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Friendship Train

A big red freight car stood on the siding at Cameron Tuesday afternoon, its open door piled with the produce of Moore County's fields and markets. This was the carload of food being donated to the Friendship Train by the people of this county, as part of the Christian Rural Overseas Program.

Men busied themselves about the trucks that came in with bags and cartons to be loaded aboard. Clyde Auman of West End, chairman of the Friendship Train committee for Moore County, with his assistant chairman, W. G. Caldwell of Carthage, were in charge of the proceedings.

In a brief address which opened the dedicatory exercises, chair-

man Auman explained the purpose of the work: it was, he said, an effort to give to the rural people of the country, who were often "long on crops and short on cash," an opportunity to contribute to the feeding of the needy overseas. The great proportion of the food collected, he said, had come in as direct contributions from farmers, in the form of bags of corn, wheat, barley and other farm produce. Added to this was a vast quantity of canned goods, contributed or bought by the committee with money given them.

Auman stated that about 20,000 pounds of food had been collected, filling about two thirds of the car. It had been hoped, he said, (Continued on Page 8)

Christmas Lights Are All A-Sparkle; Prizes Awarded In Business District

Home Displays Will Be Judged Christmas Eve

The town was in full sparkle this week, as many homes and most business houses decked themselves in lights and tinsel for the Christmas season.

Though simpler than in pre-war years, the exhibits are among the most beautiful ever seen here, was the consensus of many of those who rode about town during recent evenings, to see and to admire.

Judges in the Chamber of Commerce Christmas display contest viewed the business district Wednesday evening, and yesterday announced their choices. Other judges will tour the residential district Christmas Eve night.

Snow Castle Is Winner

In the business district, a snow castle made by members of Miss Bess McIntyre's fourth grade, displayed in the window of Tots' Toggery, won for that shop the first prize of \$10. Miss Katherine Wiley, proprietor, expressed her delight in the award, and said it will be given to the fourth grade.

The large castle is apparently the home of the whole Santa Claus family, as it is adorned with Santas of all shapes and sizes, scooting off in silver sleighs, peering from the chimney, smiling from the windows and seated before the fireplace inside. Mrs. Santa is there too, and other figures of Christmas lore.

Second prize of \$5 was awarded Hayes Book store, where a beautiful Christmas scene lies beneath a star-studded sky. The miniature figures and expanse of real Sandhills sand give an effect of immeasurable distance.

Honorable Mentions

Special honorable mention went to Clark's Funeral home, where a softly lit outdoor scene of the (Continued on Page 5)

CHAIRMAN



A. B. Patterson, of Southern Pines, proprietor of the Sandhills Funeral home, has accepted chairmanship of the 1949 fund raising drive of the Moore County chapter, American Red Cross, according to announcement by Col. G. P. Hawes, chapter chairman.

The drive will take place in March. Mr. Patterson, civic worker in many good causes in Southern Pines and the county, is expected to start setting up his organization soon after the first of the year.

CAROLERS

Among several groups of young carolers which have been about during Christmas week, one composed of members of the Southern Pines school's fourth and eighth grades gave much pleasure Wednesday night.

With parents enlisted to drive them, they went from one part of town to another for about two hours, singing very sweetly and happily the age-old carols of Christmas.

Visit From Santa, Music, Gifts For Hospital Patients

It is no fun being in a hospital at Christmas—but patients at the Moore County hospital will have their own bit of Christmas cheer, with music, gifts and a visit from Santa himself, in the Hospital auxiliary's annual "Christmas party."

The "party," a custom of several years' standing, will begin at 10:30 Christmas morning, when Santa Claus and his musicians will begin their tour of the hospital, accompanied by an assistant rolling a cart full of gifts.

There will be something for everyone. A variety of suitable gifts is being assembled by young people of the Junior Red Cross, for patients in the wards. The Junior Red Cross, whose chairman is Mrs. Hugh Carter of Pinehurst, is also providing gifts for all hospital employees.

Patients in private rooms will each receive a beautiful orchid, through an annual courtesy of Mrs. W. A. Way, of the Carolina Orchid Gardens. Staff members and nurses will receive red roses, as gifts of the Auxiliary.

