

Herald Personals

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Miss Ella Harmon is confined to bed due to a sudden illness.

Cpl. Jim Everhart is spending this week with his mother, Mrs. W. R. Everhart.

T-5 Troy Lee Wright who is stationed at Camp Croft is home on 15 day furlough.

B. S. Peeler Jr., is expected home Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Mrs. Hayne Blackmer was hostess to the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge club this week.

Mrs. B. N. Barnes, who underwent a minor operation in Charlotte this week, returned to her home Wednesday.

Mrs. E. C. Cooper went to Atlanta Tuesday to remain with Rev. E. C. Cooper until Christmas.

Aubrey Mauney was a Chapel Hill visitor on Tuesday.

Lamar Rhyne of Keesler Field, Miss., is visiting his family here until the latter part of December.

Miss Jeanne Griffin is expected to arrive this week end to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Welch visited Mr. and Mrs. Furman Lutz in this community Sunday. Mrs. Welch is the former Mable Lutz.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Randall spent Sunday in Hickory visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wyong.

Mrs. J. W. Smith is spending a few days this week with her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Jolly in Hickory.

Capt. John Flowe of Greensboro recently returned from Tokyo, arrived last night to spend a few days with his sister, Mrs. Drace Peeler and Mr. Peeler.

Lt. Col. Hugh O'Farrell of Athens, Ga., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. O. C. O'Farrell. Col. O'Farrell is a nephew of Mr. O'Farrell.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lattimore and as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meisenheimer and Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Bealer of Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis and son are expected to arrive in Kings Mountain this week end. Mrs. Davis and baby have been visiting her parents in Albany, Ga., for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Goforth and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Winkler were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hoke Sunday.

Mrs. W. M. English, the former Miss Louise Putnam, will leave Monday to visit her husband's relatives in Nashua, N. H., and Georgetown, Mass.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. O. P. Lewis and daughter, Lillian, are spending a few days in Rutherfordton with relatives of Col. Lewis.

Lt. Commander R. C. Etheridge arrived in Kings Mountain Sunday after many months in the Pacific war zone. He and Mrs. Etheridge left Monday afternoon for Back Bay, Va., to visit his parents.

Cpl. Henry Hopkins Houston, Jr., has arrived in the States after 20 months service in the European Theater of Operations. Cpl. Houston is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Houston of Pageland, S. C., and former residents of Kings Mountain.

Church News

LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Wm. H. Stender, Pastor
December 16, 1945.
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.
Carl Mauney, Superintendent.
The Service 11:00 a. m.
Sermon by the Pastor.
Senior Luther League 6:00 p. m.
Inter. Luther League 6:00 p. m.
White Christmas Service 7:30 p. m.
CALENDAR:
Friday, December 14th:
Hanging of the Greens 7:30 p. m.
(Christmas Social for the whole congregation).
Saturday:
Catechetical Class 10:00 a. m.
Junior Choir practice 11:00 a. m.
Monday:
Brotherhood Meeting 7:00 p. m.
Wednesday.
Senior Choir practice 7:30 p. m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
P. D. Patrick, Pastor
9:45 A. M. Sunday school.
11:00 A. M. Morning worship.
2:00 P. M. Sunday school at the Marriage Community House. Paul Mauney, Supt.
3:00 P. M. Sunday school and worship service at Dixon. J. G. Darracott, Supt.
6:30 Young People's Vespers.
Monday 7 P. M. Boy Scout Troop I, Broadus Moss, Scoutmaster; Jim Page, Asst. Scoutmaster.
Thursday 5:00 P. M. Cub Scouts.
Mrs. Grady McCarter and Mrs. James Houser, Den Mothers.

BOYCE MEMORIAL ARP
Dr. R. N. Baird, Minister
Sabbath:
10:00 Sabbath school, John L. Gamble, superintendent.
11:00 Morning worship, sermon by Rev. S. A. Boyce, pastor of Hickory Grove ARP church.
6:30 YPCU.
Monday:
3:30 All church circles meet.
Wednesday:
7:30 Prayer meeting following by choir practice.

