

DURHAM

On Tuesday evening, December 16, at eight o'clock Mrs. J. A. Valentine was hostess to the Moxehalla Sunday School Class at St. Joseph A. M. E. Church at which time arrangements were made for the Christmas Tree.

The Julia Warren Circle was the guest of Mrs. Cora Barbee Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at her home on Price Street.

The Satterfield-Davis Dramatic Club met at Miss Mary Holloway's home on Mebane Street, Wednesday evening, December 17, at eight o'clock.

Sunday afternoon, December 14, at 3:15 the Union Baptist Church was the place of a very interesting program given by the Durham Ushers Union, the Program was as follows:

Devotions, Wm. Austin and others. Welcome R. L. Chavis, Union Bapt. Response, Fred Hines, St. Mark. Music, Gospel Chorus, Union Bapt. Talk on First Aid, Miss Emma Outlaw, Mt. Vernon. Solo, Mrs. Lizzie Thompson, Union Bapt. Paper, Mrs. Minnie Ford, Union Bapt. Music, Gospel Chorus, Talk, Mrs. Mary Ward Clayton, Pine St. Presbt. Ushers Song, Congregation. Talk, Burch Coley, West Durham Bapt.

Charlotte

Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander of Washington, D. C. were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jefferson at their home on Forest Street.

Mrs. Susie Graham is ill at her home on East Street.

Mrs. Carrie Colston of North McDowell street who has been confined to her home for the last year is reported doing nicely.

Mrs. James McCoy has been called to Sumter, S. C., to attend the funeral of her uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dunlap of

Greensboro spent the week end in the city as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Commodore Springs and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Porter at their home on East First street.

The Phyllis Wheatley Branch of the YWCA sponsored a turkey dinner Tuesday at the YWCA.

Dr. M. T. Brodie entertained at a surprise birthday party last Monday honoring his wife, Mrs. Mildred Brodie. Only a few intimate friends of the Brodie's were invited.

Alfonso Davidson was a visitor in the city last week for a few hours. Mr. Davidson is stationed at Fort Bragg.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Davis, motored to Salisbury Wednesday to attend the wedding of Miss Pauline Bennett, niece of Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Wilson on E. 7th street. Miss Bennett teaches in Salisbury.

The Adams commercial school will have their pre-Christmas party Friday evening at the school on Martin street. Around 75 guests have been invited.

The Chansonettes presented a musical program Sunday at Second Ward high school. There were a round 150 people present.

Cottril Blake of E. First street left the city Wednesday for the Navy.

Boxing Commission Refuses To Ban Ray Robinson

New York.—(ANP)—A request by Commissioner Leon Rains of Pennsylvania, that welterweight Ray Robinson be prevented from going through with a scheduled bout here Jan. 18 against Young Kid McCoy, white, was denied last Tuesday by New York State Athletic commission.

Commissioner Rains made the charge that Robinson had broken a verbal agreement to fight Marty Servo in Philadelphia, and asked that the commission support the Pennsylvania commission in its

suspension of Robinson. However, Chairman John J. Phelan of the New York board replied that the Pennsylvania body has recently ignored a request by him that it suspend Robinson for a similar offense against a local boxing club. Angered by Phelan's decision, Rains announced that relations between the two commission would cease immediately. "Boxing in New York," he said, "has gone back 20 years."

War Needs Money YOURS...

This war calls for every ounce of energy, every dime and dollar we can muster for ships—and planes—and guns.

Hit the enemy with a \$25 Bond. Hurt him with a \$50 Bond. Help to blow him sky-high with a \$100 or \$1,000 Bond. Don't delay—every hour counts. Buy United States Defense Bonds and Stamps TODAY.

ELECTRIFIER
Nearly 1,400,000 of the nation's farms have substituted electric lights for oil lamps in the past 6 1/2 years, reports the Rural Electrification Administration.

Weather Report

For Japan and vicinity—heavy showers of bombs, with scattered clouds of planes, probably followed by parachutes; a rapid gathering of cold anger, starting in the U. S. coastal regions, and spreading throughout the United States, is moving toward the west with increasing speed. Long range prediction: Complete inundation of Japanese islands; followed by tidal wave destroying military crops in Germany and Italy.

What Is The Pattern?

By RUTH TAYLOR

There is a pattern to life. Sometimes it seems vague and indistinct. Sometimes we cannot see it at all. But it is there—clear and sharp if we can attain the proper perspective.

Sometime we have to get up in the air in order to look down upon ourselves. Not "down" in a derogatory sense, but from "above" in order to get the full view of where we are heading.

When we look down from a plane, we see the whole countryside neatly spread out before us. The small uglinesses disappear. What we see is beautiful in form, geometric in outline, a shading of colors, each distinct, yet creating a harmonious whole. We see the brown ribbons of the roads, threading through the countryside, converging and diverging with relentless logic. There is a sense of oneness, of completeness. There are no state lines or man-made barriers of prejudice visible from the air.

So it is in the present crisis. We need to lift ourselves above the stress of hatreds, the fever of conflicting beliefs, the honor of the pestilence that is war.

