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Season's Greetings



General 2-Day Christmas Holiday To Be Observed

Orange County Collects 11,000 Pounds Foodstuffs, \$270 For Friendship Train

Funeral Rites For Will Beard Held Sunday

Hillsboro.—Orange County loaded its car for the "Friendship Train" yesterday, thus adding to the growing freight line of grain and other farm commodities scheduled for overseas relief in one of the most significant ventures for international good will that the religious life of rural America has produced.

Grain and farm products adding up to over 11,000 pounds were collected from Orange County farms and \$270 in money for further purchases was donated through the churches of the county.

Final loading was completed yesterday and the Orange County car was scheduled for departure today to join other cars making up the expected 23 train loads being collected from as many states. Some 75 carloads are expected from North Carolina.

The collections were sponsored by the Christian Rural Overseas Program. R. H. Claytor headed the Orange County drive, Rev. Irving E. Birdseye acted as treasurer, and many other county leaders aided in the campaign in which the rural churches and schools were principal participants.

With the annual visit from Santa Claus only two days away, citizens of Orange County are making last minute preparations for the holiday season.

Christmas spirit is beginning to pervade the communities following a late beginning, generally attributed to the unseasonably mild weather which put a damper on holiday shopping and other Christmas preparations.

In general, Orange County and its communities will observe a two-day holiday for Christmas, exclusive of Sunday. Business places in Hillsboro will be closed Saturday, December 23, Monday, December 27, and January 1. Chapel Hill and Carrboro merchants will be closed for Christmas Day and New Year's Day, and a majority of establishments will be closed on Monday, according to the Merchants Association, although closing on the latter date has been listed as optional by the association.

NO NEWS NEXT WEEK

The News of Orange County will suspend publication for its issue of next week to enable members of the staff to enjoy the Christmas season with their families.

Publication will be resumed with the issue of January 6.

Kirkland Final Services Held Here Yesterday

Hillsboro.—Miss Bessie Simpson Kirkland, 76, one of Hillsboro's oldest and best known residents, died Tuesday morning at the family home, Ayremont. Death came at 3 o'clock in the morning, following an illness of some duration.

Funeral services were conducted at the home yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, with the Rev. Irving E. Birdseye officiating with the assistance of the Rev. Charles S. Hubbard. Burial was in the family cemetery.

She is survived by one brother, Samuel S. Kirkland, of the home here.

Pallbearers were W. L. Guthrie, J. P. Hughes, R. O. Forrest, Edmond Strudwick, Bruce Kennedy and C. D. Jones.

Pete Mullis Speaks To PTA At Hillsboro

Hillsboro.—Pete Mullis, assistant basketball coach at the University of North Carolina, was principal speaker last week at the regular meeting of the Hillsboro Parent-Teacher Association in the school auditorium. Members of the student body were also in attendance.

Speaking on "Sportsmanship, Citizenship, Health and Spirit," Mullis stressed the value of training for life in its physical, mental and spiritual aspects. He emphasized humility, tolerance and team spirit as vital factors in successful living.

The high school glee club sang Christmas carols and members of the sixth grade presented excerpts from their Christmas play.

Mrs. Clarence Jones, PTA president, named a committee to study needs of the school and submit a report at the public hearing scheduled here in January to consider the needs of the school program throughout the county.

Laws Becomes Night Policeman

Hillsboro.—Eugene Laws has assumed duties as night policeman here, according to an announcement this week by Mayor Ben Johnston.

Laws succeeds C. E. Franklin, who resigned. He has had previous experience as a police officer here at various times on a temporary basis.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Carrboro.—Special Christmas services by pupils from the Sunday Schools will be given by both the Baptist and Methodist churches on Friday evening of this week, December 24, beginning at each church at 7:30. The public is invited.

Exchange Club To Bring All-American Girls Team Here For Contest January 5

Hillsboro.—Olson's All-American Red Heads, a girls team billed as the "world's basketball champions," has been scheduled to play the Exchange Club boys' team here January 5.

Featured in articles in Colliers Magazine, Life, Pic and Bob Ripley's Believe It or Not publications, the original Red Heads defeated 125 men's teams last year to establish a world's record.

Hailing from Cassville, Mo., the Red Heads are a colorful outfit who put on a good basketball show of comedy and fun in addition to their basketball prowess. In nine seasons, the team has played a total of 1,581 games against the best men's clubs all over America, Mexico and the Philippines.

Their stars include the world's tallest woman performer, Gene Love, standing six feet four inches in her socks, the world's free throw champion, Hazel Walker, who will challenge all men during the half, and the world's greatest woman goal shot, "Peaches" Hatcher, in addition to other stellar players.

The Red Heads are said to compete with the best men's teams in the land under straight men's rules and ask no favors.

The Exchange Club sponsors feel they have an outstanding sports attraction and a large crowd is expected to overflow the high school gymnasium for the Wednesday night, January 5, exhibition.

Sheriff, Aides Cut Down Still

Hillsboro.—A 50-gallon still and 600 gallons of mash were located in a wooded area back of the Walnut Grove Church and destroyed Monday afternoon by Sheriff S. T. Latta Jr., and deputies.

