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TEN CENTS

Wide Fellowship Church Announces Christmas Plans

Carols to Be Broadcast and Various Celebrations Held

The Church of Wide Fellowship, of which the Rev. Tucker G. Humphries is pastor, issues the following Christmas message:

"We begin our celebration of the Christmas season next Sunday evening at 5:00 o'clock. At the twilight hour in a candle-lighted church our choir, under the direction of Mrs. L. D. McDonald, will present Yuletide Memories, one of the most beautiful of the Christmas cantatas. Beginning Monday, December 18th, and continuing through Christmas Eve night, through the efforts of our Men's Bible Class, we shall broadcast to the community the carols of the season and the story of our Savior's birth.

"On Sunday, December 24th, at 8:00 o'clock our Christmas service of carols and light will be held. This perhaps is the most beautiful of all worship services of the entire year. The church will be beautiful in candle-light, every worshiper will carry a light. The Carols of the season will be sung by the choir and congregation. The Christmas story will be read from God's holy word. A Christmas message will be presented by our pastor. Even without your own home, before a cheery open fire, with gay Christmas candles, holly wreaths and beautifully wrapped packages, you cannot catch the spirit of Christmas as completely as you can in the sanctuary of the church. We invite you to usher in the Christmas season with us and project yourself back across the pages of time to a manger throne and there again, like the shepherds and wise men of old, welcome the Messiah anew.

"In addition to the special services as mentioned above the various organizations of the church will celebrate Christmas within their own groups. At the next meeting of the Women's Society group three will entertain with a Christmas program. The Forum will exchange gifts and enjoy a Christmas party. The Sunday School will have a tree and Santa Claus as usual. The choir will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. McDonald at a Christmas dinner party. On Christmas Eve afternoon the Forum will go to the prison camp, sing carols and bring the Christmas story to those weary men and then present each with presents and goodies. Some of the exact dates of these gatherings are not available at the moment, but somewhere in our program is a place for everyone. In the most cordial way we invite you to worship with us as a church and to laugh and be merry in some one or more of our groups as we celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ."

1945 Allotments of Tobacco Farm Acres Unchanged

Marketing quotas on flue-cured and burley tobacco for the 1945-46 marketing year have been announced by the War Food Administration and individual farm acreage allotments for the 1945 crops will be the same as in 1944, according to Joe A. Caddell, chairman Moore County AAA Committee.

"In addition to the acreage allotments," Mr. Caddell stated, "an amount equal to two percent of the total acreage allotted to all farms in 1940 will be made available for increasing individual farm acreage found by local AAA committees to be inequitable. Five percent of the national quota will be available for establishing allotments for farms on which no flue-cured or burley tobacco has been grown during the past five years. To be eligible for such an allotment either the farm operator or the person growing the tobacco shall have had experience within the past five years in growing tobacco and shall be living on the farm and largely dependent on the farm for his livelihood."

Applications for such allotments in Moore County should be filed with the County AAA Committee prior to February 1, 1945.

REPORTED KILLED

Pfc. Andy Alcroft was killed in Germany on November 20, according to a telegram received by his wife, the former Miss Cora Wallace of Pinebluff, who is making her home with her parents for the duration. Pvt. Alcroft spent the winters in Pinebluff before being inducted into the armed forces. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Alcroft of Youngstown, Ohio.

Two Men Are Shot Near Vass Sunday

Two shootings occurred near Vass Sunday and as a result Julius Ingram, Vass Negro, is in jail, a colored man named Thomas is in the Moore County Hospital where it was found necessary to amputate his leg, and Bill Atkins, colored, who was shot above the hip by ABC Officer C. A. McCallum when he allegedly failed to heed the officer's command and continued to walk toward him and Policeman A. R. Laubscher with a .44 pistol drawn on them, is also in the hospital.

