

Warsaw News

James Kenan Chapter U. D. C. Christmas Meet

A most enjoyable Christmas meeting and party was had on Wednesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Henry L. Stevens, Jr., by the members of the James Kenan Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The home was beautifully decorated with Christmas decorations consisting of poinsettia, Pyreantha and holly.

Mrs. Fred J. Baars, president, presided.

For the Christmas scripture reading, Mrs. Walter P. Bridgers read the second chapter of St. Luke, depicting the nativity of Christ.

Members sang, "O Come All Ye Faithful" after which Mrs. W. J. Middleton, Sr. read a Christmas story entitled, "Man who owned the stable."

Mrs. Woodrow W. Blackburn, leader of the children of the confederacy, reported that a trip was planned in January

for the children. A Christmas contest was conducted. Mrs. W. J. Middleton, Sr. and Mrs. Mills Hodges, were the recipients.

B & PW Christmas Dinner Party

Members of the Warsaw Business and Professional Women's club enjoyed their annual holiday party at the home of Mrs. Rivers D. Johnson, Sr., Monday evening. The Johnson home was lovely with the Christmas decor.

Rev. W. R. Crowder presented the evening program by bringing an inspiring "Christmas message" to the group. Following the message, Mr. Crowder brought another from Mangum Carroll of Raleigh.

Mr. Crowder had visited Mangum on Monday, and Mangum wanted all his friends in Warsaw to know he was well and that he was thinking about everyone. He knew about everything going on - the clean up campaign, the new Christmas lights, etc., as he read every word of the newspaper. Mr. Crowder said that Mangum's fondness for Warsaw and his sincere interest in the community was indeed a compliment to everyone especially at this time of the year. He urged every one to send a greeting to Mangum. Mr. Crowder was presented with a gift of appreciation.

Following the interesting program, Mrs. Robert L. West, president, presided, after which the group enjoyed a delicious dinner. Mrs. W. R. Carter and attorney Robert L. West were special guests. Each received an appropriate gift.

During the social hour, the festive group sang carols and exchanged gifts. Two beautiful baskets were filled by the members who brought tokens of cheer for a shut-in couple to be delivered before Christmas.

The meeting closed in regular forum.

Christmas Canasta

Mrs. D. J. Middleton, Sr., entertained a table of canasta, at her home Tuesday night. The home was decorated in the Christmas motif.

Those enjoying play, were Mrs. D. L. Carlton, Mrs. Joe Surratt, Mrs. Robert L. West, and Miss Leonora Womack.

Delicious refreshments of lemon pie, Christmas cookies and Russian tea were served.

Circle Two Meets

Circle No. 2 met with Mrs. Ed Hill Monday with nine Baptist ladies present. Miss Fannie Wilson was co-hostess.

The meeting opened with a prayer and Mrs. Carlyle Powell led the devotional. The afternoon program was given by Mrs. Frank Thomas.

The hostesses served apple delight with whipped cream and Russian tea.

PERSONALS

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Rafford over the Christmas Holidays, are Miss Carol Rafford, of Bessemer, Alabama, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Butler, their children, Ret, Kerry and Kelly of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Mrs. Floyd J. Strickland, left Sunday for Monroe, Louisiana, where she will visit her daughter and son-in-law, Dean and Mrs. Benjamin Cooper, and family.

SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE TIMES - SENTINEL



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Miss Sue Lee Godbold whose engagement is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee Godbold of Warsaw to Harold Melvin Pope, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Pope of Magnolia. Wedding plans are incomplete.

How It Began 'Green Christmas' Traces Heritage To Ancient Times

A sprig of mistletoe, a holly wreath, an evergreen tree - these and other decorations of greenery come into homes at holiday time - and tradition blooms.

The "green Christmas" is an ancient custom, more universally observed than a "white Christmas."

In earliest times, at the pagan winter festivals, evergreens and winter-blooming plants were prized for their promise of spring and the sun's return. For the first Christians, the same greenery symbolized life eternal.

"The Holly and the Ivy." As the old Christmas carol indicates, both holly and ivy share an ancient heritage as holiday greenery. Early characterization of holly as masculine and ivy as feminine goes back to pagan games, with "the holly and the ivy" in friendly competition.

A later tradition says that spiky-leaved hollies are "he" hollies, while the smooth-leaved plants are "she" hollies. The kind of holly brought into the home at Christmas determines whether "he" or "she" will be head of the house for the coming year.

"Rosemary, that's for Remembrance." When Shakespeare wrote this famous line, rosemary was not only for remembrance—it was for Christmas decorating, too.

Rosemary, a fragrant herb that remains evergreen in warm climates, is no longer used as a holiday decoration, but it still retains its legendary connection with Christmas.

