

Mrs. Purcell Fetes Church Group

Mrs. E. G. Purcell entertained members of the Wesleyan Guild of the Methodist Church at their annual Christmas party and supper at her home Friday evening.

Auxiliary tables held a lighted candle surrounded by a wreath of fern and berries.

Guests were greeted at the door by Mr. and Mrs. Purcell and shown to their places. A delicious supper was served. It consisted of chicken mousse, potato chips, relishes, sandwiches in star and wreath shapes, cheese biscuits, salted nuts, cherry fluff, mints and coffee.

Following supper Mrs. Bobby Pate presented a program entitled "Good Tidings of Great Joy." Those taking part were: Mrs. Gordon Ennis and Miss Lib Jones.

Following the program the group sang carols and exchanged gifts from under the tree. Mrs. E. R. King who is leaving January the first to make her home in Goldsboro was given silver candle holders from the group.

Those present were: Mrs. Gordon Ennis, Mrs. Leon McCaskill, Mrs. Bobby Pate, Mrs. Albert Oldham Jr., Mrs. Clyde Crawford, Mrs. "Mike" Crawford, Mrs. A. W. Wheeler, Mrs. Clarence Turnage, Mrs. E. R. King, Miss Pearl Surles, Miss Lib Jones, Mrs. H. S. Warren, Mrs. Payton Odom, Mrs. Jack Brock, Mrs. Jack Stewart, Mrs. Marvin West, Mrs. Bill Graham, Mrs. John Pecora, and Mrs. Cleon Jackson.



DISPLAY HIGHLIGHTS X-RAY—To emphasize the importance of the mass X-ray which will be resumed here after the holidays, Dr. Charles W. Byrd, chairman of the Harnett County Tuberculosis Association set up this display in the window of Butler and Carroll's Drug Store. Diagonally across the street from the X-ray trailer, the display encouraged many persons to cross the street and take the test. (Daily Record photo by Louis Dearborn).

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STAR-VUE DRIVE-IN BENSON, N. C. HIGHWAY 301 NORTH IN CAR HEATERS. ADMISSION ONLY 40 CENTS TWO SHOWS NIGHTLY BOX OFFICE OPENS 7 P. M. TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY (Double feature) "Man Bait" starring GEORGE BRENT MARGUERITE CHAPMAN also RICHARD CONTE in "The Fighter"

THURSDAY BOB HOPE JANE RUSSELL ROY ROGERS and TRIGGER in "Sone Of Paleface" (Color by Technicolor) Plus News - Color Cartoon

Center View DRIVE-IN DUNN-ERWIN HIGHWAY Two Shows Each Night Box Office Opens 6:30 First Show 7 P. M. LAST TIME TODAY BURT LANCASTER in "Ten Tall Men" with JODY LAWRENCE and GILBERT ROLAND

WEDNESDAY ONLY CHRISTMAS EVE SHOW FREE Candy, Ice Cream & Bubble Gum ON THE SCREEN "All Comedy and Cartoon Show" (Fun For The Whole Family! No Advance In Prices) THURSDAY ONLY JANE RUSSELL VICTOR MATURE in "The Las Vegas Story" Plus Cartoon

STEWART Today & Wednesday CLAUDETTE COLBERT JACK HAWKINS in "OUTPOST IN MALAYA" also Color Cartoon DUNN Last Time Today BERT RYAN JULIE ADAMS in "HORIZONS WEST" also News - Bugs Bunny Wed., Thurs., Fri. RED ABBOTT LDU COSTELLO in "ABBOTT & COSTELLO MEET CAPTAIN KID" also Color Cartoon

HARNETT Today & Wednesday BURT LANCASTER in "CRIMSON PIRATE" also Woody Woodpecker Cartoon

Yule Tree Business Figured in Millions

CHRISTMAS TREES are a multi-million dollar business. Throughout the nation, some 15 million trees are supplied to the holiday demand. Prices range from \$1 to \$5, and that adds up to real money.

