

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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GRANDSON OF LOCAL COUPLE SINGS LEADING OPERA ROLE

Graeber Jordan, 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Jordan of Columbia, S. C., and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Sarvis, Sr., of Tabor City, is making quite a name for himself in the singing world.

Young Jordan made his operatic debut in a production of the South Carolina Opera Workshop which played in South Carolina cities from December 11 to December 20. He sang the leading role of "Amahl" in the opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors." John Richard McCree, noted baritone and musical director of Converse College directed the production.

Graeber has the honor of being selected to sing in the first performance of Amahl over to be given in the South. "Amahl and the Night Visitors" is a new opera written by Gian Carlo Menotti last winter for NBC Television Opera Theater in New York City. The role of Amahl in that opera was played by Chet Allen.

This sacred Christmas opera is an Italian version of the three wise men on their way to find the Christ child bearing gifts and stopping off overnight at the home of Amahl, a destitute and crippled shepherd boy and his widowed mother. There the scene ends in Amahl being miraculously healed when he desired to send his only possession, his crutch, as a gift for the baby Jesus. By forgetting his crippled condition and giving his all, he was healed and had no further need for the crutch.

The young singer appeared December 11, in Winnsboro; December 13 in Spartanburg and December 17 and 20 in Columbia as the shepherd boy Amahl.

While visiting his grandparents in Tabor City last summer, Graeber sang several selections at the Mt. Tabor Baptist church.

He is now an eighth grade student at Hand junior high in Columbia where he takes voice and piano lessons. He is also a Boy Scout and sings in the Shandon Baptist church. He also collects stamps, builds model planes and automobiles and being the son of an electrical contractor likes to "mess around with electrical equipment."

Tobacco Variety Survey Now Being Conducted

A Tobacco Variety Performance survey is being conducted in Columbus County to determine how various varieties compared in yield and value during 1952 on tobacco farms.

As many farmers as possible are being contacted so that the information gathered will represent a sizable portion of the tobacco grown in the county. Growers are being asked what yield and value he received from each variety he grew in 1952.

Cards are being sent to a representative group of growers in the county and the growers who receive cards are urged to fill out the card accurately and return it to the county agent's office. Everyone who receives a card should send it in regardless of whether his yield is low or high. This is essential if the summary of the variety data is to represent the actual performance of a given variety in the county and state.

This information is also being accumulated by other counties, and a summary of the County, State and Federal results will be available for growers to see as soon as it has been summarized.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a bride doll, a paint set, and a typewriter. My little brother wants an air rifle for Christmas. My teacher is very good and her name is Miss Schultzen and she lets us play a lot.

Your friend,
Judy Grainger

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Dear Santa,
My name is Bonnie Faye Norris. I want a basket ball goal for Christmas and a doll, a ring, a toy watch, and a necklace.

Love,
Bonnie Faye Norris

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this

M. L. Inman Elected To Conservation Post

G. T. Gore, Chairman of the Columbus County Supervisors of the Lower Cape Fear Soil Conservation District, announces the election of M. L. Inman, Whiteville, as a member of the Board of District Supervisors. Inman was elected as the result of public balloting during the week of December 1 to 6. Thomas J. Smith, Bolton; and Robert A. Meares, Chadbourn, were the unsuccessful candidates.

The Soil Conservation District Supervisors is composed of three farmers in each county. Each year during the first week of December, one supervisor who has served three years, is retired and replaced by the successful candidate elected. Evander C. Arnette, Chadbourn, is the retiring Supervisor.

Serving the farmers of Columbus County as a District Supervisor is not a new job for M. L. Inman. During 1947, 1948, and 1949, he served as a Supervisor; and during 1949 he was chairman of the four-county Board of District Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors for Columbus County for 1950 is as follows: G. T. Gore, Guideway; Clyde Wayne, Brunswick; and M. L. Inman, Whiteville.

POLIO FUNDS UNDERWRITE TRIPLE JOB

When Columbus County citizens contribute to the March of Dimes, set for January 3 to 31, 1953, they have the satisfaction of knowing that their donations are financing a triple job of work, it was pointed out today by Troy McPherson, Columbus County March of Dimes campaign director.

"With the nation having just experienced its worst polio epidemic in history," Mr. McPherson said, "it is natural for us to re-visit how the March of Dimes has helped the stricken.

