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Charlotte Host To Thousands At Christmas Festival MEYERS AMTS 100,000



CELEBRITIES CHAT—Anne Jeffreys, RKO motion picture star, is in the city to participate in the Carolinas Christmas Festival. Here she is talking with Ted Malone, radio's story-teller, who also has a big role in the festivities.

Miss Jeffreys Visits City Movie Star Here For Yule Festival

By EMERY WISTER Charlotte News Staff Writer Mayor Herbert Baxter may never win Anne Jeffreys' vote but he's her choice for the biggest mayor she's ever seen.

- Line of march in parade: 1. Motorcycle escort. 2. Color Guard. U. S. Marine Corps. Mounted Units. Palmetto Antia Ledge. Davidson college band. Chesterfield band. Official cars. City officials. Anne Jeffreys and her entourage. Ted Malone. Vincent Lopez. Reta Dean Knight. Bear, balloon. Albenarle Queen, Miss Antia Ledge. Standard Oil float. A. G. band. Toy Soldier, balloon. Bennettville Queen, Miss Cherrylle band. Charlotte Observer float. 21. Two big heads. 22. Coronet band. 23. Camden Queen, Miss Wyden Queen. 24. Charlotte Automotive float. 25. Cowby, balloon. 26. Queen City float. 27. Oliver Queen, Miss Frances Bailey. 28. Kataroo, balloon. 29. Rose Roddy. 30. Chesterfield Queen, Miss Marianne Andrews. 31. Southern Radio corp. float. 32. Drum major, balloon. 33. Cornelius Queen, Miss Polly Rebecca Knox. 34. Football player, balloon. 35. Concord band. 36. Queen City float. 37. Davidson Queen, Miss Betty See LINE-UP on page 5-A

Parade Will Climax Day Of Varied Activities

Jeffreys and Malone Arrive By MARTHA AZER LONDON Charlotte News Staff Writer Charlotte today welcomed thousands of visitors who thronged the Queen City to see the great Christmas Festival featuring a noted movie star, a nationally-known radio commentator, and 34 beauty queens from surrounding towns who are scheduled to take part in a four-mile long parade this evening.

Miss Anne Jeffreys, RKO star, and Ted Malone, radio's story-teller, arrived by train from Atlanta at 8:30 o'clock this morning and were welcomed by a group of Charlotteans headed by Mayor Herbert Baxter, the two celebrities had been scheduled to arrive by plane last evening, but when the weather closed in here, the plane had to go to Atlanta.

Today's Festival, one of the greatest events in the city's history, will culminate in the Christmas season. GOOD WEATHER. Predictions of the weatherman came true this morning. Instead of the dark, rainy day that dampened the city's enthusiasm yesterday, there was bright sunshine spreading a blanket of warm goodwill over the entire Queen City.

Celebrities At Luncheon More than 400 men and women jammed the Hotel Charlotte ballroom today to celebrate the Carolinas Christmas Festival, and to hear a luncheon address by Ted Malone, radio's story-teller, for the American Broadcasting Co.

The luncheon marked the official opening of the Carolinas Christmas Festival Day, and, as Mayor H. H. Baxter, master of ceremonies, expressed it, "We are making history in this Queen City of Charlotte. This is the big day—this is our day, and we are proud and proud to have you people join us in celebrating this occasion."

There were many out-of-town persons attending today's luncheon, in addition to many of the city's leading businessmen and women. Bathsheba ran high for the Christmas Festival, and was added to by the presence of 34 lovely queens, who are here as guests of the Festival and representatives of their home towns.

Leading the list of guests, in addition to Miss Jeffreys and Mr. Malone, was Gov. H. Gregg Cherry, who was introduced by Mayor Baxter. Mr. Cherry expressed his pleasure at being here for the Festival and congratulated the City of Charlotte for sponsoring the Carolinas Christmas Festival. "You have promoted an occasion that is in keeping with the fine progress and expansion of this town," the Governor said. "I wish you all a happy and prosperous year for the Christmas season."

Expects '70 Pct. Efficiency' Marshall Says U. S. Plans Program To Give China Aid

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Secretary of state Marshall said today the Government is working on a program to help China with the expectation that any funds will be used with "about 70 per cent efficiency."

Marshall also told the House Foreign Affairs Committee it "is our feeling" that any assistance to Europe ought to be supplied immediately to keep the supply pipelines flowing.

U. S. Lacks Signal Plan WASHINGTON—(AP)—Dr. Vannevar Bush, scientist, disclosed today that the United States presently has no system operating to warn it of sudden air attack.

Truman To Make Talk WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman will deliver to a joint session of Congress in person today a message on the subject of stop-gap European relief aid and for inflation cuts at home.

Marine Killed In Fight QUAM—(AP)—Herbert H. Oliver of the First Marine Brigade was beaten to death Saturday night in a fight between two Marines and 20 Filipino laborers in a tavern, the Navy said today.

Democratic Meet To Open July 12 WASHINGTON—(AP)—The week beginning Sunday, July 13, today was fixed for the 1948 Democratic National Convention to be held in Philadelphia.

Greetings, Visitors To the many thousands of visitors from neighboring Carolina cities and communities who are here to witness the first huge Carolinas Christmas Festival, The Charlotte News extends a hearty welcome.

Ex-General Tells Senate Group About Transaction Says He Talked With Morgenthau

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers told senators today he and his wife netted \$90,000 from a \$4,000,000 wartime bond deal about which he said he consulted then Secretary of the Treasurer Morgenthau.

Morgenthau told him he "didn't see how I could go wrong," Meyers said. In New York, Morgenthau called the retired Army officer's testimony to the Senate War Investigating Committee an "outright lie."

Passengers, Escape Unhurt Airlines Ground DC-6's After Fire GALLUP, N. M.—(AP)—At least four airlines grounded their huge DC-6 planes today, pending an inquiry into the cause of a fire which broke out on an American airplane while in the air.

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Weather Generally fair weather, sun and two or three days. Cooler today and tonight. Not much change in temperature tomorrow and Friday.

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