

Thanksgiving At Scientist Church

The Christian Science Society in Southern Pines held a Thanksgiving service as usual on Thanksgiving Day at 11 a. m., conducted by the First Reader, Mrs. Francis Gibson.

The Thanksgiving proclamation by the President of the United States was made a part of the service.

"Thanksgiving" was the subject of the lesson-sermon. The Golden Text was from Psalms 34:3. "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together."

Among citations were the following from the Bible: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour" (1 Timothy 2:1-3);

Selections from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, included the following: "Gratitude is much more than a verbal expression of thanks. Action expresses more gratitude than speech. . . What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds."

ON USS LEYTE

Joe R. Lawrence, steward's mate, first class, husband of Mrs. Nancy A. Lawrence of 299 New Hampshire avenue, Southern Pines, is a member of the supply department aboard the aircraft carrier USS Leyte, queen of the Navy's Mediterranean fleet.

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Worthless Checks To Be Made Good

Relatives of Mrs. Margaret Kennedy, of Albemarle, secured the release of the young woman from Moore County jail Saturday by paying her fine of \$300 on five charges of passing worthless checks, and signing an agreement to pay the rest of the amount due in monthly installments.

Costs of the case, amounting to \$86.45, are to be deducted first from the \$300, and the rest applied to making good several checks passed some three weeks ago at various points in Moore county.

These include \$50 to the Citizens Bank and Trust company here; \$11.75 to Patch's Department store; \$5 to Lewis B. Frye, \$4 to Ms. Priscilla B. Scofield and \$10 to W. B. Covington, all of Pinehurst.

Original amounts of the worthless checks held by Mrs. Scofield and Covington were for greater amounts, but the debts were reduced by return of the merchandise thus secured, it was reported at the office of the clerk of county court.

Van Fossen's Mother Dies In Philadelphia

News has been received here of the death in Philadelphia of the mother of L. Van Fossen, former resident of Southern Pines.

Mrs. Van Fossen, who had reached an advanced age, died Sunday following a long period of declining health.

Her son, known familiarly as "Van" to hundreds of friends here, made his home in Southern Pines during the war and is remembered for his many contributions to community happiness, in his portrayal of Santa Claus during the Christmas season, his welcome aid to visiting soldiers and their families and his wholehearted participation in activities of the Brownson Memorial church.

He is a representative of the Anchor Packing company and, though he now lives in Philadelphia, visits in Southern Pines every few weeks.

BIRTHS

Births reported at Moore County hospital, November 17-25:

November 18: To Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Roberts, Ashley Heights, a boy.

November 20: To Mr. and Mrs. Claudie W. Brady, Bennet, a boy. To Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bogle, Southern Pines, a boy.

November 21: To Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Overby, Carthage, a girl; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dowd, Pinehurst, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Dunn, Ellerbe, a boy.

November 22: To Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Dunn, Ellerbe, a boy.

November 24: To Mr. and Mrs. November 23: To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beck, Carthage, a boy.

R. O. McKenzie, Jackson Springs, a boy.

November 25: To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde A. Brewer, Robbins, a girl.

Births reported at the Moore County hospital, November 11-17: November 11—To Dr. and Mrs. R. M. McMillan, Southern Pines,

a girl.

November 12—To Mr. and Mrs. Roger Medlin, Cameron, a boy. To Sgt. and Mrs. C. D. Posen, Rockingham, a boy.

November 13—To Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Campbell, Carthage, a boy.

November 15—To Mr. and Mrs. Everett Mabe, Ellerbe, a girl; To Mr. and Mrs. John C. Blue, Ellerbe, a boy; To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Callaghan, Southern Pines, a girl.

November 17—To Mr. and Mrs. Lee Williams, West End, a girl.

ATTENDED INSTITUTE

William F. Henderson, of Southern Pines, assistant administrator of the Moore County hospital, attended the week-long Institute for Hospital Purchasing held last week for the southeastern area at the Biltmore hotel, Atlanta, Ga. The Institute was sponsored by the American Hospital association.

