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**BARTER PLAYERS** — Joyce Savage, Albert Corbin, and Monie May, three of the principals in the famous Barter Theatre's production of Shakespeare's *THE COMEDY OF ERRORS*, will appear at Campbell College Saturday night. The extravagantly costumed comedy is presented here under the auspices of the Cape Fear Festival Association.

## Harnett Agriculture Census Is Released

### Upper Little River Leads In All Farm Classifications

Upper Little River led Harnett County's thirteen townships in 15 of the 32 items covered in the preliminary 1950 farm inventory survey of 1949 crops. County Farm Census Supervisor Berles Johnson reported recently.

Lower Harnett township claimed 47,513 of the county's 302,363 acres of farmland, although more than 2,000 acres of this were idle and 28,785 more acres were in woodland.

The same township claimed a farm population of 3,958 persons, just slightly ahead of Averasboro and Grove, with 3,599 and 3,347 farm residents, respectively. Rural population, according to the census report, consists of those persons who live on tracts of three or more acres. Harnett County's entire rural population amounted to 26,657 at the time of the census.

**MORE LAND IN AVERASBORO**  
Averasboro Township had a bit more land under cultivation than did its nearest competitors, with 15,836 acres listed. Following were Upper Little River, 15,804, and Grove, 15,444 acres. Total cultivated acreage in the county amounted to 119,823 acres.

Non-farm tracts in rural areas amounted to 55,071 acres, of which Johnsonville laid claim to 19,999 acres. In this category, Anderson Creek had 12,711 acres, while Upper Little River had 11,823 acres. (Continued on Page 3)

## Anderson Creek Principal Is Ordained As Minister

Merrill Yates, principal of Anderson Creek school for the past five years, was accepted recently by the presbytery of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church as a minister. Mr. Yates says that he will enter the seminary at Wake Forest next fall, and will do supply work during the time that he is attending the seminary.

The examination of Mr. Yates was held in Chatham county with the recommendation for his acceptance in the ministry being made by Z. B. Teal. The recommendation was accepted unanimously.

Before coming to Anderson Creek school, Mr. Yates had been a teacher and athletic coach in Fergus county for nine years. He attended Green Hope high school in Wake county and Wake Forest college, where he graduated in 1934. He did some graduate work at the University of North Carolina in 1949 and 1950.

He is married to the former Myrtle Deal of Carpenter, and they have two children, Louis, 14, and Curtis, 4.

REV. MERRILL YATES

Mr. Yates is well known as one of the most capable coaches in the county as well as a principal.

## Erwin Baptist Church Holds Family Night

### Church Members Held Annual Event; Outstanding Program

The members of the Erwin First Baptist Church observed "Family Night" at the church Friday evening, December 1st.

The program began at 7 o'clock and was opened with the group singing "We've A Story To Tell To The Nations." This was followed with prayer by the Rev. Forest Maxwell.

Teachers of the different departments were then introduced and following this, classes were taught from the Beginners Department through the Adult Department.

From the Beginners Department Mrs. Thurman Collins of Marners taught the book "Fentala." For the Juniors the book "Zombo" was taught by Mrs. Raymond Moore of Lillington. For the Intermediates and Young Peoples Departments, Miss Marie Epley of Raleigh, who holds an office in the state Womens Missionary Union very interestingly taught the book "Listen To The Drums."

Miss Ruth Province of Raleigh, who is executive secretary of the state Womens Missionary Union taught the book "A Century In Digera" to the adults. The entire subject of the meeting was Nigeria and during intermission, refreshments which are native to Africa was served African style. The refreshments consisted of peanuts, bananas, cookies, and hot chocolate.

## Woman Shot Last Night

Alta Bell Blue, 22-year-old Dunn Negro woman, was treated at the Dunn Hospital last night for a pistol wound, it was reported this morning by Police Chief George Arthur Johnson.

According to the authorities, the woman was shot through the right leg with a .32 calibre pistol. The bone in her leg was broken by the bullet.

