

Hopping About TARHEELIA

By Jay Bee Aytch

GASTON'S GOOD GRACES
GASTONIA — Although Gastonia lacks a lot of being a paradise valley in so far as race-relations are concerned, the 40,000 population city of Gastonia — largest textile center in America — has a lot of credit side in such matters. Recently we name only a few which are outstanding.

First off we cited the record of Nathaniel (Nat) Barber, twice elected to the City Council for two years each time, and the first time he was elected as City Treasurer by the Council itself. This was hard to make many "northerners" believe that a Negro was treasurer of a southern city which was not met a colored hamlet as in some places. Once a transplant south-erner won a bet in New York by selling us "back home" to prove that Barber was really the city treasurer.

Of course the mere fact that Mr. Barber is secretary-treasurer of the Excelsior Credit Union here worth nearly a half-million dollars had a lot to do with his being selected as the chief finance officer during his first term in office.

Next, the city has a creditable civic and political organization which registers and votes its colored citizens in a manner to obtain recognition from the whites. Thus far they have beat down any attempts at "Uncle Tom" elements seeking to do the bidding of some whites intent on debasing Negro representation.

In Tarheelia textile communities have most always been considered hostile to the colored minority. This has been largely evaded here. Perhaps the credit may be due to labor union activity which gained wide-spread attention here some thirty or more years ago.

All classes of whites — particularly the poor or near-poor — speak and converse freely with the colored people with a show of genuine friendship. Consider the case of 102-year-old Rev. John Hood, 302 N. Pryor Street, who spends much of his day in conversation with the friendly whites of all social classes. His day is thusly spent much after the fashion of a school-teacher teaching youngsters. They all enjoy his congenial company and friendly philosophy. And Mr. Hood is no "Uncle Tom" either. He believes in his people having every right that accrues to any other people.

Recently there was a case of two teen-age white girls being caught just riding into town with some colored men. Although the incident made the headlines, the town did not panic and throw a spanner as happened when a similar incident occurred in Statesville in 1951. This is unthinkable in many eastern

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Apex News

By Mrs. E. H. Williams

APEX — The Cherubim Tents No. 142 of Apex, North Carolina sponsored a program at the A.M.E. Church on Sunday night, Dec. 28, 1957.

Sister Ruth Council was the mistress of ceremony. The program was opened with the audience singing "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross." Rev. McVern, the pastor gave the welcome address.

Miss Helen Stewart read the scripture of the Christmas story, and Mr. H. L. Williamson offered prayer.

Miss Beverly Stewart recited a beautiful poem. Others taking part on the program were Mr. Donald McNeil who sang a lovely solo and Mr. Richard Davis gave a reading on women.

Little Miss Jacqueline Williams recited a poem, "Baby Jesus."

Beautiful music was rendered by the Hayes sisters, Mrs. Pauline Hayes and Misses Shirley and Camilla Hayes.

Everyone always enjoy the beautiful voices of the Wilson Singers from the Christian Chapel Church, Rev. Henderson, pastor. The young ladies, Misses Delores Wilson, Youngella Stewart pianist, Miss Jennie Stewart gave several enjoyable numbers.

Readings were given by Sister Ruth Council and Mrs. Hatley. Mrs. Mary Baldwin Stewart leader of the Tents presented the guest speaker, Sister Elizabeth H. Williams.

Mrs. Williams used as a subject, "Together." She brought out many facts showing that possessing the qualifications of being together means success.

Some of the individuals she named who worked together for success were the Wright brothers, Cerville and Wilbur who sent up their biplane in Kitty Hawk, N. C., on Dec. 17, 1903; the people who aided in "The underground Railroad" during the days of slavery to slip into free territory.

The most important individual of all Jesus, working with his disciples to raise Lazarus from the dead.

Several other persons were named who worked jointly with people of finance and skill.

Mr. Ernest Harris, Mr. Buddy Council and Mr. H. L. Williamson were called to the table to assist with the offering. The collection was \$32.00.

