



# Merry Merry Christmas!

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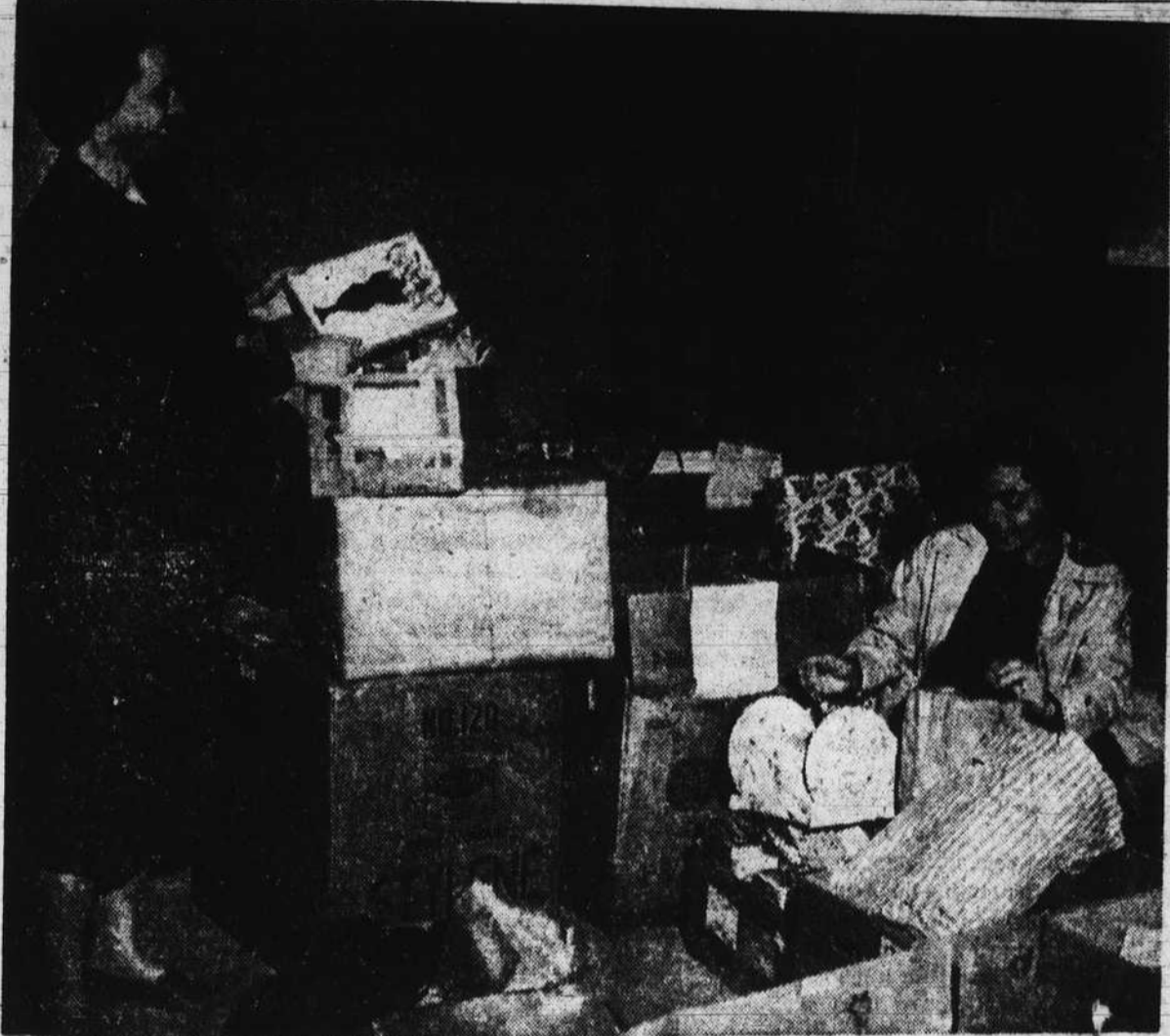
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### KIDD BREWER'S Raleigh Roundup

Mailing of cards, Christmas packages, in North Carolina has sharp drop from last year, to information we have ourselves and statements friends of ours in many of the State.

By mail carriers we have say their work is not heavy as it was last year a pretty regular visit to the big post office in Raleigh it seems to me there much hustle-and-bustle excitement as in former years.