The outfit was not in operation at the time and no arrests were made by the county officers. The ownership of the land on which the still was located was not immediately established.

CRITICALLY ILL

Carrboro.—Paul Crabtree of Eastwood Lake Road and life Carrboro Body Shop is critically ill at Duke Hospital where he has been a patient since Sunday.

ON CARRIER

Graham.—Robert H. King, seaman apprentice, USN, grandson of George W. King of Graham, is serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Princeton.

1 Dead In Fatal Car-Truck Crash

Burlington.—Robert Moore, 24-year-old local resident, was killed instantly Tuesday morning in an auto-truck collision three miles west of Mebane, on Highway 70.

On his way to work in Mebane, where he was manager of the Mebane Floral Shop, his car was almost demolished when it struck a truck belonging to the Dr. Pepper Company of Durham, traveling toward Haw River.

Highway Patrolman B. F. Daniels, who investigated the accident, said that he is holding Boyd Reavis Jones, Jr., of Durham, driver of the truck, on a charge of manslaughter.

Daniels said that eye-witnesses to the wreck reported that the truck was on the wrong side of the road and on pulling to the right to get back in line it tilted, striking the top of the car driven by Moore and almost severing it from the body.

The car, in turn, traveled approximately 250 feet before going into a field. Moore was dead, it was reported, when he was struck.

The car was demolished, Daniels said, and a major damage to the truck.

Daniels quoted Jones, the truck driver, as saying that he noticed the Moore car coming down the road at a high rate of speed. The car began weaving in the road, he said, and he could not avoid the collision.

There were no other occupants of the car nor the truck.

Moore, a well-known Burlington resident, was the son of L. W. and Mrs. Nettie Trollinger Moore and the nephew of Egbert Trollinger, for whom he worked at the local Trollinger's Florist before becoming manager of the Floral Shop in Mebane in September. He and his two brothers owned the shop.

Survivors other than his wife and father, are two brothers, Lawrence "Buddy" Moore and his twin, Richard, all of Burlington.

He was the husband of Mrs. Carrie Louise Truitt Moore.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church here and a member of the Kiwanis Club in Mebane. His residence was 306 Glenwood avenue.

The body was taken to the home of his uncle, Egbert Trollinger, at 205 Union avenue, and final rites will be held today.

Fire Destroys Home, Clothing Of Oslow Gentry

Hillsboro.—A fire of undetermined origin wiped out the residence, clothing and home furnishings of Oslow Gentry, two miles north of Hillsboro, Monday afternoon.

Only two or three pieces of furniture could be rescued from the blazing structure before the size of the blaze prevented further activity. The Hillsboro Fire Department went to the scene of the fire but was able to offer little assistance because of the insufficient water supply.

Members of the family were said to have been in the yard engaged in hog killing when the fire was noticed. It spread rapidly.

The five-room structure was owned by J. L. Brown, on whose farm it was located.

GUEST MINISTER

Carrboro.—Rev. Thomas Bland of Carrboro, who has been attending the Baptist Theological Seminary this year at Louisville, Ky., is spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Bland. He will be the guest minister on next Sunday evening at 7:30 at the Carrboro Baptist Church.

Chapel Hill Scouts Get Top Outing Award

Chapel Hill.—Bob Linker and Les Wolf, both of Chapel Hill's Scout Troop 39, received the Eagle Scout rank at the Orange County District Court of Friday night in the elementary school auditorium.

Linker became a Scout in January, 1947, and now serves as senior counselor of Troop 39. Wolf, who has the post of scribe, joined Troop 39 in September of the same year.

Linker attained the rank of a Scoutmaster in August, 1948, and passed his examination for first class and qualified for 21 merit badges. In addition, he is a member of his pack's Scoutmaster's Council and is a member of the Scout Executive's Council.

Wolf has two Scouts qualified for Eagle rank at the same court. He has also qualified for the Eagle Scout rank, having earned the number required for this honor. The last time it occurred in Chapel Hill was in 1944 when Charles "Bartlett" Jr., and Art Russell received the award. Both were also from Troop 39.

Through the Eagle rating, Linker has earned 21 merit badges, and Wolf has earned 15. The number required for this honor is 16.

Herman Husbands, of Troop 9, is qualified for five additional merit badges and received the Eagle Scout award. He became an Eagle Scout last May.

Donald Shearin, of Troop 9, was in the Star Scout rank, having earned five merit badges.

Johnson and Neal Harrington, both of Troop 39, were awarded first class ranks. Second class ranks went to John Parker and Fred Fatham of Troop 9, and Ray Demerath, Ned Hedgpeth, Ray Hobbs, and Court Westerman of Troop 39.

Merit badges in home repairs were presented to Allan Williams, Cheek and Scoopy McAllister of Troop 39. R. B. Fitch of Troop 39 received a first aid merit badge.



The All-American Red Heads, from left to right: Juanita Coleman, Capt. Hazel Walker, Margie Arenda, Gene Love, Mary Alice Hatcher, Betty Arends and Stubby Winters.