

News and Events of Interest To Norlina Readers

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Weekend guests of Mrs. Ora Moore were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harton, her brother and his wife, of Charlotte.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. A. W. Paschall were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wilkerson of Colonial Heights, Va.

Circle Two Has Christmas Dinner

On Friday, Dec. 10, Circle #2 of the Norlina United Methodist Women met at the Norlina Woman's Club for their Christmas dinner. The husbands of the members were special guests and the Rev. and Mrs. Nat Burgess were also guests.

The Woman's Club served a delicious traditional Christmas dinner to the 22 present. The room was beautifully decorated with holiday greenery.

After the meal Mrs. W. S. Hicks gave a Christmas reading and the Rev. Mr. Burgess treated the group to his singing of seasonal selections and all joined in on the carols.

Items and gifts for boxes to be delivered to the nursing homes were brought and prepared.

Literature, Music Club Has Meeting

The Norlina Literature and Music Club held its Dec. meeting at the home of Mrs. H. H. Foster on Sunday, Dec. 12. The home was beautifully decorated for Christmas with greenery, candles and other ornaments.

Mrs. Alma Mayfield welcomed the club members and guests present. Mrs. Foster, chairman of the music committee, presented Mrs. W. S. Hicks who introduced the Rev. Charles Nathan Burgess, pastor of the Norlina United Methodist Church as soloist for this program. Accompanied by Mrs. A. B. Hair, the Rev. Mr. Burgess delighted his audience with a program of lovely Christmas music. Following this he led the group in singing traditional carols.

In the dining room holiday ice cream, seasonal goodies, coffee, and cheese straws were served to the 40 members and guests. Hostesses assisting Mrs. Foster were Miss Minnie Harris, Mrs. W. O. Reed, and Mrs. Blanche Walker.

School Menus

Dec. 20-22
[Subject to change without notice].

Monday—Hot dog, French fries, cole slaw, gingerbread, milk.

Tuesday—Pizza, buttered corn, pear salad, milk.

Wednesday—Baked turkey and gravy, rice or dressing, candied yams, green beans, hot rolls, milk.

(Some schools will be having the turkey dinner on Tuesday.)

Schools Prepare For Celebration Of Christmas

The celebration of Christmas is being prepared for and carried out by the schools in the Norlina community. The fun, the excitement, the beauty and the meaning of Christmas will be communicated through a variety of programs at all age levels. For each of these very special events the public is invited and encouraged to come.

The Blue Wave Chorus, under the direction of Howard Lee Stultz, will present their annual Christmas concert at the Norlina High School on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 8 p. m.

Beside a 30-foot Christmas tree and under 50 twinkling moravian stars the Chorus will begin their program with an organ and piano prelude of carols. The Rev. Jim Hebel will read "The Night Before Christmas" after which the chorus will enter with "We Wish You A Merry Christmas." Secular selections such as "Sleigh Ride" and "White Christmas" will be sung.

The religious portion of the program will contain the presentation of the cantata "The Gift" based on Handel's "Messiah" and scriptural in nature, the Rev. Nat Burgess singing "Angels We Have Heard on High" with chorus accompaniment, and a solo "O Holy Night" by Pat Brantley.

A youth choir comprised mostly of the younger brothers and sisters of the Blue Wave Chorus members will sing with the Chorus on one cantata piece and will also do the selection "Away In A Manger."

The program will close on the quiet music of "Silent Night." The Evening promises to be moving and meaningful and all are invited.

The North Warren Middle School will give their Christmas program on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p. m. The Christmas story will be presented in a musical drama written by John Davis, music teacher at the school, and performed by the Christmas Chorus and the Junior High Drama Club. A speech chorus will close the program.

The children of Northside Elementary School will present "The True Meaning of Christmas" on Wednesday, Dec. 22 at the beginning of the school day. All classes will participate in the skit and Mrs. Mary Lib Taylor will provide the piano accompaniment for the program.

Christmas dinner at Northside School will be on Tuesday, Dec. 21 and parents are welcomed to come share the meal with their children. Those who will be eating at the school are asked to notify the school by Monday, Dec. 20.

Colombia is South America's fourth largest country.



Ellen Horton, left, of Wendell, Dawn Curtis of Manson and Leigh Ann Alsbrook of Rocky Mount were recently tapped for Alpha Pi Epsilon at Peace College. The national honorary junior college secretarial society recognizes students in the upper 10 percent of the student body. Dawn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Curtis, Jr., of Manson and a 1975 graduate of Warren Academy.

