

Army Openings In Operation Vittles

Recent presidential approval to augment the present Berlin Airlift Task Force, known as Operation Vittles, by an additional 66 aircraft, has necessitated an increase in the number of former servicemen needed for this project.

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fications commensurate with your former training . . . such as 060 - 063 - 070 - 181 - 097 - 264 275 - 345 - 405 - 747 - 750 - 2750 - 2756, and many others.

Individuals qualified and enlisted under this program will be enlisted in the United States Air Force, unassigned, for periods of three, four, five or six years, for assignment to the European Command. Qualified individuals will be sent to the nearest Air Force processing station for complete processing. All men

Christmas Music By Bach, Handel

For a great many people the music of Bach and Handel make difficult listening — until Christmas comes around. Then, suddenly, everybody starts singing and humming tunes by the two old masters.

The reason for this is that both Bach and Handel were church musicians. One of their tasks was to compose songs for church congregations to sing. They proved themselves masters of beautiful, easily followed melodies in their Christmas music. Our most famous Christmas oratorios and carols came from Bach and Handel.

"How Brightly Beams the Morning Star" was composed by Bach and his "Christmas Oratorio" contains the themes of several other popular chorales.

In almost every town and village in America this Christmas a church choir will render at least a portion of George Frederick Handel's the "Messiah." When carolers sing "Joy to the World" they'll be singing part of the "Messiah" too, for that carol comes from themes found in the great oratorio. Handel also composed the musical theme of "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks."

It is a strange fact, but both Bach and Handel were born in 1685, lived for many years within thirty miles of each other, and never met. Yet today, the Christmas music they wrote is sung by men, women and children in countless churches of many faiths all over the world.

Miss Burch, Mr. Fulcher Are Married In Elkin Church

Elkin — Miss Nell Burch, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Emory Burch, of Mountain Park, became the bride of Ophus Martin Fulcher, of Leaksville, in a ceremony solemnized at 4 p. m. Saturday in the First Baptist church in Elkin.

Rev. Scales Draughn of Crutchfield heard the vows. He was also the officiating minister at the wedding of the bride's mother and father.

A program of wedding music was presented by John Sagar, soloist, and Miss Effie Crater, organist.

Miss Preston Foote, of Milton, college classmate of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a dress of mist green satin, featuring a low rounded neckline outlined with a soft fold, moulded bodice and a gathered skirt. She wore a headdress of matching satin and ostrich tips. She carried an arm bouquet of talisman roses.

Miss Martha Holland and Miss Nancy Miller of Statesville, also college classmates of the bride, were bridesmaids. They wore dresses and headdresses made identical to that of the honor attendant, and carried arm bouquets of talisman roses.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of candlelight satin, semi-princess styled with a train, bateau neckline accented with triple World War II he served with the Army Air Corps in India. He is

marquise. A coronet of seed pearls and orange blossoms was worn with her full length veil of imported French silk illusion. Her only ornament was a heirloom lavalier. She carried an arm bouquet of gardenias centered with white orchids.

The bridegroom's brother, Lester Fulcher of Leaksville, was best man. Ushers were Philip Burch of Clinton, brother of the bride, and Floyd Osborne, of Leaksville, brother-in-law of the bridegroom.

Immediately following the ceremony, the bride's parents entertained at a reception at Hotel Elkin. White gladioli and white roses were used in decoration in the foyer and on the bride's table, which was centered with a tiered wedding cake.

Following the reception, the bridal couple left for an unannounced wedding trip. For travel the bride changed to a winter blue suit with magnolia white blouse and black accessories.

Mrs. Fulcher was a member of the graduating class of William and Mary College, where she received a B. S. degree in Social Science. Since September 1, she has been employed with the Surry County Welfare Department.

Mr. Fulcher is a graduate of North Carolina State College, Raleigh, with a B. S. degree in Animal Husbandry. During

West Jefferson WSCS Met Wed.

Mrs. Raymond Francis Hostess To Group At December Meeting

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the West Jefferson Methodist church met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Raymond Francis.

A Christmas story was told by Mrs. Norman Duvall with music by Nancy Katherine Graybeal. Mrs. John Rhodes gave the devotional, "They Offered Him Gifts."

The business session was presided over by Mrs. B. B. Graybeal, at which time Mrs. Leeb Cannady was welcomed as a new member. Mrs. Graybeal read a poem of appreciation for the work of the society, that she had written.

