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Winter Hits Sandhills Area

The Sandhills area got a taste of winter's approach Monday when wind, snow and torrential rains made those who were scheduled for a night appointment wish they didn't have to go.

Rain began to fall around 5 p. m. and continued, accompanied by wind, throughout the night.

Raeford's snow, some of which fell around day break for early risers to enjoy, was gone by the time it struck the

There are 68 countries of the free world that belong to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Total membership is 5 1/2 million.

rain-soaked ground. Those living in the McCain and Montrose section, however, found a white blanket on their housetops, lawns and automobiles when they started out for work Tuesday morning.

A number of Hoke County people who traveled to Samarand for the district Community Development Awards Night, Monday, drove through snowfall most of the way home, according to reports.

Snowfall before Thanksgiving in this area is a rarity. It is still five weeks before the so-called first day of winter falls on Dec. 21.



LOOKS GOOD - New Christmas decorations have been received by the Chamber of Commerce. This scroll was installed this week just to see how it looks and to determine how high or how low the red and silver ornaments should be hung. The Chamber is sponsoring a drive to raise funds to pay for the decorations. A total of \$3,000 is needed, according to Franklin Teal, chairman. Contributions can be made to any COC director. Civic clubs are also assisting in raising the funds.

Sunday School Lesson

The couple sitting next to us was served a most unusual, but appetizing dish. The long table we shared with them and perhaps seventy other people was one of several that filled the large Salzburg hall where amateur lyrelike groups were performing their delightful folk music and dances. I was intrigued by the couple's order. Since they were obviously Austrians, I addressed them in my faltering but undaunted German, adding what I assumed to be a Bavarian accent. "What do you call that?" I wanted to know, glancing at the food the waitress had set before them. My question met with blank stares. They weren't hostile, nor indifferent - no, it was obvious they hadn't understood me. Surely my German isn't that bad, I asked myself. So I tried again with the same result. Once more, this time pointing to their food, I asked slowly and distinctly and without any attempt at accent. When it was obvious that we still were not communicating, I smiled an embarrassed smile and turned away. As I did, I heard the woman say in the precise, clipped accent of the British: "I think the German gentleman was asking about our food, but I'm not sure."

not that of others. The writer lays down a general principle: God is light and where there is darkness in someone's life there is separation from God. Well, that's all very fine. John, but rather vague and unspecific. Can't we be more precise than that? So John becomes more specific and perhaps we would have preferred that he had remained vague.

First, "...If we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another." (1 John 1:7) One cannot be close to God and separated from his fellow men. Secondly, a Christian acknowledges his sin and need for God's mercy. (1 John 1:8-10). One sure indication of "darkness" in a person's life is his assumption that, because he does this or doesn't do that, he is a "pretty good fellow" in God's sight.

Third, a Christian is one who keeps the commandments of Christ. Jesus himself said this (John 14:23).

Finally, "He who abides in him ought to walk in the same way he walked." (1 John 2:6) There needs to be some likeness between the way he lived his life and the manner in which we live ours.

None of these, John makes clear, depends much upon words. "If we say ... and do not ..." If one wants to be really sure, we will look, not so much to what is said, as to what is done.

I had been so sure they were Austrian and they were equally certain about me. And we were all wrong. How deceiving appearances can be. How difficult it is to be really sure when we set out to identify someone on the basis of what we have assumed he would be like.

If, for example, you were given the responsibility of surveying your neighborhood in a five-block radius to determine the number of Christians residing there, at first glance it would seem a relatively simple task. You'd simply go door-to-door, asking people if they are Christians - a little embarrassing, perhaps, but not difficult.

But, hold on a minute; you were instructed to find out how many are Christians, not how many say they are. That's something quite different and much more difficult. In fact, it's impossible, for how can you really determine who is a Christian and who isn't? If you were checking on tuberculosis, you could give everyone an x-ray. Or if you are checking on heart disease, an electrocardiogram. Or if poor eyesight, an eye-chart. But what tests can you use to determine a person's commitment to Jesus Christ?

The writer of 1 John gives us some guidelines by which we may measure Christian commitment, although these are intended primarily for the evaluation of our own faith,

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WHAT'S WHAT at HOKE HIGH

By Gwen Anderson

It looks like ole man winter has finally made the scene and he's here to stay.

The Raeford Bucks wound up their 1968 season Friday night at home against the number one team, the Sanford

Yellow Jackets. Our boys really made a supreme effort but were overcome, 33-6.

With the end of our football season, students are anxiously looking ahead to basketball season. Practice has begun to mold the boys into another great winning team.

The HHS Mixed Chorus participated in the Music Festival of Renaissance and Baroque Works at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Friday. The chorus sang with approximately fourteen other choruses and performed two numbers themselves. Several outstanding choruses sang for the enjoyment of the students.

The HHS Band traveled to Chapel Hill Saturday for the Band Day at the Carolina-Virginia game. Most of the activities were rained out but it was a great day.

Dr. R.B. Wilkins Former Raeford Physician Dies

Dr. Robert Bruce Wilkins, 84, of Durham, who once practiced medicine in Raeford, died at his home Saturday.

He interned in Fayetteville, practiced in Erwin and came to Raeford in 1915, remaining here for several years. He served as captain in World War II, and later moved to New York where he specialized in Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. He retired from practice in Durham in 1965, after more than 50 years of practice.

Surviving are his wife, the former Marguerite Mason of Winston-Salem; one son, Dr. R. Mason Wilkins of Durham; one daughter, Miss Marguerite Davis Wilkins of Geneva, Switzerland; one brother, John A. Wilkins of Gastonia; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Holy of Faison and Miss Bettie Wilkins of Fayetteville.

MEN IN THE SERVICE



AIRMAN JERRY LEE

Airman Jerry W. Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee of Rt. 2, Lumberton has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He has been assigned to the Air Force Technical Training Center at Sheppard AFB, Tex., for specialized schooling in aircraft maintenance. Airman Lee is a graduate of Orrum (N.C.) High School.

Airman William F. French of 204 W. 23rd St., Lumberton, has been graduated with honors at Lowry AFB, Colo., from the training course for U. S. Air Force supply inventory specialists.

Airman French is being assigned to Osan AB, Korea, for duty with the Pacific Air Forces.

A 1964 graduate of Lumberton High School, he received an associate degree from Kings College, Charlotte.

Marvin Ellis, 29, son of Thomas E. Ellis, Walland, Tenn., has been promoted to Army sergeant, first class. He is serving in Vietnam with the Phu Lam Signal Battalion.

Sgt. Ellis is a transmitter repairman in the battalion. His wife, Carolyn, lives at 115 W. Donaldson Ave., Raeford.

Town Appeals To Residents About Garbage

Town residents who wish to have leaf piles removed from their lawns are asked to keep them separated from other debris, especially brick and stones, John Gaddy, town manager announced.

Solid uncrushable substances are damaging to expensive equipment, he pointed out.

It has also been an annual request that people not pile their leaves in the gutter where they are likely to wash down and clutter the sewer lines. This can also cause costs to rise in the town sanitation department.

Leaves should be piled on the edge of the resident's front lawn until they can be picked up by town employees.

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