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CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS

A CARLOAD OF ORCHIDS TO:

DR. CHALMERS, who about a year ago, wrote a special series of lessons for the Young Adults. These were mimeographed and sent to various S.S. throughout the South. For the last year these have been studied, and found of such intense interest that these were printed in a handsome quarterly and is now being used through out the South for October, November and December of this year by all the Young Adults.

Believing that many of you would like to see this book of "Senior Bible Studies", it is now in the Library of the George Matthis Class. Dr. Chalmers in all his modesty, will quietly say "it is nothing"... but we are all proud of his accomplishments, and know you would like to hear what others have to say concerning this series. Quoting the Editorial Column: "The author of these first two units in the new cycle is the Rev. Dwight M. Chalmers, Th.D., pastor of the Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church, Durham, North Carolina, a friend of youth. A member of the church he formerly served has said of him, "The secret of Dr. Chalmer's influence on young people is best expressed by the word simplicity. The example of his consecrated living makes the Christian life seem simple to those who know him, young and old alike. He is one of the most sought-after leaders for young people's conferences because he comes nearer to having the spirit of Christ than anyone I know. Someone has expressed it this way, 'Just knowing Dwight Chalmers makes me want to be good.' "

No praise could be nicer, no more deserved.

THANKSGIVING AND THE GEORGE MATTHIS CLASS by Harriet Maupin

At our last class meeting, it was decided to give a basket of the "extras" that make Thanksgiving just a little nicer, to some family who would otherwise not have been able to have had them. With the able assistance of Lucille Petrea and Tobe Shaw, we bought fruits, nuts, juices, candy, cookies and canned fruit which filled an orange crate. Tobe went down in his cellar and brought out quite a generous display of Grace's home canning for the basket.

Mrs. Ramsay of The Hallie Pope class, cooperated in every way, and after the basket had been beautifully with crepe paper, she delivered the basket for us.

****ED NOTE:** This committee is to be congratulated. Harriet, Lucille and Tobe, and our thanks to Mrs. Ramsay, to say nothing of Grace, who was so generous with her canning. It is quiet and efficient work like this which makes our church a better church. This committee is one of the FEW who went ahead, used their ingenuity and set to work. A good job, and WELL DONE!

While we are handing out orchids: let's fling a bouquet over to Harriet Maupin's Dad, Mr. F.B. Gardner of Hendersonville, N.C.

Harriet introduced her Dad and said he would help with our morning song period on the Thanksgiving week end. Naturally, we accepted gratefully, and from all we have heard, it was a wonderful program. Thanks Mr. Gardner. We enjoyed having Mrs. Gardner too, and Harriet tells me they came down right out of the hills and even put on THEIR SHOES just to meet US! HARRIET DIDN'T SAY SHE WAS A HILL BILLY!

OUR CHURCH NURSERY by Louise Johnson

I wish to express my appreciation to the following members of the class for serving as Nursery Helpers for the past three months. Mrs. Grace Shaw, Mrs. J.C. Simpson, Mrs. Harry Boyd, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Betty Blanchard, Mrs. Bob Wassell, Mrs. Bob King and Mrs. Dot Atkins.

These have been very willing workers when called upon and two of them volunteered before their time came upon the list. There needs to be enough names on this list so that one person won't be called upon more than one Sunday out of three months.

The group of children that are to be cared for is small, but they are the age that constantly demand attention and supervision. Since our class has taken this project, we would like to see more participation by women (and some of the HUSKIER men could help too) in the class. The ones who do not have children in this group and those who have no children, could give their services two or three times during the year.

The young girls who volunteered to help in the summer are so few that it kept them too frequently, from attending the church services and we are not calling on them anymore.

We appreciate the members of other classes who help with this Nursery project, and if any of the men decide that they need a work out for an hour on Sunday morning, the "list" is still OPEN.

USHERS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL by Buck Kirkland, Pres. Men's Bible Class

As the members of the Adult Department of the Sunday School came into the Church Sunday, November 23, they were greeted by ushers. This was not the first time that ushers have been used in the Sunday School, but it is the first time that the officials have planned to use them on a permanent basis.

In seating the group into a compact body to the front and center of the church, the use of the ushers added a great deal to the morning devotional.

Bouttonieres worn by the ushers made their officiating quite impressive.

In the future four ushers will be present each Sunday morning, to greet members of the Adult Department, two from the Geo. Matthis Class, and two from the Men's Bible Class.

This is another step forward in improving our exercises for the devotional period of the Adult Department. Dr. Henry Carr, Superintendent of the Adult Department, and the other officers are to be congratulated on this and the many other improvements which they plan to make.

ED. NOTE: Also, let's hand some posies to Buck. He was the first to suggest the ushers and the carnation for them to wear, and from all the favorable comment, everyone is pleased with this new idea.

THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT by Lela Jones, Supt.

