

Churches Have Observances For Yuletide Season

Churches of Southport observe Christmas with pageants and cantatas.

MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY CHURCH

Trinity church presented "The Music of Christmas," a cantata and a program by the young people of the church.

The cantata was under the direction of Mrs. Dallas Pigott. Mrs. Robert Willis, Mrs. C. G. Mrs. Pete Hunt, and Mrs. Newton trained the people in their part of the program.

The Presbyterian pageant on Monday night was in the form of "The Pictures." Mr. Jerry Newton, pastor of the church, and Mrs. Plaxco read passage from the Christmas story and tableaux presented by the following: Miss Sue Frederic, Wyatt Gay, Hickman, Iris Newton, Belle Huse, Carl Brock, Mollycheck, Afton Smith, Phyllis Jones, Thomas Fullwood, and Ralph Potter.

Characters were sung by the choir under each of the tableaux. Certain attendants were Shir-Tyson and Kay Moore. Mrs. Harper was pianist and decorations were arranged by H. B. Aldridge, Mrs. Katharine Webb and Mrs. Doris Stevens. Lamier Furless and Wyatt Williams charged the lighting.

The Baptist pageant, "There is No Room," was presented on Christmas night. The evening's program included numbers by the choir, a recitation by John R. and Juniors. Miss Marjorie was pianist for the program.

The characters were as follows: Louise Rees; Judith; Dasher; Zillah; Ann McKenney; Esther; Otelia Simmons; Dora Walton; Tirzah's children - Buster McKeith and Dorothy Ann Walton; Nancy-Jo Cooper; Mary-Inez; Joseph - Robert.

Others were Bobby Spencer, Daniel, Jr., Douglas Watts, W. W. Russell Kincaid, Dasher, Buoy Dasher, and Herman McDowell.

Brief News Flashes

NEW REGISTRANTS
The Local Selective Service board this week reports five registrants for the service. They are white and three colored. They are Noah Dillon Jenrette, and Jesse Woodrow Wilson, both white; and James Joseph Suggs, and Nelson Williams, colored of Southport.

GOOD CONDUCT RIBBON
Hiram L. Milligan of Ash recently had a Good Conduct Ribbon pinned on him by Brigadier General Charles O. Thrasher, commanding general of the Section, an advance Communication Supply Zone has in charge.

HOLIDAY GUESTS
Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Robinson had as their guests during the week Lt. and Mrs. Ike Robinson and little daughter, Willa, of Richmond, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Gilbert, of Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dye and two children, of Wilmington; and Mrs. Strickland, of St. Augustine, Fla.

BOLIVIA BOY PROMOTED
Private Leon Z. Williams, who is stationed at Kauai, Hawaii, has recently been promoted to sergeant. His home is at Bolivia.

HOME FROM PACIFIC
Sgt. Walter Jones is spending 12 days leave at home with his wife, Mrs. W. F. Jones. He has been in the Pacific for the past four years, having been prior to Pearl Harbor.

Changes Made In Ceiling Prices

The AAA office at Shallotte has received the following telegram from headquarters, on the ceiling price on hogs: "Hog ceiling of \$14.75 per hundredweight, Chicago basis, was extended December 13 to all barrows and gilts. Ceilings on boars, stags and sows will be \$14.00, reason: good feed situation, need for more orderly marketing and more lard and pork."

School Presents Xmas Program

Christmas Operetta and One-Act Play Given Friday

Christmas Operetta and a one-act play were given at the Southport School on Friday morning. Both were highly enjoyed by a large audience.

The cast of characters for the operetta, "Is Santa Real?" is as follows: Frank—Frankie Cox; Jimmy—Douglas Watts; Jack—Phillip Fulcher; Peggy—Mary A. Loughlin; Jean—Mary E. Lupton; Ann—Patricia Adams; Shirley—Joy L. Bell; and Tom—Wilton Singletary.

Snow Flakes: Harriett Corlette, Sylvia Floyd, Virginia Hazelton, Phyllis Henry, Wanda Maggard, and Lattia Hickman.

Snow Balls: Joe Cochran, Sam Newton, Neil Lewis, Billy White, Jimmy Cochran, Tommy Blake, and Albert Trunell.

Snow Man: Clark Ferguson. Holly: Trudie McNeil, Wilma Singletary, Charlotte Spencer, Mary A. Russ, Bernice Phelps, Libby Brown, Barbara, Mary Minta Mintz, and Karen Swan.