A Christmas tree, in the lake states, is usually a balsam or a spruce. The same is true in New England and the Appalachian section. Elsewhere in the country, virtually all kinds of evergreens are used.

The lodgepole pine and Douglas fir are frequently used in Colorado. On the Pacific coast, it is principally Douglas fir.

In Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D. C., a scrub pine takes a trimming. In other localities, white pine, southern pine, hemlock, red and white cedar and redwood are used.

The business of harvesting this annual crop begins in the fall, when cutters go into the woods after trees. It continues as trucks bring huge loads to metropolitan markets.

Many land owners manage their swamps to make them yield a crop of trees year after year. Thinning operations are another source of Yule trees.

Farmers have discovered that they can get a cash crop from eroded acres by harvesting Christmas trees 10 or 15 years after they are planted.

A DIFFERENT playtime observance for your Christmas festivities is the game "Lord of Misrule."

When your guests have all arrived and have been greeted by the music of the minstrels and the song of the carolers, it is time for the most honored guest of the evening to arrive. With much fanfare the "Lord of Misrule" is announced. He enters with great pomp and ceremony and takes his place as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

The Lord of Misrule comes to us from the Tudor courts where he was elected annually to reign over the Christmas festivities. His word, during the festivities, was law, and the ridiculous commands he laid upon the guests had to be obeyed.

At your party, the Lord of Misrule will command each guest to do his bidding. He may call for singing, dancing, panomime, imitations and stunts of all kinds. Failure to do the bidding of the Lord of Misrule results in the payment of a forfeit. And here another unusual note may be injected. The forfeit, instead of being paid to the Lord of Misrule may be paid to another Christmas character, the "hodening horse."

It was the custom in Kent, England, for young men to go from house to house with the hodening horse, an imitation of a horse's head attached to a long stick. Two lads, forming the body of the horse, were hidden from view by a covering of cloth resembling horse's skin. The hodening horse was accompanied by paraders who rang the bells throughout the town and begged for money or food.

1 B. C. and 1 A. D. Were Not a Year Apart

According to our calendar, one would naturally assume that between the year 1 B. C. and the year 1 A. D. there should be a year called zero. As a matter of fact, no such year exists, as far as historians are concerned, and the year 1 A. D. follows directly after the year 1 B. C.

A person born in 3 B. C. would not be five years old at 2 A. D., but would be four years old when one is calculating data in that period. When adding B. C. and A. D. years, it is necessary to always subtract one to compensate for the year zero omitted between 1 B. C. and 1 A. D.

Why Christmas Candles? On Christmas Eve the Christ Child wanders all over the earth seeking deserving people—people who are kind and thoughtful of others, and people who have loving hearts. Lighted candles are placed in the windows by such people so that He may not stumble and fall. In the course of His search He visits every castle and hut, no matter how rocky and rough His path may be.

Not all little boys who love Santa Claus this time of year have a sublime trust in the old gent. This young man obviously wishes he were somewhere else.

Walter Johnson Now In Germany WITH THE 28th INFANTRY DIV. IN GERMANY - Sgt. Walter Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson, Benson, N. C., recently arrived in Germany and is serving with the 28th Infantry Division. Now in Bavaria, the division is receiving intensive field training under simulated combat conditions. It is part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Army that is guarding western Europe. Sergeant Johnson entered the Army in September 1947.

HOPALONG CASSIDY SHOT... THROUGH THE TEMPLE! WHAT KIND O' LOW-DOWN POLECAT WOULD SHOOT A HARMLESS OL' LADY LIKE MA MEGGS? IT TOOK MORE THAN ONE POLECAT TO CAUSE THIS MESS! THE CASH-BOX IS EMPTY AND THOSE SHELVEGS WERE PICKED CLEAN OF FOODSTUFFS! LET'S LOOK AROUND! WHAT FOR? TH' BUZZARDS GRABBED WHAT THEY WANTED AN' LIT OUT LONG AGO!

