

Mr. Pearson Has Position With UCC

Claims Interviewer For Unemployment Compensation; Began Friday

Charles Pearson, formerly associated with the Bank of North Wilkesboro, assumed his duties last Friday, December 17th, as Claims Interviewer for the Unemployment Compensation Commission, according to announcement this week by James Blum, field representative of that organization.

Mr. Blum states that after making application for compensation, a two weeks' waiting period will be necessary, and that results of the application should be known on the last of the third week or first of the fourth week following. Mr. Blum states that any person who has worked as much as eight weeks in 1937 and who is not now employed is eligible for compensation, and these persons are advised to register with the local employment office and put in a claim for benefits under the program.

Alumni Banquet On December 28

University Alumni Will Hear Dean House and J. Maryon Saunders

The Wilkes County Chapter of the University of North Carolina Alumni Association will hold its annual banquet in the ball room of Hotel Wilkes on the night of December 28. The meeting will begin at 6:45 o'clock and the charge for each plate will be seventy-five cents. An interesting program is being planned, featuring addresses by R. B. House, dean of administration at Chapel Hill, and by J. Maryon Saunders, General Secretary of the Alumni Association.

There are over sixty members in the Wilkes County Alumni association. It is expected that a large percentage of the membership will be present for this meeting. Any member desiring to bring his wife or some friend interested in the University is urged to do so. Those desiring reservations should get in touch with Watt M. Cooper, president, T. E. Story, secretary. Reservations should be in hand by Monday night.

Officers Making Successful Raids

Charlie Sparks, Arthur Parlier and Clifford Church Face Federal Charges

Raids during the past week by federal and county officers in Wilkes netted one illicit still, three men and 140 gallons of liquor.

Federal Officers A. R. Williams and C. S. Felts with Deputy Sheriff Odell Whittington cut a small 50-gallon still in the Boomer vicinity Monday and arrested Charlie Sparks and Arthur Parlier, who were placed under bond for trial in the May, 1938, term of federal court. Three gallons of liquor were found at the still.

Earlier in the week federal officers searched the premises of Clifford Church fifteen miles west of this city on Highway 421 and found 140 gallons of liquor. He was booked for violation of the liquor laws and faces trial in federal court.

The raid was made a few days after his log cabin service station was destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Maude Foster Last Rites Today

Funeral service for Mrs. Maude Bentley Foster, 52, who died Tuesday, 4:40 p. m., at her home near Pores Knob after a lingering illness, was held today, 11 o'clock, at Walnut Grove Baptist church with Rev. C. C. Holland in charge, assisted by Rev. E. V. Bangarner.

Mrs. Foster, who was well and favorably known, was a daughter of the late John J. and Josephine Phillips Bentley and widow of the late Ed C. Foster. Surviving are the following children: Glenn Foster, Dunbar, Va.; Mrs. O. S. Barker, North Wilkesboro; Jim Foster, Mrs. W. P. Foster, T. G. and Rachel Foster, Pores Knob; and John Foster, of Wilkesboro.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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Wreck Victim



On Saturday afternoon, December 11, Clay Otis Inscore, the nineteen-year-old youth pictured above, was alive and well. That evening he had joined the innumerable throng of the dead, killed when a car he was driving overturned on a road near his home in the Windy Gap community. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Inscore.

Fruit Growers Gather Monday In Laboratory

Gardner and McCrary Talk In Optimistic Manner Before the Growers

Apple growers of the Brushy Mountains in Wilkes and Alexander counties gathered at the new research station erected by the state at Kilby's Gap Monday afternoon in the first meeting in the new building, which has just been completed.

The meeting was well attended by fruit growers who listened with interest to M. E. Gardner, head of the horticulture division of State College, and O. F. McCrary, northwestern agent, as they talked in an optimistic way about the future of the fruit growing industry and the benefits the fruit growers may expect from the research station and the service of the specialist in charge, Carl E. Van Deman, former horticulture specialist in the state of Vermont and with experience as manager of a large orchard in New York state.

