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LARGE NUMBER ATTEND

The County-Wide Christmas Song Service Sponsored by Louisburg Chamber of Commerce at Armory Sunday

One of the most happy and delightful occasions held in Louisburg in some time was the County-wide Song Service held in the New Armory on Sunday afternoon, which filled the spacious auditorium to a comfortable fullness.

The well lighted and arranged tree was a scene of beauty and attracted the attention and compliments of all.

The stage setting was especially pretty and delightfully arranged with the decorations and lighting blending so beautifully with the rendition of the splendid program.

The entire program was captivating in interest and arrangement, but the features that come in for especial mention were the rendition of the "Story of the Other Wise Man," by Mrs. Frank Rose, the quartette "There is a Song in the Air" by the Franklinton ladies, the solo "Jesus Bambino" by Miss Rose Malone, and the music by the Louisburg High School Band.

The Louisburg Chamber of Commerce, and especially its Secretary, Mrs. T. K. Stockard, are to be congratulated upon the great success of this splendid occasion.

All Stores Close

A later decision on the part of the merchants in Louisburg will cause all stores, including the Clothing and five and ten cent stores to be closed on both Christmay day and on Thursday the day after Christmas. This will bring a united action on a general closing and granting two days holiday to merchants, clerks and other members of the forces of the many business houses in Louisburg this season.

That morning rush would be solved if folks realized that coffee cooks quicker if put on 10 minutes earlier.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Thursday, Dec. 26:

Thursday-Friday—"Four Mothers" starring the Lane Sisters, Gale Page, Jeffrey Lynn, Claude Rains, Frank McHugh and Dick Foran.

Saturday—Wallace Beery, Marjorie Main and Ann Rutherford in "Wyoming." Also Chapter No. 9 "King of The Royal Mounted."

Sunday-Monday—Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland, June Preisser and Paul Whiteman and his Orchestra in "Strike Up The Band."

Tuesday—Mary Lee, Rufe Davis and June Storey in "Barnyard Follies."

New Years Eve Mid-Night Show—Lucille Ball, Richard Carlson, Ann Miller, Frances Langford and Hal LeRoy in "Too Many Girls."

Thursday - Friday — Another First Showing—Dorothy Lamour, Henry Fonda and Linda Darnell in "Chad Hanna."

THANKS

On behalf of the Louisburg Chamber of Commerce I wish to thank every person who contributed to the success of the County-wide Christmas Song Service and Christmas Tree. Without the wholehearted cooperation and assistance from our people throughout our county, we could not have succeeded. You aided in bringing happiness and Christmas cheer to 135 white and 33 colored families who could not otherwise have enjoyed the blessings of Christmas time.

Mrs. T. K. Stockard, Sec.,
Louisburg Chamber of Commerce.

Chitterling Supper

Capt. F. G. Baker entertained about forty friends at a Chitterling supper at the Prison Camp near Bunn on Friday night. In addition to the excellently prepared chitterlings, there were many other items of extra fine quality including spareribs, backbone, sausage, brains, pies, cakes. The menu was fine, and while it might have been changed it could not been made better and more enjoyable to the many who were present to enjoy the occasion.

Capt. Baker, who is credited with preparing the chitterlings, is a delightful host as well as cook as will be attested to by the many whose privilege it was to enjoy his hospitality.

While there the guests were shown through the prison quarters and all was praise for clean, orderly and well arranged buildings, accommodations and the apparent well pleased prisoners. It is said that Capt. Baker is one of the best prison camp Superintendents in the State and there was hardly a one in the crowd who would not agree that this is not saying enough for the fine condition in which Captain Baker has his camp, and the interest he shows in it.

RITES FOR KEMP

Charlotte, Dec. 23.—Private burial services will be held here Thursday at 5 p. m., for Hal Kemp, 36, popular orchestra leader who died in Madera, Calif., Saturday of complications resulting from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

The funeral service was held yesterday in San Francisco, Calif.

Many notables of the music world—all friends of Kemp—are expected to attend the service here.