The children in the primary department of our church, six to nine years of age, first, second and third grades in school... entertained their parents Wednesday evening, November 27th at six-thirty P.M., with a Thanksgiving program. Refreshments were served to the children while the parents and teachers held a meeting. At this time a special offering was taken for Barium Springs, which

amounted to eight dollars. We are looking forward to the Family night on December the fourteenth and hope that everyone from our Department will be present.

Teachers in our Department are Mrs. B.L. Tickten, first grade; Mrs. A.L. Foster, second grade; Mrs. E.F. Callahan, third grade, and Mrs. Betsy Burroughs, pianist. Mrs. Tickten is also Secretary and Treasurer of the Department.

FD. NOTE: One again a bouquet is being thrown. But it is work of this sort which fosters good will towards teachers and parents. The program was an excellent one with Wallace Grey, Steve Harris and David Barringer taking their parts well. All the children sang expertly, and recited the One Hundredth Psalm with ease. Mrs. Jones made an interesting and inspiring talk to the parents, and Mrs. M.D. Clark led a discussion period for the parents. Congratulations, Mrs. Jones and each of your teachers!

WHERE DO WE STAND CONCERNING "FAMILY NIGHT". RUMORS ARE FLYING THICK AND FAST. EVERY MEMBER OF THE GEORGE MATTHIS CLASS WHOM I HAVE TALKED WITH, WAS MORE THAN PLEASED WITH THE AFFAIR LAST YEAR, AND PLEDGE COMPLETE SUPPORT TO THE SUPPER IDEA FOR THIS YEAR. IT SEEMS AS IF MRS. JONES WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE THIS BECOME TRADITIONAL WITH OUR CHURCH. WE REALIZE THAT IT IS A TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITY, BUT KNOW THAT BY PLANNING THINGS AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE, AND BY SEGREGATING CHILDREN'S CLASSES, IT COULD BE ONE OF THE MOST BELOVED GATHERINGS OF THE YEAR.

OUR CLASS IS PRESENTING A PLAY...A GOOD PLAY, WHICH IS REQUIRING A LOT OF WORK. WE HAVE CHOSEN A PLAY WHICH IS FUNNY, YET BEARS A MORAL, A PLAY APPEALING TO YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE. WE HOPE TO BRING EVERYONE INTO THE CHURCH ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER THE 14TH, AND WILL DO ALL WE CAN TO SEE THAT A "FAMILY NIGHT" IS HELD. IT IS UP TO THE LADIES OF THE AUXILIARY....OTHER CHURCHES DO IT, WHY CAN'T WE? BEFORE YOU SAY IT....LET US FACE THE QUESTION, "THERE IS TOO LITTLE ROOM." WE BELIEVE THAT EVERYONE WILL BRING ENOUGH FOOD AND THAT BY PREPARING COFFEE AND COLD DRINKS, MILK FOR THE CHILDREN, AND SECURING COOKIES OR CAKES FOR THE DESSERT, A DINNER FIT FOR A KING COULD BE SERVED. THINK ABOUT IT...CALL ON ANY MEMBER OF OUR CLASS...WE'LL HELP, WE'RE NOT AFRAID TO WORK!

FRANCES JARMAN.

*REMEMBER IT DEPENDS NOT ONLY ON THE AUXILIARY, BUT UPON THE SUPPORT OF THE ENTIRE CHURCH. HERE'S A THOUGHT: HOW ABOUT THE SESSION AND DEACONS PROVIDING A FUND TO TAKE CARE OF THE EXPENSES OF THIS AFFAIR, AND MAKE IT TRADITIONAL?

NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS by Dot Atkins

The George Matthis Class points with pride to the new members who have joined our class during the last month. To each we all extend a very cordial welcome to our class and its delightful fellowship. We take pleasure in introducing:

Mrs and Mrs. J.T. Crumpacker or 1206 South Duke Street.

Mr. and Mrs. O.D. Kirkland of 2705 University Drive.

Mrs. J.C. Petrea of 507 Hyde Park Avenue.

Mrs. Forest Callahan of Eighth Street.

Among the guests who've met with us in November are:

- Mrs. Les Grass (can this be right, or is that just Dot's writing?) of Hampton, Va. whom we call Mom now!
- Miss Mary Shuford of 805 Sixth Street
- Miss Mary Sue Copenhaver of Richmond
- Mrs. Richard Miner of 2402 Guess Rd.
- Mr. F.B.Gardner of Schoolfield, Va.
- Miss Manetta Matthews of the Powe Apts. (we hope she will let us count her a new member)
- Miss Marie Smith of Epworth Inn
- Miss Elaine Callahan of 8th street
- Mr. G.I.Russell of 213 Newsom Street
- Mr. Thomas E.Wilson of Richmond, Va.

