

This, That & The Other

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If you should see and hear me running wildly along the street, tearing my hair and shrieking as I go, be sure I have heard of one post-war plan too many, along with another strike that may hinder the progress of the war.

Years of running behind schedule have finally brought me to the place where I look in a kind of daze at others, more systematic, more industrious, or both, who get ready for Christmas. I have almost forgotten how it would feel to be ready. But there is pleasure to be found in watching those who are making preparations, and in hoping that none may be disappointed.

Christmas cards are coming, and they are lovely, bringing memories that are priceless; though, again as usual, we have not had time to really read them all yet. That's our Christmas Day ceremony.

It may sound inappropriate to wish a merry Christmas; but we wish it most sincerely in its old sense of merry meaning pleasant, agreeable. And even in conditions such as face us now, we have faith to say . . .

Let nothing you dismay;
For Jesus Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas Day.

When our youngest son reported for reassignment at the Richmond Air Base I was surprised to find myself going with him, visiting in the home of my brother, Dr. Harvey Farmer, while there. And I went to the Air Base when Barrie did. It is some distance out of Richmond, at Seven Pines, where some of the Civil War's important fighting was done. Only the pines look as they did when I passed that way before—there really are seven big ones, all in a row. Barracks, hangars, buildings of various kinds, have been built, planes and soldiers are everywhere over the reservation . . . The painting must have been done with an eye for camouflage; shades of green, brown and drab were used and the combinations looked as if my three youngest grandchildren had been given barrels of paint and told to have a good time . . . It is a training station as well as a reassignment center.

I suppose mothers will be themselves, war or peace. When my son left the car and started toward Headquarters to report, I felt a strong impulse to go along and help him get things straightened out. Fortunately, I remembered in time that while I am older than Barrie, he knows more about military procedure than I do. And wouldn't the C. O. have been impressed by suggestions from me!

Snatches of conversation heard and overheard: "Who was John Marshall?" "Marshall? Why, he was sports editor on the Raleigh Times." (Needless to say these were not Virginians speaking) . . . "Yes, when I was in Rome, before the war, we went into the catacombs, and I saw a cat." . . . "Worst time is when you are waiting for the Jerries to begin firing at you. You're scared then. Once they begin shooting you get all right and laugh and joke until it's all over; then you get to thinking what might have happened, and you get scared again." (This was from an overseas man who was gunner in one of our big bombers.) . . . "I make my muffins with cream instead of milk. I have the cream and using it saves labor, which I have to buy." . . . "Of course I realize parents are always prejudiced in favor of their own children; but I do think our baby is intelligent; and I wouldn't trade her for all the money Roosevelt has wasted." . . . "The hard part of anti-aircraft work is identifying planes. Sometimes it's mighty hard to be sure; and you keep thinking how bad it would be if you let enemy planes get by; and how terrible if you fired on our own men. A fellow gets nervous. I keep worrying over it yet."

WIGGINS SENTENCED

O. C. Wiggins was convicted last week in Wake County Superior Court of assault on a female and was sentenced to two years on the roads.

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Rotary

Prof. Lowry had the program, making a talk on his life history. He was born in Perquimans County. His father was a farmer and lumber man. His folks moved near Norfolk when he was thirteen years old. He attended a high school near Norfolk and was a leader in athletics, making good especially in baseball.

After high school he wrote to the Universities of Virginia and North Carolina. He received a letter from Virginia first, stating that he must send \$5.00 with his application. He mailed the required amount. The application was returned because he did not send it to a certain office. In the meantime he received a letter from the University of North Carolina, mailed the required funds to them, and it was accepted. There he completed his education. After graduating from college, he taught school in Iredell County, Cameron and other places in the state.

Prof. Lowry said he wondered where he would have been Friday evening if he had attended the University of Virginia instead of that of North Carolina.

Recorder's Court

Judge Gill presiding

Harold Smith, found guilty of assault on a female, was sentenced to pay \$10.00 fine and costs.

Henry Richardson for reckless driving had a suspended sentence of 6 months on the roads, plus a fine of \$10.00 and costs. His license was revoked for one year and he gave promise of good behavior two years.

Ernest Williams, charged with trespassing, forfeited a bond of \$50.00.

W. F. Phillips had judgment suspended on a charge of drunkenness and paid costs.

Clinton Dowd and William Hartsfield, found guilty of gambling, paid costs and \$5.00 fines.

The case of Dal Bryant, charged with drunken driving, was continued, as was that against Brownie Johnson, who was accused of drunken driving combined with hit and run.

Charlie Gay got a suspended sentence for drunkenness, on payment of costs.

William Todd had failed to take prescribed medical treatments. His case was continued.

A charge against William Todd for assault on a female was not prospected with leave.

James Holder, for failure to take required medical treatment, had to pay costs.

