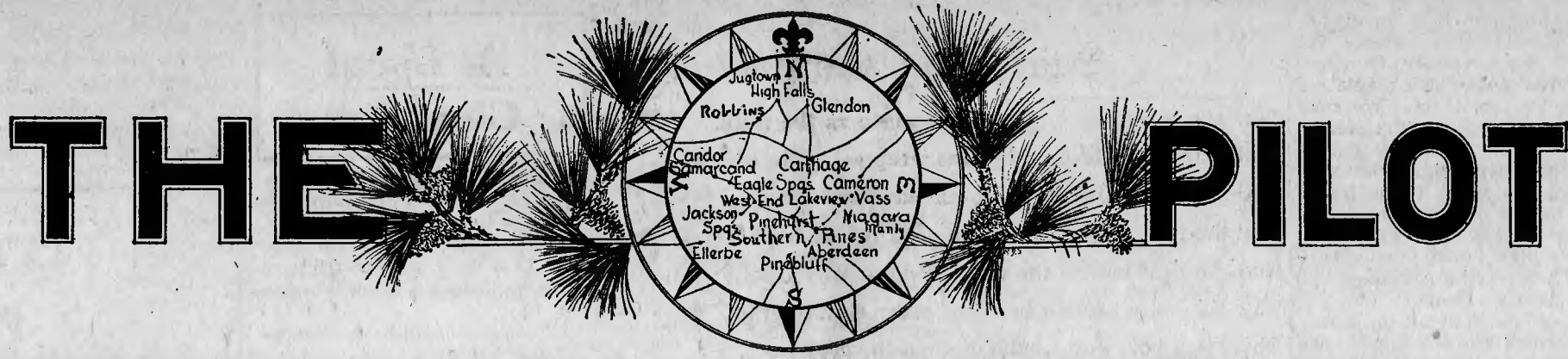


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TEN CENTS

Ready Response Has Assured That All Needy Families Will Receive Baskets

VFW, Elks, Others Work With Council

But More Gifts, Cash Will Be Welcomed

Through the generous contributions and services of individuals and organizations here no worthy family on his list of almost 100 names will be forgotten this Christmas, said Col. D. L. Madigan early this week.

However, said Colonel Madigan, who is serving as Christmas chairman of the Council of Social Agencies, any further gifts of money, toys, household articles or food will be most gratefully received, and will go where they are most needed, to add to the Christmas joy of the very poor.

Every case on the list, sent to the Council from the welfare department's active files, has been personally investigated, and where the families were found to be not actually in need, the names were taken from the list.

These, however, he said, were few.

In most of the families there are small children, looking forward like all others to the great day of Christmas. For each of these there will be something, if only one small toy.

Good Coordination

He was especially pleased at the cooperation accorded the Council of Social Agencies by other groups, enabling it to fulfill its primary function of a clearinghouse, coordinating the activities toward Christmas aid and avoiding duplication and omissions.

In undertaking the supplying of Christmas cheer for 20 families, Bob Thomas, chairman of the Christmas committee of the John Boyd post, VFW, checked with (Continued on Page 5)

Samarcond Girls Will Have Gifts Christmas Parties

Girls at Samarcond Manor are looking forward to a happy Christmas, with parties, presents and remembrances from many outside the walls.

It's to be a quiet Christmas, according to Miss Reva Mitchell, superintendent, with many rules relaxed which ordinarily govern the routine of the school and daily living.

The season began at Samarcond last Wednesday, which was an all-day visiting day. Families of about 50 of the 150 girls came to see them, many bringing presents which were held to be placed under the Christmas tree. Last Thursday, the girls gave a Christmas pageant, at which there were a number of visitors and on Friday, school closed for the Christmas holidays. That night Miss Mitchell had a party at her home for 21 student councilors, girls (Continued on Page 5)

Saks Features New Decorative Medium Developed By Southern Pines Couple

The day after Christmas, Saks Fifth Avenue in New York City will blossom out with a beautiful southern-resort window.

The flowery effect of the window will be enhanced by a floor of satiny tiles in alternating soft mossy-green and smoky-rose, to coin some color names. These particular colors have no names, as yet—they're too new.

The tiles are something new and lovely; they were made in a pleasant basement workshop right here in Southern Pines, which they left no longer ago than Saturday; and they represent the beginning—one of the beginnings, that is—of what may well turn out to be one of the most flourishing little enterprises the town has ever had, as well as a career for one of its nicest young couples.

They are Mr. and Mrs. William L. White, who live in a charming cottage to match their name out on Grover road, a home already

GEN. MARSHALL

Here is a special Christmas greeting to the Sandhills' most distinguished visitor—Gen. George C. Marshall, and also Mrs. Marshall, who are in residence at Liscombe Lodge, Pinehurst, for an indefinite stay.

