

Santa Claus To Arrive In City Friday, 5:30 P. M.

EVENT TO DRAW GREAT CROWD; COLORFUL PARADE IN HIS HONOR

All In Readiness for Gala Christmas Display. City Holiday Lights To Flash On For First Time. Celebration To Be Featured By Parade and Attractive Floats. Thousands Expected To Welcome North Pole Visitor Who Comes To Open Holiday Buying Season.

Cheery St. Nicholas, attired in his bright red suit trimmed with snowy white fur, will arrive in Clinton at 5:30 Friday afternoon and will ride through the streets of the city to officially open the Christmas buying season. He comes upon a special invitation from the city and Chamber of Commerce and thousands are expected to greet him upon his arrival.

Wires have reached The Chronicle that the distinguished visitor, as gay as ever, is speeding toward Clinton from the snowbound regions of the North Pole. Preparations are being completed by special committees heading the celebration to give him the greatest welcome he has ever had. He is expecting the kiddies to turn out en masse to greet him.

Santa's arrival will be the occasion for the beginning of the Yuletide season, the turning on of the city's beautiful lights, and a parade which promises to be a colorful Christmas display. The thrilling news that Santa Claus is again to be the city's guest this year means that everything has been put in readiness for his visit. The city water and light department has completed its big job of stringing the necessary wires to furnish the power for another brilliant array of Christmas lights. The entire business section has been decorated with thousands of vari-colored Christmas lights to be flashed on in honor of the North Pole guest as the parade progresses through Broad street, and as a part of the exquisite and brilliant

adornment planned for the city during the holiday season. To add to the setting, streamers of heavily laden electric bulbs strung in festoons of lights, have been arranged around the monument. Several lovely trees in the center of the town brilliantly illuminated will complete the real Christmas picture and produce a scene of startling beauty. The decorations, which are being provided by the city and local merchants, will be up to the standard maintained in recent years. They will be so beautiful that they are likely to take Saint Nick's breath away.

Today's colorful celebration will usher in the city's pre-Christmas Trade Festival which is being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Details of the event, and a special message from a lumber of Clinton merchants and firms inviting the public to make their places of business headquarters for Christmas shopping, will be found on pages ten and eleven of today's paper which you should not overlook. The gala decoration of the shopping district is expected to bring many people into the city during the Christmas season—to make Clinton a live, busy shopping center.

Boys and girls throughout this entire section, and grown-ups, too, are invited to greet Santa when he arrives tomorrow afternoon and to extend him a great reception as the lights flash on in his honor and joy and beauty run rampant to inaugurate the Yuletide season.

Grange Urges Control Revision

"Compulsory" Feature of Senate Crop Bill Is Opposed By Farm Organization.

Washington, Dec. 6.—President Roosevelt returns to Washington today to find the legislative program moving at a snail's pace amid conflicting pressure.

Crop control legislation, number one topic of the special session which began three weeks ago, is still in the debate stage. Leaders talked hopefully of passing it this week, but criticism was becoming more forceful.

For example, the National Grange urged that pending legislation be sent back to committees which drafted it, and stripped of "compulsory control features." Compulsion and penalties, it said, violate democratic traditions, and the legislation, far from improving the farmer's situation, "would render his plight more desperate than ever."

The National Cooperative council also criticized compulsion, saying it would lead to "economic disorder." Officials of the American Farm Bureau federation had a different complaint to make. While approving the senate measure in general, they wanted it more restrictive, to prevent piling up "too large" a surplus of commodities.

The Roosevelt administration itself is none too satisfied with the senate bill. Secretary of Agriculture Wallace has complained that it is too restrictive and is without proper safeguards against shortages and high prices for consumers.

Despite the difficulties confronting the legislative program, there was no indication from any official that President Roosevelt was disturbed.

There was not even a whisper that he cut short his Florida fishing trip for any other reason than need of further dental treatment. If he decided to hurry back to Washington to apply the heat for his program none of his closest lieutenants would admit knowledge of such a motive.

The administration, from the president down, has never indicated that it expected the program to be cleaned up at the special session. Mr. Roosevelt has signified that he expected little more than spade work at this session, to shorten the job at the regular session beginning in January.

COLD BRINGS HOLIDAY

Miami, Fla., Dec. 7.—Pupils of the Miami area today welcomed chilly weather that otherwise was given a reception somewhat colder than the temperature reading.

A school holiday was declared because few of the buildings have heating plants and many of the pupils were without heavy clothing.

To Be Clinton's Guest Friday



SMITH URGES CAUTION IN CHRISTMAS DRIVING

Traffic Engineer. Would Have Motorists Use Moderate Speeds To Reduce Tragedies During Holidays.

