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Christmas Cantata Last Sunday Night Was Very Beautiful

Sunday night in the Presbyterian church was the first program ever put on in Raeford was carried out when a senior and junior choir, composed of members of the three Raeford churches and one member, Mr. Pence, of Wagram gave a Christmas cantata. Owing to an early and cold weather, a small congregation was present but those who attended are loud in their praise of the program. Many requests have been made that this program be given again next Sunday evening but it is not known as yet whether or not this will be done. Following is the program:

Prelude, by Mrs. Ina Bethune; Doctrine by congregation; scripture reading, The Birth of Christ, Luke 2:1-7; Dr. Fairley; prayer by Dr. Fairley; offering for aged ministers. The cantata then began with "Yuletide Memories" by Mrs. Ina Bethune. A junior choir consisting of the young people of the town, thirty-five or more in number, directed by Mrs. Ina Bethune, sang the cantata. The cantata began with a singing "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing." This choir also sang Christmas carols interwoven into the cantata.

Those who sang in the senior choir were as follows: Soprano—Mrs. E. B. Lewis, Mrs. H. W. Driggers, Mrs. G. B. Reynolds, Mrs. Sarah McFadyen, Miss Josephine Hill and Miss Bessie McFadyen; alto—Mrs. H. R. McLean, Mrs. R. L. Murray, Mrs. Marshall Thomas and Miss Isabel Jean Lamont; tenor—Messrs. J. S. Poole, M. L. McKeithan and Pence; bass—Dr. H. R. Crosswhite, Messrs. Martin McKeithan, W. B. McKeithan, and Carpenter. The solo parts were sung by Mrs. E. B. Lewis, Mrs. Marshall Thomas, Miss Isabel Jean Lamont and Messrs. M. L. and Martin McKeithan. Accompanist, Mrs. Ina Bethune; director, Mrs. T. C. Washington.

Russell Jones Dies From Auto Injuries

Raleigh, Dec. 22.—Russell L. Jones, bookkeeper at the Commercial National Bank, died at 6 o'clock this morning following an accident near midnight in a collision with the automobile driven by Walter L. Bagwell, prominent insurance man. The young banker received injuries from which he never recovered consciousness.

Coroner L. M. Waring, who investigated the accident today, said tonight that he must await the return of witnesses tomorrow before he can reach a satisfactory verdict in his own mind.

Mr. Waring says the evidence tends to show that Mr. Jones was walking from the south to the north and Mr. Bagwell was driving down Hillsboro street. Mr. Jones seemed dodged one machine only to set into the path of the other. The insurance man, after striking the bookkeeper, picked him up and drove him to the hospital.

Mr. Jones has been several years with the bank and at the August nomination for new lawyers passed the Supreme Court.—Raleigh Times.

Mr. Jones was a close relative of Mrs. T. B. Upchurch of this place and was a young man of sterling worth and bright prospects.

Has Music Recital In School Auditorium

The Music class of Mrs. W. B. McQueen gave a recital in the school auditorium on Friday night, Dec. 20. The performance reflected credit upon the pupils and the teacher.

After the recital Mrs. Harry Green delighted the audience with a few selections on the accordion.

The young men's band then took charge. They played surprisingly well, considering the short time they have been organized. They were greeted with hearty applause. The band members are Messrs. Hallie Blaylock, Craighead, Hinton, Fred Culbreth, Gaston, McBray, William Lamont, James Matheson, Nell James Blue, Murdock McDuffie, Hudson Graham, Marlon Gatlin.

SETTING TREES AT LAKERIM

A unique demonstration is underway on the state fish hatchery property near Fayetteville which should prove of great value to the land owners and citizens in this section of the state.

The state department of conservation and development recently purchased the Lakerim property on the Raeford-Fayetteville road, adjoining the fish hatchery and on this property the forestry division of the department of conservation and development is presently engaged in setting



Tune In . . . Folks!
Little 1930 is on the Air With Greetings for All

Reminiscences Of Civil War Times

By Mrs. Frances W. Dickson.
Every day you hear the strenuous times discussed—and truly so—which in a large measure can be attributed to three consecutive wet years and the ravages of the boll weevil. But to one who can remember anything of Civil War, and reconstruction days, we are not on the edge even of poverty.

