

Decorations Are Being Featured This Christmas

Community Project At Kingtown Receives Enthusiastic Cooperation Of Local Citizens

Perhaps the most colorful community in rural Eastern Carolina this Christmas is Kingtown, that section where Brunswick County comes close to Columbus.

And the color? Not in the grays and browns of sterile December countryside, but in the hearts and imagination of the men and women of that community. These people with no other mission than to brighten their little community and, at the same time, to pay homage to the Saviour, went all out. First, they strung vari-colored electric light bulbs across the highway which serves them, then they erected welcoming signs, all of which were illuminated by night. Then, and only then, did they turn to dress up their individual homes. Thus the element of selfishness in Kingtown is conspicuous by its absence.

Being close to the soil, the Kingtown citizens resorted to natural props in many instances. For example, native holly and clinging Spanish moss were largely used in the unique ornamentation. And this love for the workings of nature was visible in other ways. For example, when the community judges viewed the displays and prizes are awarded, the first prize winner was the Silas King home, with the L. N. Inman home next, and the Clyde Babson home taking third prize. The winning display featured a manger scene, and some of the principals, other than Mother and Child, which were dolls, were cypress boles salvaged from a nearby swamp, and robed in colorful material.

All this, although spontaneous, was not conducted hit-and-miss. The entire community is behind the project. There's Mrs. Jarvis Inman, Community Development club president, for example, and L. C. Babson, secretary. The special Christmas decoration has been conducted for the past three years.

Brief Bits Of NEWS

SHALLOTTE VISITORS

Captain and Mrs. J. B. Hughes and family of Fort Fisher spent Christmas with Mrs. Hughes' mother, Mrs. W. L. Russ, of Shallotte.

HOLIDAY VISITORS

The Houston Hewetts of Ash played host over the holidays to their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Carr and baby of Rose Hill.

SORORITY PLEDGE

Miss Phoebe Russ of Longwood was one of the fall pledge class of Zeta Psi chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi, a social sorority at East Carolina College, who recently entertained their sisters at a Christmas party held in the social room of the Wright building on campus.

NATIVE DIES

A Brunswick County native, Lonnie G. Wolfe, 79, of 417 Queen St., Wilmington, died in a Wilmington hospital, Saturday afternoon. He was the son of the late Jacob and Mary Turner Wolfe. Final rites were held Monday at Coble's Oleander Chapel with burial in Glenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

NEW YEARS DANCE

Tebbo Rogers and David Ray Garrish, Southport boys who are now serving in the U. S. Coast Guard, are at home for the holiday and plan to regroup their dance band for a Saturday night engagement at the Lions Club Building. This will begin at 8:30 o'clock and will be under the auspices of the Lions Club.

HURT IN WRECK

W. L. Russ, Jr., of Shallotte who was injured in an automobile accident which took place last Thursday afternoon on the Supply-Southport Road, was discharged from Doshier Memorial Hospital Sunday. He had been confined with a slight concussion. Newman Bozeman, driver of the wrecked vehicle and also of Shallotte, is still a patient at the hospital suffering from the effects of the accident, which involved only one vehicle.



Dressed For Bowling

TEAM—These are the members of the Blake Builders Bowling team which competes each week in Wilmington. Last week it was costume night, and the local lady keepers showed up in the above dress. Left to right are Mrs. Ralph Cammack, Mrs. Jack Hickman, Mrs. L. R. Bellows, Mrs. George Gregory and Mrs. Bobby Jones.

Southport Lady Bowlers Making Big Impression

This, At Lease, Was True Last Week When They Participated In Costume Night Festivities

The Cardinal Bowling Lanes in Wilmington looked on last Wednesday night like a League of Nations, all on the distaff side. The occasion was Costume Night, and whereas the bowling was not spectacular, the overdressed girls did the best they could.

On hand to bowl for Southport on the Blake Builder's Supply team were five of the loveliest strong-armed girls in this community. Overburdened with clothing though the quintet were, and a bit self-conscious withal, they broke even on the lanes, with two games up, two down.

