

Community Tree Scheduled For Christmas Eve

About Gaily Decorated Tree Will Begin At 4 O'clock And Will Continue Until 6:00

PROGRAMS AT CHURCHES SUNDAY

At Methodist Church Candle-Lighting Service At Presbyterian Others Planned

Christmas festival in this community will reach its climax on Christmas Eve when the grown-ups gathered about the lighted tree on the lawn for the Community Christmas tree.

Santa Claus will be there, and it is reported that he will have a special gift for every boy and girl in the community.

Religious services will be held at the churches later in the afternoon. At the 11 o'clock hour there will be a Christmas Eve service at St. Phillips Episcopal church and members of other churches are invited to attend.

There will be Midnight Mass at the Heart Catholic church, Father J. J. Mundell officiating. A cordial invitation has been extended to all who wish to attend.

At the churches of the community began Sunday morning with the Rev. Herbert C. Crum, pastor of the Southport church, and the Rev. L. L. Gorman, pastor of Trinity church, delivered their Christmas sermons.

In the evening, members of the choir of the church presented their Christmas Cantata, "Song of the Night," directed by Miss Piggott.

At this presentation Mrs. S. B. Frink, Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. H. T. St. Charles, Mrs. Aldridge, Mrs. Clemmons, Miss Lula Gorman, Mrs. H. C. Corlette, Mrs. Prevatt, Mrs. C. E. Mrs. L. D. Hayman, Barbara Weeks, Miss Lula Swann, Mrs. Dallas Piggott, R. Livingston, E. H. Ar. G. E. Hubbard, Robert and Robert Thompson, James M. Harper, Jr., was present.

Southport Presbyterian church, evening the Rev. M. Waggett brought his Christmas message. Appropriate music was sung by the choir of the junior choir. At the conclusion of the sermon of the congregation participated in a most impressive lighting ceremony. Christmas gifts were distributed to all present.

Brief News Flashes

SCHOOLS REOPEN TUESDAY Brunswick county schools reopened on Tuesday, December 23.

NEW GARAGE Harry Cheers of Shallotte has completed and set up a new garage and fillation on Route 17, about east of Shallotte.

MOVES STATION Young Shallotte has recently done some remodeling of his service station near Shallotte on Route 17. The place has been made very attractive.

RELATING NEW HOME Mrs. Odell Blanton will complete and move into her new living quarters adjacent to her store and garage. The appearance of the new home has been greatly improved.

NEW HOME Mrs. H. B. Usher of Shallotte has recently built a new home on the east of McMillan Swann. The new home for the Shallotte American Legion will be across the road, just opposite the home.

STUDENT Mr. Frank Plaxco, Jr., of Shallotte, is at home from Fishburne School, Waynesboro, Virginia, for the holidays. A news item from the school this week stated that the young Southporter achieved first honor roll for the current month.



Brunswick Weed Acreage Being Cut 27.52 Percent

Total Of 1537.1-Acre Reduction In Brunswick County Tobacco Crop In Prospect For 1948 Season

FARMERS MUST GROW OTHER CROPS Action Has Been Taken In Effort To Avoid Over-Production With Corresponding Low Prices

In keeping with all other tobacco growing sections, the Brunswick County AAA Office has been given instructions to radically cut the tobacco allotment for 1948. The reduction is more than one fourth of the previous quota, with 27.52 percent of the acreage being taken off.

This will take 1537.1 acres from the Brunswick county tobacco acreage allotment. For adjustments there are only 27.2 acres. It appears that serious consideration will have to be given to other crops and products during the year.

Applications, according to secretary J. J. Hawes, for new tobacco grower allotments for 1948 may be filled at any time prior to February 1, 1948. Community Committees will be furnished information for requirements for eligibility of applicant, but applications must be filed at county AAA office.

Baptist Quintet Wins First Game

Tommie Bowmer Led Scoring For Local Entry In Wilmington Church League In First Engagement

The Southport Baptist church basketball team, with its entry in the Wilmington Church League, came off victorious Thursday night in its initial game. The opponent was St. Paul's Lutheran church and the local boys won with a score of 41 to 33.

This was one of the regular scheduled tournament games, all of which are played at the Wilmington YMCA. High scorer in the game was Tommie Bowmer. Other Southporters playing were Billy Barber, G. W. Fisher, Richard Brendle, Gene Fullwood, Douglas Watts, Sam Newton, Danny Harrelson, Roger Ward and Elliott Hickman.

Rev. H. M. Baker, pastor of the Southport Baptist church, is much pleased at the initial showing of his charges in the tournament. Games are played at the YMCA Tuesday and Thursday nights and Saturday afternoons. The next game in which the Southport boys will figure will be on Saturday, December 27. The opponent at that time will be St. James Episcopal church.

