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Cantata Sunday, Eight P. M., At the First Baptist

Choir Of 45 Voices To Render Matthews' "The Story Of Christmas."

A choir of 45 voices will present "The Story of Christmas," a cantata by H. Alexander Matthews, in a candlelight service Sunday night, December 23, 8:00 o'clock, at the First Baptist church.

The cantata will be presented under direction of Mrs. A. F. Kilby with Miss Lois Scroggs as guest organist and Miss Elsie Nichols as pianist.

A crowd equal to the 750 who heard the cantata at the First Baptist church last year is anticipated. Those who are to take part have worked diligently in preparation for the cantata, which is expected to be a most inspiring presentation. A silver offering will be taken at the service.

Two Local Boys Are On Virginia State Championship Team

Football team of Woodberry Forest School at Orange, Va., won the state high school football championship during the past season, winning every game and allowing the opposing teams only three touchdowns.

Two North Wilkesboro boys were on the Woodberry Forest team. Bucky Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Horton, was a halfback, and Tom Eshelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Eshelman, played left tackle.

Father Of 19 Is Taken By Death

Funeral service was held today at Baptist Home church for David Hart, age 70, local citizen, who died Tuesday.

Mr. Hart is survived by his wife and 19 sons and daughters: Mrs. N. C. Shepherd, Walter and William Hart, of Laurel Springs; Mrs. Otto Wilcox, Glendale Springs; Mrs. Earl Miller and Mrs. W. E. Lockhart, of Hickory; Fred Hart, Laurel Springs; Miss Nellie Hart, Raleigh; Mrs. W. W. Phillips, Boomer; Mrs. A. A. Ritchie, China Grove; Mrs. Z. C. Riggs, Lenoir; Mrs. W. E. Baringer, Kannapolis; G. L. Hart, Landis; Ford Hart, Lenoir; Ermerston Hart, Mrs. Monroe Brown, Miss Blanche Hart and Miss Enola Hart, of North Wilkesboro; Joe Hart, of Lenoir.

OUR BOYS

JACK ANDERSON HERE FOR SEVERAL DAYS

Jack Anderson, who is in naval officers' training, returned to Great Lakes, Ill., today after spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson.

S-SGT. BILL CREWS HERE ON FURLOUGH

Staff Sergeant Bill Crews, of Louisville, Ky., has arrived to spend the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. W. H. Crews.

Ninety per cent of the mistletoe on Christmas markets comes from Oklahoma where this green grows abundantly.

Legion Commander



John Stalle, ex-governor of Illinois, who will serve as commander of the American Legion during 1946. With hundreds of thousands of veterans of World War II joining with veterans of World War I in the Legion, it becomes the largest organization in U. S.

Gets Promotion



Glenn K. Gollith, pharmacist's mate, 3rd class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Gollith of Ronda, has notified his parents that he has been promoted to his present rating. He entered service June 5, 1944, and is now stationed on Okinawa.

BBBB! COLDEST WEATHER HERE IN PAST 5 YEARS

Wilkes today had the coldest weather in five years.

Thermometer readings (unofficial) early today were from three to five above zero and the weather man promised no immediate relief.

This morning was the coldest weather here since January, 1940, when the mercury sank below zero on two or three consecutive mornings.

Practically all of the four-inch snowfall of Tuesday afternoon remained on the ground today and highways were slippery with snow and ice, making travel hazardous throughout northwestern North Carolina.

Highway forces have worked diligently since Tuesday afternoon to clear the snow from the highways, but the rapidly falling flakes were packed on the pavement by traffic as it fell.

