

"WHO'S NEW"

Babies Born

WHEN and WHERE

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BREEZE NEW SON

Hubert and Mary Idol Breeze have a new son—a buster weighing 7.6 pounds born at 5:45 a. m. Saturday, Dec. 21, 1957, in Memorial hospital at Rockingham. This new baby will be christened James Stephen. Hubert is reporter for The Journal, and Mary this past fall has taught in the English department of Ellerbe high. They have three sons now and a daughter. The oldest child is David Lynn born Dec. 13, 1951, then came the twins on Sept. 14, 1953—Kathryn McDonald and Eugene Idol, and now this fourth child James Stephen. Quite a household on Roberson street. The James Stephen is for the baby's maternal great grandfather.

BRADDOCK DAUGHTER

Garrett and Betty Blackmon Braddock have a daughter born in Memorial hospital at 10:26 a. m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1957. They live out Ledbetter-way. This is their second child.

FREEMAN DAUGHTER

Sandy Freeman Jr. and Geneva Beverly Freeman have another daughter, this baby born at 6:10 a. m. December 21, 1957, in Memorial hospital here. Their other daughter was born Dec. 6, 1955. Sandy is with the Stevens mill.

MCDONALD SON

Douglas and Agnes Raines McDonald of Ledbetter have a son born in Memorial hospital at 2:41 p. m. Dec. 21, 1957.

PHIFER DAUGHTER

A girl was born in Memorial hospital at Rockingham Dec. 22, 1957, at 10:35 a. m. to E. H. and Janie Louise Lamplsey Phifer. Mr. Phifer is with Aleo.

FLOYD GIRL

Pope and Jean Walters Floyd have a daughter born at 4:05 a. m. Dec. 22, 1957, in Memorial hospital. They live on route one.

CYNTHIA ANNE WATKINS

Lt. and Mrs. G. W. Watkins of Camp Lejeune announce the birth of a daughter, born Dec. 17, weight 7 lbs. 13 ozs. She was named Cynthia Anne. Lt. Watkins is a grandson of Mrs. J. M. Seago here and son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Charles Watkins of Kannapolis.

WILLIAMS DAUGHTER

Grady and Myrtle Richardson Williams have a daughter born in Memorial hospital at Rockingham at 5:38 a. m. on Friday, December 20, 1957. They live on route two, and Grady is with the Life & Casualty Insurance office here.

WATKINS-THOMPSON

The following invitations are being issued to relatives and friends here:

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dean Thomerson request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Mary Elizabeth to Richard Bennett Watkins on Saturday, the twenty-eight of December at four-thirty o'clock The First Baptist Church, Salisbury, North Carolina.

The little man always seems to wind up with the snail, one way or the other.

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Activities Here And There

PERSONALS

Misses Virginia and Augusta Land will leave Wednesday, 25th, night for a ten days' trip to New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Smith will arrive December 27 for a visit with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. McIntosh, on Roberdel Road.

Miss Peggy Morris, Director of Christian Education at the First Baptist Church, left Tuesday to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Morris, in Albemarle.

Mrs. Joseph E. Pasko and little daughter Kay Beth of Washington, D. C. arrived in Rockingham Dec. 20 to spend Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. McIntosh.

Mrs. I. J. White of Durham arrived Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Helms, and Miss Jayne Helms.

Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Garrett will spend the Christmas holidays with their son and his family, Dr. and Mrs. John Garrett, in Walkertown.

Miss Verna Lee Ratliff who is a student at Brenau College in Gainesville, Ga., has arrived home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ratliff.

Jimmy Cole who is studying law at Duke University is here for the holidays, visiting his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Capel.

Jimmy Sibley, student at Oak Ridge Military Institute is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sibley.

Miss Maude Reynolds of High Point will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Reynolds.

Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Vetter and family are spending the holidays with Mrs. Vetter's parents in Atlanta, Ga.

Harold Dyson of Washington, D. C. is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Dyson.

Miss Mary Lou Allen, student at Meredith College arrived home Saturday for the Christmas holidays. She visited friends in Hickory before coming to Rockingham.

