

News and Events of Interest To Norlina Readers

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Mr. and Mrs. John P. Clarke and family of St. Louis, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. John J. Clarke of Norlina spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Braxton E. Barrett and family of Durham. After spending several more days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Clarke, the John P. Clarke's returned to their home in St. Louis.

Mrs. J. Fred [unclear] visited relatives in Greensboro, N.C., and Bennettsville, S.C., Columbia, S.C., and [unclear] Christmas and New Year holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Edwards and daughter, Kay, of Muscatine, Iowa, visited relatives and friends here during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Holtzman and Richard Holtzman, Jr., spent the holiday weekend with Mr. and Mrs. William Seeley, III, in Charlottesville, Va. They attended services at St. Mark's Lutheran Church there on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Coleman and Marvin, Jr., of Norlina and Evelyn Marie Coleman of N. C. Wesleyan College, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ayscue and sons, Ricky Glenn and Gregory Scott of Epsom, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carde and son, Mark, of Kinston, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan E. Coleman and sons, Bill, Jr., Danny, and Donny of Columbia, S. C., were dinner guests of Mrs. Sudie Coleman on Christmas Day. The Ivan E. Colemans spent Thursday through Sunday of Christmas week with Mrs. Coleman. This was the first Christmas in 16 years that all four families were together.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ayscue and children of Carrolton, Ga., visited during Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Arch Ayscue. Linda and Lane Myrick and son, Jason, also visited the Arch Ayscue family.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jim Hebel and their two children visited Mrs. Donna Smith, the Rev. Mr. Hebel's mother, in Altamonte Springs, Fla. While there they also visited an uncle and two brothers, John and Dan Hebel. They celebrated a family reunion with Mrs. Lillian

Atlanta Choir To Sing During Inauguration

The Atlanta Boys' Choir, under the direction of Fletcher Wolfe, will sing for several events at the Inauguration Day ceremonies for President Jimmy Carter.

Burt Lance, head of the department of management and budget for the Carter Administration, made the announcement on Saturday at the Annual Atlanta Boys' Choir Festival Ball held at the Academy of Medicine in Atlanta.

The choir will sing at the Prayer Service to be held at the Lincoln Memorial on the day of the Inauguration. The choir will also sing at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and make several other appearances in Washington.

Fletcher Wolfe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Wolfe of Norlina.

Rest Home Has Visitors

By MRS. SUDIE COLEMAN
Since the holiday season has come to a close, Coleman's Rest Home would like to express our appreciation for so many pretty cards, visits and phone calls from friends and churches.

The Jerusalem United Methodist Church gave a party and gifts. The Ladies Bible Class and Circle No. 2 of the Norlina United Methodist Church gave gifts. The Norlina Baptist Church Brotherhood and the Norlina Gospel Baptist Church each brought a box of fruit.

We are also grateful to the ministers from Jerusalem, Norlina Methodist and the Norlina Gospel Baptist Churches who came with youth groups singing Christmas carols. We look forward to this each Christmas.

To show our love to each of you who remembered our home this year, I share with you the "Beatitudes for the Aging."

Blessed are they who under-

stand my faltering steps and palsied hands.

Blessed are they who know that my ears today must strain to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who seem to know that my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.

Blessed are they who look away when coffee is spilled at the table today.

Blessed are they with a cheery smile, who stop to chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say, "You've told that story twice today."

Blessed are they who know the ways to bring back memories of yesterdays.

Blessed are they who make it known that I'm loved, respected and not alone.

Blessed are they who know I'm at a loss to find the strength to carry the cross.

Blessed are they who ease the days on my journey home in loving ways.

Circle Meets In Brickhouse Home

Circle No. 1 of the United Methodist Women of the Norlina United Methodist Church met Monday, Jan. 3 in the home of Mrs. R. F. Brickhouse. Despite bad weather, six members were present.

Mrs. Gladys Norwood, program chairman, opened with prayer and scripture reading. A program entitled, "Methodist Women," was conducted by Mrs. Norwood. Mrs. Virgie Ivey led the business session and closed with prayer.

The hostess served delicious refreshments to the members.