Music has traditionally been provided by members of the Dunes club orchestra, giving their services without charge. This year, with the orchestra temporarily disbanded, one member who remains has undertaken to carry (Continued on Page 5)

Christmas Mail Pours Through P. O. As Late Mailers Bring New Armfuls

More people are mailing late; more people are mailing cash; but just about the same number of people are mailing this year as last, said Acting Postmaster A. Garland Pierce this week, releasing some interesting figures on the Christmas mail.

Up until close of business Tuesday of this week, 162,340 pieces of mail had passed through the post office canceling machine in December. On the first three days of Christmas week, the average was about 14,000 pieces (outgoing) a day. The volume was expected to drop sharply Thursday and Friday—but incoming mail will probably then reach its peak.

The post office will stay open till 9 o'clock tonight (Friday) and hopes to clear out every bit of mail before Santa starts his rounds. Except for the lateness of some of the trains, over which they have no control, the regular workers and their Christmas aides have the situation well in hand

and have been handling the mail, both outgoing and incoming, about as fast as it can be handled.

The anticipated 10 per cent increase in volume over last year has failed to materialize, said Mr. Pierce. Lagging 2.85 per cent behind last year's figures up until Tuesday of this week, it suddenly spurted slightly ahead of the 1947 volume, indicating that peacetime ways of eleven-hour mailing are creeping back on the populace again. Armloads of Christmas cards accounted for much of this.

The increase in cash gifts has been one striking feature of the 1948 Christmas mail, said Mr. Pierce. Registered mail containing cash is running just about triple last year's figures. He had no handy explanation, but one can picture many individuals quailing before the problems of 1948 shopping, and giving up with a despairing "Oh, heck, let him buy his own gift." (Continued on Page 8)

White Selected By Directors As C Of C Manager

Tom White, of Ellerbe, will be the new manager of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, by choice of the directors meeting in regular session at the Belvedere hotel Tuesday night.

Mr. White was present at the meeting, the last of three candidates to visit Southern Pines for interviews with the directors. All are December graduates of the University of North Carolina, chosen through the University Placement bureau at the behest of the board in seeking a successor to Tom Wicker, who is resigning.

The new manager, who will come to work January 3, is a former NATS pilot, 26 years old, the son of Mrs. Roberta White, Ellerbe postmaster. He graduated from the Ellerbe High school, attended Louisburg Junior college and Elon college, and was employed by the Carolina Power & Light company for two years, at Henderson and at Wadesboro, before entering the navy as an aviation cadet in January, 1943.

After winning his wings at Pensacola, Fla., in June, 1944, he was assigned to the Naval Air Transport Service, flying Coronados and C-47s, based at Alameda, Cal., then at Patuxent River, Md. He was released December 10, 1945, and entered the school of commerce at the University of North (Continued on Page 5)

HAPPY HOLIDAY!

The long holiday week ending closing, from Saturday through Monday, will be general among offices and businesses here.

Restaurants and theatres will be open, and some specialized businesses, such as garages, will not observe the Monday holiday. Next Wednesday will be a half-holiday as usual for most stores, as they return to their pre-Christmas schedule.

The post office, whose parcel post window will stay open till 9 tonight, will observe on Christmas day its only complete holiday of the year. All service will be suspended except for delivery of "specials."

At Carthage, county offices will close at 12 noon today, to reopen Tuesday morning. There will be no recorders court until January 3.

Local and county schools closed Wednesday. Making up for time lost at the start of the semester, the Southern Pines school will resume classes next Wednesday morning.

Midwinter Junior Horse Show At Pinehurst Sunday

The 12th annual Mid-Winter Junior Horse show will be held in the riding ring of the Carolina hotel Sunday afternoon, with the first class scheduled to enter the ring at 2 p. m. A program of eight classes has been announced by Dennis Crotty, Carolina Hotel sports director, who is in charge of arrangements and direction of the show.

Special prizes will be given in addition to the ribbons. Prizes are being donated by the Carolina hotel, Holly Inn, Berkshire hotel, Manor hotel, Pine Crest inn and Pinehurst, Inc.