Twenty-four persons were killed in South Carolina on state highways in motor vehicle accidents in 1936 during the period from December 1 through Christmas day, according to a statement issued during the week by Wilbur S. Smith, of the traffic engineering division of the state highway department.

"Will this performance repeat itself this month?" Mr. Smith asks, as he urged motorists and pedestrians to exercise care when on the roads, so that tragedy will not mar Christmas rejoicing.

"Inattention or carelessness" was the principal cause of fatal accidents last December, six deaths being attributed to this factor last year. Four "drinking drivers" were involved in wrecks which killed six persons last December, Mr. Smith says, while speeding and reckless driving were assigned as the causes of three deaths in three accidents.

"Night driving is always dangerous," Mr. Smith said, "especially so in winter months when visibility is often poor even during hours of daylight. Three deaths during the first 25 days of December, 1936, were caused by defective lights. A check on all light bulbs, combined with courtesy in dimming lights when approaching another vehicle traveling in the opposite direction, should eliminate most of the night driving hazards.

"Six of the accidents were classed under miscellaneous causes, including 'improper signalling,' 'driver asleep,' and 'improper passing,' et cetera.

"In addition to the 24 who were killed on state highways, a number lost their lives in cities and on country roads. The Christmas season, increasing the volume of traffic everywhere adds especially to the accident hazards of city streets by greater congestion.

"Do not let the Christmas enthusiasm cause you to be inattentive while driving, or to be in too big a hurry.

"A moment spent in waiting for a car or pedestrian to clear an intersection may mean a happy Christmas for another family!"

Prizes Offered In Breedin To Speak Friday's Events Tuesday Night

In the parade to be staged Friday evening in honor of the triumphant entry into the city of Santa Claus, a number of floats will be entered and the city will take on a general Christmas appearance.

For the outstanding float of the parade, a cash prize of \$10.00 will be awarded by the Chamber of Commerce, \$7.50 for second place, \$5.00 for third place, and \$2.50 for fourth place.

First prize for the most attractive business window will be \$5.00, for second place \$3.00, and for third place \$1.00.

W. R. Anderson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, has appointed the following committees for tomorrow's celebration:

Parade—Mac Adair, P. M. Pitts, Heath Copeland and H. L. Eichelberger.

Floats—C. W. Anderson, Roy Gasque, D. B. Smith, Arthur Copeland, A. B. Godfrey and B. F. Wingard.

Windows—J. J. Cornwell, Mrs. C. E. Galloway, J. A. Chandler and W. H. Simpson.

Red Cross Drive Completed Here Welfare Offices Reduce Personnel

J. J. Cornwell, chairman of the recent Red Cross membership drive in this section, announced yesterday that \$600 was raised during the campaign by the list of workers who volunteered to make the annual canvass.

The canvass in Goldville, headed by G. N. Foy, netted \$250. This community for its large contribution last year, received national recognition from Washington Red Cross headquarters. Results from a few of the districts in the Clinton area are still incomplete, the chairman states.

Friends of little John Pitts will be glad to know he is recovering from an illness which confined him to his home the past ten days.

Death Claims Beloved Woman

Miss Clara Duckett Succumbs To Short Illness. Funeral Services From First Presbyterian Church Sunday.

Attended by friends who filled the First Presbyterian church, and with floral offerings as lovely as they were profuse, the funeral of Miss Clara Elizabeth Duckett, 58, was held Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Interment was in the church cemetery. Miss Duckett died at the Hays hospital Saturday at noon following a critical ten days' illness, the outcome of which had been feared from the time she was stricken.

Dr. D. J. Woods, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. John Townsend, a nephew of the deceased, was in charge. Both spoke of her fine qualities, unselfishness, and devotion to her church.

The honorary escort consisted of: W. J. Bailey, Dr. D. O. Rhame, Jr., Dr. S. C. Hays, Dr. T. J. Peake, Dr. J. Lee Young, Walter A. Johnson, Dr. M. G. Woodworth, Dr. B. O. Whitten, L. B. Dillard, Prof. Bothwell-Graham, Dr. Marshall Brown, and Dr. Dillard Jacobs of Atlanta. Active pallbearers were: A. W. Brice of Greenwood, John Osman, Hugh Holman, Bennett Townsend, George Townsend of Rock Hill, Harrell Wilson of Greenville, Duncan Johnson and Forrest Summer of Newberry.

Miss Duckett was a daughter of the late Capt. and Mrs. T. J. Duckett, a widely connected and highly regarded Laurens county family, and had lived her entire life in Clinton. She was a member of the firm of Jacobs & company, and always took an active part in church, civic and social affairs of the community.

Miss Duckett was a life-long member of the Presbyterian church which she served with loyalty and devotion. Another of her prime interests was the Daughters of the American Revolution which she dearly loved and supported loyally. She had served the organization as a state officer, the local chapter as regent, and at the time of her death was treasurer of this chapter. Likewise, she was an enthusiastic member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and as a member of this organization always contributed freely of her interest and support to its work.

