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Make North Wilkesboro Your Christmas Shopping Center

McElwee Speaker At Kiwanis Meet Here Friday Noon

"The Road To Peace" Subject of Address By Former Major In Army

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club had a most enjoyable program Friday noon, featured by an address by Attorney W. H. McElwee, who recently returned from service in the army in Europe.

Prior to the program presents from the club were presented to Miss Lois Scroggs, pianist, and Secretary T. E. Story.

Program Chairman S. V. Tompkins presented Major McElwee, who made an interesting talk on the subject, "The Road To Peace." Mr. McElwee cautioned the members to understand that whatever he might say in the talk was purely the ideas or opinions of himself and not those of the army or any other group of persons.

He compared the road to peace to a farmer who prepares to plant a crop. He must cultivate and prepare his field. He must fertilize it and then continue to cultivate it in order to keep out the weeds.

He indicated that the seeds of peace must be sown in a field properly prepared.

And now it appears there are many pits and gullies in the field. These are filled with filth and mud and must be cleaned out.

Two of these pits are: (1) Tariffs and duties; and, (2) the character and attitudes of the peoples of the world.

Mr. McElwee argued that nations must trade with each other and that the present tariff walls are a block to peace. We cannot pursue the policy of isolation or the live-at-home policy. In order to take care of the tremendous debt of more than 275 billion dollars we shall have to do it by inflation or by taxation. Inflation will eventually bring stagnation and chaos. That leaves as the only plan taxation. Our national debt must be 150 to 160 billion dollars from consumer products in order that our taxes be sufficient to meet our debt obligations.

We all want new goods and our home trade will be for a time sufficient to take care of the producers products, but in a year or so it will not be and then we must go into the world market. In that case our trade barriers must not be such as to curb this trade. In further support of this argument the speaker contended that our assistance to the other countries in their great hour of need should be prefaced with the requirement that they elevate the standard of living of their work-

Guests were as follows: Bill Gardner with his father, Edd Gardner, John E. Justice, III, with his father, John E. Justice, Jr., Bill Combs with R. E. Gibbs, Fred Hubbard, Jr., with Pat Williams, G. C. Smith, of Salisbury, was a visiting Kiwanian. Mrs. L. M. Nelson, pianist for the day, was a guest of the club.

Stores Will Be Closed Tuesday And Wednesday

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 places of business, including both banks, will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. Business will be resumed as usual on Thursday morning.

OUR BOYS

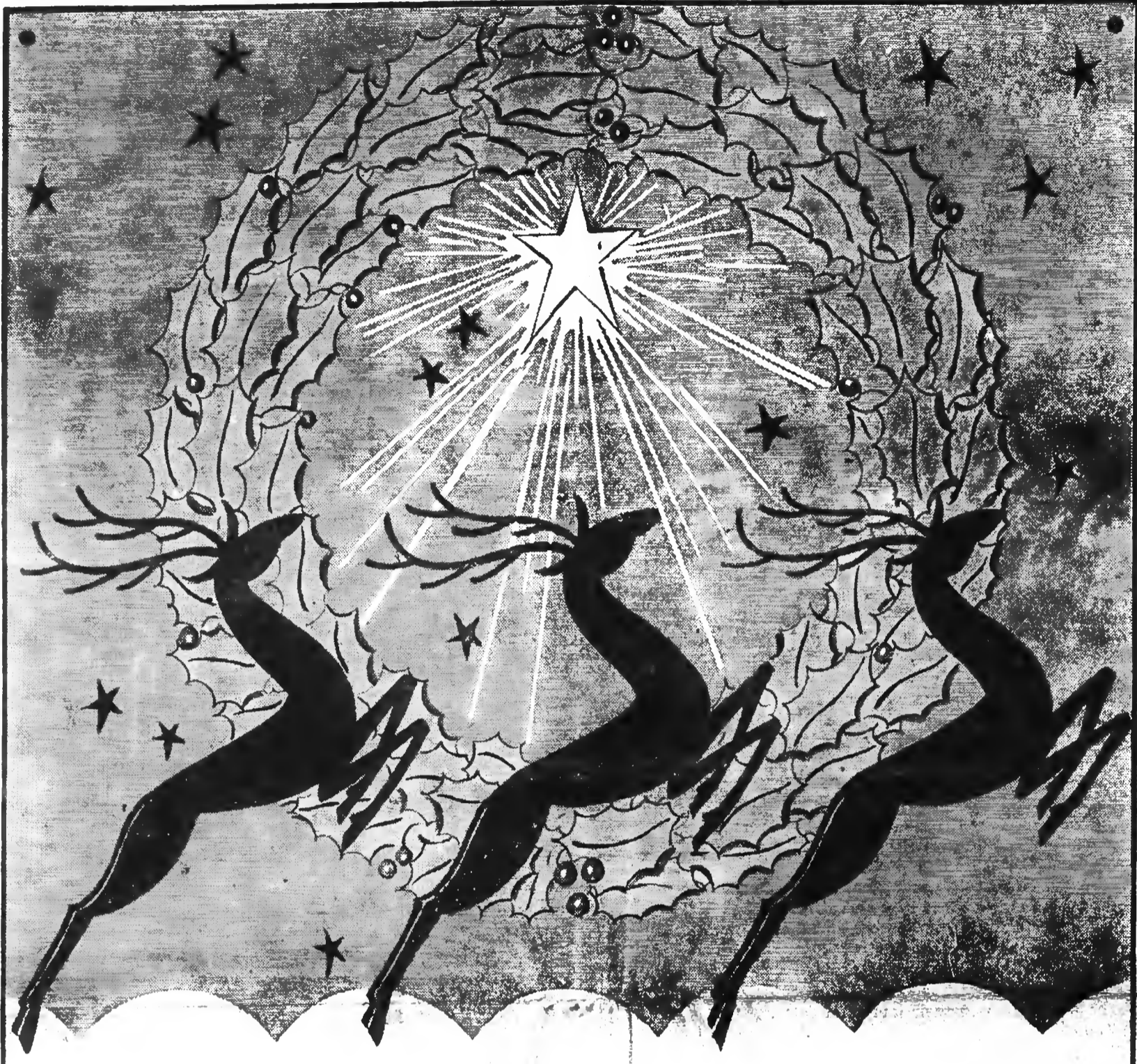
ENS. ROBERT SCHAEFER HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Design Robert Schaefer, who is in the navy and is stationed in Rhode Island, has arrived to spend the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Schaefer.