Roger Langston and James Horton were found guilty of operating motor vehicles without drivers' permits. Their 30-days sentences were suspended on payment of costs and fines of \$15.00.

For public drunkenness Junior Smith paid \$5.00 fine and costs under a 30-days suspended sentence.

Robert Turner, found guilty of larceny, paid \$25.00 fine and costs.

Mafaye Martin was sentenced to 6 months on state roads for larceny. This was suspended and he was put on two years probation and ordered to pay \$25.00 fine and costs.

Judgment was suspended in the case of Arthur Wood, charged with drunkenness, and he was ordered to pay costs.

Savannah High, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to 6 months on state roads, suspended on payment of costs and \$50.00 fine.

RICHARDSON - BURCHAM

The following announcement is of interest here:

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Burcham announce the marriage of their daughter
Frances Mary
to

Waylon James Richardson
United States Navy
on Friday, December the eighth nineteen hundred and forty-four
First Methodist Church
Bennettsville, South Carolina

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

To all our customers, subscribers and friends everywhere, we wish to say in the same old words and a sincere way: "A most happy Christmas and prosperous New Year".

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With The Men In Service

S-Sgt. Harold Duke has returned to the States, after spending only a few weeks overseas. He is now in Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C. where he is receiving medical treatment. Harold entered the Service in April 1942. He spent most of his time in the states at the Fort Bragg training center.

Pfc. Spruill M. Baker of Zebulon, Route 3, has notified his parents of his safe arrival with the Army in England. Private Spruill, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Baker of Zebulon, route 3, entered the Army in October of 1942. He went overseas in October.

Pvt. Harmon James is home from camp for a furlough with his wife and baby son.

Fifteenth AAF in Italy. — First Lieutenant Matthew B. Liles, 23, formerly of Zebulon, a pilot, serving with a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber group, has passed the century mark in missions for the group of which he is a member.

Lt. Liles has participated in several successful combat missions over some of the most heavily defended German held targets in Southern Europe, such as Munich, Wiener Neustadt, Vienna, Budapest and Bucharest.

Lt. Liles entered the service March 19, 1942, and received his flying training at Foster Field, Texas, and March Field, California, before coming overseas.

Sgt. Faxton Cone, formerly of Zebulon, is now stationed at Scott Field, Ill.

Capt. Dwite Debnam and Mrs. Debnam arrived here from California last week. They are with Mrs. Debnam's parents, the Oren Masseys.

Capt. Barrie Davis has reported at the Army Air Base, Richmond, Va., for reassignment after 21 days leave at home.

S-Sgt. Eddie M. Jonas, son of Mrs. Maggie Jonas of Route 2, Zebulon, has been wounded in action in Europe.

On the plaque erected in Raleigh by the Young Business Men's Club are the following names of Zebulon men killed in World War II: Eric F. Davis, Robert E. Horton, Richard Hoyle, Curtis C. Critz, Horace Mullen.

Mrs. James Stuart Finch has received word that her husband has been promoted to the rank of corporal. He is in France.

There are no fragments so precious as those of time, and none are so heedlessly lost by people who can not make a moment, and yet can waste years.—Montgomery.

Church News

The Davis Class of the Baptist S. S. met Monday night for the pre-Christmas party in the home of Mrs. G. R. Massey with Mesdames J. C. Debnam W. B. Bunn and Ruby Jenkins associate hostesses. Mrs. Allan Pippin read an appropriate poem; Miss Dorothy Brake gave Christopher Morley's story of the fir tree that was rejected for Christmas. Games were enjoyed and prizes awarded winners.

Sandwiches, pickles, nuts, candy, fruit cake and coffee were served from the dining room where the table was decorated with nandina berries and tall red tapers.

Mrs. Theo. Davis, teacher of the class, was much surprised to learn that the party had been planned in her honor, and was deeply appreciative of a gift from the members of two lovely blankets.

PERSONALS

The Rev. S. W. Oldham, for years a resident of Wendell, but now of Star, sends loving greetings to friends in this section. He is still active in the pastorate and the Star and Eagle Springs churches are developing under his wise and experienced leadership. He speaks appreciatively of this paper's help in keeping him in touch with former neighbors and friends.

Mrs. Eger Massey had as visitor recently her niece, Miss Mary Nancy Bailey, student at UNC, Chapel Hill. Miss Bailey is the daughter of Col. Hubert Bailey, C. O. of the 15th Hospital Center in England. Hubert Bailey, r., is a cadet at West Point. Mrs. Bailey and two other daughters live at West Point, N. Y.

Mrs. Thomas D. Davis has received notice that her husband, now in Belgium, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant. Mrs. Davis, her baby son and Mrs. Campen spent a month this fall with relatives in St. Petersburg, Fla., returning to Zebulon several weeks ago.