The costume affair is an annual event at the Wilmington lanes; an evening when the vigorous sport of ten-pinning takes on a delicate air of make-believe. That the Blake Builder's team did themselves proud is proven by the fact that Mary Bellows, who came dressed as a Tyrolean Maid, won a bowling bag for her costume.

Polly Cammack with her dark beauty made an entrancing French waitress calculated to make Alphonse forget his French drip coffee, what with her lace cap, apron, short black skirt, and black stockings with a saucy red garter prominently displayed.

In keeping with the sudden drop in temperature, Margaret Hickman's Cigarette Girl costume

Shallotte Boy Dies Of Burns

Five-Year-Old Donnie Earl Clemmons Dies In Doshier Memorial Hospital Tuesday

Donnie Earl Clemmons, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lee Clemmons of Rt. 1, Supply, died in Doshier Memorial Hospital Tuesday morning of burns received on Christmas Eve.

The small boy, a twin, was fatally burned at the home of his paternal grandfather, Albert Clemmons, of Supply R. F. D., early Saturday evening when he attempted to light a firecracker from an oil stove. It is reported that the firecracker exploded and oil from the stove enveloped the boy in flames.

Surviving besides the parents and the paternal grandparents, with whom the boy had been living, are a twin brother, Ronnie, another brother, Fredrick Allen, and a sister, Lora Ann, and several half-brothers and half-sisters. The funeral will be held today (Wednesday) at 2 p. m. with graveside services in the Silent Grove Cemetery.

Annual Tax Listing Now In Full Sway

Listers In Each Of The Six Townships In Brunswick County Announce

Tax listers went to work in all sections of Brunswick county this week as the month of January is the time for listing both real and personal property for taxation.

Mrs. Reggie R. Whatley, tax supervisor, has held a meeting with her listers and has passed out necessary supplies. They have mapped out a schedule in their respective townships which will make it convenient for each property owner to meet them and to list his taxes.

The following men are serving as listers this year: E. W. Aycock, Northwest; Raymond Earp, Town Creek; Carl Ward, Smithville; Kenneth Hewett, Lockwoods; Folly; J. B. Ward, Jr., Shallotte; and Odell Jenrette, Waccamaw.

The law requires that citizens list for taxation all property they own as of January 1, 1962. All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 are required to list for poll tax.

Failure to list during the month of January can draw a penalty, and Mrs. Whatley urges each property owner to cooperate in completing the job during the allotted period.

She also points out that it is not the responsibility of the lister to evaluate real property. That has been done, and any appeal from these figures must be taken up with the Board of Equalization and Review in March.

Seeks Help In Locating Town

Chapel Hill Man Writes For Information About Town In Brunswick Called Myrtle

William S. Powell of the University of North Carolina wrote this week for information concerning a place called Myrtle, presumed to be located in Brunswick county.

In his letter he says that the town was incorporated in 1903, and that two years the charter was rescinded. He has written in the hope that someone will furnish the desired information. Text of his letter follows: "In connection with a North Carolina gazetteer which I am compiling I am seeking information about a place called Myrtle in Brunswick County. "Myrtle was incorporated by the General Assembly on March 9, 1903, on the Wilmington and Fayetteville road and included the homes of Hansley Smith, James Morse, and Benjamin Dyson. In 1905 the Charter of Myrtle was rescinded. "I will be grateful to any of your readers who can give me some information about Myrtle—exactly where it was located, what is at the site today, something of its history. "Letters will reach me if sent in care of the University of North Carolina Library, Chapel Hill."

Jaycee Group Begin Planning For Pageants

A Christmas Banquet For Shallotte Club Proves To Be Family Affair

Christmas and the second birthday anniversary of the Shallotte Junior Chamber of Commerce were celebrated by that organization simultaneously on Saturday night at the Ocean Isle Beach restaurant.

The dual celebration took the form of a combination dinner-meeting and party, with the families of the club members present. Approximately 40 persons were on hand to make inroads on the turkey, enjoy the proverbial fire, and to listen to Christmas music.

