

Carvers Creek To Stage Yearly Easter Pageant

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The months have been many since the end of the war, and most of us have slowly assumed mental calmness while building up the stability which will enable us to make that peace endure.

As we join the church through this Easter, surrounded by the family, friends and friendly neighbors, we can make one simple resolution in behalf of that peace. We can resolve to live in the spirit of Easter throughout the year.

Talking about the Easter season, I have a story about an Easter pageant held every year at Carver's Creek, Bladen county that is really one for the books.

First off, a word or two about the director of this pageant. She is Mrs. Helen M. Sanderlin. Mrs. Sanderlin comes from Council, Bladen county. This Carver's Creek Easter pageant started as a small community undertaking. Mrs. Sanderlin had an idea. She decided that it would be a grand community undertaking if all the people in her area could be induced to gather on Easter Sunday and praise the Lord in their own way. She broached this idea to the residents and all were in agreement.

At the beginning, few attended but with the passing of the years the pageant has become one of the biggest events in North Carolina.

It actually draws visitors from surrounding states.

The community gathering started six years ago. Mrs. Sanderlin, who writes all the script as well as being the directress, sat down with herself one day and, (still thinking to herself) said, "It's about time we had a real Easter pageant." Sutter thoughts to action. Mrs. Sanderlin immediately went to work. The result: Carver's Creek Easter pageant. It's now Southeastern North Carolina's most famous Easter religious ceremony.

The church where the ceremony is held is the former site of the Quaker meeting ground. This site is also the place where Bishop Asbury first brought Methodism to Bladen county. To this day a number of graves of the original Quaker settlers may be found.

One of the highlights of the pageant is the big dinner that is served after the ceremonies are over. A pit barbecue is held, and the general public is invited.

For many weeks the people of the Carver's Creek area and the Council section practice for the festival. Perhaps one of the most interesting notes about the pageant is the fact that farmers from in and around the area make it a duty to attend rehearsals, despite the fact that it is planting season. When the day's work is done, the farmers, their wives and families come to rehearsal by wagon, mule cart and automobile.

Norman McCulloch, business manager of the Bladen Journal writing about the festival held last year said, "Bladen county is indeed proud of this festival. It depicts the story of Easter as it has never been produced before by any group, amateur or professional."

The ceremony is not big-time acting. On the contrary, it's just the simple expression of a group of country people who feel that in this way they are paying homage to the "Great Farmer" who has shown them the way to a greater success.

As one observer has said, "the simplicity of the people who take part is as sincere as the pageant itself. It's an expression direct from the hearts of the farmer-folk who year in and year out have played their parts with deep sincerity in the hope that they would in their small way bring to all who come a deeper feeling of the real meaning of Easter."

And so for the sixth consecutive year, the Carver's Creek church, located in lower Bladen county on the Elizabethtown - Wilmington highway, will bring to many thousands of spectators an East dramatization that is taking its place in the folklore of America, a festival to which the public is cordially invited.



Above is pictured Mrs. Helen M. Sanderlin, leader of the Carver's Creek Easter pageant, which has become one of Eastern North Carolina's most famous ceremonies. It draws visitors from throughout the state and adjoining commonwealths.

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City May Get Daylight Saving Time

JAYCETTES TO HOLD MEETING TONIGHT

Members of the Jaycettes will hold their monthly dinner meeting tonight at 7 o'clock at the Friendly, according to an announcement by Mrs. Wallace West.

The program will evolve around the question of "safety" and an address on that subject will be given by a well-known authority on the subject.

At their last meeting on March 27, at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, the members heard an address from Mrs. Wayne C. Spencer on the subject of "Parliamentary Procedure." During the business session, an elections committee was appointed with Mrs. Edward Godwin as chairman. Other members named to the committee were Mrs. Ellwyn Grantham and Mrs. Barry Hinant.

Mrs. Archie Fountain was added to the committee on Health and Social Service and Mrs. A. T. Gause was named to the Bulletin committee.

Daylight saving time for the city of Wilmington was still in the question and no answer stage last night, with no move having been made by city officials to establish the time change.

City Manager J. R. Benson said early in the week that he was still undecided on the matter and pointed out that he was awaiting action by state officials before acting.

A bill to enact daylight saving time on a state-wide basis was killed in the legislature Tuesday.

The power to establish daylight saving time in the city was delegated to the governing body of the city in 1931 and City Attorney William B. Campbell said last night that as far as he knew the law was still in effect.

He explained, however, that he wished to investigate the matter before committing himself.

The law provides that the time change should not be ordered prior to April 1 and should not extend beyond October 1 of each year.

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SHULTE OUTLINES MAJOR INDUSTRY

Engineers Club To Again Sponsor Contest At Local School

J. H. Shulte, chemical engineer of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company, addressed members of the Wilmington Engineers club last night on the manufacture of fertilizer and its importance to this section of the country.

Shulte, introduced by J. D. Robins, superintendent of the Chemical company, traced the process of the manufacture of fertilizer from the raw material to the finished product. During his discussion he mentioned that North Carolina uses 18 per cent of the total fertilizer used in the United States and is also one of the nine large fertilizer producing sections of the country. Action taken during the meeting

included the decision to establish an annual award for the freshman in New Hanover High school who submits the best essay or most successful carries out some scientific project.

The award was made for the first time last year and will be made this year on May 20. The student will be selected by a committee from the Engineers club, on the recommendation of the faculty.

C. L. Matties, president, was in charge of the program. Approximately 40 members attended.

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ENGINEER KILLED

ARMSTRONG, Okla., April 2—(AP)—Running through dense fog, the Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad's crack Texas Special plowed into the locomotive of a 100-car freight train here today killing a veteran engineer and injuring six

other crewmen and several passengers.

Two locomotives and a baggage car were overturned and a combination mail-passenger car and three coaches were derailed.

Engineer Louie Hansen, 70, of Denison, died beneath his south-bound passenger locomotive.

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French Dressing

Blue Plate French Dressing gives pleasing, teasing taste to salads. Naturally! It's made with Wesson Oil, fine vinegar, a dash of sherry—and seasoned just right.

Fresh Fruits

Firm apples for Waldorf salad; plenty of oranges, Texas and Florida grapefruit—nice with avocados; some Oregon pears still available.

Mayonnaise

What makes Blue Plate Mayonnaise first for flavor? Choice ingredients—whipped and whipped to creamy smoothness. Then it's rushed to your grocer's—so it's fresh, FRESH for your table.

Seafoods

Canned tuna fish and salmon are in. Frozen fish in wide variety—perch, haddock, cod—all fine for Fish Remoulade: boil, flake, serve chilled with Remoulade Sauce.

Remoulade Sauce

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