



YULETIDE SPIRIT WILL PREVAIL IN ROXBORO CHURCH SERVICES TODAY

Special Christmas Services Planned For Morning Hour; Vespers At Baptist.

Music Is Featured

The spirit of Christmas will prevail in all Roxboro churches at special services today, local pastors have announced.

With Christmas day falling on Sunday this year an added significance has been placed on Yuletide observance in the church. Last night young people from the combined churches sang Christmas Carols throughout the city before homes of those desiring it.

Morning services today will be at Long Memorial, First Baptist, Presbyterian, and St. Mary and Edward's Catholic churches. Services at St. Mark's Episcopal will be held this evening at 7:30.

At Long Memorial the pastor, Rev. J. H. Lanning will use the Christmas theme in his remarks and special Christmas music will be provided by the large church choir. A special feature of the service will be the first presentation of \$250 worth of new song books.

At the Presbyterian, the service will be largely musical with the Young People's choir singing at the 11 o'clock hour. The pastor, Rev. T. H. Hamilton will deliver the Christmas story. The Young People's service in the evening will be held at 6:30 in the Manse.

The First Baptist church is offering a special vesper service at 5 o'clock this afternoon with the regular morning service being held as usual.

Rev. Alfred C. Cole of Oxford will be the speaker at the Episcopal evening service at 7:30.

Catholic services will be held at 8:30 in the morning and the pastor, Rev. Leo G. Doetterl, has invited the public to attend this mass and Christmas sermon.

FSA Will Help Farmers Cut From WPA Rolls

Farmers On Relief Who Can Get Farm Land Aided By FSA.

Farmers dropped from WPA relief rolls will be aided by the Rural Rehabilitation Program of the Farm Security Administration if they have, or can get, adequate land for farming and can meet FSA requirements, County Supervisor Joe Y. Blanks said yesterday.

"Farmers without adequate land should make plans at once for the coming crop season," Mr. Blanks said. "Where the land is sufficient to allow the farmer to benefit from the RR Loan Program, and to let sound farm plans be made, the Farm Security Administration stands ready to extend help."

The RR Program is helping more than 600,000 farmers in the United States to get back on their feet. Present personnel of the Farm Security Administration cannot carry a very greatly increased number of farm people.

County Supervisor Joe Blanks urged that every ordinary source of credit and assistance be sought by farmers for whom WPA is no longer open. County Farm Security Administration offices will give advice on loans or other help to families in this group who cannot get ahead with their farming through using the regular kinds of credit.

Merry Christmas To All



The entire staff of the PERSON COUNTY TIMES wishes for each and every person a happy, joyous Christmas season and a prosperous, successful 1939.

No Times Next Sunday

There will be no issue of the Times for next Sunday, New Year's day, according to the Editor's announcement yesterday.

The regular edition of the paper, however, will be printed next Thursday as usual.

ARMED BANDITS ENTER DAY HOME

Opposition Of J. D. Day And Son Eunice Too Much For Masked Marauders

Two armed, masked bandits entered the home of J. D. Day in the Surl community near Mt. Harmony school Thursday night but beat a hurried retreat without loot when opposition in the form of Mr. Day and his son Eunice proved too hot for them.

The Day family was at the supper table when one of the masked men, gun in hand, appeared at the door. Apparently having the Day family at bay, the man lowered his gun slightly and the younger Day jumped for the man's mid-section.

In the ensuing tussle, the unknown marauder fell out the doorway and made good his escape. As the elder Day rushed for his gun in another room, he brushed past another masked man in the hallway but both men were off in their car before the gun was secured. Mr. Day fired one shot after the fleeing automobile but the distance between them had become too great by that time.

The would-be robbers left no clue as to their identity and Mr. Day asserted there was no way that he could recognize them. Heavy masks covered the entire faces of both men. No positive motive for the intended hold-up was forthcoming yesterday but robbery assigned as the most likely intention of the pair.

