

Stratford News

MRS. THELMA MABE
Correspondent

Miss Ramah Leah Joines spent Saturday night with Miss Johnnie Cox.

Mrs. Maxie Wagoner of Baltimore, Md., is spending the holidays with her children, Georgia and Jackie Wagoner and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sanders here.

Arthur Shore, of Winston-Salem, was a week end visitor here with relatives.

Mrs. Dora Musgrove spent Sunday night with her son, Donald Musgrove and family at Furches. Donald left Monday for induction into the army.

Miss Lorraine Atwood, who has been quite ill for several days, is receiving treatment at the Ashe county hospital, Jefferson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Petty visited Mr. and Mrs. Edd Williams, Sunday. Mrs. Williams, who has been ill, does not improve.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Richardson and Mrs. Philo Caudill visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Joines, on

Sunday. Mrs. Derol Atwood and son, Jerol, spent last week end with Mrs. Edgar Mabe.

Raleigh Caudill is spending a few days at the home of his brother, Estel Caudill and Mrs. Mat Estep.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Atwood and son, Barry Kay, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Atwood, Sparta.

Barnett Church was a business visitor in Sparta, Monday. Will Joines is somewhat improved after several days illness. Mrs. Ennice Spurlin, Mrs. Mabel Watson, W. E. Joines and Mrs. Letcher Gentry recently visited him.

Mrs. S. Jane Sanders is spending a few days with her daughters, Mrs. I. B. Richardson and Mrs. W. G. Richardson. She recently spent a few days with another daughter, Mrs. F. O. Richardson at Laurel Springs.

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Richardson, Sunday were: Misses Ramah Leah Joines, Johnnie Cox, Mrs. Roy Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mabe and children, Edwin and Christine and Mrs.

Conservation Farming News

By W. O. HOOPER

Carl Brown, veteran demonstration farmer of the Turkey Knob community, has experimented and closely observed the results of pasture treatment for several years. He has demonstration plots to show where lime and phosphate together has produced excellent pasture grasses and practically destroyed broom-sedge. Neither lime nor phosphate alone has done very much good and the untreated pasture is practically worthless. Mr. Brown has also experimented with varying amounts of lime and has found that over a period of years, one ton per acre has given best results.

In Mr. Brown's practical opinion, many farmers are wasting valuable materials each year by making improper use of lime and phosphate and are, consequently, damaging themselves with poor production. Of even greater importance is the fact that poor stands of grass allow large quantities of topsoil to wash away, robbing the land of its productive power. One of the most deplorable things, according to Mr. Brown, is the way that so many farmers are using too much lime on some fields, when other fields are suffering in their need for treatment. Too much lime, he has found, actually decreases production of corn, grain, and truck crops; therefore, he advises one ton of lime per acre until the entire farm has been treated.

PVT. THOMAS PUGH HONORED

Miss Sarah Blevins entertained at dinner at her home, Sunday, in honor of Pvt. Thomas Graham Pugh, of Walter Reid General hospital, who is spending a 30 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Pugh.

Those present in addition to the honoree included Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wyatt and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Brown, Mrs. Horace Brown and daughter, Bonnie Bell, Misses Edna Bitha, Elizabeth Sturgill and Irene Blevins, of Piney Creek, Mrs. D. M. Pugh and son, Albert, Mrs. Effie Fields and Dean Williams.

Dora Musgrove. Mr. and Mrs. Lundy Estep and daughter, Beulah, were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Black, of Sparta. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hines and daughter, Glona, visited Mr. and Mrs. David Osborne recently.

No Vacations For Christmas

Atlanta—Major General Frederick E. Uhl, Commanding General, the Fourth Service Command, today appealed to all war production plants to maintain full schedules through the Christmas season.

Christmas Day only should be observed as a holiday, and only in plants where continuous operations will not be interrupted. General Uhl called attention to the need for continued operations of such facilities as blast furnaces and open furnaces producing carbon steel on Christmas Day.

New Year's Day should be another day of production—a good start toward victory in 1945.

General Uhl called attention to a statement by Lieutenant General Brehon Somervell, Commanding General, the Army Service Forces, that "unless manpower is found to meet deficiencies in critical items like tires, ammunition, heavy artillery, radar, batteries and bombs, textiles and assault wire, we have every reason to expect a shortage at the front."

General Uhl added: "A drop in production would indeed be a sorry Christmas present from the American people to their soldiers at the front. I feel sure that our workers will respond to our appeals to maintain production schedules and to return to war work from peacetime jobs."

Cherry Lane News

Mrs. Ella Franklin is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Joe Blackburn for a few days.

Frank Shaw and children, Charles and Geraldine and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Holcomb went to Galax, Saturday, on business.

Mrs. Lish Tilley, who is ill, does not improve.

Dispose of tissue and other wrappings immediately. Avoid burning loose papers or excelsior in a fireplace.

Maple Shade News

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Halsey spent the past three weeks with their daughters, Mrs. Norman Taylor, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Cecil Halsey, of Manassas, Va. Mrs. Quincy Spencer spent last week end with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Kirk.

Mrs. Annie Bell Poe and Mrs. Bertha Cox and small son, spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Morton, of Independence, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cox and son, Tommy Cox, of Independence, spent last Monday with relatives here.

Mrs. Virgil Cox, Jr., is visiting her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Cox.

Mrs. Greek Parsons and Misses Aileen Parsons and Grace Cox recently visited Mrs. H. L. Shaver in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Nellie Delp is seriously ill at her home here.

Miss Grace Kirk is a patient at Jefferson Hospital, Roanoke, Va. Misses Kathleen and Aileen Phipps, of Galax, spent the week end with home folks.

Dr. Mont Cox, of Independence, visited relatives here, Sunday.

Willie Osborne, of Fox, Va., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Delp.

Miss Winnie Hash visited Miss Grace Kirk, at Jefferson Hospital, Roanoke, Va., Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Osborne and family visited relatives at

Mouths of Wilson, Sunday.

Miss Maxine Parsons, of Martinsville, Va., spent last week with her brothers, Lonnie and Greek Parsons.

Mrs. Blanche Ward and daughter, Keron, spent Sunday with Mrs. Mamye Delp.

BIRTH ANNOUNCED

Lt. and Mrs. Ralph Norman, of High Point, have announced the birth of a daughter, Carole Jeane, born December 15. Mrs. Norman will be remembered by many friends in the county as the former Miss Claryce Osborne.



to Everyone of you

Once again we send you that old familiar greeting as this Christmas of 1944 rolls around. We are proud that we can number you among our customers.

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.
—Longfellow.

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There is something in the very season of the year that gives charm to the festivity of Christmas.

—Washington Irving

Whether Christmas be white or green, we hope it will be full of charm for you and yours, with an abundance of all the good things that are part of happy Yuletide...

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Next stop, 1945! But just before we arrive, let me say to every one of you—"Thanks for using buses with careful regard to war needs—thanks for being good natured about occasional discomfort and crowding."

The fact that you can take travel at its worst, and still smile with us, has helped us do a far more efficient wartime job. It has made us even more determined to give you highway travel such as this nation has never known

—come Victory! Right now, new Super-Coaches with amazing comfort features are shaping up—innovations of convenience and sightseeing are on their way.

The months just ahead will be decisive ones for all the world. We know you'll keep right on with that patriotic cooperation that has helped transportation do its tremendous job all through the war years.

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Keep on buying War Bonds—each bond is a bomb! Keep on giving blood—to save American lives.

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