"The contributions of the American people to this great cause has enabled the National Foundation to combat polio on three wide fronts.

\$18,000,000 for Research

"Since the establishment of the National Foundation," Mr. McPherson said, "some \$18,000,000 has been invested in scientific research programs aimed at the eventual conquest of the disease.

In the field of education, more than \$16,000,000 has been allocated—making it possible for more and more skilled hands to be trained. At the same time, patient-care bills amounting to \$148,000,000 have been defrayed."

Pointing to the vast cost entailed in this over-all fight against polio, Mr. McPherson warned that the National Foundation's work would be jeopardized unless every American joins enthusiastically in the March of Dimes, January 2 to 31.

"We are making real progress against infantile paralysis," Mr. McPherson concluded. "Let's get behind this drive and really put it over the top."

year. I am eight years old and in the third grade. Please bring me two pistols and holster, lots of caps, boots, and cowboy hat.

Love,
Jerry Dean Fipps

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy this year. I think I have been smart in school. I am 10 years old. Please bring me a bill fold, two pistols and holsters, and cowboy hat.

Love,
Michael Fipps

I have tried to be a good boy all year. Please bring me two pistols, and holster, a cowboy hat, boots, and a football.

Love,
Roger Dale Fipps

CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR

To many of us, the week of December 25 comes much faster every year than do the other weeks. And it is common conversation during this season to hear the question asked "Are you ready for Christmas?" The almost universal answer is "No, I'm never ready." Usually this question and answer is followed with a few words about how fast Christmas seems to come and sometimes leads on into a discussion that those persons must be growing older because once it seemed like an eternity between Christmases.

Why does Christmas seem to come more quickly than the other 51 weeks of the year? Primarily it comes quickly because human beings are prone to put off things that do not have to be done right at the moment, and Christmas carries with it the obligation to make a number of purchases for friends and loved ones. We always seem to wait until that last moment to get those chores done, and are left with a feeling that "I was doing this same thing just a short 12 months ago."

But once the shopping is complete, and we feel that we have done just about all that we can do to make this Christmas more enjoyable for everyone, we let down our hair and relax a bit. From that time until the holiday season is past, we dare say, practically all of us have our most pleasant days of the year.

We feel that it is noteworthy to celebrate this religious holiday season by making it an enjoyable event. Perhaps we don't insert enough humbleness and sacredness into occasion and perhaps we are a bit selfish about Christmas, but largely it is a time of giving, a time of charity and one in which we believe God is pleased with his earthly creation.

And following right on the very heels of Christmas, comes the beginning of a new year. There's a tendency among us to halt just a moment when January 1 shows on the calendar, to think for an instance about what the old year held for us, and to speculate on the prospects of the new.

To every living soul, the new year holds something different. A new adventure, a new experience, and yes, maybe even a new tragedy. On every January 1 since the beginning of time it was a safe statement that one thing was certain, there would be another January 1 Today in the atomic and hydrogen age, we even have to guard a promise that there will be another January 1.

So, perhaps we have reason for more humility and more wholesale recognition of the Heavenly powers than ever before as we go about celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ on this December 25, 1952.

TABOR STORES TO CLOSE ONLY TWO DAYS FOR XMAS

Tabor City stores will be open on Saturday, December 27, and will close only on Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26, it was decided last week when a petition was circulated among all merchants in town.

The group had voted at its annual banquet to close three days but the results of the petition showed that there was more than a two to one majority in favor of reopening on Saturday, December 27.

S. T. Rogers, newly-elected president of the Merchants Association, made the announcement regarding the petition results.

Mr. Rogers said this week that 32 persons voted to close only the 25th and 26th and that 15 voted to close the 25th, 26th and 27th.

However, the two cleaning establishments and the two jewelry stores in Tabor City will be closed all three days according to an announcement from the firms. They are closing by mutual agreement.

Another petition circulated by the merchants association last week in regard to Wednesday closing, favored closing each Wednesday at 1:00 beginning January 7 and until July 29. Mr. Rogers said that the vote favored closing during this period by 28-13 over the past year's system of closing on Wednesday only during May, June and July.

Feed Mill To Open Here Next Monday

E. W. Fonvielle and Leon Fonvielle, owners and managers of the E. W. Fonvielle and Son feed and seed store here, announced today that the newly constructed feed mill in Tabor City will open for business on Monday, December 29.

