beside her father is 4 1/2; Bruce, left, is 7, and Bobby, right, is 9. Another traditional observance in their household is a devotional on Christmas morning before gifts are opened.



NOPE, NOT INTERESTED—Little Nina Ruth Thornburg, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Thornburg of Meadowbrook Presbyterian Church, appears not the least bit interested in her parents' decorative endeavors on her first Christmas. The Thornburgs are spending the holidays in Indiana with the Rev. Mr. Thornburg's family. (Reflector Staff Photos).

By ANNETTE JACKSON
Reflector Woman's Editor

Amidst all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, a visit to three of Greenville's ministers' homes to pry into their private observance at Christmastime is a refreshing experience.

The day will be spent in their homes, like that in thousands of homes in the city, with family and friends.

But perhaps they feel more keenly than most the religious significance of the season. Each will find time on Christmas Eve or day to re-tell the story of the Christ Child.

For the first time in nine years, the Rev. R. B. Crawford and family are spending Christmas away from home.

The children—Bettye, 10, and Bobby, 8—will be hanging up their stockings tonight at their grandparents' farm overlooking the Cumberland Valley near Nashville, Tenn.

The trip to Mrs. Crawford's parents is occasioned by the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary during this holiday season.

The pastor of Greenville's Free Will Baptist Church and his family did not have a Christmas tree this year.

They decided to pack up their packages and place them under grandmother's home-grown tree which has traditionally been decorated with ornaments close to nature's beauty, including popcorn and wild berries, according to Mrs. Crawford.

She also recalls her father always reads from the Bible the story of the first Christmas to his family as they gather in the candlelit room on Christmas Eve.

This custom is likewise practiced in the local minister's home but this year will be transferred to another locale with another figure

in the reading role.

The Greenville Free Will Baptist Church had its special Yuletide program yesterday at 5 and although the pastor was not present, the congregation recorded it for him to add to his tape library to enjoy in years to come.

Says the Rev. Mr. Crawford in a message on Christmas Eve, "Jesus went into Egypt for fear Herod would kill him. Today when Communism and materialism have not given Jesus his rightful place as the 'Prince of Peace' I could wish that each one, as they celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, would know the true meaning of His words when he said, 'My peace I leave with you . . .'"

Pastor and Mrs. E. C. Thornburg of Meadowbrook Presbyterian Church are out-of-town for Christmas Day, too. They left after the special church service yesterday for Indiana and the Rev.

Mr. Thornburg's home.

This marks the third year since their marriage that they have journeyed to their native homes for Christmas.

It marks the first for baby Nina Ruth. Her grandparents are seeing her for the first time.

The Thornburgs will "fall into" the family's observance of Christmas. This includes an evening of carols and music from the "Messiah" and a reading of the account of Christ's birth from St. Luke tonight.

The opening of gifts will fall on tomorrow morning.

Says the Rev. Mr. Thornburg, "I don't like the emphasis on commercialization, which tends to forget the real meaning of Christmas. The exchange of gifts is symbolic of God's gift to man. The principle is good but the fact sometimes isn't."

"For this reason, in my family,

we always gather on Christmas Eve to hear the Bible read and sing religious carols."

Another Greenville pastor, the Rev. Irby B. Jackson of Immanuel Baptist Church, had some words to say about how Christmas should be observed.

Said he, "Christmas should be spent in at least three ways: religiously, joyfully and helpfully."

"By religiously, I mean spending some time in worship, a time when we can appreciate more than ever God's gift to man."

"By joyfully I mean rejoicing in the fellowship of our Christian faith—in friendships and other associations and in the special opportunities in making children glad."

"By helpfully, I mean in helping the needy and those who are not Christians to come to know our Lord, Christmas is a significant time for witnessing for Christ to those who do not know Him."

The Rev. and Mrs. Jackson and their children, Bobby, 9, Bruce, 7 and Jane, 4 1/2, are spending Christmas at home, 612 E. Tenth St.

Present in the Jackson home for Christmas day will be the Rev. Mr. Jackson's father and sister and Mrs. Jackson's parents. A family friend, Miss Margaret Caldwell, is also expected.

Tonight the Jackson family will gather in the living room beside the lighted tree to hear the Christmas story read by the Rev. Mr. Jackson and to sing carols.

Tomorrow before coming downstairs, according to their usual custom, prayers will be said and Scripture read in the children's bedroom. Gifts will be opened the stockings examined afterwards.

Says Mrs. Jackson, "We're looking forward to our first Christmas in Greenville." Prior to coming here the family lived in Rutherfordton for 12 years.

Christmas Greetings

For you and your dear ones at Christmas, we wish the most precious gifts of all . . . the gifts of faith, hope and love . . . faith sustained by the spirit of Christmas . . . hope for lasting Peace on Earth . . . love ever bright with the blessings of family and home, and enriched by good will toward all men.

Cozart's Auto Supply

Season's Greetings

With all the traditional good will and warmth of the Holiday season, we wish the best of everything to our loyal patrons and thank them most heartily for the opportunity of serving them during the past year.

Hendrix-Barnhill Equipment Co.

Pirates Broke Even On Trip; Porter "Pleased" At Results

Fox Discovers New Team Combination

By BILLY ARNOLD
Reflector Sports Editor

Christmas holidays for the East Carolina College Pirates found them splitting four non-conference ballgames and gaining a bit of strength in a new starting combination.

Probably the most important event of the Bucs' trek to Pfeiffer and the Parris Island Invitational Tourney, was their discovery of a new system of play. Coach Howard Porter, who told reporters that the main objective of the trip was to "settle down and find out what was wrong with ourselves and to improve it," shifted his team about ruthlessly, in search of a good combination.

Against Pfeiffer, he kept regular guard Freddy James on the bench the entire game, played several raw freshmen and reserves in key positions and came up with an 86-80 victory. Still experimenting, Porter tried a new set-up in the opening game of the tourney against Stetson. They lost that one 76-70.

Against Atlantic Christian in the second round game, The Fox shifted again. ECC lost again, but by only three points, 71-68. He continued to change his lineup, alter his style of play and experiment with raw recruits as well as he regularly.

In their final game, Coach Porter found what he seems to think

will be a system worth holding on to for a while. With it, the Bucs trounced Piedmont 112-62, wrapping up the most decisive victory of the tournament and posting the highest number of points in the whole three-day affair, with the exception of West Virginia Tech's 115 points scored in the Championship game.

This system gives the Pirates a more balanced attack. Porter has stated that his boys can race with the ball or they can use pattern play under the new style. It obviously has not hampered the ECC scoring potential and it has also added some power to their rebound work.

Against Piedmont, Porter started Guy Mendenhall (6-6) and Harold Ingram (6-0) at guards, Don Harris (6-2) and Nick Nichols (6-4) at forwards, and sophomore Tim Smothers (6-5) at center.

"I think we may keep things as they are," Porter stated recently, "if our new style helps us as much against better teams." He stated that the lineup would probably remain much the same with the possible exception of Charlie Adams at Ingram's guard slot. The new system provides for extensive use of substitutes. And Porter isn't sitting in the bench department.

Perhaps the whole thing will be made or broken on January 4, when Belmont Abbey visits East Carolina's Memorial gymnasium.



Too Much Christmas Spirit

BALD-HEADED PHANTOM?—The above photo shows what can happen when a photographer gets too light-hearted with the Yuletide season. The picture was originally a shot of Greenville's Walker Allen snaring a rebound before the print was mutilated by a Daily Reflector comedian.

Phantoms Fared Bad Against AAA Teams

It has been a long pre-Christmas haul for the Greenville Phantom basketballers. They, who captured the Northeastern Conference championship in 1955-56 (co-champs with Kingston), have been soundly trounced four times in the past three weeks.

Using up their pre-Christmas playing time against AAA clubs only, the Phantoms have met Rocky Mount and Goldsboro and have met only with lopsided losses.

Coach Bo Farley, working with an inexperienced group, hopes to have better success against the Northeastern foes the Phants will

visiting clubs. meet after the holidays. "We have a better team than these early games indicate," he insists.

GHS will open its post-holiday play at New Bern, on January 2. The game will begin at 8:00 with a Jayvee contest beginning at 6:30.

Big Four Teams Ranked To Fail

Saturday night was the last night of action for the Big Four teams which will begin the Dixie Classic tournament on December 27 at Raleigh.

North Carolina, ranked No. 3 in the nation, turned back Holy Cross 83-70. It was the Tar Heels' second win in the Boston Holiday tourney against no defeats and gave them a tie with Syracuse for the tourney title. Lennie Rosenbluth, Carolina's high-scoring All-American, led the Tar Heels in scoring with 23. Guard Tom Kearnes collected 18.

North Carolina State, ranked No. 19 in the AP poll, was thoroughly routed 107-79 by West Virginia. Both teams will appear in the Dixie Classic. It was the eighth victory for the Mountaineers without a defeat.