Post office official says the in postal rates is largely due for the apparent decrease in Christmas mailings this year could be—and probably is—because of the fact that people say they were not buying Christmas cards at all.



PACKING THE STOCKINGS — Mrs. Harrie Chamberlin, left, and Mrs. E. J. Owens, right, were among the helpers this past week as members of the Chapel Hill Junior Service League packed and distributed packages for the unfortunate in the League's annual Empty Stocking Fund. The packages shown are for Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Hillsboro. The "Stocking" headquarters were in the Singley station in Glen Lennox.

## Year-End Dividend Of Local Savings & Loan Largest Yet

### Orange County People Have Annual Income Of \$63 Million

Just how much annual income do citizens of Orange County have to dispose of?

According to the latest figures available, as contained in Sales Management's 1958 "Survey of Buying Power," state that the county's effective buying income for 1957 totaled \$63,485,000.

The county's average per capita income was \$1,568 and Sales Management's Survey listed the

The directors of the Hillsboro Savings and Loan Association have declared the institution's largest dividend in its 45-year history and checks are being mailed to the stockholders.

Secretary Ira Ward said the dividends to stockholders of record as of December 31 will total \$46,872.12 for the six-month period now ending.

These payments on earnings will bring to \$92,018.93 the amount which has been paid to stockholders of the institution this year, on the basis of a 3 1/2 per cent rate. The total of earnings in 1957 was \$86,290.24.

### Memorial To Will Ed Thompson

## New Efland Church Is Near Completion

If the late Will Ed Thompson, who left an estate valued at about \$200,000, could look southward from the Mausoleum, shaded in the summer by a tall poplar tree, across the green cemetery plot, he would see the new Efland Presbyterian Church.

The handsome new Church is completed on the outside and virtually completed on the inside.

It has been built at a cost of \$55,000.00 which came out of the portion of the estate left to the church, of which Clarence Ross is executor. This is perhaps the most significant thing left to his memory.

The sole inscription on the mausoleum is:

## School Bus Drivers Asked To Make Check

Drivers of the county's school buses, idle for a week, have been asked to test them Friday to determine whether they are in good running order.

County School Supt. G. Paul Carr said the drivers should start the motors Friday. "If there is any trouble in starting the motor, the driver should call the County Garage on Friday so that the difficulty can be repaired by Monday."

The county schools will reopen next Monday after being closed since Dec. 16 because of a heavy snow.

### Pastor Resigns

The Rev. Clyde P. Pearson, pastor of Mars Hill Baptist Church, has resigned, effective December 31, after being pastor there for three years.

Mr. Pearson is going to Island Creek Baptist Church, Route 5, Henderson.



NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED—An installation service of new officers has been held for the Orange County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. Left to right: Mrs. Clyde Walker, Route 2, Rougemont, Treasurer; Miss Elizabeth Kirkland, Route 2, Chapel Hill, Secretary; Mrs. Clyde Roberts, Route 1, Hillsboro, former counselor who installed the officers; Mrs. Harold Walker, Cedar Grove, President; Miss Martha Lloyd, Route 1, Chapel Hill, Vice-President; and Mrs. Henry Walker, Route 1, Hillsboro, Counselor.

## Christmas Activities Take The Stage As Holiday Nears In Orange County

### ASC Sign-Up To Pre-Measure Acreage Set

D. V. Roberts, County ASC Office Manager, has announced sign-up for requesting premeasurement of tobacco and cotton acreage for 1959 will be held at Orange County ASC office from January 2, 1959 to February 15, or until a maximum of 300 applications are filed, whichever ever is first.

The cost to the farmer for requesting premeasurement is the larger of \$3.00 plus \$1.00 per acre, with a minimum cost of \$8.00 per farm.

Any farmer requesting premeasurement of his allotment of 5 acres or less will be required to pay a minimum fee of \$8 at the County Office at the time he files his request. Anyone requesting premeasurement of allotments of 5.01 acres or more will have to deposit a fee of \$3 plus an additional \$1 for each acre that he is requesting premeasurement of.

Roberts says that farmers with tobacco varieties having growth characteristics similar to those designated as Coker 139, Coker 140, Dixie Bright 244, or any mixture or strain of such seed varieties will receive only one-half the support rates for comparable grades of other varieties in 1959.