Miss Carole Long, student of A.S.T. college, Boone and Irving Long 3rd of the University of N. C. are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Long, Jr.

Beverly Seawell, junior class student at Wake Forest College, arrived Wednesday to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Seawell.

Miss Barbara McDonald of Agnes Scott College and Miss Linda McDonald of the University of South Carolina, Columbia are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wallace and family of Albany, Ga. are spending the holidays with Mrs. Wallace's mother, Mrs. Lucy French

Cornelia J. Porter to be Married Next April



Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Porter announce the engagement of their daughter, Cornelia Jane, to Pvt. Earl D. Mims, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mims of Rockingham. Pvt. Mims is in the National Guard and is stationed at Ft. Jackson. The wedding will take place in April.

and Mr. Wallace's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace. They will be here for one week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ratliff and son, Tommie, of Falls Church, Va. will spend Friday and Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Ratliff. And with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Seawell.

Mrs. Grace McNeill Phifer, and daughter, Miss Sheila Phifer, of Richmond, Va. have arrived to spend this week with the former's sister, Mrs. Homer (Laura) Gunter, at her home in Hamlet. Also coming tonight will be their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McNeill and daughters, Misses Sherry and Carol McNeill of Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Harold (Idell) Roberts and son, Happy will come Christmas Day.

Miss Margaret McLendon of Jacksonville, Fla. came home Dec. 21st to spend Christmas holidays with her mother Mrs. J. R. McLendon. Also coming for Christmas will be Mr. and Mrs. Benj. McLendon and Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Hamer of Charlotte. Mrs. McLendon will return to Jacksonville with Margaret for a visit.

J. J. Gray, a patient of US Veterans Hospital, Fayetteville and Douglas Gray, sophomore of East Carolina College, Greenville are spending the holidays at their home in Hamlet. Mrs. Gray went after her husband Friday so he could be home about two weeks. Michael Gray who has been in the Hamlet hospital about ten days returned home Saturday after undergoing facial treatment.

Mrs. Morris Lobel and son, Leslie, of Washington, D. C. are visiting J. Brown. Mrs. Lobel was the former Shirley Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Rockowitz and son, Stuart, of Baltimore, Md., and Morris Lobel of Washington, D. C. will arrive Saturday for the holidays with the J. Brown family.

MISS KATHLEEN HICKS ENTERTAINS TEACHERS

Miss Kathleen Hicks entertained members of Pee Dee School faculty December 19, 1957 at her home on Ledbetter street. Also guests were the teachers' husbands and wives. The home was decorated especially pretty carrying out Christmas thoughts. During the evening delicious refreshments of ice cream in the shape of Christmas tree, cake, and nuts were enjoyed.

The entertainment consisted of games and contests. Those enjoying the evening together were Mr. and Mrs. A. T. McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Many, Mr. and Mrs. James McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ellerbe, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stowe, Mrs. Alexine Greene, and the hostess Miss Hicks.

The teachers presented their principal with a beautiful gift and exchanged gifts among themselves.

Anne Baxley Has Ninth Birthday

Little Anne Baxley entertained a number of her friends Wednesday afternoon at a Skating party at Glass Roller Rink in celebration of her ninth birthday. During the evening skating and refreshments were enjoyed by her friends. The beautifully decorated birthday cake was admired and enjoyed.

Those present were the honoree Anne, Judy Hudson, Claudia Gore, Georgia Howell, Beverly Lowdermilk, Millie Gibson, Beth McLester, Susie and Judy Snipes, Susan Shores, Claire Haines, Elizabeth Reynolds, Mary Kay McLamb, Linda Long, Judy Williams, Sidney Patterson, Kay Lyn McIntosh, Berry Gore, Dana Wilcox, Wilman Terry Williams, Kenneth King, Glen Williams, Michael Mulkey, Ben Smith, Bill Wilcox, William Lee Norwood, Guy Trexler, Marcus Comer, Tommie Hunter, Lee Baxley, Tim Stafford, Herman Seawell, Steve Irvin, Bill Huneccutt, John Hartgrove, and Neal Clagg.