The Tents hope to build a structure in which to hold their meetings. The meetings are now held in the home of the leader, Sister Mary B. Stewart.

Remember "Give to the world the best that you have, and the best will come back to you."

CONCORD

By Mrs. Marion W. Boyd

CONCORD — The Women's Civic Club had its annual Christmas meeting at the Logan Homes Recreation Room on the fourth Sunday in December. This year a special feature was a program of Christmas songs, stories, and scenes presented by the pupils in the community Nursery directed by Mrs. Grace O'Neal and Mrs. Sadie G. Scott. Each child was given a bag of Christmas goodies donated by a local grocery store through the efforts of Mrs. E. B. Baum presiding officer of the Women's Civic Club. The parents of the nursery pupils were guests of the Club and every one present was served a delicious repast. The children gave favors they had made to each parent and Club member.

Personals
 Mrs. Elizabeth Hult of Glasboro, N. J. spent Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Banner of 176 So. Georgia Ave. Mrs. Hult teaches in the Glasboro public school system.

Mrs. Sarah Cannon Weeks entertained at dinner on Sunday, December 29th at her home in the Rock Hill Community. Guests were Mrs. Letitia Smith of Hickory, Mr. J. H. Taylor, Mr. Robert Evans, Mr. Robert Taylor, Robert Taylor, Jr., and Charles Freeman of Charlotte; and Misses Frances Alexander and Talulu Copeland of Concord.

Recreation
 Biddy Basketball season is now open at the Recreation Center on Lincoln Street. Names of Biddy teams are to be sent in immediately to Mr. Troy Davis of Logan School or to Mr. John Withers, Recreation Director at 1 Center. Teams may be sponsored by local churches, clubs, or other organizations. Practice play will take place every Saturday in morning from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. special night games will be scheduled. Biddy teams are composed of boys from 10 to 13 years old.

Crafts classes instructed by Mrs. To in meet on Monday nights. Water color painting is one feature that Marion W. Edwards will continue will be stressed during this series.

prayer was offered by Rev. Eddie Baker. Our 2nd hymn No. 115 "What Grace Oh Lord and Beauty Shores" was sung while the congregation sat in devout meditation. The minister then chose his text from St. Matthew 3:3 and St. Luke World.

The following points were brought out: I. Light is always visible. II. It is a true light that never fails. III. It is a Universal light. IV. It gives life eternal.

The minister climaxed by saying, John the Revelator says, we will need no sun, neither moon nor stars to light the city. Jesus himself will be the Light. This was indeed a great message.

In the afternoon we journeyed to Manly St. Christian Church where another powerful message was delivered by our Pastor. He chose his text from Phillipians 4:19. Theme: "God's Supply House." Points: I. We are in need of wisdom and opportunity. II. We are in need of love toward our fellowmen. III. We are in need of Faith. IV. We are in need of dying Grace. We invite you to hear Rev. Carson.

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KINSTON NEWS

By Miss Yetta E. Dunn

KINSTON — Mrs. Harvey Beech and daughter, Pamela, are home or North St. after a N. Y. visit.

Little Cheryl Laws, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Laws of Thompson St. suffered a broken arm recently while playing. Young Miss Laws is recuperating satisfactorily and is attending classes at Sampson School where she is a student in Mrs. A. R. Hines fourth grade.

Mrs. Viola Bell continues to improve at her home on Lincoln St. Mrs. Alice D. Sanders was ill at her home on Lincoln St. last week. Mrs. Julia Suggs Freeman of Wash., D. C. was visiting Mrs. Ruth Suggs Lynch on Sampson St. last week.

Mrs. Cheney Locks of Thompson St. returned in N. Y. after visiting relatives in N. Y. Mrs. Locks was met at Wilson, N. C. and returned to Kinston by her daughter Mrs. Marian Laws and Mrs. Virginia Street and Gregory Laws.

Student Council representatives from N. C. met in a two day session on a recent Thursday at the J. T. Barber School in New Bern. Attending from the Adkin High School here were Westley Brown and Misses Eddie Jean Baker, Mildred Nobles and Marsha Baker.

