# THE TORCH

A department conducted for The Warren County Memorial Library By MABEL DAVIS

The Librarian

I have never learned to face decisions with perfect equinimity. Even now I find Christmas shopping a bit disturbing, and the peace that should fill my heart as we approach the day set apart in commemoration of the birth of the Prince of Peace in the little town of Bethlehem of Judea nearly 2000 years ago is sometimes foreshadowed with a bit of care. There are moments however, when my soul rises above such trifles, and the glorious vision of the shepherds becomes very real

That happened twice on Sunday There were many others who shared that experience, I think-at the Baptist Church in the morning during the rendition of the Christmas Cantata by the choir of that church, and again in the evening at the Methodist Church when the young people's organization under leadership of Mrs. Claud Bowers, in another beautiful song service commemorated the Coming of our Lord. The young people's choir was trained by Mrs. H. M. Hardy, whose beautiful voice was heard in both programs.

#### Historical Map of Old Granville County

We are indebted to Mr. S. E. Allen, our capable Register of Deeds, for a photographic copy of Old Granville County made from the map drawn by J. E. Buck, Civil

Prior to 1768, or thereabout Granville county embraced what is now Warren, Franklin, Vance, and Granville. About that time the inhabitants of the eastern section of the county demanded a more convenient county-seat, and Bute county was created to supply that de-Similar demands caused another division in 1779. Bute was found to be too large for the convenience of the inhabitants, which together with the disrepute into which the Earl of Bute had fallen, brought about two new countiesfor American patriots.

The map carries miniature pictures of many of the old residences of this section, of the site of Bute Court House, of St. John's Church, of Williamsborough, and many other places of interest. It will be framed and hung in a convenient place in the library where it will be studied with interest by many visitors to the library.

Thanks

Four new books, the gift of friends, have been received during the week. We are indebted to Mrs. W. L. Long, Raleigh, for "The Christ of the Mount," by Stanley Jones, given in memory of Mrs. George Alston, and "Practical Prayer," by Hugh Redwood, given in memory of Mr. John W. Arrington. Other gifts include "Fifty Acres," poems by Larkin Pearson, presented by William Polk, and Ernest Newman's "Stories of the Great Operas," from Miss Rowe Jones.

Another Christmas gift came in the form of a check for \$5.00 from a lady who is spending the holidays at her home at Warren Plains. This gift added to the amount contributed by Warren Plains gives that place a total of \$22.00, which, I believe, is the largest sum raised for the library in any rural community.

### Norlina Y. W. A. Holds Meeting

The Marjorie Spence Y. W. A. of the Norlina Baptist Church met or Wednesday evening, December 14, with Miss Mollie Ann Terrell. The home was beautifully decorated in keeping with the Christmas season, with blue lights, a star, holly, mistletoe and lighted candles being

The meeting was opened by the group singing the hymn for the year, "O Jien Haste." Devotional was conducted by the president, Miss Mae Jacque Williams, and prayer was led by Miss Imogene Overby. During the business session the auxiliary decided to send a bex of linens to one of the home missionaries in Florida for Christmas. Mrs. J. E. Floyd was elected personal service chairman.

The missionary program was rendered by Miss Imogene Overby's circle. Following delicious refreshments, served by the hostess with Miss Alice Terrell assisting, the meeting was dismissed by Mrs. J. F. Roach. The January meeting will be with Mrs. J. E. Floyd.

### TERRACING

Tests show that an inch of rainfall, when saved for cotton production by terracing the field, has a cash value of \$3.69 an acre, says W. D. Lee, State College extension soil conservationist.

### Mrs. C. A. Tucker **Entertains Club**

Warrenton, North Carolina

Mrs. C. A. Tucker was hostess to the Junior Thursday Card Club and other friends last week. Mrs. H. N. Walters won the high score club prize and Mrs. F. P. Hunter won the visitor's high score prize. Mrs. John Mitchell received the floating prize. The entire home was tastefully decorated in Christmas evergreens, tapers and other suggestions of the holiday season. A sweet course was served with coffee and cheese wafers. Extra guests making up three tables were Mesdames W. R. Woodall, B. R. Palmer, M. P. Burwell, Jr., S. O. Nunn and J. B. Bobbitt.