Using a terrific fast-break style of ball, the red-hot West Virginians rolled to a rapid 49-28 first half lead and forced Coach Everett Case's Wolfpack into a full-court press almost mid-way in the game. Clayce Kishbaugh, 6-2 Mountie forward, paced the score with 28 points, while All-American Hot Rod Hundley shot in 24.

West Virginia, picked No. 8 in national ratings, will be generally regarded as the team to beat. Iowa, Big Ten defending champion, DePaul and Utah are the other three

Mickey Mantle Chosen Athlete Of Year By AP

By the Associated Press

Mickey Charles Mantle, a young man destined for athletic stardom almost from birth, today was designated as the outstanding male athlete of 1956 by an overwhelming vote of the sports writers and broadcasters cooperating in the annual Associated Press year-end poll.

Mantle, who performed so many outstanding feats in baseball this year that it's hard to imagine anyone challenging his position, almost doubled the score of his nearest rival in the poll, Olympic triple gold medal winner Bobby Morrow. And he trebled the vote given to world heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson.

Mantle was named first on the ballots of 82 of the 192 sports experts participating in the poll, second on 31 and third on 25. On the usual scoring basis of three points for first, two for second and one for third, he accumulated 333 points.

Morrow, with 26 first place votes, received 168 points. Patterson with 12 firsts and 112 points edged out another Olympian, San Francisco basketball star Bill Russell, by six points for third place.

Mantle will receive the Fraternal Order of Eagles—Frederick C. Miller Memorial Award in recognition of his winning the AP poll for male athlete of the year. The trophy was awarded for the first time last year, when Ohio State football star Howard Cassady won the AP poll.

ECC Jayvees Post 2-0 Mark Thus Far

East Carolina's Jayvee basketball team, for the first time an organized and fully-functioning outfit since the school began an athletic program, will open its post-season case season at Chowan College on January 3.

The Baby Bucs are being coached jointly by Howard Porter and Earl Smith, of the ECC athletic department. The same two coaches have charge of the Pirate varsity.

In earlier games this season, the Jayvees have met and defeated Wilmington Junior College and Edwards Military Academy. They stopped Wilmington by a 73-48 margin and EMI by 72-68.

In the first game Joe Plaster was high scorer with 18 points, and freshman Ike Eiddick, of Greenville, took honors in the second encounter with 17.

The rest of the Jayvee schedule reads as follows:
Jan. 3—at Chowan College
Jan. 17—Durham High School at ECC.

Jan. 25—at Wilmington College
Jan. 2—Chowan College at ECC
Feb. 4—EMI at ECC
Feb. 7—ACC at ECC
Feb. 23—at ECC.

Basketball Scores

- STATE
West Virginia 107, N. C. State 79
North Carolina 83, Holy Cross 70
- SOUTH
Tennessee 51, Stanford 47
UNIV. OF KY. INVITATIONAL
Southern Methodist 67, Dayton 59 (for third)
- BOSTON HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT
Syracuse 86, Dartmouth 63
- NATION
Manhattan 100, Connecticut 86
Michigan 90, Pittsburgh 75
Miami (Ohio) 84, George Washington 70



We're coming your way to wish you a good old-fashioned Merry Christmas abounding in the great gifts of health, happiness and contentment.

The College Shop

American Hopes For Davis Cup Win Are 'Impossible'

By WILL GRIMSLEY
ADELAIDE, Australia, Dec. 22 (AP)—"Operation Upset" — or as some put it, "Operation Impossible" — begins for America's maligned tennis forces Wednesday when they take on Australia in the 43th Davis Cup challenge round.

Australia's young, gifted team of Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall is favored to score a 5-0 sweep. It would be a moral victory if the Yanks, with perhaps the poorest team they ever have fielded, should squeeze out a single match in the three-day series.

The Americans are sending out two relatively old men, Vic Seixas, 33, and Herbie Flam, 28, against two dashing 22-year-olds who hold every major tournament title in the world.

After the challenge round Rosewall is expected to announce his withdrawal from amateur tennis to join Jack Kramer's pro tour at a guaranteed figure of \$65,000. But America's Davis Cup picture is not likely to be brightened, since this tennis mad country has an oversupply of star players.

The first two singles matches are scheduled Wednesday. The doubles are Thursday and the final two singles Friday. The draw will be made on Christmas Day.

The Memorial Drive courts are

smooth as a carpet and the best in Australia. The weather, usually humid, has been very cool and comfortable.

Hoad and Rosewall, recognized as the world's best, will play the doubles against one of two possible U.S. combinations — Seixas and Flam or Seixas and Sam Giammalva of Houston, Tex.

Bill Talbert, U.S. captain, currently is leaning toward the first combination, but says he will throw in Giammalva if Flam, who suffered severe leg cramp in the inter-zone matches at Perth, should be overtaxed on the opening day.

The huge Memorial Drive Amphitheater, within walking distance of downtown Adelaide, is a sellout for the three days, assuring crowds of 18,000 at each session. Prime Minister Robert Menzies and the governors of the various Australian states are among the dignitaries who will be on hand.

Talbert, who brain-trusted the recovery of the gleaming international trophy two years ago, only to lose 5-0

King Hairan, one of the top 2-year-olds of 1956, had a perfect record at Hialeah last winter, winning all three starts.

All-Southern Gridgers Named

ORLANDO, Fla., Dec. 22 (AP)—Thirty-four backs and 26 linemen comprise the 60 players named today to positions on the 37th annual All-Southern football squad, Dixie's top interscholastic prep gridiron honors.

An additional 72 players receiving honorable mention were drawn from a 12-state area on the basis of five players from each state. A panel of 132 coaches and sports writers participated in the 1956 polls, with 10 scouts assisting each state chairman in the selections.

The squad was announced by Bob Howard, sports editor of the sponsoring Orlando Sentinel-Star and general chairman of the selection board.

Only two schools managed to place two men each on the All-Southern team. They were Little Rock Central and Greer, S.C.

State chairmen included:
North Carolina: Wilton Garrison, sports editor, Charlotte Observer.
South Carolina: Jim Anderson, sports editor, Greenville News; Bill Holden, guard, Greenville.

First named players on each squad were named the state's outstanding players:
North Carolina: Winston Futch, 178, halfback, Wilmington; Bert Wilder, 215, tackle, Greensboro; Bill Godfrey, 180, fullback, Charlotte Harding; Moyer Smith, 170, halfback Lexington; Ronnie Frye, 175, end, Hickory.
Honorable mention: Jack Justice, quarterback, Charlotte Harding; Larry Gill, end, Greensboro; Jimmy Langford, guard, Fayetteville; Jerry Lowder, tackle, Albemarle; Bob Elliott, halfback, Hendersonville; Charles Cook, tackle, Wilmington.
South Carolina: Murray Hall, 185, halfback, Greer; Joe Aiken, 190, center, Greenville Parker; David Booser, 185, tackle, Greer; Reggie Logan, 145, back, Orangeburg; Terry Bryant, 190, fullback, Anderson Boys High.
Honorable mention: Lamar Edge, tackle, Conway; Henry Asbill, end, Columbia Dreher; Wilton Lee, end, Greenville Parker; Billy Wise, back, Bennettsville; Charlie Marler, guard, Clinton.

May all the delights of this happy Christmas season be enjoyed by you and your family.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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Merry Christmas

The shining light in children's eyes...the sound of church bells chiming...the gladsome joy of voices raised in carol singing...the spirit-lifting, heart-warming story of the Babe of Bethlehem...all these are part of Christmas, and our Yuletide wish for you is that you may enjoy all the blessings of this happy, holy season in fullest measure.

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An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, telling him that his wife Mary would bear a son to be named Jesus.



Later that year, Caesar Augustus decreed that all of the people should be taxed. Thereupon they all went to be taxed, each one to his own city. Along with Mary, who was great with child, Joseph journeyed from Galilee, out of the City of Nazareth, into Judea and to the city of David (which is called Bethlehem).



Because there was no room at the inn, Mary and Joseph took refuge in a stable. Then she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes.



Then Herod summoned the "wise men" secretly and sent them to Bethlehem, saying "Go and search diligently for the Child, and when you have found Him bring me the word, that I too may come and worship Him." When they had heard the king they went their way in search of the Child Jesus.



And lo, the angel came upon shepherds in the field and announced the birth of a Savior. Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host singing "Glory to God in the Highest."



When the three wise men saw the star in the east they rejoiced exceedingly and followed the star till it came to rest over the place where the Child was. Seeing the Child with Mary, His mother, the Wise Men fell down and worshipped Him.



Guided by the star in the east the wise men found the stable of the Christ child. They entered and saw the Child with Mary, His mother, and they fell down and worshipped Him as he lay in the manger. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, the three Wise Men departed to their own country by another way.