The Kinston Teachers Unit met in its monthly session on Monday night at the Adkin High School. A film "Freedom to Learn" was presented by the program committee.

A Pinewood Derby Race of Pack 361 will be held at the J. H. Sampson School on Jan. 29 at 7:30. An invitation is extended to the public.

Members of the local Scout Committee meet on Tues. at the home of Miss Hattie Gray on Oak St. Plans were made for the Cub Scouts' Christmas program which will be held on Mon. night, Dec. 23, 7:30 at the Antioch Free Will Baptist Church on Lincoln St.

The Dramatic Club of the Savannah High School presented "Jane Eyre" a romantic drama in three acts in the gymnasium on Monday. Members of the cast were Frances Grainger, Sarah Louise Brown, Ruby McLawhorn, Annie Barnes, Morris Lee Clark, Mattie Fisher, Rosa M. Wells, Beatrice Brown, Robert Murphy, Charlotte Dawson, Isaiah Jones, Steven Sutton, Eula Kussel, and William L. Sutton. The play was directed by Mrs. Sara L. Flanagan.

The annual "Most Popular Song" Contest was held in the Washington High School gymnasium on Sun. at 5 p.m. Miss Emma DeWitt Thompson was crowned "Most Popular Senior Girl" and Jimmy McOrtha most popular boy. Mrs. Ortha Jackson was runner-up. Mrs. Z. W. Banks is the senior advisor.

The Young Peoples Service League of the St. Augustine's Episcopal Church met at Sat. at the home of Bernice Parks in Mitchell Wooten Courts. Activity of the evening was the making of Christmas carriages by members of the effort. Proceeds from this effort will go towards the purchase of a gift for the church. Those attending were Ray and Charles Baker and Misses Conrad.

The Young Men's Club of the St. John Free Will Baptist Church of this city met on Sun. Rev. R. A. Morris of Snow Hill, N. C. Attending the service from Snow Hill were Mrs. Walter Suggs and Mother, Mrs. Inez Edwards Byrd and Mrs. R. A. Morris and children.

A program which featured Christmas carols was presented at the St. James Church on East St. by the choir members, and the Sons and Daughters of the Adkin Club.

KINSTON — The Adkin High School Dept. of music presented its Christmas Program, "Gloria In Excelsis" on Sun. afternoon Dec. 22, at 5:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Soloists for the impressive program were Cleo Aldridge, soprano; Mrs. James Cogdell, Jr. presided by the singing of Christmas Carols led by Mrs. Crews. Afterwards club members engaged in the wrapping of Christmas gifts for boys of the Morrison Training School.

An exciting highlight of the evening was the exchanging of gifts by the club members with their Christmas sisters. Other gifts sent by Mrs. Hortense Chapman White, a charter member, presently of San Diego Calif. were scheduled to be opened at the Dec. 26 meeting.

Three progressions of pinocle were played. High scorers were Mesdames Cogdell and King. Consolation went to Mrs. Edgar Murphy, Jr.

The Christmas motif was used in decorations throughout with the dining table covered with reindeer on a Christmas table cloth.

A luncheon was served with individual lemon pies and hot coffee for desert.

Members present were Mesdames Chapman, Murphy King, Beech, Patterson, Henry Hill, Cogdell, Tillery, Stanley and Crews. Mrs. W. L. Bynum was guest.

Washington Junior High School Happenings

The beautiful string music played while we dined with Mrs. Playward directing was thrilling and enjoyable.

Washington's students and faculty extend to each of you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Very truly yours,
 Pupils of Washington School
 Honor Roll

Junior High
 Ninth Grade: Barbara Harp, Barbara Shaw and Virginia Carr.
 Eighth Grade: Alma Lucille Thomas and Joyce Cooks.

Seventh Grade: Robbie Debnam, Mozelle Dolby, Brenda Edwards, Váñez Meyer, William Upperman, Delores Butler, Dorothy Hinton, Robert Williams, Wilton Smith and Rosa Patterson.