CULA E. BURNS HAS RECEIVED DISCHARGE

Cula E. Burns, storekeeper first class in the navy, has received his discharge at Baltimore, Md., and has returned to his home at North Wilkesboro.

The first illustrated edition of Boccaccio's Decameron sold today at Sotheby's auction house for \$12,000.



Merry Christmas

Pageant In Bethlehem

There was nothing spectacular, nothing new about their entrance into Bethlehem—Mary on a donkey, Joseph on foot, the halter in his hand. No one noticed; no one cared. They were poor, ordinary, lowly Nazarenes, common peasants come to sign the census rolls, footsore and weary, typical of others who had come for days in steady streams to the city they called their own. Bethlehem, tiny village, lay prostrate on a Judean hill. Swollen with strangers, aching with activity, moaning aloud in drunken music and lustful laughter—this was the village through which Joseph and Mary picked their way, searching for a room. From inn to inn they went in desperation . . . but always there was no room, not a single bed, even for Mary, heavy with child. At last, alone in the quiet outskirts, they chanced upon a rude shed built for cows, and there beneath the breath of beasts Mary brought forth her son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Somehow nature went wild that night, the world turned topsy-turvy—all Creation shook for joy and bowed toward the stable. Angels appeared to shepherds on the hillside and sang the news that He had come, He of whom the prophets spoke, for whom the world had waited. A giant star fell from its orbit and traced a route across the midnight sky. Wise men saw the star and set out on camels to adore. Nature rejoiced and laughed for joy for He had come, this Child of Mary, on Christmas Day—He, the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

And prophets, centuries before, had told about His coming—holy men with bushy beards, on speaking terms with God. For God had told them Adam's crime would one day be reversed; that He would send His only Son to ransom Adam's children. God had promised, and now His Word was Flesh; Christ had come to save the world from sin.

Strange birthplace for so great a birth—a stable filled with cows! Strange place to cuddle at Mary's breast, to feel the touch of gentle hands, to listen to her lullabies! Strange birthday for the Son of God!

But that is what He chose—a strange beginning for a strange career. For thirty years he would live unknown, as Joseph's son in Nazareth, earning His bread with labor and sweat, a lowly Nazarene. And then one day He would leave His home and foot His way through Palestine, raising the dead, curing the sick, giving sight to the blind, His heart on fire to do the work for which He had come. People would follow Him, praise His name, on Sunday try to make Him King, and on Friday nail Him to a cross.

Strange career for the Son of God, nestled now in Mary's arms. Strange, indeed, that this little Child should come to earth that all men might be saved. Wondrous, that this Child who suckles should be the God who made us. Strange, but true. And breathless, we adore!

