

Vengeance Creek Church Buys Gifts

The Vengeance Creek Sunday School has bought presents for

58 children under 14 years of age, for Christmas. During the year a penny box had been kept to supply the money for these gifts. Ruth and Clayton Thompson selected the gifts. The Sunday School is



A REFLECTION OF CHRISTMAS CHEER

The jolly smile on Santa's face, the twinkle in his eye, the goodness in his mellow voice reflect the good wishes in our hearts for a joyous Yuletide for each and every one of our friends.

PALMER'S GARAGE
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Motor Vehicles Is New State Department

Now that North Carolina's Highway Safety Act has been put into effect, much of the public's attention has been focused on the Department of Motor Vehicles, which has the sole responsibility for administering the Act.

But along with all the interest in the details of the Safety program, including re-examination of all drivers and motor vehicle mechanical inspection, there has been much confusion as to what composed the Motor Vehicles Department. Many of the State's citizens seem to be living under the erroneous belief that the Department is connected with the State Highway and Public Works Commission; others think it is a branch of the Department of Revenue. Not so—Motor Vehicles is a separate and distinct state department, created by Legislative Act. The Department was set up July 1, 1941, and its present commissioner is Col. L. C. Rosser. Joe W. Garrett is Assistant Commissioner.

The Department now employs nearly 900 workers, and when the Motor Vehicle Mechanical Inspection Program goes into effect in January, 212 more workers will be added, making a total of 1,087. The Department of Motor Vehicles is the second largest state department in point of personnel and is second only to the State Highway & Public Works Commission.

The Motor Vehicles Department has four main subdivisions:

1. State Highway Patrol.
2. Highway Safety Division.
3. Registration Division.
4. Mechanical Inspection Division.

With Col. Rosser as Commissioner of the whole Department, each division has its own Director. Col. H. J. Hatcher commands both the Highway Patrol and the Highway Safety Division, assisted by Sam L. Gaynor, Jr., as Assistant Director of Highway Safety. Miss Foy Ingram is Director of Registration, and Arthur T. Moore is head of the Mechanical Inspection Division.

Newest of the divisions is Mechanical Inspection, which was created by the last legislature to administer the Motor Vehicle Mechanical Inspection Program, which will get underway in January. The Division will employ over 200 persons, who will have the duty of checking all motor vehicles registered in this State for mechanical defects, to see that they are safe to drive. The program was designed to cut down on needless highway accidents, many of which are caused by defective vehicles.

The Highway Patrol is made up of 423 patrolmen, 8 clerks, 30 mechanics, and 28 radio operators for the Patrol's radio stations. The Patrol is charged with the primary responsibility of keeping peace on North Carolina highways by apprehending traffic violators.

Though the Patrol and the Highway Safety Division are both directed by Col. Hatcher, their duties and functions operate separately. The Safety Division is made up of the State's 102 drivers' license examiners and 21 safety field representatives. The examiners are now in the process of administering North Carolina's License Re-Examination Program, which re-

giving a Christmas program on Dec. 24 at seven o'clock.

quires that every motorist in North Carolina must obtain a new driving permit within the next four years. Drivers are being taken in alphabetical order.

The safety field representatives have the primary duty of promoting safety among school children and civic organizations. They annually train around 7,500 school bus drivers and aid in organizing driver training courses and school boy patrols in the public schools.

The Highway Safety Division, through its large clerical section also has charge of revocations and suspensions of drivers' licenses of persons convicted of serious traffic charges. It is also charged with administering the Financial Responsibility Act, and in addition keeps accurate statistical data on accidents and fatalities — their causes and trends.

The Registration Division is comprised of 12 separate units, and has been collecting approximately \$12,000,000 a year from the sale of all types of license plates and revenue derived from the Bus and Franchise Unit. This Division also has charge of issuing titles and registration certificates to all car owners.

It is hoped that the foregoing article will make clear to North Carolinians the various divisions and functions of the Motor Vehicles Department, so that in the future they will not confuse it with other State Departments.

Murphy Takes Old Rivals

By PORTER GRIGGS

The Murphy Bulldogs, playing before a half filled house, took both ends of a doubleheader from their old rivals, the Andrews Wildcats, here Friday night. The girls won by a score of 32 to 22, the boys taking a 33 to 25 triumph.