Judging the classes will be Mr. and Mrs. William J. Stratton, of Southern Pines, well known in riding circles in the Sandhills. A. Corbett Alexander will be ringmaster.

The program will be as follows: Lead-in class for small children; 2 Children's horsemanship, 16 years of age and under; 3 Children's hunter or jumpers; 4 Pairs of hacks; 5 Open jumping; 6 Handy hunter or a knock down and out class; 7 Green hunters—open; 8 Working hunters. There will be no entry fee and (Continued on Page 8)

Judge's Error Brings Dismissal Of Pinebluff Suit

The state supreme court last Wednesday dismissed the appeal of a group of Pinebluff citizens, who sought to nullify the county-wide school bond election held last August on grounds that it was illegally conducted.

The case was dismissed as being one in which the court had no jurisdiction, as through inadvertence of Judge F. Don Phillips, of Rockingham, entry was incorrectly made that the appeal was taken by the defendants instead of the plaintiffs. Judge Phillips had, following a hearing at Rockingham, held in favor of the defendants.

Judge Barney, of the supreme court, who rendered the court's opinion, added the notation, however, that the plaintiffs would not in any case be entitled to recover, as in bond issues of this character (the erection of school buildings, adjudged necessary) approval needed only to be given by a simple majority, not by a vote against the registration as plaintiffs contended.

Sent To Attorneys

The opinion, rendered in duplicate to attorneys representing the contending parties, has been included by Spence & Boyette, attorneys for the defendants, in papers sent to New York bond attorneys to get preparations for the bond issuance under way.

In the meantime, according to (Continued on Page 5)

Elks Entertain 400 Youngsters At Party Complete With Santa, Gifts

Around 400 youngsters, complete with assorted parents and other relations of varying degrees, were happy guests at the Sandhills' biggest party of the season—the Elks' Santa Claus party, held at their lodge on South May street Wednesday afternoon.

Promptly at 2 o'clock, the party's opening hour, the children started arriving, and they kept streaming into the lodge grounds for the next three hours.

Thanks to the Elks' efficient management and strategically placed helpers and guides, the party never got out of hand, and what could have turned into quite a jam remained an orderly, smooth-running event.

In the pine grove behind the lodge, the children lined up to pass around a roped-off square centered with a Christmas tree. At the first corner, Howard Burns handed each one a bag of fruit and Christmas candy. Then up a long green-covered ramp they

went, to meet and greet old Santa himself—a smiling, jolly Santa right out of the storybooks, who cuddled each young 'un in his arms, won their smiles and harkened to their whispered wishes.

Faces Alight

Some of the younger ones held back at first, not quite sure what this was all about, but were soon smiling up into Santa's friendly face. Their slightly older sisters and brothers flung themselves upon Santa, their faces alight, eyes sparkling with eagerness at sight of their very own Saint.

As they passed down the ramp on the other side of Santa's throne, Tony Reese and Tommy Vann handed each a gift from a huge, diminishing pile.

'Night Before Christmas'

Occasionally Santa took a rest, and at these times Col. Don Madigan, chairman for the event, was assisted by Bob Smith in showing "The Night Before Christmas" on (Continued on Page 8)

Christmas Services

This Christmas week is filled with song and worship as, beginning last Sunday and ending next, at one church after another the music of the Nativity rings out, and heads are bowed in prayer.

Only two churches will have services actually on Christmas day, the Catholic and Episcopal. At both of them, according to long-standing custom, many of other faiths will join the two congregations in the solemn services ushering in the day of Christ's birth.

At St. Anthony's Catholic church the solemn sung mass, celebrated by Father Clarence Hill, will begin at midnight. The church choir will sing, with Mrs. L. D. McDonald at the organ. In

preparation for Holy Communion, confessions will be heard from 4:30 to 6, and from 7 to 8:30 Christmas Eve. On Christmas morning there will be two low masses, at 8 and 9 o'clock.