SCHOOLS HOLIDAY
Kings Mountain city schools will close at the end of the school day Friday for the customary two-week Christmas holiday. Pupils will return to school on Monday, December 31.

Falls Escapes Injury In Wreck Early Monday
Pvt. Otis Falls, Jr., was in a car accident near Columbus, Ga. Monday morning about one o'clock.
He was returning to Ft. Benning after attending the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. John Sipe.
Pvt. Falls escaped injury but his father's Pontiac was completely demolished.

AT SECOND WESLEYAN
Drum's Quartette, singers from Lincolnton heard each Sunday at 1 o'clock over Station WGNC, will sing at Second Wesleyan church, Sunday night at 7:15, it was announced this week.

Lutherans Will Hold Special Yule Program
The annual White Christmas service of St. Matthew's Lutheran church will be held Sunday evening, December 16th, at 7:30 in the Sunday school auditorium. The program as arranged by the primary department, will be the telling of the Christmas story using flannelgraph scenes and figures.
Mrs. George W. Mauney will read the Christmas story while Mrs. Garland Still portrays the scenes on the flannelgraph. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. E. A. Shenk, will render special musical effects during the telling of the story.
The auditorium Christmas decorations carry out the white motif.
At the conclusion of the Christmas story, gifts, wrapped in white, will be received for special Christmas objectives.
A cordial invitation is extended to our friends to worship with us at this White Christmas service.

Lutherans Plan Hanging of Greens
The congregation of St. Matthew's Lutheran church will gather informally in the recreation rooms on Friday, December 14th, at 7:30, for a Christmas party and to enjoy the age-old custom of gathering to decorate the Church for the joyous festival of Christmas.
After an hour of fellowship, decorating and carol singing, light refreshments will be served.
All members are urged to be present and enjoy this hour of social fellowship and to the friends of St. Matthews we extend a cordial invitation.

Farmers need to plan exhibits now for the Seed Exposition at Lumbermen on January 30 and 31.
Thomas Henry Rooker of Norlina was winner of the Warren County Corn Contest with 103 bushels per acre.

Electronic equipment, utilizing the electric eye to dim headlights automatically has been designed for an

My Daily Prayer

Author Unknown
"This coming year I'd like to be a friend to everyone;
I'd like to feel each day well spent at setting of the sun;
I'd like to know that I have done at least one kindly deed,
Before I lay me down to sleep that I have given heed—
To some one's cry for sympathy, or friendship or that I
Have made the day seem brighter to some chance passer-by,
And that the world is better still in just some little way,
Because I've tried to live the very best I could each day.

"I'd like to be a ray of light when skies are overcast,
I'd like to help some one who failed to blot out all the past,
To start again despite the storms, and find the skies are blue,
To know that in this good old world there's lots that's fine and true,
I'd like to be the kind of person everyone will love,
And make the world seem just a little more like heaven above;
I'd like in all my dealings to be true and just and fair,
That God will help me do these things shall be my daily prayer."

Superstitions Told About New Year's In Many Lands

Good Luck Offered in Many Ways to 'Believers.'

New Year's Day affords everyone the opportunity to bring himself good luck throughout the year. At least that is supposed to be true according to several old superstitions concerning the beginning of a new year.

The "First Foot"—the first person to enter the house on New Year's morning—plays a significant role in the family's future fortunes. He must be a dark man to bring good luck, but if he also brings a gift and "carries in" more than he "takes out," then the house is assured peace and plenty for a whole year. The most auspicious gifts as luck-bringers are a lump of coal and a red herring.

Unmarried persons are advised to look out of the window on New Year's morning. If you see a man, it is a sign that you will be wed before the year is out. Should you see a horse, you can have a wish, and it will be realized within the year. To see a dog is lucky, but a cat foretells worry.

A little care will make it possible to bring oneself good luck for the entire year. Wear something new, if possible, on New Year's Day, but the garment must be put on when you first dress in the morning. Receipt of a gift is certain to carry luck. Wish everyone you meet "A Happy New Year," but remember when the greeting is given to cross your fingers for luck. Be sure to say "rabbits" as the first word when you wake before anyone has had a chance to speak to you.