Dr. Combs Addresses Woman's Club Here

Dr. Gilbert R. Combs, pastor of the North Wilkesboro First Methodist church, addressed the Woman's Club of this city in its monthly meeting held Monday afternoon at the club house on Trogon street. Dr. Combs, who spoke on "Christian Living in an American Home," was presented by Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, program chairman. Mrs. Joe E. Johnson, the president, presided for the usual business session. Mrs. J. Q. Adams was named as recording secretary to succeed Mrs. J. D. Schafer, who is leaving soon to live at Marlinton, W. Va., and Mrs. T. H. Waller as corresponding secretary to succeed the late Mrs. A. B. Johnston. During the afternoon the group sang Christmas carols, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. William Marlow. The hostesses, Mrs. R. T. McNeil, Mrs. R. J. Hinshaw and Mrs. R. E. Gibbs, served refreshments.

Important Notice To Subscribers Journal-Patriot

On January 1, 1946, several hundred subscriptions to The Journal-Patriot will expire.

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The Journal-Patriot appreciates the loyal support of thousands of subscribers. During the past four years the paper has operated under wartime handicaps of shortage of materials and labor, and it has not always been possible to render the type of service desired.

It has been impossible to personally notify subscribers before subscriptions expire, and that is why we ask subscribers to watch the date on the pink address labels.

Subscribers are also reminded to always state the old address in making requests for changes of address.

The Eire government has been petitioned to subsidize hot houses for the growing of tomatoes.

Courthouse Offices Be Closed 3 Days

Offices in the Wilkes county court house will close for the Christmas holidays at noon on Saturday, December 22, and will not be open until Thursday, December 27.

In the event of any emergency, the public may get in touch with the official needed to carry on the county business.

STORES WILL BE CLOSED 2 DAYS FOR CHRISTMAS

According to a plan adopted by local merchants several months ago, stores in North Wilkesboro will be closed two days for Christmas, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 25 and 26.

In addition to the stores, a number of other business offices, including both banks, will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The stores will be open on Monday, December 24, and will reopen on Thursday morning, December 27.

Journal-Patriot For Monday Will Be Printed 22nd

In order to allow the force a brief holiday vacation, The Journal-Patriot for Monday, December 24, will be printed on Saturday, December 23, and all who have any material, news or advertising, for publication in the Monday, December 24 issue, are asked to have it in this office Friday afternoon.

No paper will be published for Thursday, December 27, and the next issue after Christmas will appear Monday, December 31.

Holiday Mailing Sets New Record At the Postoffice

Total Of More Than 18,000 Cards And Letters Mailed Here On Monday

Pre-holiday mail at the North Wilkesboro post office is by far the heaviest in the history of the office, it was learned today from Postmaster J. C. Reins.

Monday was one of the heaviest days for outgoing mail and more than 18,000 cards and letters went through the cancelling machine. This did not include parcels and packages too large for the machine and which were processed by hand and not counted.

Since Monday the incoming mail has reached greater proportions than ever before and the short-handed post office personnel has worked night and day trying to keep up with the flood of holiday mail. Even at wartime peak the post office did not handle nearly so much mail as during this Christmas season.

Miss Barnes Soloist At Wake Forest

Wake Forest, Dec. 18.—The Wake Forest Glee Club last night presented its annual Christmas program under the direction of Miss Albertine Lefler.

The program consisted of two organ numbers by Miss Lefler as prelude, a cantata "The Adoration" (George Nevin), and the hallelujah chorus from "The Messiah" (G. F. Handel). Miss Lucy Rawlings, of Conway, was pianist, and Dr. H. M. Poteat, of Wake Forest, was organist.

Soloists were: Billie Barnes, of North Wilkesboro; William T. Roberson, of Candler; Bettye Alexander, of Kannapolis; and Oscar P. Campbell, Jr., of St. Louis, Mo.

Auto Dealers Will Be Closed Monday, Tuesday, Dec. 24-25

Yadkin Valley Motor Company, Gaddy Motor Company, Wilkes Auto Sales Company and Motor Service Sales Company and Midway Pontiac Co. will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25. All four of the establishments will reopen on Wednesday, December 26.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Groups Of Men Are Sent From Wilkes For Examinations

Both Selective Service Boards in Wilkes on Tuesday forwarded groups of men to Fort Bragg for pre-induction examination for service in the army and navy.