**WALKING DOWN STREET**  
The woman told officers that she and a friend, whom she failed to identify, were "just walking down the street." She told them that she and her girl friend "heard someone arguing and the next thing I heard was a pistol shot."

She was treated at the hospital by Dr. C. B. Coddington. Police this morning were investigating several angles of the shooting. They appeared skeptical of the woman's story.

The officers reported only one arrest during the past 24 hours. Lawson E. Warren, 21, of Dunn, Route 4 was booked for careless and reckless driving. Witness Denning.

## Mrs. Britt, 75 Dies In Benson Carter Will Fill Pulpit

Mrs. Brazilla Ryals Britt, 75, died at her home in Benson at 8:30 this morning, following a long illness. She was the daughter of the late R. B. and Kitty Ann Giles Ryals.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 3 p. m. from the Benson Baptist Church. Rev. Thurman B. Stone, pastor of the church, will officiate. Mrs. Britt was long a member of this church.

She is survived by her husband, E. P. Britt; two daughters, Mrs. Ralph Holt, Durham, and Mrs. S. M. Gilstrap of Dillon, S. C.; two sons, Vernon Britt of Fayetteville and Perry Britt of Benson; a brother, H. B. Ryals, Erwin; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## VFW Plans Annual Rites

Dunn Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will inaugurate a series of annual memorial services, to be held each year on the Sunday following the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, at the Hood Memorial Christian Church here.

Dr. George Cuthrell, pastor of the church, has prepared a special sermon for the 11 a. m. service.

## Air Of Gaiety Awaits Parade



**BENSON CHAMBER MEETS** — Some 100 members and guests of the Benson Chamber of Commerce met Friday night for the chamber's annual banquet and business meeting. Shown above are: standing, Dr. G. W. Sanders, who introduced James W. Butler, manager of the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce, the evening's principal speaker; Mayor L. L. Levinson of Benson (seated, rear), who presided over the yearly affair; Mrs. Levinson, Chamber President W. B. Herring and Mrs. Herring. Business for the evening included the election of four new directors and a directors' meeting after the banquet. (Record Staff Photo by Lewis Studios)

## Much Progress Is Reported At Benson Chamber Meet

### We're Sleepy, Head Aches, But Have Faith

The Daily Record was still struggling along today despite what seems to be more than its share of the expected headaches connected with launching such a venture.

A group of two key employees on the initial day delayed publication for several hours. To add to our woes, a gear Record's big press right at press got out of adjustment on the time yesterday.

Factory Pressman Bill Harris, Irving Carroll of the Machine and Welding Company, Pat Lynch of Lynch Manufacturing Company and several members of The Record staff worked all night long to get out the second issue.

**JUST NORMAL**  
The trouble was merely part of the stage of installing and adjusting equipment, which experts say is normal and is to be expected—though we had hoped to avoid such an occurrence.

Our press started rolling at 4:30 this morning, however, and by 7:30 more than 5,000 of the total circulation had been distributed over the area.

Through the courtesy of Woodrow Hill, local agent for The News and Observer, yesterday's Record was distributed this morning by his carrier boys.

Hundreds called or telephoned about their copy of The Record—and all of them were very understanding. The Record appreciates the understanding of the public, but expects to go to press "on the dot" from this moment out. Any delay will be beyond the power of The Record force.

## Bulletins

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 8—(UP)**—Price Controller Michael V. Di Salle said today the government is not planning any immediate wage-price freeze.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 8—(UP)**—The Department of Agriculture today estimated the nation's 1950 cotton production at 9,884,000 bales, about half as much as produced last year and slightly above the Nov. 1, forecast.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 8—(UP)**—Gen. J. Lawton Collins met with President Truman and Britain's Clement Attlee today to report on the military situation in Korea where he thinks United Nations forces can take care of themselves without "further serious losses."