ALONG WITH THE MANY HEARTY WISHES of a Happy Holiday given by your friends and ours upon the following pages, please accept our own. At this season, the News family is especially mindful of the contributions of a host of people to what ever success the News has enjoyed. Subscribers, advertisers, correspondents, subscription solicitors, carrier boys, postal workers—all have helped to make possible the work of the News staff in giving Orange County people coverage of news and opinion. The merriest Christmas to everybody!

### 2-Day Holiday To Be Observed Here Generally

Orange County merchants have reported heavy Christmas buying as the citizens this week made last minute plans for the Christmas holidays.

Christmas spirit has appeared abundantly throughout the county as residents have decorated and lighted their trees and home decorations.

In general the county and the various communities will observe a two-day holiday period. Schools in the county will open December 29.

Stores in Hillsboro will be closed both Thursday and Friday, reopening for business Saturday. The Durham Bank and Trust Co. and the Hillsboro Savings and Loan Association will be closed Thursday and Friday opening Saturday as usual.

County offices will close Wednesday at noon and will remain closed the rest of the week, reopening Monday.

Both the Hillsboro and West Hillsboro Post Offices will be closed all day Thursday. The Hillsboro office will be open Friday morning closing at 1 p.m. Rural carriers will work as usual Friday. The West Hillsboro Post Office will be open Friday morning closing at noon. Saturday morning both offices will open as usual closing at 12 o'clock noon.

White Furniture Co. closed at the end of Tuesday's work day and will resume work Monday. The William L. Barrell Co., Inc. will be closed Wednesday for the remainder of the week resuming work on Monday.

Cone Mills Corporation closed Tuesday night at 11 p.m. and will resume operations Monday morning. They will also be closed for New Year's closing Wednesday night Dec. 31 at 11 o'clock and not reopening until the following Monday. The employees have received their Christmas Savings Club and were given a small Christmas bonus.

Many churches and Sunday Schools held special services featuring traditional Christmas music last Sunday.

Aside from Ole Santa Claus, who of course is the busiest man in town at this time of year, the housewife certainly rates second place. The weary housewives have been busy completing their final plans for last minute decorating and wrapping of the family gifts, and last but not least—the buying and preparing of the annual Christmas dinner.

### Fire Damages Legion Hut Extensively

A large portion of the interior of the American Legion building of Hillsboro, Post No. 85 on N. Churton street was gutted by fire last Saturday night about 6 o'clock.

The fire, which was first seen by passers-by, was centered in the front area of the building just above the furnace and adjacent to a chimney, leading to the assumption that the blaze originated in a defective flue. Firemen were able to contain the fire in the front bar area but smoke and water damage extended throughout the lower floor.

Damage has been unofficially estimated from \$6,000 to \$8,000. It was covered by insurance.

Plans are already underway for repairing the damage and restoring the building to use.

## County Tax Listing Begins Next Week

January is tax listing time by law in North Carolina.

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Each list taker has already been furnished by Tax Supervisor Sam Gattis special books, showing the values of the various automotive vehicles and farm equipment as well as schedules of valuations of a number of other types of property.

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One change of listing place is revealed. In Chapel Hill the listing operation returns to the Town Hall after a year at another point in the city.

All real estate and personal property is required to be listed for taxes and all male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 are required to list polls during the same time.

In connection with the listing farm owners or tenants are required to furnish facts about farms which is for information only and is not used for tax purposes. For instance, the tax lister must be informed the acreage of each crop harvested during the calendar year 1958. The number of cows, sows and hens on a farm January, 1958, must be reported, as well as the number of people living on the farm on January 1, 1959. All of the information is confidential but is needed in making up various agricultural reports for the counties in the state.

### J. S. Collins Hurt In Auto Collision Here

J. S. Collins, Hillsboro Route 3 dairy farmer, received injuries here Monday afternoon about 3:30 in a collision at the corner of Wake and Queen streets in Hillsboro.

Mr. Collins was taken to Watts Hospital where it was reported he had suffered two broken and two fractured ribs in the crash, which sent his 1958 Pickup truck 42 feet from the point of impact.

Driver of the other vehicle, a 1953 Chevrolet, was Howard Chambers, Negro, of Prospect Hill, who, according to Police Chief George Hunt, failed to stop at the stop sign while heading north on Wake. The Collins vehicle was travelling east on Queen.

Damage to the Collins truck was estimated at about \$600, to the other car, about \$500.

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