Banks Will Close Thursday, Friday

Both the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company at Southport and Shallotte will be closed Thursday and Friday as Christmas holidays.

The two institutions will reopen Saturday morning and continue with the usual schedule.

ON HUNTING TRIP

Sheriff Porter Davis and his sons, Porter Davis, Jr., were the guests of Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett on a squirrel hunting trip here Thursday. They had fair luck.

These Fellows Can't Find Home

For the past ten days or more, Hal Hinson and William Holmes, Jr., of Shallotte, have not known just where they would find their home when they ended their day's work.

They are brothers-in-law and live in the same house. Recently it was decided to move the house, families and all, more than a quarter of a mile through town to a new location.

A Chadborn house-moving outfit hitched on to the building and has slowly but steadily been getting it across town-chimneys, families and all, including the cat being comparatively undisturbed.

Traffic Counts Feature Court

Majority Of Cases Brought Before Judge W. J. McLamb Resulted From Some Infraction Of Traffic Regulations

Once more last week traffic counts filled the major portion of the docket brought before Judge W. J. McLamb for trial in Brunswick county Recorder's court. The following disposition of cases resulted:

Joseph Borogille, speeding, fined \$5.00 and costs.

William J. Brown, speeding, fined \$5.00 and costs.

John Shepard, speeding, required to pay costs.

Alexander Reaves, speeding, continued to December 31st.

Edward Hubert, receiving stolen property, waived preliminary hearing, bound to Superior court under \$250.00 bond.

Preston Washington, reckless operation, fined \$25.00 and costs, fine remitted.

James Ivan Stone, speeding, fined \$25.00 and costs.

Joseph King Dean, speeding, required to pay costs.

Lewis Beckett, speeding, required to pay costs.

Charles Edward Graffath, speeding, continued.

Peggy Tedder, possession, continued.

H. W. Ambrose, possession, continued.

Eugene Strickland, larceny, sent to Superior court under \$400.00 bond.

Martin L. Nelson, non support, not prosessed with leave.

Roscoe Galloway, assault with (Continued on page four)

New Officers Are Installed

D. B. Garrish Installed As New Worshipful Master Of Pythagoras Lodge At Ceremony Last Tuesday Evening

New officers for Pythagoras Lodge have been elected and were installed at the regular meeting last Tuesday night.

D. B. Garrish is the new Worshipful Master; W. L. Styrton is Senior Warden; W. L. Aldridge is Junior Warden; A. D. Harrelson is Senior Deacon; O. C. Bruton is Junior Deacon; R. C. St. George is treasurer; Wm. McDowell is secretary; W. P. Jorgensen and H. L. Mintz, Jr., are Stewards; and E. F. Gore is Tyler.

\$200.00 Total Is Foreseen In Seal Sale Drive

Lagging Returns Indicate Failure In Effort To Reach Goal For War On Tuberculosis

MRS. FRANCES YOUNG IS HEADING DRIVE

Urges Those Who Have Not Yet Mailed In Check Or Money For Their Seals To Do So Now So Report May Be Made

A Christmas Seal Sale total of \$200.00 was seen today as the annual campaign to raise funds for the battle with tuberculosis approached the scheduled close on Dec. 24.

"Of course, there's no way of knowing how much will be reported by schools, by the Seal Sale Committee of the Negro people or how many letters will be returned in the mail," Seal Chairman Mrs. Frances Young said in releasing the estimate. "However, approximately \$200 appears to be a fair guess, based on returns to date."

The chairman said that would represent an increase over the total collection by individual communities last year, but that the amount would be inadequate for the proposed program.

"Personally and on behalf of the committee, I want to express my appreciation to all those who have contributed," Mrs. Young said. "If the final figure is higher than I can reasonably expect at the moment, I shall be greatly pleased. We do want to urge that those who expect to purchase the seals to do so at once so that we may make a report to the State Association as soon as possible. If you intend to send in a check, please place it in the mails at once."

Whiteville Fire Truck Damaged On Way To Ash

Swipes Car Parked On Highway One Mile From Scene Of Burning Teachery

TWO-STORY COUNTY BUILDING DESTROYED

Personal Possessions Of 18 Brunswick Teachers Lost In \$40,000 Blaze

The Whiteville fire truck, driven by Police Chief Bill Ferrell, was damaged early Sunday night in a wreck which occurred as it raced toward Ash in Brunswick County in an unsuccessful effort to save the two-story teachery there.

The truck swiped an automobile parked on the surface of the highway, ripping the right side of the truck and tearing out the left side of the car. The accident took place one mile from Ash.

Chief Ferrell was blinded by the lights of an approaching automobile and did not see the parked vehicle which had no flares or lights to indicate its presence. Fender and body damage was received by the truck, but neither Chief Ferrell nor Fire Chief Archie Rushing was injured.

