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## JUNIOR FELLOWSHIP OFFERS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM HERE

The Junior West Minister Fellowship of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, New Bern, presented a Christmas program at the church last Sunday night.

It was a very impressive candle light service, entitled "Angels of Christmas." There were about 30 children participating in the program. Some of the main characters were as follows:

Mary and Joseph were played by Miss Delores Dudley and George Stanley, Jr., Christmas Angels were Miss Georgianna Bryant and Miss Willie Mae Hazelton. Miss Ramona Gibbs was Truth, Miss Alene Dudley, Imagination, Miss Winona Doves, Love, Jessie Doves, Comfort, Forbyeness Evelyn Gillett; Gratitude was played by Macco Bragg.

The three Kings were George Dudley, Calvin Bragg and Julius Stanley.

Miss Alfreda Stanley, Miss Ann Hill and Miss Pocahontas Best were decorators of the church. Hark The Herald Angel Sing was beautifully sung by a group of Angels. They were: Martha Alexander, Marion Harvey, Elanor Rogers, Patricia Mumford Catherine Marrell and Bettie Jo Farrior.

O Holy Night was beautifully sung by Mrs. Alfreda Stanley. Recitations were said by Harriet Henry and Doris Gillett. Miss Cora Hazelton was at the piano.

Mrs. E. S. B. White directed the program, assisted by Mrs. Eliza Duddly and Mrs. Alfreda Stanley.

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## Ind. School Teacher Injured In Crash of Plane, Recovering

INDIANAPOLIS (ANP) — Mrs. Mary Oglesby, local high school teacher, is recuperating in a South Bend hospital from injuries suffered in a plane crash near Argos, Ind., recently. Her husband, Raymond Oglesby, and Indianapolis postal employe, has returned to work.

"The flying couple" are well known throughout Indiana for their many cross-country flights. The accident occurred while they were passengers in a plane whose pilot got lost in the fog and had to crash land near Argos. Mrs. Oglesby suffered a compound skull fracture.

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## CLUB No. 102 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve Dance and Floor Show Beginning at 10:30 P. M. until 4:00 A. M. A Santa Claus package free to the holder of the lucky number. Cover Charge 75c

Saturday, December 25, Christmas Night—Talent Night
a. Featuring many popular song hits.
b. A surprise number—'Open The Door Richard' (Bro.) Milkins and Gossie Mac Hudson.
This should be the thrill of your Christmas Holdiays. Cover Charge 35c

Sunday, December 26, Music by Eddie Flemingo—The famous (One Man Band) Eddie is introducing 10 hot new hits that will make you call Santa Claus mamma.

Monday, December 27, Home Coming Night. Music by Jamss George and his Masters of Swing. FREE to members and home visiting new —Others 60c. A photographer will be on hand to snap pictures.

Tuesday, December 28, To the Armory 9:30 P. M. to hear Bull Moose Jackson—Back to Club 102, 1:30 o'clock for Hot sandwiches, Hot coffee, a (chat) and relaxation.

Wednesday, December 29, Gossip Night—Led by Smoke Ring and Dusty and their Two brothers. Boy this is a killer. Please don't miss it, you may get an idea how people feel towards you.

Thursday, December 30, Collegiate Night and Banquet Supper for all students attending the various colleges.

Friday, December 31, New Year Dance and floor show. Music—James George and his Masters of Swing. Cover charge 60c.

Sunday, January 2, Eddie Slemingo with his (One Man Band) Cover charge 50c.

## ABOUT THE TOWN

Miss Pittsboro of Livingstone College, Miss Gladys Dare of Bennett and University, George Latham, N. and T. Concentration Jones, Howard University, Dorothy Bryant, Fayetteville State, Margaret Dean, Guy Hawkins and William Simpson, Livingstone College, and Walt Roundtree, Shaw University are home for the holidays.

Miss Mattie Bryan of New York City was here recently on an emergency trip to attend the funeral service of her father the late Robert Bryant.

Sgt. and Mrs. Willie Moore of Norfolk, Va., are now visiting Sgt. Moore, who is now a Prize fighter at Cherry Point, was one of the two Negro players who performed with the "Cherry Point Flyers" Thanksgiving Day in Kafer Park on the football field.

George Latham was recently made a lieutenant in the ROTC at A. and T. College.

R. Branch and Mrs. Mary Harkens were recent visitors in the city.

Miss Ruth C. Brock was one of the 432 nursing trainees who passed the N. C. examination for registered nurses. Miss Brock is now serving on "temporary" duty at Good Shepherd Hospital.

Miss Ella Bryant is now spending the holidays with her mother. Miss Bryant is a teacher in the public school system of Tarboro.

CLUB MARKS ANNIVERSARY — The above picture was taken as Club 102 of New Bern marked its third anniversary. Shown above is a part of the party of Mrs. M. L. Carrington, Craven County home demonstrator. Included in the group were Mrs. Carrington's mother, Mrs. Meares, and Miss A. Ruth Johnson.

— Photo by Carrington

## ARMY BALLOON SOARS TO RECORD HEIGHT OF 26.5 MILES

A balloon altitude record of 140,000 feet—more than five miles greater than the previous height attained by a balloon—has been established by a lighter-than-air sphere launched by the Army Signal Corps.