Church Schedules

Norlina United Methodist Church—Rev. Nat Burgess, Pastor.

Sunday, Dec. 19, 9:45 a. m., Sunday School; 11:00 a. m., Morning Worship.

Wednesday, Dec. 22, Chancel choir will not meet.

Norlina Baptist Church—Rev. G. Elton Cooke, Pastor.

Thursday, Dec. 16, 7:00 p. m., Brotherhood meets for dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Stallings at the church. Fruit baskets for shut-ins will be prepared afterward.

Friday, Dec. 17, 8:00 p. m., Sanctuary Choir Christmas Party.

Sunday, Dec. 19, 9:50 a. m., Sunday School, 11:00 a. m., Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m., Children's Church in Fellowship Hall, 7:00 p. m., Evening Worship.

Wednesday, Dec. 22, 7:00 p. m., Children's Christmas Program, 8:00 p. m., Sanctuary Choir Christmas Caroling throughout the community. Everyone is welcomed to join in.

Gospel Baptist Church—Rev. Raymond Ayscue, Pastor.

Saturday, Dec. 18, 7:00 p. m., Annual Christmas Supper for the church membership in the VFW Hall at Norlina.

Sunday, Dec. 19, 10:00 a. m., Sunday School, 11:00 a. m., Morning Worship, 7:30 p. m., Christmas Program.

Monday, Dec. 20, 7:30 p. m., Youth Training and Fellowship.

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 6:30 p. m., Ladies Prayer Band meets at the home of Mrs. Betty

Stainback.

Wednesday, Dec. 22, 7:30 p. m., Prayer Service.

Jerusalem United Methodist Church—Rev. Jim Hebel, Pastor.

Thursday, Dec. 16, 7:30 p. m., Bible Study and prayer group, 7:30 p. m., Youth Choir Practice.

Sunday, Dec. 19, 10:00 a. m., Sunday School, 11:15 a. m., Worship Service.

Monday, Dec. 20, 9:00 a. m., Sharing Group meets with Mrs. Louise Riggan.

Friday, Dec. 24, 8:30 p. m., Christmas Eve Service, the community is invited.

Zion United Methodist Church—Rev. Jim Hebel, Pastor.

Sunday, Dec. 19, 9:50 a. m., Worship Service, 11:00 a. m., Sunday School.

Friday, Dec. 24, 7:15 p. m., Christmas Eve Service, the community is invited.

First Baptist Church of Norlina—Rev. S. N. Massenburg, Pastor.

No service this week.

Daughter Born

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Curtis of Manson announced the birth of a daughter, Mary Randall Curtis, on Dec. 11, at Maria Parham Hospital. Mrs. Curtis is the former Paulette Robinson.

Colorado is known as the Centennial State because it joined the Union 100 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Monday Was Meeting Day For Church Groups

Monday, Dec. 13, was the meeting day for all the Baptist Women circles of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Norlina Baptist Church. These annual forerunners to Christmas were festive gatherings which prepared the spirit for the birth of Christ.

For the **Mattie Pridgen Circle** it was Christmas the minute the members walked through the door of Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Foster's home. With Mrs. Foster at her grand piano the morning meeting began with a Christmas carol. Mrs. Alice Stultz, chairman, shared the missionary prayer list and led in prayer. Special mention of Mrs. Kate Smiley, one of their members, was made, as she entered Duke Hospital the same morning of the meeting.

Plans were made for Christmas remembrances of flowers and food to shut-ins. Mrs. Jeannette Shearin, assisted by Mrs. Stultz, presented the program concluding it with a solo by Mrs. Shearin, "There's Something About That Name," accompanied by Mrs. Foster. Special guests present were Mrs. Virgie Walters and Mrs. Josephine Hutton.

All gathered in the dining room for the luncheon prepared by the ladies, where each read a verse of scripture from their place cards, and all enjoyed the warm fellowship amidst the reds and greens of Christmas decor.

The **Lola Sue Group** assembled in the home of Mrs. Nita Fuller to enjoy their Christmas fellowship. Mrs. Hyla Stultz, group leader, welcomed those present, and Mrs. Barbara Cooke read "Pullers of the Star," a Christmas narrative, asking the Rev. Elton Cooke to open with prayer. Mrs. Ora Moore read the minutes and all present planned to give poinsettias to their shut-ins. Mrs. Gracie Floyd took the responsibility to get them.

Mrs. Emily Bobbitt presented an informative program entitled "Sick and Ye Visited Me," and she distributed candles to each member, which she lit as a part of a season of prayer for foreign missionaries.