Mr. Day paid a visit to Roxboro Friday and deposited his cash in a safe place, the Peoples Bank.

Along The Way With the Editor

Dear Santa: I know that you have made your rounds and left everyone very happy, but there are a few questions that I would like to ask you. Just send your answers in care of my banker, Gordon Hunter, he seems to know me as well as anyone — the truth is he knows me too well — Signed: Editor.

Is it true that Bob Oakley did not have a sock that was without a hole? Did he hang up a sock that had no toe?

Did Bryant Barnett ask for new tires for his truck and tell you that the tires would do for his entire family?

Did Reade Jones shoot firecrackers all Saturday night and claim that he was still just a kid?

Did Coleman King ask you to bring five or six new school teachers to Roxboro next year?

Did Wharton Winstead, recently married, say that he was supremely happy and that you could save your gifts for other boys and girls?

Did Billy Harris III say anything about wanting to get married and for you to try to fix it for him?

Did F. O. Carver, Jr., say something along the same line and did he seem to be more anxious than Billy?

Well Santa, this is the end of our correspondence for this year. I have enjoyed writing these two letters to you and I hope that my readers have enjoyed them. "Along The Way" has been featured for two years and all of the people have been mighty nice to let me use their names in this column and then take it like a man.

The writer of this column wishes all the readers of this column a very Merry Christmas and a "Happy New Year."

We will be with you again in 1939 and so you all can be prepared for the worst. Until then, bye - bye.

F D R Names Hancock To Home Bank Board

Passes Over Recommendation Of Senator Reynolds; Senate Must Confirm Him

Frank W. Hancock of Oxford, who has represented the Fifth congressional district in Congress since 1931, was Thursday appointed a member of the federal home loan bank board by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In appointing Hancock to this important post, the president passed over the recommendation of Senator Robert R. Reynolds and nominated Reynolds' unsuccessful opponent in the North Carolina Democratic primary last June.

Hancock supporters here in Roxboro received news of his new job with enthusiasm and several, no doubt wired their congratulations to the man who has represented them for nearly a decade. Hancock is well known throughout the entire county.

The nomination, which must be confirmed by the senate, was announced at the White House a short time before Reynolds' scheduled arrival in New York aboard the Normandie after a trip to Europe.



Among other North Carolinians here, it was reported Hancock had, with the exception of Reynolds, the "solid endorse-

Near 6,000 See Young Person County Farmer Win Free Car

City Pauses Today, Tomorrow For Christmas Celebration

Hectic Shopping Season ended, Citizens Take Two Days Rest.

Wheels of local commerce slowed down to a walk last night as Roxboro people pause today and tomorrow to celebrate Christmas in the traditional manner.

Roxboro was thronged with Christmas shoppers all day Friday and yesterday and merchants report one of the largest Christmas selling seasons in recent years. Added impetus was given to local buying with the release of \$90,000 by the Peoples Bank a week ago and a \$5,000 bonus divided among employees of Collins and Aikman corporation here Thursday.

Local stores and business houses for the most part will be closed all day Monday with workers and be given an added day of rest and vacation.

The Peoples Bank will operate on a half-day schedule all next week with the exception of Monday, when it will be closed entirely. Banking hours for Tuesday through Saturday will be from 9 until 12 o'clock in the morning. A half holiday will also be observed on Monday, January 2 in observance of New Year's day.

The postoffice, Postmaster K. L. Street has previously announced, will remain closed all day both Mondays, December 26 and January 2.

Observance here for the most part will be done quietly, most citizens being content to spend the time with families and other relatives. Churches will feature special Yuletide services today and large crowds are expected at each service. No other formal celebrations of the season have been planned.

IT'S A GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hester are announcing the birth of a baby girl, Peggy Jane, on Wednesday, December 21. Both mother and daughter doing fine. The Hesters reside on Hurdle Mills, route 2.

"A well-written life is almost as rare as a well-spent one"

—Carlyle

Santa Claus Still Lives

A newspaper reporter was asked by a little girl named Doris if there was a Santa Claus. Here is his answer:

"Yes," the reporter said, "there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy."