The previous maximum altitude of 120,000 feet was established by a similar balloon released in July. In 1935 Captains Albert W. Stevens and Orvil A. Anderson reached a height of 72,395 feet. The balloon flown recently by the Signal Corps carried only meteorological instruments.

Daily balloon flights are planned by the Signal Corps in the near future to determine atmospheric conditions in the relatively unexplored region between 100,000 and 150,000 feet. The flights are expected to contribute to more accurate weather forecasting and provide data for use in rocket building.

## DEFENSE HEADS SEND TROOPS GREETINGS

Secretary of the Army Royall and General Omar N. Bradley, Army Chief of Staff, have sent the following Christmas Greetings to United States troops throughout the world:

From Secretary Royall:

To all of you who wear the uniform of the United States Army — recruits and veteran soldiers, overseas and at home — I extend the best wishes of the Department of the Army during this Christmas Season.

May the work that you are doing for your country today prove to be the prelude to an era in which all men will live together in friendship and understanding, securily and peace.

From General Bradley:

Across the world, American soldiers are carrying a Christmas message of hope, and encouragement and good faith for people looking to us for leadership and strength. To these men and women, may I extend a country's gratitude and prayers on this holiday occasion. Especially to those who are separated, from their families in this season, do we wish a Merry Christmas, in the trust that their lonely holiday may be repaid in peaceful security for our nation and the world.

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## DUPLIN COUNTY CREDIT UNION SHOWS ADVANCE

The teachers of Duplin County, under the supervision of Mrs. M. L. Carrington, have set a high record in economic cooperative activity.

One hundred nineteen teachers are members of the Duplin County Credit Union which has assets of upwards of $10,000.

During the more than ten years operation of this cooperative savings and loan institution, in more than six hundred loans have been made to teachers, giving them high interest rates, and with the added advantage of teachers themselves sharing in the interest which they pay.

The credit union has proven a real service to our teachers, protecting them from cold-blooded loan sharks as far away as Des Moines, Iowa, stated one of the directors.

Teachers go to their own financial organization each summer for loans which aid them in financing summer school vacations, purchasing and repair of automobiles, and for the payment of hospital and medical bills.

The officers of this credit union, Cooperative Savings and Loan Institution are: Prof. M. H. Branch, President; M. E. Smith, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Turner, chairman of supervisory committee. Loan committee: Mrs. Othell Farson, Brock, Miss Doretha Dafford and Miss Blue. Directors: Miss B. Beatty, Miss Mary Stanford, Henry Martin, Mrs. Hattie Royal and W. F. Johnson.

## The Power of a Smile

By William Hary Huff for ANP

A hearty smile to everyone I owe
No matter who, no matter where,
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## WINDY CITY BEGINS TENEMENT CLEANUP TO END FIRE HAZARD

CHICAGO (ANP) — The problem of making habitable a seven-story flat building, sheltering 450 persons without adequate water, sewage, heating and electric wiring facilities, was placed in the lap of the County Treasurer Louis E. Nelson and City Building Commissioner Roy T. Christiansen by County Judge Edmund K. Jarecki here last week. The city and county were singled out for this task when Nelson was appointed receiver of the building in a tax suit earlier, and is part of a crusade agreed upon by the two governments against property owners who "milk tenements for all they can get" and pay no real estate taxes.

The building is owned by Daniel Gaines, reputed policy king and well known south sider, and is listed on the county treasurer's account as being delinquent in its taxes for about $10,000. The account runs back to 1943, and with interest would be about twice the amount.

The building is looked upon as one of the worst fire hazards in the city because of the large number of families it contains, the state of its deterioration and its limited exits. Seven families, with a total of 40 children, live on the top floor. Rentals average $30 a month.

According to Christiansen, there is one main stairway in the building winding around an abandoned elevator shaft from the seventh to the first floor. Two other stairways lead from the first floor to the ground, but can only be reached from a small occupied room. There is a fire escape which terminates on the roof above a store.

The sixth and seventh floors are without water, and tenants procure their water supply from the fifth floor where the flow is uncertain.

Parts of the stairway have been torn out for kindling, toilets and washrooms have been wrecked and electrical wiring has been strung from one flat to another through holes in the walls. One or two lighting sockets serve as the electrical source for a whole floor. It was reported that a fifth floor hallway light socket carries seven extension cords to supply all the electricity for the sixth and seventh floors.

The building was erected for the carriage trade for the Columbian exposition. It has been cited in court for various violations since 1942, but only small fines resulted. Gaines, his bodyguard and rent collector, Wilbert McNeil, and Attys. Fred A. Smith were recently fined $200 each a day for permitting the building violations. The tenement is also involved in a tax foreclosure suit.

Fourth of July accidents once cost many more lives each year than Christmas fires. In 1903, fireworks killed 466 persons on the Fourth. In 1948, due to the carefulness of average citizens and the enforcement of ordinances against the use of fireworks, only 4 deaths were reported on that holiday. Similar caution can reduce the annual toll from Christmas fire tragedies.

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