



CHRISTMAS CONSTRUCTION - Jim Williamson, Jerry Goza and Horace Wright construct a stable background for the Living Nativity to be presented at Raeford Presbyterian Church.

Church Stages Live Nativity

A living tableau of the traditional Nativity Scene will be staged this year by the members of the Senior High Fellowship of Raeford Presbyterian Church.

This annual presentation is offered to the citizens of our area as a personal Christmas "Gift" from the young people and their leaders in the church.

The Rev. John C. Ropp, Minister, has announced that the scene will be able to be seen as you drive through the church's paved parking lot between Main and Magnolia Streets, across from the Doctor's Medical Clinic. The parking lot may be entered by either Edinborough or Campus Avenues.

The scene will be presented on Wednesday night, December 23rd, from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. On Thursday night, December 24th, the young people will be in the scene from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. They will leave the scene at 7:30 to participate in the annual

Christmas Eve celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. They will return at approximately 8:15 p.m. to continue the Live Nativity Scene until 9:00 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Goza and Mr. and Mrs. Harless Wright are the adult advisors of the Senior High Fellowship, and are assisting the young people in planning and staging the scene. Officers of the S.H.F. are: Jimmy McFadyen, President; Becky Hood, Vice - President; and Fonda Blue, Secretary - Treasurer.

Depicted in the still - scene tableau will be the Manger, Mary, Joseph, the Angel, Wise Men, Shepherds and animals.

Special lighting and costumes are being arranged for this event, and appropriate music will be played in the background. It is a unique, impressive Christmas event, and everyone in the Raeford and Hoke County areas is invited to take a few minutes and drive by to see it.

DECA News

By Bobby Smith

On December 9, the DECA club (Distributive Education Clubs of America) played the VICA club (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) in basketball game. The two teams played four eight minute quarters and was refereed by two varsity ball players. When the final minutes were up, the DECA club lost the game to the VICA club by a score of 46 to 21.

Before the game took place in the Hoke High gym, the club met at 7:00 for a business meeting. The club decided to have a "football appreciation dinner" on December 14. The guests were to invite their wives to the dinner which made a total of fifty - six. The meal consisted of fried chicken, potatoes, salad, tea or coffee, and a desert served at

the Family Restaurant at 6:00. Then on December 17, another dinner was scheduled. This was a dinner for the Marketing students to thank them for their help during the football season.

The next item of business was the annual DECA Christmas party. It was decided that the party would be on December 19 from 8:00 to 12:00 in the DECA room. Casual dress will be worn, dates are invited, and refreshments will be made by the D.E. and Marketing girls; there will be cupcakes, cookies, brownies, potato chips and punch.

The Distributive Education Department would like to thank THE NEWS JOURNAL for all the help that they have given us through the year. We sincerely thank you.



COSTUME FITTING - Youngsters from Raeford Presbyterian Church prepare for their presentation of the Living Nativity during Christmas Week. Shown are Susan Gillis, Mac McNeill (back row) and Lee Gillis.

Phi Beta Kappa Taps Koonce

Stanley Malcolm Koonce, Jr. is one of 126 University of North Carolina students tapped for membership in Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's highest scholastic honorary, in ceremonies in Chapel Hill last Tuesday.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley M. Koonce of North Main Street Raeford. He is married to Arlene H. Thornton of Erwin.

Koonce has been a student at the University since September 1966 and is now in the Graduate School. He is majoring in math and plans a career in industrial management.

At UNC, he has been active in intramurals and residence college government.

Altered Meaning

The meaning of "Merry Christmas" has changed somewhat over the years. Originally, "merry" meant "blessed, peaceful, pleasant."

As the saying goes, "If we would but light one candle, what a bright world this would be!"

How about it, men and women, the rich, the middle and the poor... of Christmas 1970?



Weekly Health Tip

From Walter Coley, R.Ph.



Varicose veins may be retarded by avoiding prolonged standing. A moderate amount of walking should be helpful, as the muscular contractions help to move blood thru the veins. Rest the legs periodically by lying down and elevating the legs. Wearing of elastic hose to support the veins is recommended.

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