THE JR. CIVITAN OFFICERS FOR 1958

In 1956 the Civitan club formed a Junior Civitan club here, consisting of 25 members, of the high school. The young club have elected the following officers for the ensuing year—through June, 1958:

President: Jimmy Goodman
Vice Pres.: Jennie Currie
Sec.: Donna Kay Diggs
Treas.: Jerry Meacham
Chaplain: Pat Phifer

The club is made up of 25 members, as follows: Jerry Meacham, Billy Covington, Olen Smith, Jennie Currie, Jimmy Goodman, Donna Kay Diggs, Edward Throver, Bill Milstead, William Campbell, Edward Butler, Johnny Covington, Peggy Cooper, Jennie Seawell, Brenda Bowers, Sandra Wheeler, Fritsilla Baxley, Rebecca Riggins, Sid Linton, Ginger McDonald, Jimmy Covington, Pat Phifer, Evelyn Gainey, Johnny Faison, Martha McLester and Margaret Lassiter.

And the advisors are Coaches Todd and Bean of the high school faculty.

HIGHWAY MEN SHORTER HOURS

Beginning on January 1, 5500 maintenance employees of the North Carolina State Highway Department will have a shorter work week according to a directive issued today to Division and District Engineers. Director of Highways W. F. Babcock announced the reduced work week on a trial basis.

Heretofore maintenance forces throughout the State have worked 50 hours per week. After January 1, this work will be reduced to 45. In addition, the regular work day of 10 hours will be reduced to 9 hours. In addition to the shorter work week, a study is currently being made on the classification of maintenance personnel whose responsibilities have not been classified in the past. The result of this classification study should be finished by July 1, 1958.

MRS. PITTMAN HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas treat was enjoyed by members of TEL Sunday School class of First Baptist Church on Dec. 16, 1957, when they met with Mrs. Ira Pittman for their Christmas meeting.

Mrs. J. L. Little was in charge of the devotional service. The members always enjoy the fellowship for each other but especially at this season of the year they have added thoughts of companionship.

Delicious refreshments were served buffet style. Those enjoying the afternoon together were Mrs. Ralph Gandy, who is teacher for the class, Mrs. Pittman, the hostess, Mrs. R. E. McCroskey, Mrs. Jim Hicks, Mrs. James L. Little, Mrs. L. A. King, Mrs. Hugh Warner, Mrs. J. E. Haywood, Mrs. C. O. Funderburk, Mrs. Dan Stogner, Mrs. Bruce Benton, Mrs. Vera Long, Mrs. J. R. McLendon, Mrs. G. D. Faulkenbury, Mrs. Raymond Manship and Mrs. John Yates. Mrs. Faulkenbury was welcomed into the class as a new member.

The "good old days" would have been pretty chilly about now, in most places.

If everyone worked as hard as he described it, there would be no undone work.

Prices for slaughter cattle in 1958 are expected to average higher than for 1957.

ZION WOMEN'S SOCIETY HAD CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Women's Society of Zion Methodist Church met Dec. 17, 1957, at the home of Mrs. Lee Ellerbe with Mrs. John Sandy Covington, Mrs. T. J. Fletcher, Mrs. E. L. Collins and Mrs. Julian Carr as co-hostesses.

The home was lovely with beautiful Christmas decorations.

Christmas Carols were sung and Mrs. Zena Greene read a poem. A Christmas Story was told by Mrs. Lee Ellerbe. Mrs. Cole Nichols gave her report on the gifts sent to the little girl in the orphanage at Raleigh which the women support. Plans were made to remember the sick and needy. Gift boxes have been sent to Mrs. Ina Godfrey at the hospital at Butner. Plans were made for the Christmas tree which will be held at the church Sunday evening December 22 at 6 o'clock Mrs. Rebecca Kiker Nichols was in charge of the program.