Elementary School
 Sixth Grade: Robert Bryant, Carolyn Carter, Natalie Wilson, Juanita Patterson, Edith Freeman, Joyce M. Glenn, Theresa Phillips, Willie Elley, Betty Buggs, Faye Eaton, Lenora Brooks, Betty Jones, Dorothy Shaw and Dianne Davis.
 Fifth Grade: Charles Smith, DeLinda Harris, Jacqueline Smith, Brenda Butler, Dorothy Hinton, John Massenburg, Leonard Turner, Ella Watson, Bessie Beckwith, Nathala S. Deaver, Clementine Evans, George Holloway, George Hinton, Lawrence Wilson, Joseph Cotton, and Jimmy Howell.

Fourth Grade: Shirley Brewer, Dorothea McNeil, Stella Carr, Joe Ronald Forbes, Carlette Baker, Ronald Forbes, Vincent McCullough, Loretta Myers, Janet Tucker, Robert Watson, James Watson,

Method News

By Miss Dora D. Stroud

Christmas In The Churches
METHOD — Christmas was observed in the true spirit of Christ in our Churches this year. On Sunday night, Dec. 22nd the Christmas plays were given at our churches at which time gifts were presented to the church school members.

At St. James A.M.E. Church Mrs. W. B. Gaynor gave a play "The Birth of the Christ Child." It was grand and the children with their young voices sang the beautiful Christmas carols to enliven the joyment. The story was narrated by Mrs. Mamie Lucas and she was at her best in reading the narrative.

Missionary Circle Conducts Christmas Service

At six o'clock Christmas morning an early service was held at St. James by the leaders of the missionary society. It was a service of spirit and many thanks were given by those present. The same group of ladies gave fruits, candies and such for the sick and aged over in and out of the community. The ladies met at the home of the Missionary Circle's vice-president Mrs. Allie W. Small and prepared nice Christmas boxes for sixteen persons or more. Mrs. Mary Frazier made and donated an apron to each of the ladies on the list to which all were very thankful.

Missionary Union Ad Oub City Baptist Church

The Raleigh Missionary Union met with the Oak City Baptist Church Sunday, Dec. 9th at 8 p.m. The representative members from the several churches were present and brought out some good reports. The chorus trained by Mr. B. O. Wilcox sang for the occasion. They always render lovely music.

Christmas Tabernacle
 Attend services at the Christian Tabernacle Church. All members and friends are urged to come.

Sick
 Mr. Nathaniel Frazier was admitted to St. Agnes Hospital Sunday. He is the father of Johnny Frazier. Other sick ones in our community are about the same as at the last writing.

Berry O'Kelly School
 The Christmas play given at one school on Thursday, Dec. 20 was very well played. Arthur Sommerville was main character in the play and he played his part grandly. Clement Earl Harris with the next longest part was commendable. Mrs. Carter sponsors a Christmas play each year in cooperation with the P.T.A. Association. Each year her plays grow better.

School reopens for the second semester January 2nd.

Out of Town Visitors
 Mr. and Mrs. George Crenshaw, Sr. of Clarkton, N. C. were the house guest of their son, Mr. George Crenshaw, Jr. and their mother and aunt, Mrs. Julia Crenshaw and Miss Alice Freeman. Both Mr. Crenshaw and wife are teachers in the high school near their home.

Miss E. M. Manawag and Miss Marie Barnes are the house guest of Misses Mary A. and E. M. Ligon. Both ladies are residents of Washington, D. C.

Mr. A. C. Parrish, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James Wilkerson and children, Ruby and Jimmy of Washington, D. are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Parrish, Sr.

Miss Evelyn Smith is at home for holidays with her mother, Mrs. Katie Smith. Miss Smith is an instructor in the school system of Maryland.

Mr. B. O. Wilcox, who is teaching in a college in Mississippi, was here for the holidays.

