

Central Methodist CHURCH NEWS

By Mrs. Baxter Payseur

Student Recognition Day services will be held Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m.

The children's Christmas program was presented Sunday evening with good attendance.

Miss Nan Jean Ganit was leader at the Spiritual Life meeting Monday evening at 7:30, followed by the general meeting of the W. S. C. S.

The Older Youth presented a Christmas program at the Youth Fellowship meeting Sunday evening. Present in the Older Youth class on Sunday morning were 17 young people.

A carolling party was held Tuesday night by the Seniors and Older youth. The Seniors brought gifts for an orphan boy at the Children's Home whom they sponsor, and placed them under a tree in their classroom. Refreshments were served after the youth sang for the shut-ins, taking gifts of fruit to them.

Christmas greetings from the Shore family and from Miss Mozelle Masters appeared in the Church bulletin Sunday. A most joyous Christmas is wished for one and all.

Police Report 67 Arrests In November

A low of 67 arrests were reported by Kings Mountain police department for the month of November.

The report covers all lodgements at city jail in November by city, county, and state officers. As for the month of October, public drunk charges for the month of November accounted for about a third of the monthly arrests with a total of 13.

Arrests of persons possessing illegal whiskey accounted for the second largest total of eight.

Five arrests each were made on charges of issuing worthless checks, operating a vehicle without operator's license, and driving in a reckless manner.

Four caplases were issued, and three violators were charged with speeding.

Six violators, with two arrests each, were charged with breaking, entering and larceny, non-compliance with North Carolina School Law, and disposing of mortgaged property.

The following charges accounted for one arrest each: Driving

while drunk, resisting an officer, assault with a deadly weapon, temporary larceny of an automobile, assault on a female, driving with an improper muffler on a vehicle, disposing of personal property, non-support, improper use of license plates, forcible trespassing, and using profane language.

One person was arrested on a fugitive warrant.

Bethware Club Has Yule Party

An entertainment program of musical selections featured the annual Bethware Progressive club's Christmas party at the Bethware school cafeteria Monday night.

Special guests of the club were the new teachers, Mrs. Ed Hamrick, Mrs. Harriett Carlson, and Miss Nancy McGinnis, wives of pastor of El Bethel Methodist church, Rev. J. J. Thornburg, Paterson Grove pastor, and Rev. H. B. Alexander, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist church, and Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Neill.

The program included the selections, "White Christmas" sung by Bobby Anthony, Mickey Bell sang "I Saw Mama Kissing Santa Claus", and Bobby Webster sang "I'll Be Home For Christmas". Miss Janice Moore was piano accompanist. All are students at Bethware school.

Mrs. Ed Hamrick conducted the game, "Beat The Clock", and M. C. Poston, the club president, introduced the visitors and special guests, Myers Hambricht and John Rudisill headed the committee on arrangements, Mrs. Paul McGinnis and a group of high school girls prepared and served the meal.

Once Plentiful Reindeer Dwindle in Numbers

Santa's helpers—the reindeer—once were plentiful in their native habitats in the north. In recent years, however, their number dwindled so seriously that conservationists once feared the animals might become extinct.

Chief enemy of the reindeer, as of so many animals, is the wolf. Some experts estimate that wolves have destroyed over 500,000 reindeer within the last 15 years or so. It was estimated in 1950 that there were 50,000 reindeer left.

In the past few years American boys and girls have been forced to settle for "stand-ins" or native deer wherever Santa's sled with its eight helpers was used. The true reindeer are difficult to keep alive in temperate climate, and with the supply so short, protective measures don't allow the reindeer to come southward for the holiday season.

Receipts from the sale of livestock and livestock products amounted to \$220,065,000 in 1953.



By Shirley Sargent

RALPH RANSOME, a forceful-looking, dark-haired man of about fifty, left the office early Christmas Eve. There was no use staying, he reflected almost bitterly, the office staff had been having a Christmas party since noon on company time. His family accused him of not having any Christmas spirit. Well, the office staff had too much of it.

