

Rockfish 4-H Club Being Organized

A 4-H Club is in the process of being organized in the Rockfish area.

An informational and organizational meeting will be held Friday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m. The club is open to all youth 9-19 years old regardless of sex, race, color, or national origin.

Interested persons may call James Culp at 875-2914 for more information, or call the 4-H Office at 875-2162.

Christmas Concert Set For Dec. 6 In Pinehurst

Southern Pines: After twelve weekly rehearsals and a final one this Saturday, the eight soloists and seventy-nine other members of the Moore County Choral Society under the direction of R.A. Engelson are all set for their grand Christmas concert Sunday December 6. Enhancing the beauty of the music will be a fourteen piece orchestra with the well known Dr. Herbert Horn, principal accompanist, on the harpsichord.

Performances will be at 4 PM and 8 PM in the Cardinal Ballroom of the Pinehurst Hotel, which is making available a special buffet dinner from 6 PM on for those afternoon or evening attendees who wish to make an even more special day of it.

The occasion will mark the first appearance of Mr. Engelson with MCCS. He assumed the post of Music Director last August, shortly after joining the faculty of St. Andrews College, Laurinburg, as chairman of the music department. Mr. Engelson came from Minneapolis, where he had a wide and successful experience as the conductor of advanced choral groups and teacher of music literature and voice.

MCCS has been fortunate in having within its ranks many soloists of full or near professional calibre so that all eight of the Christmas Concert soloists are from within its ranks. Heard throughout the program will be Thea Engelson, mezzo-soprano, (wife of the Music Director), Katherine Ewing, alto, Alison Lawrence-Smith, mezzo-soprano, Susan Long, soprano, Connie McKoy, alto, Molly Mitchell, soprano, Elaine Sills, soprano, and John Watson, bass.

In commenting on the program, Mr. Engelson stated: "I like a 'balanced' program, meaning usually four sets of music - in this case dissimilar, yet all relating to the Christmas season. For such a program arrangement, I also like to present as much of an historical perspective as possible; to cover a number of historical periods of choral music.

"These considerations come together very nicely with interesting and often unfamiliar arrangements of fine music in our Christmas program.

"The first section, titled 'Motets of the Early Masters' starts with *Hodie Christus Natus Est*, a magnificent example of five part contrapuntal harmony of the Renaissance period. Then follows a period of reflection and mysticism in *O Magnum Mysterium*. Contrasted with this, rough vigor and optimism are heard in *The Shepherd's Carol*.

"A Choral Masterwork' describes the second set and the principal offering of the concert. Vivaldi's *Gloria*. Solo parts are taken by Molly Mitchell, Elaine Sills, Thea Engelson, Connie McKoy and Katherine Ewing.

"Possibly the most innovative part of the program is titled 'Music of Minnesota Composers'. Each arrangement has attracted critical acclaim and has its own style and flavor. *Still, Still, Still* is a German folk song; *Out of the Orient Crystal Skies* is old English; *What Is This*

Wondrous Fragrant Air is a French carol and the familiar *Angels We Have Heard on High* is clothed in unfamiliar yet beautiful harmonies.

"We call the last set 'A Touch of England' because there is something of English charm in each selection. Vitality and joy abound in *Christmas Day*, interpreted by soloists Susan Long, Allison Lawrence-Smith and John Watson. While *Rocking* is really a Czechoslovakian carol, this arrangement has an English flavor. The concert closes with the bright and stirring *I Saw Three Ships* - a fitting climax to a concert which we hope and expect will do justice to the greatness of the Christmas season."

According to Dr. Joseph Currie, Vice President and ticket chairman, pre concert ticket sales through MCCS members have been exceptionally good this year. But there will still be tickets available at the door at \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for students 18 and under. For further details about the optional buffet (for which reservations are requested), call the hotel, 295-6811, ext. 34.

Social Events



Austin House

Christmas Home Tours Planned For Sunday

Yes, you've heard correctly! There will be a Christmas Home Tour in Raeford this year! Arranged under the direction of the Raeford Junior Woman's Club, five residents of our city have graciously offered to open their homes December 6 from 4 p.m. till 7 p.m.

Christmas is such a festive, decorative time of the year. Because of this and the fact that Raeford has such a variety of lovely homes, The Junior Woman's Club has planned an exciting afternoon of home exploration for you on Sunday, December 6th. Tickets are available now from any club member and can be purchased at Hoke Drug, the Grocery Mart, or at the Civic Center, the day of the tour. The cost of each ticket is \$5.00.