The Secretary of State arrived by army plane Saturday after having reached Washington, D. C., Thursday direct from the London conference. Mrs. Marshall preceded him by some weeks, readying their winter home for his arrival.

They attended church Sunday at the Village Chapel at Pinehurst, where Dr. T. A. Cheatham conducted a Christmas service. Though the Secretary is here for a rest, he and Mrs. Marshall have an invitation to visit the Christmas Charity ball of the Sandhills post, American Legion, Friday night and it is hoped they may drop in.

A very merry Christmas to them both!

N. C. Sanatorium Patients Will Be Remembered

TB Association And Local Friends Send Gifts

The Moore County Tuberculosis association will follow its custom of long standing in furnishing Christmas cheer for Moore county patients at the N. C. Sanatorium at McCain (as the Sanatorium post office will be known after January 1).

Mrs. T. A. Cheatham, president, of Pinehurst, and her county committee are seeing to it that every patient is remembered. The nine white and five Negro patients from this county will receive gifts of attractive clothing useful to those who have to stay in bed a lot—sweaters, pajamas and similar items—and also such wanted articles as cosmetics and stationery.

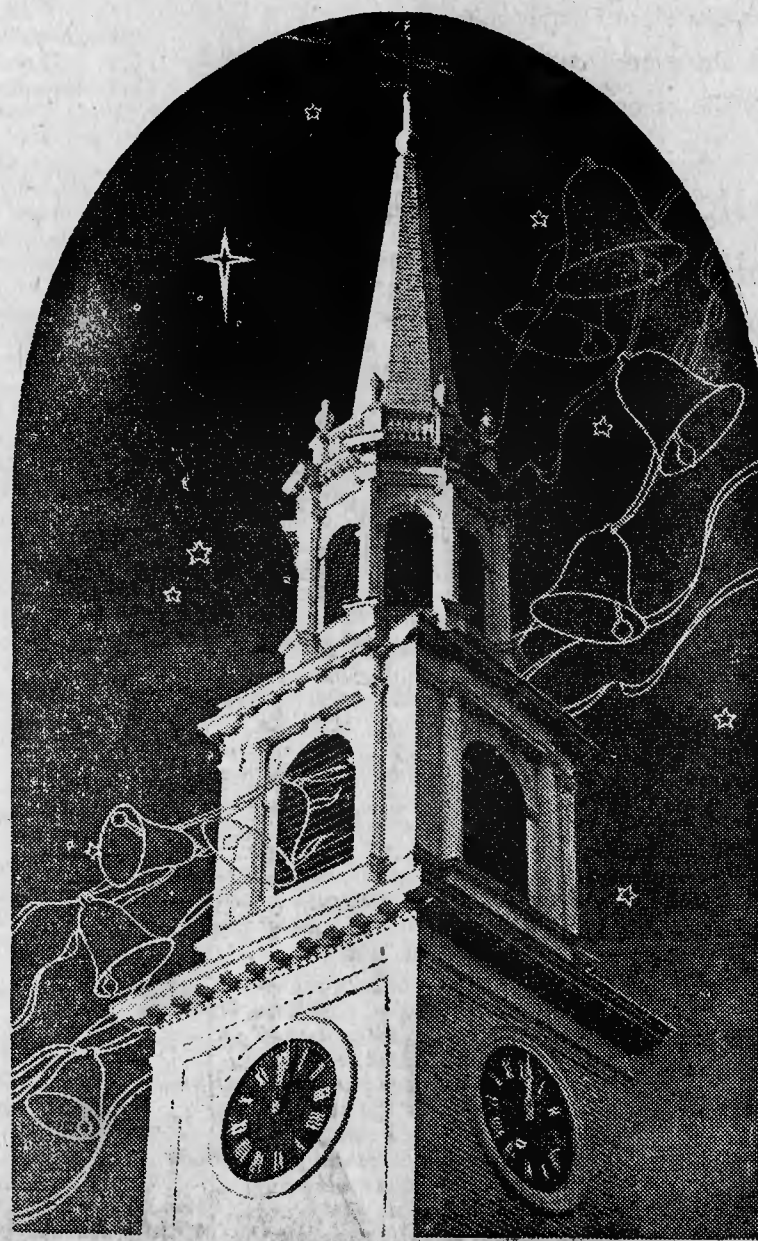
The gifts are donated by members and friends, and some are also purchased.

A group of friends in Southern Pines are also sending pretty scrapbooks to all the children at the Sanatorium, numbering about 35 this year.

This is part of the annual Christmas cheer observance at the hospital, where ordinary rules are suspended for the day as far as is commensurate with the patients' well being. Christmas trees are placed about the buildings so that each one can enjoy the happy sight, visitors may stay all day and visiting rules among patients are relaxed.

