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Christmas Greetings

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Dear Folks:

We were Strangers and They took us in. It was spring, Christmas had passed, but the hospitality afforded us was like that at Christmas time. Therefore we call this a story appropriate for the Christmas season. We had spent the winter in Biloxi, Mississippi and would take a round-a-bout way home. We would drive east and follow along the Atlantic Coast. We left Biloxi on April 2, 1967 and stopped over at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina until April 8. We were waiting for fair weather to take the ferry to the Outer Banks Highway to visit the Cape Hatteras Country - including the site of the first settlement in America on Roanoke Island - then on to Nags Head and Kitty Hawk. Our guide book had warned; "The Beach Trill, generally passable in good weather and at low tide, should be carefully considered by the inexperienced."

Although we had previously visited Washington, D. C. we would now take the inland route and visit that city again, and leave the Outer Banks Trill and the Atlantic Coast for summer time driving. But we didn't get to Washington either. Enroute from Wilmington, North Carolina to Warsaw, North Carolina we had our mishap. In attempting to pass a truck heavily loaded with farm fertilizer - it happened. The truck made a left turn, not at a cross road - but into a narrow farm lane to make a delivery, with perfect timing we rammed the truck.

This has been our only automobile accident in more than 50 years of driving. It happened late in the forenoon, a mile away from Warsaw. The colored man, driving the truck for a distributing firm in Warsaw, called his boss - who came to the scene immediately, bringing a doctor, an ambulance and a tow truck. We stopped for a moment in Warsaw at the doctor's office - then drove 8 more miles along a farm road to Duplin County General Hospital in Kenansville. Here is where our Hospitality Story begins.

North Carolina is still one of the distinctively rural states. It has 288500 farms-the average farm having 65 acres. The farming acres lie, mostly along the Atlantic in a broad expanse of rather level coastal plain. Kenansville, the county-seat of Duplin County, lies in the very heart of this rich farming land. Two-thirds of the state is covered with forests, lying mostly in the mountainous area to the west of the coastal plain in what has become world-famed resort country.

The state is dotted with small towns. Only one city in the state has a population of over 100000. It was one of the earliest states to start settlements in the newly discovered America. The English came first and the population of today stems mostly from those early settlers. The state has one of the lowest ratios of foreign born, other than English, in the whole USA. The colored population accounts for about one-fourth of the state's population.

On arriving at the hospital, Olga was taken to the Emergency room, where the hospital doctor, Dr. Harris, and his staff took over. They gave their first attention to stopping profuse bleeding from an ugly gash on her forehead. Dr. Harris was a native of this country and noting a rather depressed condition of his new patient, tried out several angles of conversation to alert her. Our registration card on entering the hospital exposed our Northern address. I was near enough so I could hear their conversation. Finally, the doctor inquired of his new patient: "What are you Yankees doing in my South?" That did it. They fought the War of the States all over again from beginning to end. The surgery room aids, not long out of high school and known as the 3 Green Hornets and the rest of us, received some interpretations about this was we had not heard in any school room. But the doctor didn't seem to miss any stitches.

Besides the cut on the forehead, the X-rays showed fractures, below the knee and at the wrist. Casts were applied, the one on the leg extending from the hip to the ankle. That indicated a hospital stay of some 6 weeks. Olga was assigned a room.

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Receiving pins for twenty five years teaching are (l to r) Mrs. Sallie Ingram, ESEA Coordinator; Mrs. Sarah Worley, Kindergarten teacher in Kenansville; Mrs. Effie Outlaw, first grade teacher of B. F. Grady School, and Mrs. Tessie Fussell, first grade teacher at Rose Hill Elementary. Absent when the picture was made was Mrs. Annie Taylor, Librarian of Warsaw Elementary School. The presentation was made by Mr. O. P. Johnson, Superintendent of Duplin Schools. (Photo by Ruth Wells)

NCEA Annual Banquet

The Duplin County Unit of the North Carolina Education Association assembled in the Wallace-Rose Hill Lunch Room Thursday night December 15, for their Annual Banquet.

President Dorothy ... This year, presided and recognized guests. The Ball Choir of Cedar Fork Baptist Church presented several delightful and unique Christmas Carols after which Mrs. Samuel Glasgow introduced James William Batten, Ed. D., who delighted his spell bound audience with "The Christmas Star."

Dr. Batten, a native of Wayne County, attended public schools in Johnson County and received

his A. B., M. A., and Doctor's degrees from the University of North Carolina. He has also done graduate work at the University of California and Columbia University.

A scientist, Dr. Batten has held the position of Graduate Teaching Fellow at the University of North Carolina, and Narrator in the Morehead Planetarium, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He is now Professor of Education and assistant Dean, School of Education, East Carolina College, Greenville, North Carolina. He is listed in Who's Who in American Education, and Who's Who in the South and Southwest.

The noted lecturer to civic and religious groups challenged the 300 teachers and guests present "to make room in the Inn for Him" and themselves.