Lists of men sent by the two boards follow:

- Board Number One: Allen Watson, Frederick E. Rhymer, Paul Cecil Marley, June Sidney Price, Jesse Ray Wiles, Hugh Calvin Hayes, Tommie Junior Church, Guilford Clint Johnson, Isaac Richard Shoun, Frank James Prevetle, Dewey Berl Johnson, Ralph Hardin Simpson, Hugh Harold Franklin, Dean Daniel N. Mathis. Board Number Two: James Caster Carson, Walter A. Holbrook, Jessie Ward Hodge, William Lee Daye, William Roscoe McNeill, Talmadge Spicer, Rufus Collins, Ted Junior Ellis, Charles M. Coffey, John R. Poplin, Ernest Bowers, James Doughton Taylor, Lester Ray Wagoner, John Freel Miller (transfer).

Holiday Schedule For Draft Boards

Selective Service offices here and in Wilkesboro will be closed for Christmas on Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25. The offices will be closed for New Year on December 31 and January 1, but will be open on two Saturdays, Dec. 29 and January 5. This schedule of holidays is in accord with orders received from Selective Service headquarters.

Hi-Y Christmas Dance On Friday

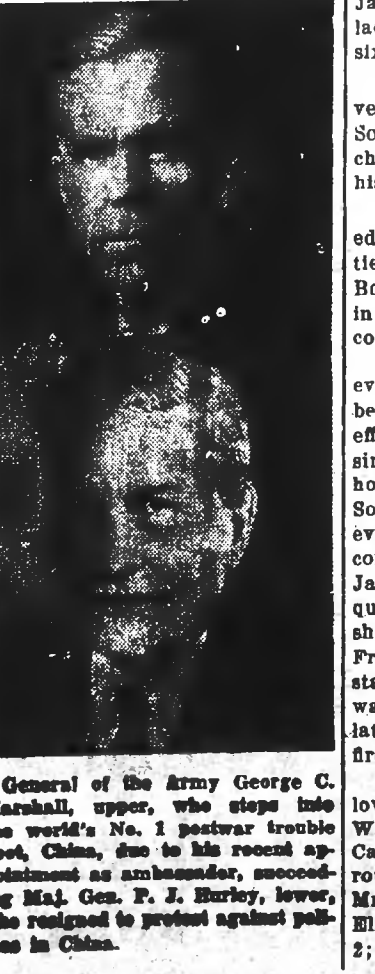
Annual Christmas dance sponsored by the Hi-Y Club in North Wilkesboro high school will be held at the Woman's Club Friday night, 9 o'clock. In addition to those who have received invitations, former students of the school are invited. It will be a formal dance.

Singing Dec. 31st Zion Hill Church

Southside Singing Association will convene in regular fifth Sunday session on Sunday, December 31, at Zion Hill Baptist church at Boomer. Attorney F. J. McDuffie, chairman, announced the singing and invited all gospel singers to attend and take part. The day's program will open at the Sunday school hour and continue through the day with dinner at the church at noon.

Race horses are being sold in Eire at record high prices.

New Envoy to China



General of the Army George C. Marshall, upper, who steps into the world's No. 1 postwar trouble spot, China, due to his recent appointment as ambassador, succeeding Maj. Gen. P. J. Hurley, lower, who resigned to protest against policies in China.

Coming Soon....



LOCAL SCHOOLS DO GOOD JOB WITH CHRISTMAS SEALS; RETURNS SHOW OTHER PHASES OF CAMPAIGN SLOW

North Wilkesboro high school made an excellent record in sales of Christmas seals to aid in the fight on tuberculosis but returns from other phases of the campaign in Wilkes are lagging, it was learned today from Mrs. C. J. Snodgrass, seal sale chairman.