The Sunshine club, of employees and their wives, sees to it that each patient has a special gift. (Continued on Page 5)

AGAIN THE LIGHT IN THE EAST GLEAMS BRIGHTLY



SUDDENLY, high above, the star appears and we draw apart from the mouthings in the market place and the mad rush of things to kneel in wonder and worship at the feet of the Babe of Bethlehem. This light—this unfading star—is the symbol by which all men should chart their course. No other compass is needed to bring peace and happiness to oneself and the world. Man is the only thing out of tune in the whole great universe. Still—for over nineteen hundred years the course has been clearly charted. Even so—the world progresses and it's Christmas A. D. 1947. May the joys of the holidays linger with you. May this light guide you and may the peace and happiness it represents stay in your heart through all the days of the coming year. Remembering with grateful appreciation the loyalty of our friends and our pleasant association, we bring for you and yours this—a Christmas wish for peace and joy.

THE PILOT

Carols Heard At Community Sing

Music sweetly filled the air around the town park last Thursday evening, when the high school glee club and orchestra presented Christmas music, and also led in the singing of a number of carols by their audience.

The occasion was the annual community sing, sponsored this year for the first time by the Rotary club.

The crowd was small to begin with, but as the music was heard more and more arrived, until toward the end some 100 people stood singing under the stars.

The orchestra directed by J. G. Womble was arranged on an illuminated stand, whose lights shown brightly on their glittering new instruments, and the glee club, directed by Miss Hope Bailey, stood behind them. The stand had been erected by E. J. Austin, who with Garland Pierce was chairman of the event.

In the singing of "O Come All Ye Faithful," George Hodgkins led with a trombone solo, his trombone then carrying the air for the singing of the crowd. Similarly, the "brass choir" of six boys playing brasses led "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear." Numbers sung by the glee club included "The First Nowell," "The Birthday of the King," "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light," and "O Little Town of Bethlehem," also a group of carols from the Czech and medieval French. "Silent Night," and "Joy to the World" were sung by the crowd all together. (Continued on Page 5)

Holly Tree On Lawn Of Library Wins Pilot's Title Of Biggest And Best

CHRISTMAS TREE

One of the town's loveliest sights of the holiday season is the twin holly tree in front of the post office, illuminated at night with three spotlights shining upward among its low-sweeping branches.

Thick with nature's own ornaments, holly berries in giant clusters, the tree thus lighted appears more red than green.

Every night passersby stop to admire. "That's the prettiest Christmas tree I've seen yet," one of them said.

Travis Will Speak At Rotary Club Event

Gus Travis, humorist famed throughout the Carolinas, and columnist on the Charlotte Observer, will be the featured speaker at the annual Ladies' Night of the Southern Pines Rotary club, it was confirmed this week by Rev. T. G. Humphries, chairman for the event.

Around 150 guests are expected for the banquet and program, to be held Friday, January 2, at the Highland Pines Inn, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

The occasion is a highlight of the club year with emphasis on fun and merriment. Besides the chairman, Morris Johnson, Al Howlett, Garland Pierce, Russell Lorensen, Lloyd T. Clark and Julian Tadlock are serving on the committee.

Many Are Measured And One Is Chosen

The Pilot has completed his tour of the holly trees in town, seen a goodly lot, missed a few, peradventure, and come to the firm conclusion that, tall or short, large or small, single tree or double one, "of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown."

He set out on this quest, with the idea of satisfying himself, and a few readers who were nose parkers, like himself, as to which was the biggest holly in town, which the prettiest, which had the most berries and a few other useless but intriguing questions.

After several days of touring about, in the course of which a good many innocent strollers, playing children, dogs, cats, and squirrels barely missed extinction beneath the bows of his trusty craft, the Pilot was able to make a list of holly trees. To copy it word for word, would be perhaps the wisest plan. It goes as follows:

Southern Pines Holly Trees
Mr. Knowles' holly trees, one with berries, one without. Terrific thorns, 33 inches in circumference (trunk, not thorns), a foot up from ground, must be the biggest.

Tree next to big white house, Mrs. Thrower's. Heck! No berries. 37 inches circumference, though. Too bad no berries, might have gotten second.

Phooey! Tree on place next to Mrs. Thrower's, also no berries. (Continued on Page 5)

Deane Advises Conservation Of Oil To Tide Over Crisis In N. Carolina

HOLIDAY

Staying open until late on the evenings before Christmas, practically all stores and other businesses in town will be closed Thursday, Christmas day, and also Friday, according to announcement by John S. Ruggles, Chamber of Commerce president.

Most will reopen for business Saturday morning. Exceptions will be the Southern Pines Warehouses, Inc., and Shaw Paint and Wallpaper company, which will stay closed until Monday.

The Citizens Bank and Trust company will be closed December 25 and 26, also next Thursday, January 1, which many businesses will observe as a holiday.