The Journal-Patriot Will Not Be Issued Thursday, Dec. 27th

The Journal-Patriot will not be issued on Thursday, December 27. This is in accord with a regular custom which allows the newspaper personnel a brief holiday vacation. The next issue will be Monday, December 31, in which we shall give the coverage of the local holiday news.

E Bond Sales Total 76% of State Quota

E bond sales in North Carolina reported to the Federal Reserve System Wednesday totaled \$300,000. State War Finance Chairman Clarence T. Leinbach said last night.

These figures brought to \$22,900,000 the E bond sales in the state during the current Victory Loan Campaign. The total is 76

per cent of the state's quota. During the remaining seven selling days the remaining \$7,100,000 worth of E bonds must be sold to reach the quota. Leinbach said.

WM. CLAY SEBASTIAN RECEIVES DISCHARGE

William Clay Sebastian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Sebastian, of North Wilkesboro, route two, received his discharge from the navy Thursday at Charleston, S.

C. Clay spent 94 months in the navy and for a long period was a member of the crew of the Enterprise, taking part in the following major engagements: Pearl Harbor-Midway, Philippine campaign in 1941, Pacific raids, Coral Sea, Midway, Guadalcanal, Eastern Solomons, Buin-Raisi-Tonolai and Santa Cruz. More recently he was stationed with the fleet in Pearl Harbor.

Delay In Transport Veterans Be Probed

Washington. — An investigation of delays in homeward transportation for veterans landing at West Coast ports was ordered yesterday by the Senate's War Investigating Committee. It called public meetings for today and asked Col. J. Monroe Johnson, director of Defense Transportation, to appear as the first witness.

Membership Drive For Chamber Of Commerce Here

More Than \$5,000 In Memberships Paid And Many Reports To Be Made.

The movement to organize a Chamber of Commerce in North Wilkesboro is progressing splendidly.

More than \$5,000 for paid memberships has been received by the organization committee, of which Richard Johnston is treasurer. A number of membership solicitors have not made their reports and returns as yet have no been received from many firms which have already indicated their willingness to liberally back the organization with paid memberships.

According to the organization plan, each membership is priced at \$25, but any firm is invited to take as many memberships as possible. Some firms have taken as high as ten memberships each.

Realizing the need of North Wilkesboro and vicinity being represented in the fields of industry and business by a live Chamber of Commerce, the movement for organization was started several weeks ago and gained impetus with a mass meeting of interested citizens at the town hall, at which time an organization committee was formed. After the membership campaign is completed a meeting will be called to form the organization and elect officers.

The tentative plan calls for a budget of approximately \$12,000 annually, which would pay a capable full time secretary and other expenses. The organization committee is hopeful that the membership campaign may be completed within the very near future. All solicitors are asked to complete their contacts as early as possible and make their reports.

Schools In Wilkes County To Reopen Monday, Dec. 31st

Wilkes county schools, which closed earlier for the holidays because of the flu epidemic and bad road conditions, will reopen on December 31.

North Wilkesboro schools, scheduled to run through Thursday of last week before closing for Christmas, closed at noon Wednesday because of weather conditions, and will reopen on the morning of December 31.

W. R. Spainhour Dies In Hickory

W. R. Spainhour, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Spainhour, of this city, died about 5 a. m. today at his home in Hickory.

Mr. Spainhour had been in ill health and recently underwent a major operation, from which he apparently was recovering. However, his death was attributed to a stroke.

Mr. Spainhour was an executive of the Spainhour Stores and was manager of the large Spainhour store in Hickory. He was one of the best known merchants in western North Carolina.

Funeral will be held Sunday in Hickory.

Nellie Gabriel In College Who's Who

A. S. T. C., Boone, Dec. 20. —Betty Gabriel, president of the Student Council, announced the names of the students who were recently elected to Who's Who in American universities and colleges. They are as follows:

Seniors: Nellie Gabriel, North Wilkesboro; Curtis Murray, Boone; Freda Grubbs Cline, Winston-Salem; Inez Connor, Shelby; Dorothy Moore, Galax, Va.; Mary Smith, Charlotte; A. J. Smith, Whiteville; and Peggy Rogers, Fair Bluff.

Juniors: Rebecca Rivers, Mountain City, Tenn.; Patsy Rose Smith, Mooresville; Joyce Brookshire, Taylorsville; and Kathleen Moore, Galax, Va. These students have been elected because of good academic work, outstanding participation in extra curricular activities, qualities of leadership, and all-around good citizenship.

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