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## Merry Christmas

### To Represent County

## Bolton Named Young Farmer Of Year At Jaycee Banquet



Bolton, in center, receives check from Roy Pat Robertson, committee chairman, as Mrs. Bolton looks on.

Norville Holt Bolton, 30-year-old farmer of the One section, has been selected by the Warren County Junior Chamber of Commerce as the Outstanding Young Farmer of Warren County. He will represent the county in the state-wide contest to be held at Lenoir on Jan. 20.

Announcement that Bolton was chosen for the honor was made by Roy Pat Robertson at the annual Jaycee Christmas Party held at Colonial Lodge on Thursday night of last week, when Mr. and Mrs. Bolton were special guests of the Chamber.

Bolton as winner received a check from the Jaycees and a plaque from Carolina Power and Light Company.

The contest is sponsored in Warren County by the Jaycees and the state contest is sponsored by Carolina Power and Light Company, Duke Power Company and Virginia Electric and Power Company, Robertson said.

Robertson headed the committee appointed to make the selection of Warren County's Outstanding Young Farmer. Other members of the committee were Travis Pulley and Edgar Neal.

The selection was based on the amount and diversity of crops and other farm enterprises, skill as an operator, best crops and modern methods of farming. The age limit for selection is from 21 to 35 years.

Robertson told the Jaycees gathered at the Christmas party that Bolton was chosen from a field of seven and that the final selection was very difficult. He said that there are a number of outstanding young farmers in the county and that there was no dearth of candidates for the honor.

Clinton Capps, Chamber president, presided over the ceremonies at the Christmas party. Dancing followed the program.

Bolton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Bolton of Rt. 1, Norlina, is a graduate of Norlina High School where he was a member of the FFA Chapter for four years, studying Agriculture under Clint Hege. He is married to the former Pattie Vaughan of Warrenton. They have one son, Ricky Holt, 5 years old.

### Christmas Services

A special Christmas service for the entire family will be held at the Warrenton Baptist Church Sunday, Christmas Day, at 11 a. m., the Rev. John Link, pastor, announced yesterday.

Mr. Link said that the families are asked to sit together for the service, which will close with a service of individual and family dedication. He said the Sunday School will not be held Sunday.

Christmas services in the three Episcopal Churches in the county were announced yesterday by the Rev. J. M. Stoney, rector, as follows:

Emmanuel — Christmas party for Sunday School 4 p. m., Friday, Dec. 23. Holy Communion, 11 p. m., Christmas Eve, Dec. 24; Holy Communion, 11 a. m. Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

All Saints — Holy Communion, 9:30 p. m., Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. Church of the Good Shepherd, Ridgeway — Christmas Communion Service, 9:30 a. m., Christmas Day, Dec. 25.



## Silent Night

### Jaycees To Give Toys To

Toys will be delivered by members of the Warren County Junior Chamber of Commerce tonight and Saturday to some 250 children in all sections of the county as the culmination of the chamber's Toys for Tots project.

Broken toys were collected by the Jaycees during the past six weeks and repaired in preparation for the Christmas distribution.

Roy Edmonds, chairman of the Toys for Tots Committee, said that the response of the public to the Jaycees' appeal for used toys was good and

### Honored At Party

## Mitchell Retires From Active Duty With The Citizens Bank

John G. Mitchell, chairman of the board of The Citizens Bank of Warrenton, will retire from active duty with the bank on Jan. 1 after some 43 years service with the local institution.

He will retain his title as chairman of the board and will perform limited duties at the bank.

Announcement of Mitchell's retirement was made by P. B. Boyd, president, at a dinner at Warren Plaza Inn Saturday night, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell. Attending the dinner were bank personnel and their husbands and wives and bank directors and their wives.

Also attending were Miss Mamie Williams, a retired employee of the bank, and Mrs. Betty Read Foutz, a former employee, and Mr. Foutz.

President Boyd presided at the dinner where the benediction was given by Claude Weldon, a bank official, William W. Taylor, Jr., of Raleigh, a member of the board of directors, was the principal speaker.

President Boyd, Vice President Howard Daniel and Taylor praised Mitchell's long years of service to the bank, to his town and state, lauded his character as a man, spoke of their friendship and long years of association with Mitchell and reviewed some of the progress made by the bank during the years that Mitchell has been connected with it.

Mrs. L. B. Beddoe presented Mitchell with a gift from the bank employees. General Claude T. Bowers presented a gift from the directors and Boyd presented a gift from the bank.

Mitchell became connected with the Citizens Bank in 1923 and after serving as assistant cashier, cashier, and vice president, became president in 1940 and chairman of the board in 1963.

During the period that Mitchell served as president and board chairman the local bank has shown steady growth, with the bank being twice renovated and enlarged in recent years and a drive-in branch built on the Norlina Road this fall.

Mitchell has been active with the North Carolina Bankers Association for many years, serving as vice chairman and chairman of group 4, and serving as president of the North Carolina Bankers Association in 1955-56. He has served as chairman of many committees with the N. C. Bankers Association and is now serving as chairman of the Federal Legislative Committee of the NCBA. He is a member of the executive council, the governing body, of the American Bankers Association, and served for three years as state director of the Independent Bankers Association of America.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Mitchell of Oxford, he was born and reared in Oxford. He attended John Graham High School at Warrenton from the fall of 1914 to the spring of 1916, when he was graduated. In 1916 he went with old Company H of the N. C. National Guard to the Mexican Border. While on the border he became a member of a National Guard machine gun company and served as a machine gunner in France during World War I with the rank of Sergeant. While in France he attended Officers Training School and was commissioned a second



JOHN G. MITCHELL

Lieutenant. Following the War, Mitchell entered the University of North Carolina where he studied for two years. Shortly after

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### Methodist Service

### Planned Christmas

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church will hold its Christmas Day worship service at 10 a. m. on Dec. 25, the Rev. L. T. Wilson, pastor, announced yesterday. He said there would be no church school Sunday.

