

Lights on Christmas Trees Traced to Luther

Decorating the Christmas tree with lights is a custom that some historians trace back to Martin Luther, the Reformation leader, Encyclopedia Americana researchers say.

After a walk one Christmas Eve under a brilliant starlight sky, Luther returned home and tried to reproduce the scene for his family by lighting candles on the Christmas tree.

Noon Deadline

Ministers or other church leaders who would like to have announcements of Christmas programs or services in the paper should either phone or bring them to THE NEWS-TIMES office no later than noon today.



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Tree Was Old At Christ's Birth

When Christ was born in Bethlehem, the giant redwood tree that is now the US National Christmas Tree had already been growing for 2,000 years.

Located in King's Canyon National Park, Calif., the tree is a "Sequoia gigantea"—a coniferous, evergreen tree—and its age is estimated, from its annual rings of growth, at 4,000 years. Its majestic redwood trunk rises 267 feet.

The US Department of the Interior officially designated this redwood as the National Christmas Tree on April 28, 1926. Earlier, it had been named the General Grant Tree, for the 18th President.

In December, Christmas services are held annually at the base of the tree, climaxing a month-long Christmas Festival celebration by the citizens of Sanger and neighboring communities of Fresno County, Calif.

Members of the National Park Service place a wreath at the base of the tree.

Spanish Children Go To Gates to See Magi

In Madrid, Spain, it has long been the custom, say Encyclopedia Americana researchers, for men and boys bearing torches, bells and tin cans to go out to the city gates to meet the Magi.

When children complain they do not see the Three Kings pass by, they are told the Kings pass behind the mountains.

Power Off

Power was off in parts of the county from 4:30 a.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday while new electric equipment was installed by Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corp. Areas affected were Crab Point to Newport, Mill Creek and western Carteret.

The Alma's Master



Capt. Gib Willis, 1305 Shackelford St., Morehead City, reminds Christmas shoppers that the model of a 22-foot Core Sound skiff is still in the window of the Morehead City Drug Co.

The model, built to scale, by Capt. Elmo Wade, Williston, is valued at \$150. It is destined for the Smithsonian institution, national museum at Washington, D. C.

Recently added to the model was a miniature net with lead lines, made by Mrs. Gib Willis and her grandson, Jimmy Howland. Even a miniature bailer is in the boat.

Auto Dealers Urge Caution On Highways

Raleigh—Rupert E. Atkins, president of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers association, urged all motorists to "Drive for a Safe Holiday!" For the third consecutive year, automobile dealers throughout the country are participating in a special safety campaign during the Christmas holidays.

The primary purpose of this industry-wide effort is to help hold the line on needless traffic accidents occurring during the holiday period.

The drive is sponsored by the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association in co-operation with the Auto Industries Highway Safety Committee.

Motorists are urged to follow these suggestions for a happier and safer season for all:

Plan a Safe Drive—Allow plenty of time for your holiday travel. On long trips make frequent stops. Arrive relaxed.

Be Alert to Holiday Hazards—Drive in keeping with road, weather, and traffic conditions. Remember, most holiday accidents involve drinking and speed too fast for conditions.

Watch out for Others—Make allowances for unpredictable driver and pedestrian actions. Give yourself and others an extra margin of safety.

Use Courtesy Abundantly—Resolve to "Make Courtesy Your Code of the Road." It pays!

Be Sure Your Car Is Safe—Drive with good tires—properly adjusted brakes—lights and turn signals working—windshield wipers and defrosters functioning properly.

Use Seat Belts—Fasten them when you enter the car. Seat Belts are "Circles of Safety" for you and your family.

The North Carolina Automobile Dealers association hopes that each motorist will assume his individual responsibility for the safety of all motorists and pedestrians. In doing so he will add another link to the chain of safe drivers using our streets and highways during the coming holiday season.



Bill, Bonner and Bump blew for a fish fry Friday afternoon at the yacht basin. Manly as usual presided with fork and spatula. The occasion was a sort of end-of-the-season get-together. Bill Caldwell, who started the idea, had a gang down from his company in Charlotte; they all took off for Florida the following morning.

Bonner Guthrie furnished the mullet, Bump and Adam furnished the yacht basin. It was a howling success. Started at 1 p.m. and lasted till late that night. All the skippers from the waterfront, yacht basin and down east were invited. Many came.

What I like best about the Christmas season is the parties and food. Can you think of another time of year that so much happens that is strictly pleasure? Besides, the work is over for the year, friends visit, write you and everyone is in a good mood.

Well, not everyone is in a good mood. With great glee I read in the news and disturb the other day that the town officials of Morehead and Beaufort will be called on the carpet for water pollution. After being warned five years ago to make plans for sewage disposal, at least as far as the state is concerned, they have done nothing.