What would you think if you had not had a biscuit, nor a cup of coffee in several years, nor sugar, nor salt even to go in your corn pone. This writer, then a small child, remembers to have seen and a portion house floor taken up and a portion boiled each day, to get a little salty water for seasoning. No child, no matter how wealthy, could expect a toy and not even a doll or a bit of candy, and to them Christmas was a disappointment. Neither were there any fire-crackers or other explosives. For extreme winter weather your daddy tanned a beef hide and a shoe cobbler would come to your home, and in an hour or two, knocked up a pair of shoes that would, at least, keep your feet from the frost, and your mother would knit your hood from yarn spun in her loom house, where the thread was spun from wool, from your own sheep, or cotton from your own cotton patch. There were no cotton gins in those days. After supper everyone (as we sat by the fire in the living room) must pick the seed from his shoeful of cotton for the spinner the following day. After freedom the spinning and weaving fell upon our mothers for there was no money to hire it done, as the Yankee soldiers ransacked and took away the best in our homes. We took up the carpets for bed covering. The feather beds in some places were torn open and the feathers to the winds. For head covering the hats were made at home from shucks or wire grass, and if you could find in the scrap bag a ribbon band, you were quite dressed up. This scribe remembers what "thrill" she got by the purchase of her first store hat, with its pink moss roses and buds. Such enchantment has a child of today can never experience—and the first calico dress at the same time. We knew nothing before but homespun checks and the first cake of toilet soap another thrill. In those days the dyes were also made at home, brown from walnut bark or hulls, yellow from coppers, red from sumac, and blue from indigo. A patch of this was grown at home. Soap was made at home from lye that was "ran off" from your oak and hickory ashes. For needles and pins thorn-bush was the only substitute.

The boys and girls were a hardy lot in those days and walked in many instances 4 or 5 miles to church, those even who had ridden in two or four-horse carriages before Sherman came along. Some of us swept everything, not to see the stock for another crop, but to see the father, who was a big planter and owned many slaves, walked to Raleigh and back to purchase

Lake Waccamaw Hotel Burns

The Waccamaw Hotel at Lake Waccamaw was completely destroyed by fire of undetermined origin Saturday night about eleven o'clock. The property belonged to Mr. J. S. Maulsby of this place and his loss is heavy, there being only eleven thousand dollars in insurance. Mr. Maulsby had allowed four thousand to expire a month or more ago. The hotel was of frame construction and had about forty rooms. It was a summer resort hotel and only a caretaker was staying in the building and he was away at the time of the fire. None of the furniture and fixtures was saved.

More Contributions To Charity Fund

The following contributions have been added to the Christmas Cheer Fund:
Grady Leach, \$2.50; D. K. Blue, \$1.00; Miss Irene Downer, \$2.00; Kiwanis Club, \$25.05; Baptist Young Men's Class, \$5.01; Dr. Fairley's Bible class \$9.50; Mrs. R. A. Matheson, sack flour; J. S. Johnson, side meat; Miss Donnie Gainey, 3 bushels potatoes; Ryan McBryde, eleven bushels corn; Thomas Grocery Co., box oranges; Raeford Wholesale, 30 pounds candy; Mrs. Peele, merchandise.

Post Office Lobby To Be Closed

Mr. G. W. Cox, local post master, wishes to give notice that the post-office department now requires the lobby at the post office to be closed at night. And so the patrons of the local office will bear in mind that on and after January 1st, 1930, the lobby will be closed and locked at 9 o'clock, hence if you wish to get your mail at night, be sure to call for it before that hour.

