

AFROTC Call Will Draw 8,000 Into Service Soon

About 8,000 Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps students, who will receive their commissions between next May 1st and April 30, 1954, can expect a quick call from Uncle Sam. The Air Force has announced that the 8,000 AFROTC men, to get their orders within four months after they are commissioned, will all be non-veterans or students not deferred for graduate study.

Fertilizers can be stored on the farm without loss if kept in a dry building and stacked so the air can circulate around the bag. By accepting delivery ahead of time, you can be sure you will have the fertilizer you need for good crop yields.

Cadet Major In Raleigh School

The North Carolina State College of A & E, Air Force ROTC Headquarters at Raleigh, announces the appointment of cadet Richard Ivor Levin as cadet Major in its corps of cadets numbering some (900) students at North Carolina State College.

Cadet Levin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer M. Levin of 601 N. Smithwick St., Williamston, North Carolina.

Cadet Levin is majoring in industrial engineering and is taking a course of communications in the Air Force ROTC program and upon graduation in June 1953 (masters degree), will be commissioned in the United States Air Force Reserve as a second lieutenant.

XXXMAS KISSES Mistletoe Bestows Good Fortune

VERY few people don't know what a sprig of mistletoe means at Christmas time—especially when there's a pretty girl standing beneath it! But few people realize that this very pleasant custom has its root in age-old superstitions.

The lore of primitive days contains many references to mistletoe. According to an ancient Norse legend, the sun god was slain by an arrow fashioned from the mistletoe plant. He was resurrected by his mother's tears, which falling upon the plant, were crystallized into pearly berries. Because of this magical healing, it was ordained that mistletoe should grow neither on heaven nor earth, but suspended between. That is the reason, runs the legend, that mistletoe is found

growing on trees. Mistletoe was of special significance to the Druids, ancient pagan priests of England, who cut it off trees with a golden knife used only for that purpose. They believed it possessed wonderful powers of healing and acted as a protection from witchcraft. During the December religious rites, it was bestowed upon individuals as a special mark of honor.

Because of its supposed salutary properties, mistletoe was often hung over the doors of primitive houses as a sign of good-will. Belief in magic has disappeared, but this custom still remains. And a kiss under the mistletoe still has its beneficent effects. Try it and see for yourself!



TIME FOR CAROLS . . . Men, women and children from Protestant churches blend their voices in carol singing before the blazing Yule log. This Christmas Eve custom is becoming increasingly popular throughout the country.

Parents-Teacher In Meeting Here

Directed by Miss Mary Wallace Foy, music teacher, the three fifth grades of Williamston presented a program of Christmas music for the Parent-Teachers Association in the high school auditorium Monday night.

William Griffin, fifth grade student, acted as master of ceremonies and introduced each of the songs the group sang. The music was representative of Christmas around the world and included Silent Night, Germany, "Fum, Fum, Fum," Spain; and "Kolyada, Kolyada," Russia.

The final number on the program "Angels We've Heard on High," a French carol, was sung by Caroline Coltrane, Polly Bunting, Lela Harrell, Stewart Davis, Ralph Yates, and Nat Meekins. The Rev. R. E. Walters, Methodist minister, gave the devotional.

No business sessions were held by the PTA, the executive council or the Band Parents.

Asa Crawford, vice-president who presided, announced that the next meeting will be held January 26.

Overcomes Handicap Of Living in Iron Lung

Van Nuys, Cal.—Although Mrs. Mary Ann Huff, a polio victim, is confined to an iron lung, she is rearing her children and running her household—via telephone. She has been in the respirator for three years, totally paralyzed except that she can move her head from side to side.

Women Workers Total 19,000,000 In Nation

About 19,000,000 women are gainfully employed today, according to the Women's Bureau of the Labor Department. This is an increase of half a million since 1951, according to the Bureau.

In 1951, \$1,719 was the average net income per farm worker while \$3,416 was the average net income of the industrial worker.

Planning Special Farmers' School

There will be short courses held at State College, January 5 to 30th on the following subjects: Dairying, beef cattle and field crops. These courses will be taught individually, that is, one person can only take one of the three courses at this time.

The dairy short course is a very practical one and much of the instruction is given at the college dairy farm. Subjects included are dairy cattle feeding, dairy herd management, diseases of dairy cattle, artificial breeding, milk sanitation, calf raising and many other things connected with running a dairy farm.

