

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Monday is first Monday. The Board of Education meets Monday. The Board of County Commissioners meet Monday. Cotton was worth 20 cents a pound in Louisburg yesterday. Only a short while before Christmas. Do your shopping early. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tharrington announce the birth of a son, Joseph Carey III, on Friday, November the 12th.

Louisburg College News

Mr. Oscar Fuller, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Fuller of Louisburg, Route 1, ranked second on the honor roll of Louisburg College, which was issued at the conclusion of the first quarter. This attainment was well in keeping with his membership in Phi Theta Kappa, a scholastic fraternity, as well as the many other campus offices he held before leaving for service. Miss Frances Spivey, daughter of Mrs. F. N. Spivey, of Louisburg, made the honorable mention list, or second honor roll, for the first quarter at Louisburg College. The requirement is at least a B average. Miss Spivey has recently been elected feature editor of the Oak, the college annual. Miss Dorothy Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Kennedy of Louisburg, Route 2, made the honorable mention list, or second honor roll, for the first quarter at Louisburg College. The requirement is at least a B average.

ENTERTAINS

Mesdames George Ford, Stanley Stovall, Ned Ford and Miss Marjorie Gardner were co-hostesses to members of the Junior Woman's League Tuesday evening of last week at the home of Mrs. Ford. Mrs. O. Y. Yarborough gave a talk on the Ring Operas of Richard Wagner. Besides members there were three guests, Mrs. E. S. Ford, Sr., Mrs. O. Y. Yarborough, and Mrs. Harrell J. Lewis. The hostesses served a salad course after the program. Mrs. A. B. Inscoc entertained her card club and a number of visiting players Friday afternoon of last week. Top score prizes were won by Mrs. Harrell J. Lewis, for members, and Mrs. Lewis E. Scoggin, Jr., for guests. The hostess served a salad course after the game. Mrs. Lewis E. Scoggin, Sr. was hostess to the Tuesday Afternoon Book Club Tuesday of this week. Members spent the social hour doing Red Cross sewing, as is their custom at one of the regular meetings of the club each month. At the home of Mrs. Gaither M. Beam, Mrs. Frank Harrington and Mrs. W. G. Lancaster entertained the William Robert Mills Book Club and several visitors. A salad course was served. Mrs. R. L. Eagles, Mrs. Numa F. Freeman and Mrs. Roger Mitchell were on the program. Special guests were Mrs. Ethel B. Scarborough, Mrs. Dick Yarborough, Mrs. Paul Bagby and Mrs. F. L. O'Neal.

EDWIN FULLER CLUB MEETS

Mrs. A. W. Person was hostess to the Edwin Fuller Club on Tuesday, November 23, at the home of Mrs. G. M. Beam. Mrs. F. R. Rose's paper on "China's Generalissimo and his Gracious Lady" was extremely interesting. Mrs. J. W. Mann read a current topic, "China's Yen" for Mrs. C. M. Howard. Mrs. Person's hospitality was enjoyed by Mesdames Wingate Underhill, R. G. Bailey, W. B. Barrow, G. M. Beam, J. A. Hodges, B. T. Holden, W. D. Jackson H. J. Lewis, A. B. Inscoc, J. E. Malone, D. W. Spivey, O. Y. Yarborough, J. W. Mann and Miss Ida Mae Yow, club members. Special guests were Mrs. Fuller Malone, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Hedden and Mrs. Mollie Beam. A salad plate with coffee was served, followed by delicious home-made candy.

MRS. MINNIE B. HARPER

Mrs. Minnie B. Harper, 52, of Roanoke Rapids, formerly of Franklinton, died early Wednesday morning at Duke Hospital in Durham. Surviving are her husband, J. L. Harper; three sisters, Mrs. J. M. Lorren, of Newport News, Va., Mrs. J. O. Pearce and Mrs. W. W. Brooch, of Florence, S. C. Funeral services were held on Thursday at 3 p. m. from the Franklinton Methodist Church by the Rev. Bunn Ferrell of Elm City, assisted by the Rev. S. E. Mercer of Franklinton. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery.

