

The Pirate Log

By: The Three Buccaneers (Kat, Jan and Peg.)

We may well start off with the ball game last Tuesday night. The Loris Tigers trounced the Pirates by a score of 29 to 31 in the girls game and also won the boys' game. High scorers were Amelia Kirby for the Shallotte girls, Ruby Floyd for the Loris girls, and Billy Gray for the Shallotte boys and Grainger for the Loris boys.

The rest of the week went as usual except that we couldn't get our minds on books, because it was so near Christmas.

Friday school turned out early. We had the first two periods and then we assembled in the auditorium for a Christmas program. It was really a surprise too. Mr. Stone played the records of "Dickens's Christmas Carol." To those who had never heard it, it was really a treat and to those who had heard it, well, it is just like a Christmas song. We never get tired of hearing it. After that we sang songs and some of the classes had parties. Then with everyone wishing everyone else a "Merry Christmas", school adjourned.

Seen Around: Some of the former students who are now in college and military school. They included Rose Marie Holden from W. C., Audrey Gore and L. L. Hewett from Mars Hill, and Glenn Russ from a military school. Lois Pigott and Goody Holden opening presents from Sammie Boyd. Mr. Reese telling his geometry class it was a good day for a test and to get out pencil and paper. They had to see how many words they could make out of "Happy New Year." Miss Neville's typing classes drawing on the typewriter. Marion Galloway having trouble with tennis shoes at the ball game. The basketball girls having to play in their socks when they leave their shoes at home since the gym floor has had

floor seal put on it.—The bus drivers more popular than ever since they got their bus checks.—And Mr. Stone telling us that he wouldn't blame us a bit if we didn't open a book during the holidays. Wonder if he thought we would. All we can say is that if he did he has a surprise in store!

If the turkey, cranberry sauce, fruit cake, baked ham, (ain't life wonderful) and all the surprises of the holidays don't get us, we will be back next week.

ERECTING HOME
Otto Hart is building a garage apartment next to his home on Rhett street.

BASKETBALL GAME
The next home appearance of the Southport Independent basketball team will be on Monday, January 16, against Hallboro.

GRADUATES THIS YEAR
Everett Hewett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burgwin Hewett of the Boone's Neck community has been spending Christmas at home. A senior at State College, he will graduate in agriculture in March.

VISITORS FROM APEX
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pierce, Sr., and Miss Joyce Pierce of Apex spent the Christmas holidays at Shallotte with Patrolman and Mrs. J. C. Pierce.

SAW GRAND OLE OPREY
Mr. and Mrs. A. Earl Milliken and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russ of Shallotte attended the Grand Ole Oprey in Nashville, Tenn., last week. They were guests at one of the programs.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Walker of Wilmington, formerly of Southport, announce the birth of a son, David Alan, at James Walker Memorial Hospital, December 17.

VISITED SISTER
Mr. and Mrs. John Brown of Laurinburg and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Brown of Elizabethtown spent Christmas at Supply with Mr. and Mrs. Buck King. Mrs. King is a sister of the Brown boys. Incidentally, John Brown and W. E. Keziah were school mates during the short time that Keziah

attended school many years ago.

NEW YEAR DANCE
Commander Edward Redwine states that free refreshments will be served at the American Legion Dance at the Hut at Shallotte on New Years Eve. The regular meeting of the Post, with some important business to transact, will be on Tuesday night, January 3rd.

COMPLETELY RECOVERED
Mr. and Mrs. David Watson and children of Berea, Ohio, near Cleveland, are spending the week here with Mr. Watson's mother, Mrs. Ida Watson. Mr. Watson is a member of the F. B. I. and it will be remembered that he was seriously injured in an automobile wreck between Raleigh and Louisville in October. For a time it was feared his injuries might prove fatal. He has now completely recovered and will resume his duties with the F. B. I. in the next two or three weeks.