Mass will be sung at midnight also by Father Herbert Harkins in the little chapel of the Franciscan Sisters at St. Joseph of the Pines, and their Christmas morning masses will be at 7 and 8 o'clock.

Episcopal Church

At Emmanuel Episcopal church, the solemn Christmas service will begin at 11:30 Christmas Eve. This will be a service of Holy Communion, with carols and other sacred music of the season sung by the church choir, with Mrs. (Continued on Page 8)

McBryde Resigns As Senator-Elect; Cherry Will Call Special Election

ALUMNI GAME

Girls' and boys' basketball teams of the Southern Pines High school will meet the alumni in contests to be held at the Aberdeen gym next Thursday evening.

A number of alumni, principally boys and girls of former teams home from college for Christmas holidays, have come out for the event, and fast work is expected on both sides.

The teams will be transported by bus from the school, and a good crowd of local fans is expected to attend.

Christmas Eve Party Planned For Prison Camp

The Church of Wide Fellowship's Christmas party, given annually for men at the highway prison camp at Carthage, will be held Friday afternoon, Christmas Eve.

Those going to the party will meet at the church at 3:30 p. m., for transportation in several cars, in which gifts for all the prisoners will also be carried. Anyone wishing to join the group is given a cordial invitation to do so, according to the pastor, Rev. T. G. Humphries.

This will be the sixth year the party has been held. It is the only recognition made by the outside world, other than the prison authorities and their own relatives, of these men serving sentences for crimes of varying degree. It is a real event at the camp, and the guests always take part with wholehearted joy.

Christmas Message

Carlos are sung, prayer is offered. The Rev. Mr. Humphries gives a Christmas message, with emphasis on the comfort and hope inherent in the Christian religion for everyone.

Mrs. L. D. McDonald is accompanist for the songs, in which the men join in with obvious pleasure. (Continued on Page 8)

Moore, Harnett, Randolph and Hoke Will Vote Again

Because of illness, Ryan McBryde of Raeford resigned Wednesday as senator-elect from the 12th Senatorial district and Governor Cherry set January 3 as the date for a special election to name his successor.

The 12th district comprises Moore, Hoke, Harnett and Randolph counties.

McBryde, a farmer and lumber dealer, represented his district in 1933, 1937, 1941 and 1945. He now is a patient in Highsmith hospital at Fayetteville and has been advised by his physician, the Governor said, that he may be sufficiently recovered to leave the hospital by late March.

The Democratic Executive committee of Hoke county, which is entitled to one of the district's senators this time under a rotation agreement, is expected to meet early next week, probably on (Continued on Page 8)

Youthful Golfers' Tournament Will Honor D. J. Ross

The first Donald J. Ross Junior Golf tournament, planned as an annual event for boys up to 17 years of age, will be held Monday at the Pinehurst Country club, under the club's direction and under sponsorship of the Pinehurst Chamber of Commerce.

The tournament is named in honor of the late Donald J. Ross, master golf course designer and Scottish-born devotee of golfing at Pinehurst. Mr. Ross was president of the Pinehurst Country club at the time of his death last April.

The junior tournament will be played on the No. 3 course of the famous Ross-designed Pinehurst layout. No. 3 is a 6,129-yard course with a par of 71, generally considered the easiest of the three courses.

Wide interest has been evidenced in the tournament, it is reported, and entries have been received from a number of places in the Carolinas, including Camden and Bennettsville, S. C., Charlotte and Fayetteville.

No entry fee and no greens fee will be charged, and entry may be made any time up to 10 a. m. on the tournament day. The tournament is designed simply to create competition for junior players and promote interest among them over as wide a section as possible, the sponsors say.

Prizes will be awarded for the winners in two classes, Class A for boys from 15 up to (but not including) 18 years of age, and Class B, boys up to (but not including) 15 years of age. Play will be medal play, with the gross score to count. The major trophy will go to the low gross score of the entire field. Other trophies will be awarded the low gross winners of the two divisions. USGA rules will apply throughout.

All any boy has to do is to be at the club before 10 a. m. Monday, and enter his name at the desk. And here's a suggestion from the sponsors—he may bring father along to caddy if he wishes.