Beginning at the Civic Center, those participating will receive a map of the tour, enjoy refreshments, and view Christmas Crafts made by Club members. These crafts, fruit cakes, and baked goods may be purchased.

First on the tour is the Austin Home, located across the street from the Presbyterian Church in Raeford. A colonial home in design, this lovely building was constructed ca. 1901, by Marcus Dew and has been the home of the Austin family for about 60 years. Destroyed by fire in February, 1979, it was rebuilt and restored to its original beauty in about 8 months. It is considered by many to be one of Raeford's finest homes.

To provide a variety of homes was one of the Club's objectives and the next two homes on the tour reflect this diversity. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Witherspoon's Williamsburg home furnishes a beautiful glimpse of this period of architecture and furniture. For the lucky participants in the tour, the Witherspoon's home will display hand-made furniture, beautiful Williamsburg wallpaper, and lovely Christmas decorations suited for children.

Directly across the street from the Witherspoons, the John Leandro home provides yet another style of home for this interesting tour. A country house in design, The Leandros have chosen just the right blend in decor to make this home a charming, comfortable home. Christmas, to the Leandros, as with most of us, is a time for traditions, so look for decorations and meaningful ornaments in this lovely home.

Dr. and Mrs. Riley Jordan's contemporary home is next on the tour and should provide much interest in the way of lovely and unusual Christmas decorations, from grapevine wreaths to an eight-foot pine Christmas tree decorated by the Calico Corner of Raeford. Truly the spirit of Christmas will be found in this gracious home.

Last on the Tour is the McFadyen Home, belonging to Mr. & Mrs. Neill McFayden. Built in 1905 for the Honorable John W. McLaughlin, the "Father of Hoke County," this supreme example of Neo-Classical Revival architecture provides a perfect ending to this tour. You do not want to miss an opportunity to visit this lovely home, set among the magnolia trees and pines.

It is hoped that this tour will be enjoyable to the public and will serve to create plenty of Christmas Spirit, decorating ideas and fun. Don't miss an exciting afternoon while touring these wonderful homes. Get your ticket today for the December 6, home tours.

College News



Tondea Jackson

Miss Tondea Amega Jackson was honored by her mother, Mrs. Cora M. Jackson, and family on Saturday with an open house graduation reception at 118 Dickson Street.

She greeted friends and relatives between the hours of 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Miss Jackson received a Bachelor of Science professional degree in political science from East Carolina University.

Miss Jackson is currently employed with the U.S. Department of Defense as a civil service employee at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro.

Bake Sale

A Bake Sale sponsored by the women of Parkers United Methodist Church will be held Saturday, starting at 9 a.m., at Sears Catalog Store on West Elwood Avenue, Raeford, across the street from the Post Office.

Raeford Junior Woman's Club Holds Nov. Meet

The Raeford Junior Woman's Club met Nov. 16 at 7:30 at the Hoke County Civic Center. The Education Dept. hosted the meeting with delicious refreshments.

Jane Britt presided over the evening. A program was presented by Sherry Bartlett and Rita Williamson, both associated with the Exceptional Children's Program in Hoke County. The program was most informative. A film was shown about the handicapped and retarded. The entire program was touching and rewarding.

After the program, old and new business were discussed. The junior women donated paper products and ice to the T.M.H. class at Upchurch during the Halloween carnival. The club also plans to donate two books to Hoke County schools. During National Education Week all teachers were given an apple and pencil to show our appreciation.

A special item to note is that the Lee Cole show on Nov. 30th, has been cancelled due to illness.

The junior women are still working on two projects. One is the Christmas home tour. Please buy a ticket to see all the beautiful homes. The homes are being displayed in the paper each week. Contact any member for a tour, on Dec. 6 from 4:00-7:00.

Fruiteake sales are also going well. The club members are selling each Saturday at Edinborough Shopping Center. Please feel free to call any member for a delicious pound cake.

Other business included discussion of the arts festival and a new educational project.

The evening ended with alot accomplished and alot to look forward to. Most important, the giving spirit of Thanksgiving was felt by the club. All members donated food for an elderly couple, so that they may have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Bake Sale Planned

The Home Life Department of the Raeford Woman's Club will hold a Bake Sale on Saturday beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Edinborough Shopping Center.

Yule Concert

A Christmas Concert will be held in the auditorium of Flora MacDonald Academy at 7:30 p.m. on December 10.

Elementary classes and junior high school choral groups, under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth McCutchen, will perform. The public is invited to attend.

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