Bethlehem Scene Remains Much Like The Original

By WILTON WYNN
BETHLEHEM, Jordan (AP)—A woman named Mary left her home in Nazareth and traveled south to the little town of Bethlehem. The town was so crowded with foreign visitors that Mary and her family found no room for them in the inn.
Next day, Mary gave birth to a boy baby.
Everyone recalls that this incident occurred nearly 2,000 years ago on the first Christmas. But few realize it happened again last Christmas.

brated on January 7, and on January 18, Christmas comes around for Armenians in Bethlehem.
Centuries-old calendar differences produced these different dates for Christmas among the different faiths. The three Christmases spread the season out over almost a month.
Christmas in Bethlehem is an elaborate spectacle. Festivities begin at noon on Christmas eve, when the Latin patriarch of Jerusalem, Alberto Gori, leaves his patriarchate inside the old walled city of Jerusalem and drives to Bethlehem. Escorted by Christian Arab whose home now lies inside the Jewish state of Israel, Bethlehem lies on the other side of a military armistice line, in the Arab kingdom of Jordan.

An estimated 1,500 of these Christian Arabs cross over from Israel every year. To reach the Arab side, they pass through the morning when the patriarch places a statue of the infant Jesus on the silver star marking the spot where Christ was born inside a grotto beneath the church.
Highlight of Protestant activities is a service in Shepherd's Field on Christmas eve, conducted on the spot near Bethlehem where shepherds are said to have heard the angels announce the birth of Christ.
An estimated 5,000 foreign visitors come to Bethlehem each Christmas.
These pilgrims come from points as far removed as Manila and Kansas City.
When the Holy Family came to Bethlehem on the first Christmas, the town was so crowded they couldn't find accommodations. The same is true today, except for the fact that there is not even an inn here.

The Mary who came to Bethlehem from Nazareth in 1935 was a Christian Arab whose home now lies inside the Jewish state of Israel. Bethlehem lies on the other side of a military armistice line, in the Arab kingdom of Jordan.

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IN HOLY LAND, a Franciscan monk looks out over Bethlehem under the shadow of Christmas bells. In the background is the Field of the Shepherd, where an angel appeared to announce the birth of Jesus.

famed Mandelbaum Gate in divided Jerusalem.
This "gathering of the pilgrims" at Mandelbaum has become almost a Christmas devotion each year. The 1,500 Arabs from Israel form one of the largest single groups of Christians who converge on Bethlehem each year to take part in its spectacular services re-enacting events surrounding the birth of Christ.
Three sets of pilgrims visit Bethlehem each year. That is because in Bethlehem Christmas comes, not once, but three times a year.
Western Christians, of course, visit Bethlehem on December 25. But for eastern Orthodox Christians the birth of Christ is cele-

Christmas Wishes

May all your dreams for a bright and happy Christmas come true for you in fullest measure!

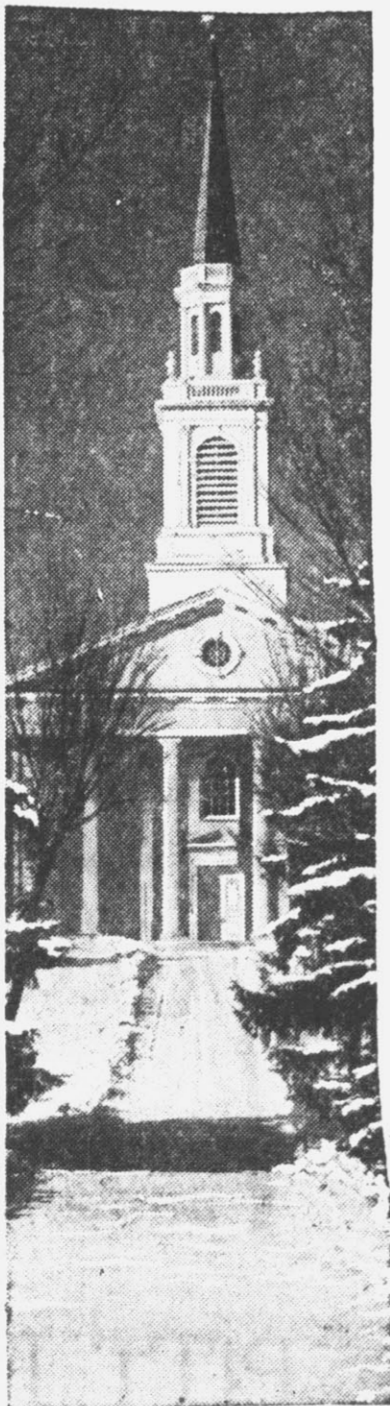


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The Season's Greetings

We extend to our many good friends a sincere wish for a Yuletide laden with a wealth of the good things in life. May every day be filled with the blessings of good health, happiness and warm friendships.

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GREETINGS

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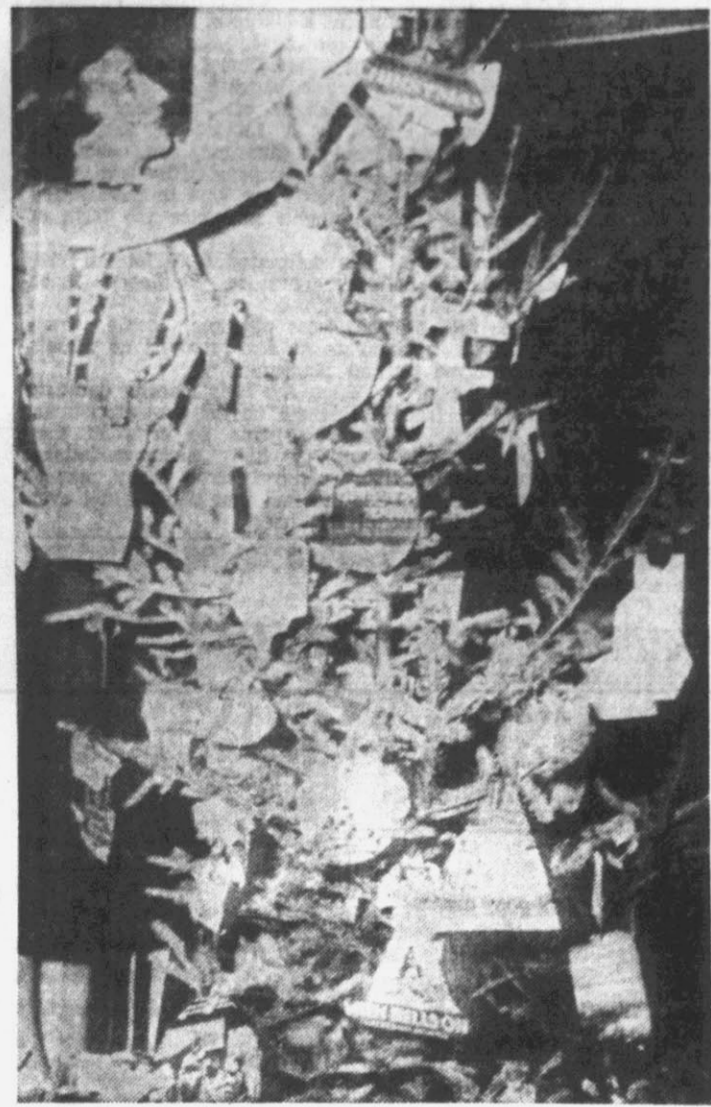


A Joyous Wish

May Christmas cheer light up your home and make all the days of your New Year as glowingly bright as the sparkling lights on your tree on this happiest of all holidays.

Garris Grocery Co.

Garden Club Took Over Christmas Decorations For Sheppard Library



THE TRADITIONAL TREE—Somewhat of a tradition at Sheppard Memorial Library is the Yule tree tied with ornaments made from book covers. Librarian Elizabeth Copeland is shown above as she puts the final touches on the tree, her personal contribution to the seasonal decor.



MADONNA OVER THE BOOKS—The figure of the Madonna, banked by greenery, looks down over book shelves at Sheppard Memorial Library. The above is a part of the seasonal decorations prepared by the Lakewood Pines Garden Club at the local library. Attempts were made to make the decor as uncommercial as possible and to preserve the religious theme.

Back at their September meeting members of the Lakewood Pines Garden Club were approached with the idea of decorating Sheppard Memorial Library for Christmas.

They agreed to tackle it, thus relieving Miss Elizabeth Copeland, librarian, of the responsibility for the first time since her arrival at the library's first day.

Miss Copeland had a few words to say on the subject, however. She had done the job almost single-handed for years and was well familiar with the problems and opportunities it presented.

She would like to keep the atmosphere of the city's citadel of learning as uncommercial as possible and would like to retain the tree-decorating as the library's pet Yule project.

Meeting with her to plan the holiday dress were Mrs. William Wright, Mrs. Ken Harris, Mrs. Richard Culbertson, Mrs. Floyd Hendrix and Mrs. Richard Heller. The entire membership of the club participated in the workshop to prepare the decorations and to fit them into their proper places.

On December 12 plans took concrete shape when garden club members arrived bearing armloads of greenery, bright balls and ornaments, pine cones and colorful ribbon.

In keeping with the building's architecture, decorations were kept traditional. Red and green are the predominating colors.