At the close of the meeting delicious Christmas refreshments were served to Mrs. John F. Hamer, Mrs. Pickett Ellerbe, Mrs. Jessie Thomas, Mrs. Will Currie, Mrs. Roy Shephard Sr., Mrs. Mary Terry, Mrs. Sidney Linton, Mrs. Jack Flenniken, Mrs. Zena Greene, Mrs. George Rowland, Mrs. Cole Nichols, Mrs. John Adams Sr.

Gifts were exchanged under the beautifully lighted Christmas Tree.

WALTER POPE IN '56

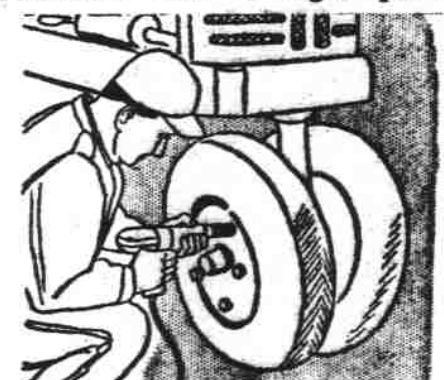
This was written by Mrs. Florence Pope in memory of her son, Walter T. Pope, who died January 18, 1956:

"A little more tired at close of day,
A little more anxious to have our way;
A little less ready to scold and blame
A little more care for a brother's name.
And so we are nearing the journey's end
Where Time and Eternity meet and blend:
And when I shall cross that gulf that fix
I shall see my son who died in '56."



By Don Burrowbridge, Director Thor Research Center for Better Farm Living

A large role in the mechanized operations of American farms today is being taken by an electric tool that does the job of eight conventional tools. Many farmers are handling their maintenance and repair jobs with the portable electric FarmTool that is eight power



Electric FarmTool does eight different jobs.

tools in one. With its accessories, this tool is a drill, impact wrench, screwdriver, polisher, sander, hole saw and wire brush. And it's all of these without muscle-work on your part!

For example, using it as an impact wrench, a farmer can run the lugs off tractor wheels as easily as he can remove the wheel bolts of the family car. The versatility of the FarmTool serves farm families in practically every repair task that can arise.

This FarmTool drills up to 3/4 inch in metal and bores holes up to 2 inches in diameter in wood. With it you can maintain the efficiency of equipment, cleaning rust from plowshares, sickle and mower bars in just a fraction of the time that it takes by hand. And there are a number of polishing and sanding chores that such a tool takes care of in almost no time at all.

The driving action of the Farm Tool can be reversed with a flip of a switch. That means, for example, you can run the lugs on or off tractor wheels quickly and easily.

Sounds like a handy tool, you may be thinking, but what about its use far from a power source? Well, just pair it up with a portable power generator and you've got an unbeatable farm maintenance team. You'll be able to meet and handle any repair problem, wherever it may be on your acreage.

(For more information about the farm tool or other electric tools and accessories available for do-it-yourself projects, write to: Thor Research Center, Marengo, Ill.)

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

Here Is Virginia O'Hanlon's Famous Letter To Santa Claus Written In 1897

Back on Sept. 21, 1897, there appeared an editorial in the New York Sun that is as alive today as when written some 58 years ago.

A little girl, just eight years old, named Virginia O'Hanlon, had written a letter to the SUN asking whether there really is a Santa Claus. The editor turned the letter over to Francis P. Church, and told him to answer it.

Here is the little girl's letter:

"Dear Mr. Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. But papa says if you see it in the SUN, it is so. Please tell me the truth—IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?—Virginia O'Hanlon."

And here is the answer—as old as Time, as fresh as Today, and as young as Tomorrow:

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible to their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or little children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there IS a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginia's. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance. We would have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else so real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God; he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

(The little Virginia of 1897 is now a 67-year-old lady, married and her name is Dr. Virginia O'Hanlon Douglass, living in New York.—ISL)

Thank You and Warm Wishes

We hope you have a very delightful Christmas surrounded by devoted family and friends.

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Season's BEST WISHES

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Merry Christmas

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