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Holiday Spirit Seen In Local Happenings of Christmas Season

Southern Pines citizens are spending a bustling week getting ready for Christmas, which as usual in the last few days, appears to be approaching at steam-engine pace.

In the midst of the seriousness and gravity provoked by war and the fear of war, they turned their thoughts to the centuries-old beauties of the season, and Christmas lights sparkling in streets and windows seem to have a power far beyond their size to dispel the gloom.

Christmas shopping actually began three months ago when boxes were being fixed up to mail to men in service overseas. Then there was a lull, as it looked as though despair would engulf us all.

This week neighbor thought of neighbor, each family member of each other member, and everybody thought of the children, in the time honored Christmas way. Santa Claus has been here twice already—once in the town's Christmas parade and again at the "Elks" party for the children Wednesday.

It will be here again this afternoon (Friday) and Saturday afternoon on invitation of the Chamber of Commerce, to visit with the children downtown on the streets and in the stores. This afternoon at 4 p. m. there will be a community Christmas sing in front of the bank. Sunday afternoon and evening, young people will go caroling, with special thought of shut-ins and convalescents.

Local holidays started Wednesday, and the college crowd is coming in. County and city offices and the bank will close for three days—Sunday as usual, Monday for Christmas and Tuesday for an extra long holiday. Many businesses will follow suit, though as the Pilot goes to press, it was not known how general this closing would be.

A festive downtown and through the residential districts is underway. Much thought has gone into some of the most beautiful Christmas decorations the town has ever seen.

Hundreds are making the night-ly pilgrimage to a modest home on West Vermont avenue, where a lighted life-size, handmade scene makes a realistic presentation of the first Christmas.

The exhibit of Christmas art through the aces, as seen in reproductions of great paintings loaned by the Metropolitan museum, is drawing many also to the Pine Arts room of the library.

In the midst of the rush, with so much to do and see, many are taking time for a sympathetic thought, a neighborly deed and prayer for a little ill child, a burned-out family.

Prayers are also being said for the men in Korea, and their families here.

The American Legion, VFW (Continued on Page 5)

CHRISTMAS SING

The combined choirs of all local churches will present a "Christmas sing" at 4 p. m. today (Friday) on West Broad street in front of the Citizens Bank building.

A program of carols and anthems will be given, and all present are invited to join in the singing, a community affair.

Tom Cordon will be song director, and S. B. Richardson is chairman in charge of arrangements. The event is being sponsored by WEEB, in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, and will be broadcast.

Parents Rescue Children As Fire Destroys Home

Maj. and Mrs. Avery S. Keller, awakened about 2 a. m. Tuesday by the smell of smoke, managed to save their two children and escape themselves just in time as fire gutted their home on North Ridge street.

Mrs. Keller was burned about the face and hands as she rushed through flames up the stairs to rescue 10-year-old Johnny. She remained several days at Moore County hospital, where it was reported her burns were not serious.

Members of the Southern Pines volunteer fire department responded promptly to the alarm sent in by Mrs. J. N. Steed, next door neighbor of the Kellers. They had a two-hour fight in bitter cold before the stubborn flames were under control.

The Kellers' furniture and clothing, except some in a downstairs bedroom which was not burned, were destroyed or badly damaged by fire and water. Damage done to the house was estimated conservatively at \$5,000.

The house belongs to Capt. and Mrs. Ben M. Bradin, who have been stationed in Germany for the past year and a half. The Kellers have lived there since August 9, when they moved to Southern Pines from Langley Field, Virginia. Major Keller is a squadron commander at Pope field. Mrs. Keller is a native of Germany, and (Continued on Page 5)

"Ort" Stuart Is Trophy Winner



"Peahead" Walker, left above, famed Wake Forest coach, was the center of attention at the Elks' football testimonial banquet last Saturday night, except at one point in the proceedings when the spotlight and applause were all for the young man in the center. It's Robert "Ort" Stuart, shown receiving the James S. Milliken award for most valuable senior player on the 1950 team. Making the presentation for the John Boyd post, VFW, is Lennox Forsyth. Story on Page 20. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

"Merry Christmas To All, And To All a Good Night!"



