

# Merry Christmas

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Ten Pages This Week

### Pct. Of Farms In Orange County Have Electricity

Forty-five per cent of the farms in Orange county which have not electrified will have electricity within the foreseen future, E. Joyner, manager of the Orange Electric Membership Association, estimated this week.

Estimating that 65 per cent of the farms in Orange county as equipped with electricity, Joyner included those served by the University of North Carolina utilities and the Duke company.

According to survey results re-announced by Rural Electrification Administration, 129,831 farms in North Carolina, or 45 per cent of all the farms in the state, have electric service.

A study, which analyzes the rural electrification program to June 30, 1947, shows that 4 million farms—or 39 per cent of all farms in the U. S.—not electrified at that time. The survey ranks North Carolina 9th on its state-by-state of unelectrified farm totals. Compared with other states, there is a challenging job of catching up with the rest of the nation's farms in rural electrification.

Report carries with it the fact that a minimum of \$6,000,000 in new REA loans will be available to rural electric groups in North Carolina June 30, 1948. The REA has made available \$100,000 in loan funds for use during this fiscal year, which half is allotted to the states in direct proportion to their needs. The other half is available on a flexible basis, so no single state to get more than 10 per cent of it.

Rural electrification program which has been instrumental in raising the nation's average electrified farms from one in 10 in 1935 to six out of 10 is expected to move forward at a record rate during coming months. More rural power lines are being built today than before. REA borrowers alone have constructed approximately 72,000 miles of distribution lines and connected nearly 300,000 rural farms to their systems between July 1, 1946 and June 30,

### Chapel Hill Red Cross Drive Ends

Mildred M. Mooneyhan, chairman of the Junior Red Cross Chapel Hill, submits the following report for 1947-48.

There are six schools in the Chapel Hill chapter, with a membership of 1,775 children. Their contributions to the November membership drive totalled \$175, distributed as follows:

Chapel Hill elementary school, \$58.26; Chapel Hill high school, \$3.06; Orange county training school (elementary), \$8.70; Orange county training school (high school), \$5; White Cross elementary school, \$50.

The Junior Red Cross council consists of the following members with representatives listed first, alternates second and room teacher third: Virginia Humphreys, Miss Glass; Elizabeth Hayes, Fitch, Mrs. Harris; Judith Mason, Doris Mayse; Mr. and Mrs. Virginia Jones, Beth Harris, Cettinger; Elizabeth Carlisle; Mrs. Ballinger, Mrs. McIntosh; Mrs. Ann Roof, Margaret Evans, Hamilton; Nancy Pender; Billy Burch, Mrs. Simmons; Hedgpath, Kay McGavran; Cason; Jean Hinshaw, president; Jimmy Oakley, Miss Seagraves; Minnie Sue Womble, Frank Adams, Mrs. Plemmons; Thomas W. W. Womble, Barbara Bright, Mrs. Kay Smith, Barbara Cole, Mildred M. Mooneyhan.

### Mebane News

Miss Jennie Lasley was hostess Wednesday afternoon at a Christmas party for 36 friends of her great-niece and nephew, Marjorie and Richard Kale Jr. The house was decorated with greenery, berries and candles with the big Christmas tree the center of interest. Santa Claus arrived at 3:30 and heard requests from the young guests for their Christmas wants and gave out the gifts on the tree for them. Those present were: Marjorie and Richard Kale Jr., Mary Teena James, Linda and Jean James, Patsy and Al Crumpler, Tal and W. Y. Jobe, Anne Muse, Melba White, Cary Morgan, Amanda Workman, Penelope Bartis, Anne Strickland, Carolyn Wilkinson, Eilan and Sam White, Marjorie Millender, Wanda Jean Harris, Frank and Tommy Harris, Mary Jean Shaw, Charles Oakley, Tommy and Martha McLamb, Jimmy Moore, Mrs. Anne Bean, Danny and Diane Walker and Joe Forrest of Efland.

The Mebane Music club met Tuesday evening with Mrs. T. B. Hough with Mrs. J. J. Carroll and Mrs. J. E. Shaw as co-hostesses. Mrs. E. M. Yoder, Mrs. W. M. Baker and Mrs. J. E. Thornton had charge of the program and, after presenting the course of study on "New England-Post-Revolutionary Period," Christmas carols were sung and the origins were given. A contest was held and Miss Lillie Fowler won the prize. A white elephant sale was held with proceeds going to the benefit of veterans in hospitals. Late in the evening the hostesses served refreshments carrying out the Christmas motif.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cates went to Raleigh Thursday to see Mrs. Cates' father, W. C. Clark, who is seriously ill in a hospital there.

Arthur Freeman of Chapel Hill was the weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cate.

