Page Eight



By Maud McCurdy Welch

DATTI WAS TRYING to forget it was Christmas, Last Christmas there had been Jimmy and a ring on her finger. Then there was a girl named Ann and everything was over. Patti had packed up and come to this part of the city to live.

So there were no holly wreaths or Christmas trees in Patti's Pie and Bake Shop just off one of the bustling avenues. There was only Patti with her brown curls and mellow brown eyes and the long rows of pies and cakes in the show-cases.

People came from all over to buy Patti's cakes and pies and drink her coffee. There was the little old lady who sold magazines on the corner, who came in every day. She was the first to come in on Christmas Day, and she was lugging a big wreath of holly and mistletoe, "Hang it in the window, dearie," she said. "

Patti looked at the wreath and a sick pain caught at her heart.

Then there was the telephone operator who worked in a branch exchange, and later the little boy who always stopped by from school. He had such sad blue eyes it made Patti's heart ache. Patti always gave him a huge slice of pie



When he saw the wreath his eyes brightened. "Gee, that's pretty."

and he ate it with relish, but the sad bewilderment of his eyes never seemed to go away.

When he saw the wreath, his eyes brightened. "Gee, that's pretty. You goin' to have a Christmas tree too, Mis' Patti?" Patti started to say no, but choked. Instead she asked, "Don't you have a Christmas tree, Tom-

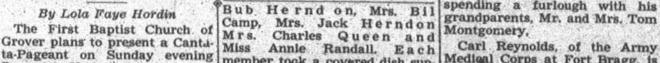
my?' He shook his head. Patti said, her voice still choky, "Then we'll have one here. You can help me trim it." **Grover Baptist Church To Present Christmas Cantata-Pageant Sunday** evening.

By Lola Faye Hordin ta-Pageant on Sunday evening member took a covered dish sup-December 23, at 7 o'clock. The text is written by Mattie B. Shannon and the music by For-

rest G. Walter. There was a joint officers' room, meeting Thursday evening at the - The W. M. S. met Monday in Presbyterian Church for the purpose of examining the newly ing talk of Miss Coleman was

elected officers prior to their or given by the recorder. The talk dination and installation Sunday. was the one that Miss Coleman home for the Christmas holidays. The Annie Armstrong Circle gave in Shelby for the Day of Those home now are: James Mc met in the church Tuesday De Prayer, December 7.

cember 11, the topic of the pro- Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tedder angram was "Let us Worship and nounce the birth of a daughter, Bow Down". Those taking part Hilda Marie, on December 12 at on the program were: Mrs. Gaffney Hospital.



For Your Old Suite!-

On This Smart, New 2-pc. Suite!

Medical Corps at Fort Bragg, is per. Instead of exchanging gifts, spending a leave with his wife. the members gave an offering to The Intermediate R. A's met Monday evening at the home of provide for underprivileged childrens in Grover School Lunch Tommy Keeter in Grover.

Cpl. and Mrs. J. F. Harry of Fort Benning, Georgia, are now the church basement. The inspir- spending a furlough at home be- D. Watterson. fore leaving for over seas duty. Students have started conding

Ether Products

Ginnis, from Wake-Forest, Ellis Tate and Annette Harry, from

Gardner-Webb.

Mrs. Holmes Harry entertained 1.14 home. The funeral was held Circle No. 2 of the Presbyterian in the home on Sunday afternoor Women of the Church Monday and then the body was sent to Schenectady, New York, for Jim Montgomery, USA , is burial. spending a furlough with his Mr. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Quinn, of

ALL THE LOCAL DESTROY

EINGS MOUNTAIN HERALD, EINGS MOUNTAIN, N. C.

Spartanburg, S. C., visited Mrs. Quinn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Byers, over the weekend. Mrs. Charlie Martin has returned to her home in Burlington after spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Watterson. Mr. Watterson's con-

dition hasn't improved. Mrs. Iva W. Black, from Charlotte, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J.

Those visiting Alex Sheppard Sunday were Frank Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hambright, and Dewitt Patterson. Mr. Sheppard's condition has improved. Mr. and Mrs. Grover Nunnery

Oak Grove News By Mrs. William Wright Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Ran-

Rambling Sketches Of

dall and daughter of Hickory, were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Randell

Rev. C. C. Crow of Shelby was the Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Allen and family. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bell, Giles, Betty, and Gail, Mary Wright, Peggy and Bob were Sunday afternoon visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bell and Mr.

and Mrs. Walter Blanton. Miss Duckworth, French teacher of Beth-Ware school, Messrs.

Dean Costner of Penley's Chapel and daughter, Deborah, of Char- turned with his parents after vis-

were visitors for the morning, Miss Mary Pearl of the Beulah worship service at the local church Sunday morning. We had one new member added

to our church Sunday morning, Mrs. Laura Wolfe, mother of Mrs. Stokes Wrights, joined by letter, I wish everybody that reads this list of news a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Lovelace spent a few days the past week with their daughter, Mrs. Pearl

Ware and family. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stacy and sons of Long Creek were Satur-

day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bell and children. Mr. Bobby Randall of State colasy income.

lege is spending the holidays with Walter Ware of Charlotte and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Randall.