President David Gause addressed the gathering in general terms before plans for the Jaycee-sponsored Brunswick County Pageant were brought under discussion. Preliminary to that event are scheduled to begin about January 27. The organization now boasts 26 members and is a close-knit and active club.

Plans for the distribution of food-baskets for 20 needy families residing in Brunswick were also laid during the meeting.

The ranks were depleted somewhat by the holidays, with some members absent on visits to former homes and, in some cases, the homes of their wives. Among members present were the following:

J. T. Clemmons and family; David Gause and family; L. B. Cheers and family; Roney Cheers and family; Thurston Mintz and family; Billy Gurganus and family; Sam Inman and family; Roger Hewett and family; W. J. McSamb and family; J. P. Lewis and family; Wilfred Williamson and family; and the Billy Cheers. In his talk President Gause recognized the outstanding work done during the past year by all members of the Shallotte Jaycee, and stated that "with an ever-growing organization, I feel sure that 1962 will be bigger and better for both Shallotte and our organization."

Prizes Awarded For Decorations

Annual Contest Sponsored By The Southport Garden Club Creates Local Interest

Scores of Southport residents participated this Christmas in the decorations contest sponsored by the Southport Garden Club, and prizes were awarded in three categories.

First place winner for door decorations was Mrs. L. J. Hardee. The second place winner was Mrs. Reese Swan. Honorable mention went to Mrs. F. L. Willing.

First prize in over-all decorations went to Mrs. Guy Garrett, with second place being awarded Mrs. E. J. Prevatte. Mrs. Harold Aldridge received honorable mention.

Mrs. Albert Russ won first place for the most beautiful living Christmas tree with honorable mention going to Mrs. Mark Owens. Judging was done Christmas Eve night by out of town visitors.

Law Partners



ANNOUNCEMENT—James C. Bowman, left, and E. J. Prevatte, right, have announced the formation of a law partnership, effective January 1. Both have practiced in Southport for several years and are well known throughout the county.

New Law Firm Has Been Formed Here

James C. Bowman And E. J. Prevatte Announce Plans To Form Partnership For Practice Of Law

A new law firm has been formed in Southport by James C. Bowman and E. J. Prevatte, who have announced that they will be associated in the general practice of law effective January 1, 1962.

The firm name will be Bowman and Prevatte, and the offices will be located in the Harrelson Building on Howe street, where each has occupied his respective office for the past several years.

Prevatte moved to Southport in July 1939, and the following year became associated with the late C. Ed Taylor, with whom he practiced until the latter's death in 1944.

In 1951 Prevatte formed a law partnership with Ray H. Walton, with whom he was associated until October 1951, when he moved to Lumberton. He returned in 1953 and since that time has practiced alone.

Bowman moved to Brunswick in 1952. He was twice elected to the House of Representatives from Brunswick county, serving during the 1957 and 1959 sessions. He is a graduate of the Washington College Law School in the class of 1958.

Prevatte is a graduate of Wake Forest College Law School in the class of 1936. Currently he is serving as chairman of the Brunswick County Democratic Executive Committee and as county attorney.

These men have purchased the Williamson property on the courthouse square. A residence which has stood there for many years is being removed and they hope to erect a modern law office at this location.

Boiling Spring Lakes Growing

Progress Report Indicates Activity Continues During Holiday Period

With the end of the year approaching, Brunswick County's big new real estate development grids for a banner year in 1962. In the meantime the guiding hands at Boiling Spring Lakes can point to several recent accomplishments.

North Lake, one of the three artificially-constructed bodies of water on the vast property, has risen some 19-inches during the past ten days as a result of the transfer of water by pumping from 300-acre Boiling Spring Lake nearby.

Draglines have been busy cutting drainage ditches in the golf course area. The holidays brought a large crowd of visitors out in brisk but fine weather on Tuesday; some carloads from as far away as Canada.