It is always a pleasure to have members of other classes of the Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church meet with us, and we extend an invitation to them at any time. Members from the Men's Bible Class occasionally meet with us, and Helen Chalmeys too...welcome one, Welcome all!

November 28th, 1947

Dear Santa:

It's almost Christmas time again and we're so excited we can hardly sleep. Of course we want a lot of things but we also want you not to forget to come to our Sunday School.

We have so much fun every Sunday and enjoy Sunday School much more than the grownups but you should see the toys we have to play with, so if you can possibly, we should like for you to dig down in that big bag of yours and leave a few things down in the Cradle Roll for us. These are some of the things we could use:

Little automobiles with wheels attached

Nice, clean new building blocks

Some dolls with clothes on

Wooden train and cars

Trucks

2 Big rubber balls

1 big wooden picture puzzle

A blackboard and chalk

Modeling Clay

And any other toys that you think little girls and boys from one to four years old would like.

Thanks so much Santa, and we hope you can visit with us some Sunday soon and see hoe much fun we really have,

The Cradle Rollers.

ED. NOTE: Once again the editor has something to say. Mary Bowden wrote the letter to Santa, and with such an appeal as that, our class must get right on it's toes and get to work and see that these children have some new toys. HOW ABOUT IT?

MY THANKS TO HELON KIRKLAND. SHE WON'T COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL, BUT DID A LOT OF WORK JUST THE SAME. YOU SEE HELON DID THE TELEPHONING FOR YOUR EDITOR, GIVING OUT ASSIGNMENTS FOR THIS ISSUE. THANKS HELON, YOU DID A SWELL JOB. AND THANKS TO THOSE WHO DID THEIR SHARE..

BUT...WHERE ARE THE OTHER ARTICLES WHICH WERE TO BE WRITTEN? BEA LEMEN WAS TO REPORT ON OUR PLAY, THE "REDS" WERE TO ISSUE A STATEMENT THROUGH BETTY BLANCHARD, THE "BLUES" WERE TO MURMUR SOMETHING THROUGH MAYTON BETTS, TOBE SHAW WAS TO TELL US ON PLANS FOR HEAT ON SUNDAYS IN OUR CLASSROOM, ELEANOR BOYD WAS TO REPORT ON THE GRAND WORK DONE BY THE JUNIOR CHOIR, AND EVEN DR. CHALMERS WAS TO WRITE ABOUT SOMETHING....DO YOUSE GUYS AND GALS EXPECT AN EDITOR NOT TO BLOW HER TOP WHEN SUCH THINGS AS THIS HAPPEN? A WEEK HAS LASEPED SINCE THE ASSIGNMENTS WERE GIVEN OUT. ALL APOOGIES MUST BE WRITTEN ON FOOLSCAP PAPER IN PINK INK AND DELIVERED IN PERSON, TO YE EDITOR.

WHO WILL GIVE THEIR TIME AND FINGERS TO STENCIL NEXT MONTH'S ATTIC ANTISS? WON'T ANYBODY TAKE PITY ON AN OLD WORN OUT EDITOR?

WHO WILL VOLUNTEER TO GIVE OUT ASSIGNMENTS FOR NEXT MONTH?

WHILE YOUR EDITOR WAS IN WILMINGTON THIS PAST WEEK END, SHE TALKED WITH A VERY CHARMING TEACHERS FROM THE ST. ANDREWS-CHURCH OF THE COMENENT CHURCH, MRS. ROB PLATT. AT ONE TIME A YOUNG COUPLE'S CLASS WAS BEGUN, BUT SOON THE MEN JOINED DR. EVAN'S CLASS THERE, AND THE LADIES SETTLED DOWN ALONE. THEY ARE IN HOPES OF ESTABLISHING A CLASS THERE NOW, SIMILAR TO OURS. HERE IS OUR BEST WISHES TO THEM, AND IF WE CAN HELP, JUST LET US KNOW. THEY MIGHT BE PLEASED TO KNOW THAT WE STARTED WITH ONLY TEN MEMBERS, DROPPED OUT ENTIRELY, AND STARTED ONCE AGAIN , NOW THERE ARE SO MANY ON ROLL, WE CANN'T GOUNT THAT HIGH. HERE'S AN INVITATION FOR MEMBERS OF THAT CHURCH TO VISIT US SOME SUNDAY, AND WE'LL ENJOY PLAYING HOSTS TO THEM!

HOW ABOUT THE CONTEST? I'LL BE HANGING AROUND THIS WEEK TO SEE JUST WHAT HAPPENS, WHO GIVES THE PARTY, AND WHEN...I'LL ALSO BE DROOLING IN ANTICIPATION,

TYREE WOODS IS AN EVER THOUGHTFUL GUY, WHEN HIS WIFE DOES THE THINKING. HE INVITED THE CHOIR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REFRESHMENTS LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING, AFTER THE CHOIR HAD REHEARSED, AND AFTER WE HAD RUN OFF ATTIC ANTICS. TESS DID THE FIXIN'.