Mutual admiration is going on above, as Santa Claus and The Pilot take each other's measure. That's the 1949 Pilot Santa is beaming over, and we hope he'll like this one even better. It goes out to Santa, and to each one of its other readers in Southern Pines and other towns, states and foreign countries, with best wishes for health and happiness from THE PILOT.

No Results Seen From Bus Station Hearing at Raleigh

A Southern Pines delegation summoned to a hearing at Raleigh Tuesday, at which the Queen City Coach company was to show cause why it should not provide a bus station here, came home without any bus station, and feeling that they weren't much nearer to getting one.

After three hours and a half of testimony and summaries, the State Utilities Commission, all of whose members were present, set a date of January 15 for "some cooperation" to be evidenced. If "cooperation" is insufficient by that time, the Commission may schedule another hearing.

While expressing a desire to cooperate fully, representatives of the bus company, in getting specific, indicated this would be just exactly what has been offered in the past: 10 per cent of receipts to cover all expenses of a local station and management. They showed no willingness to (Continued on Page 3)

Rotarians Plan Christmas Eve "Prison Party"

Members of the Southern Pines Rotary club will sponsor the annual Christmas party for prisoners at the Carthage highway prison camp Sunday afternoon, Christmas Eve.

Anyone else in the community who wants to go is invited to join the Rotarians on this annual mission of Christmas cheer, said Johnnie A. Hall, chairman.

Cars will leave the front of the city hall at 2 p. m. carrying gifts for all of the approximately 100 men now at the camp. Each man will receive fruit, a New Testament, a pipe and smoking tobacco, stationery and envelopes and other useful articles. There will be chewing tobacco also for those who desire it and reading matter for all.

This is the first time the Rotarians' "party" has coincided with a religious service already scheduled at the camp and for this time the local group will dispense with its own music and service, which has hitherto been a regular feature. After a friendly visit and the distribution of gifts at 2:30 p. m., the visitors will remain to participate with the prisoners in their service set for 3 p. m. at the camp.

Members of Mr. Hall's committee include the Rev. C. V. Covell, L. V. O'Callaghan, Jr., and Rus- (Continued on Page 5)

NEARLY THERE

The amount of \$1,321.50, toward a community goal of \$1,400, was proudly announced this week by Norris L. Hodgkins, Southern Pines chairman for the Christmas TB seal sale.

He said, though, "That doesn't make the quota—and those last few dollars are the hardest ones to get!" That's because of the human trait of procrastination, which puts off till tomorrow what should be done today.

If those who have received Christmas seals in the mail and have not paid for them will do so at once, the quota can be made by Christmas, he reminded.

Town's Christmas Gift - New Water Plant In Use

The Town of Southern Pines has given itself a whop-ping Christmas present—an enlarged water plant, doubling the water capacity for this community.

The enlarged plant, on which construction has been under way for a year on the Carthage road, went into operation this week. It's still not quite completed, said Howard F. Burns, water superintendent. Some new switchboards have to be installed and motors hooked up. However, enough has been finished for the plant and equipment to go into use, and it is anticipated that all will be completed within a couple of weeks.

The finest part of the Christmas present so far perhaps is the new filter plant, which gives Southern (Continued on Page 8)

PO Flooded With Mail; Deliveries Saturday, Sunday

The Southern Pines post office, handling its biggest volume of mail since the wartime peak, today announced that it will carry on through Saturday and Sunday, Christmas Eve, to effect delivery of all first, second and third class mail and parcel post.

The Sunday deliveries, unprecedented in postal service history, were made necessary by the two-day embargo of last weekend brought on by the strike of railway yardmen. This dammed up the flood of Christmas mail at crucial centers. Then came the avalanche. Ever since then, the postal service has been trying to catch up, and they hope to do so by Sunday night, according to Postmaster A. Garland Pierce.