And an airplane swooped down last Friday to land with ease and safety on that wide avenue called the Boiling Springs Road. Navigator of the light plane was Southport's own Wes Jones, and he came not merely to exchange seasonal greetings, but to exhibit a bag of ducks slain, not by whirling propellers, but by scatter-shot from his trusty gun.

A rather sad hunting note was the disappearance of the semi-domesticated and clipped-winged mallards set out on some of the

Shallotte Folks Organize Church In New Section

Construction Of Calvary Baptist Church Well Underway In Shallotte Heights Sub-Division

On December 13 a new Baptist Church was organized in Shallotte. The group chose as their name, Calvary, and presented their organizational Charter, to which 26 names were affixed.

The organizational program was presided over by the Rev. Mark Owens, Moderator of the Brunswick Baptist Association, who was assisted by Mrs. Margaret McRacken, Associational Missionary. A constitution, with its by-laws and covenant, was presented and adopted. It was agreed to leave the charter for membership open until June, 1962. Those uniting with the church, until that time, will constitute the official charter membership.

Mrs. Woodrow Russ served as the clerk for the organizational meeting. The officers, including trustees, deacons, clerk, treasurer, Sunday school superintendent, pianist, and song leader were elected. A pastor has not yet been chosen, but preaching services are conducted on regular schedule.

This church has their new building well underway in the Shallotte Heights sub-division. It is of brick and masonry construction and is a contemporary design of architecture. When completed, the sanctuary will seat about 200 persons. The completion of the building is expected soon.

Holiday Letter Tells Of Japan

Mrs. Eloise Jervis Writes About Family Experiences Since Taking Up Residence In That Country

A holiday letter from Mrs. Eloise Jervis to friends in Southport contained some interesting sidelights upon the life of the Jervis family, former Southport residents, in Japan.

Portions of the letter follow: "Almost six months has passed since our departure from Southport, but our memories are refreshed often as we talk about our friends. We compare our tiny 'Japanese House' to the lovely home with spacious rooms and central heating that we enjoyed so much in Southport. I'm sure that our Japanese House would fit nicely in just the living room of the Tydings House. We are learning to appreciate the Japanese bath—Ofura—but at first it was a joke to fold up our long legs to fit into the small deep tub.

"We feel like 'old timers' as we have experienced several earth quakes, in fact there were two last night during the night. We were awakened with gentle swaying and rocking of the house. Also we have had typhoons—but were well prepared in advance and suffered no discomforts. Our house has shutters and we close them take the car over to the course (for cover) ready for almost any event. "Bob has wet a puddle of water with his radiator. He has flounder the past is constantly coming another new road he has purchased deliver a bigger He enjoys the local fishermen some of the "Where's the bait are you? "We are enjoying classes proper Services. A big cording will be film, and in 2 hours a in is much more has school there really is and just that group are 4 learned his class well, as to straggle air-to-diss enrolled well enjoys it plans his sister in in as and it very quarters, Far service. Ofuna, takes from out, takes 45 to 60 ate. I ride on a as the road is (as Page 4)

TIME and TIDE

When you live beside the sea there are tales of shipwreck and rescue, and such a story was going the rounds in Southport during the week following Christmas in 1936. A Greek freighter, the Mount Dirfeys, had run aground and had broken in two on Frypan Shoals. Her crew had abandoned ship, had been rescued and were being quartered at the U.S. Quarantine Station in Southport.

All of this was reported in our edition for December 30, which also had reported that otherwise the Christmas in Southport had been uneventful. Another group of visitors for whom preparations were being made was the crew of the submarine Perch, which was due here in two weeks on a shake-down cruise. Also on a nautical note, there was encouragement for a project to dig a yacht basin at Southport.

Blackout drills were being carried out in Southport during Christmas week of 1941, for World War II was not then three weeks old. That was reported in our December 31 issue of The Pilot. Peacetime pyrotechnics also were causing their troubles, and a firecracker had shattered the windshield of the Prince O'Brien family on a trip from Wilmington late at night. (The Banker's first thought was that he was being bombed!)

One of the first contacts that Southport, N. C., had with Southport, England, was reported in that issue. The crew of a

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