The girls, playing the roughest game of the season, started slow but led by Taylor and Hall found the range and won easily 32 to 22.

The boys again led by Captain James Hughes took an early first quarter lead and never were headed. Hughes and Alexander were the leading scorers for the Bulldogs, getting 15 and 7 points respectively. For the Wildcats Butler with 10 points were the best they could do.

The games with Andrews moved the girls' record up to three wins against two losses, and the boys' record as four wins against one setback.

Murphy (33) Pos. Andrews (25)
Hughes (15) F Webb
Brendle (4) F Hawk (5)
Hampton (5) C Butler (10)
Alexander (7) G Christy (6)
Davidson G Bradley (2)
Sub:
Murphy: Hall (2)
Andrews: Rogers (2), Womack.

20 SPEAK

Governor M. E. Thompson has been invited to speak at the annual banquet of the Phi Chi and Phi Delta Literary Societies of Young Harris College, according to a joint announcement by William Paquin and Mary Gardner, club presidents.

The banquet will be held January 23. All alumni members have been invited to attend.

Cotton prices edged upward during the last several weeks. Sales of spot cotton in October totaled 2,043,000 bales, the largest for any month on record. Domestic mills used about 826,000 bales, 14 per cent more than in September but 12 per cent less than in October 1946.

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Rev. Early King filled his regular appointment at the Swanson Church Saturday night and Sunday.

M. C. Stiles returned home Tuesday night from Gastonia where he attended the funeral of his brother, Clyde. He was accompanied home by his son, Ray. He returned to his job Thursday.

Mrs. Delia Suit of Hiwassee Dam is visiting her brother, S. S. Montgomery and family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Stiles visited J. W. Stiles at Letitia Sunday evening. He is recovering from pneumonia.

S. D. Hayt Colman announce the birth of a son Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clate Stiles, Mrs. Sophie Jones were in Copperhill Friday.

Bert Mason visited his daughter and family, Mrs. Hoyt Coleman, Saturday night.

Harry Mauney, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mauney, who is attending the Baylor School for Boys at Chattanooga, is spending the Christmas Holidays with his parents.



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WITH — JO ANN MARLOWE

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"THE DEVIL BAT"

WITH — BELA LUGASI - SUZANNE KARREN

SUNDAY - MONDAY, DECEMBER 28 - 29

"REPEAT PERFORMANCE"

WITH — LOUISE HAYWOOD - JOAN LESLIE
ALSO SELECTED SHORT SUBJECT — LATEST NEWS

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30 - 31

"THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS"

WITH — RANDOLPH SCOTT - BINNIE BARNES
HENRY WILCOX

ALSO SELECTED SHORT SUBJECT

THURSDAY - FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 - 2

"WILD BILL HICKOK"

WITH — BRUCE CABOT - CONSTANCE BENNETT
ALSO SELECTED SHORT SUBJECT — LATEST NEWS

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As you enjoy the contentment and merriment of the Yuletide, we want you to know that we will be thinking of you and of the amicable associations that have been ours during the time we have been serving this community.

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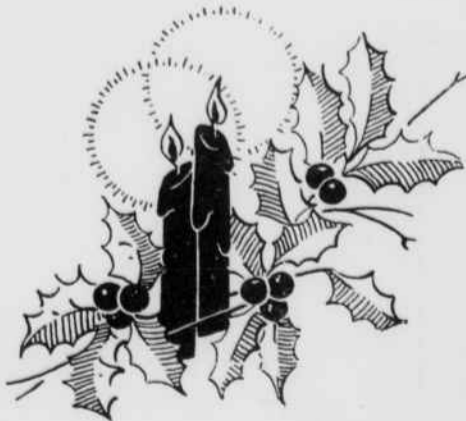
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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Above all other things in our memory at this glad Yuletide is the thought of the splendid relations with friends of this organization who have made it possible for us to enjoy a very satisfactory year.

The warm spirit of the Holiday occasion reminds us that in our friends, not in our ledgers, do we find our real assets. There are many things that make us thankful this is our home, and for that reason we desire to extend Season's Greetings.



Please accept the kind wishes and sincere thanks of all of us. Best wishes for a Joyous Christmas and a New Year of much happiness. Good Health and Success for you and yours.

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