Among the active pallbearers will be Kay Kyser, a schoolmate at the University of North Carolina, and Saxie Dowell, a former member of Kemp's orchestra. Honorary pallbearers will include Skinnay Ennis and John Scott Trotter, of Hollywood, Calif., former members of the Kemp orchestra; Rudy Vallee, Fred Waring, Leibert Lombardo and others.

Kemp began his music career here with a five-piece orchestra of high school boys. He later played in and led orchestras at the University of North Carolina and after his graduation there took an orchestra to Broadway's White Way, where he gained immediate recognition.

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Louisburg's City Basketball League

In the opening of Louisburg's City Basketball League on last Thursday night at the Louisburg Armory, Charlie Richardson's "Wildcats" and Joe Tonkel's "Comets" were victorious over John Tucker's "Phantoms" and Bill Huggin's "Streaks" respectively.

The first game between the "Wildcats" and the "Phantoms" wound up with a score of 14-13. Although there was some question over the winner the decision was awarded to the "Wildcats." Richards accounted for eight of the winners' points. Pearce and Simmons starred for the losers.

In the second game of the afternoon the "Comets" trounced the "Streaks by the score of 23-10. John Cameron led the winners with 10 points. Huggins led the losers with 6 points.

On Thursday night at the Armory the winners of last weeks play will play each other and the losers likewise. It is expected that each team will be strengthened for these games and gives promise of giving the many basketball fans an enjoyable evening. Go out and watch some of the "old heads" get stiff joints.

GOLD SAND GIRLS WIN, LOUISBURG BOYS WIN

Gold Sand and Louisburg High School basketball teams divided a doubleheader here Friday night. Gold Sand girls won by 44-23, and Louisburg boys romped to a 38-4 victory.

Louisburg boys led by 21-2 at the half. Gold Sand's points were scored by Raynor and Parrish. Louisburg's leaders were Dayton Hardwick and Bobby Strickland, with eight points apiece.

Lillian Gray caged 26 in leading Gold Sand girls to victory. Margaret Person, 16, was runner-up. Louisburg's leaders were Martha Ann Strowd, 14, and Selema Joyner, 8. Gold Sand led by 28-10 at the half.

Louisburg Gets Water Project

C. C. McGinnis, state WPA administrator, announced Thursday the approval of six projects in the State which will total $243,336 and employ 413 men.

Those approved are:

Franklin County: Louisburg, improve water and sewer facilities at cost of $2,422, 40 workers.

Lincoln County: Lincolnton, construct sewer mains and outfall lines with manholes at cost of $43,221, 64 workers.

Other Improvements

Iredell County: Statesville, improve streets at cost of $31,620, 40 workers.

Cumberland County: Roads at cost of $109,388, 122 workers.

Edgecombe County: Near Pinetops, construct school building at cost of $31,075, 30 workers.

Mecklenburg County: In and near Charlotte, construct water mains to airport at cost of $25,923, 117 workers.

Wins Florida Trip

Mr. J. L. Gupton, Proprietor of Gupton's Service Center, isjust in receipt of a letter from the Pure Oil Co., informing him he has won a trip to Miami, Florida, to attend the Orange Bowl football game with all expenses paid. These trips are given on a competitive basis among distributors, and is determined from the total sale of Pure Oil products. Mr. Gupton has greatly popularized these products in this section to the extent that he wins his quota as compared with the bigger and stronger sections of the Union. This trip is a recognition of Mr. Gupton's outstanding sales ability and the popularity of the Pure Oil products in this section.

Mr. Gupton expects to leave Louisburg on this trip on Sunday afternoon, December 29th, and return on Saturday, January 4th.

From start to finish it's dollars and cents that make $anta clau$.

Women Hurt In Collision of Autos

Ray Lee Tharrington, of Franklin County was charged with careless and reckless driving and failing to stop when entering a main highway after his automobile was in collision with a car containing several Louisburg people who were injured Sunday afternoon.

None of the occupants of the Tharrington car was hurt.