The teachery at Ash, normally occupied by 18 men and women teachers, was completely destroyed after the blaze had been battled for two hours. Most of the teachers had left on Christmas vacations, but all possessions left behind were lost.

Rev. and Mrs. Ed Ulrich, son and daughter-in-law of Rev. and Mrs. E. Evans Ulrich of Lake Waccamaw, were at the teachery when the fire broke out and lost nearly all of their personal effects and other property in the building.

Shalotte Man Will Auctioneer

Edward H. Redwine Recently Completed Training Course For Auctioneers And Will Make This His Work

Edward Redwine, one of the owners of the Shallotte Soda Shop and Cafe and veteran of World War II, is entering a new field of business in which he will be more or less a class by himself.

Just recently completing a course in auctioneering at a school, the young Shallotte man is now ready to engage in that business anywhere in Brunswick county and outside. Ready and able, he says he will sell anything and everything from household furniture, farm lands, etc., to tobacco on the markets.

So far as is known the county has never before had a home-grown auctioneer, at least not a professional one. In going into this business Mr. Redwine enters a field that appears to have practically no local competition, and he will be engaging in a work where such service as he can render is often needed.

DIES IN FIRE

Working for a creosoting plant in New Jersey, Emanuel Brown, formerly of Leland, was burned to death Sunday when fire destroyed a railroad box car in which he and three other men and a woman were making their home. Roy Gainey, said to be from Wilmington, also died in the fire. The other three are all in the hospital suffering from burns.

Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

It is doubtful if any one in Brunswick county hates rats worse or is more fully aware of the damage they do than Joel Moore, Southport business man. For years he has been trapping the rodents in his store and home and regardless of how many he kills they always seem to be as plentiful as ever. This inability to dispose of them is accounted for by the fact that every time he kills one another moves in from some neighboring premises and they keep right on destroying and damaging foodstuffs. Reading in this paper last week about the proposed county-wide rat killing campaign that will be waged in January, Mr. Moore came right into this office and said to put him down to buy three pounds of the government formula poison that is to be used. One pound of the stuff is ample for the average farm or home premises, but Mr. Moore means to poison and keep on poisoning the rats, so long as there is a rat left to eat it.

We feel that the patrons of all of the postoffices in Brunswick county are joining in a feeling of appreciation for the splendid service that the postoffice forces, including the rural mail carriers, have been giving in the matter of delivering and sending off the mail this year. Christmas is always a very hard time for such workers and it is very much to their credit that none are ever heard to complain over the extra work they have to perform.

Miss Ruth Paterson is visiting her sister in Berea, Kentucky, this week. During the two months Miss Paterson has been Welfare Officer for Brunswick county she has made a fine impression on Brunswick folks and the effect of (Continued On Page 5)

Santa Never Saw So Many Lights Before In County

More Homes Now Being Supplied With REA Power And Christmas Lights Available For Decoration

According to folks from the various communities who are in a position to know, Santa Claus never has come to Brunswick county and found it so well lighted as it is this year.

Working manfully in the face of material shortages, the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation which supplies most of the farm homes in the county with electric current, has greatly broadened its field of service in that quarter. In addition, the sister town of Shallotte has street lighting for the first time at Christmas. This has prompted much outdoor and indoor brilliancy there.

Travels through the county reveal that a great many farm homes have attractive Christmas trees. Many farm homes that got current for the first time just before and during the early stages of the war have never previously been able to indulge in Christmas lights, owing to the shortage of wiring. This year the folks seem to have gone all out. Most of them were able to get wiring for decorations, and they are using them.

An illustration of this is found in the fact that all current available to the REA and through it to its customers is being consumed. Shallotte, which is supplied by the REA, got plenty of wiring and lamps for street lights, but so great was the demand for current in the county that only half of these lamps were strung up.

The REA apparently felt that until more current became available it was only fair that the farm homes should be able to get their share this Christmas, instead of it all going to the towns.

From interviews with REA officials several times during the year, it appears that the outlook for another year is very much better. New transmission lines are already planned and another Christmas should see much more power available than there is this year.

Motorists Asked To Prepare For Car Inspection

Motor Club President Advises Owners To Have Repairs Made Before Lanes Are Set Up

INSPECTION TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH

First Station In This Area Will Be Located In Wilmington; Only Short Time Required For This Service

"Wise motorists," says Coleman W. Roberts, president of the Carolina Motor Club, "will begin examining their vehicles now and make any repairs needed to pass the North Carolina Motor Vehicles Mechanical Inspection which commences on January 1, 1948."

The inspection law passed by the 1947 General Assembly provides that every North Carolina motor vehicle must be inspected once during 1948 and twice a year thereafter.

