



Santa Claus greets children upon arrival at Fieldale where program was held opening the community's Christmas season.



Y-Choraleers present "The Messiah" at Draper Baptist Church.

Fieldcresters Busy

The week before Christmas—and Fieldcresters were busy in a round of activities ushering in the holiday season. The week was filled with special events and preparation for observances traditional at Christmastime. The grand rush was on as employees tried to find time enough for work, church and club functions, shopping for gifts, addressing Christmas cards and readying for Christmas at home.

Employees of the Sheeting Mill and of the Blanket Mill Weave Room held separate banquets at Draper's First Methodist church. There were numerous other club parties and dances, the Carolina Council's entertainment, the traditional presentation of Handel's "The Messiah" by the Y-Choraleers, and parades signaling the arrival of Santa Claus in the Tri-Cities and Fieldale. Several retired Fieldcresters left for Florida for a holiday visit or to spend the winter.

Churches were rehearsing their cantatas; the schools served their turkey dinners and held their Christmas tree programs before dismissing for the long Christmas vacation; The Tri-City Jaycees, with Fieldcresters prominent in the project, were conducting their sale of Christmas trees for the benefit of the Christmas Cheer fund; the Exchange club gave its annual Christmas party for the crippled children of the community, with gifts and treats for all; the Golden Age club held its Christmas dinner and special program.

Signs of the holiday were everywhere . . . gaily decorated streets, store windows with dazzling arrays of gifts, Ellis Stone in Greensboro with a Christmas



Jaycees Norwood Cheek and Tyrus Robertson get ready to sell Christmas trees for benefit of the Christmas Cheer Fund.

Below, left, Sheeting Mill employees have good time at banquet. Right, large group attends Blanket Weave Christmas dinner.