Education Club Has Christmas Meeting

The Christmas meeting of the Education Club was held at the home of Mrs. Clyde Upchurch Friday afternoon with Mrs. T. B. Upchurch, Mrs. H. A. Cameron and Mrs. Clyde Upchurch as hostesses. The Christmas spirit and season was much in evidence. The house was bright with Christmas greens and roaring oak fires. Mrs. Paul McCain of Sanatorium had charge of the program, which was a fine one. The dearly loved stories that are old but always new were the literary numbers on the program. The club sang—"Hark! the Herald Angels" and "Holy Night." A trio, "The Bells of St. Mary's," sung by Mesdames Marshall Thomas, Harry Green and Raymond McLean, was beautiful and was thoroughly enjoyed. The readings were "Why the Chimes Rang," by Mrs. Louis McBrayer; selection from "The First Christmas Carol," by Mrs. H. Mck. McDiarmid; Dickens' Christmas Carol, by Mrs. George Fuller; "The Other Wise Man," by Mrs. Paul McCain.

Miss McFayden Goes To Charlotte

Miss Eloise McFayden, whose home is in Raeford has given up her work as a member of the Sanatorium office staff to accept a position in Charlotte. She left on December 3, and spent a few days at home before taking up her new duties.

Mrs. Pelham Covington Entertains At Bridge

Mrs. Pelham Covington was the gracious hostess to the Bridge club at its regular meeting on Friday evening. The house was made especially attractive with its cheery Christmas decorations of holly, mistletoe and red berries.

Mrs. George Fuller won high score prize which was a most useful gift. Mrs. Covington assisted by Mrs. Bonnie Blue, served a very delicious salad course followed by mints. Those enjoying this hospitality were slab members and Mrs. Pell, Mrs. Dave Hodgin, Mrs. Bonnie Blue and Mrs. Julian Blue.

Hoke County Had Light Snow Sunday

Sunday morning about ten o'clock snow began to fall in Raeford and within an hour the ground was completely covered. The flakes were unusually large and with the mercury below freezing it looked as if a real snow fall on the way. However, the heavy fall lasted but a short time and later in the day it turned into sleet for a short time and about night into a slow rain which froze as it fell and wrapped everything in a blanket of ice. The mercury rose slightly on Monday and the melting process nearly had it all away by night.

CARE OF THANKS

We take this method of thanking our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and helpfulness during the illness and death of our dear husband and father, Mrs. Nannie Caddell and Son.

PERSONAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Neill McLean of Durham, N. C., are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. M. W. McLean.

Supt. W. P. Hawfield and family are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Lexington, N. C.

Miss Sarah McFadyen, who is attending the Assembly's Training School, Richmond, Va., and who is a daughter of Dr. A. A. McFadyen, medical missionary in China, is spending the holidays with relatives in town.

Mr. W. W. McKay of Beulah, Miss., and Miss Anna McNeill of Savannah are spending the holidays with Mrs. J. F. McEachin.

Mr. C. H. Giles and family, who are now making their home in Caswell county, are spending a few days with friends in town.

Mrs. Nannie Caddell and son, Master George L., are now making their home with Mrs. Caddell's mother, Mrs. G. W. Maxwell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Downer are spending the Christmas holidays in Jacksonville and other points in Florida.

Mr. L. B. Brandon and family are visiting relatives in Chester and other points in South Carolina during the holidays.

Mrs. H. Mck. McDiarmid and children are spending Christmas with relatives in Laurinburg.

Mr. and G. B. Rowland left Tuesday for Durham and Wendell where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. Robert Peele who teaches at Conway, S. C., is spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Roberta Peele.

Mr. Dougald McFadyen of Long Island, N. Y., arrived in town Saturday to join Mrs. McFadyen who came several days ago, and both are spending the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fuller and little daughter of Liberty are guests of relatives in town.

Mr. John Howard of Raleigh is spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Raeford.

Messrs. Archie and Charles Howard and Neill McFadyen came home on Wednesday from Davidson to spend the holidays.

Miss Bennie McFadyen who is attending King's Business College, at Charlotte, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

Messrs. Duncan McFadyen and Luther Clark went to Morganton last Thursday to bring home their little sons, who are in school there, to spend Christmas.