The gaily decorated streets were lighted as he walked along the downtown area. Hurrying crowds seemed to be in a gay mood, Ralph remembered the Christmas of his own youth. He lived on a ranch with four other brothers and sisters, an aunt, two fatherless cousins and his parents. With that many mouths to feed, they were lucky to find a dime, an orange,



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nuts and a hand-knit pair of socks in their stockings.

Now it was vastly different, Ralph thought. Christmas was commercial and presents elaborate, often useless. Molly, his wife, bought the gifts for their three children. A less brilliantly lighted store window attracted him. Sports equipment was exhibited. Ralph remembered his boy's shout of pleasure last Christmas when he had opened something he wanted particularly. "Gee, dad, how did you know? Just exactly what I wanted."

And Ralph had to say, in honesty, "Thank your mother, son, I just work here."

Julie, his nineteen-year-old, had burst out, "Oh, daddy, it just isn't any fun when you don't take part. You don't even know what you're giving us."

After All, He Paid Well, who paid for it? Ralph thought now. So long as they got what they wanted, what did they care? Maybe Julie and Jim had been trying to show him that they wanted something from him. Something he picked out. Ralph thought again of his boyhood presents that had been made especially for him. Why, he realized, that was what made them special.

The children were right then. All he did was pay for their gifts. This year he could pay double and take a chance that he would choose things they liked. It was supposed to be the thought, not the gift that counted anyway. Why, last Christmas it was that Jim had given him that awful pipe rack. But Ralph had accepted it with pleasure and still displayed it in a prominent place because Jim had worked hard to make something he could use. And the ill-fitting, hand-knitted socks from Martha. Those gifts had meant more to him than any store-wrapped package could. He turned and hurried into the store.

Getting The Spirit Ralph stopped carefully among the jostling crowds. He thought carefully as to whether the gift would be practical or not, appreciated or not. Molly was first and that was easy for Ralph knew she had wanted a watch for years. The children were harder. Julie was in college. She had everything. No, wait. . . She loved music, the type Ralph had no patience for. A Brahms symphony wasn't entirely practical, but he knew it would be appreciated.

He felt excited. This was fun. Challenging too. Other shoppers' faces reflected his own growing excitement. Next year, he vowed, he and Molly would shop together. He backtracked to the camera department. Martha, their seven-year-old, was a photography fan. He bought several rolls of film and a "How To" book. Then, Jim. The boy lacked coordination, yet liked sports. A basketball and a punching bag. That ought to do it.

Later, as he let himself in the house, Ralph could hardly wait to see their faces tomorrow. But he didn't need to wait. As he placed the packages around the tree, Julie's delighted squeal brought the rest of the family in. When he turned around, he met four pairs of shining eyes that expressed their affection more clearly in words.

"Gee, dad," Jim sputtered, "you finally got the Christmas spirit."

Ralph smiled back at them warmly. "Guess it's catching, and I curable."

Moose Lodge Holds Party For Children

A half-hundred youngsters attended a Christmas party at Kings Mountain Moose Lodge 1748 Sunday afternoon. The group included children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of lodge members.

The ballroom of the lodge was gaily decorated for Christmas with a large Christmas tree heavily decorated, and the feature of the program was the arrival of Santa Claus with gifts for all. Prior to the big event, Mrs. David Cash, hostess for the party, conducted games and contests.

The winners were Gloria Brown, Mary Ann Morrison, Paul and Linda Reynolds, Sandra and Jimmy Falls, and Jo Hamrick, all of Kings Mountain, and Ann Meeks and Terry and Susie Heatherington, all of Bessemer City.

and Mrs. Jack Killian, of Gastonia, and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Grice. "NIGHT BEFORE XMAS Dr. Clement Clarke Moore was ashamed of his famous poem, "Night Before Christmas" and would not acknowledge that he wrote it for more than 20 years.

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