City delivery carriers will deliver mail all day Saturday and Sunday, taking out all mail received up to 9 a. m. Sunday. The parcel post truck will be out both days to deliver all parcels received Christmas Eve, and if necessary will go out again Monday.

Parcel post windows at the post office will be open from 2 to 6 p. m. both Saturday and Sunday. On Monday, Christmas day, no mail will be delivered, put in boxes or dispatched—not even airmail. All of those busy Santa Claus helpers, the postal employees, will have the full day at home with their families.

Cancellations of outgoing mail during this rushing week have exceeded 16,000 daily, the postmaster said, with incoming mail in proportion. He estimated that the total volume will exceed that (Continued on Page 8)

Ross, Kelly Congratulate Town And County On Securing Wyandotte Plant

Selection of the 260-acre site at Lakeview by the Wyandotte Worsted company of Waterville, Maine, for a location for future expansion won congratulations for Moore county and North Carolina this week from George L. Ross, of Raleigh, director of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development.

Mr. Ross said, "This is another indication of the high opinion of North Carolina which is held by industrialists throughout the country. It proves again that this state can meet their needs for today and also for tomorrow, offering not only natural advantages but progressiveness in tune with the times."

While the Wyandotte company has announced no definite plans, it is indicated that a very fine type of woolen plant, represent-

ing an investment of several million dollars and employing several hundred local workers, will be built on the site.

The chosen tract, which includes 100-acre Crystal lake, the Hotel Lakeview and other properties, is rated by Mr. Ross as one of the choice industrial locations in North Carolina. Besides providing an excellent source of water, the lake and adjoining property give the new owners ideal recreational facilities for potential workers of the community. Mr. Ross said he considers it a distinct tribute to the area and to the state that the Sandhills site was chosen after the consideration of other sites in several southern states.

Paul Kelly, administrative assistant in the Department in (Continued on Page 5)

Churches Will Mark Holy Season With Prayers For Peace

Church services here Sunday morning, at midnight and on Monday morning will usher in the Christmas season with reverent prayer and praise.

Their hearts sorely troubled at conditions facing their world today, the churchgoing people of Southern Pines will seek new hope and a promise of peace at the feet of the Babe in the Manger. Words of joy which have gladdened the hearts of man down through the ages will be spoken again, with new emphasis, at this Christmas time.

DECORATED

Cpl. Peter Meyers of the U. S. Marine Corps has been awarded the Bronze Star "for extreme gallantry under fire," according to word received by his sister, Mrs. Lois Beauregard of Southern Pines.

Corporal Meyers, 22, was decorated at the Naval hospital at Oakland, Cal., this week. Contrary to his expectation when he phoned his sister from the west coast last week, he won't be home for Christmas. He will have to stay at the hospital for treatment for a shattered leg bone, wounded by a shrapnel burst during the fighting at the Changjin reservoir, North Korea, November 23.

This was his second wound, his sister learned, hearing for the first time that he had been wounded November 9, hospitalized and returned to action. Along with the Christmas box she is sending him, he will have additional presents from the government—the Bronze Star, and two Purple Hearts.

Beer - Wine Sales Resumed In Moore; Election Nullified

Legal sales of beer and wine were resumed here Thursday as Moore county returned to the status quo B. E.—before the election.

As the result of last Wednesday's ruling by the State Supreme Court that the county vote of last August 26 was null and void, the ban which has been in effect since October 25 was removed.

The Court's decision, and the ensuing formalities, were timed just right to make Christmas a more cheerful season for those who like their beer and wine—also for the retailers, numbering (Continued on Page 5)

Winner of Kiwanis Builders Cup



Audrey K. Kennedy... "without thought or hope of personal gain." (Story on Page 5) (Photo by Emerson Humphrey)