The following young ladies who have been away at school are at home for the holidays: from N. C. C. W., Greensboro, Misses Sarah Catharine and Elizabeth Cromartie, Margaret Walters, Louise Gibson, Alma Ferguson, Isabel McFadyen, Vera Cox and Edith Seaford; from Meredith College, Raleigh, Misses Margaret Peele and Mary Lee Seate; from Flora McDonald, Red Springs, Miss Alma McBryde.

Messrs. Robert Gatlin, T. E. Lester, Jr., Robert Hampton and Duncan McFadyen from State College, Raleigh, and William Covington, Brownie McQueen, Kenneth Hampton, and J. C. Weaver, from the University of North Carolina, are also at home for the holidays.

Hoke Officers Destroy Much Christmas Cheer

Deputy sheriffs W. R. Barrington and J. O. Dudley have been especially active during the past few weeks breaking into places for Christmas hooch of a number of illicit operators. During the two weeks from December 24th to 21st they destroyed six establishments and captured one alleged operator. Down on Raft Swamp, below Bethune bridge and near the Robeson County line they captured two stills within about two hundred yards of each other and evidently operated by the same parties. They captured a complete outfit on James' creek in Little River township and destroyed 300 gallons of beer. This still was made of wood with a copper bottom and cap and worm. No arrests were made. They also captured a copper still and condenser in Little River, which was noted in The News-Journal last week.

They captured a 60 gallon steel drum still near Rockfish station near the home of C. B. Evans last week and found a barrel of beer buried in the ground. Evans was arrested. Another steel drum of sixty gallons capacity was captured on Pappy creek last week and one barrel of beer destroyed. No arrests were made. Their sixth still was captured in Quattleville township near Montrose and it too was a steel drum. No beer was found and no arrest was made.

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Nearly Fifteen Million Bales Cotton Estimate

Washington, Dec. 9.—The estimate of 14,819,000 bales of cotton for the 1929 season contained in the department of agriculture report today was 10 of 1 per cent lower than the estimate of a month ago and compared with 14,478,000 bales in the 1928 crop.

At the same time the agriculture department issued its report, the census bureau reported that 12,957,971 round bales as half-bales had been ginned prior to December 1, 1929. This compares with 12,681,549 bales ginned in 1928 prior to December 1.

The estimated production would be harvested, said the report, from 45,281,000 acres. The abandonment of acreage since July 1 was placed at 3.3 per cent and the indicated yield of lint cotton per acre was placed at 155.3 pounds.

The report was issued without comment but later in the day W. F. Callander, head of the plant reporting board in a radio speech, said the decline in the December estimate of 90,000 bales from the estimate issued on November 1 may be blamed upon the unseasonable weather for the maturing of the tail end of the crop and for picking it.

Rainfall, he said, was greater than usual in many portions of the cotton belt and some sections even had snow fall, an unusual thing in November.

Damage from boll weevils over the cotton generally, he said, has been less than usual because dry weather impeded the maturing of the weevils except in the Carolinas and Virginia, where during the month of October weevil damage had become apparent.

The board's estimate of acreage harvested was slightly below the estimate of harvest before September 1. Abandonment of acreage in Texas, Callander said, was unusually heavy.

Today's report on cotton is the last which the board will make until next May, at which time there will be available the enumeration of the actual bales ginned as reported by the ginners. A general revision of acreage yields and productions will be made at that time.

Judge Johnson To Be Candidate For Gov.

Robeson County Jurist Tumbled Flattering Offers of Support And Will Make Race in 1932 If Present Intention Holds.

Judge Thomas L. Johnson will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina in 1932 if his present intention holds, according to The Robesonian. Continuing, The Robesonian has the following to say: "Judge Johnson returned home Monday night from an absence of six weeks during which he has presided over courts in Buncombe, Henderson, Cleveland, and Forsyth counties. Talk of Johnson for Governor in 1932 was given strong impetus in his native county of Buncombe during the summer, while he was holding court there, and he has received strong offers of support in Henderson, Cleveland, Forsyth and other counties. Letters to all sections of the State have urged him to run for Governor."