Mrs. Stokes Wright, Mrs. Laura Wolfe, and Mrs. William Try Herald Classifieds

Thursday, December 20, 195

section Sunday afternoon. Other visitors in the Wolfe home were Mr. and Mrs. Blair Wolfe of Gastonia, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wolfe

of Shelby, and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Goforth of Stony Point. Miss Carolyn Bell was the Sat-urday night guest of Miss Helen

Thornburg. Mr. Wray Thornburg spent a

few days in Tampa, Fla., recenty.

Farmers in Granville County, one of the State's oldest tobacco counties are rapidly turning to livestock and dairy enterprises as

important sourses of supplement-

Aromatic tobacco is grown in 25 counties of North Carolina.

They Bring Results



Worth



A BIG Platform Rocker A decorator smart rocker that is sure to bring MORE COMFORT and CHARM to your living room, play room or den. Your choice of assorted tapestries and colors. AND . . . it's as 95c Down Delivers!



Below Cost Closeout BMC TRACTOR **Only \$19.95**



Date 1. Staroa - Marsa ina Banstanaral Pictu, als magnificent furniture in your tiome! its graceful modern style will always be admired . . . its deep-seated comfort will always be admired its deep-seated comfort will always be appreciated. The thickly padded outside arms, and distinctive backs patribute to its beauty. Buy now ... get up Co5 in trade for your old living room furti-

In Lovely. Jacquard DITIONADE 15% Down 18 Months! And Your Old Suite!

In no time at all the tree was up and they were trimming it. In spite of her stern efforts, Patti was conscious of a slow excitement. Tommy asked if she believed in that Kris Kringle stuff, and she had to stop to think before answering. At last she said, "Yes, Tommy, I-I think I do. Kris Kringle may be just a symbol, but he's really alive in the hearts and spirits of hundreds of people all over the world."

Tommy's blue eyes grew bright. "Then do you think if I told him I only wanted my daddy back, and nothing else, he would bring him back to us? My mommy told him to go, but she didn't mean it. Now she's sick, but if Daddy would come back, we'd both be happy and she'd be well."

An idea was slowly dawning in Patti's mind. "We'll see what we can do, Tommy," she promised. Patti hurried like mad and got a personal ad. in the late edition of one of the big dailies. It read: "Mr. Thomas Baker, please call

at Patti's Pie & Cake Shop at once.'

PATTI WAITED and waited. The little shop was brightly lighted and the Christmas tree was a beautiful sight to see.

But no one came. Everything had been sold, so Patti was putting out the lights when a tall young man walked in. He said; "I may be the Thomas Baker you're looking for. Of course I don't know.

Patti just felt it in her bones that he was the right one. She said, "Do you have a wife by the name of Margaret and a little boy named Tommy?

"Yos, yes, I do." "Then you're the right Thomas

Baker. They want you to come home."

"Are you sure Margaret wants me too?" The young man's eyes were suddenly full of hope.

Patti nodded. "I'm very sure," and the young man thanked her, turned to go and almost collided with another tall young man who had just come in. He was looking at Patti with his whole heart in his eyes. "The minute I saw that personal, I was sure it was you. No one ever spelled Patty with an "i" as you do." Then he reached for her hands. "Patti, won't you forgive me for thinking I could ever love another girl? Won't you let me put this ring "here it belongs?"

Patti was choked up with happiness as he slipped the ring on her finger. "Finding you is like a Christmas miracle," he whispered as he took her in his arms.

About 275,000 farm families have obtained loans from the Farmers Home Administration during the past 12 months. Some of the most successful borrowers have increased their crop production from 40 to 60 per cent per acre as a result of the loans:

Production of fresh vegetables this fall was about 10 per cen lower than a year earlier.





covering that will wear



and wear.



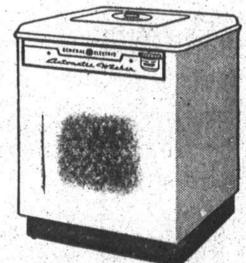
included and . . . as an extra bonus ... you get a 16-pc. set of ruby red 95c Down! glassware!



Wake Up to Music!

TERMS!

A gift that gives accurate time, ideal



Frade in Your Old Washer on This Wonderful G-E Automatic Washer!

WASHES YOUR CLOTHES REALLY CLEANt Yes-cleaner than you dreamed possible! G-E Activator* washing action gently washes each piece individuallyand automstically!

GENERAL ELECTRIC DEPENDABILITYI This AUTOMATIC Washer is a new product of General Electric engineer-ing! The sealed-in 15% Down mechanism never 18 Months! needs attention.



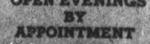
A Gift for Your Home - from Stehelig - Is BEST

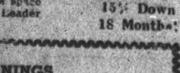


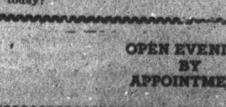
15% Down





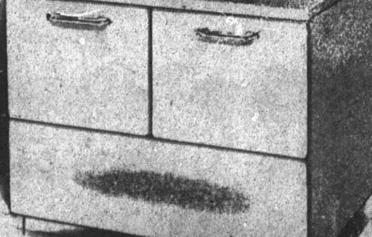






of distinction to





acces so)

radio, and wakes you to music. Yes, it's a clock, a radio and an electronic reminder—all in one exquisite package. **Q.95** YOURS for Christmas on EASY 95c Down!

G-E

Clock Radio

Traditional Chair It's a 33%" high desk chair that is time as an extra din-ing chair. Wine striped seat. Lustrous, true mahogany fin-

Buy U. S. Defense Bonds!

95c Down!