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"Operation Christmas" - Men of Ninth Air Force Work To Make Kids Happy

Airmen Work For Christmas Joy At Four Orphanages

To almost 300 youngsters of three North Carolina orphanages, the Christmas tree decorations will be brighter and the yuletide spirit gayer this year because Old Saint Nick's traditional red garments will be hiding the uniform of Air Force Blue.

The three orphanages—Falcon orphanage near Fayetteville, the Freewill Baptist orphanage at Dunn, and the colored orphanage at Oxford—will be visited by Santa as part of Pope Air Force base's "Operation Christmas."

The personnel of Pope have already contributed more than \$2400, and gifts are continuing to pour in.

"Operation Christmas" started when two airmen in headquarters squadron of the Ninth Air Force learned that the management of Falcon orphanage near Fayetteville needed help in buying Christmas presents for its children. They told some of their buddies at Pope, and as the word spread over the base, a spontaneous desire to help the orphans resulted in the formation of a committee of airmen to receive contributions for a Christmas party.

Orphanages Visited
Once started, the operation has grown by leaps and bounds in its first few days of existence. Pope personnel heard of other orphanages in the area who needed assistance, and the committee of airmen visited three other orphanages within a 75-mile radius. Two of these orphanages—the Freewill Baptist orphanage of Dunn and the Colored orphanage at Oxford—were deemed needy of Christmas help and were added to the

operation.
The management of the third orphanage, the Masonic orphanage of Oxford, stated that it needed no financial assistance, but the committee plans to try to arrange for Santa to drop in there on a brief visit while he is on his rounds to the other orphanages.

Enlisted Men Do Work
Almost all of the work of organizing and launching "Operation Christmas" was done by the enlisted men at Pope. The two airmen who originally heard of the need existing at Falcon and started the operation were M/Sgt. J. F. Boyland and T/Sgt. G. H. Truston of the Inspector General's office of Ninth Air Force headquarters. Sergeant Truston is now serving as vice chairman of the base-wide committee, which is handling arrangements for buying and distributing the gifts.

However, senior officers at Pope are lending their whole-hearted support to the operation. It was formally endorsed by Col. Ernest K. Warburton, acting commanding general of the Ninth Air Force, and Col. F. F. Chetlain, Ninth Inspector General, is serving as chairman of the "Operations Christmas" committee.

In addition to providing Christmas cheer for the orphans, "Operations Christmas" will contribute to the future well-being of Falcon children.

Bus Gets Overhaul
One of the sources of income at Falcon is its traveling choir which presents choral programs in eastern North Carolina. However, the committee learned that the bus used to transport the choir has been broken down for several weeks and the management has been unable to have it repaired. Willing airmen towed the bus to Pope Field AFB where skilled mechanics are completely over-

County Chorus Will Hold Fourth Meeting Saturday

The Moore County chorus will hold its fourth meeting at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Sunday School room of the Carthage Presbyterian church. Songs will be sung, and their appreciation studied, under the direction of Dean Robert Smith, Scottish-born head of the music department of Flora Macdonald college and director of the college chorus.

Sponsored by the county home demonstration office, the county chorus is for the home demonstration clubwomen and members of their families, and also for anyone else who would like to join in for an enjoyable musical experience.

Moore is believed to be the only county in this section, perhaps the only one in the state, to have such a project under way. Starting with 11 members, the chorus had grown to 23 by the time of the last monthly meeting, and the expectation is that more members are to be added.

Greater enjoyment of music in the home, with enhanced appreciation by all members of the family, is the chief motivation behind the choral meetings. Singing talent is not required. However, sewing and reconditioning it in their off-duty hours.

Several hundred dollars of "Operation Christmas" funds are being diverted to purchase parts, paint and upholstery needed for the reconditioning. The reconditioned bus will be presented to the children at their Christmas party.

Current indications are that contributions will be enough to buy warm hats and gloves for all the children, in addition to individual toys and candy. Any money left over will be used to purchase equipment, such as radios and stoves, for the orphanage.

eral members of country church choirs in the group report much benefit from their practice under Dean Smith's experienced direction.

The meetings are generally held on the last Friday of each month. This time, the date has been moved up on account of Christmas activities. All interested in singing, or just listening, are welcome to attend, said Miss Flora McDonald, county home demonstration agent.

BIRTHS

At St. Joseph's Hospital
December 3—Mr. and Mrs. Norman Black, Pinehurst, a boy.
December 5—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ganis, Southern Pines, a girl.
December 6—Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ross, Ashley Heights, a girl.
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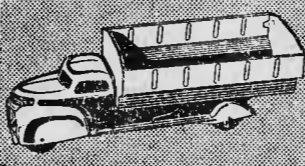


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