The goal for the county is one thousand dollars, but the latest report showed a total of only \$680. Those who have not paid for their seals are asked to send their remittances to Mrs. E. N. Phillips, treasurer, North Wilkesboro.

A total of \$104.20 was raised in North Wilkesboro school, where the campaign was conducted under the direction of Miss Myrtle Tuttle, faculty member. This was a new record for the school and a much higher figure than last year. The three highest ranking rooms in the returns were: Miss Tuttle's, \$14.85; Mrs. Thos. C. Price's, \$14.78; Miss Lucille Young's, \$11.45.

Following is a release from the state headquarters of the campaign:

Early reports on the 1945 Christmas seal sale indicate a lag in returns in spite of the fact that during the immediate post-war years the American public should be strengthening its

guard against tuberculosis. Determined efforts will be continued to reach the Christmas seal sale goal of \$285,000, it was announced by Frank W. Webster, executive secretary of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association.

Webster pointed out that post-war years have been followed consistently by increases in tuberculosis, although it is too early to predict in the United States the effect of World War II in this respect. There have been sharp increases in tuberculosis, however, in Europe and Asia, where this long-term disease has had a number of years to make its destruction known.

The state and community goals in the 1945 Christmas seal sale should and must be met, Webster said, in order that the voluntary tuberculosis organizations may continue and even augment their programs of health education and case-finding in bringing in check the greatest killer of youth in our nation. The appeal for funds to fight tuberculosis is made only once a year, Webster continued, but the importance of the seal sale as a means of controlling tuberculosis, through education cannot be minimized.

FRANK SOUTHER KILLED BY HIS BROTHER, JAMES, ON MONDAY

Robert Franklin Souther, 42-year-old veteran of World War II, was instantly killed by his brother, James Souther, at James Souther's home in Lovelace township Monday evening, six o'clock.

Coroner I. M. Myers, who investigated the death, stated that Souther was killed by a shotgun charge fired at close range into his face.

James Souther was apprehended a short time later by Deputies Sheriff A. H. Holbrook and Bob Edwards and is being held in jail at Wilkesboro pending a coroner's hearing.

Coroner Myers stated that the evidence he obtained from members of the family was to the effect that J. Franklin Souther, single, had been making his home with his brother, James Souther, and family. On Monday evening both were drinking, according to the statement of Mrs. James Souther, and they were quarrelling a short time before she heard a shot and saw J. Franklin Souther fall as he started toward her husband, who was in the house. James Souther later admitted to officers that he fired the shot.

Souther is survived by the following brothers and sisters: W. W. Souther, Wilkesboro, route 2; Carl Souther, North Wilkesboro, route 2; Mrs. Roosevelt Johnson, Mrs. Ruby Pendergrass and Mrs. Elsie Hendren, Wilkesboro, route 2; Mrs. Lillie Call, North Wilkes-

Three Weeks Court Will Convene Jan. 14th In Wilkesboro

Judge Allen H. Gwyn Will Preside Over Term For Trial Of Civil Cases

Wilkes Superior Court for trial of civil cases will convene in Wilkesboro on Monday, January 14.

Judge Allen H. Gwyn, of Reidsville, will preside over the term. Many cases have been placed on the calendar, which was arranged by the Wilkes Bar Association.

Jurors for the term have been drawn as follows:

- First Week: R. J. Tucker, Edwards; Edmund E. Mayberry, Somers; W. B. Prevetle, Somers; A. T. Jones, Wilkesboro; Howard L. Martin, Mulberry; W. M. Sparks, Edwards; Arthur L. Marlow, Lovelace; W. F. Alexander, Mulberry; Ambrose Shumate, Union; B. C. Hayes, Reddies River; B. L. Call, Wilkesboro; Clifton Byrd, Mulberry; Natt Carter, Edwards; Luther Staley, Antioch; Richard N. Nichols, Reddies River; T. B. Lewis, New Castle; F. C. Nichols, Reddies River; C. C. Pardue, Traphill; W. H. Francis, Walnut Grove; Freddie Marlow, Brushy Mountain; Chester I. Church, Jobs Cabin; Major Combs, Rock Creek; C. E. Anderson, Wilkesboro; T. S. Huffman, Sam Anderson, Joe R. Shew and A. G. Finley, North Wilkesboro; James H. Johnson, Rock Creek; A. D. Treadway, Moravian Falls; A. G. Adams, Walnut Grove; F. C. Smith, Edwards; J. F. Taylor, Elk; Leroy Eller, Moravian Falls; A. M. Holbrook, Walnut Grove; Callie Greene, Elk; Pete Ashley, Union.

Second Week

- Gene Brooks, Walnut Grove; S. T. Eskridge, New Castle; V. I. Minton, Reddies River; C. W. Elmore, Rock Creek; W. M. Johnson, Edwards; G. M. Alexander, Rock Creek; T. C. Calloway, New Castle; Clarence Darnell, Edwards; W. T. Transeau, Wilkesboro; Van Lankford, Reddies River; George M. Minton, North Wilkesboro; Spurgeon G. Gofforth, Somers; T. C. Poplin, Edwards; Vester L. Nichols, Somers; J. M. Mathis, Edwards; E. R. Dancy, Union; C. W. Harrold, Rock Creek; Napier M. Osborne, Traphill; Alvin Minton, North Wilkesboro; Shack Couch, Edwards; W. R. Dejournette, Traphill; J. A. Hayes, Reddies River; Noah Walker, New Castle; T. W. Boyd, Edwards; H. H. Scott, Lewis Fork; Jesse Alexander, Edwards; E. C. Higgins, Rock Creek; Otto E. Shumate, Union; Ambrose Whittington, Mulberry; W. A. Church, Elk; R. H. Elliott, Reddies River; C. O. Parsons, Stanton; Austin H. Lovette, North Wilkesboro; M. V. Sebastian, Rock Creek; D. D. Queen, Brushy Mountain; Glenn Eller, Mulberry.

Third Week

- R. D. Cooper, Reddies River; Fitzhu Richardson, North Wilkesboro; J. R. Byrd, Antioch; McKinley Eller, Lewis Fork; Major Higgins, Walnut Grove; N. M. Johnson, Mulberry; H. W. Cox, Traphill; Edd B. Hendren, Brushy Mountain; Everett Beshears, North Wilkesboro; Ralph Watson, Jobs Cabin; W. F. Waters, Jobs Cabin; T. A. Eller, Reddies River; A. F. Walsh, Beaver Creek; C. G. Williams, Boomer; T. L. Byrd, Edwards; I. C. Johnson, Walnut Grove; R. D. Minton, Lewis Fork; R. L. Pennell, Boomer; Charlie Lyon, Traphill; J. T. Woods, Elk; G. B. Kemp, Somers; C. M. Pardue, Wilkesboro; P. H. Blankenship, Elk; Carlyle Ingle, North Wilkesboro; Gurney Prevetle, Lovelace; J. C. Whittington, Reddies River; Parks Roberts, Somers; Fred Pardue, New Castle; Arthur Brooks, Wilkesboro; Dean Joines, Walnut Grove.

Marriage License

Since December 6 Wilkes Register of Deeds Troy C. Foster has issued marriage licenses to the following couples: William Thomas Pulley, Henderson, and Margaret Jurell Brewer, North Wilkesboro; Alonzo Anderson and Lola Pike, both of McGrady; Thomas W. Johnson, Jefferson, and Evon Miller, West Jefferson; Thomas Greer, Lenoir, and Evelyn Broyhill, Boomer; Robert Cardwell and Annie Webb, both of North Wilkesboro; Don Ray Gregory, Hays, and Blanche Hall, North Wilkesboro; Ira C. Billings, Traphill, and Henrietta Rose, Muskegon, Michigan.