Mr. Wilbert Hopkins of Washington, D. C. was a recent guest here. He visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sherrill and also relatives in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. White, Marlon R. and Mrs. O. J. went to Mount Olive Sunday to help celebrate Mrs. White's father's birthday. Dr. Riccio is her father and a very prominent medic. May he have many many more birthdays.

Mrs. Virginia Wright of Clinton, N. C. is the house guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Small. Mrs. Wright is a dear, dear person and also her daughter. We welcome such assets in our little town.

Mr. James McFadden, Jr. who is a student at and College Greenboro, N. C. is at home for the holidays. James Jr. is the son of Mrs. Bettie Mitchell here.

Begin the new year of 1958 with love and kindness. Let not a day pass without having said or done something to make life a little brighter for some man, woman or child.

Joseph Thomas, Wendell Deaver, Glenda Hood, Jimmie Coleman, Brenda Morgan, Vernon Robinson, Phillip Noble, and Jesse Nettles, Sports.

Wilson Linear reports that the Washington Junior High School's Green Hornets opened their basketball season Friday the 13th at 7:30 p.m. at the Washington gymnasium. The opponents were the Apex Bears. The game was very thrilling until the last moment. The outcome of the game was Bears 21 and Hornets 19. The Hornets are planning to play more games this season.

This year Washington has a Junior Varsity. Look out for the big game on the 19th to be played away from home. You will hear more about it. Just get prepared to attend.

Washington School extends to everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Goldshoro News

By HENRY C. MITCHELL

GOLDSBORO — The Goldshoro and Pikeville Lion clubs entertained 47 blind persons at their annual Christmas party, Thursday, December 19th at Greenleaf School.

Rev. James O. Melvin, pastor of St. Luke Disciple Church and Greenleaf Disciple Church, was the principle speaker. He spoke on the subject "The Christ Child." The true meaning of Christmas and the spreading of good cheer and happiness. He was introduced by Miss Sue Faucett, mistress of ceremonies and chairman of the program committee.

Short talks were heard from A. C. Crowder, principal of Greenleaf School, and Miss Viola Titus, case worker for the blind in Goldshoro and Wayne County.

Musical selections were heard from the Dillard High School Girls' Quartette, who sang two numbers; Nell A. Still, who sang his traditional rendition of "White Christmas" all were accompanied by Miss Thelma I. Johnson, who also played an instrumental solo.

A letter was read to the group from Mrs. N. N. Frederick, former principal of Greenleaf School, welcoming the group in her absence. As a result of recent illness it was the first party missed by Mrs. Frederick since its inception seven years ago.

Miss Lillian Hicks, blind for the past 20 years and spokesman for a blind club in the city, says of this year's party, "it's the best we have had yet, especially the program."

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed by all. Each blind person attending was the recipient of a bag of fruit and a gift. Each sightless person present was the guest of a Lion Club member, who was responsible for their transportation and a gift on the tree. All Lion Club members of Goldshoro and Pikeville are white.

Other committee members working with Miss Faucett were Mesdames Carrie Artis, Naomi Cherry, G. A. Cox, Odell Best, E. A. Hudson, Louise Ruff, Elnora Jones, and Misses B. E. Hines, Sadie Grantham, Annie M. Green, Hilda Thompson, E. Ward and Mr. Jesse Barnes.

Miss Mary F. Foye and Miss Julia A. Foye both of Crossville, Md. spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Odell F. Jones, 707 W. Elm St. Miss Julia Foye is a registered nurse at State Hospital, Crossville, Md. Miss Mary Foye is employed in the business office there also.

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Johnny and Theodore Middleton of Chicago, Ill., spent the holidays with their parents of Gate School.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Pate of New York City, spent the Christmas holidays visiting Mrs. Pate's mother, Mrs. Essie Kelly on Miller Street.

Mrs. Mary Lue King, Miss Vera Dunn, Miss Yetta Dunn, Miss Challene Sanders, Miss Joyce Dunn and George Dunn, all of Kinston, spent Thursday, December 26th visiting friends in the city.