Occupants of the other car and the injuries they suffered were Miss Gertrude Perry, the driver, and Miss Geraldine Green, severe cuts and bruises; Mrs. Betty Perry and her infant daughter, Frances Jean Perry, slight bruises.

The collision occurred about eight miles from Louisburg on the Rocky Mount highway.

Charges were brought against Tharrington by Highway Patrolman M. H. Bynum.

Russian Views

Moscow, Dec. 22.—The Soviet Press forecast sharp Axis reaction to British war gains in war reviews published today, but characterized invasion of England as an "exceptional difficulty."

The reviews appeared in the army and navy publications, Red Star and Red Fleet, and in the Communist Party and labor union organs, Pravda and Trud.

"The successful British advance in North Africa is of great significance, not so much in the seizure of the territory as in considerable Italians losses which tangibly change the relation of the forces," Red Star commented.

Said Trud:

"The simultaneous Greek attack in Albania and that of the British in North Africa have complicated considerably Italy's position, but the British success cannot yet be called a breaking-point of the war.

"It should be expected that these successes will call forth firm action on the part of her enemies."

Discussing the possibility of an invasion of England, the trade union paper said that "under conditions of British mastery of the sea and uncrushed aviation, this is a task of exceptional difficulty. . . . In general, in evaluating the situation in the British-German theater of war, one must come to the conclusion that no matter what methods of warfare the Germans employ, the struggle will retain its drawnout character."

A. W. O. L.

Corporal Allen Clark and Privates Robert Hayes and Jake Collins were arrested by Policeman Felton Cash and are being detained in jail here awaiting instructions from officers at Fort Jackson, S. C., upon whose requests the arrest were being made.

Fifteen men in Louisburg's Battery B of the 113th Field Artillery volunteered to remain at Fort Jackson, S. C., while their colleagues in training left camp for the Christmas holidays.

The call of home was too great for three of the soldiers, however, and they left for home. They are being held for being away from camp without leave and borrowing an army station wagon without authority.

The U. S. Mint in Denver is having a tough time making money as fast as it's needed. Yes, we understand!

Observations

By W. F. SHELTON

Last Sunday in the Armory there occurred another event to cement the friendly relations between the townspeople, and those from the country. The county-wide Christmas tree is another of the Chamber of Commerce affairs designed not only to do a great good but to bring folks to town under a common bond of friendship. Louisburg, more than ever before is extending the warm hand of fellowship and welcome. The county wide Christmas tree is another of those events that should be upon our yearly calendar.

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It is a great pity that through the short-sightedness of some the Louisburg Chamber of Commerce, which has rendered such yeoman service in the past many months is facing dissolution. If this happens, and it will happen, unless something is done very soon, then Louisburg will be in the unenviable position of having no organized business group. If the attitude that is allowing the Chamber of Commerce to die is allowed to persist then this town can rest assured that without a cooperation among each of the business houses, without a Rotary club, without a Kiwanis club, without a Lion's club, and without a Chamber of Commerce, that many and varied are the opportunities for civic welfare and profit that will be passed by completely because there is no coordinating or central effort. Please don't get me wrong on the above statements. I love Louisburg and Franklin County but sometimes I just cannot reconcile my own convictions with the "I don't care" attitude that at times seems to plague this community. Now since I've stuck my neck out excuse me while I start ducking.

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In Pm's Time Capsule: "If the Italians aren't careful, it will be the Greeks coming down their chimneys instead of Santa Claus."

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Observations takes this opportunity to wish each and every one of you the happiest holiday seasons. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Auto License Sales Far Above 1940

The State Department of Revenue reported Friday that auto license sales for 1940 to date were almost 50 per cent higher than for the same period the previous year.

Sales by mail order, the Raleigh Bureau and branch offices throughout the state showed 128,248 plates issued for the year to date, as against 117,147 for the same period in 1939.

Thursday alone saw issuance of 12,310 licenses, which is 4,350 more than were sold on December 19, 1939. The Raleigh Bureau alone issued 858 of the day's total Thursday, while branch offices accounted for 10,567 plates.

Sales will conclude January 1, the deadline for auto operators to obtain their 1941 licenses.

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