Details of the trouble between Ingram and Thomas are not available. According to the report of the other shooting given by Sheriff C. J. McDonald, Atkins' wife went to Vass Policeman A. R. Laubscher and reported that her husband had beaten her and she was afraid to go back home. Laubscher called the Carthage office early Sunday night and Sheriff McDonald and ABC Officer McCallum responded. The three went to the Upchurch farm in search of Atkins, but did not find him at home. After visiting another house or two they met a colored man who told them that Atkins was "side of the road" near this farm. McCallum and Laubscher got out of the car quietly and the Sheriff drove on a short distance. As was anticipated, Atkins continued on his way after the car passed, and was met by the two officers with the above result. Hearing the shot, the Sheriff returned to the scene and the wounded man was taken to the hospital.

Eleven Are Called for Preinduction

Eleven white men from Moore County went to Fort Bragg on Monday for preinduction examination. Included in the group were Earl Charles Stutts and Archie Lee Barnes of Carthage, Thomas Jefferson Boggs of Cameron Route 2, Edward Dewitt Caviness of Eagle Springs, Theresa Edward Glover of Jackson Springs, Coy Lester Brewer, Elder Ree Sheffield and Herbert Spivey, of Robbins, Allie Garnett Edwards, Jr., and John William Mashburn, of Vass.

FINAL WORKSHOP

Moore County Teachers held their closing workshop of the year at the Carthage High School Monday evening, with good attendance. Dr. Clarkson of the mathematics department of State College and Dr. H. A. Perry of the State Department of Education, Raleigh, spoke at the general session, after which Dr. Clarkson met with the mathematics group and Dr. Perry with those interested in writing.

A & P EMPLOYEES TO GET ADDED COMPENSATION

Additional compensation totaling approximately \$1,250,000 will be distributed to employees of The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company before Christmas, it was announced by John A. Hartford, president.

All A & P employees throughout the country with six months or more service will participate in the cash distribution.

The company's employees were voted similar compensation last year.

H. L. SUMMERS

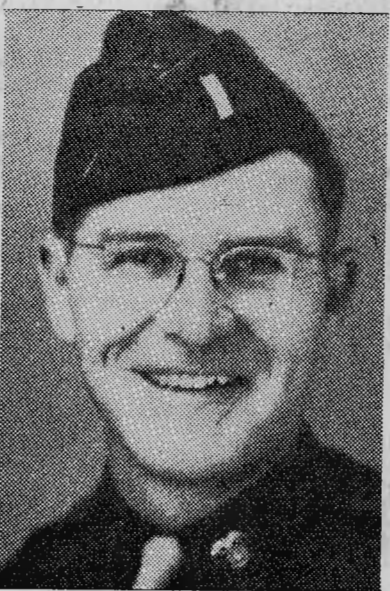
H. L. Summers, who came to Southern Pines from Greensboro in June of last year to operate a jewelry business, died Tuesday in the Moore County Hospital. He and his wife resided at the Jefferson Inn. The body was taken to Greensboro for burial.

Three Blue Brothers in the Service



S/Sgt. H. GILBERT BLUE

Three sons of Mrs. D. Al Blue, Sr., of Southern Pines and Jackson Springs, and the late Ex-Sheriff Blue are in the Army. The eldest, S/Sgt. Henry Gilbert Blue (left), is at present with a malaria control unit in the Pacific. He attended Carthage High School. His wife, the former Evelyn Lawrence, resides in Sanford. Lt. Paul Blue (center) is in England. He is a graduate of Southern Pines High School and the University of North Carolina and before his induction about three years ago was a deputy collector of internal revenue. He graduated from Quartermaster Officer's School at Camp Lee and was stationed at Memphis, Tenn., before going overseas. Cpl. D. Al Blue (right) is an X-ray technician with a hospital unit in England. He is a graduate of Southern Pines High School and was for a number of years manager of J. N. Powell, Inc. His wife, the former Mary Tinsley, lives in Southern Pines.



LT. PAUL BLUE



CPL. D. AL BLUE

Negro Club Women Hold Meeting at WSP High School

Charlotte B. Hawkins Chapter of Federation Has Splendid Program

The second annual meeting of the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Chapter of the Moore County Negro Women's Federation Clubs took place Sunday afternoon, December 10th, in the West Southern Pines High School Auditorium.