## Stores To Be Closed

Stores, banks, the post-offices and other business houses of both Warrenton and Norlina will be closed Monday in observance of the Christmas holiday which this year falls on Sunday.

In addition, A. C. Fair, president of the Warrenton Merchants Association, said yesterday that a number of independent stores at Warrenton would also observe Tuesday as a holiday. However, he said that chain stores would only observe Monday as a holiday, and that Leggett's, Rose's, Colonial, A&P and FCX would be open Tuesday.

Warren County schools closed on Wednesday afternoon. The court house will be closed from Friday until the following Wednesday. The Extension Department will also take the Tuesday holiday.

Also to be closed next Tuesday will be the ASCS offices and the Soil Conservation Department office in the agricultural building. T. E. Watson, ASCS office manager, said yesterday that while the ASCS office is supposed to be closed only on Monday, the closing of the court house would mean that no heat would be provided for the Agricultural Building on Tuesday and would necessitate all offices in the building being closed.

The postoffice and other federal agencies housed in other buildings at Warrenton are expected to observe Monday only as a holiday.

No special programs have been planned for the holidays here, as far as could be learned yesterday. The usual number of small parties and family dinners are expected to be held as relatives and friends come home for the holidays.

## Mrs. Hal White, Jr. Is Woman Of Year

Mrs. Hal White, Jr., of Wise has been chosen as Woman of the Year by the Norlina Junior Club.

Announcement of the selection was made at the club's annual Christmas dinner and party held at the Colonial Lodge in Warrenton on Saturday evening.

Mrs. White has been an active member of the Norlina Junior Woman's Club for more than five years. She is presently serving as vice-president and program chairman. Last year she received honorable mention for her work with the club.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Holtzman of Ridgeway, Mrs. White is a graduate of Norlina High School and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where she majored in elementary education. She teaches first grade at Norlina High School and is choir director for St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Ridgeway.

Mrs. White is the mother of three children, Debra 6, Ashley 4, and Stuart 18 months. Hostesses for the dinner and party were Mrs. G. A. Daake,



MRS. HAL WHITE, JR.

Jr., and Mrs. Henry Dortch. Husbands of the club members were guests for the occasion. The dining room was decorated in keeping with the Christmas season. Gifts were exchanged and games were played during the evening. Each guest was presented a gift. The club members made plans to sponsor a New Year's dance at the Drewry Community House.

## Jan. 3 Is Deadline For Transfer Of Allotments

Farm operators in Warren County are reminded that applications for transfer of cotton allotments for the 1967 crop year must be filed no later than Jan. 3, 1967, T. E. Watson, ASCS office manager, said yesterday.

Transfer may be permanent through sale, or may be for one or more years through lease, depending on arrangements between farm operators, Watson said. These transfers include sale or lease to owners and opera-

tors of other cotton allotment farms or a transfer of an allotment by an owner to another farm owned or controlled by him.

Watson said that for a transfer to be effective for the 1967 crop, an application should be filed with the ASCS County Committee not later than Jan. 3, 1967. Anyone interested in transferring cotton acreage should contact the ASCS office immediately, he added.

## Peck Company To Have Holiday Dec. 22 to 27

Peck Manufacturing Company, one of Warren County's oldest industries, has announced that it will be closed for Christmas holidays from December 22 through December 27 so that the employees may enjoy Christmas with their families.

A Christmas party for the children of the employees was held at the plant, Sunday, December 18, at 2:30 p. m. The program included the singing of carols and a visit from Santa Claus, who distributed gifts to all the children who are ten years old or younger. Refreshments were served to all.

Vacation pay, amounting to \$9,300, was distributed December 15. This pay ranges

from 2 to 4 per cent, according to the length of service of each employee. Those with five years and more service received 4 per cent of earnings for the six months ending November 30, and those with six months to five years of service received 2 per cent of earnings for the six months ending November 30.

During 1966 Peck employees saved \$17,800 through the Christmas savings plan, and individual checks for same were distributed November 23.

For the past four years an extensive building and machinery improvement program has been underway, which included the complete air-conditioning of the plant.

## Former Students To Play Benefit Game

Members of the John Graham High School 1962 basketball team will again play as a unit on next Tuesday, Dec. 27, in their annual game with the Norlina All-Stars to raise funds for the Gordon Halthcock Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The game is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock at the John Graham Gym and will be preceded by a game between the John Graham Jr. Varsity and Aycock at 6:30. Admission will be 50¢ and \$1.00. All proceeds will go into the Scholarship Fund which has had two recipients - Willie Norwood in 1965 and Dudley Neal in 1966. Former coach C. E.

"Preacher" Parker has been invited to attend the game.

### Holiday Tourney To Be Held Here

John Graham Yellow Jacks will be the host team at a Holiday Basketball Tournament to be played at the local gym on December 29 and 30 with four teams participating.

Weldon will play Epsom at 7 p. m. on Dec. 29, and John Graham meets Aycock in the nightcap at 9 p. m.

Weldon and Aycock will play the opening game at 7 p. m. on Dec. 30, and John Graham will meet Epsom at 9 p. m.