Mrs. Price Dixon entertained at two parties Tuesday. Those present for the affair were: Mrs. Talma Jobe, Mrs. Marvin Walker, Mrs. Howard Brown, Mrs. Turner Forrest of Efland, Mrs. W. W. Corbett, Mrs. C. J. Harris, Mrs. W. B. James, Mrs. Manley James, Mrs. Richard Kale, Mrs. G. C. Amick, Mrs. J. B. James and Mrs. Robert Chandler. Prizes were won by Mrs. W. W. Corbett and Mrs. Turner Forrest for high scores. Mrs. W. B. James Jr. won the bingo.

At the party Tuesday evening, prizes were awarded to Mrs. Bill Abernathy for high score and to Mrs. Lee Dillard for runner-up. Mrs. Joe Hurdle Jr. won the bingo. Those present were Mrs. Joe Dillard, Mrs. J. C. James, Mrs. J. H. James, Mrs. Russ Kale Jr., Mrs. Joe Hurdle Jr., Mrs. Bill Abernathy, Mrs. Calvin Oakley, Mrs. Charles Reid Porter, Mrs. Bill Hupman, Mrs. W. A. Corbett, Mrs. Tom Hawkins, Mrs. Ernest Richmond and Mrs. Ralph Riggs. For both parties, Mrs. Dixon served sandwiches, nuts, cookies and tea carrying out the Christmas motif used in decorations throughout the house.

Monday evening in the Kiwanis hall, the Eastern Star entertained the Masons at their annual Christmas dinner. Seventy-one members and guests were present. Christmas greens, candles and a big Christmas tree decorated the hall and served as background for the turkey dinner. The regular monthly meeting followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Raeford Cate of Reidsville, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Northcutt, Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Foster and daughter, Anne, of Durham spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cate.

Mrs. Elmer Wilkinson was hostess at two parties at her home this week. Greenery, lights, candles and figurines carried out the Christmas motif in the decorations throughout the house and at both parties, Mrs. Wilkinson served a dessert course in the form of Santa Claus. These parties Monday night were Mrs. J. C. James, Mrs. Bill Walters, Mrs. James, Mrs. Irvin Taylor, Mrs. Lacy Pender, Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Joe Dillard, Mrs. Lynch, Hamby, Mrs. Joe Hurdle Jr., Mrs. Wells Pittard, Mrs. Hurley, Mrs. Hattie Breeze, Mrs. W. B. Hutchens and Mrs. Robert Chandler. Prizes were won by Mrs. Joe Hurdle Jr. and Mrs. W. B. Hutchens.

### The Christmas Story



"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night."

"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid."

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

"For unto you is born in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, 'Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord at made known unto us.'"

"And they came with hast, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger."

"And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child."

"And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds."

"But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart."

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

### Recorder's Court Carries Out Hearings With Heavy Clothes Needed To Stay Warm

The cold hand of the law that reaches out and jerks recalcitrant members of the citizenry back into line was in reality a cold hand as the Orange county recorder's court officials meted out sentences and fines in Monday's court.

Every member of the court—even including the men who came before the bar to hear their sentences proclaimed by Judge Jim Phipps—were dressed in their warmest jackets and sweaters.

But the best of coats, scarves and jackets refused to keep out the cold circulating throughout the lofty reaches of the court room.

Although Sheriff Sam Latta kept the two open fireplaces roaring (the fireplaces are the only safe means of heat in the court room) by throwing on the bucket after bucket of coal, the biting coldness of the court room prevailed to the end.

But in spite of the cold, the court managed to knock off a size-

### Merry Christmas

The staff of THE NEWS wishes to extend a most hearty Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to its many friends throughout Orange county.

The next issue of the paper will come out January 8 in order to give all personnel a holiday. See you next year!

able docket before adjourning to meet again on December 27:

Cases disposed of were:

Jesse Durham, larceny, continued; Albert Owens, public drunkenness, continued; Dallas Andrews, public drunkenness, costs;

John H. Flythe, driving auto while drunk, continued; Leonard Hicks, public drunkenness, \$5 and costs; Leonard Hicks, public drunkenness, illegal possession of intoxicating liquors, \$15 and costs;

W. D. Moore, public drunken-

ness, 30 days suspended; Odie Jones, breaking, entering and larceny, continued;

Howard Duncan, larceny and receiving stolen property, continued; James Wade, reckless driving and leaving scene of accident, continued;

Cecil G. Davis Jr., drunk and disorderly and damage to property, 90 days suspended; Preston Reams, no driver's license, no pros;

Neal Pyles, public drunkenness, continued; Clarence Cates, public drunkenness, \$5 and costs; James W. Andrews, assault with deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapon, continued; Warren Moore, public drunkenness, costs;

M. E. Bragg, speeding, \$5 and costs; A. R. Stanfield, speeding, continued; Allan Farrish, gambling, \$10 and costs;

Little Man Jennings, gambling,

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### Ex-Army Chaplain Holds Layman's League Meeting In Hillsboro January 4th



Chaplain A. Purnell Bailey

### Auto Exams Start Jan. 1st. In State

Time is growing short for motorists in North Carolina to examine their automobiles and make any needed repairs to pass the North Carolina motor vehicles mechanical inspection which commences on January 1.