A large and representative gathering from both towns assembled to hear the speakers. The program opened with the singing of the anthem by James Weldon and J. Rosamund Johnson; "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing", led by Mrs. L. D. Harris with Mrs. R. P. Brown at the piano.

Following the invocation by the Rev. L. L. Belle of Carthage, J. Warren Baldwin, principal of the School, welcomed the guests, and introduced Mrs. Edna B. Taylor, the president of the Moore County Club. Among the speakers who followed were: Mrs. Lula S. Kelsey, of the State Federation of Negro Women's Clubs, John R. Larkins of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, Miss Mae D. Holmes, Superintendent of the Training School for Girls at Rocky Mount. They described the start made during the last few years in the care of delinquent negro girls and boys, in the field of correction. The Training School for Girls at Rocky Mount has recently opened under the supervision of Miss Holmes and now accommodates fifteen girls. This school has been largely supported through contributions from Women's Clubs of the State. P. R. Brown, former principal of the West Southern Pines School and now head of Morrison Training School for Boys at Hoffman, spoke feelingly of the pressing need for funds in order to raise the standard of physical care there. Facilities, he said, are still woefully inadequate adding greatly to the problems of discipline and of maintaining a clean, well-ordered institution. Nevertheless strides are being made. Mr. Brown urged the audience to visit the school at any time.

Mrs. Struthers Burt stressed the need for encouraging a spirit of initiative and responsibility among the young people themselves. "Young people tend to form groups," she said, "and groups get into mischief and worse if they have nothing to do. Their energies must be directed into constructive channels. The leaders of the groups are the natural leaders, chosen by the young people themselves; they are the ones to reach." Mrs. Burt suggested the formation of a committee made up of citizens from the two towns to study the problem and endeavor to find some constructive work of benefit to the community yet which might be of sufficient interest to young people to appeal to them. "We must work together to help them get started," she said.

This note was echoed in the (Continued on Page 5)

Two Letters From Glasgow, Scotland

Friends of Eve and Faie Ewart, who spent several years with Mr. and Mrs. James Boyd, will be interested in the following letters. The girls returned to their home in Glasgow last September. Their mother reports that they are well and the family is so happy to be reunited. Mrs. Ewart says the girls often speak of their days in Southern Pines. Commander Ewart, who is a portrait painter, hopes to bring them over for a visit after the war, when he may be doing some painting in this country. The girls often send their love to all their friends in the Sandhills.

Dear Aunt Kate; How are you, We are going to have our exams next week, worst luck. I do wish I had some chickens over here, but I guess I can't in the city. When I grow up I'm coming over there to get a chickens farm, then everybody can come and stay with me and the chickens.

I don't think I'll pass in Arithmetic or History. First the Arithmetic is too hard to get used to with all money and things. And the History is all Malcolms and Jameses and I don't think it is interesting but-sept when they get killed there nearly always murdered.

Well that's all the news just now. Lots of love to all Faie. P. S. Dont mind the spelling. PLEASE.

Dear Aunt Kate;— At last we have a DOG. He is six months old and is half air-dale and half Irish terrier. He doesn't look so awful as he sounds. A friend of a cousin of Mother's got him through a friend of hers called Mr. France. A friend of his, an animal doctor whom he had helped a couple of time with the animal patients, had heard about a family whose son was in the R. A. F. and had got this dog when he was a puppy. The son had gone and the mother and father had got a cat. The cat was the kind that fears no dog. And hates them like poison. So they had to keep the cat shut up in one room and let the dog roam the house. They had to go to work and leave him so he is not house-trained. Anyway they decided with much sorrow that they would have to give the dog away and that is how we got him. I hope you all get that friend business. He is about 1 foot 2 1-2 inches from the ground to his shoulder, with a tail five inches long and ears three inches long, with a narrow strip of white down his front. He has short golden brown hair in some places with a hint of a curl but not long enough to curl. He is brown all over except for the white and on his tail he has a few dark hairs. He is certainly a mongrel but who cares it is the dog that counts. He is also a bit scared but will soon get over it; right now it is a help when we are (Continued on Page 8)

Rev. S. J. Erwin Speaks to Kiwanis Club Wednesday

Paul Jernigan Is Inducted into Membership by Dr. Cheatham

The Rev. Samuel J. Erwin, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Southern Pines, in an address to the Sandhills Kiwanis Club Wednesday at the Southern Pines Country Club stated that with the approach of Christmas this is the time we should be thinking of peace, which he predicted would come soon in the Atlantic and the Pacific.