Mr. O. P. Johnson, superintendent of schools congratulated the teachers on their loyalty and devotion to the school and presented awards to five teachers for twenty-five years of loyalty to the profession.

Receiving the twenty-five year pins were; Mrs. Sallie Ingram, Kenansville; Mrs. Tessie Fussell, Rose Hill; Mrs. Sarah Worley, Pink Hill; Mrs. Effie Outlaw, Seven Springs; and Mrs. Annie Taylor, Pink Hill.

Seventeen Children Now Know The Spirit of Christmas

Last Saturday morning seventeen youngsters from the Warsaw-Kenansville-Magnolia area were treated to a real Christmas by supervisor and staff of

National Spinning Company. Reluctant to reveal the details, Mr. Francis Oakley, Personnel Director, said "You can't imagine how happy the children were, but it gave us much more satisfaction than it did them."

Believing that it is more blessed to give than to receive, Mr. Oakley and his co-workers decided some time ago to look around and see if they could locate children who might not be visited by Santa. They asked their own children in school to help them find the needy persons.

They found a family with five children in the Kenansville area, three children from Magnolia, three from the town of Warsaw and six children in the rural area between Warsaw and Kenansville.

Supervisor or staff members from the plant picked up the children and assembled them at the plant where each child was assigned to a supervisor. Feeling much like "Queen

(or King) For a Day" the child was then taken to Warsaw where he was allowed to select items that he or she would like to have. They were not directed to buy clothing, but given a free choice to fulfill their hearts desire with a limit of about

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BRIEFS

Christmas Decoration Judging

Judging of Warsaw Christmas Decorations, sponsored by the Warsaw Garden Clubs will be held, Thursday night after 5 p.m. Everyone is asked to have their lights on by 5. Judges will be from out-of-town. This contest will take in the territory two miles from the city limits. Three prizes will be awarded. Winners will be announced next week.

The beautification drive for Warsaw is continuing. Representatives from the Atlantic Coast Line will be in town this week to meet with the committee to plan for the beautification for the railroad right-of-way.

Joint Service

The Kenansville Methodist Church, the Kenansville Baptist Church, and Grove Presbyterian Church will hold a joint

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Manger Scene

A young child had just drawn his interpretation of the Manger scene, and had carried it to his mother for approval. Mary was easily recognizable as was the Christ Child and the wise men, but on one side of the scene was a big round object completely unfamiliar. After pondering the object she asked, "Now this is the mother Mary and this is the Christ Child and these are the Wise Men come to worship him, but what is the round object?" "Why Mother," he replied, "That is Round John Virgin."

Dr. Herring To Conduct Panel On TV

A panel discussion on the Community College System in North Carolina will be presented on Thursday, December 29, 1966 at 8 a.m. on channel 9, WNCT Television, Greenville, North Carolina.

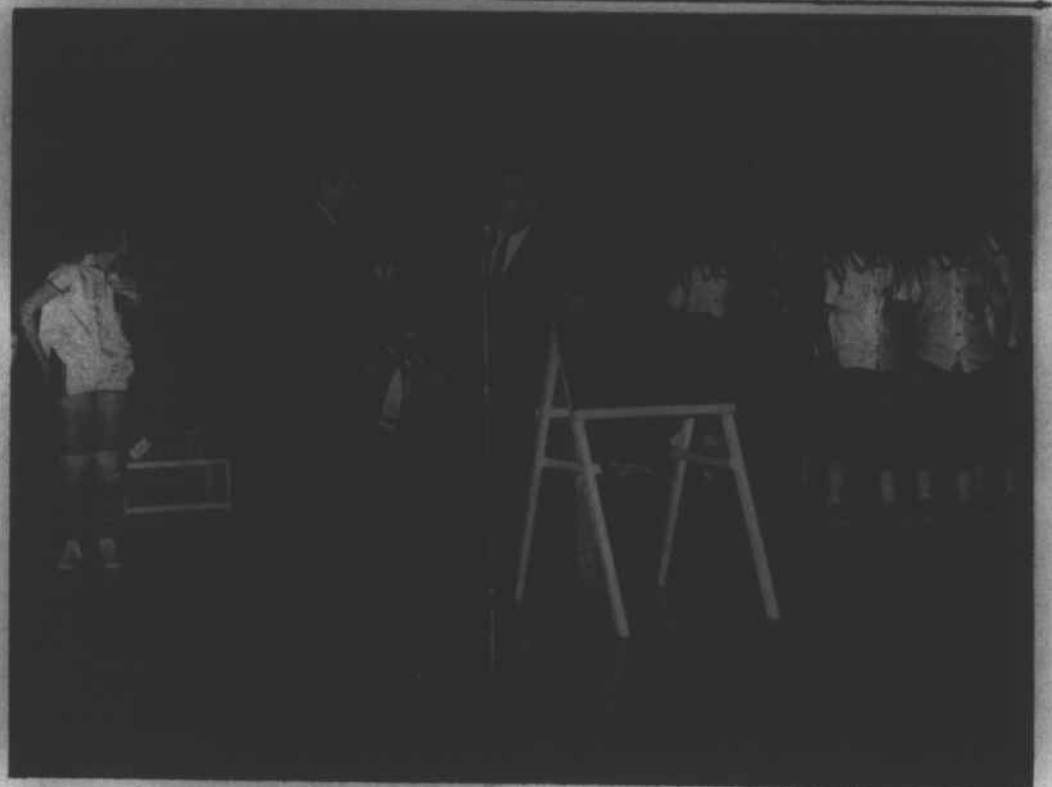
The panel discussion will be conducted by Dr. Dallas Herring, Chairman, State Board of Education, Dixon S. Hall, President of James Sprunt Institute and Chairman of the North Carolina Association of Unit Directors, and Dr. Ben Fountain, Jr., President of Lenoir County Community College and Chairman of the Association of Community College Presidents of North Carolina.