AS FOR OUR PLAY, IT'S GOING GREAT. VERNON JOHNSON STEPPED IN AND TOOK OVER THE ROLE OF ROY AS PAUL KIMES' MOTHER IS QUITE ILL; ELEANOR BOYD TOOK OVER THE ROLE OF ADA , AS AGNES SKILLEN IS HOBGING OVER MUD FLATS, MUSICAL NOTES AND BRATS IN HER ROOM AT SCHOOL. ALL LOOK SERENE AND WE KNOW EVERYONE WILL ENJOY "REUNION AT CHRISTMAS" , AND REMEMBER THE DATE IS DEC. FOURTEENTH. THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR TIME FOR STENCILLING THE PLAY WERE IONE LONG, BETTY BLANCHARD AND MARGARET DICKERSON. THANKS AN LOT, GIRLS...

THE GORBGE MATTHIS BIBLE CLASS WILL HOLD ITS REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICES. EVERYONE IS URGED TO ATTEND, AS THERE WILL BE IMPORTANT BUSINESS AND A CAROL SERVICE FOLLOWING. ALL NEW MEMBERS SHOULD BE PRESENT AT THIS MEETING, AS WE WOULD LIKE TO BECOME BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH YOU. EVERYONE PLEASE BE ON HAND AT SEVEN*THIRTY FOR THE PRAYER SERVICES.

MR. PHILLIPS HAS SOME DELIGHTFUL SURPRISES FOR THE CHILDREN TO BE GIVEN OUT ON SUNDAY MORNING THE TWENTY-FIRST.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF OUR CHURCH WILL HAVE A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT ON SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 21ST AT SEVEN-THIRTY. EVERYONE WILL DELIGHT IN THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT THEY HAVE PLANNED FOR US.

THE "REUNION AT CHRISTMAS" PLAY GIVEN BY OUR CLASS WILL BE GIVEN ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 14TH AT FIVE*THIRTY. NOTE THE TIME.. FIVE--THIRTY..

BY TYREE AND TESS...WHAT COULD IT BE BUT GOSSIP?

Gossip has it that young O.D.Kirkland, Jr. was working terribly hard the other day. The BIG BOSS came in, tickled him under the ribs, and thereby, O.D. balled up his fist and almost let fly a "haymaker", but seeing it was the Boss, changed his tactics. The Boss was so impressed with O.D., that he looked up his record. Now Swift and Company have a new salesman..yes, O.D. had made such a swell record that he was given the new job. Congratulations, you not only land a beautiful new wife, but a beautiful new job as well!

Remark overheard about the ushers wearing flowers. Said they sure did look CUTE. What a joke! They always thought they were cute! A lot was said about Harry Boyd's solo Sunday. Better catch your man Eleanor, with a voice like his, he can slay them. Anyway, Harry, a nice solo.

Do you want to know why Irene Martin is coming to Sunday School her charming daughter Betty is bringing her. Thank Betty for a job well done. Now start to work on Dad,

Dot Atkins Birthday was this past Sunday. She is mad because the class didn't sing happy birthday. I didn't think it was a Happy birthday, after you got out of the twenties...Anyway... ask her about the cake and the surprise she had Sunday Night from members of the class.

Doesn't Sir Blake have a birthday the twenty-sixth?

Ask Helen K. why Tyree is suing she and Buck. I bet she won't tell you. By the way, Buck was on time for S.S.but no Helen.

Where is Mayton Betts and his BLUES going to get enough food to feed the REDS? ED. NOTE: MAYTON, PUT IT ON THE CUFF, AT TYREE'S.

Mayton, see Tobe Shaw. Maybe he will let you have some rabbit for a stew. How about it Tobe?

A letter to Santa:

Dear Santa:

Please bring us a man, six feet tall, dark and handsome. I hope you can fill our wishes this christmas. We have been disappointed for the past fifteen years.

We will love you always,

Lib Rogers and Ione Long

ED.NOTE. CHEER UP GIRLS! IT WILL BE LEAP YEAR SOON, AND WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU TO ADD TWO NEW MEMBERS TO OUR CLASS.

Pete Petrea saw in Attic Antics that Tyree and Tess were having an addition. What he didn't know was that it was TO THE STORE. HE didn't want Tyree to get ahead of HIM..S0000...

TO ANY READER OF ATTIC ANTICS interested in the field of Church Recreation, Arts and Handcrafts. The Second Annual North Carolina Church Recreation Workshop is to be held in Wilson, N. C., December 29th - January 1. First hand reports from folks who attended this last year indicate that it is tops for help in leading recreation and handcraft activities. Any interested reader please call the Church Office - R-6671, for detailed information. M. C. McCormick