Of all the things a so-called civilized town can do, the worst is to wallow in its own filth, and that is what we are doing. Not only are we endangering health but our economy. A wealthy yachtsman passed through this summer. He had planned on staying several weeks with a possibility of moving down here.

He liked the people and the country, but he left because as he said, if the town officials don't care any more than they seem to about the sewage, then he doesn't care about living here.

Still on this pollution kick, a certain local organization once decreed that its members should go out after dark and remove the health department signs that warned against swimming in polluted waters (that was when there was fear of a typhoid epidemic). How naive can you be! By contrast, another local organization (Morehead City Jaycees, to be ex-

act) have realistically set as their 1962 goal, cleaning up the waterfront (without benefit of any urban renewal program, too).

We've had a considerable fall-out problem recently. Last year several menhaden plants were warned about air and water (mostly water) pollution. The condition still exists. The local saying when the fish factory smoke is thick, "That's money you smell, is literally true—it's money that the plants are throwing away."

The industry has learned to process the stickwater for profit; now let's see them go the rest of the way. Per capita, we have more air and water pollution than two Pittsburghs USED to have (they don't allow it any more).

Still more ducks being knocked off around Davis; Louie Woodbury of Wilmington and his party were back to fill several more burlap bags with Davis ducks. The state budgeted \$30,000 pri-

Speaker Moves Wisely In Face of Bad Weather

Dawson Springs, Ky. (AP)—Lt. Gov. Wilson Wyatt noticed the sky was about to drench his audience at an outdoor gathering. He made a quick decision that showed one reason he's a successful Bluegrass State politician.

"I have just decided to cut my one hour speech to two minutes," he said. "I'll give the speech to the local newspaper and you can read it there."

marily for a sportsfishing survey. At the last hearing, to discuss the use of this money, more time was spent discussing whether or not trash fishing was intentional or accidental, especially with the shrimp being long gone. But they didn't get around to dividing up the sportsfishing money.

The original purpose of this allotment, as we understand it, was for an economic survey of sportsfishing. We're betting that sportsfishing will be lost in the shuffle. Not that trash fishing, etc., etc., do not constitute a problem related to both sports and commercial fishing, but why not answer the question first?

Some folks in C&D were real hot about a survey, had us getting copies of other states' sportsfishing surveys, and so on. Wonder what cooled 'em off?

Advertisement for Newport Tractor & Equipment Co. featuring 'Special Buys on Equipment' such as Allis-Chalmers tractors, a 6-ton four-wheel A-C trailer, a used D-10 tractor, and a HD-3 diesel crawler. Includes contact info for Fred Simmons and Leon Quinn.

Advertisement for Jacquin's Rock and Rye, \$2.00 pint, 60 proof. Charles Jacquin of Co., Inc., Phila., Penna.

Beauty Suggests Bonds



Maria Beale Fletcher, Asheville, prepares for her first Christmas as America's beauty queen. Maria says her parents bought her a savings bond the day she was born. Called "the gift that keeps on giving," savings bonds will be found on Christmas trees in thousands of American homes this year.

Jobless Father of 16 Nabbed for Bootlegging

Charleston, W. Va. (AP)—Jobless and the father of 16 children, Theodore E. Lovejoy, 45, was near the top of the list for aid under an emergency public works program set up to combat unemployment in West Virginia.

But officials took another look at Lovejoy's status when they found he had apparently launched his own recovery program.

Federal authorities have charged him with possession of a copper still and 150 gallons of raw material for making moonshine whiskey.

Advertisement for 'Give Records' from Mallory's, Arendell St., Morehead City. Includes a circular logo with 'Give Records' text.

Nearly everybody in Carteret county reads The Carteret County News-Times

Advertisement for Herald Printing Company Christmas Sale. Features typewriters and adding machines at 1/3 price. Includes illustrations of a typewriter and an adding machine.

Advertisement for the American Cancer Society. Features four black and white portraits of people and the text 'CURED OF CANCER'.

Large advertisement for Christmas gifts featuring caricatures of a woman, a child, and a man, and a telephone. Text reads 'CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO PLEASE EVERYONE!' and 'Carolina Telephone'.

There are a million of them! Untold numbers of these men and women actually owe their lives to information they obtained from the American Cancer Society. Fighting cancer is our business. We have all kinds of ammunition: posters; exhibits; film strips; easy-to-understand folders; hard-hitting dramatic films. They're free for use in your office, your club, at your PTA meeting, your church socials, your community center. They're all designed to alert you, your family and your friends to facts about cancer which can mean the difference between life and death. Call or write the Unit of the American Cancer Society nearest you. It's stocked with ammunition that could save your life. Mrs. Floy Garner, President, Carteret County Cancer Society, c/o Home Agent's Office, Beaufort, N. C.