Winegardner, the Rev. Mr. Hebel's grandmother, from Lima, Ohio, in attendance.

Geysers have been known to erupt as high as 1,000 feet.

Church Opportunities

Gospel Baptist Church— Rev. Raymond Ayscue, Pastor.

Sunday, Jan. 9, 10:00 a. m., Sunday School; 11:00 a. m., Morning Worship; 7:30 p. m., Evening Worship.

Monday, Jan. 10, 7:30 p. m., Youth Training and Fellowship.

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 7:30 p. m., Prayer Service.

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

Sunday, Jan. 9, 9:30 a. m., Sunday School; 11:00 a. m., Morning Worship.

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

Sunday, Jan. 9, 10:00 a. m., Sunday School; 11:15 a. m., Worship Service.

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 7:30 p. m., Circle #2 of the United Methodist Women will meet.

Thursday, Jan. 13, 7:30 p. m., Bible Study, Prayer Group; 7:30 p. m., Youth Choir Practice.

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

Sunday, Jan. 9, 9:50 a. m., Sunday School; 11:00 a. m., Morning Worship with Service of Communion; 6:00 p. m., Lightshine; 6:30 p. m., Joyful Noise Children's Choir; 7:30 p. m., Evening Worship.

Monday, Jan. 10, 7:30 p. m., General Meeting of the WMU with study of "Yes! A Woman's View of Mission Support." All are invited.

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 7:30 p. m., Prayer Meeting; 8:15 p. m., Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.

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

Sunday, Jan. 9, 9:45 a. m., Sunday School; 11:00 a. m., Worship Service; 7:00 p. m., United Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 7:30 p. m., Chancel Choir Rehearsal.

Thursday, Jan. 13, 7:30 p. m., Share Group Meets.

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

Sunday, Jan. 9, 9:50 a. m., Worship Service; 11:00 a. m., Sunday School.

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 7:30 p. m., Bible Study—Prayer Group.

Promoted

Alvin D. Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark H. Alexander of Rt. 1, Norlina has been promoted to Army specialist four while serving with the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He is a 1975 graduate of Park View High School, South Hill, Va.

Long Flow
The Nile River is 3,473 miles long.

pull cart goats Bess
up ride hill
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Bess has a cart and two goats. She likes to ride in her cart. See how the goats pull! Bess is so big, I think she should walk up the hill. The goats love Bess, for she feeds them, and is kind to them.

McGUFFEY'S ECLECTIC Readers, a primer and six other "graded" books were arranged in order of difficulty. Most classes in the frontier West or South, where they were most popular, were held in one-room schoolhouses. Students read one volume until they mastered it, then advanced to the next. Texts often contained lessons on behavior and firmly upheld the moral standards of the time.

Readers Played Part In Winning Of West

When the West was still wild, "A" stood for ax and "O" was for ox. Millions of Westerners who tamed the frontier with ax and ox learned how to spell them thanks to McGuffey's Eclectic Spellers and Readers.

The McGuffey series of readers, begun in 1836, was still popular in the early 1900s and at one time permeated school systems west of the Alleghenies and south of the Mason-Dixon line, the National Geographic Society says.

Taught Billion to Read
The familiar maroon and gold volumes have taught countless Americans to read and spell. More than 270,000,000 copies have been sold to date, and they have never been out of print.

Celebrating the 140th anniversary of the Readers, Van Nostrand Reinhold, McGuffey's current publisher, recently gave the Smithsonian Institution two original plates from the 1879 edition of the Readers. "Amazingly," says Robert E. Ewing, Van Nostrand's president, the books are still used by schools in several states, and the trend is growing. Perhaps it's a desire to get back to basic values and reading fundamentals.

More than just textbooks, the Readers stress the moral values of their times and, above all, politeness and civility. "Ned is not a good boy," scolds a passage in McGuffey's Eclectic Primer. "I do not think he likes to go to school or to church. I saw him try to kill a quail with a stone. The quail is too quick a bird for that, and Ned did not hurt it; but I know that a good child would not try to kill a bird."