Toys: Jeanette Cook, Jean Thompson, Carol Wolfe, Norma Harrelson, Jimmy Harper, Cary Spencer, Ella Mae Potter, Hilda Sellers, Vivian McKeithan, Carol A. Smith, Phyllis Maggard, and Ann B. Newton.

Santa Claus: John Fullwood. After the operetta a Sextet composed of Misses Elizabeth Davis, Betty Oliver, Doris Swan, Betty Corlette, Eleanor Reese and Barbara Weeks, sang "The Song of Bethlehem."

The cast for the one-act play "Candle in the Window" is as follows: Margaret Stanley—Doris Stevens; Janey, her maid—Dorothy Ward; Harriett Jordan, and Margaret's cousin—Betty T. Corlette; John Powers, a relative of Margaret—Louis Newton; Ann Powers, his wife—Ann McCracken; and Carolers—High School and Elementary Pupils.

Appropriate matter for the New Year, condensed in brief form, has been issued by the AAA. Chief among the items, listed below, is the comparison of prices that prevailed during the first world war and those that exist now:

December 31, 1944 is the last date that limestone may be applied to farmland and receive payment under the 1944 Program? The 1944 crop of flue-cured tobacco is the second largest in U. S. history? The 1944 Burley tobacco crop is the largest on record? Cotton is grown on one-third of the nation's cropland, furnishes about one-fourth of our farm income, and clothes more people than any other fiber? In World War I farm production increased 7 per cent from 1914-1920? In World War II farm production has increased 25 per cent from 1939-1944? There was a 120 per cent increase in the price of flour in World War I? There has been 50 per cent increase in the price of flour in World War II? There was a 74 per cent increase in the price of coffee in World War I? There has been only 43 per cent increase in the price of coffee in World War II? There was a 151 per cent increase in sugar prices in World War I? There has only been a 27 per cent increase in the price of flour since World War I? (Continued on page 2)

County Is Still Behind In Sixth Drive 'E' Quota

Overall Quota Was Passed But "E" Bond Sales Short By \$7,000.00

HAVE UNTIL LAST DAY TO MAKE IT UP

County Will Go Over Top If Small Buyers Get Busy Before First Of Year

As stated in last week's paper, Brunswick County has passed its overall quota in the Sixth War Loan drive, but the figures, when analyzed, show that the county is still short of its goal.

Though the quota was \$87,000.00 and over \$100,000.00 has been raised, there still remains about \$7,000.00 to be raised if Brunswick County is to correctly state that she raised her quota.

The quota of "E" bonds to be sold is \$34,000.00 and until December 22 the Treasury report showed that only \$27,274.00 has been raised.

The sale of "E" bonds is always the hardest in the county because it is the small buyer who has to make these purchases. Though the overall quota has been over subscribed it remains to be seen if between now and December 31 the small buyers do their share in making the Sixth War Loan drive a success.

Served On Sub Over Two Years

Member Of Crew Of Noted Bill Fish At Home On Furlough After Two And Half Years In Pacific Waters

Quintin V. Leonard, MMM, on board the U. S. S. Billfish, arrived at his home at Bolivia last week after two and a half years in the Pacific aboard the newly known sub-marine. He will rejoin his ship on the 28th of December.

When asked where he had been since he left home, the young sailor said he had been all over the Southwest Pacific. He substantiated this by producing a log that he had made during the journeys of the vessel. It told of the Billfish leaving and arriving at various ports, but it was silent about what she accomplished on these runs. The papers have carried a number of stories about the Billfish, however. She has been accredited at various times with playing Havoc with Japanese shipping.

He was extremely glad to get home and see his wife and parents after his two and a half years absence. He has lost a few pounds in weight, probably from spending much time deep in the sea. Still, he looks hard and healthy, eager and willing to get back aboard the Billfish and have another go at the Japs. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Leonard of Bolivia.

Work In January Seen By Agent

Plenty Of Things For Good Farmers To Turn Their Hands To During The Month Of January

January, if the weather will permit outside work, will be a busy time with farmers, according to county agent, J. E. Dodson. He says that a good farmer can always find plenty to do any month of the year.



Lighting Contest Prizes Awarded

Mrs. H. B. Smith Won First Prize For Tree And Mrs. Wiley Wells First For House

Southport was not elaborately decorated for Christmas this year as in other years, but a number continued the local custom of having lighted decorations to spread the Yuletide spirit throughout the town.

Mrs. H. B. Smith was winner of the first prize in the living tree division of the contest. Her prize was a boudoir lamp. Mrs. Dula Pinner won second prize, a flashlight.