Patrons, upon entering the library, are greeted by jaunty red bows with long streamers tied to the iron lamp fixtures flanking the doorway. Juniper boughs have been

used to frame the iron memorial plaques. Inside, mantels have been banked with Chinese Fir and holly and ornamented with red candles and pine cones.

On the ledge facing the foyer, club members hung jaunty heights to make the lonesome clock's surroundings bright with juniper, Chinese fir and long leaf pine cones.

On the librarian's desk is a seasonal arrangement of holly with a focal point of red Christmas balls in a copper bowl with tray.

The manger scene to the right of the entrance foyer pictures the first Christmas in life's colors. The midnight blue of the sky contrasts sharply with the pure white of the angel hovering over the birth scene.

To the left decorations have again emphasized the religious theme of the holiday season. An open Bible turned to the Christmas story as recorded by St. Luke is dramatically highlighted by a red velvet backdrop and a brass candelabra holding red tapers and a sprig of greenery.

The Christmas tree with its ornaments of book covers, wreaths of juniper and holly in the windows and figurines placed at various spots of interest complete the holiday dress of the local library, where proportion and balance presented the most pressing problems, according to Mrs. Heller, president of the decorating club.

The project was a part of the community beautification service rendered by garden clubs throughout the state.



DECK THE HALLS—Mrs. Richard P. Heller, left, and Mrs. William Wright, members of the Lakewood Pines Garden Club, are shown above as they tie jaunty bows and put up garlands of greenery to usher in the Christmas season at Sheppard Memorial Library. This marked the first year that Librarian Elizabeth Copeland and her staff have been relieved of the responsibility for decorations. It was a good feeling, according to the library's first lady, who cheered them on in their efforts. (Reflector Staff Photo).

County Home Not Forgotten

For some aged people, Christmas may be another day of want. But not for those at the Pitt County Home.

There during the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas, bag after bag and box after box is brought and deposited in an effort to make Christmas brighter for those aged and infirm who call that institutional setting home.

Individuals, clubs and church groups put in their appearance at the home yearly about this time to share their blessings and happiness with those deprived of a private home and the warmth of the season that goes with it.

Says Mrs. D.C. Wilson, wife of the home superintendent, "People are mighty nice to bring things at Christmastime. They bring almost too much."

The perishable items are distributed at once but she reports the ones not susceptible to spoilage are saved until the grand Christmas party which fell this year on the Saturday.

It was then that the aged people gathered around in the ladies' dining room to open their presents and have a real old-fashioned Christmas party.

The tree, decorated by Red Oak Christian Church, has been shining with gay lights and ornaments since Dec. 16. This year fifty-cent pieces tied with red ribbons were the trees most talked-about ornaments.

Elsewhere in the home, holly and greenery have been placed to give it a festive Christmas atmosphere.

One group brought a large box of presents with names of each of the residents on them. Others bring gifts to be distributed at will by Santa.

At the Christmas party, members of the staff and sometimes different individuals from the community drop in. In years past, according to Mrs. Wilson, many of the county authorities were present for it.

For those who cannot leave their beds to attend the party, gifts and refreshments are carried to them. Highlights of Christmas day is always the traditional turkey dinner, according to Mrs. Wilson.

This year, in addition, barbecue and all the trimmings will be served on the menu.

Some few of the residents' families come for them on Christmas to spend the day with them in their private homes, according to Mrs. Wilson. But this is the exception rather than the rule.

On Christmas Day, some families drop in to visit with the residents at the home. But this, too, is exceptional.

A number of groups have already been by to sing carols. This practice will continue right on to the first of the year.

Although the county home residents' needs are met by county funds, including food, clothing, medical and hospital bills, they look forward to the "extras" that go traditionally with the Christmas season.

Says Mrs. Wilson, "It is impossible to keep up with each group or person that brings Christmas articles out here, but these people do not go in want. They are well provided for."

About 85 per cent of the band instruments sold in the United States are for use by school-age children.



MORE GIFTS—Mrs. Mary Jane Langston, matron at the Pitt County Home, adds more presents to the collection generous folk with the Christmas spirit have brought for the aged residents. Gifts have been arriving since Thanksgiving. The perishable items were distributed immediately, but the gaily wrapped presents above were given out at the Saturday afternoon party. A traditional turkey dinner, this year with barbecue as an added attraction, will highlight activities at the county home tomorrow. (Reflector Staff Photo).

Gifts Of Magi Are Explained

For nearly 2,000 years people in many lands have discussed the scene of the Wise Men presenting their gifts to the infant Jesus. But somewhat nebulous is the description of the three valuable gifts themselves.

We know what gold is. But how about frankincense and myrrh? Why are they considered so precious?

Frankincense is a fragrant gum resin containing oil from trees. It was valued by the ancients for embalming and fumigation and still is an important ingredient of incense. Myrrh is a yellow brown, aromatic gum resin with a bitter taste. The ancients also used this sticky substance in making incense.

SENTIMENTAL FILE

Here is a tip for those busy mothers who find it difficult to recall all the friends and relatives who must be remembered at Christmas. Keep a "sentimental file" with a card for each person bearing pertinent information such as clothing sizes, favorite colors, hobbies, and gifts given in previous years. A note of the date of birth of younger additions is particularly useful. All these reduce the effort of thinking up gifts, and, of course, come in handy at birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.

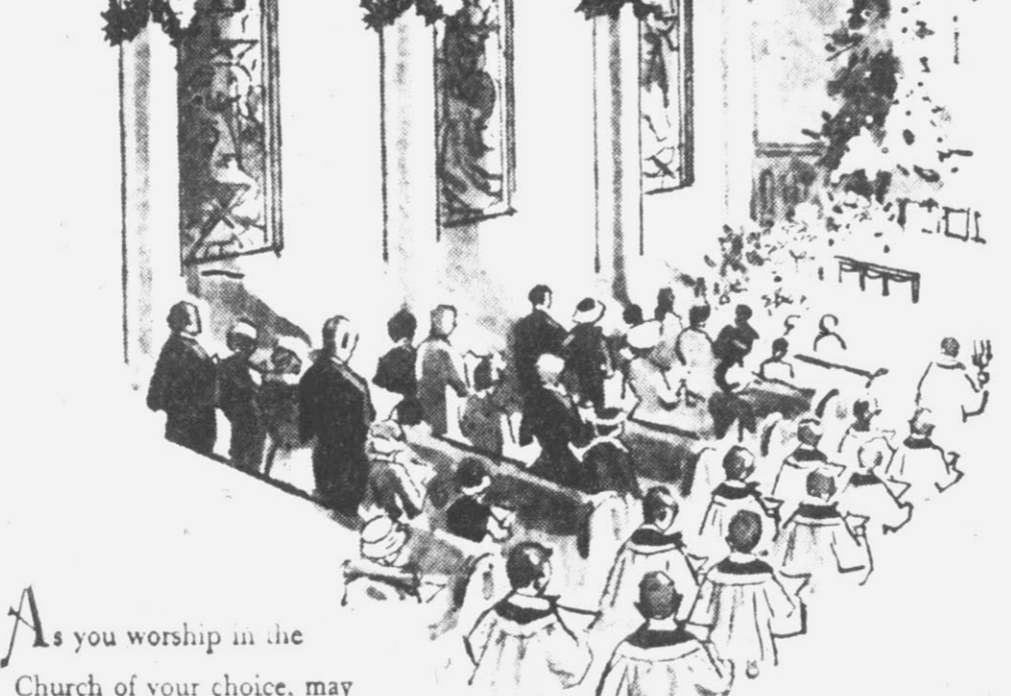
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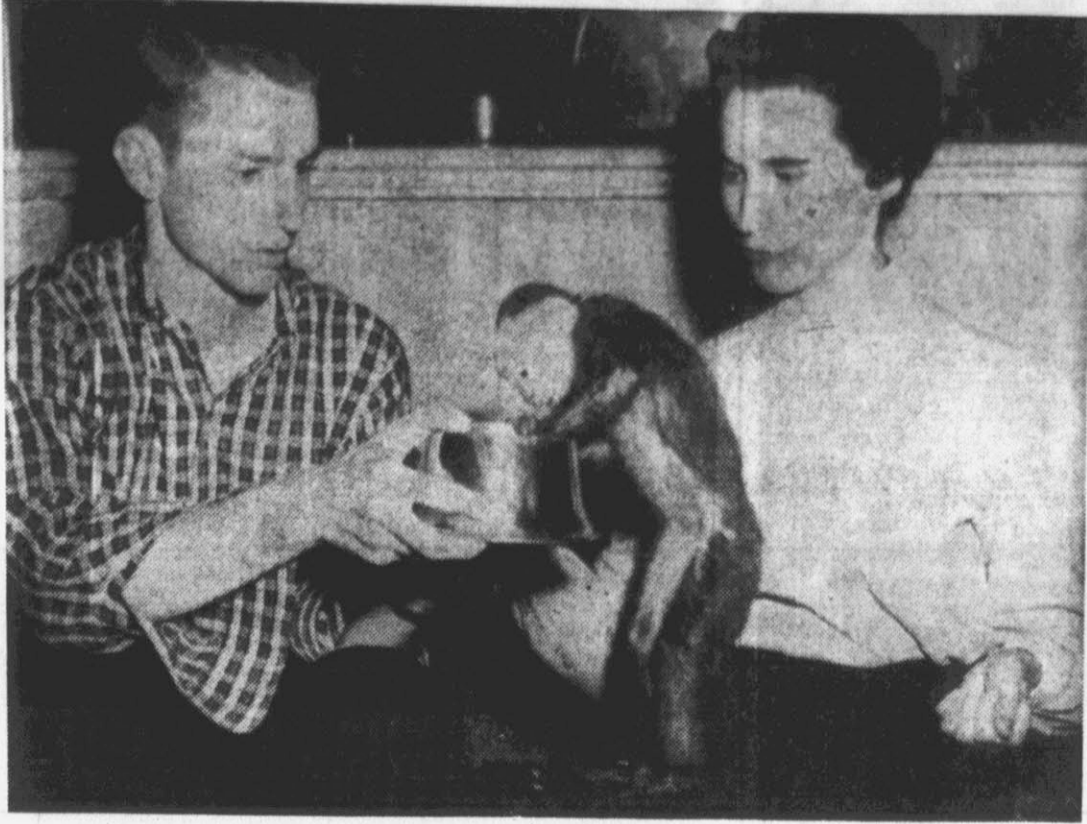
Just a friendly greeting to wish you and yours all the joys of a Merry Christmas and a New Year full of healthy and happy days.