Mrs. Frances, assisted by Miss Ann Francis and Mrs. Don Francis, served a beautifully decorated plate of Yuletide refreshments.

The group will meet with Mrs. Sharpe Shoemaker in January.

now employed by the North Carolina State College Extension Service in Surry county.

He formerly served as assistant county agent of Ashe county.

Among those from Ashe county attending the wedding and reception were Mr. and Mrs. Hoke Wagoner, Mrs. J. C. Gambill, Mrs. Paul Perkins and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Koontz.

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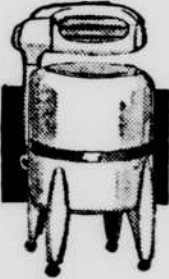
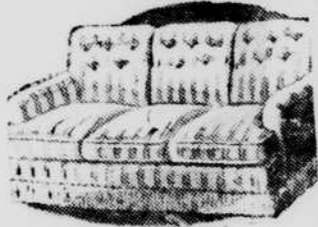
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Pagan Rites Basis Of Many Customs

Strange as it may seem, most American Christmas customs stem largely from Pagan rites practiced long before the birth of Christ.

The custom of exchanging gifts is one of the few that springs from the Christian era. Christmas candles, bonfires and Yule logs arise from the heathen festivals observing the winter solstice, December 21, when the days began to lengthen. That was a time of great rejoicing for ancient sun worshippers who built bonfires to give strength to the "winter sun-god."

Pre-Christian Romans ornamented their homes with green boughs and flowers for the Feast of Saturnalia which began December 19. Druids gathered mistletoe for that season, while ancient Saxons used holly, ivy and bay. Modern mistletoe and holly wreaths come from those people.

Christmas trees, too, spring from the ancient German days when Germanic tribes made sacrifices to the sacred oak tree of Odin. When the missionary St. Boniface traveled to Germany in the Eighth Century and saw these celebrations he persuaded the natives to substitute a fir tree for the oak and to adorn it in a tribute to the Christ Child.

During the Middle Ages the entire Christmas season was celebrated in equal fervor with that now shown on Christmas day. In some lands the celebration lasted from December 24 to January 6—Twelfth Night—and in others from December 21 to February 2. By the year 1644, Christmas in England had become such a wild orgy that the Puritans forbade its celebration by law.

enlisting under this program must meet present Air Force Enlistment Regulations.

This is a wonderful opportunity for former servicemen to enlist in the Air Force and be assigned to the European Command. Act now . . . Don't wait . . . The quota for these assignments must be filled by January 1949.

For complete information contact the Recruiting Sergeant at West Jefferson post office.

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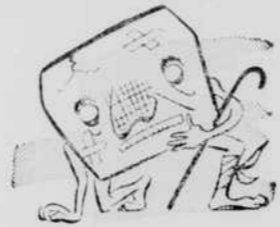
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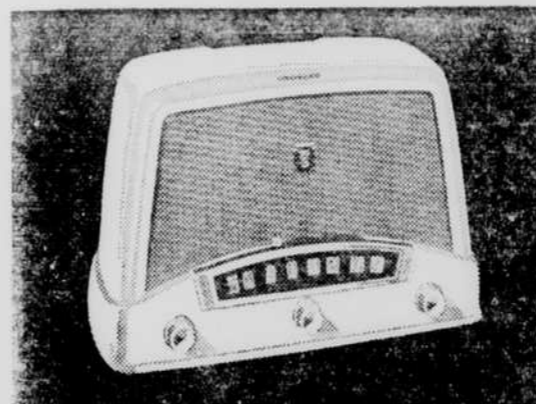
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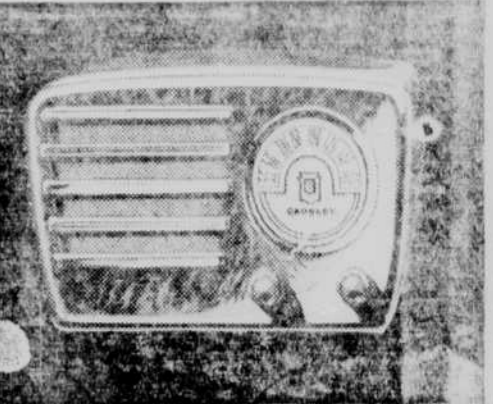


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