Personals

Mrs. Annie W. Neal spent yesterday in Raleigh. Mrs. Ben T. Holden was a visitor to Raleigh yesterday. Mr. W. A. Thomas, of Statesville, was a visitor to Louisburg Saturday. Mr. Otis Clark, of Warren County, was a visitor to Louisburg Monday. S2/c Jack Ayscue spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Ayscue. Miss Betsy Spivey spent the past Thanksgiving holidays with friends at Greensboro College. Miss Martha Yarborough spent Thanksgiving holidays at home, returning to High Point Sunday. Mrs. J. K. Dixon, Jr., of Trenton, spent the past week-end with her mother, Mrs. M. S. Clifton, Sr. Miss Louisa Jarman, who is teaching at Erwin, spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Louisburg. Sgt. Buster Collins, of the U. S. Army, is on furlough, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Collins. Mrs. Ruth Ricks, of New York, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mann. Miss Adelaide Johnson, of Asheboro, spent the past week-end with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson. Miss Elizabeth Johnson, of Thomasville, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Clifton, Jr. and family, of Virginia Beach, Va., spent the past week-end with his mother, Mrs. M. S. Clifton, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Fuller and daughter, Rebecca, of Raleigh, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Fuller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Ayscue. Sgt. John R. Ayscue, of Camp Atterbury, Ind., has returned to camp after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Ayscue. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter. Robert J. Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Murphy, left for his post Thursday night after spending nine days at home. Seaman Murphy is stationed at Bainbridge, Md. Col. A. H. Veazey, Mrs. Veazey and two sons, of Fort Benning, Ga. and Raleigh, and Miss Lucy Perry Burt spent two days last week in the home of Dr. and Mrs. S. P. Burt. Cpl. W. Ben Williams has returned back to Fort Fisher, N. C., after visiting friends near Louisburg. Cpl. Williams is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Williams, of Roxboro. Mrs. J. F. Malone left Tuesday night for New York, to meet her son, J. F. Malone, Jr., and his family who has just arrived from China, where they have been interned by the Japs. Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Moye, daughter, Margaret, and son, Donald, of Berkley, W. Va., and Mrs. P. C. High and daughter, of Raleigh, spent the past week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Holmes. Pvt. Elizabeth Clifton, member of the WAC's located at Fort Bragg, spent the past week-end with her mother, Mrs. M. S. Clifton, Sr. She was accompanied by Corp. Irene Bourdon, also of the WAC's at Fort Bragg. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cobb will leave today for Wilmington, where they will attend the marriage of their son, Capt. William Allen Cobb to Miss Catherine Ray Rogers, which takes place Saturday evening. Misses Gladys Holmes and Alma Hicks spent the past week-end with Miss Holmes' sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson, at Morrisville. They were accompanied home by little Ema Sue Johnson, who spent the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Holmes.

CHARLES WILDER BAGS PLANE

An Eight AAF Bomber Command Station, England.—Sgt. Charles P. Wilder, 22, of Louisburg, N. C., waist gunner on the Eighth Air Force Flying Fortress "Betty Grable—The Blond Bomber," speaks of a painted swastika, representing a Focke Wulf plane he recently shot down. Also in his crew were 2/Lt. Floyd W. Eakman, 27, of 937 W. Pleasant Street, Springfield, Ohio, bombardier, and 1/Lt. Lewis M. Kerrick, 24, of Grant and Pancho, Santa Cruz, Cal., pilot. The number of missions the comparatively new crew had participated in when the picture was taken, and is represented by pictures of 5 "crawling babies."

It's the chestnut, not the early bird, that is getting the worm right now.

Yes, Virginia--- There IS a Santa Claus!

How a Little Girl's Query Received Classic Answer From New York Sun

Over forty years ago, a curious little girl wrote a letter to the editor of the New York Sun.

"Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says 'If you see it in the SUN, it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus? Virginia O'Hanlon, 115 W. 95th St."

Edward P. Mitchell, at that time in charge of the Sun's editorial page, turned the letter over to Mr. Francis P. Church for answer. Only after editorial persuasion did Mr. Church answer this letter, and his answer, though published in the New York Sun of September 21, 1897, still remains one of the greatest Christmas editorials of all American journalism, for the answer Virginia O'Hanlon received is as true today as it was before the turn of the century.

THE SUN'S REPLY

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world

If there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginians. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The ternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in SANTA CLAUS! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world. You can tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No SANTA CLAUS! Thank God! He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the hearts of childhood."

Aussies Extend Jungle Advance

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, Wednesday, Dec. 1.—Australian jungle fighters, pushing northward in New Guinea in a two-pronged drive, reached the important trail junction of Bonga on the coast Monday as Japanese forces withdrew with only slight resistance. The drive along the coast continued past Bonga, with the Australian infantry supported by Matilda tanks moving to the Kalueg river mouth, just north of the village, controlling an important supply trail to the Japanese outpost at Wareo, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique said. Other forces moving on from captured Sattelberg are advancing on Wareo after crossing one mountain ridge and a river on the east trail. The land drive to clear the Huon Peninsula of enemy forces and prepare for a possible attack on New Britain Island was supported by the naval shelling of enemy supply areas in the Sio harbor area, 50 miles above Finshhafen. The light warships, probably destroyers, bombed Sio harbor Monday night and before dawn Tuesday, and a headquarters spokesman pointed out that the warships operated in the Vitiaz Strait because Allied airfields have been moved up the New Guinea coast to provide cover.

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