J. H. Banks of Raleigh spent several days last week in the city visiting friends and former co-workers. Mr. Banks, auto mechanic instructor at Logon High School, Raleigh, taught driver education at Dillard High School for four years. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Branch on S. Leslie St. and the Mitchells on Parker St.

Miss S. M. Fields of Durham, sister of Mrs. A. C. Crowder spent the holidays with the Crowders on S. George Ave. She teaches at Apex, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston and Ethel Worrell Thompson of Annapolis, Md. spent Christmas with Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. Minnie Coley on Canal Street.

Miss Sallie Stitt of Danville, Va., spent the holidays with her family on W. Elm Street. Miss Stitt teaches in Danville.

Mrs. Viola Parks and Mrs. Helen Hartley were joint hostesses at a "Kitchen Shower" given in honor of Misses Johnnie Eleanor and Nora Elizabeth Holloway, brides-elect for December, at Mrs. Hartley's home 204 W. Pine St.

The home was beautifully decorated with gladiolas and fern. Upon arrival, the honorees were given lovely corsages of Red Carnations, tied with lovely white ribbon. Each guest wore smaller corsages like that of the honorees. The gifts were placed in a beautifully decorated umbrella. From appointed places in the living room sandwiches, punch, nuts and mints were served.

GOLDSBORO — Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carney recently entertained the faculty of Pikeville Training School and the Supervisor, Mrs. V. Greene at a party at their home, 508 Giles Street.

Games and Christmas music were enjoyed by all.

The pinocle prizes were won by Miss J. Gaither and Mr. William West. Guest prize was given to Mrs. V. Greene.

The hostess served a two-course menu.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carney, host and hostess; Mrs. V. Greene, supervisor of Wayne County Schools; Misses M. L. Hoskin, E. E. Dupree, D. J. Edwards, J. Gaither, Mesdames L. M. Branch, L. R. Aldridge, F. E. McClamb, I. M. Lane, P. R. Williams, T. H. Hamilton, H. U. Harris, M. J. Graham, Messrs. James Chadwick, William West, A. G. Richardson, H. P. Holley, and Theodore Bryan.

Fuquay School News

A SNOWY DAY

Now it is snowing. And home I am going. I love to see it snow. When I can play out with Joe.

By Brenda J. Black, Grade 4-B
FIFTH GRADE

We have just finished studying Animals Without Bones in our Science class. Some children gave reports while others made drawings of these animals. A few such as the earthworm and clam were brought into the classroom for observation.

Booklets were made of the drawings and facts obtained from this unit. Old Christmas cards were used to decorate the covers of the booklets. We found this very interesting.

SIXTH GRADE
 The pupils of Mrs. F. O. Massemburg's sixth grade class are glad to have Bobby Jackson, who has been confined at Duke Hospital, return to class. The class club is making preparations for its Christmas party for December 20th. The social committee is planning an enjoyable treat for all members of the class.

SCIENCE
 Preliminary examinations in connection with the 17th Annual Science Talent Search were held Wednesday, December 18, at Fuquay Consolidated School under the supervision of T. Cumberly.

Students taking the science aptitude test are George Talmadge Grigsby, George Jean Rogers, Howard Lee Beckwith Jr., Leroy Melvin Burton Jr., and Roy Cheek Street Jr.

The Science Talent Search for the Westinghouse Science Scholarships and Awards is conducted annually by Science Clubs of America, administered by Science Service. The purpose of the Search is to discover and foster the education of boys and girls with skill, talent, and creative originality in science.

Forty boys and girls who lead in the preliminary examinations will be given all-expense-paid trips to Washington to attend the Science Talent Institute for five days early next spring and to be judged for the scholarships and awards. Five of the winners will receive Westinghouse Science Scholarships ranging from \$7,500 to \$3,000 and the remaining 35 winners will be given awards of \$250. Honorable mentions will be awarded to another 250 winners.

As part of the preliminary examinations, each contestant must submit a report of about 1,000 words on the subject: "My Scientific Project."

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