In the house decoration contest Mrs. Wiley Wells won first prize for her large wreath of red lights which circled the entrance. Her prize was a coffee percolator. Mrs. Ruth Hood won second prize, a vase, for her red, white and blue "V"-shaped doorway decoration. Honorable mention was made in this division of the decoration at the home of Mrs. Merle Hood and Mrs. James Carr.

Local AAA Says Feb. 1 Last Date

Performance Reports Must Be Filed By That Date As Basis For Making Net Payment Of 1944 Applications

February 15, 1945 is the last date on which performance reports may be filed as a basis for making a net payment to producers on 1944 applications for payment, Mr. C. O. Bennett, Chairman Brunswick County Triple-A Committee, announced here today.

"Payment of 1944 applications is to be completed during the early months of 1945, therefore, it is necessary that performance reports be filed early in order to provide opportunity to timely preparation and audit in the county and State Offices," he stated.

Mr. Bennett pointed out that applications for payments based on performance reports filed after the closing date may be processed for payment only if it is determined by the State committee, on recommendation of the county committee, that the producer was prevented from filing.

Our Improving Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

A letter from John Swain, Southport boy in the Navy, reached us this week after being mailed on December 8. He said he was on his way to Tokyo, and from the time that it took his letter to get back, he must have arrived a considerable distance from here by this time.

He has recently been promoted to First Class Cook on board his ship. He has been around Panama and other places and is expecting to see plenty more of them. He considers himself fortunate in having been able to stay around close to home (Charleston and the Caswell Base) for so long, but seemed glad to be really on his way now. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Swain of Southport.

Former Resident Of County Describes Trip To Michigan

Former Bolivia Teacher And Operator Of "Dun Rovin" Had Interesting Trip Through Middle West

(Numbers of Brunswick citizens and students in the Bolivia school, where Mr. Hill taught for two years, will remember Mr. and Mrs. Hill operated "Dun Rovin" between Bolivia and Wannabow, while Mr. Hill taught. The couple and their three children, Beverly, Neil and Melvin, left by car to return to their home in Michigan, last summer. Mr. Hill writes the Pilot the following account of the trip and recalls many of the old friends of the family.)

The Hill family arrived safely in Michigan eight days after leaving "Dun Rovin." The route passed through South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and Indiana.

First flat tire just across the line in South Carolina. The free air was obtained at Crescent Motor Court (where the Hill's first stock of groceries was purchased when they opened "Dun Rovin").

First night was spent around a lightwood fire just South of Georgetown. At dawn a drooping rear bumper was chained up and the caravan proceeded. A beautiful view of historic Charleston harbor was enjoyed although it was slightly dimmed by a blue haze of exhaust smoke as the old Willys roared up the humps of the bridge in low gear.

By Tuesday morning the edge of the hill country had been reached and there was a slight delay while the brakes were adjusted. They had been worn down some by a year or so of stopping in Bolivia school yard. The two cars and the trailer then crawled on like tired bed bugs across the wrinkled red middle of Georgia.

Wednesday brought a hill that was too steep for the load, and that had to be detoured. It also brought a fine flat tire that was repaired by use of the precious tire certificate and numerous greenbacks.

Thursday morning with the new tire and renewed courage the journey was resumed. Birmingham brought a little rain and another steep grade. An Angel jumped down from where He's been watching the load and pushed. Another one that had been riding the right front fender to keep the motor going climbed off.

Medial Discharge For Sgt. Barefoot

Supply Soldier Seriously Wounded By Bursting Shell Is Given Medical Discharge

Sgt. Henry Barefoot arrived at his home at Supply last week. He has been in the North Pacific for three years and comes home with a medical discharge, to pick up civil life where he left off.

Several months ago he was seriously wounded by shell fragments in the back and shoulder, the shell exploding behind him during an action. After months in the hospital he was given his honorable discharge and returned home.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Barefoot, who have been living at Supply for about a year, having moved there from Hallsboro. They have another son, 18 at the time, was studying law when he went into service a little over a year ago.

Wounded Soldier Reported Better

Mrs. O. M. Holden of Supply has been advised that her brother, Pvt. Thomas D. Gore, who was seriously wounded in France on November 18th, is now improving. He has been serving in the Army for three years and it is understood that he was shot in both legs at the knees.

New Plans Made For Notifying The Next Of Kin

Relatives Of Men Injured Or Killed Overseas To Get Detailed Information In Shortest Possible Time

THE WAR DEPARTMENT ADOPTS NEW POLICY

Letters To Be Sent Immediately From Commanding Officers To Organizations To Which Casualties Belonged

The War Department has adopted a new policy in notifying the next of kin (or emergency addressees) of Army casualties overseas whereby detailed information may be received in the shortest possible time.

