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Zebulon Postmaster Asks for Cooperation In Christmas Mailing

With the normal mail volume at an all-time high, Postmaster M. J. Sexton today warned Christmas mailers that unless they mail their Christmas parcels at once and their Christmas cards well in advance of Christmas Week that they face the likelihood of not having them delivered until after Christmas.

Directing the attention of Christmas mailers to the fact that normal mail volume in the last several months has daily reached the proportions of the peak of the Christmas period a year ago, the Postmaster said this year's Christmas mail, added to the present everyday record volume, has created the most acute mail congestion and transportation problem in the entire history of the Postal Service.

Only by immediate mailing of Christmas parcels, Mr. Sexton said, can the senders be assured that their gifts will arrive prior to Christmas and thereby be in keeping with the spirit of the holiday season.

The Post Office Department, Mr. Sexton pointed out, has been making preparations for this year's anticipated record Christmas mailings since early last Spring.

While every available means of transportation and extra facilities have been pressed into service, together with the employment of approximately 300,000 temporary employees during the holiday period, Mr. Sexton emphasized that much of this advance preparation will have been in vain if the mailing public fails to place their Christmas parcels in the mails at once.

Caqers Break Even; Play Here Tonight

Coach Jake Smith's Wakelon Bulldogs broke even in games played during the past week, winning from Rock Ridge, 45 to 19, and then dropping a contest to Rolesville on Tuesday night. Coach Fred Smith's girls also split their last two contests, winning a hard-fought game from Rock Ridge Friday night and then dropping a game to the strong Rolesville sextet Tuesday.

Ruth Brown with 9 points, and Gwen Kitchings with 7 led the Wakelonettes against Rock Ridge.

Tonight both the Wakelon teams meet Wendell in the Wakelon gymnasium. This is the first meeting of the year for the teams, and play is expected to be close. The first game starts at 7:30.

Painting That Water Tank Results In High Blood Pressure in Zebulon

Muddy water in Zebulon has set housewives' tempers on edge this week, and town officials, from Mayor Bridgers and Chief Willie B. Hopkins to trashman Willie Young, have been hearing about it from everybody. But within another week, the water should be better than ever, and folks in town will be able to wash their clothes clean again.

All this week the water tank is being cleaned, and higher main pressure is needed to give water to houses in town because the tank pressure cannot be used. This high pressure has broken loose considerable sediment deposited during the years that Lit-

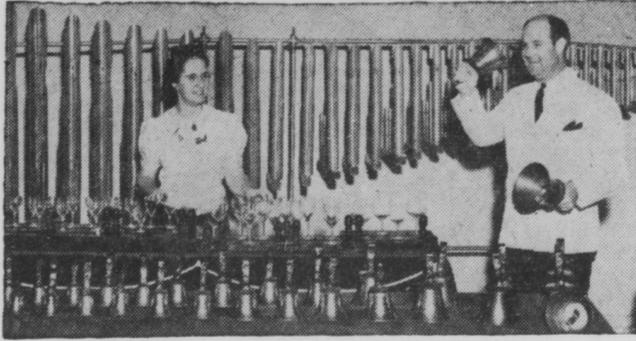
tle River water was used.

The cleaners ran into trouble when they started inside the tank. The ladder inside had rusted until it was unsafe, and now ropes have to be used.

In addition to this, Willie B. had trouble closing tightly the big valve at the foot of the water tank, and when he put enough pressure on the lines to give water to the town, the tank filled with water and kept the cleaners from their work.

But it'll all be over in a few days, and the tank will be clean inside and out and will sport glistening silver paint in its sides and black paint on its legs.

TROUPE AT CORINTH-HOLDERS



Pictured are the Mason Swiss Bell Ringers, nationally known novelty duo consisting of the Rev. and Mrs. Benard Mason of Los Angeles, California. The Swiss Bell Ringers will appear at the Corinth-Holders High School tonight at 7:30.

Zebulon Really Gleams With Christmas Lighting

The whole town of Zebulon shone with colored lights and Christmas tinsel this week, as housewives and merchants decorated home and stores with Yuletide trimmings. The main street is criss-crossed with laurel and lights, and the parking lot across from City Market features a manger scene erected under the direction of Mrs. Norman Screws.

Close competition for the \$25.00 prize offered by the Chamber of Commerce for the best show window is being shown by business. Tonkel-Silk and Flowers 5c to \$5.00 prepared their center windows for the contest. Both show originality and beauty, as does the

window at Bunn Electric Company.

The lights and laurel along Arendell Avenue were sponsored by the Zebulon Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Town of Zebulon.

Whitley Furniture Company provided the manger scene which depicts the Madonna and Child in the stable, with figures of sheep and a donkey looking on.

Nearly every home in Zebulon has at least one Christmas tree, and many have trees sparkling with lights both inside and outside the house. A prize of \$15.00 is being given by the Chamber of Commerce for the best home decoration.

Pictures Evoked at Christmastide Present Hope for Helpless World

By Theo B. Davis Sr.