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 8—(UP)**—U. S. 3rd Division troops are only six miles from 20,000 Marine and Army troops fighting their way southward from Koto out of a Chinese trap in Korea, a Navy spokesman said today.

## Record Throng Expected For Yule Opening

### Santa Claus Will Lead Bands, Pretty Girls And Beautiful Floats

Float entries continued to come in today, for the Christmas parade tomorrow morning, according to the Dunn Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the event.

The parade gained in magnitude with various entries from the Biddy Hatchery, Home Furniture Co., Thomas and Warren Furniture Co., and Harnett Hardware Co., Thursday. Other entries are expected before time for the parade.

An unusual feature of the parade, according to information from the Chamber of Commerce office, will be an old-fashioned surry. Many gaily decorated floats, ponies, and decorated cars, three bands and old Santa Claus himself will also be featured.

Expectant children today looked forward to the final float in the parade, for that will be the one which Santa himself will be riding. Santa will also appear at the Drive-In Theatre in person, Christmas Eve night.

Route of the parade will be as follows: from North King Ave., on Broad St., to Magnolia, then to Cumberland, west on Cumberland, to the cotton yard. The procession will disband there.

The town of Dunn is contributing the lights, which will be turned on tomorrow evening. The town has purchased the lighting equipment and is busy stringing the lights and getting them ready to burn.

The procession is scheduled to begin at 1 a. m. Bands from Dunn High school, Benhaven High school and the Harnett County Training School will march with the gaily decorated floats.

Parade Chairman Billy Pearson promises that the procession will be a long and entertaining one, with a number of novel ideas being carried out in the decorations.

No parking will be allowed on Broad St., between King and Magnolia streets, tomorrow morning, office Chief G. A. Jackson said today.

The street will be roped off, and no cars will be allowed to enter until after the Christmas parade has passed.

## New Furniture Store Opened

### Bill McLamb Opens New Branch On North Wilson Avenue In Dunn

There's no doubt Bruce Byrd took to the furniture business.

When he came out of the military service a little more than a year ago, Byrd accepted a job with a furniture store here. When the firm changed hands, he continued working under the new owners.

Now, he is manager of a bright new furniture store on North Wilson Ave., which he and the owner call Home Furniture Co.

Moving from apprentice to manager of a store in a single year is something of an accomplishment, and it requires only a short talk with personable Bruce Byrd to see (Continued on Page 5)

## '51 Chevrolet Will Be Shown Here Saturday

The new 1951 Chevrolet will be shown here, at W. and W. Chevrolet Co., beginning tomorrow morning.

Dealer Earl Westbrook and T. Brown Williams are singing the praises of the new model, features of which they will point out on the floor tomorrow morning.

Floors of the agency are cleared today in preparation for the new cars. They are being put on display at the same time all over the country, and are being kept under cover until the official time for showing.

The Chevrolet agency is located on East Cumberland St.

## Peace Prayers To Be Offered

The people of Dunn are invited to go to their respective churches Sunday afternoon to pray for peace.

No organized services will be held but prayers for peace will be offered from 2 to 5 p. m. in the churches of the town.

The call was sent out today by the Rev. Joyce Early, secretary of the Dunn Ministerial Association.

## New Minister At Erwin Has A Colorful Career

By ARNOLD SNOW  
Record Staff Writer

At least one person in Erwin is finding time to catch up with a little needed relaxation these days.

The man is the Rev. D. A. Petty, pastor of the Erwin Methodist church. While the Rev. Mr. Petty finds plenty of things to do to keep his time occupied, he is finding Erwin a haven of rest in comparison with his former charge.

**CAME FROM HALIFAX**  
The new pastor, who has been in Erwin about a month, came from Halifax, where he was largely responsible for the building of three new churches during his four years in his ministry there.

The three new churches were dedicated last year; free of debt, after they were built at a cost of about \$125,000. Raising that amount of money among churches with rather small congregations is a feat which, but it carries with it a lot of work and worry, a lot of moving about and bustle.

Now that the big job is finished,



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