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### Christmas Season Being Observed Throughout County



NATIVITY SCENE RECREATED IN MANY CHURCHES IN WARREN COUNTY AS CHRISTMAS DRAWS NEAR. The Birth Of Christ Is Enacted By Members Of The Warren Plains Baptist Church On Sunday Night.

#### Schools Recess On Friday; Religious Services Planned

It's probably fortunate that Christmas comes but once a year.

Warrenton and Warren County residents, working tirelessly to bring about the brightest and happiest Christmas in many a season, would perhaps break under the strain of the Yuletide rush if Christmas put in more than one appearance in a single year.

But Christmas is a once-a-year thing, and everyone in Warren County and this area seems to realize that the long-awaited event should be ushered in gloriously.

Christmas began several weeks ago for many—for the little child, who, pen in hand, told of wanting guns and bicycles and candy and fruit, and who confidently addressed his letter via the North Pole. It began for the early shoppers, and it began for the older citizens who had seen many a Christmas and longed to see another.

Later, stores began staying open at night, and merchants at Warrenton, Norlina and Littleton voiced pleasure over accelerated business.

Churches of all denominations over the county began staging special Christmas services including cantatas and enactments of the Nativity Scene. Churches of all denominations are planning to hold services on Christmas day and several county churches will hold their traditional midnight services on Christmas Eve.

Warren County schools let out on Friday and gave a chance to get into the Christmas mood of preparation and anticipation. Most colleges attended by Warren County students recessed classes on Friday.

Parties are being planned for various nights of the holiday season, and stores in all three of the counties larger communities will have a two-day holiday and will reopen for business on December 28.

Youngsters helped usher in the Christmas spirit on Sunday night when a large group went caroling and returned to Emmanuel Episcopal Church for a period of fellowship and refreshments.

Throughout the county, civic, church, and school organizations have been helping the needy with the collection and presentation of food and clothing.

Santa Claus has been putting in his appearance since riding into Littleton and Warrenton more than a week ago in the pre-Christmas parades put on by the two towns. But his big moment comes on Christmas Eve while his most faithful admirers are asleep.

Housewives have been busy with Christmas cooking and with decorations of homes. Their work in Warrenton was climaxed on Tuesday night when the Warrenton Lions Club picked the winners in the annual Christmas decorations contest.

From all indications it appears that Warren residents have in store one of the brightest Christmases in recent years.

#### Youth Wrecks Station Wagon Following Chase

A 15-year-old Roanoke Rapids youth who sped through Littleton on Saturday night at speeds exceeding 100 miles an hour wrecked the station wagon he was driving near Vaughan a few minutes later.

Police did not release the name of the youth, who said that he took the vehicle from his home without his father's consent shortly prior to the accident.

After driving through the



CHRISTMAS SERVICES ARE PLANNED BY CHURCHES OF ALL DENOMINATIONS. Episcopal Acolytes Edmond Holt and Jimmy Beckwith Prepare For Christmas Eve Service.

### Turn Out At Factory Open House Termed Fine In View Of Weather

Some 1200 Warren County citizens braved very inclement weather on last Friday night to get a look on the inside of the Carolina Sportswear factory, Warren County's newest and largest major industry as

the management and Bute Development Company held open house.

Guests were greeted by a receiving line composed of officials and directors of the Bute Development Company, com-

pany officials and their wives and toured the plant from one end to the other.

The inspection tour started at one end of the building where were stocked hundreds of bolts of material used in making sportswear, and preceded the cutting table where patterns were placed on material and rapidly cut out by electric power. From there the guests passed numbers of machines where the garments being sewed together and later passed at two batteries of machines where intricate designs were being embroidered automatically upon some of the material.

Following the inspection tour, the guests passed into a room at the factory where they were served refreshments buffet style. These, served by Myrel's, consisted of ham rolls, chicken salad patties, celery, carrot strips, pickles, olives salted nuts and punch.

Following the inspection of the factory, the guests inspected the modern office building of the company.

General Claude Bowers, chairman of the board of Bute Development Co., who worked out plans for the open house with Superintendent Herrin, said that he was more than pleased with its success. The attendance was remarkable, he said, when the bad weather is considered.

#### Make Favors

The Children of the Confederacy made 125 favors at the Library last week to be given to the hospital and elderly shut-ins. Mrs. H. F. Twitty served punch and cookies to the group.

Service At Ridgeway Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Ridgeway on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, the Rev. Laurie Baxter, rector, announced Monday.

Service At Brown's The Rev. Mason Hudspeth of Warrenton will conduct services at Brown's Baptist Church at Axtelle on Sunday morning, December 27, at 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Read of Oxford were visitors in Warrenton on Tuesday.

#### Printed Early

To those of our readers who may find it slightly confusing to find their paper dated Friday, December 25, and articles telling about what will happen Wednesday and Thursday, the explanation is that the paper was printed on Tuesday this week, although dated Friday.

This was done in order that advertisements might be of value for the week and in order that the staff and employees may have a slightly longer holiday. This paper will resume its regular schedule of office hours and printing next week.

#### Students To Be Recognized At Special Service

Student recognition night for the Warrenton community will be held on Sunday, December 27, at 7:30 p. m. in the fire-side room of the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church.