Santa, Musicians Visit Hospital As Auxiliary Guests

Christmas cheer will be taken to patients in the Moore County hospital in the way made traditional by the hospital auxiliary in the past several years, with its sponsorship of a "Christmas party" held at the hospital Christmas morning.

Members of the Dunes club orchestra will again play their important part, leading the way through every corridor, on every floor, going into each ward and from room to room to play the loved Christmas airs. Besides "Jingle Bells," carols and other songs of the season, the musicians will play special numbers as the patients request them, of the selections they yearn most to hear.

Behind the musicians will come Santa Claus, brimming with Christmas cheer and giving a gift to every patient—toys and picture books for the children, other attractive and useful presents for every sick person.

There will also be presents for all the staff.

In making their rounds, the orchestra and Santa visit kitchens, linen rooms, offices and every other part of the hospital, as well as the wards and sickrooms.

The gifts are provided through many sources: members and friends of the hospital auxiliary, the Junior Red Cross in county schools, and some by purchase.

Mrs. J. Talbot Johnson heads the committee for the Christmas party, as she has for the past two Christmases. She will be assisted in carrying out the party plans by Mrs. M. G. Nichols, auxiliary president, and Miss Pauline Nichols.

TWO ISSUES

The town board at a special meeting Monday afternoon decided to present two separate ordinances for vote of the people in connection with proposed improvements to the school athletic fields.

Instead of voting on one \$30,000 bond issue, the people will be asked to vote separately on two issues, one of \$15,000 for floodlights, the other, also of \$15,000 for a grandstand, and general improvements to the fields at both white and Negro schools.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

The annual sung Christmas midnight mass will be held at St. Anthony's Catholic church, beginning at the hour of midnight. On Christmas morning, there will be low masses at 7, 8 and 10:30.

Confessions will be heard Christmas eve from 5 to 6 p.m., and from 7:30 to around 8:30.

EARLY PUBLICATION

Though this paper is dated December 26 the actual publication time was Tuesday afternoon, December 23, to allow the staff a Christmas holiday.

News of this week which missed the earlier deadline will be found in next week's issue.

Chilly Christmas Is In Prospect

Federal Gov't Powerless

With fuel oil supplies running critically short, it looked like a chilly Christmas for many families, with every indication that the situation would continue to grow worse.

A check of Southern Pines' three oil dealers reveals that each one is serving only its regular customers, and those on only a most stringent basis. So far, except for a few days here and there in which no oil was available, most users have received enough to keep their heaters and oil burners going.

At O'Callaghan's, Esso dealers, kerosene is entirely out, and fuel oil is dwindling rapidly. "We have enough to get our regular customers through Christmas and hope that January 1 will bring us an allotment which will carry us through that month," said J. W. Causey. "We are advising all oil users to conserve."

On Rationed Basis

Herbert N. Cameron, Sinclair dealer, said that so far, enough oil has come in from time to time to keep his regular customers going on a rationed basis. "When we get in some, we divide it out the best we can," he said. Some was expected in Tuesday or Wednesday from his supplier in Wilmington to tide over the Christmas season. A majority of his customers, he said, have large reserve tanks, which they filled last summer or in the early fall, and thus have not felt the pinch.

Ralph Chandler, of the Sandhill Oil company, Purol dealers, said also that they have been able to keep their regulars supplied, but have cut stores and other places retailing kerosene down to an 82 per cent quota this month, based on December sales last year. Starting the season with a (Continued on Page 5)

Church Group Will Cheer Prisoners At Highway Camp

Rev. Tucker G. Humphries and a group of parishioners from the Church of Wide Fellowship will go to the highway prison camp near Carthage Wednesday afternoon for their annual Christmas party and service for the prisoners.

According to Supt. M. C. Jackson, this is the only notice taken by the outside world of these men at Christmas. Very few packages and hardly any mail comes for them, and except in special cases no extra visiting time is granted for the families, who may see the men only on the first and third Sundays of each month.

This is the fifth year for the holding of the Christmas party, to which the local group will go taking presents for each man: a Bible, writing paper, stamped envelopes, a pipe, tobacco, cigarettes shaving cream and other wanted articles. Wrapped with them will be the treats of fruit, nuts and candy which mean Christmas to adults as well as to children everywhere.

A worship service, with prayer, will be held by Rev. Mr. Humphries, and the men will join in the singing of Christmas hymns and carols. Mrs. L. D. McDonald, church organist, will be at the piano as usual for the singing.

Although this is the only Christmas observance made for the men by any outside group, the state takes note of the season with a turkey dinner Christmas day. Dinner is served with all the trimmings, some of them fruit and vegetables canned by the prisoners at their own cannery last summer. Bags of fruit and nuts are distributed.

All work except the most essential chores will end for the long week end, from Wednesday afternoon till Monday morning. Employees are given as much time off as possible, with only a skeleton staff kept on duty, and no highway labor is done.