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Greetings Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the glad warmth of greetings given and received. So, from all of us to all of you, here's a hearty, friendly greeting for a happy holiday.

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Pets Are Not Forgotten By Owners This Yuletide



PRESENTING GIFT—Cooper Smith's parents shopped about quite a bit before deciding on a gift for their 17-month old pet. Mr. and Mrs. William R. Smith, Jr. are pictured above as they present him with their final choice, a shiny bowl. The pet appears to be more interested in what's inside than in the choice itself. (Reflector Staff Photos).



A GIFT FOR PRINCE—When Prince opens his gift tomorrow, he'll find a real treat, a box of sugar. Shown above tempting him is his owner, Millie Overton, and her mother, Mrs. Jonathan Overton.



REAL DUCK FOOD—Dolly Overton, 9-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Overton, figured "real duck food" was the greatest luxury she could afford for her pet, Dolly D., as a Christmas gift. She found her very much interested in her choice above.



EARLY VISIT—Santa put in an early appearance for little Randy Forrest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Forrest. The black rat terrier pictured with him above and he have been getting acquainted for the past few days. The 2-year-old appears to be more interested in having his picture made in the above photo than in his new pet. Next year he will have shopping problems. (Reflector Staff Photo).

By ANNETTE JACKSON
Reflector Woman's Editor

"Real duck food." That's what Dolly Overton, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Overton, is giving her favorite pet, Dolly D., for Christmas. Dolly made the choice without hesitation. For a duck that's been fed all of its life on horse and dog food, she says she figures she can't go wrong with this gift. It isn't that Dolly D. has been neglected. She's actually been pampered all of her natural life by an owner who laid maternal hands on her when only a few days old. But with the horse, dogs, kittens, etc. which have found lodging on the Overton yard over a period of time, Dolly D. just never knew what real duck food was, according to her owner. The fourth-grader at Wald-Coates School was awarded the duck as a sort of consolation prize when she had her tonsils out in April, 1955. But that request was relatively simple to fill in the face of Dolly's. But a duck it was and a duck she got. It turned out to be a good choice in several ways, according to Mrs. Overton. It meant a turning point in Dolly's young life—she began to like eggs. Not just any eggs, but Dolly D.'s eggs. After the handsome creature began laying, one of her eggs was cooked every morning for one year, declares Mrs. Overton and Dolly loved them! She became an egg addict. The pet was named after her young mother, of course. Her middle name is Dimple but Dolly prefers to shorten it to D. Being

the smart animal that she is sometimes makes for complications, according to her young owner. She often pokes her inquiring nose right into trouble when Mrs. Overton calls Dolly. Dolly D. is allowed to roam about the yard freely and is even admitted to the kitchen. Her presence in the parlor is only allowed on special occasions like Christmas, however, and she isn't too properly behaved on such occasions. Dolly reports that the duck seeks protection from strange dogs by nestling close to the Overton's own dogs. She feels perfectly safe as she can just get to their pin, according to her owner. She has a special bed of straw and is fed once a day with a cafeteria style of serving, also, to accommodate her for occasional snacks. Dolly isn't sure how she'll like her Christmas present at first—a commercially prepared food for ducks—but is confident that a duck as fine as Dolly D. deserves the very best. Dolly's older sister Millie has also been concerned about a present for her pet house, Prince. While Prince has been feasting on "horse food" since an early age, she decided that a seasonal delicacy like sugar would be his real delight. She wrapped it in gay ribbon and presented it to him with a pride born of maternal love. With characteristic male indifference, he was only interested in the contents. Mrs. Overton takes a great deal of pride in her children's love of animals. From them the kids learn a great deal, she believes. Philosophically, Mrs. Overton says, children who love animals and respect their natures have a like regard for their fellow-men.

She believes pets teach a broader tolerance and understanding for people. Christmas shopping for their pet monkey, Cooper, was a harder job for Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Smith, Jr. They looked at brightly colored sweaters and even carried "Coop" downtown to try them on. But he would have nothing to do with "dog" sweaters—and besides, he was warm enough. They looked over the toy departments then, hoping to find just the thing for their seventeen-month old pet. But being a serious minded lad, he scorned them too. It was with considerable difficulty that they finally made a selection from the massive array of gifts examined. Deciding on an improvement project for the young chap, they purchased a gleaming silver bowl, hoping that this selection would improve some of his primitive table manners. Miss Ada Jones, in Christmas shopping for her pet dogs, tried to make a practical selection. Miss Judy, the female dachshund and Mickie, the miniature pinscher, being fashion-wise already possessed complete wardrobes, according to Miss Jones.

But Mickie's overcoat was getting a little worn and Judy could use a new raincoat, so on a recent trip to New York City, Miss Jones selected new ones for them. She says of her pets, "They're the best dressed dogs in the south. They have complete wardrobes, including pajamas!" A gift of jewelry will brighten Christmas day for Fritz, fourteen-year old Eskimo spitz, belonging to W. W. Brickhouse and Joe Garbis. They've purchased for her a sterling silver chain and leash and tonight it's wrapped and resting under the tree. For 2-year-old Randy Forrest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Forrest, Christmas shopping for his pet is no problem this year—it may be next. His parents presented him with a 2-month-old rat terrier, his first pet, December 18. They arranged with Santa to have his gift brought early so that they could become acquainted before tomorrow and perhaps learn a trick or two. Randy's father is working on a permanent bed for the pet who is now slumbering peacefully in a converted doll bed.

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CHOCOLATE PIE—Even Santa had to laugh at little Patsy Swindall's request . . . "a real chocolate pie."



LET'S SEE—Steve Hasty, 4, had a long list for Santa. "I want an accordion, farm set, robin hood suit, . . . and something else," he said—all in one breathe. (Staff Photos).



LAPPUL—After watching Santa from afar Jane and June Hall finally got to his lap—then they wanted "Mama."



BIG KISS—Little Martha Anderson age 5 was not a bit afraid of Santa. Even though she had written Santa a letter she told him, "I want a bride doll and a coloring set."

At Least A 1,000 Children Have Visited Santa At Elm Street Park

Approximately 1,000 children have been visiting with Santa at Elm Street Park in the last two weeks.

Sitting in his brightly lit sleigh with all eight of his reindeer, Santa greeted each and every one with a big smile and a sucker.

There is a great demand this year for Ginette dolls, bicycles, tractors, ballet dolls, bride dolls, scooters. . . one little boy wanted a Cadillac.

Several years ago space helmets and other interplanetary equipment were all the rage with the younger set, but this year Santa doesn't recall a "single space ship mentioned."

"I want . . ." "I want a telephone repairman's truck . . . hum . . . let's see, what do I want?" stammered Chuck Durham. Santa just smiled and suggested, "perhaps you'll write me a letter."

"And what can I bring you this Christmas?" Santa asked little Tommy Tanner, age two and a half. "I want a doll baby," was his quick answer.

Although tiny nine month old David Wilfong wasn't able to talk to Santa, his mother said she thought he would like "some more teeth."

Patty Jenkins, 4, was a little hesitant about sitting on Santa's knee, but she did stand on the sleigh and whispered in the big man's ear that she would like "a merry-go-round that really goes around."

Three year old Steven Raines of Ayden climbed right up on Santa's lap and in a big voice he told him, "I want a tractor and tri-cycle." "What else can I bring you for Christmas?" Santa inquired.

Promptly Steve said, "nothing." "What kind of camera do you want for Christmas, Mary?" Santa asked Mary Patsi and with a worried look she replied, "I don't know what kind." "I don't know what kind," Joe McGlohon's list included "a

car, tractor, and banjo." His blond haired sister, Millie, asked Santa to be sure and bring her "a doll with a pony tail."