Mrs. Nita Fuller and Mrs. Gracie Floyd, co-hostesses, then prepared to serve the group dinner. As the sky

darkened, the Christmas tree and candlelight of the home contributed to a lovely meal and fine fellowship.

The **Annie Armstrong Group** met in the home of Mrs. Kathleen Stallings. The opening was presented from Psalms by the chairman, Mrs. Beatrice Setzer. Mrs. Imogene Arnold had a prayer which was followed by the reading of a seasonal story "Keeping Christmas." After minutes were read, the group planned Christmas remembrances of fruit, flowers, and cards to shut-ins.

Mrs. Margaret Felts, program chairman, read the birth of Christ and Mrs. Ann Pullen concluded with a reading and prayer.

Lime punch and Christmas hors d'oeuvres were served by the hostess, and all experienced the good feelings of Christmas, enhanced by the beautifully decorated home. The January meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Mamie Weaver. Her co-hostess will be Mrs. Mae Shearin.

Mrs. Cynthia Capps was hostess to the **Olga Hood Circle** in her home, bedecked with Christmas trimmings. Mission projects for the shut-ins at Christmas were planned. The devotional program contained story, poem, and prayer thoughts related to maintaining the real meaning of Christmas within each soul. Gifts were exchanged among the members and refreshments of Russian tea and holiday goodies were served.

Mrs. Clark Is Club Hostess

The Norlina Bridge Club met at the home of Mrs. John Clarke on Tuesday, Dec. 7. Two tables of bridge were set up for play.

Mrs. Clint Hege was high scorer for the evening. Mrs. E. M. Robinson was second high scorer and Mrs. Kenneth Davis was the bingo winner. Mrs. A. B. Hair was guest player.

At the close of the playing the hostess served a salad plate treat.

Back in 1902 men's shirts sold for about 50 cents.

Paris is 90 miles from the English Channel.

Train Of Thoughts

News Of Norlina Public Library

For the past two weeks the library has been accepting suggestions for the heading of this column. Today's banner was submitted by Paul Thompson of Warrenton and it will head the library news each month. As our library is a book-filled Seaboard Coastline car the decision was made to follow Mr. Thompson's "train of thought."

Many used books in good condition have been received this month: The Hal Paschall family has given 20 children's books as well as "Hearts," about surgeons and transplants by Thomas Thompson. The Fred Mulchi family has given 15 children's books including "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" by Dr. Seuss. Mrs. Cynthia Capps and Donna have given 19 children's books including "Donkey, Donkey," "Maxie" and "Magic Carousel." A variety of fiction and non-fiction paperbacks have been given by Mrs. Carl Bender.

Mrs. Ann Pullen, librarian,

Piano Students Present Recital

On Friday, Dec. 10, some of the piano students of Mrs. Barbara Cooke participated in a small private recital held at the Norlina Baptist Church.

Performing for their parents were Susan Pullen, "A Wish" by Arthur Zepp; Bryant Williams, "Taking A Walk," by Arthur Zepp; Allen Overby, "Rubber Boots" and "Walking Like Elephants" by Frances Clark; Douglas Taylor, "The Very First Day of School" and "Winter Is Here" by Phyllis Lucy Keyes and Louise Curcio; Leanne Cooke, "Cardboard Soldiers" by David Carr Glover; Carol Coleman, "Minuet In G" by Johann Sebastian Bach; Donna Capps, "Tune Twisters" by Maxwell Eckstein; Lynne Overby, "Starlight Waltz" by C. S. Brainerd; Linda Bobbitt, "Hide and Seek" by John Thompson. Miss Cooke is a student of the Rev. David Dudley.

The recital closed with a candlelit Christmas fellowship.

Pennsylvania averages 30 inches of snow a year.

has purchased new books for the children's section including "The Night Before Christmas" and other Christmas titles. Also bought new was "The Wound Within" by Alexander Kendrick about America during the Viet Nam years. Mrs. Brenda Paschall has given six new paperbacks including "The Story of Mohammad Ali."

The Warren County Arts Commission has presented to the library a serigraph print done by Ms. Susan Simmons, artist-in-residence.

The library will be closed for Christmas from the end of the day on Wednesday, Dec. 22, until Tuesday, January 4 when regular hours will be resumed.

The library continues to have non-book needs such as bulletin boards to provide some means for display of library information. Children's books as well as others are still needed and Christmas would be a good time for giving to your library.

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