The public is invited to view this presentation.



"Hark The Herald Angels Sing." The angel in this case is Gordon Howard of Kenansville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winford

Howard. He is accompanied at the organ by James Emory Campbell of Beulaville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Campbell. (Photo by Ruth Wells)



Mr. J. P. Harmon receives congratulations from Mr. J. W. Newkirk as he is told "this gym will be named after none other than our own beloved principal, Mr. J. P. Harmon." The announcement brought a standing ovation from the audience. The plaque in foreground, was presented to the school to be placed in the entrance hall of the school, by the Monogram Club. (Photo by Ruth Wells)

J. P. Harmon Gymnasium

Half time activities at James Kenan School Friday night revealed a carefully guarded secret, the name of the new gymnasium which was dedicated. The Monogram Club of James Kenan HI had charge of the Ceremony.

Seaton Matthews, president, was master of ceremonies and the guests were welcomed by Mr. J. P. Harmon Sr.

The Dedicator address was delivered by Mr. J. W. Newkirk, Math teacher at James Kenan. He commended the many who participated to make the facilities a reality, namely the tax payers who paid the bill, the County Commissioners, the County Board of Education, Supt. O. P. Johnson and his assistant Mr. Byron Teachey and Principal J. P. Harmon.

Mr. Newkirk expressed the opinion that as the quality of a building depends upon the standards set by the construction supervisor, the quality of education upheld by the supervision of the school.

"It is for this reason," said Mr. Newkirk, "that we believe this gymnasium should be given a name. A name in honor of one who has been a guiding light in turning a dream, of only ten years ago, into a school of which we are very proud today. A school that reflects the high standards set forth by its supervision. This

gymnasium will bear the name of one who is respected and held in high regard, by both teachers and students alike.

This gymnasium will be named after none other than our own

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Directors re-elected at the 33rd annual Production Credit Association Stockholders meeting were Woodrow Maready of Chinquapin, left and Taft Herring of Mount Olive. The meeting was held Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Kenansville Elementary School Auditorium and was attended by farmers and persons interested in farming from all over Duplin County. (Photo by Ruth Wells)

Duplin PCA Hears Humorist

President Arthur Kennedy of Beulaville presided at the Stockholders meeting of Duplin Production Credit Association Friday afternoon in Kenansville Elementary School Auditorium. This was the 33rd annual meeting.

The directors report was given by E. R. Carlton.

G. P. King, General Manager of the organization, welcomed the guests and gave a financial report of the stockholders. He stressed the fact that money was tight because of restrictions handed down indirectly from Washington. He pointed out that as a result of this North Carolina would continue to dry up until money is more plentiful. Credit demands continue heavy. Loans are still available through PCA with short term loans ranking number 1 on the list. Non-Farm loans were placed at the bottom of the seven type list.

Woodrow Maready of Chinquapin and Taft Herring of Mt. Olive were re-elected directors for a three year term each.

Mr. Edmund H. Harding "The Tar Heel Humorist" delightfully entertained the audience, with his words of wisdom and his dead-pan humor. He warned them that much had happened, but much more was about to happen. He pointed out that because of the enormous expense of the Viet Nam War that taxes were bound to increase, and that we were in the midst of a

'headstart and a tallspin." He complimented the farmers for the part they play in producing a well fed nation and urged them to put their business on a paying basis.

Planning Board Named For DDC

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners appointed the following persons to serve on the Duplin Development Commission and the Duplin County Planning Board with terms effective January 1, 1967:

- Three Year Terms:
 - Milford Quilm
 - C. W. Surratt, Jr.
 - Garland P. King
- Two Year Terms:
 - Harry Oswald
 - H. D. Kornegay
 - Russell A. Bostic
- One Year Terms:
 - Amos Brinson
 - Craven Brewer
 - Dennis W. Ramsey

These Boards are being reorganized in accordance with a state law providing for the appointment of nine-member Boards with the terms of three members expiring each year. The present County Development Commission consists of fourteen members and the County Planning Board has thirteen.

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