The beef cattle short course will include such subjects as soil starting a beef cattle herd enterprise, beef cattle feeding and management, diseases and parasites and marketing beef cattle.

The field crop short course will include such subjects as soil management, pasture and forage crops, tobacco production, cotton small grain and weed control.

Anyone interested in attending one of the short courses should report to the county agent's office at once, D. W. Brady, assistant county agent, announced.

Coal is Russia's most precious commodity, yet her stepped-up schedules are producing no more in a year than a normal 7-month output for U. S. mines.

Gypsies Holding To Way Of Life

A recent study in Great Britain showed that, in the last 450 years, little change has occurred in Britain's gypsy population. The report showed that gypsies still retain their own language, continued a nomadic life in caravans and settled down only in the winter.

Further, gypsies continued to earn their living by fortune-telling, part-time farm work, trading and hawking and remained largely illiterate and ignorant of the progress of the ages.

Yet the gypsies, it is said, remain extremely proud of their race and their language and are sensitive to prejudice against them. With all due respects to the gypsies, whom we have nothing against, we suggest they fall in

Regular Dance In The Legion Hut Friday

The American Legion Post will sponsor a dance in the hut here on Watts Street Friday evening, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. John Piland and his orchestra will play for the event, it was announced.

Though the gypsies have defied modern civilization successfully for many centuries, they are fighting a losing battle, are sure to lose out in the end, despite the predictions of gypsy fortune-tellers.

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Allegorical Parades Mark Mexican Year

THE PEOPLE in Mexico build elaborate floats for allegorical parades during the holiday season. For eight evenings before Christmas there is a religious procession at the head of which the figures of Joseph and Mary are borne. On the ninth evening entrance is permitted and a religious ceremony conducted about the straw-filled manger of the Babe.

True Christmas Spirit Is Found in Sharing

FOR A REALLY satisfying and meaningful Christmas, share yours with the old and feeble, the ill and shut-in, the bereaved whose sorrows you might lighten. Unfortunately, all the flurry and preparation associated with Christmas are apt to make parents as well as children overlook the real significance of the coming birthday of Christ.

FLIES HOME

A Martin County man was among 61 members of the 48th Fighter-Bomber Wing flying home from Europe for Christmas on a chartered Air France airliner. He is Sergeant Marvin T. Winberry of RFD 2, Robertsonville, who arrived home last week to spend Christmas with his wife and baby daughter he had never seen.

The idea for the chartered trip came from Corporal Winfred M. McLeroy of Hearne, Tex., who was eager to get home to be married. He negotiated with Air France to charter the plane for \$21,000, then sold tickets to 60 friends at the Chaumont Air Base in France where he is stationed. Seven North Carolinians were among the passengers.

News Notes From The Hayes School

Grade 6B, with Mrs. C. R. Owens as teacher, recently elected officers. These officers are George White, president; William Roberson, vice president; Jerome Brown, secretary; Levoria Jones, assistant secretary; Rosa Thompson, chairman of the program committee. The two major projects of this group are centered around good health habits and better personal relations. The motto is: "A good American controls himself."

This class with Mrs. L. S. Jones's 6A presented "Thanksgiving through the Ages" The representatives of the organized a club. Officers elected

Hayes Student Council participated in the conference of North Carolina Student Council Association held at Hillside High School, Durham, North Carolina, December 4-5. Mrs. N. C. Slade chaperoned the group. Representatives from Hayes attending the conference were Thaddeus Jones, Shirley James, Robert Council, Randolph Bunch, and Lula Spencer. Making their reports to the student body in a chapel program last Tuesday, these young people showed much interest and enthusiasm for the work of the student council.

Last Wednesday during the assembly Mrs. O. Peele Fields' 5B grade entertained the student body with a skit, "Man on the Street Interviews Christmas Shoppers."

Answering the call of the chairman of the P. T. A. Committee, F. L. Blount, the grade mothers of the school met in the home of Mrs. N. C. Slade and are as follows: Mrs. Cleo Finch, president; Mrs. Waddell Brown, vice president; Mrs. Olivia Lambson, secretary; Mrs. Ernestine Coffield, assistant secretary; Mrs. Rosas Wooden, treasurer. This group will collect from the families of the school community the assessment made and accepted by the parent group. Equipping the first aid room will be the first project of the club.

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