"I want a bicycle," Ralph Garrett quipped. "Well you be a good little boy now," Santa said and when he climbed down from Santa's knee Ralph replied, "All right."

Many letters Santa's mailbox located beside his sleigh was quickly filled.

One little girl wrote Santa that she had been good "most" of the time and would like a Ginette doll with a dress and coat, and a bed with a bathinette and high-chair for her.

In her stocking she wanted:
1. Chocolate straws
2. Many kinds of candies
3. Nuts
4. Chewing gum
5. Fruit and many surprise things.

Another little boy was worried about Santa getting hungry during his long ride through the sky. So he reassured him that at his house Santa would "find some cookies under the tree."

One writer wished a merry Christmas to Mrs. Santa and all the elves in her letter to Santa. She only wanted "two things badly."

1. A scooter
2. A ballet doll.
She added that "if you have anything else that you think I might enjoy, I'll be glad to have it, too."

"Thank you for toys," wrote another little girl who also added that she hoped, "St. Nicholas will come here and go down our chimney." "Please leave all the little boys and girls the things they need and want," was the general request of all the children this year.

Wiskers Suffer?
What about your wiskers, Santa? Don't they suffer?
"Although the children like to feel my wiskers they don't pull them," Santa explained.
One little girl got her sucker caught in Santa's beard, but that didn't bother the merry old gent.

Rhymed Reason For Closing Up

RONCEVERTE, W. Va. (AP)—A metal works factory ran this classified in the weekly West Virginia News.

"Notice. We ain't a-takin' inventory, we ain't makin' no repairs. We're all goin' a-huntin', we don't think nobody cares. Shop closed Friday and Saturday."

The National Guard, after 300 years of waiting, has its first woman member. The New York Air National Guard swore in Capt. Norma Parsons of Waterville, Maine. She is a nurse veteran from Korea and African campaigns.

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Japan Goes All Out For Jubilation; Holiday Heavily Commercialized



JAPANESE GIRL places a paper swan on her Christmas tree which she'll decorate with tangerines and rice wafers.

By GENE KRAMER
TOKYO (AP) — Japan is going all out this year for the merriest Christmas in its history, with plenty of tinsel, music, Santa Claus and bells—especially the jingle of cash registers.

Because only one Japanese in 267 is a Christian, the holiday is almost completely commercialized, with none of the solemnity of the West.

Department stores expect to sell 125 million dollars worth of goods in December, twice as much as in November and 10 per cent more than in December, 1955.

These 158 major stores and other aggressive merchants have given Christianity's No. 1 holiday a firm place in this land of Amaterasu, the Shinto sun goddess. They use it to vie for wage earners' yearend bonuses, usually averaging a month's extra pay.

It is a Christmas without religious significance, except in the tiny Christian community of less than a half million in a population of 90 million.

GIs Gave It a Lift
Commercial promotion of Christmas, or "Kurisumasu," in Japan started in the 1930s, all but ended during World War II and started anew after the war, aided by American troops who imparted some of the real meaning of Christmas with parties and gifts for their Japanese employes and neighborhood small fry.

Japan's Christmas and New Year celebrations are now almost the exact opposite of the American pattern.

The selling approach is "Merry Xmas" on thousands of gift, food and liquor counters. But most Japanese actually exchange presents the last day of the year or on New Year's Day, a most solemn occasion for paying homage to ancestors and the emperor, family reunions, and settling debts.

Time for Revelry
"Kurisumasu," meanwhile is the time Japanese on company expense accounts and others who can afford it present whisky to their business associates and have a wild night on the town.

Nearly two million people jam downtown Tokyo streets Christmas eve in wild "year forgetting" spree, even though most must work Christmas Day.

Some 100 night clubs in downtown Tokyo's Ginza and thousands elsewhere have special police permission to stay open all night. Smartly dressed hostesses in the western-style clubs and geishas in traditional places sell party tickets from \$5 up. This is for one seat and sandwiches or rice, seafood, beer or tea, funny hats, noisemakers, fireworks, entertainment and dancing. Drinks come extra, and high.

For common people, "Kurisumasu" at home means merely a few extra drinks of sake (rice wine) or beer, a better than aver-

age meal and perhaps some goodies or trinkets for the kids.

But for everyone, the main thing is "the spectacle in the streets."

From late October, Santa Claus, Christmas trees, electric Christmas displays and music take over the shopping districts.

Some Odd Santas
The big stores are swarming with versions of Sant. Claus. Only in Japan, his name "Sabuta Kurohsu," and he is not always bearded, not always fat, not always dressed in red and not always a man.

Several large stores have shaped "Miss Santa Clauses," up to a dozen girls of 18 to 20, who parade in fur-trimmed suits, passing out balloons and ushering crowds to the elevators. The girls, chosen in beauty queen contests, may even be dressed in green.

Santa Claus sandwichmen walk the streets advertising nude shows and cabarets. "Our Santa Clauses (hostesses) wear only scanty bathing suits," one Yokohama club advertised.

One big store has a wreath seven stories high painted in its windows. Others have huge revolving Santa Claus dolls or Christmas trees suspended in their rotundas. Advertising is full of reindeer, angels and nativity scenes without religious significance. Christmas carols as well as "Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" blare from loudspeakers in railroad stations and on street corners and over the radio.

Choral groups in major cities perform Handel's Messiah for charity and American Christmas plays appear over television.

The tiny Christian community has a more westernized celebration, with church, prayer, hymns and feasts.

In the Nick of Time
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Thorn Is Perennial Mystery

Miracle, botanical freak or coincidence? For over a thousand years the mystery of the Holy Thorn of Glastonbury which flowers on Christmas day has been argued.

In England the townfolk of ancient Glastonbury, Somerset, will make a pilgrimage to the ruined abbey to look at the tree standing in the grounds. In Washington, D.C. they will go to the Cathedral Close, where the most famous offshoot is now a healthy 50-year-old.

Proud of the tradition which made Glastonbury one of the most hallowed shrines in all Europe for medieval pilgrims—and still draws believers and skeptics by the thousands—Somerset people claim that their thorn blooms without fail each Christmas day.

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after the first Christmas.

The story goes: It was just two days before Christmas in 63 A.D. that St. Joseph of Arimathea arrived in Glastonbury with the chalice used at the Last Supper; the Holy Grail. St. Joseph and his followers had fled from Palestine and were looking for a place to settle.

Staff Took Root
He rested on Wearyall Hill, Glastonbury, overlooking the beautiful vale of Avalon of Arthurian legend, and drove his staff into the ground. It immediately took root and became a thorn tree, and the following day, Christmas Eve, it was covered with blossoms. Here St. Joseph built a wattle church, on the site where the ruined Abbey now stands, and lived out his old age teaching Christianity to the Britons.

During the English Civil War the tree was chopped down by Puritans—one of whom was blinded by a flying chip of the trunk—but cuttings had already been taken by many local people and offshoots were planted near the original site.

Cuttings from the tree are now growing in many parts of the English-speaking world.

New Zealand (area 103,410 square miles) has a population of 1,940,700. This is less than the city of Los Angeles.

Twelfth Night Is Near-Forgotten

Twelfth Night, once one of the most joyous feasts in the English calendar, has almost died out except in name and in a few traditional customs.

In early times an English Christmas was celebrated continuously from December 25 to January 6, as indicated in the old song "The Twelve Days of Christmas"—recently warmed over in a more popular form. The last—or twelfth—night was always particularly riotous with feasting and masques, and it was for one such celebration at Queen Elizabeth's court that Shakespeare wrote "Twelfth Night."

Now an English Christmas lasts only two days, and the only generally regarded tradition of the old feast is that Christmas decorations, greenery, and Christmas cards are not taken down before January 6. According to legend it is bad luck to do so before Christmas "is over."

CHRISTMAS AMNESTY
Amnesty to those in prison is still practiced at Christmas time. The holiday is often made the occasion for granting pardons or for commuting sentences.

An odd international occurrence took place in December, 1949 when Gen. Douglas MacArthur granted a Christmas amnesty to Japanese war leaders even though these warlords were not Christians.

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Diversity In School Children's Yuletide Activities



A nativity scene created by West Greenville School primary students was entitled "The First Christmas". Ann Lewis (kneeling, center) played the part of Mary and Hank Worsley (standing, center) was Joseph.

By JIMMY ELLIS
Reflector Staff Writer
School children in Pitt County varied their holiday programs this year to include not only themselves but less fortunate people here and abroad.
City school children, particularly, assisted in relief programs for overseas people and Hungarian refugees coming to the United States through Camp Kilmer, N.J. The assistance was not restricted to toys and clothing, either. There were many instances in which cash was contributed for funds to provide Care packages for Europeans.
Several of the county schools sponsored similar programs to help needy families and older people throughout the country. There was, perhaps, more emphasis on the needs of others — both at home and overseas — than there has been in many years, according to officials in the county's various school units.