Tonny Peete Davis will preside at the interdenominational service. Jane Link will represent the Baptist Church, Barbara Pittard will represent the Presbyterian Church, Mary Brodie Jones will represent the Episcopal Church, and Howard Daniel will represent the Methodist Church.

All students, those in service, and others, as well as high school students are invited. The purpose is to bring out the highlights of the academic, social and religious life on the campus and give all present an opportunity to ask questions concerning college life and preparations for college life.

After the program, there will be a party in the fellowship hall, with refreshments being served by the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

#### Wins Pony

A Creedmoor man won a Shetland Pony in a drawing staged at the Warren County Courthouse square here on Saturday afternoon.

O. B. Stanfield was the holder of the lucky ticket which was drawn by Warren Sheriff Jim H. Hundley. The pony was given by members of the American Legion in an effort to raise money for a proposed Legion building. C. C. Bullock, a member of Limer Post 23, said this week.



The Rev. Bill Garrison, missionary to Brazil, is shown here making a chalk drawing as he illustrates a lecture. He will appear at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church here on Sunday morning.

### Garrison To Hold Two Services At Wesley Memorial Methodist Church

Editor's notes The notice of Mr. Garrison's appearance at the Warrenton Methodist Church was sent to The Warren Record early last week by the Rev. Troy Barrett in an envelope marked December 25 issue in the knowledge that this week's paper would be printed early and as a favor to the newspaper. Unfortunately, the contents were removed from the envelope and placed on top of it on editor's desk. As a result, the story appeared ahead of its release date, for which we are sorry. It is reprinted this week with the correct dates.

The Rev. Bill Garrison, missionary to Brazil, will show colorful slides of his missionary work in Sao Paulo, and will draw a picture of Christ, at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church here on Sunday morn-

ing, December 27, at 9:45 o'clock. Mrs. W. A. Graham, chairman of the commission on missions, announced last week.

Mr. Garrison will also preach at the 11 o'clock worship service.

Mr. Garrison, a native of Raleigh, received his AB degree at Ashbury College, Wilmore, Ky., in 1940. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree at Duke University, Durham, in 1952, and studied at Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tenn., before leaving for Brazil in January, 1954. His first year was spent in Brazil studying Portuguese.

Mr. Garrison has preached many revivals and did extensive evangelistic work with the use of chalk drawings. He expects to return to Brazil in January.

### Thompson Publishes History Of Sharon And Wise Baptist Church

Warren County has a new author.

Clarence H. Thompson of near Wise has just published "The History of Sharon and

Wise Baptist Church," a 102-page hardback book covering the history of the church from 1858 to 1958, and touching upon the lives of many Warren men and women who have had a part in the church's history.

A valuable addition to the book which will be of interest to those who trace ancestry is a map of the Sharon and Wise Baptist Church cemetery, showing the burial place of each person interred there.

The edition of the book is a limited one, with only 200 copies printed. It sells for \$4.00 and may be purchased at the church or from the author.

Clarence H. Thompson is the son of the late John Lolo and Creola Saint Sing, but was reared by his grandparents, W. H. and Rosa Saint Sing Thompson. He was graduated from Wise High School. He was inducted into military service in 1942, studied at

mechanical and electrical schools of Maryland and Mississippi, graduated as a fuel induction specialist and taught carburetion, electrical automotive work and diesel care and operation for one year at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

Thompson was later transferred to the Army Air Force and spent two years in England attached to the Eighth Air Force in the 2001st Ordnance Maintenance AVN Co. A. F. At the close of the war he attended the University of Sudbury in England where he studied advanced French and Small Business Management. Following this course of study he returned to his home, "Mocking Bird Hill," near Wise in Warren County, where he is engaged in agriculture. Thompson is not married.

This is Thompson's first book.

### Cotton Ginnings Show Increase In Warren County

Warren County cotton growers ginned over a thousand more bales of cotton this year prior to December 1 than they ginned to the same period last year, according to a release this week by the Bureau of the Census.

The Census Bureau reported 5,078 bales ginned in Warren County prior to December 1 this year, compared with 4,051 bales ginned to the same period last year.

Ginnings for the state totaled 310,313 bales compared with 254,030 bales last year.

Indicative of the movement of cotton growing from the south to the west is the fact that California's ginnings to December 1 totalled 1,778,437 bales compared with 310,313 bales for North Carolina. Three counties in California grow more cotton than the entire state of North Carolina. Kern County's ginnings to December 1 were 509,236 bales, the largest of any county in the United States. Fresno County's ginnings were 450,560 bales, and Tulare County's were 316,391 bales.

town of Littleton at "more than 100 miles an hour," the boy drove enroute to Warrenton. His vehicle failed to make a turn near Vaughan and the station wagon, a 1955 model struck a ditch.

In an effort to free the car, the youth held down the accelerator and burned out the engine of the vehicle, but not before he had completely burned one of the rear tires off the rim. Following this he picked up a soft drink bottle and smashed the windshield of the car.

The incident was investigated by Wallace Brown, a member of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol.



HELP THE UNDERPRIVILEGED — Members Of The Norlina Ruritan Club Are Shown Above As They Prepare To Carry Dozens Of Boxes Of Fruit To Needy Families In The County. This Project Is Sponsored Annually By The Norlina Civic Club. (Staff Photo)