Love's progress will be aided on New Year's Day if you are careful to put on the left stocking before the right. The potency of this charm is supposed to be increased if you do all things as far as possible left-handedly during the day.

To open a bank account on New Year's Day was considered lucky in Old England, the custom growing probably from the belief of many centuries that whatever you do on the first day of the year will be an indication of what will happen during the months that will follow.

In some parts of England and Scotland it is supposed to be unlucky to leave a house until some outsider has first entered it.

New Year's Blessings an Ancient Swiss Legend
According to Swiss legend, the Holy Family is abroad during the hour of midnight mass on Christmas Eve.
Therefore, a bowl of fresh milk is placed upon the dining table and each member of the household carefully lays his spoon upon the table cloth.
The person who, returning from church, finds his spoon has been moved may anticipate special blessings during the coming year; for surely Mary and Joseph have rested within the beds during their flight into Egypt and the Virgin used that spoon to feed the Infant Jesus.

Miracle Plays Still Held
Among more tradition - observing communities of the world, old-time miracle plays are still performed, often in the form of elaborate dramas, in solemn but lively settings against the colorful background of tropical settings.

4-H State Winners in North Carolina

OUTSTANDING 4-H records in clothing, canning, field crops and better farm-and-home methods have won 1945 state championship honors for four North Carolina club members. Each receives an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. The winners, who were selected by the state club office, and brief outlines of their records follow:

Ora Scott, 15, of Burlington, won highest rating in the state 4-H Clothing Achievement activity with her six year record of sewing, making over or mending 118 garments. The girl also knitted sweaters for herself and several pairs of socks and three skull caps for her mother and Christmas gifts. Ora also made many things for her home. The yarn for her sweaters was obtained from an old hand knitted coat, which she unraveled, washed and dyed. Her Chicago Club Congress trip award is provided by the National Bureau of the Special Cotton Company.



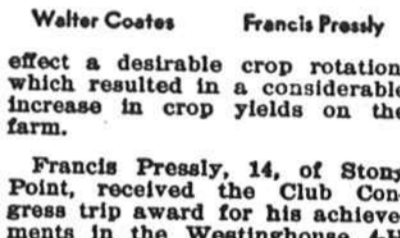
Ora Scott

Grace Breedlove, 15, of Nashville, is the winner of the 1945 state award of a Chicago Club Congress trip in the National 4-H Canning Achievement, provided by the Kerr Glass Corp. During six years in club work the girl put up 3,996 quarts of vegetables, fruits, meats, soups, jams and jellies. Grace completed 31 projects, six of which were canning, and won many placings on her exhibits. She estimates the total value of her 4-H project work at \$2,911.19.



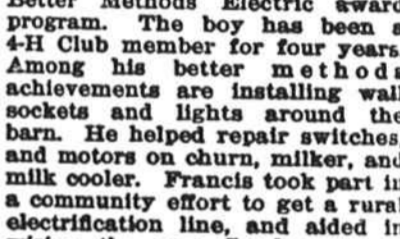
Grace Breedlove

Walter Coates, 16, of Smithfield, has been selected as the state's top ranking participant in the first year of the National 4-H Field Crops activity, in which International Harvester provides the awards. The boy's record shows that during four years in club work he produced 12 acres of cotton, nine acres of corn and eight acres of tobacco, returning \$8,045.94, including \$582.15 worth of produce used at home. He analyzed the soil and applied the required fertilizers, treated seed against disease, and put into effect a desirable crop rotation, which resulted in a considerable increase in crop yields on the farm.



Walter Coates

Francis Pressly, 14, of Stony Point, received the Club Congress trip award for his achievements in the Westinghouse 4-H Better Methods Electric award program. The boy has been a 4-H Club member for four years. Among his better methods achievements are installing wall sockets and lights around the barn. He helped repair switches, and motors on churn, milkier, and milk cooler. Francis took part in a community effort to get a rural electrification line, and aided in wiring the new Sunday School room at church.



Francis Pressly

All of these activities were conducted under the direction of the Extension Service of the State Agricultural College and USDA cooperating.

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