

Ukrainians Hold To Many Old Customs

Ukrainian churches, both Greek Orthodox and Uniate, cling to the ancient Julian calendar, so their Christmas Day comes 12 days later than ours, or on January 6. Christmas Eve is celebrated with much traditional ceremony and festivity.

The Holy Supper or Swiata Wecera is very elaborate, consisting of 12 courses, in memory of the 12 apostles. Fish, baked, broiled and jellied, takes the place of meat. Borsch, or beet soup, is generally served, and stuffed cabbage, filled with millet or rice. Vareniki, some-



thing like the Italian ravioli, also is a usual course. Dessert consists of special pudding called kutya, made of wheat, poppy seeds and honey.

During the Christmas Eve supper, some member of every Ukrainian family throws a handful of kutya or pudding at the ceiling. If it sticks, the coming year will be a prosperous and happy one. After supper, a plate of braided bread, called kolach, is left on the table between two lighted candles. Legend says that the spirits of the family's dead will return at midnight to eat this bread.

The Ukrainian Christmas festival lasts three days. In the villages singers known as Kolyadniki go from house to house singing the Kolyadky folksongs relating the birth of Christ and the events of his life. They usually carry a manger with them, and in some cases they perform miracle plays. They are rewarded by gifts of food or money.

PLUM PUDDING

In the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, the prayer for the last Sunday before Advent began with the words "Stir up." The people of Peterborough took this to be a reminder that they should start their plum pudding at that time, and everybody in the family took a hand in the stirring until it was ready on Christmas.

This indispensable old-time English Christmas dish was frumety, or frumenty, which according to old-time recipes was "wheat boiled until the grains burst, then strained and boiled again with broth or milk and yolks of eggs." Frumenty was the forerunner to plum pudding.

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CHRISTMAS remembrance



It would be difficult, indeed, to forget our friends, particularly at Christmas. We want you to know how close we feel to all of you, and how sincerely we wish for each of you the choicest blessings of Yuletide.

McCarter's
Cash Grocery

SPORT SHOTS

BY CHARLES CARPENTER

Western Carolina semi-pro baseball league is now Class D. Application of the present six-member group to the National Association of Minor Baseball Leagues was announced last week and climaxed a six-week 'red-tape' battle with George M. Trautman's minor league office. Hopes are dim that Kings Mountain will have a team in the circuit.

Directors of the WC met in Hotel Charles in Shelby on Nov. 2 and application for admission to the association as a Class D member was filed shortly after it was voted to enter the professional field.

Since the first application was made, President John Moss has been running a busy office answering numerous form letters and filing all sorts of forms.

WC was the 55th member accepted into the association and I believe we are correct in saying that its addition gives North Carolina the national lead in number of profes-

sional teams. A 56th member was admitted at the same time announcement of the WC's approval came.

A trip to Miami for the minor league winter meeting was sandwiched in the 'red tape' department also. Jess Hill, of Forest City, Jack Beamon, Boger McGimpsey, and J. W. Beach, of Morganton left on Dec. 2 and spent a day whirl with the big shots of baseball. Sports writers, club owners, managers, scout's, practically every one of importance connected with the sport attended the meeting.

Plenty of major owners and managers had camps set up also, trading and looking for player-trades.

Among major writers John said he met were Joe Reichler, New York AP, Chick Hosch, Atlanta AP, Gene Plowden, Miami AP, and Scop Latimer, Greenville, S. C., News

Boss Trautman recognized the WC group at the opening session and the party was allowed to sit in at all meetings. The minor league proxy turned down some applications for admission to pro ranks and indicated favoring admission of the league.

On Dec. 10 Robert L. Finch, public relations officer of the association, toured WC parks with Moss

and left a favorable comment and instructions for some members of the league to get their houses (ball yards) in better order. He said he saw no reason why the league shouldn't have a very successful first year and he felt he could give a favorable report.

After announcement of the good news league members are now busy with details for the coming year, working on major league affiliation and league officers are seeking two more clubs to make an eight-member circuit.

Directors of the league include D. Archie Coffey, Lenoir; Clyde Short, Shelby; Jess G. Hill, Forest City; Roger Saunders, Newton-Conover; Hugh Beam, Marion; and J. W. Beach, Morganton.

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Lewis - Walcott fight pictures are being shown at the Imperial theatre today and lots of sport-followers will be looking for the reasons the judges gave the decision to the champ. That fight has really stirred up plenty of boxing talk over the country. And the last of it will probably never be heard.

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—Bowl Picking—
ROSE — Michigan over South-

Several Changes In Auto License Plates

RALEIGH. — When car-owners go to buy their 1948 license plates, they will find that "there have been some changes made."

For the first time since 1942, next year's motorists will be able to sport two license tags — one on the front and one on the rear of his vehicle. He will also find that there has been a change in license plate rates.

Instead of a different rate for every passenger car of different weight as in the past, the new license fee law, passed by the 1947 General Assembly, fixes three basic figures — \$10, \$12 and \$15 for private passenger vehicles — and a flat \$60 fee for

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- SUGAR — Alabama over Texas.
- ORANGE — Kansas over Ga. Tech.
- COTTON — SMU over Penn. State.
- GATOR — Georgia over Maryland.
- DELTA — Mississippi over TCU.
- DIXIE — W & M over Arkansas.
- TANGERINE — Catawba over Marshall.
- EAST-WEST — East over West.

taxicabs and other service and "for hire" passenger vehicles.

These new rates mean that the plates for many light or low-priced automobiles will cost a few cents more than in the past, while those for the heavier, higher priced vehicles in most instances will be slightly less.

Into the \$15 bracket fall Cadillacs, Lincolns, and buses and hearses of all makes. Also included are Checker Cab, Dusenberg, Pierce Arrow, Rolls Royce, Stevens Duryea, and Yellow Cab, all of which are no longer manufactured.

In the \$12 fee bracket are the Buick, Chrysler, Lincoln Zephyr, Packard and several makes which are no longer manufactured, chief of which are LaSalle, Graham Paige Franklin, Hupmobile and Reo.

Into the \$10 bracket fall all other makes — the Fords, Chevrolets, Plymouths, Dodges, and Studebakers.

The new rates tend to put all makes of cars on a flat fee basis, and will greatly simplify licensing procedures for both motorists and licensing officials.

On October 1, U. S. Wheat stocks were 1,142 million bushels, down 349 million bushels from July 1.



THE MEANING OF

CHRISTMAS IS DEEPLY ROOTED WITHIN OUR HEARTS!

The star-touched spell of Christmas is like some enchanted package whose magic never wanes . . . it is a gift of enlasting love and affection to give and accept, forever new—forever joyous. This real "treasure" never changes in value . . . it is the gold glittering in all hearts at Christmas — it is happiness springing from loving devotion. Love of Mother and child, love of brother for brother—embracing each family, our country, the world . . . in the eternal worship of Him, who is the almighty symbol of love.

Dellinger's

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