General Uhl stated, "In addition to the original casualty notification telegram and letter of condolence sent the emergency addressee from the War Department in Washington, a letter will be air-mailed directly from the Commanding Officer of the Chaplain of the organization to which the soldier was attached.

"When men are seriously wounded, the information will be forwarded direct from the hospital to the emergency addressees. "Relatives and friends of Army personnel casualties should keep in mind that from the time of receiving the original notification from the Adjutant General until the supplemental information arrives from the overseas theater, no further word will be available at the War Department.

"Prior to this new procedure, the only information in the War Department was obtained through the initial casualty report sent by code indicating that the soldier had been listed as a casualty on a specific date. This made it impossible for the office of the Adjutant General to answer the many queries for additional details on deaths. Under the new program these details will be supplied families at the earliest possible date from the soldier's commanding officer."

Major James F. Morison, Personal Affairs officer, Headquarters Fourth Service Command, pointed out, "In addition to supplying direct information on deaths, a new procedure is being put into effect towards supplying progress reports on wounded and seriously ill. Some of the hospital personnel will write a letter to the emergency addressee immediately following the admission of a seriously wounded man to the hospital, telling briefly the nature of the wound. Fifteen days later a card will be sent telling of the progress made by the patient which in turn will be followed by a second letter in another fifteen days, provided the wounded man is still on the seriously wounded list. As long as he is in this condition this procedure will continue at 15 day intervals.

"In the case of soldiers wounded in combat but not seriously ill a postal card will be sent every fifteen days stating the condition of the soldier."

Brothers Meet In California

Chance Meeting Of Two Led To Reunion Of Three Sons Of Supply Couple From Home

It often happens that brother meets brother in distant parts of the world these days, but it is unusual for three brothers to meet, either by accident or by design, at a point thousands of miles from home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Holden of Supply have three sons in the Navy and all were recently in California waters or bases in that State. It happened a few weeks ago that Carl H. Holden, USN 1-c, opened the door of a truck and found to his surprise that his brother, Lindberg F. Holden, USN 1-c, was the driver. The two men just stood and stared at each other in complete astonishment. This was in Santa Rosa, California.

From their meeting it developed that another brother, Quinten F. Holden, F 2-c, was stationed at Treasure Island, California. The boys secured passes and went to Treasure Island where they met the third brother. He also secured a pass and the three spent the weekend together.

Carl Holden had just returned from serving for about 15 months in the South Pacific when he had his chance meeting with Lindberg in Santa Rosa. He is looking forward to being at home with his parents on furlough during the holidays.

Methodists Plan Great Campaign

Church Has Organized A Four-Year Program; R. C. St. George Represents Southport On Council

At the District Set-up meeting held on November 30 in Wilmington, under the leadership of Superintendent A. S. Parker, plans were made for the Crusade for Christ, a four-year program of American Methodism to be continuously before the church through the year 1948.

This Crusade is composed of five areas of emphasis as follows: 1. World Relief and Reconstruction. 2. Evangelism. 3. Stewardship of life. 4. Building enrollment and attendance in the Church School. 5. A Crusade for a New World Order.

The church is entering at once upon the first phase: World Relief and Reconstruction. Immediate goal is the raising of twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) for this purpose. This money will be used in relief work in Europe and Asia—and around the world. Much of the money will be used in seeking to re-establish the missionary work of the church in areas where the enemy came in and disrupted the work, in many cases destroying the property.

The following persons compose the Wilmington District Council of the Crusade for Christ: Rev. O. L. Hathaway, Chairman, St. Paul's; W. A. McGill, Vice Chairman, Wilmington; C. S. Raddour, Secretary-Treasurer, Clinton; Rev. (Continued on page two)

Ration Pointers

PROCESSED FOODS
Blue A-8 through E-2 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each. Good indefinitely.

MEATS AND FATS
Red A-8 through S-5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each for use with tokens. Good indefinitely.

SUGAR
Sugar stamps No. 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 good indefinitely for five pounds each.

CANNING SUGAR
Stamp No. 40 good for five pounds canning sugar until February 28, 1945.

SHOES
Airplane stamps No. 1, 2, and 3 valid indefinitely.

FUEL OIL
Period 4 and 5 coupons from last year and Period 1, 2, and 3 coupons for this season now valid at 10 gallons each.

GASOLINE
A-13 coupons valid through December 31. On December 22 A-14 coupons become valid through March 21.