The speaker, who was born in the British Isles, declared that attempts are being made to bring about a split between the United States, Great Britain and Russia. In conclusion he stated there are foreign influences at work in this country in an attempt to gain power.

The speaker was introduced by Ralph Chandler. Paul Jernigan was inducted into membership by Dr. Thaddeus Cheatham.

COL. DALBEY PROMOTED TO BRIGADIER GENERAL

Announcement was made this week by the War Department of the promotion of Colonel Josiah T. Dalbey, commanding officer of the Airborne Center, Camp Mackall, to Brigadier General.

General Dalbey, a graduate of West Point in 1918, saw overseas service in World War I and during the present conflict, having spent five months in England. Also, the General served with the 31st Infantry in the Philippines and the 15th Infantry in Tientsin, China, and was with the Louisiana National Guard in the Mexican Border campaign. A native of Alabama, General Dalbey is a graduate of the Infantry School and the Command and General Staff School, Leavenworth, Kansas.

A & P BUYS \$5,000,000 IN 6TH WAR LOAN DRIVE

The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company today announced a \$5,000,000 subscription to the Sixth War Loan, says a release from New York City. In line with company policy of helping various County War Finance Committees meet their quotas, all credit for the bonds, purchased through the Federal Reserve bank, will be spread throughout 38 states to those counties in which A & P operates.

JEFFERSON INN OPENS DINING ROOM DEC. 16

Southern Pines people who go out to eat will be interested to know that the Jefferson Inn dining room will open Saturday, Dec. 16, and will accept a limited number of reservations for Sunday and holiday dinners.

The Jefferson was a very popular dining place last year and practically the same staff is back for this season, which assures a high standard of food and service.

Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Robbins Reach Quotas in Sixth War Loan Drive, Which Ends December 16th

YULETIDE PROGRAM

This Sunday evening at 5:00 o'clock the choir of the Church of Wide Fellowship will render one of the most beautiful of the Christmas cantatas. At the twilight hour, in a church beautiful with candle light, 30 voices under the direction of Mrs. L. D. McDonald will sing "Yuletide Memories" by Ira B. Wilson. The public is invited.

Southern Pines Making Progress; Sale of "E" Bonds Lags

Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Robbins have completed their quotas in the Sixth War Loan drive, County Chairman Eugene C. Stevens disclosed Wednesday, but recent reports from other towns and communities had not been received.

While this fine progress is most encouraging, much remains to be done before Dec. 16, the closing day of the drive, and a concerted effort is most important. "E" bond sales are lagging, Mr. Stevens reports.

Alfred B. Yeomans, local chairman, gives total sales for Southern Pines as \$131,506.25, on a quota of \$154,560.

"The Sixth War Loan drive but alas, not the war, ends this Saturday," says Mr. Yeomans. "Far from being near the end of the war we are still in the midst of it. Instead of reducing we must greatly increase the production of munitions, guns, tanks, ships and war supplies of every kind," declares the chairman, continuing: "And that means that we here in Southern Pines must not only meet our war loan quota but should exceed it. Not having had to forego any of the necessities or comforts of life and few of its luxuries the very least we can do is to buy war bonds up to the limit and then some."

"Let's go over the top on or before Saturday," he urges.

The buying of bonds for Christmas gifts is urged and if it is impossible to do this before Saturday, they can still be counted in this drive as "E", "F" and "G" bonds purchased during December will be credited on the quota.