The first picture: A stable, camels, oxen, sheep, a man, a woman, and a new-born babe, fresh from the hand of God lying in a manger. Angels come with praise, shepherds with adoration, wise men with gifts—a little child has led them.

The second picture: A cabin, ragged pickaninnies, a washer woman and a little black baby lying in a box. A gentle farmer's wife stands in the door; beholds the destitution and the baby. Unseen hands grip her heart. She feels all that she sees. Out of her plenty go those things that will relieve the distress. A little child has led her.

The third picture: A tenement on a back street in the great city, unkempt children huddled about the last smouldering embers, a mother tired and worn and sick,

lying on a cot and a baby clutching at her breast. A fine lady stands on the threshold and beholds the scene with eyes that come to rest on the little child. An unseen power moves her soul. She feels all that she sees. Out of her abundance she ministers to the needs of the suffering and penniless. A little child led her.

The fourth picture: A busy city corner, with winter howling and gripping at the bodies of the passing throng. A woman stands shivering by the corner while a little

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Handel's 'Messiah' to Be Sung Here Next Sunday By Baptist Church Choir

The Adult Choir of the Zebulon Baptist Church will sing familiar portions of George Frederick Handel's "The Messiah" Sunday evening at 7:30. The program will be preceded by a fifteen minute recital of Christmas carols on chimes by Mr. Charles Horton. This marks the first time a local choir has undertaken to sing the brilliant oratorio. Mr. Charles Horton is choir director and organist, and Mrs. Rodney McNabb is pianist. Soloists are Mrs. Frank Kemp, Mrs. L. M. Massey, Mrs. Carlton Mitchell, Miss Ruby Dawson, Mr. Wilber Conn and Mr. Elwood Perry. Other

choir members are Mrs. Armstrong Canady, Miss Joyce Temple, Miss Helen Wall, Mrs. James Alford, Mrs. Charles Creech, Mrs. Hardin Hinton, Mrs. Elwood Perry, Mr. Frank Kemp, Mr. Johnny Arnold, Mr. Ed Ellington and Rev. Carlton Mitchell.

The text of "The Messiah" is taken from the Bible. Although it was composed in twenty-four days, it is too long to be sung uncut conveniently. Chorus numbers to be used by the choir include the immortal "Hallelujah Chorus," "Glory to God," "Behold the Lamb of God," "Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs," and "Since By Man Came Death." The "Pastoral Symphony" will be rendered as a piano-organ duo by Mr. Horton and Mrs. McNabb.

The pastor's sermon subject at morning worship services will be "The Word Became Flesh." The Girls' Choir, with Ann Allman as soloist, will sing "O Holy Night."

A Christmas vesper program will be presented by the pastor and the Junior Choir on Wednesday evening at 7:30. Christmas music, narration and a program of color slides will comprise the service.

A special piano-organ duo of Christmas music will be offered at the service by Mack Hocutt, organist, and Charles Horton, pianist. Mack Hocutt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hocutt, has been studying organ music at the State School for the Blind under the instruction of Miss Jocelyn House.

A candle-light communion service will be held on Christmas Day at five o'clock. This service will be conducted by the pastor. Special music will be offered by the adult choir.

Local Man Engages In Fleet Maneuvers

James W. Gay, USN, husband of Mrs. J. Gay of Route 3, Zebulon, N. C., is serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Leyte, recently returned from the North Atlantic, where it participated in Fleet Tactical Exercises.

The Leyte returned to Quonset Point, R. I., after three weeks of extensive operations with two other carriers and supporting ships in a fast carrier task force. The maneuvers included replenishment, supporting action for an amphibious landing against Argentina, Newfoundland, combined carrier air operations, and a test of men and equipment under cold weather conditions in the Davis Strait between Labrador and Greenland.

Joint Club Meeting

The Junior Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting, Tuesday evening, December 21, at 8:00 o'clock at the club house. This will be a joint meeting with the Senior Club who will be hostess with the Junior Club having the program. A Christmas program is planned and all members of both clubs are urged to be present.

HOT WEATHER



Taking advantage of this week's pseudo-spring weather is this Hatteras member of the Coast Guard. Temperatures on the coast and inland were the highest in years.

Conservation Unit Has Organizational Session

The Wake County Soil Conservation Committee met with representatives of all county agriculture agencies on December 9, 1948, and set up 1949 conservation goals for Wake County.

L. O. Page, secretary of the committee, stated, "The N. C. Districts Law requires that goals be set up by the committee for the county, that it was the opinion of the committee (composed of H. M. Olive of New Hill, H. G. Brooks of Fuquay, and himself) that added emphasis should be placed on the conservation of our soil." He further stated, "much of our land is rolling, is very subject to erosion, and when this top layer of soil is gone, there is no economical way of restoring it to profitable production."

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UNUSUAL CHRISTMAS ART



Using only a pin, a half-tone likeness of Mary, mother of Jesus, is sketched on a leaf of a tree at Manhattan College, New York City, by Adrian Lewis, whose hobby is the sketching of religious art on natural leaves by scratching the texture to various depths.