ROGER BABSON MAKES
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1950.
8. We, therefore, advise going easy on inventories. 1950 is a time to get out of debt and stay out of debt. Speculation in commodities should be discouraged in 1950.
9. We believe that the cost of living index has turned down for the present. The average for 1950 will be less than for 1949.
10. Practically all retail prices will average less in 1950 than in 1949, notwithstanding the excess of money mentioned under 27-28 and 29 below.

Farm Outlook
11. The total farm income for 1950 should be less than that of 1949, which means lower prices on the average for wheat, corn, pork, poultry, eggs and certain dairy products. Farmers should diversify more in 1950, get out of debt and put their surplus money into savings, in preparation for the next crop failure.
12. The supply of certain canned vegetables and fruits (except citrus) should be greater during 1950 than at the same time during 1949. The prices of these products should fall off, barring some weather, insect or blight catastrophe.

FOOD... through the ages..

IN EARLY MEDIEVAL TIMES, CHRISTMAS WAS A FAST DAY. NEW YEAR'S WAS THE DAY OF FEASTING AND PRESENT GIVING.

ENGLAND'S FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE, INTRODUCED IN 1840 BY QUEEN VICTORIA AND PRINCE CONSORT ALBERT, WAS TRIMMED WITH EDIBLE SPUN-SUGAR ORNAMENTS AND GINGER-BREAD MEN.

MOST FAMOUS ENGLISH CHRISTMAS TREAT SINCE CHAUCER'S TIME (1340-1400) ARE YORKSHIRE CAKES SERVED WITH ALE.

SOME SCANDINAVIANS LEAVE FOOD FROM CHRISTMAS FEAST FOR JULANISSEN, A TINY, MYTHICAL HOUSEHOLD GNOME, WHO EATS WHILE THE FAMILY SLEEPS.

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13. Poultry and dairy products will especially increase in volume during 1950 with prices averaging less than in 1949.
14. Farmers will continue to work to hold present subsidies. It is popular to criticize the vast amount of crops which the Government owns or is making loans on, but this surplus in storage may be a great blessing when the next crop failure or war comes.

Taxes
15. The Federal Budget will be increased during 1950 over that for 1949.
16. Over-all Federal Taxes will not be increased during 1950 and there may even be some readjustments to encourage venture capital. Moreover, some of the nuisance taxes may be eliminated or reduced.
17. The long-term capital gains tax of 25 percent will remain unchanged.
18. There will be many increases in local and state taxes, and more reaching for relief by "sales" taxes or other forms of raising needed funds.

Retail Trade
19. Goods on counters will be of better grade in 1950 than they were in 1949.
20. Markdown sales will continue during 1950 as consumer spending slackens due to a decline in employment and other factors.
21. The dollar value of all retail sales in 1950 will be moderately downward, and the unit volume of retail sales will also be less in 1950 than in 1949.
22. Less will be spent on new building and equipment by stores and factories during 1950.

Foreign Trade
23. Our exports will be down during 1950 and our imports will be up during 1950—comparing both with 1949. This will partly be accounted for by the devaluation of the English Pound and other foreign currencies.
24. Foreign credits will continue to be granted during 1950, but some of these will be direct by American business firms and investors. If our Government will get foreign governments to agree that such investments will be exempt from any new tax or other legislation by the foreign country in which the investments are made, considerable progress would be noticeable along foreign trade channels.
25. American interests will

increase.
35. 1950 will see a further fading off of certain tax-exempt bonds due to the new Housing Authority Obligations to be issued during 1950.
36. The Federal Reserve will continue during 1950 the same general policy which it followed in 1949.
37. The importance of diversification will be given more attention in 1950 and wise investors will watch their bond maturities to see that they are either short or systematically staggered.