Prof. Thomas Kemp arrived Sunday from Greenwood, S. C. to spend the Christmas holidays here with his mother, Mrs. J. A. Kemp and other relatives.

Mrs. James Stuart Finch with her baby son came last Thursday to visit her aunt, Mrs. Julian Horton. They will remain until after Christmas.

Mrs. Theo. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Davis went to Richmond, Va., last Friday, returning Saturday.

Mrs. Harry Lee Bissette has returned to the home of her parents, the Clifton Hortons after spending several weeks with her husband, who has been transferred to a northern station.

Mrs. Horace Perry went Sunday to see her husband, who has been in the hospital at Camp Peary. She found him much improved.

Miss Megs Lee Pearce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Pearce, will return home for Christmas vacation on December 22. She attends Hardbarger's Secretarial and Business School in Raleigh.

GREATGRANDPARENTS

Friends will be interested to know that the Burbon Richardsons of Wendell are great-grandparents. Their granddaughter, Mrs. Wayne White of Raleigh, formerly Ruth Winstead of Zebulon, is the mother of a son, Frederick Wayne, born on Sunday, December 17, at Rex Hospital. The baby's other great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Winstead of Zebulon. The father is in service overseas.

Flowers Store will be closed from Saturday night of this week through Wednesday of next week, reopening Thursday, Dec. 28.

The Fred Hoodys are moving to Zebulon this week. They have bought the house on Arrendall Avenue formerly owned by S. V. T. Chamblee, located between the Bowling and Herring homes.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Brantley of Zebulon, Route 2, announce the birth of a son, Randy, on December 10. Mrs. Brantley is the former Miss Bertha Massey of Zebulon, Route 2.

William V. Lee

William Vance Lee, 65, prominent farmer of Zebulon, Route 2, died unexpectedly at his home Thursday afternoon, Dec. 14.

Surviving are his wife, Ethel Tippett Lee; two sons, Marvin C. Lee of Middlesex, and Chief Petty Officer William H. Lee of San Diego, Calif.; six daughters, Mrs. Wilbur Lewis of Middlesex, Mrs. W. E. Overman of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. C. D. Hawkins, Jr., of Zebulon, Rachel Lee of Norfolk, and Frances and Evelyn Lee of the home; one brother, K. A. Lee, of Middlesex; two sisters, Mrs. Helen Maiden of Selma, and Mrs. J. W. Hales of Middlesex; and seven grandchildren.

Joseph W. Hicks

Funeral services were held from the home in Franklin County on Zebulon, Route 3, Friday afternoon for Joseph William Hicks, 65, of Franklin County. Burial was in the Perry family cemetery.

Mr. Hicks died in Raleigh Thursday morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Lillie Shearon, with whom he had made his home for the past two months.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nova Medlin Hicks, of Zebulon, Route 3; four daughters, Mrs. E. F. Perry of Zebulon, and Mrs. Shearon, Mrs. Larby Perry and Mrs. Gladys Perry, all of Raleigh; two sons, Coy Lee Hicks of Zebulon, Route 3, and Russell Hicks of Raleigh; and eight grandchildren.

Program Enjoyed

Wakelon Glee Club's annual program for Christmas was enjoyed by a large audience last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. R. D. Massey, director, and Miss Mary Evelyn Thompson, pianist, deserve much appreciation from both singers and listeners.

Worthy also of note were the selections presented, classical numbers largely predominating. Santa Claus songs were entirely absent, not being thought suitable for the occasion, which is one of the marks of progress evidenced here.

March Of Dimes

Forty-three prominent industrial and civic leaders have been appointed as State Chairmen for the March of Dimes and will direct the Fund-Raising Appeal of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, January 14-31, in their states. It was announced today by Basil O'Connor, Foundation President.

Although the infantile paralysis epidemic of 1944, with nearly 19,000 cases already reported, was the second largest in the recorded history of the disease in the United States, the nation was better prepared for the march of the Crippler than ever before, through the generosity of the American people whose dimes and dollars helped to stem the tide of the mysterious poliomyelitis for which there is no known preventive and no cure. Mr. O'Connor pointed out.

Epidemic areas in 1944 included North Carolina, New York, Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Michigan. Polio also severely affected Tennessee, Maryland, Indiana, Louisiana, New Jersey, Mississippi, Connecticut and District of Columbia.

Ralph W. McDonald, Chapel Hill, will again serve as chairman for this state.

However learned or eloquent, man knows nothing truly that he has not learned from experience.—Wieland

To most men experience is like the stern lights of a ship, which illumine only the track it has passed.—Coleridge

Nor deem the irrevocable past, As wholly wasted, wholly vain, If, rising on its wrecks, at last to something nobler we attain.—Longfellow