

Messiah Presented At Red Springs Would Have Pleased Composer

RED SPRINGS.—George Frederick Handel, the English-German composer of the great oratorio, "The Messiah," would have been pleased had he heard the performance of his work which was presented here Friday evening by the Civic Choral Society.

Christmas Program At Baptist Church

MAXTON.—There will be a program of appropriate scripture readings and Christmas music Sunday night, December 19th, at seven-thirty o'clock at the Maxton Baptist church.

Cpl. Lacy John Rites Dec. 26 At Philadelphus

RED SPRINGS.—Funeral services for Corporal Lacy John, Jr., have been tentatively set for 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 26. The remains of Cpl. John are being returned to the United States from Tinian where he was killed in action on July 25, 1944.

Christmas Pageant By Presbyterians In Red Springs Sunday Evening

RED SPRINGS.—The third annual Christmas pageant to be presented by the Presbyterian church will be held on Sunday, December 19, at 7:00 p. m. This presentation, which will be the reenactment of the Holy Nativity, is under the direction of a general committee consisting of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carruth, chairman; Miss Helen Buie, Rev. Thomas A. Frye, and James A. Graham, J. E. Watson, and Dougald Cox.

CROP To Load Two Freight Cars For Friendship Train Monday

Christmas Seal Sale Nears End; Goal Is X-Ray Exam For Everybody

As the sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals draws near its close for 1948, the goal of the Robeson County Tuberculosis Association is in sight but not yet attained. The association has set its sights on an X-Ray examination of every person in Robeson County; the cost to the county would be 10 cents per person.

St. Pauls Veteran Home For Burial

ST. PAULS.—The body of Marine Sgt. Lacy L. Benton, 21, accidentally killed in Japan in 1945 after already serving four years, arrived in St. Pauls on Wednesday and was taken to McGowan's Funeral Home.

Two freight cars will be loaded in Lumberton Monday for addition to the train being made up in North Carolina by the Christian Overseas Relief Program (CROP). The program is designed primarily to give rural people a chance to contribute food for the use of unfortunate people in foreign lands.

Encouraging news of the progress of the program comes from scattered points in the county, Rowland and vicinity for instance, under the leadership of Rev. O. A. Anderson and Rev. J. I. Knight.

Executives Club Hears Tropics Expert At Second Dinner Meeting Monday

LUMBERTON.—Over 200 members and guests of the Robeson County Executives Club, on Monday evening at the Pinecrest Country Club, heard Earl P. Hanson, noted engineer-author-geographer, describe the tremendous geographic explorations now taking place in Africa and South America.

PRESEYTERIANS REACH FUND GOAL

LUMBERTON.—The First Presbyterian Church here raised \$60,000 in the construction of an educational building in a four-day whirlwind campaign last week.

Star in The Sky Is Presbyterian Pageant Title

LUMBERTON.—A Christmas pageant entitled, "A Star in The Sky," under the direction of Miss Helen Cole, Director of Religious Education, will be presented by the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 19th, at 5:30 in the afternoon.

120 Attend Mormax Ladies Nite Annual Gathering Hears Bob Patton

Xxmas Service At Smyrna

MAXTON.—A Christmas service of scripture and songs was presented at Smyrna Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon at four-thirty o'clock. The vested choir directed by Mrs. John H. Ray sang several hymns and appropriate hymns and scripture was read by Ernest McLean, Jr., and Hubert McLean.

Twilite Cantata At ME Church

LUMBERTON.—The choir of the Chestnut Street Methodist church will present a Christmas cantata Sunday afternoon at five o'clock. Miss Winifred Beasley will direct the performance and will act as organist.

Allenton School Has Successful Stunt Night

"Stunt Night" which was presented at Allenton School Friday evening, December 10, was enjoyed by a large audience. Grades from the 8th to the 12th participated in the contest which were judged by the members of the Parent-Teacher Association.

F. B. Thrower Dies This Morning; Funeral Friday

RED SPRINGS.—Fairley B. Thrower, 57, prominent merchant and farmer, died early this morning at Higham, North Carolina.

Methodist Xmas Program Draws Large Crowd

LUMBERTON.—Chestnut Street Methodist church was filled by one of the largest congregations ever to attend a service Sunday night when a Christmas program arranged by Miss Frances Southerland was presented.

Rolarians To Hear Reports On Youth Work

RED SPRINGS.—Friday night the Rotary Club will have as its guests representatives of the various organizations of the town which are interested in and are conducting youth programs.

Philadelphus Drops Twin Bill To Red Springs

RED SPRINGS.—Philadelphus dropped a double-header here on Tuesday night to Red Springs to give the locals their third double victory of the season and their seventh win in eight starts.

Christmas Service

MAXTON.—Rev. H. G. Cuthrell, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist church, announced this week that there will be a candlelight service at his church for congregation and choir on Sunday at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening.

Add 9 Concerns To RS Merchants Membership

RED SPRINGS.—Nine additional concerns have joined the newly formed Merchants Association here, it was stated today by T. L. Tucker, secretary.

Carol Service At Presbyterian

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Maxton Community Club To Close; Available For Special Events Only

MAXTON.—At a board of directors meeting of Community Club, Inc., held last Wednesday, it was decided to close the community club within thirty days for an indefinite period due to lack of attendance and interest at the club.

Baptist Pastor Resigns At RS

RED SPRINGS.—The Rev. J. Lloyd Mauney, pastor of the Red Springs Baptist church, tendered his resignation to the congregation of the church Sunday morning.

Holidays Begin

RED SPRINGS.—Flora Macdonald college will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday, December 17, and classes will be resumed on Tuesday January 4, 1949.