The inspection law passed by the 1947 General Assembly provides that every North Carolina motor vehicle must be inspected once during 1948 and twice a year thereafter.

Also, the time for motorists whose names start with either "A" or "B" to secure new driver's licenses has about expired.

Forty "safety lanes" will be established throughout the state on the basis of motor vehicle population. They will be moved to place, and the time and place of each station will be publicized, making the service easily available to you. A fee of \$1 will be charged during 1948 and 1949, and thereafter 75 cents will be collected for each inspection.

All vehicle owners are urged to take their cars or trucks to an inspection station as soon as one in a nearby area is operating. The inspection of each vehicle will take a short time—only about five to 10 minutes; and it is not necessary that the car-owner appear at the station. The vehicle may be driven by any licensed operator.

Emphasis in the inspection of the vehicles will be placed on the following:

Licenses, horn, mirror, windshield and windshield wiper, steering mechanism, exhaust system, tires, lights, brakes, turn signals, auxiliary lights, clearance lights and reflectors, switches and wiring.

### Post Office Closed Xmas

Windows of the Hillsboro Post Office will not be open on Christmas day, it was announced this week.

A directive from the White House ordered that all Post Offices in the United States be closed all day on Christmas day.

Mrs. Cora Lynch said that packages would be given to those who received them while the employees were putting up mail on Christmas day.

### Race Track Plans Reported Dropped

Although the reports could not be immediately checked, it was reliably reported this week that plans to construct a mile-oval racetrack near Hillsboro on property adjoining the Occaneechee farm had been dropped.

A considerable amount of grading has been done and a dirt road built into the site where the promoters had planned to work over the old race track located near the river.

Chaplain (Capt.) A. Purnell Bailey—the chaplain who accompanied Tojo to the hospital after his attempted suicide in Tokyo at the beginning of the occupation—will be the speaker for the January 4 meeting of the Hillsboro Layman's League, Elmer Dowdy, president, announced this week.

Bailey, an ordained minister of the Methodist church, not only has the distinction of being the chaplain who accompanied Tojo to the hospital, but also was the first Christian minister to broadcast a daily devotional service over the radio network of Japan.

Bailey served overseas for 18 months—three months in the Philippines and 15 in Japan. He entered Japan with the first day of the occupation and served with the First Medical Squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division for his entire duty in the Pacific.

Besides his regular services in the army, Chaplain Bailey preached in Tokyo at Matsuzaka church every Sunday for eight months at the request of the pastor, Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, the world-known Christian of Japan.

Bailey is a member of the Virginia conference of the Methodist church and served at Beulah Methodist church in South Richmond and at the New Kent Methodist church in Richmond before entering the army.

At present, he is at Duke Divinity school for further study.

### State Prisoners To Eat Turkey, None For County

Prisoners in the Orange county jail in Hillsboro cannot expect any special meals over the Christmas holidays, it was indicated Monday by the sheriff's deputies.

Many jails over the state on Christmas plan special Christmas dinners for the inmates, but prisoners already in the jail and those sentenced in recorder's court Monday can expect only regular jail fare on the menu.

Bright Craig, superintendent of the prison camp near Hillsboro, however, said that the state had provided Christmas turkey for the prisoners and had given them from Wednesday noon to Monday morning off from their duties in working on the highways in the county.

### Two Churches Plan Programs

A Christmas tree program at the Hillsboro Baptist church Tuesday night and morning worship with holy communion at the St. Matthews Episcopal church Christmas morning at 11 o'clock will bring to a close the church services during the Christmas season in Hillsboro.

The Hillsboro Methodist church closed its Christmas programs with a tree for the children Sunday night.

The Presbyterian church brought its programs to a close Monday night with a Christmas tree for the children of the church in the Legion hut.

### Roller Shop Hit By Fire

Fire starting around the flue in the Premier Roller Shop in West Hillsboro did a small amount of damage last Thursday.

It was the first time that the fire department had been called out since fire swept through the Farmers Mutual Livestock pens near Hillsboro.

### TO WED CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crabtree of Hillsboro are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Helen Crabtree, to Harold C. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wright of Cedar Grove. The wedding will take place at Mars Hill Baptist church, December 25, at 4 o'clock. All friends of the couple are invited.