Changing methods of education began the decline of the Readers in the 1920's, but William Holmes McGuffey, who was responsible for the series, was never forgotten. Remembered by Many
A McGuffey Reader Club still meets annually at Brushy Run, West Virginia, and there is a McGuffey Museum at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and a McGuffey School, both near the McGuffey Elm Trees, under which the author sat to write his first two volumes. Many other streets and schools in America have been named for the educator.

Henry Ford was so taken with McGuffey that in 1937 he had the 1857 version of the Readers reprinted and distributed sets to them to McGuffey lovers throughout the United States. He also bought the McGuffey family home and barn near Youngstown, Ohio, and he used materials from the barn to build a schoolhouse of the McGuffey era. Both buildings are in Greenfield Village, Michigan.

McGuffey was born in Pennsylvania. But spent most of his life in Ohio. He rose from professor of ancient languages

NHS Happenings

By DANYLU PALMER

In preparation for the 1976-77 school year, the varsity cheerleaders were chosen last spring. During the summer Pam Kersey, Maxine Campbell, Rosa Durham and Carolyn Jones attended a cheerleading camp at Peace Junior College.

After competing with many other squads throughout the state, the N. H. S. cheerleaders were awarded a spirit stick, four blue ribbons, one red ribbon, one purple ribbon and one white ribbon.

Mrs. T. J. Wilkerson and Mrs. Willie Alexander commuted to Raleigh for five days and without their help the N.H.S. cheerleaders may not have been able to attend the summer camp.

Cheerleading practice began in early August. The cheerleaders spent hours a day exercising, practicing special jumps and learning new cheers and stunts.

The uniforms are very neat this year. The uniform consists of a skirt which is navy blue with eight pleats, a white vest with a puffy-sleeved blue blouse, blue and white Aspen tennis shoes and short white socks.

For Homecoming the cheerleaders made pompons which were sold at the game. Pam Kersey was chosen as the Princess and her escort was Robert Durham.

The cheerleaders sold short-sleeved N.H.S. sweatshirts and doughnuts which were both great successes. They also conducted a bake sale. They have been in Norlina, Warrenton and Littleton parades. At the end of this year the Norlina cheerleaders will have participated in 35 or more ballgames and conducted four pep rallies.

The football teams had an overall record of 7-4 and all N.H.S. cheerleaders are proud of being able to contribute to such an outstanding ball team.

Cheerleaders are seniors, Pam Kersey, co-captain with five years on the squad; Danylu Palmer, six years; Mary Lou Traylor, co-captain, four years; Glenda Durham, three years; and Debbie Redmond, two years.

Juniors are Maxine Campbell, five years; Carolyn Jones,

three years; and Patricia Tuck, two years; Sophomores include Donna Stegall with three years; and Rosa Durham, two years.

Alternates were Sandy Redmond with three years and Violet Isreal with three years.

When asked about the cheerleaders performance, Principal Clint Hege expressed the opinion that the group had worked extremely well together and had been highly satisfactory in all respects. He also noted the dedication of the sponsors and indicated this as the main ingredient of the success of the program.

The Norlina Blue Waves will play Oxford Webb at 7 p. m. Saturday night. The J. V. and varsity boys will be playing.

The F.F.A., Math Student Council, Weight-Lifting Clubs are planning on meeting on Wednesday.

All students and teachers at Norlina High enjoyed the Christmas and New Year holidays. Santa Claus was very good to everyone.

Don't forget to make your New Year's Resolution!



By Mrs. Dan Gerber

Many mothers have asked me, "Won't my baby be healthier eating food I've made at home?"

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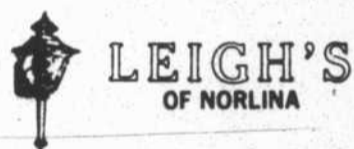
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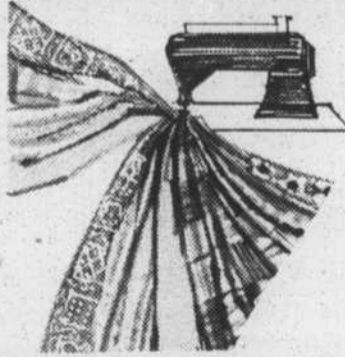
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