

SEASONS GREETINGS

Watchnight Service To Be Held At Littleton Baptist Church

Littleton — A "Watchnight" service has been planned by the Littleton Baptist Church for New Year's Eve night, the Rev. Erbie W. Mangum, Jr., pastor, announced this week.

A film entitled "Question 7," portraying the conscience under test in East Germany will be shown. The film will begin at 10:00 o'clock and last about one hour and 45 minutes. Mr. Mangum said, after which prayer will be offered at midnight as the New Year comes in.

The title "Question 7" refers to a questionnaire that children in East German public schools are forced to answer before they can continue with

advanced studies. Only those whose answers are politically reliable are chosen, thus the questionnaire becomes a supreme test for a boy who is forced to choose between what is easy and expedient and what is right and honorable.

The true incidents in "Question 7" are based on interviews with thousands of refugees who have fled to West Germany and hundreds more still remaining in East Germany. The motion picture has won 22 major awards and has been selected "best film of the year" by the National Board of Review.

The picture was shot on lo-

cation in West Germany with sight of the East Zone Guard towers and in Berlin before the Brandenburg Gate. It was directed by Stuart Rosenberg, Emmy award winner, who directs many night time television dramas. The film was produced by Lothar Wolff of Louis de Rochemont Associates.

The public is invited to attend.

Services To Be Held At Palmer Springs

The Episcopal Mission of the Ascension will celebrate the annual Nativity of our Lord, Saturday, Dec. 25, at 8:30 a. m. with the Ante Communion. Father S. Russell Wilson, rector of the South Hill Cure, will preach the sermon on "The Joys of Christmas."

Special Christmas music will be rendered at this service with the rendition of Christmas carols and anthems.

Enterprise Adult Choir Holds Christmas Party

The Adult Choir of the Enterprise Church held its Christmas party in the Educational room on Tuesday night.

The group sang Christmas carols. Each member took a gift and numbers were drawn and each received a gift.

The gift table was covered with a white cloth and centered with a Christmas tree. The refreshment table was covered with a white and red decorated Christmas cloth and centered with a candelabra holding white candles, red roses and greenery. An arrangement of poinsettias were at different points.

The refreshments consisted of red punch, red and green decorated cup cakes, stuffed dates, salted nuts, assorted

candies, assorted cookies, and sandwiches.

The choir members were Mrs. A. C. King, Mr. and Mrs. Sol B. Bobbitt, Mrs. H. E. Dickerson, Mrs. Linzey Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kidd, Mrs. Ernest Bobbitt, Mrs. Peggy King, Mr. and Mrs. William Gaither, Mrs. Herbert Harris, Mrs. Ferdie Hamill, Mrs. Franklin Stansbury, Bernie Moore. Visitors were Marlyn King, Agness Kidd, Donna King, Ernest Bobbitt and A. C. King.

IN RUSSIA

Russian children hang up their stockings on New Year's Eve, in anticipation of Grandfather Frost's visit. Though Communists eliminated the religious celebration of Christmas, they allowed the children's festivities of the season to remain.

SIGHTING ROBINS

Popular motif on early Christmas cards was the English robin — possibly because English postmen, who delivered the cards, in those days wore red uniforms and were often called "Robin."

Jewish Holiday Of Chanukah Is Currently Being Observed

The Jewish holiday of Chanukah is currently being observed by the Jews of the world and this area. Temple Emanu-El, Weldon, North Carolina is the focus of the observance for the communities of Emporia, Virginia and in North Carolina, Scotland Neck, Roanoke Rapids, Warrenton and Weldon. The holiday began with sundown, December 18, and will continue for eight days.

Chanukah is the only significant Jewish holiday whose literary origin is non-Biblical, but rather from the Books of Maccabees I and II of the Apocrypha. The events commemorated in this Festival of Lights occurred in the year 165 B. C. The holiday marks the period when the Jews were dominated by the Greeks of the Antiochus dynasty who tried to Hellenize all of their subjugated people.

Whereas other nations acquiesced to the Hellenizing pressure, the Jews refused. Spearheaded by a priestly family, headed by the Priest Mattathias and his five sons, with headquarters outside the city of Jerusalem, in Modin, the relatively small forces of dedicated men and women waged a relentless war of guerrilla tactics. They fought for their right to observe their religion as directed by their faith. They fought for the right to observe their Sabbaths and festivals, the right to study their law and lore, the right to eat their foods as indicated by Jewish law, the right to circumcize their male children. To them, life without religion had no meaning. Their cause of religious freedom was an example for us in today's trying world. Chanukah, then, symbolizes the constant fight for religious liberty. It is symbolized by a verse from the Prophet Zechariah, "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, will you prevail, saith the Lord."

