

INTERESTING MEET COMES TO AN END

"Joe Carter" Concludes Week of Services at Presbyterian Church

FORMER ELKIN CITIZEN

A meeting of more than ordinary interest has just been held in the Elkin Presbyterian church. A former citizen of the community, much loved by all and familiarly known to his many friends simply as "Joe Carter," was the minister.

A dozen years ago he lived in the town as a lawyer, later as editor of the local paper, and always as a friend of everybody, a good checker player and a player in the game of life. Finally when he could no longer resist God's call to direct service, he studied for the ministry, and at the earnest invitation of the congregation was ordained and installed as pastor of the Presbyterian church in Elkin.

Altho he only served as pastor here for three years, the people continued their warm affection for him. Therefore as soon as the new house of worship of the church was completed this past summer, the congregation at once sought to persuade Mr. Carter to come for a visit and to conduct a meeting. But as he is now pastor of a large and growing church in South Carolina, and constantly in demand as a popular speaker through the days of the week, his time was so fully dated up that he gave very little hope of being able to find time open for such a

visit, much as he wished to come. Steady and pressing invitations however finally bore fruit, and he was able to offer the rather unpropitious time of early December. Happy to have him at all however, this offer was promptly accepted.

With the date, Mr. Carter arrived, though obliged to suffer hardships of stormy travel to keep his promise. His friends deeply appreciated his coming in the face of many difficulties, and rallied around him loyally. During the six days of the meeting the little church was frequently crowded to the limit, despite freezing weather and the pressure of business at this year-end season. Morning and evening every day earnest and reverent attention was given to the messages, and truly this was well deserved. For every message was thoroughly based on the Scriptures, deeply spiritual, and clothed in language of unusual beauty and logical force. The entire community as well as from miles away came together in fine friendliness, and all who came were blessed. The small church feels greatly strengthened already, and has definite expectations of growth in membership and spiritual progress.

MISS LAURA MASTEN INJURED IN FALL

Miss Laura Masten is in Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital, suffering from a broken ankle sustained in a fall early Saturday morning at her home on East Main Street. Miss Masten slipped on the icy ground and as a result broke one bone in her left ankle and dislocated the other. She is resting as comfortably as could be expected.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM PLANNED BY CLUB

State Home Demonstration Agent Suggests Plans for Christmas Fun

SOMETHING FOR OTHERS

"Christmas is a season when we should make every effort to bring joy to the community in which we live," said Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent at State College.

"As we make our plans, we should look out for the children, the young folks, and the older ones as well. And remember we often get more real pleasure out of preparing for Christmas than we do out of celebrating the day itself."

In urging all home demonstration clubs over the State to hold Christmas programs, Miss Current suggested that several evenings of entertainment will not be too many.

Christmas entertainments may be held on different nights, with a separate night for the Christmas tree exercises.

People living in the country can get together a chorus of singers, or perhaps a quartette, and on Christmas eve or Christmas night they can go from home to home, singing carols at each stop.

In towns, singers can arrange to go around, pausing to sing in front of each house where a lighted candle is twinkling through a window. Arrangements can be made for families who wish to hear the carols to place the can-

dles where they will be seen from the street.

On Christmas day, why not have the young folks take a few "made-up" baskets to needy families, or families where sickness has interfered with Christmas preparations Miss Current asked.

Or maybe there is some old couple that would like to be taken for a ride through the country, or to visit some old friends, she continued. There are so many things to do, if one stops to look around for them.

MOUNTAIN PARK IS TO GIVE PLAY SATURDAY

On Saturday, December 18, at 7:30 P.M., members of the student body of Mountain Park high school will present a play, "Romance in a Boarding House", in the school auditorium.

The play, a four act comedy-drama, promises to be thoroughly enjoyable and amusing. The setting is in a boarding house in a small town, with the Smith family, their boarders, and guests providing many interesting and amusing situations.