BRINGING UP FATHER SPEAK UP-- DOLLY-- SAY HELLO TO YOUR UNCLE JIGGS-- WELCOME-- HELLO-- DOLLY-- IT'S A PLEASURE TO HEAR FROM YOU! YOU HAVE SUCH A PRETTY VOICE! AND YOU'RE EVERY BIT AS PRETTY AS YOUR VOICE! I WISH YOU'D CALL ME UP REAL OFTEN! YOU SAY THIS ACCIDENT IS YOUR SECRETARY'S FAULT? IN A WAY-- SHE HAPPENS TO HAVE THE SAME NAME AS MY NEECE!

LIL ABNER--by Al Capp IT'S N-HIM!! T-TURN YORE FACE TO TH' WALL!! AH!! L-LOOK AT HIM, F-FIRST!! --AN, WHEN AH GITS SO AH KIN STAND IT-- AH!! GIT BEHIND YO' WHILE YO' LOCKS-- SO AH KIN KETCH YO' WHEN YO' FAINTS!! AFORE YO' OPENS TH' DOOR, LAP UP NOTHER SPOONFUL O' THIS STUMMICK STRENGTHNER.

SNUFFY SMITH LANDS, YES, LEETLE JUGHAID-- THAT'S PLUMB PERLITE OF YE I SHORE AM TICKLED THAT JUGHAID'S TOOK A LIKIN' TO LEETLE EBENEZER-- HE'LL LARN A HEAP OF THINGS FROM JUGHAID SHHH!! THAR IT IS EB-- LET ME SKOOCH YE UP A LEETLE CLOSER

MICKY MOUSE OH--EYE-- THESE NAVIGATIONAL CHARTS ARE FOR USE IN OUTER SPACE! SO I CEE...! THE MYSTERY'S BEGINNING TO CLEAR UP NOW! HOOSAT AND HER FATHER DONT EVEN BELONG ON EARTH....! NO! THEY'VE COME HERE IN THIS AIRSHIP FROM ANOTHER PLANET! THEY'RE HERE TO MINE THIS STRANGE ELEMENT OF "BLEERUM!" BUT WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DOO WITH IT?

BLONDIE AH, IT'S GOOD TO GET HOME DAGWOOD-- I HAVE A SURPRISE FOR YOU-- I WAXED THE FLOORS TODAY AND I HAVE A SURPRISE FOR YOU, TOO! YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GET YOURSELF A NEW HUSBAND

NANCY--By Ernie Bushmiller OH, OH-- HERE COMES MY DOG HEY--DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE AFRAID OF YOUR OWN DOG YES WHEN HIS FEET ARE MUDDY

DICK TRACY THE OLD LADY HAS NO TETH! HER WHISTLES HAVE A SPITTING SOUND! THEY'VE CAUGHT UP TO US, JUDGE! BUT-- THIS IS IT! YOU GET THE CASH PACKED WHILE I GET THE PLANE TICKETS. LATER-- WE'VE HEADED OUT YOUR WAY AT ALL TRACY, HE'S COME TO THE OFFICE OF JUDGE RULINGS IN THE HANGAR BUILDING.

Peerless Theatre Erwin, N. C. 1 P. M. Running Continuously Shows at 1-3-5-7-9 P. M. Matinee Admission: Children 15c-Adults 30c Evening Admission: Children 15c-Adults 35c TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY "I Dream of Jeanie" (In Tractor) starring RAY MIDDLETON BILL SHIRLEY MURIEL LAWRENCE Plus Selected Short Subjects THURSDAY ONLY BARBARA STANWYCK PAUL DOUGLAS and MARILYN MONROE in "Clash By Night" Plus Selected Short Subjects

LILLINGTON THEATRE TUESDAY ONLY UNFAMED WOMEN WEDNESDAY ONLY "Lincoln In The White House" and Cartoon WEDNESDAY ONLY "Where's Charley" starring RAY BOLGER (a big laugh riot) also cartoons THURSDAY - FRIDAY "Prisoner Of Zenda" starring STEWART GRAINGER DEBORAH KERR JAMES MASON Plus Cartoon

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