Local Men Plan Annual Visit to County Home

The Rev. Edward F. Green and D. H. Turner, whose Christmas joy would not be complete without their annual Christmas trek to the Moore County Home to dispense cheer and gifts among the inmates, are for the ninth year making plans to visit this institution in the role of Santa Claus. They will be accompanied by the Rev. Samuel Erwin, local Baptist minister, who will conduct a devotional service.

This year the County Home family has dwindled to about half its usual number. There are only eight: three white women, three white men and two Negro men. Persons who would like to share in providing gifts for these may leave cash donations with Mr. Turner at his office in the Eddy Block and the money will be used in buying fruits, warm hose, handkerchiefs and other practical gifts for these elderly people and for giving them a small amount of cash to do with as they like.

Community Church Announces Special Christmas Music

The Community Church in Pinehurst announces its program of music for the Christmas season by its combined choirs under the direction of the Rev. and Mrs. Roscoe Prince, with Miss Eloise Wicker as organist.

December 17: "Nazareth" by Charles Gounod, arranged by Riegger.

December 24, 11:00 a. m.: "Shepherds in the Field Abiding", traditional French, descant arranged by Edith Campbell; "The Babe in Bethlehem's Manger Laid" by Francis Buebendorf, arranged by Wallingford Riegger.

December 24, 5:00 p. m.: "What Child Is This?" Old English with descant; "The Citizens of Chatres" 16th Century French, arranged by Charles Dickinson; "Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming," M. Praetorius; "Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella," traditional French, arranged by Charles Dickinson; "Carol of the Bells," Ukrainian carol by M. Leontovitch, arranged by Peter J. Wilhousky; "Christmas Bell," George L. Osgood.

Changes Affecting Income Tax Payers

Joseph D. Nunan, Jr., Commissioner of Internal Revenue, this week reminded individual income taxpayers that Congress has changed from December 15, 1944, to January 15, 1945, the final date for filing Declarations of Estimated Income Tax, either original (as in the case of farmers), or amended, and paying of installments of estimated tax for the calendar year 1944.

Among the taxpayers affected by this change in dates are: farmers who exercised their right to defer filing declarations last April 15; others who have already filed 1944 declarations but desire to change their estimates by filing amended declarations; all persons who owe the final installment of 1944 estimated tax.

If a taxpayer who would otherwise be required to file an original or amended Declaration of Estimated Tax by January 15, 1945, files his annual income tax return for 1944 (on Form 1040) and pays all tax due by January 15, his return will serve as both a return and declaration and he need not file the 1944 declaration.

Also, if a taxpayer files his final 1944 return (on Form 1040) and pays the tax due on it by January 15, he need not pay the final installment which otherwise would be due on his estimated tax.

A bill from the collector for the final installment of 1944 estimated tax may be ignored by a taxpayer who files his annual return (on Form 1040) and pays the tax due on it by January 15.

These changes will enable a taxpayer, if he desires to do so, to wind up all of his 1944 income tax obligations by January 15, but it does not affect the filing of his 1945 declaration which will be due March 15. Also, taxpayers who do not file their final 1944 returns by January 15 must do so by March 15.

Re: Requests for Return of Service Men From Overseas

Due to the many inquiries received by the American Red Cross Southeastern Area Office concerning the role of the Red Cross in handling requests for the return of soldiers from overseas, Major General Frederick E. Uhl, commanding general, Fourth Service Command, has issued this statement:

"Such requests—granted in rare cases of family emergency or critical illness in the home—can now be made only through the Red Cross," he said.

"Under the new War Department procedure for making such application, first responsibility for investigating the actual need for a soldier's return to the States lies with the local chapter of the American Red Cross, though only at the request of military authorities.

"The chapter's report and the family request are then forwarded by the Red Cross to the field director of the proper theater of operations. In turn, the commanding officer in the theater takes whatever final action he considers proper."

LEON SEYMOUR AT HOME

Friends of O. Leon Seymour of Aberdeen will be glad to know that after several weeks' treatment at the Moore County Hospital he was able to be removed to his home Friday.