Mrs. C. F. Bretholt gave an address of welcome in which she explained that the research station is for the benefit of all fruit growers, is a state institution and that its services will be available to all fruit growers in the state.

The growers are now in the midst of a drive to raise funds with which to defray cost of furnishing and equipping the laboratory in order that a maximum amount of the state appropriation may be used for research work.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY

The Rector, Rev. B. M. Lackey, will hold service at St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday morning, December 26th, at eleven o'clock. Sermon and celebration of the Holy Communion. Visitors and friends are welcome.

Elder E. A. Long, of Laurel Springs, will preach at Rock Springs Primitive Baptist church on Saturday, December 25, and Sunday, December 26. The public is invited to these Christmas services.

Reidsville Man Is Placed In Charge Of NCSES Office For Local Branch

B. G. Gentry, Former Reidsville Attorney, Manager Branch Office Here

GRADUATE OF U. N. C.

Jobless Urged to Register Now in Order to Get Security Benefits

B. G. Gentry, until recently a practicing attorney in Reidsville, has been appointed manager of the North Wilkesboro branch office of the North Carolina State Employment Service, succeeding James M. Anderson, who was recently appointed manager of district 1 with headquarters in Hickory.

The North Wilkesboro branch serving Wilkes, Alexander, Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties is a part of district 1.

The appointment of Mr. Gentry as branch manager was from the merit examinations given several months ago. Before his appointment as head of the office here Mr. Gentry was connected with the Greensboro district office.

He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, where he studied Law and Commerce and was president of the graduating law class and the Dialectic Senate. As a practicing attorney he was a member of the North Carolina Bar and the Virginia Bar.

Mr. Gentry is married and has one child. His family will move to North Wilkesboro about January 1.

In making the announcement of Mr. Gentry's appointment by the state director of the employment service Mr. Anderson, district manager, also called attention to the fact that it is important at this time for jobless people to register, especially if they have any intention of filing a claim for unemployment insurance under the state social security act.

The first day for filing claims will be Monday, January 3, but those who have been at work during 1937 and are now out of jobs are urged to take the first step now toward getting the applications under way. The first step required by the law is registration with an office of the employment service.

It is required that the persons registering for unemployment insurance have their social security numbers.