Real Estate
38. The city real estate outlook is uncertain. It should continue to hold firm throughout 1950 due to less available rental space caused by pulling down old structures to save taxes and to provide parking spaces. Owing to high costs and the fear of World War III, there will be little inclination to build new city property. On the other hand, the continual movement out of our large cities—in the interest of decentralization—may cause prices to soften.
39. There will continue to be a fair demand during 1950 for suburban real estate with a shading of prices for large places; but the residential construction boom should continue well into 1950.
40. The demand for large commercial farm acreage will be less during 1950; but small sustenance farms, especially those located close to established communities, will hold up and, perhaps, increase in price.

41. There will be some decrease during 1950 in industrial and private building. The cost of such building will decline a little and the quality of workmanship will improve. There should be an increase during 1950 in publicly financed building.
42. There will not be much change in business rentals during 1950, but residential rents will average higher in 1950. Only as property owners are granted higher rentals will there be more houses built for rental purposes.
43. Mortgage interest rates during 1950 will continue about the same as during 1949.
44. The growth in industrial pensions should help real estate sales in Florida, California, New Mexico and Arizona.

45. Many business concerns find their operations sliding down toward the break-even point. There will not be as much margin between costs and selling prices during 1950 as during 1949. Unemployment will gradually increase due to the installation of labor saving machinery and other causes.
46. Military preparedness will continue to bolster general business and employment during 1950 but this is not a healthy development.
47. Excluding Government owned commodities, the physical stock piles or manufacturers will remain about the same during 1950 as during 1949.

General Business
48. 1950 will be an... year. The Republican... administration will continue... the so-called "Selfish... but at heart the... bark will be far worse... bite.
49. The Administration... continue to be sympathetic... organized labor unless... John L. Lewis goes... that event, such a... made the whipping boy... the consent of other... labor leaders.
50. The Congressional... of 1950 will not... political status of... any great extent.

CATHOLIC INFORMATION
The Crossroads of Time
A mother lays her new born child in a crib... angels appear on a hillside... shepherds hurry quietly into Bethlehem...
Somehow, the world stood still that night. Time was at the crossroads. Men took a long last look at the Old Testament and turned their faces toward a new era—an age of love and brotherhood. With the first gurgle of that Jewish baby, Christianity drew its first breath on earth.
But why?—who is this baby? Let's go over and look into that crib!
There he lies—a little boy. His mother has him so wrapped that all we can see is his face—but it seems no different from other baby faces...
The strange, the mysterious fact about this baby boy is that the Jewish world has been talking about him for the past 1,500 years. Long ago—500 years before—the prophets had lifted up their voices and said:
"Behold! A virgin shall be with child, and bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel" (Matt. 1:23).
"Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart and the tongue of the dumb shall sing."
"And he shall feed his flock like a shepherd, and he shall gather the lambs with his arm and carry them in his bosom, and lead those that are with words were uttered 500 years before Mary laid her child in a manger!
This baby then—this He the Prince of Peace? Mighty? Yes, because he grew to manhood, and was God and He proved it pure history.
And that is the marvel of the festival. It's that which the Christian world to this every year: the spectacle of the mighty God in the flesh, the vout adoration of those whose fingers—fingers which shape mountains and set the her place, now reaching out less for Mary's face; the which pronounced the first Creation, now tiny and cold.
Is it any wonder that angels raise our voices with awe and born. Today our Savior ed. Glory be to God in the est, and on earth, peace of good will!
"Come and behold the King of Angels"—must do more than believe must adore our God, now in the manger, now Cross.
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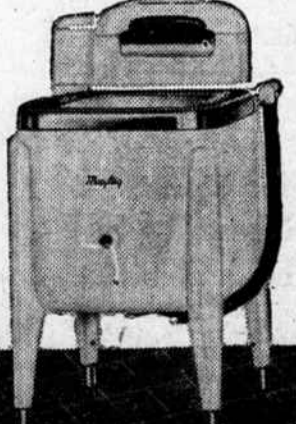
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Womens Blouses	\$3.00	\$1.25
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