When the Jews succeeded in vanquishing their foe militarily, recaptured their despoiled sanctuary and rededicated it, they needed sacramental olive oil for the Temple's Menorah, Eternal Light. Miraculously, it is said, a one day's supply burned eight until a new supply could be prepared properly. For this reason, Chanukah candles are lit each of the eight nights of this holiday.

Symbolic of the joy of the season, gifts are exchanged, as are Chanukah cards. Special music and games highlight the season. Homes are gaily decorated. Though the Jewish festival of Chanukah theologically has little in common with the Christian celebration of Christmas, the December coincidence of both these great festivals, each featuring many common symbols, such as light, gift-giving, special song, brings members of the Judeo-Christian family close together in the spirit of brotherhood, love, faith, mercy, justice, piety and peace.

Temple Emanu-El features a number of special services and programs for all of its members and friends. Special prayers and songs will highlight the Friday evening service this week, on December 24, at 8:15 p. m. and on the following morning at 10:30 o'clock. Leading in these observances are: Dr. William B. Furie, the Temple's Spiritual and Executive Director of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men, Ellis Farber, Temple President, Robert G. Liverman, Chairman of the Religious Services Committee, Harry Kitter, Chairman of the Education Committee, and Mrs. Harry Freid, President of the Temple Sisterhood.

Best wishes are extended to the Temple's non-Jewish neighbors and friends.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We want to say a sincere "thank you" to all our great friends and wish them all the laughter, fun and good cheer of this happy holiday season.

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CHRISTMAS Greetings

As you spend this season with your loved ones, may great joy fill your home, and peace fill your heart.

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Jack Smith Mrs. Martha Stallings

WARRENTON, N. C.

For Christmas Enjoyment, Traditional Recipes Featured Plum Pudding As Favorite Finale of Feast

By MARIE DILLON



For centuries, plum pudding has provided a flaming finale to the traditional Christmas feast.

Early in the 18th century, English cooks used the following quaintly worded recipe in making their holiday dessert:

"Take a quarter of a Peck of Flower and dry it, three Pounds of Currans, wash'd and picked clean, set them before a Fire to dry, half a Pound of Raisins of the Sun, wash'd and stoned and shred small, half a Pound of blanch'd Almonds, beat very fine with Rose-Water, a Pound of Butter melted with a Pint of Cream, but not put in hot, a Pint of Ale-Yeast, a Penny-worth of Saffron steep'd in a Pint of Sack, ten or twelve eggs, but half the Whites of them, a quarter of an ounce of Cloves and Mace, one large Nutmeg grated, a few Caraway-Seeds, Citron, Candied Orange and Lemon Peel slic'd; you must make it thin, or there must be more Butter and Cream; You may perfume it with Amber-greece ty'd in a Muslin Bag, and steep'd in the Sack all Night.

"If you ice it, take half a Pound of Double-refin'd Sugar sifted; then put some of the Sugar, and beat it up with the White of an Egg, and beat it with a Whisk, and a little Orange flower-water, but do not over-wet it, then throw in all Sugar by Degrees, then beat it all near an Hour; the Cake will take so long a baking; then draw it, and waft it over with a Brush, and put it in again for half a quarter of an Hour."

A 19th century recipe for plum pudding suggests that just before serving, the holiday hostess turn it out of the bowl and put on top of it a few squares of cut sugar. Then she should pour on a little brandy, set it afire and proudly present it to her guests.

The author of this same Victorian recipe cautiously urges that "only a little be given to the young people, as it might affect them."

Today, plum pudding, from Mother's modern kitchen or the neighborhood bakery, still retains its position among the traditional Christmastime treats.



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Christmas is the perfect time to count our many, many blessings. High on our list is the confidence and good will you've showed us. So to you, our patrons, we're extending a cheerful, hearty holiday "thanks."

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WARRENTON, N. C.

Joyous Greetings

Our wish for you: that you and your loved ones may find the peace, hope and abiding love of that first Christmas filling your hearts and your home throughout the joyous holiday season.

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Poinsettia Favorite Plant At Christmas

One plant particularly favored at Christmas in the United States and Canada is the poinsettia. The holiday colors of this green shrub with its star-shaped red clusters make it an appropriate symbol of the season.

If it had not been for the interest of an American diplomat, Dr. Joel Poinsett of Charleston, S. C., the poinsettia might never have attained popularity. Serving as the first U. S. minister to Mexico in 1828, Dr. Poinsett discovered this tropical plant.

Impressed with its beauty, he brought it back to the United States and introduced it into cultivation. Later, the plant was named the "poinsettia" in his honor.

Albert Ecke, a California farmer, developed and improved the plant and first marketed it in 1906. Since then, it has become a favorite Yuletide decoration.