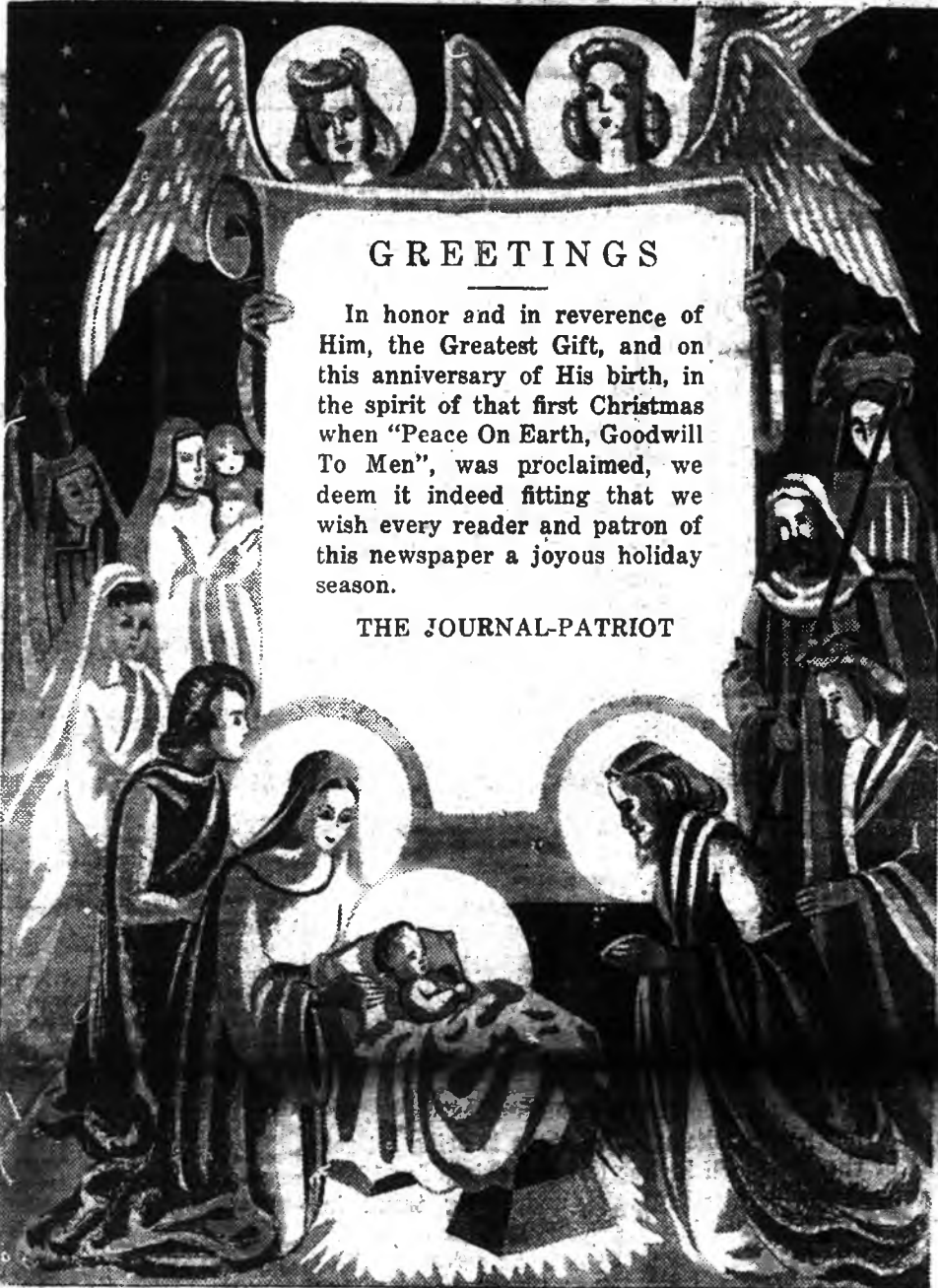
Old Age Checks Sent Out Early

State Makes Effort to Make Holiday Season Easier For Dependents

For the first time since the state social security act went into operation on July 1 the state is sending out monthly checks for old age assistance and aid to dependent children on the 20th of the month.

This is construed to mean that the dependents will have something to spend for Christmas holidays.

A total of 172 checks for old age assistance were forwarded by the state for Wilkes people while there were 28 receiving checks for aid to dependent children.



GREETINGS

In honor and in reverence of Him, the Greatest Gift, and on this anniversary of His birth, in the spirit of that first Christmas when "Peace On Earth, Goodwill To Men", was proclaimed, we deem it indeed fitting that we wish every reader and patron of this newspaper a joyous holiday season.

THE JOURNAL-PATRIOT

Help For Destitute People By Several Groups Is Appreciated

Journal-Patriot Will Miss Issue Monday, Dec. 27

Following a well established custom The Journal-Patriot will miss one issue, that of Monday, December 27, in order to allow the editorial and mechanical staff a brief holiday vacation.

In the issue of Thursday, December 30, we shall endeavor to give full coverage of holiday news and greetings for the new year.

Merry Christmas!

Many Assigned to Work Projects

Effective after January first, 25,000 additional workers in North Carolina will be assigned to work projects, according to the local area supervisor, T. D. Heffner.

In the new allotments made to states in Washington last week, this number was assigned to North Carolina. There has been an increase of 325 workers assigned to jobs in the past two months in this area, and the new quota will be assigned to projects now in operation.

The highest percentage of jobs will be in Caldwell county, where mill workers thrown out of work by the closing of the mills will be given work. Approximately 150 will be put to work within the next ten days.

Junior Woman's Club, Legion and Sunday School Classes Help Needy

Charles McNeill, Wilkes county welfare officer, said today that in behalf of a number of needy families that he wished to express appreciation to organizations and groups which have rendered help.