There was, as always, a generous interest in classroom decorations, special holiday programs for parents and PTA groups, creation of a true Christmas spirit through reading and discussing the Biblical story of the first Christmas, and re-examination of the ideals of Christmas.
According to the classroom teachers, the changes in this year's activities were prompted by the children. It was the students' idea to give up personal gift exchanges in the classrooms to donate the gifts and other items to relief programs.
Although there was a special meaning for all of the Christmas activities, they were almost unanimously incorporated into learning situations in the classrooms. Through decorating, wrapping, making gifts, and study of the ultimate destinations of the decorations, the students were able to expand their normal courses of study.



Students of Mrs. Nell Everett's eighth grade at Wahl-Coates School designed and made stuffed toys for Hungarian relief and refugees coming into the United States through Camp Kilmer, N. J.



A "dime tree" was designed by students of Mrs. Myrtle B. Clark at Wahl-Coates School. For each dime contributed by students a star was placed on the tree. Money collected was forwarded for Care packages to be sent to Europe.



Festive decorations in Farmville school include the door decoration put up by Mrs. Margaret Speight's fourth grade. The bells, greenery, ribbon and balls were a bright spot in the school's hall.



PINATAS—These two Pinatas hung in Mrs. Howard W. Mims room at Greenville High School before the holidays. The room was decorated by Spanish students and the Pinatas were broken at a Spanish type party before the holidays. At the party the students sang carols in Spanish and played games in Spanish. (Reflector Staff Photo).

IT'S OBSOLETE

Christmas signifies "Christ's Mass"—the festival of the Nativity of Christ. But down through the ages the words have been spelled differently and most are obsolete.

Here are some of the obsolete forms found in old English writings: Crystmasse, Crisemes, Crisimas, Crestenmas, Crestennes, Crisemes, Crisynmes, Crisimas, Kyrosomas, Xtemas, Cristnesse, Chrystmas, Christenmasse and Christmass.



Students at St. Raphael's School held their annual Christmas Party Wednesday shortly before Santa Claus made his visit to them. Cookies and ice cream were served during the party and Santa distributed gifts to each one of the children. (Reflector Staff Photo).



Miss Louise Galphin's students turned their Christmas activities into one with gifts for Hungarian Children. As a part of the program the students spent a considerable amount of time discussing Hungary and its place in the news of the day.

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Higher Price Tags On New Cars Are Accepted

By DAVID J. WILKIE, AP AUTOMOTIVE EDITOR
 DETROIT (AP)—Field surveys indicate the higher price tags on 1957 model autos have not yet stimulated any substantial sales resistance. At the same time some trading areas are reporting a leveling off from the initial heavy demand for new cars.

The manufacturers' sales chiefs, of course, will not admit there has been any decline in the enthusiasm with which the new model cars were received. Other industry authorities say a leveling off in demand was expected at this season. They explain this by saying the demand for new cars always slows down at this time

because of heavy Christmas buying in other lines of merchandise.

Dealer inventories are climbing back up again. But this, too, was part of the planning of the car makers. From Nov. 1 to Dec. 1 dealer stocks increased by 108,000 units to a total of 386,252 cars. On the basis of production and sales figures they could mount another 100,000 by Jan. 1. But even at that figure they still would amount to less than what now is considered a month's supply of new cars.

But regardless of the variations in the new car market the industry goes into the new year with more genuine optimism than has prevailed at similar periods for many years.

Optimistic statements are traditional at this season in the car industry. In the present situation, however, there has been no off-the-record modification of these statements. The one general reservation about the market ahead has been only that it would be seriously affected if the balance of peace were upset.

The year-end statements to be made by the various auto makers already have been outlined. They will follow the forecasts made as the industry staged its revived national automobile show in New York earlier this month.

Generally the predictions were that the industry will build and sell enough new cars in 1957 to make the year second only to the

record-smashing 1955. That would mean a production total of approximately 6,666,000 and retail deliveries of more than 6,327,000.

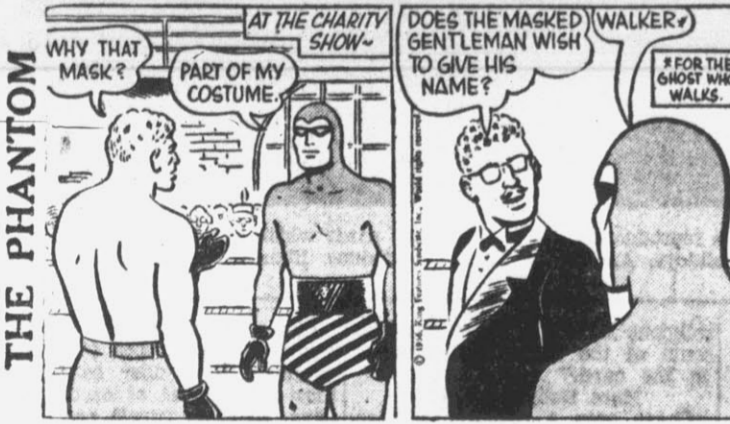
The industry will know by about mid-April whether these figures are to be reached. By that time the normal peak period in output and sales will have arrived for the auto industry.

Generally, the optimistic forecasters are emphasizing that personal incomes and personal savings are at record levels and are continuing to rise. They are saying also that the national economy is prosperous and promises to continue prosperous.

Another factor cited as justifying optimism for the year ahead is rapidly strong and steady demand for used cars at firm prices. This is mentioned as "clear evidence of a big underlying demand for automobile transportation."

And then there are the perennial references to the growth in the number of multiple car families and mounting volume of car scrapage.

The analysts say that at least four million cars will be scrapped in 1956 and that the number will be even higher in 1957. All the junked cars are not always replaced with new ones. Nevertheless the replacement market is a major item in the new car market.



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Prizes Awarded Pitt 4-H Youths For Peanut Yields



PEANUT PROGRAM—Bill Farrior (second from left) receives a check from James T. Keel as first place winner in a peanut contest. Looking on are other 4-H youth who won prizes. From left to right: Johnny Dilda, Farrior Keel, Tommy Phillips and Graham Gray. (Reflector Staff Photo).

Bill Farrior was awarded \$100 first prize Saturday for the peanuts which he grew this year. Second prize of \$90 in the contest, which was sponsored by Keel Peanut Co., went to Johnny Dilda. Third prize of \$70 was awarded to Tommy Phillips.

Assistant County Agent Cecil Register said the program was begun in order to increase peanut yield and quality. The 4-H youth participating were encouraged to use the best practices. The variety used was N. C. 2.

Barbecue Pit Is Damaged By Fire

Fire damaged the barbecue pit of Respass-James Barbecue House at West End Circle shortly before noon Saturday.

The blaze burned five pigs which were being barbecued and damaged the pit. The main portion of the restaurant was not damaged.

A. D. James, one of the operators of the restaurant, said the damage was covered by insurance. The barbecue house was not closed by the fire.

James expressed appreciation to Greenville firemen for their quick work in extinguishing the flames.

Government graders took samples from each of the fields and the prizes were awarded on the basis of the government grade, the yield, and record books kept by the boys.

Register said it is not certain whether the program will be continued next year but it is hoped that it will. More emphasis will be placed on growing quality peanuts and on properly stacking the peanuts.

Register pointed out that one boy had no damage this year and it was due to proper stacking.

The prizes were awarded Saturday by James T. Keel.

Other winners: Tommy Fer-

Caught . . . With Five Gallons

Willie Payton, Negro of near Grimesland was arrested Saturday afternoon and charged with possession of non-tax-paid liquor for purpose of sale.

Officers said Payton had five gallons of liquor in his possession. His bond was set at \$200 and he will be tried in County Court Jan. 8.

The arrest was made by Deputies N. H. Byrd and Cecil Crandall and Constable Ben Forrest.

erson, fourth prize, \$50; Allan Harris, fifth prize, \$30; Graham Gray, sixth prize, \$20; Joe Vernelson, seventh prize, \$15; John Vernelson, eighth prize, \$15; Taylor Barnhill, ninth prize, \$15.

Driver Charged In Sunday Crash

A Lillington Rt. 3 man was charged with careless and reckless driving following a traffic accident at Dickinson Ave. and Hooker Rd. Sunday afternoon.

The vehicles were operated by William D. Pace of Lillington Rt. 3 and Leslie T. Everette, Jr. of Macesfield Rd. 1.

Police said Pace was charged with careless and reckless driving. Damage to Pace's car amounted to an estimated \$500 and damage to Everette's car was set at \$150.

Investigating were Ptl J. E. Gurganus and J. L. Kerr.

Saturday night approximately \$850 damage resulted when cars driven by Willie R. Lewis of 1920 W. Washington St., Kinston and Floyd Nichols of 1300 Evans St., collided. The accident occurred at 10:30 p.m. at the intersection of Myrtle and Watauga Ave. No charges were preferred by investigating patrolman K. E. Warren.