### Mrs. Limer Church **Group Hostess**

Mrs. David Limer was hostess to 19 members of the Providence Norfolk, Va. Methodist Church Missionary society on Thursday evening with Mrs. R. E. Shuller leading in prayer and Mrs. M. H. Felts in charge of the program. A summary of the year's work was given by Mesdames Felts, J. L. Ridout, Morris Pinnell and J. H. Daniel. The following new officers were elected: President, Mrs. James Mustian; vice president, Mrs. Morris Limer; secretary, Mrs. Louis Fuller, and treasurer, Mrs. James Lee Ridout. A sweet course was served. Miniature Santa Clauses decorated each plate.

The Missionary Society held a social on Friday evening in the basement of the church with 45 attending, each member inviting a guest. The games and contests were in charge of the new president, Mrs. Mustian. Mrs. John Howard Daniel, past president for three years, was presented a set of bookends for her untiring service to the organization. A Christmas tree bore gifts for each guests from names which had been previously drawn. Mrs. Louis Fuller, assisted by Mesdames Thomas Pinnell, Morris Limer, Morris Pinnell, J. L. Ridout, and Miss Lula Belle Fuller served a delectable sweet course.

#### MRS. KERR HOSTESS

Mrs. J. H. Kerr entertained the Thursday Card Club and other guests on Thursday afternoon. Club and visitor's prizes were won by Mesdames R. J. Jones and Lloyd Warren and Franklin, both named Cook. Other extra guests were Mrs. John Kerr, Jr. A sweet course, Misses Dorothy Walters, Sallie Watson and Kate White Williams. A was served, followed by coffee and sweet course was served with coffee cheese wafers. and cheese straws.

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### Norlina Items

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this week. Mrs. L. C. Dalton spent several days this week with relatives in

Shelby, N. C. Mr. Franklin Johnson of Raleigh visited here over the week end. Mrs. Roy Overby and son spent Thursday in Littleton with Mrs.

Macon Moore, Jr. Mrs. Nellie Register will spend the Christmas holidays with her daughters in New York.

Miss Susie Rooker will leave this week for Washington, D. C., to spend the holidays with her brother

and family. Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Henderson of Raleigh spent Sunday here with

Mrs. H. E. Weldon. Mrs. C. E. Tucker spent Friday in

Mr. Douglas Draffin was in Weldon Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Foster spent Friday in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Thomas Craft of Ottumwa, Iowa, is visiting relatives and friends Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hundley and

son will spend Christmas with relatives in Charlotte. Mr. aand Mrs. Robert Rose of Franklinton spent Sunday here with

Mrs. H. M. Terrell. Mrs. Bertha Perkinson spent several days this week with friends in Franklin, Va.

Mrs. M. C. Hicks and Mrs. W. R. Newman spent Thursday in Raleigh. Miss Mary Louise Newman was sent to Park View Hospital, Rocky Mount, last week and was operated on for appendicitis.

### MISS BOWDEN HOSTESS

Miss Aileen Bowden entertained a number of guests from Warrenton and Afton on Thursday evening at a dance. Games and contests were also enjoyed and later during the evening a sweet course, carrying out the Christmas idea, was served.

#### READING CLUB MEETS

Eleven members of the Warrenton Reading Club were entertained on Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Clyde E. Rodwell. Mrs. F. H. Gibbs, president, conducted the meeting and an inspiring paper on the Oxford Movement was given by bearing out the Christmas matif.

Mr. and Mrs. John Van Pelt and Miss Jo Carty of Roanoke Rapids daughter of Richmond will spend is visiting her sisters, Mrs. W. Duke Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. R.

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By MARY E. DAGUE

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#### Luncheon Rice

Four tablespoons butter, 2 large onions, 4 cups canned tomatoes, 1 cup rice, 2 teaspoons salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, 2 teaspoons sugar.

or in the deep-well cooker of an mother. electric range. Add onions, peeled

and sliced and cook until onions are a pale straw color. Add tomatoes and seasonings and sprinkle rice evenly over top. Cover and cook slowly for one hour. Do not stir during cooking until rice has absorbed tomato juice. Then it will be necessary to stir occasionally to prevent sticking.

> Meticulous housewives feel that they must have their houses spic and span for the Christmas holidays. Windows must shine and woodwork and furniture must be polished. Put a tablespoonful of soda in a pail of warm water when washing painted or varnished woodwork and furniture and you will save yourself much time and work.

#### CARD OF THANKS

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