We need to look down upon all this turmoil. We need to see it for

what it is—a blazing, searing crucible in which we are being forged into a united nation of loyal citizens who have at heart the survival of our nation, the good of all, regardless of class, race, creed or color. We need to rise high enough so that the dividing lines will fade out and the pattern of democracy become plain.

When we come down to earth, we must keep this vision with us. For, while we have national unity forged in the heat of emergency, we must take steps to protect and preserve that unity throughout the dark war-torn days that lie ahead—so that when the hour of crisis has passed it will be a living force binding together all the peoples of our nation.

DEFENSE BOND QUIZ

Q. What is the best safeguard for my child's future?
A. Buying Defense Savings Bonds, which will help the Government to preserve your child's American heritage of freedom.

Q. Will there be an intensive drive to sell Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps?
A. The Treasury Department sees in the response to the program so far indication that Americans will support National Defense on a voluntary basis, without high-pres-

sure methods.
NOTE.—To buy Defense Bonds and Stamps go to the nearest post office, bank, or savings and loan association; or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C. Also Stamps are now on sale at retail stores.

Defense contracts, new plants spread more widely over nation. Nelson urges friskless production to aid the defense program.

Livingstone College

Salisbury. — Acting Dean F. D. Drew of Livingstone College, recently released for publication the Livingstone College mid-semester honor list, ratings of the students who have done work at the "B" level or above for the past quarter of the current school year.

Leading the dean's list, with an average of 2.75 of a possible 3.00 points is William Cowherd, a freshman of Pittsburgh, Penn.

The current list totals twenty-one honor students, with ten seniors, four juniors, four sophomores and three freshmen.

The complete list in order of rank includes William Cowherd, Pittsburgh, Penn.; Constance Spottswood, Washington, D. C.; Fredericka Flack, Detroit, Mich.; Eleanor T. Babington-Johnson, Salisbury, N. C.; John T. Frazier, Indianapolis, Ind.; Thomas W. Pierce, Ithaca, N. Y.; Yvonne Gordon, Charlotte, N. C.; Lucille C. Cannady, Wadesboro, N. C.; William Clemmons, Washington, N. C.; Lorenzo McCormick, Wadesboro, N. C.; Lydia Staton, East Spencer, N. C.; Walter Bowen, Port Chester, N. Y.; Clayton Chaney, Elmira, N. Y.; Charlotte Coles, Troy, N. Y.; Helen Cottrell, Middletown, Ohio; Cathryne Graves, Salisbury, N. C.; Bettye Jean Harris, Pasadena, Calif.; Charles Shaw, Birmingham, Ala.;

Dorothy Slade, Reidsville, N. C.; Margaret Wall, Hamlet, N. C.; Lavonia Warren, Salisbury, N. C.

Program For Fepc

Alderman Dickerson and a representative from the President's Fair Employment Practices committee assembled a hand-picked crowd of civic, social, and national leaders at the Y. W. C. A. downtown Chicago last week to form a citizen's committee to aid in encouraging Negro workers to report instances of discrimination against Negroes in defense industries. The meeting was marked by an almost comical struggle for power among several groups of Negroes present to the general amusement of several groups of white people who themselves had come hoping to find unified action on a common problem. Despite this inauspicious beginning, one wonders what role such a committee can play today.

Big tanker built in record 120 days, among new launchings.

BRITISH CHILDREN'S PRAYER



British Children's Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep!
If this night's sleep should end in rest
That is forever, keep me blest
Within thy mercy! May I be
Child of thy kingdom, safe and free!

If I should wake within the night
To see the sky all red with light
And hear the roof-tops of the town
With our own walls come crashing down
Though there be death within the sky,
May I not fear, O Lord to die!

If I should die before I wake
I pray the Lord my soul to take!
But should I live the long night through
When I arise my work to do,
May I with courage seek to be,
Not safe, O Lord, not safe, but free!

By Merrick Fildes McCarthy
Illustrated by William Heaslip

THIS beautiful, moving poem by Dr. Merrick Fildes McCarthy, Associate Professor of Otolaryngology, University of Cincinnati, was presented to Bundles for Britain by the author, as his contribution to the cause of relief to civilian war-sufferers in Great Britain. William Heaslip, well known American artist, executed and donated the decorative panel showing a child at prayer against the background of a London air-raid. Prints of the illustrated verse are being sold through Bundles for Britain branches across the nation.

One Spirit...

ONE PURPOSE!

This Christmas, the heart of America is saddened, for our nation is at war. But the heart of America is strong, and we can be thankful . . .

That ours is a land where freedom still lives; thankful for our boundless resources and our power of work; thankful that we are fighting on the side of right, and above all, thankful that America is united in spirit and faces the future with unflinching courage.

Yet, these things alone will not bring victory. We must become awake — wide awake — to the grim truth that the very existence of our nation, our lives and our liberties are at stake. The fight will be long, hard and grueling — a fight that will demand genuine, unselfish sacrifice and the coordinated, relentless effort of all Americans, inspired by one purpose — complete victory over the brutal forces of aggression which have plunged our country and the rest of the world into war.

In the tremendous, vital job of transportation, the Norfolk and Western Railway and the Norfolk and Western Family pledge themselves to give their utmost in energy and service, to the end that America and her Allies will be victorious in restoring and perpetuating peace and good will among mankind.

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