



CHORAL GROUP -- The Upchurch choral group, the high school choral group, Upchurch band and the Hoke High band performed Nov. 25 at the Music Boosters dinner and bazaar. The dinner brought in \$1700 while the bazaar and donations brought the total for the evening to \$2500. Joyce Jameson, chairman of the band division, termed the evening a great success and extends her appreciation to everyone who supported the project. Pictured is the Upchurch choral group. (Photo by C. Wasko)

Christmas Worship

Service Planned

On Saturday night at 8 p.m. in the Raeford Presbyterian Church the Reverend John C. Ropp and Dr. James Cobb Jr., tenor, will present a Christmas worship service of Scriptural readings and Christmas music for solo tenor voice.

James Cobb is a native of Memphis, Tenn., the son of a Presbyterian minister. He graduated from Southwestern at Memphis, Boston University, and the University of Illinois, from which he holds the Doctor of Musical Arts Degree. His first teaching position was at Flora MacDonald College, where he was a member of the music faculty and director of the Flora MacDonald Choir. It was there he met his wife, Barbara, who was a student there, and also a singer. Mary Archie McNeill was also one of his first students.

Dr. Cobb has since performed widely as a singer, as oratorio soloist and soloist with orchestras. He was, for ten years, chairman of the Music Department of Atlantic



Dr. James Cobb



Martha Cobb

Christian College, and for five years, Music Department Chairman at St. Andrews Presbyterian College. He is now Director of Choral Activities at Elon College and is studying at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

In the program of Christmas music to be presented at the Raeford Presbyterian Church, he will be assisted by his two younger children, Martha, who is a soprano and flutist, and Jamie (James III) who will sing with his father and sister in the cantata "Morning Star" by Greensboro composer, Rose Marie Cooper Jordan.

Other musical selections include "Of the Father's Love Begotten".



Jamie Cobb

Veterans Corner
Q -- If a widow dies with a previous month's uncashed VA pension check in her possession, what should be done with the

check?
A -- It should be returned to the issuing office. It may subsequently be paid upon submission of a valid claim by a survivor or other eligible person.

Q -- I've already bought a burial plot in a private cemetery. Will VA pay my widow the "plot allowance" when I die?

A -- Yes, your survivors are still eligible to receive the \$150 plot allowance in addition to up to \$250 in basic burial allowance. Payment up to \$800 may be made when death is service-connected.

Q -- What is the interest rate for a VA home loan?

A -- The maximum interest rate on GI home loans may vary due to changes in the law and VA regulations. For the current rate, contact the VA or a lender participating in the VA loan program.

Dinner Theatre Production Of 'Mame' In Final Rehearsals

Director Joseph Cole Simmons and cast members are completing final rehearsals for the Pinehurst Dinner Theatre's Nov. 25th opening of the smash-hit Broadway musical "Mame."

PDT's Pat Watson has been cast as the famous, unpredictable Auntie Mame. Ms. Watson, who has appeared in two leading comedy roles for the Pinehurst company, will be joined by her real-life son, Stephen, as Patrick Dennis. The thrilling voice of Laurinburg's lovely Brenda Gilbert (on tour in "Guys and Dolls") will be heard as Agnes Gooch. Patrick's uproarious nanny.

Appearing in a featured comedy role will be PDT's Jan Leslie as Vera Charles. Ms. Leslie is most remembered for her critically acclaimed Mrs. Banks in "Barefoot in the Park." Local favorite Ed Lillard will be seen as Beauregard

Jackson Pickett Burnside, Mame's Southern suitor. It will be played by area singer-comedienne Henry McNeill.

The show will be musically directed by Mari Jo Brown, popular pianist at the Pinehurst Hotel and Country Club. A special attraction will be the appearance of The Pat Logue Dancers in the large production numbers such as "Open A New Window", "We Need A Little Christmas", "It's Today", and "Mame."

Other featured performers cast are: Fayetteville's Ruby Hammonds, who recently appeared in "The King and I"; Cathy Dangerfield, 1976's Miss Southern Pines; Frank Barlow, former vocalist at The Meadowbrook; Sammy Frye, PDT's strolling guitarist-singer; and Adriano Moz of the North Carolina Madrigal Singers.

Also cast are PDT's father and

daughter team, Don and Lee Pitts, and the actress-vocalists Doris Allen, Catherine Drexel and Ann Brooks. Rounding out the company are youngsters Bruce Barello and Leslie Lillard.

Steve Currie will design the sets, and Olympic Gold Medal Award winning chef Sture Andersson will present his gourmet buffet elegant.

"Mame" will be presented in the Cardinal Ballroom of the Pinehurst Hotel, Thursdays through Sundays, Nov. 25th to Dec. 23rd.



Mike Wood Walter Coley

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REHEARSING FOR "MAME" -- Cast members rehearse a song from the Broadway musical "Mame" to be presented by the Pinehurst Dinner Theatre, beginning Nov. 25. Pictured left to right are: Pat Watson, Ed Lillard, Jan Leslie, Brenda Gilbert, Sammy Frye, Stephen Watson, and Mari Jo Brown [seated].

Still No Cure

For Common Cold

What can you do for the common cold?

Most folks know you can't cure it. And yet we keep trying. We still waste a lot of time and money on pills and nostrums and treatments -- all in the faint hope that maybe this time something will help.

A cold is caused by one or more of many viruses, the American Medical Association reminds, and, actually, grandma's home therapy is still good. If you get a cold, stay home in bed. Keep warm. Gargle to ease a sore throat. Take a mild pain reliever for the discomfort. None of this will cure the cold, but it will make you feel somewhat more comfortable while your body's natural defense mechanisms are building up enough steam to overcome the cold virus.

Most of us have a cold or two during the course of the winter. Usually we try to keep going to the office, but sometimes we feel too bad to work and spend a day or two at home.

There are medications now available -- antihistamines, pain relievers, cough suppressants, and fever reducers -- that can make the symptoms of a cold much less severe. These have their limitations and their problems. The antihistamines can cause drowsiness, which can be highly dangerous when driving an auto. If you get a cold, ask your doctor about the medications that reduce the runny nose and sneezing and coughing.

As youngsters heard the old folks say: Treat a cold and cure it in two weeks; let it alone and it will go away in a fortnight. The time element isn't that exact, but the theory is the same.

Much research has been done on the cause and possible cure for colds. Perhaps the answer will be found some day. But as of now we

can't cure colds and anyone who tells you he can deserves at best considerable suspicion.

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