The public is cordially invited to attend. A small admission fee will be charged the proceeds to be used for the benefit of the school.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS ARE TO FEATURE SERVICE

The singing of old Christmas carols by both the adult and junior choirs will feature the service at the First Baptist church Sunday at the evening hour of worship at 7:30. The songs will be interspersed with readings by Miss Blanche Dixon.

The following Wednesday evening a pageant, "Christmas for Christ" will be presented by the Sunday school. This program will also be at 7:30.

A cordial invitation is extended by the church to everyone desiring to attend.

SLEET GIVES AUTOS FIT HERE TUESDAY

Numerous minor auto mishaps took place here, but no major accidents were reported as the result of sleet glazed streets which greeted Elkin and this section as well as other parts of the state early Tuesday morning.

Many motorists left their cars at home when they learned the condition of the streets, but others ventured out, only to find themselves helpless in a majority of cases. Over 50 cars were stranded on Elk Spur street where it parallels Big Elkin creek, due to the ice.

Accidents amounted in the most cases to dented fenders and scuffed paint as a result of the sleet.

RONDA CAGE TEAMS DEFEAT UNION GROVE

Ronda Hi girls won their seventh consecutive game Tuesday evening by defeating Union Grove 47 to 32 in an exciting cage game.

Crater led the attack for Ronda while Tutterson was outstanding for Union Grove.

The Ronda boys, having lost only to Elkin and once to Union Grove earlier in the season, came back strong in a final period battle to nose out a 21 to 17 victory over Union Grove. G. Pardue led the scoring for Ronda while J. White proved the big star for Union Grove.

LAYING FLOCKS NEED SUNSHINE

Must Be Protected From Drafts and Cold, Poultry Expert Points Out

GREEN FEED IS GOOD

In winter, laying flocks need all the sunshine they can get, said C. P. Parrish, extension poultry specialist at State College.

Flocks must be protected from drafts and extreme cold, of course, but when they don't get into the sunshine, eggs laid during the winter are less likely to hatch out healthy chicks.

On mild days, the birds should be given a chance to soak up all the sunshine available, he continued.

When green feed is to be had, it should be included in the ration to provide minerals and vitamins.

If succulent green feed is not available, a good grade of alfalfa leaf meal or alfalfa hay and milk products should be added to the ration.

A winter ration for confined breeding flocks should contain at least five per cent of dried milk products or its equivalent in semi-solid or liquid form.

Or a meat meal may be substituted for the milk if the meal contains enough dried whole liver to make up two per cent or more of the whole ration.

Parrish said that it has been estimated that poultrymen and hatcherymen of the United States take an annual loss of more than \$14,000,000 from eggs that fail to hatch.

Proper diet for the birds not only increases the hatchability of the eggs laid, but also increases the health and vigor of chicks that are hatched.

CONCERN FELT FOR MEMBER PANAY CREW

Lumberton, Dec. 13.—Concern was felt here today over the safety of Earnest Clayton Branch, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Branch, of Lumberton, who was a member of the crew of the gunboat Panay, sunk by Japanese in the Yangtze river.

Branch has served 14 years in the navy and had been on the Panay for a number of years. His parents moved here from Proctorville last spring.

LIBRARY HOURS HERE CHANGED

Beginning Friday, December 17, and continuing until further notice, the public library will be open from one until five o'clock each afternoon except Sunday. It is believed that this will be a more efficient service than the morning and afternoon hours heretofore observed.

Two new books, "Marie Antoinette," given by Miss Sarah Baptist, and "Invitation to a Waltz" given by Mrs. A. O. Bryan, have recently been received.

All citizens are urged to visit and inspect the library and are invited to use its facilities freely.

According to a recent traffic survey, 18-foot roads are too narrow for modern traffic, 20-foot roads are too narrow for a road frequented by many wide trucks, whereas 22-foot roads are quite adequate for modern mixed traffic.



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