The legend says that, during the flight into Egypt, Mary spread the Holy Infant's clothing on a rosemary bush to dry. At once, the bush became sweetly scented, and its pale white blossoms turned to a lovely blue.

Mistletoe for Luck. Today, a meeting beneath the mistletoe brings good luck in the form of a kiss.

Ancient peoples believed that mistletoe had a more positive control over luck, good and bad. A bit of mistletoe hung over a doorway was said to ward off evil.

A later belief suggested that mistletoe could bring bad luck. If mistletoe boughs put up for Christmas are not removed by



(1) Lt. Williams presenting SFC Harvey E. Miller with a plaque for 20 years service with the Beulaville National Guard, (2) Lt. Williams presented SP4 Norwood P. Smith an award for 10 years service, Hubert T. James received an award also for 10 years service but was not present to receive it. (3) The Alley Cats who entertained the Christmas Party and awards banquet and dance (1 to r) Wayne Houston, Ralph Hunter, C. A. Miller and Milton Houston (4) The group enjoyed the evening of fun and entertainment.

Fireplace Claims Early Role in Yule Festivity

When Santa Claus comes sliding down the chimney on Christmas Eve, where will he land?

Right in the fireplace, an area that has been a traditional part of Christmas for more years than Santa has worn a red suit!

Before the turn of the century, Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas, frequently wore a blue robe, although Clement Clarke

Candlemas Eve (February 1), this belief holds that each leaf will bring forth a goblin to remain for the rest of the year, harassing the household.

THESE MAGIC The Danish Christmas Eve dinner features rice porridge, containing a "magic" almond that brings good luck to the one who finds it.

Sgt. Miller Receives Plaque For Service

The Beulaville Unit of the National Guard had an awards banquet and Christmas Party on Monday night, December 19. Ladies were presented Christmas corsages on arrival. The banquet was held at The Towne House and a delicious steak-supper was served.

Lt. Snyder F. Williams of Wallace acted as MC for the occasion and made the following presentations:

To Hubert F. James and Norwood P. Smith were presented the Armed Forces Reserve Medal for the completion of 10 years honorable and satisfactory service as a member of the Reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United States.

The highlight of the evening was when Lt. Williams presented a plaque to Harry E. Miller who has completed 20 years of service in the U. S. National Guard. On his plaque was the wording "The first enlisted man to retire from the Beulaville National Guard Unit."

In presenting the plaque to Miller, his life as a National Guardsman was reviewed by Lt.

Williams. Williams told that Miller was born in Hopewell, Virginia in 1918 to David and Barbara Bostic Miller. His family moved to Beulaville and he graduated from Beulaville High School in 1934. He farmed after graduation until he was drafted in the Army in 1942. He served in England, France, Belgium and Germany and earned the EAMET Campaign Medal with four Bronze Service Stars and the Good Conduct Medal.

Upon returning to the U. S., he married the former Miss Evelyn Kennedy and they have a daughter Shelby and sons, Harry E. Jr. and Hermon David.

He enlisted in the National Guard in Beulaville in 1950 and was alerted to active duty in May of 1951 when he reported for duty at Fort Stewart, Georgia, where he served until 1952 when the entire battalion departed by Unit convoy to Fort Dix, New Jersey. Going from Fort Dix to Germantown, Penn., he was then sent with his battery to Fort Lewes, Delaware. He was discharged from active duty in March of 1953. On April 1,

1963 the Beulaville Unit was once deactivated and Miller became the First Sergeant for two years.

Lt. Williams closed his reverie by saying, "By now you know we are talking of Harry E. Miller, who will be the first EM to retire from this guard unit. Sgt. Miller, this is your night! We want to present to you this plaque of appreciation from all the men."

Singing Carols

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men."

Across the years since shepherds first harkened to an angelic chorus, Christmas rings with the sound of voices raised in joyful song.

Carol singing at Christmas is both a tradition and a source of legend. Much of the legend and lore of the season is known today only because it has been preserved in song - in carols passed on from generation to generation.

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Mrs. Goodman Honored On Birthday

Mrs. Foye Goodman was honored Sunday with a surprise birthday dinner given by her family at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Greene of the Summerlin's Cross Roads Community.

All of the Goodman's children and grand children were present for the occasion. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Goodman, Martha Jane, F. L. and David of Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. Adron Goodman and children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goodman and Deann of Mt. Olive, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Goodman and children of Clinton; Billy Watson of Fort Carson, Colorado; and Mrs. Billy Watson of the Cabin Community.

Mr. and Mrs. George Goodman of Kinston, Mrs. Anna Watson, Mr. and Mrs. John Watson and Linwood, Mr. and Mrs. William Outlaw, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Rogers and Emmett Ruth, Mrs. John Ivey Summerlin, Marilyn and Jimmy Goodman, Joann, Pam, Jimmy Marlon and Sue Green.



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