"Alas, how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished."

"Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see."

"No Santa Claus? Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever! A thousand years from now, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

And that, Doris, is the answer to your question. There will be a Santa Claus for you as long as you believe in him.

SANTA PAYS VISIT TO PERSON NEEDY

Christmas Cheer Campaign Brings Joy To Many Over Entire County.

The local Welfare department made ready yesterday to play Santa Claus to some 65 to 70 needy families throughout Person County.

Largest contributing Santa Claus was the Salvation Army's Durham branch headed by Major Elmer Wall, who took 10 "cases" from the department's "opportunity list" to supply a small amount of Christmas cheer. And right on the dot, arriving Friday were 10 huge paper bags containing everything the heart could desire for a bountiful Christmas feed.

Packed in these Christmas bags were two loaves of bread, coffee, a roast, large quantities of fruits, nuts, lard, butter, sugar, canned goods, milk and even jello for desert.

Other large baskets were prepared by the Welfare department staff for distribution from one corner of Person County to the other, bringing a small measure of Christmas cheer to hundreds of those less fortunate.

While the Welfare staff was taking care of a large part of the needy "opportunities," private citizens over the county who had been supplied with names and addresses of many unfortunate families spread their cheer individually.

Very few persons in the county, it was believed, were without a little extra cheer in their hearts this morning and most of the needy were believed cared for in some small degree.

"The real source of all biography is the confession of the man himself to somebody."

—Emerson.

25-Year-Old A. L. Pulliam Holds Winning Ticket No. 20415.

A. L. Pulliam, 25-year-old Person County farmer, was "lucky for the first time" Friday and left Roxboro driving his own car for the first time in his entire life.

The new automobile, a Ford V-8 coach, was the Christmas present of the local Chamber of Commerce and Roxboro warehousemen offered to some farmer selling tobacco on the market here during this fall selling season just concluded.

A crowd estimated at approximately 6,000 people packed and jammed the environs of the County courthouse where the drawing took place at 12 o'clock noon. Farmers and their families began to trek in from the countryside early in the morning with the crowd reaching its apex just before the scheduled hour of drawing.

The year's largest crowd was tense as Secretary Melvin H. Burke of the Chamber of Commerce pushed his way through the mass of people to the courthouse door. Young Henry Slaughter, an Allensville schoolboy and son of M. T. Slaughter, was called upon to mix the barrel of little white "pasteboards" well.

Burke then announced that should a winner not appear at the time of the drawing, he would have until Wednesday at 5 o'clock to bring it in. Should no winner appear by this time, another drawing would take place next Friday with the drawing continuing until a winner was found.

Such precautions, however, proved in vain as young Maynard Whitfield, son of L. J. Whitfield of Hurdle Mills, lowered his hand into the waiting barrel. The number — 20415, called out by Secretary Melvin Burke. There was silence for a minute and a winner yelled from the crowd. But no, it was a false alarm.

Then from the far corner of the square pushed the true winner, a modest retiring fellow whose first words after the presentation were "I don't reckon there was anybody who needed one any

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Farmers Put On Broadway Act With Old Tickets

How large a mess will approximately 40,000 small tickets make? Ask A. M. Long, custodian of the Courthouse.

When the winner of the free automobile was announced Friday at noon growers of tobacco immediately began throwing their tickets into the air and for about five minutes it looked like Broadway when a big celebration was taking place. At a distance the flying tickets resembled a heavy snowfall.

Of course not all the tickets were thrown into the air, but it looked like a million. The tickets were no more good and the farmers were tired of carrying them around. The natural thing to do was to throw them away and that is exactly what they did.

An hour or so later these tickets were all over the streets of Roxboro and the city cleaning department will face a big task when work is resumed after the holidays.

With all due credit to Mr. Long it can be said that he had employees cleaning the courthouse lawn within the hour.

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