The new mill, first of its kind ever to be located in Tabor City, is modern in every respect and designed to be of complete service to farmers in the area who have need of custom made feeds for livestock.

The mill is located on the Whiteville road, highway 701, just beyond the city limits of Tabor City and near the mill pond. It has been under construction for several weeks and the finishing touches to machinery will be completed this week.

E. W. Fonvielle & Son local feed distributor of Tabor City, has been made an Approved Custom Mixing Station, according to an announcement just received by them from the Ralston Purina Company, St. Louis, Missouri.

"We are fully qualified to render the type of custom grinding and mixing service the Ralston Purina Company authorizes in the announcement. We are completely equipped to grind farmers' own grains and mix into them balancers that the Purina Research Laboratories and Purina Research Farm have found to be practical and economical. By grinding the farmer's own grain and blending with it the proper Purina balancer, it is possible to increase the return a farmer gets from his grain when he markets it through his livestock and poultry in the form of pork, beef, eggs or milk," Leon Fonvielle said today.

Certain definite standards had to be met before the mill could become a Purina Custom Mixing Station.

"We have been provided with the Purina Rations Service which entitles us to the help of the Purina Laboratories and Farm on any special needs of our customers. In addition these Laboratories have provided us with a complete set of rations using corn, oats, wheat, barley, rye, or sorghum grains and Purina balancers. Also, as a Purina Custom Mixing Station we must send samples of mixtures for molar grander and mixer to the Purina Analytical Laboratory so they can check the uniformity and accuracy of our machinery."

STUDENT NIGHT PLANNED BY BAPTIST

Student Night at Christmas, an annual affair, will be held at the Mt. Tabor Baptist Church on Sunday night, December 28, Rev. P. C. Gantt announced this week.

Student night is held for college students who are home for the holiday season and the program features testimonies by those students. Special music will also be featured on the program.

High School Chorus Program To Be Broadcast Dec. 25

The musical program given by the Tabor City High School Chorus Thursday evening will be presented by transcription over radio station WENC Christmas morning at 10 o'clock under the sponsorship of the Lewis Funeral Home of Tabor City, officials announced today.

The transcription will include Fred Waring's "Song of Christmas," "Lullaby on Christmas Eve" by Christiansen, and "The Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Messiah" by Handel.

PROGRESS MADE ON FACTORY

Rapid progress is being made on the shirt and pajama factory building here and workmen of the A. G. Carter contracting firm of Whiteville are well on the way with the foundation.

The building site was staked off last Tuesday and digging the foundation began on Wednesday. Rock and sand are already on the lot and the area is a bee hive of activity. The contractors have promised to complete the structure within 90 working days but will make every effort to have it finished before that. The weather and availability of materials seem to be the only obstacles that could delay the completion as long as 90 working days.

Dec. 18, 1952
Route 1, Box 199
Loris, S. C.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl eight years old. I am in the third grade and study real hard. So Santa please bring me a toy ferris wheel, plenty of fruit and nuts, also candy.

Don't forget Mama and Daddy also my little six year old sister who is in the first grade. She wants a toy telephone and fruit, nuts and candy.

Love,
Judy Cartrette

Frank Cartrette is seriously ill at his home.

Sgt. 1-c Clarence Blanco Sellers and his family who have been in Japan over two years are leaving for home some time in January and will visit friends in the vicinity.

OUR APOLOGIES

This issue of this newspaper carries with it our apologies for its brevity and overcrowded columns, but as we said last week, the entire staff needs a vacation and has taken off for the holiday season. We expect to be back with you with our regular weekly coverage of the news next week.

Mrs. Glaysd Garrell is a patient in the Charlotte Memorial hospital receiving treatment for a nerve injury sustained in a fall recently. She underwent surgery Wednesday and is progressing nicely.

Saloditan Class Hears Yule Program

The Saloditan class of the Mount Tabor Baptist Sunday School met with Mrs. C. C. Leggette at her home this week for the regular monthly meeting.

The Christmas motif was used in the decorations and refreshments.

Mrs. Harry Bryant was in charge of the meeting and gave a Christmas program.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hayes and daughter, Jeanne, are leaving Tuesday for Baltimore, Md. to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hayes.