"Motorists who have already been reexamined for driving licenses," says Mr. Roberts, "have found out that the State means business in its highway safety program. We have every reason to believe that the coming inspection of motor vehicles will be a fair one in every respect but very exacting. Your job is to see that your motor vehicle is in proper mechanical shape to pass that examination."

Forty "safety lanes" will be established throughout the State on the basis of motor vehicle population. They will be moved from place to place, and the time and place of each station will be publicized, making the service easily available to you. A fee of \$1.00 will be charged during 1948 and 1949, and thereafter 75 cents will be collected for each inspection.

All vehicle owners are urged to take their cars or trucks to an inspection station as soon as one in a nearby area is operating. The inspection of each vehicle will take a short time—only about five to ten minutes; and it is not necessary that the car-owner appear at the station. The vehicle may be driven by any licensed operator.

Fire Destroys Teacherage At Waccamaw Sunday Nite

Personal Belonging Of All Teachers Using Building Go Up In Flames As Fire Spreads Rapidly In To All Rooms

REPORT BUILDING TO BE TOTAL LOSS

Building And Furniture Loss Covered By Insurance; No Plans Made For Erection Of New Teacherage

Fire which started in the basement of the building completely destroyed the teacherage at Waccamaw high school early Sunday night. The total damage is estimated at about \$40,000.00, about two-thirds of which was covered by insurance.

The blaze was discovered about six o'clock and for the following two hours volunteer fire fighters waged a losing battle which ended with the walls toppling over into the smouldering ruins of the two-story brick veneer building.

At the time of the fire the Rev. Edward Ulrich and wife, both members of the Waccamaw school faculty, were in their apartment and M. F. Baker, vocational agriculture teacher, also was in the building. He was the only person who succeeded in salvaging anything from the building, and while on his second trip into the building for an arm load of clothes was injured and later taken to the hospital for treatment.

The teacherage was completed in 1944 and had proved of inestimable value in keeping the Waccamaw faculty at full strength, as it afforded a comfortable, central home for teachers who served that school. Included in its facilities was one 5-room apartment, one 3-room apartment, 10 double bedrooms with appropriate bathroom facilities, a living room, dining room and kitchen for the teachers. The building had a central heating system.

Money for the construction of the building was borrowed from the State Literary Fund upon the basis of paying back the principal (Continued on page four)

Four Meredith Students Home

Brunswick County Students Joined With Other Members Of Student Body In Singing Carols

Four Meredith College students returned to Brunswick county for the Christmas holidays on Thursday. Their Christmas recess will end on Friday, January 2; and will be followed by semester exams January 24-29; and spring term registration on Feb. 2.

Brunswick students enrolled at the college this year are Betha Danford, and Eloise Lancaster, both of Bolivia; and Elba Raye Hawes, Shallotte, and Ann McCrackan, Southport.

The entire Meredith student body of 600 students spent Wednesday evening singing carols (Continued on page four)

Southport Man Is Distributor

Local Firm Headed By Harry Robinson Has Had Unusual Yuck In Obtaining Shipments Of Oil Stoves This Fall

Doing business as Robinsons Wholesale Hardware and Equipment Company Harry Robinson, of Eastern North Carolina, distributor for the American Stove Company of Lorain, Ohio, has really been doing big business recently in heaters.

As distributor for a product for which there has been an especially strong demand by reason of the fact that the manufacturers could produce and supply when others could not, Harry has received and sold three solid car loads of the stoves within the last 30 days.

Starting in July he got irregular shipments. With the coming of late November and early December the demands for his stoves mounted rapidly. In keeping with this demand, the factory has made good on deliveries and not a day passes but what trucks are here from near and distant parts of the state, getting all of the stoves that can be allotted to (Continued on page four)

Farmer Bellamy Kills Big Hog

Former Member Of Board Of County Commissioners Kills Prize Porker That Tipped Scales At 755 Pounds

Former County Commissioner O. P. Bellamy killed the granddaddy of hogs last week, probably the largest animal to go to the butcher in Brunswick county this year.

The hog, name of Happy, would have been three years old next April. Dressed out, he weighed 755 pounds. He was six feet in length and stood thirty-seven inches in height. Four stands of lard were rendered from his fat.

At the same time Mr. Bellamy butchered another good sized hog, Happy, Jr. This animal weighed 400-pounds. Two stands of lard were obtained from this smaller animal.

County Offices To Close Three Days

County offices, with the exception of the sheriff's department, will go on a three-day holiday at the close of business Wednesday.

All of the employees of the county will be off the two days following Christmas and will return to work Monday morning, Dec. 29.

COMPLETING NEW GARAGE

Cova Clemmons, who sold out his place on the highway east of Supply some months ago, is completing the work on a very serviceable new store and filling station near his old location.