A diet of canned blackberries for three days is what the Buzelian Sunday school class of the First Baptist church found in a home while out on a mission of mercy in giving a shower to a needy family recommended by the welfare office.

In a class meeting a member of the class who is connected with the office told about a family which had been investigated that day and it was learned they had found a sick mother and father with seven small children.

The class went to the home, carried food and clothes and offered every reasonable assistance. It so happened that with all the various types of aid that the welfare office has been able to give that the department had no funds, food or clothes on hand with which to aid the family fund so badly destitute at that time.

The North Wilkesboro Junior Woman's club went to the rescue of an underprivileged boy and purchased glasses to rehabilitate his eyesight. Investigation showed that he was unable to see distinctly without glasses and school attendance was out of the question under circumstances as the case worker found them.

The Wilkes post of the American Legion very generously furnished...

Schools Finish First Half Term Before Holidays

County Schools Able to Operate This Year Without Serious Interruption

Schools in Wilkes county have completed the fourth month and have reached the halfway mark in the 1937-38 school year.

The central schools and many of the smaller units will reopen following the holidays on Monday, January 3, with prospects bright for another successful half year.

In contrast to a year ago, all schools in the county have been able to operate practically on schedule and there have been no serious interruptions on account of weather and road conditions.

Activity on the part of the state highway commission and the WPA to place all-weather surface on many of the leading secondary roads is given credit for much of the improvement.

Soil Conservation Office Is Rushed

Lawrence Miller, clerk of the Soil Conservation Program, announces that every effort possible is being made in checking the farms under the program which is necessary before payments may be made, and requests farmers to whom payments are due or those who have made application, to be patient. Efforts will be made to complete the check before the first of the year, or as soon after as humanly possible.

Sheriff Doughton Makes Settlement For 1936 Taxes and Gets 1937 Books

Fee of 55c Allowed Sheriff On Each Tax Sale Certificate For Year

BOARD MET TUESDAY

Wilkes county board of commissioners in recess session Tuesday made settlement with Sheriff C. T. Doughton for 1936 taxes and turned over the 1937 tax books to him for collection.

Chairman R. G. Finley and Leet Poplin were present at the meeting. M. F. Absher, Republican member, was absent.

The order of the commissioners relative to tax sale and land sale certificate fees was as follows:

"By mutual agreement with the sheriff it was ordered that Sheriff C. T. Doughton be allowed a net fee to cover cost only, amounting to 55 cents for each land sale certificate for 1936 taxes. It was further ordered that \$1.50 be refunded to each taxpayer who has been charged and who has actually paid \$2.05 cost covering advertising and sale...

It was ordered that the settlement with Sheriff C. T. Doughton for 1936 taxes, as prepared by C. P. Smith, public accountant, be accepted.

The land sale fee item has been of special interest because one of the campaign pledges of Sheriff Doughton was that he would not accept the \$2.05 allowed the sheriff as fees on each certificate by an act of the legislature in 1935 and that he would not accept the extra \$600 per year clerk hire authorized in another act passed the same year.

In commenting on the matter Sheriff Doughton said that the 55 cents allowed him on each certificate for the 1936 taxes represented actual cost of advertising, printing and making out of the certificates. He said further that the difference between the allowance of 55 cents and the \$2.05 allowed by the law represented a saving of \$2.70 to the taxpayers, which added to the clerk hire refused by sheriff makes a total for year of \$3,300.

Sheriff Doughton now has 1937 tax books for collection an early payment on the part of those who can pay is urged before a penalty is added.

County Accountant W. P. Kelly, who received payment for 1937 taxes before the books were turned over to Sheriff Doughton, now has the land sale certificates for 1936 and any who wish to pay taxes for 1936 or prior years should call at the office of the county accountant.

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Sunday School Will Observe Christmas

Wilkesboro Methodist Sunday school will exchange gifts and have a treat for every member of the Sunday school Sunday morning. A full attendance is urged.

On Sunday evening there was a special Christmas program by the primary and junior departments under direction of Margaret Haasol. The choir beautifully rendered a number of Christmas carols.