Last Rites Today For Mrs. R. E. Dempsey

Mrs. Helen Naylor Dempsey, 31, died suddenly at her home in North Madison, Ohio, Friday afternoon at about four o'clock.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Wilkerson Chapel Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Rev. Rashie Kennedy, pastor of the Grace Free Will Baptist Church. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Dempsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delon M. Strickland of Greenville, was born in Duplin County and came to Greenville at an early age, and attended the Greenville Schools. She was married to Raymond E. Dempsey of Ohio in 1953 and had made her home there since that time.

Surviving are her husband; a daughter, by a former marriage, Carolyn Jean Naylor of the home; her parents; three sisters: Mrs. Charles Simpkins, Jr., Mrs. Jean S. Cannon, and Mrs. Bobbie R. Lewis, all of Greenville; and three brothers: Frank, and Dallas Murphy Strickland of Madison, Ohio, and Lonnie Earl Strickland of Greenville; and her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Jane Strickland of Clinton.

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J. B. Cheatham Dies In Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. J. B. Cheatham, retired Western Union official of Atlanta, Ga., father of Mrs. F. D. Duncan of Greenville, died in Atlanta on Saturday.

Funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock this morning in the Methodist Church at Franklin.

Holding Man For Assault On Rider

WILLIAMSTON—Robert Elton Taylor, 23, of Robersonville Rt. 1, is being held in jail under \$5,000 bond on an assault charge.

Taylor is charged with felonious assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious bodily harm, Martin County Sheriff W. R. Rawls said today.

He is accused of seriously injuring Roy Edmonson, 57 of Oak City last Wednesday, Edmonson, who is in Pitt Memorial Hospital, remains in serious condition.

Rawls said his investigation of the affair showed the following events took place:

A group of boys, including Taylor, stopped at a service station in Oak City Wednesday night and they were asked by Edmonson for

a ride to the basketball game. He was told they would take him but they wanted to stop by a friend's home on the way.

Edmonson went along and the group drove to a farm home. The friend was not at home and the car ran out of gas.

Rawls said his investigation showed Taylor wanted to get some gas from the home and Edmonson told him not to do it.

It was then that Taylor is alleged to have knocked Edmonson to the ground. Others in the group broke up the fight and Taylor is said to have broken into the house, found a shotgun and chased other members of the group away. Taylor is alleged to have stomped Edmonson in the face and left in the automobile.

Others in the group called the sheriff, and in the meantime a Negro man who lived nearby found Edmonson and rendered assistance.

Sheriff Rawls said the car was later found wrecked and Taylor was placed under arrest. Edmonson was taken to the Greenville hospital.

A Greenville doctor said Edmonson had a broken wrist, fractures and lacerations and bruises of the face and a bruised chest. His condition now is good, The physician said, although Edmonson was in serious condition when he was admitted to the hospital.

Churches . . .

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8 and 10 a.m.

St. James Methodist
The Youth Fellowship had a Christmas supper and saw a film entitled "Far From Alone" at St. James last week. A party was held last Friday for under privileged children.

Sunday afternoon members of the Youth Fellowship rode to the Oxford Masonic Orphanage in the Scout bus to sing carols. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Norwood are the adult advisors for the group and Miss Davenport is president.

The Women's Society of Christian Service had a special program at the church led by Mrs. Garland S. Tucker, Jr. of Wilson. The Methodist Men's Club had a Christmas supper followed by a period of carol singing.

The college Sunday School class was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. George Smith at their home on Ermut St., Mrs. Smith is teacher of the class.

Yesterday morning at Sunday School the pre-teen fellowship was in charge of a special White Christmas service.

A special Christmas service was presented over the "Circuit Rider" on television station WNCN yesterday afternoon.

First Pentecostal Holiness
A special Christmas play was presented at the First Pentecostal Church last night. The sermon at the services yesterday morning was entitled "Christ Centered Christmas."

Grace Free Will Baptist
Gifts were given to the children at a Sunday School program at Grace Free Will Baptist Church last week. The Sunday morning service yesterday was centered around Christmas. Last night a play was presented entitled the "Empty Room." It was directed by Samuel Johnson, music director of the church.

Hillsdale Baptist
A candle lighting and carol service was held Friday night by the Hillsdale Baptist Church. Yesterday morning a White Christmas service was held and articles were received for needy families.

Tomorrow morning the Rev. Mark Owens, pastor of the church is in charge of "Morning Meditations" on television station WNCN from 9 until 9:30. A group from the church will help with it.

Study Of Handel Oratorio Slated
Morning Meditations on Radio Station WGTC this week will consist of a study of the Messiah by George Frederick Handel.

Two sections will be played each morning with comment by the Rev. J. Malloy Owen, III, pastor of St. James Methodist Church. The recordings are by the London Symphony Orchestra and London Philharmonic Choir.

Lacerated When Car In Accident

Miss Janet Livingston, sister of Mrs. T. M. Watson, of Greenville, received cuts on the face that required 22 stitches when the car in which she was riding was involved in a wreck near Goldsboro yesterday.

The vehicle was being operated by her nephew, Charles Watson, of Greenville. The car was headed to Greenville when the accident occurred. The collision took place at Grantham's store about 14 miles from Goldsboro.

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Greetings, And A Safety Note



CHRISTMAS CARD—This is a reproduction of the Christmas cards which patrolmen are handing out to motorists during the holidays. An all-out effort to reduce highway accidents is being carried out by the patrol.

Dean Of Greeting Cards Sees A Religious Trend

By JOHN B. KNOX

The dean of America's greeting card industry has some hints for you about buying cards—a Christmas card, for instance.

Remember, says Ernest Dudley Chase, of Dedham, Mass., that your choice of a single card for Christmas, or even a box of cards, may not provide a message appropriate for everyone on your list.

Try to send a card personally suited to the friend who will receive it. You wouldn't for example, suggest a merry holiday for someone just bereaved.

Perhaps nobody else knows as much about greeting cards, and the industry, as Chase who is incredibly brisk and lively at 78. Although it's about half a century since he fashioned, for his own use, his first Christmas card, he's still a human dynamo.

His creative work is done in the early part of the day. He's at his vice president's desk at "Rust Craft" daily at 8 a.m. and he admits that he used to start his day's work considerably earlier.

Gives Advice on Cards
Chase wrote the standard textbook about the industry — "The Romance of Greeting Cards" — 30 years ago. So much has happened since then that he has just rewritten the whole thing.

He says the greeting card is America's gift to the world — "really an American institution." Do you know one of the best gestures you can make when you send a card? Chase says it's to

make the recipient feel complimented. Of course, he points out, the compliment — whether outright or implied — shouldn't be in conflict with the sentiment which is appropriate to the occasion.

Chase, who studied art in his youth, recalls he designed his first Christmas folder—a simple spray of holly and a Christmas wish—about midway in President Theodore Roosevelt's first administration.

A paper salesman turned Chase toward Christmas cards as a business. In his early years of business for himself cards were brought out in small editions and were farmed out for hand-coloring at home.

Verse Is Important
But the biggest problem then, as now, was good verses.

"The verse end of the business is the most difficult," says Chase. "The verse can sell or kill the card."

His firm buys fewer verses today but employs a larger editorial staff to work on greetings and messages.

Incidentally, he's pretty impatient with what he calls the "smut cards," and says, "It's a good way to kill the greeting card industry."

"It's wrong," he says flatly. "Easter and Christmas are religious occasions. While Christmas cards need not all be religious and may have symbols of the joy and merriment of the season, these should not be such as to offend

religious tradition. There must be some of the motif of Christmas in the card."
More Religious Cards
Chase sees a definite increase in the sale of the religious card. "More people than ever are going to church," he observes.

Chase warns that a so-called "personal card" with the printed name of its sender can be the most impersonal of cards. These days, he says, people are tending more and more to get away from impersonality by adding personal, handwritten notes to their cards.

Two Women Charged In ABC Cafe Raid Saturday

Two Negro women faced charges of possession of non-tax-paid liquor for purposes of sale, resisting arrest and hindering officers after ABC officers raided their cafe Saturday night.

Chief ABC Officer J. M. Ward identified the two as Vanilla Jenkins, 1309 W. Third St., and Annie Jenkins of the same address.

Both were arrested after the officers entered Jenkins Cafe on Albemarle Ave. with a search warrant Saturday night, Ward reported.

He said that a pot of whiskey sitting in a sink at the cafe was poured out as officers entered.

The two were released under \$500 bond.

The officers also arrested Harriet Joyner on Clark St. Saturday night on a charge of possession of non-tax-paid liquor. Ward said the Negro woman had a coffee pot of the illegal booze in her possession. She was released under bond.

Naomi Teel, Negro, 112 E. First St., was charged with possession of non-tax-paid liquor for sale by the officers. She was released under bond.

Bruce Reddick, Negro, 307 E. First St., was arrested by officers and charged with possession of non-tax-paid liquor for sale.

Ward also reported that the officers found 13 gallons of non-tax-paid liquor in a vacant house on First St.

Assisting the ABC officers in the arrests were Deputies N. H. Byrd and Cecil Crandall.

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