Death To Rodents Is Campaign Aim

Unless a concerted effort is made by North Carolina farmers to destroy rats and mice on their farms, they stand to lose 250,000 bushels of corn during the coming year, says Director I. O. Schaub of the State College Extension service.

Since corn and other grains are so vitally needed, Director Schaub says that the citizens of this state, both rural and urban, should make a concerted effort to rid their premises of these damaging pests.

The State College Extension service, in cooperation with the state board of health and the predator and rodent control division of the U. S. Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife service, are launching a statewide rat control campaign. The extension service will sponsor the program

in the rural areas, while the state board of health supervises the work in urban centers.

The campaign is scheduled to be held during the first week in December. Contact your local county agent for final details.

SCARLET FEVER

Four cases of scarlet fever have been reported during November to the county health department. While in no way constituting an epidemic, this is said to be an unusual number for any one month in Moore county.

Two of the cases were reported from Carthage, where Betty, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Flinchum, came down with the illness as her brother Shelby, was recovering. The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Dees, of nera Union, and a McKenzie child, of West End, are also ill. All cases were quarantined. All were said to be light, with the young patients getting on nicely.

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You then proceed with the inspection card to the wheel alignment and steering tester. It is very important that these vital mechanisms of your car be kept in good condition at all times. You will be asked to drive the front wheels of your vehicle across the wheel alignment tester, and the reading will be recorded on your inspection card. Then the front end of the vehicle will be jacked up to check the wheel bearing and steering mechanisms. After that, the car is dropped from the jack and the rear wheel alignment is recorded.

At this second post the inspector will also check the tie rod, drag links, mountings, joints, tires, horn, windshield wiper, rear view mirror, windshield and other glass, license plates, muffler, and brake drag to see that they all come up to the minimum requirements.

After the lights have been thoroughly checked and the inspection card has been punched accordingly, you will proceed to the brake tester, where your hand and foot brakes will be checked, and the grading will be recorded on the inspection card.

Now your vehicle is ready for its final grading. So you drive to the end of the safety lane, where an inspector will examine your inspection card and tabulate the results. If your vehicle measures up to the minimum requirements, a bright blue approval seal in the shape of the State of North Carolina will be stuck in the corner of the windshield. You can drive away happily, knowing your car is in good, safe operating condition.

When this check is completed, you will proceed to post number three where lighting equipment will be checked. The inspector will test your parking and driving lights, lens and

reflectors, headlights, stop light, tail light, and signal light. Special equipment will be provided for testing lights.

However, if a vehicle fails to measure up to the minimum standard requirements, its owner will be given a red, diamond-shaped sticker, bearing in black letters these words: "This vehicle must be delivered to a N. C. Mechanical Inspection Station on or before (date)." This vehicle must not be operated or parked on any street or highway after the date shown unless it carries an approved safety inspection sticker.

Once a vehicle has been rejected, it is then up to the owner to take it to a garage or repair shop and get its defects corrected. When the defects have been corrected, the owner then returns to the inspection station for another test, and if the car is found to be in good order, its owner will be issued an "approved" sticker. On this second visit, only the part that failed to pass inspection the first time will be checked, and there will be no additional fee.

Your inspectors will be as lenient as possible at the beginning of the inspection program. They realize that due to the recent war, automobiles and parts have been hard to get.

However, if they occasionally inspect a vehicle that is in such unsafe condition that it is definitely a hazard to life and property, they will tag the windshield with a large 8 by 10 inch yellow sticker, bearing a red cross, labeling that vehicle CONDEMNED. Printed on the sticker will be these words: "This vehicle is unsafe and must not be operated or parked on roadways or any public place." CONDEMNED vehicles cannot be driven away from the inspection stations. They must be towed away.

A copy of the CONDEMNED report will be sent to local law enforcement officers, who may take what action they deem necessary. If the owner of such a vehicle wishes to have extensive repairs made to bring it up to minimum requirements, he may have it towed to a garage and get a certificate from the person or firm making the repairs. He may then return to the inspection lane for another check-up.

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