In the Woman's club she was a tireless worker and gave freely of her time for the advancement of the community's interests through this organization.

Miss Duckett was a woman of many lovely traits of character and all who had the privilege of knowing her intimately appreciated those qualities. Ever kind, sympathetic, and possessing a generous thoughtfulness of others, she practiced charity to a marked degree, often her closest friends and family not knowing what she was doing. Devoted to her home circle and friends, she was loved and appreciated for her many fine virtues by a large circle of friends who are grieved at her death, and who will greatly miss her in this community.

The deceased is survived by four sisters, Mrs. J. F. Jacobs, Sr., and Mrs. Nonnie D. Young, both of this city, Mrs. J. B. Jones of Petersburg, Va., and Mrs. J. B. Townsend of Anderson.

NATIONAL GUARD UNIT TO MARCH IN PARADE

The local National Guard unit will take part in the city's Christmas celebration Friday afternoon at 5:30. All members of the company have been requested by Capt. W. A. Johnson to be dressed in uniform and at the armory building promptly at 5 o'clock in order that the line-of-march may be formed to participate in the parade.

DRIVE CAREFULLY SAVE A LIFE!

8 DEATHS from AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS in LAURENS COUNTY 1937

Let's Strive To Make This a Safe Year On the Highways.

CROP CONTROL FORCES SCORE

House, Senate Leaders Repulse Efforts To Change Administration Bill. Johnson Attacks Proposal of Secretary Wallace.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Determined senate and house leadership turned the legislative tide, temporarily at least, in favor of the administration farm bill today.

By a vote of 51 to 25, the senate rejected an amendment by Republican Leader McNary, of Oregon, to limit operation of the bill to three years. Friends of the crop control measure called this the first test of senate sentiment on the No. 1 item of President Roosevelt's special session program.

Foes of the legislation had gained an initial advantage yesterday in the house, when that chamber voted 85 to 76 to discard compulsory control of wheat marketing.

Another senate test was in the making, and senators urging that the bill be sent back to the agriculture committee for re-drafting expressed confidence that they could muster more than the 25 votes cast for McNary's idea of confining the program to the years 1938, 1939 and 1940. Eleven Democrats joined the 14 Republicans in supporting McNary's amendment.

The fierce debate that preceded the vote brought Senator Johnson (Republican), of California, silver-haired veteran of the famous fight against entering the League of Nations, to his feet for the first time this session.

In a booming voice that belied effects of his illness last session, he demanded that "We take time to determine the wisdom of our actions," and sided with McNary's contention that the bill should be given a limited trial.

The Oregonian called Secretary Wallace's proposed "ever-normal granary" an "ever-present menace," and insisted the program should not be made permanent so long as it "discriminates in favor of five major crops."

In a second deft move after defeating the Republican leader's proposal, wary senate Democrats deferred final action on an amendment by Senator Borah (Republican), Idaho, to eliminate a requirement that corn and wheat farmers sign acreage contracts in order to continue receiving benefit payments under the soil conservation act. McNary supported Borah, contending it would be unfair for cotton farmers alone to receive the benefits and loans without signing acreage contracts.

Borah won approval, however, of his suggestion that the proposed surplus reserve loan corporation make loans on all agricultural commodities.

The senate adopted an amendment by Senator Bankhead of Alabama, which would restore benefits to cotton growers under the soil conservation act in event compulsory control and accompanying parity payments were ended.

House leaders, cautious after their defeat yesterday, had on hand enough votes today to batter down sporadic uprisings.

Chairman Jones, of Texas, of the agriculture committee, persuaded the chamber to reject, at least tentatively, two proposals by Representative Jobs (Democrat), of Alabama, and Anderson (Republican), of Minnesota, to apply compulsory cotton acreage allotments to the 1938 crop, one year in advance of the bill's schedule. Jones insisted that voluntary control provisions be tried out first.

Fulton Leads College Services

The Rev. Hewitt Fulton, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Laurinburg, N. C., began a three-day series of services last night for the college student body. The services will continue through Friday, at 11:45 a. m., in the chapel, and at 7:30 in the evening in the First Presbyterian church.

Mr. Fulton is a graduate of Presbyterian college and a son of the late Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Fulton of Darlington. He is pleasantly known here by a wide circle of friends who are invited to hear him this week.

TO BUILD SCHOOLS

D. E. Tribble company of this city, has been awarded a contract for the construction of two Chester county schools. Work on the buildings is to start at once.

SHOP EARLY

Let THE CHRONICLE advertisements today and for the next two weeks solve your Gift and Santa Claus Problems before you start on your Christmas Shopping tour through Clinton stores.