

Christmas Program At Valle Crucis School

"Christmas in Story and Song" was presented by the seventh grade children at the December meeting of the Parent Teacher Association. The following pupils had parts in the play.

The birth of John foretold, Elaine Triplett and Jerry Edmisten; The blessing that comes to Mary, Margie Byrd and Eugene Hartley; The visit of Mary and Elizabeth, Jeanette Byrd and Larry Reece; The birth of John the forerunner, Lois Shoemaker and Jerry Fox; The birth of the Savior, Anna Mae Mitchell and Barbara Harrell; The shepherds are told, Kim Chamblin and Donald Smith; The visit of the wise men, Sandra Hodges and Larry Cook.

During the play the audience joined in the singing of Christmas carols, and at the close every one sang Santa Claus songs until Santa arrived to help serve the candy.

The hospitality committee served refreshments from a beautiful Christmas table.

Bulletin boards and Christmas decorations throughout the buildings were very meaningful and beautiful during December.

The first grade children made little Christmas trees for the tables in the cafeteria. Other decorations consisted of arrangements of balsam sprays, cones, candles, a madonna, and angels.

The Rev. Rhett Winters gave the devotion at chapel on the closing day. A carol sing was held after which the children received a treat from the school.

Mrs. Mast's Sixth Grade

We have been working on projects to help in our work. For instance, Carolyn Davis, Wanda Michael, Phyllis Yates, and Diana Shores have drawn a map of Africa to put on the bulletin board. Geneva Smith, Anna Lou Shook, and Judy Yates have made a zodiac to go with our history. David Harrell and Dale Townsend drew a map of Europe and Asia to go with our geography. Since we haven't any recesses in the morning before school we have more time to do things like that.

We have a chart of A's and Carolyn Davis has the most of any one in the class. Carolyn Hodges has the second most among the girls. Roy Trivette has more stars than any other boy. Alvin Presnell, James Houck, J. C. Presnell, and Terry Ellis tied for second place. We have a lot of others who make A's.

Fifth Grade News

Our class won the Progressive Farmer contest recently. Brenda Storie won the flash camera for getting the most subscriptions.

Santa Letters

Dear Santa: I am four years old. Please bring me a doll and cooking set. Please don't forget granddaddy Christian who is sick and my sister Frankie who will be home Christmas. Becky Jane Cook.

Dear Santa: I am four and a half years old. Please bring me a doll as big as Valerie Ragans, some guns, a cash register, and a blackboard. Bring my brother, Dempsey III, a stuffed dog, a telephone and a red truck. He is a good boy. I won't cut my hair until after Christmas so you will know me. I will be at grandma's house this Christmas. How about some oranges and candy in my stocking too. I'll be good from now on. Your friend, Debra Wilcox, Newland, N. C.

PETROLEUM STOCKS DECLINE

The Bureau of Mines has reported that stocks of domestic and foreign crude petroleum totaled 252,613,000 earlier this month. This represented a net decrease of 52,000 barrels in a week. Domestic daily average production was 7,027,000 barrels, up 58,000. Runs to stills averaged 7,983,000, an increase of 10,000.

the teaching of arithmetic in the Elementary grades. Mrs. Edmisten also visited our school on Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Laura Church and children, Laura Milton and Charles will spend Christmas in Vero Beach and the Watauga Colony Florida.

and our teacher was awarded a big new Webster's Dictionary which we are enjoying. Several of us secured enough subscriptions to win various prizes.

Richard Chase visited us the other day and told us two of his Jack Tales. He also showed how to do a Cherokee Indian dance.

We are enjoying the many Christmas cards and bulletin displays which we have been making. One shows Santa upon the housetop with all his retinue; another shows the Holy family at Christmas; still others are winter scenes, showing fences, stumps, and sheds all covered in snow. We don't qualify as real artists but we enjoy what we make.

Third Grade

Our Christmas tree this year was different from the other trees. Our teacher brought us a little long leaf pine from Eastern Carolina. After learning some things about the pine and other evergreen trees, as to how and where they grow and their uses, we decorated the long leaf pine for our Christmas tree. It was beautiful.

Donna Hunt has moved to Florida, and Mary Hicks has moved to Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. Howard Edmisten, County Supervisor, met with the Valle Crucis teachers recently to discuss

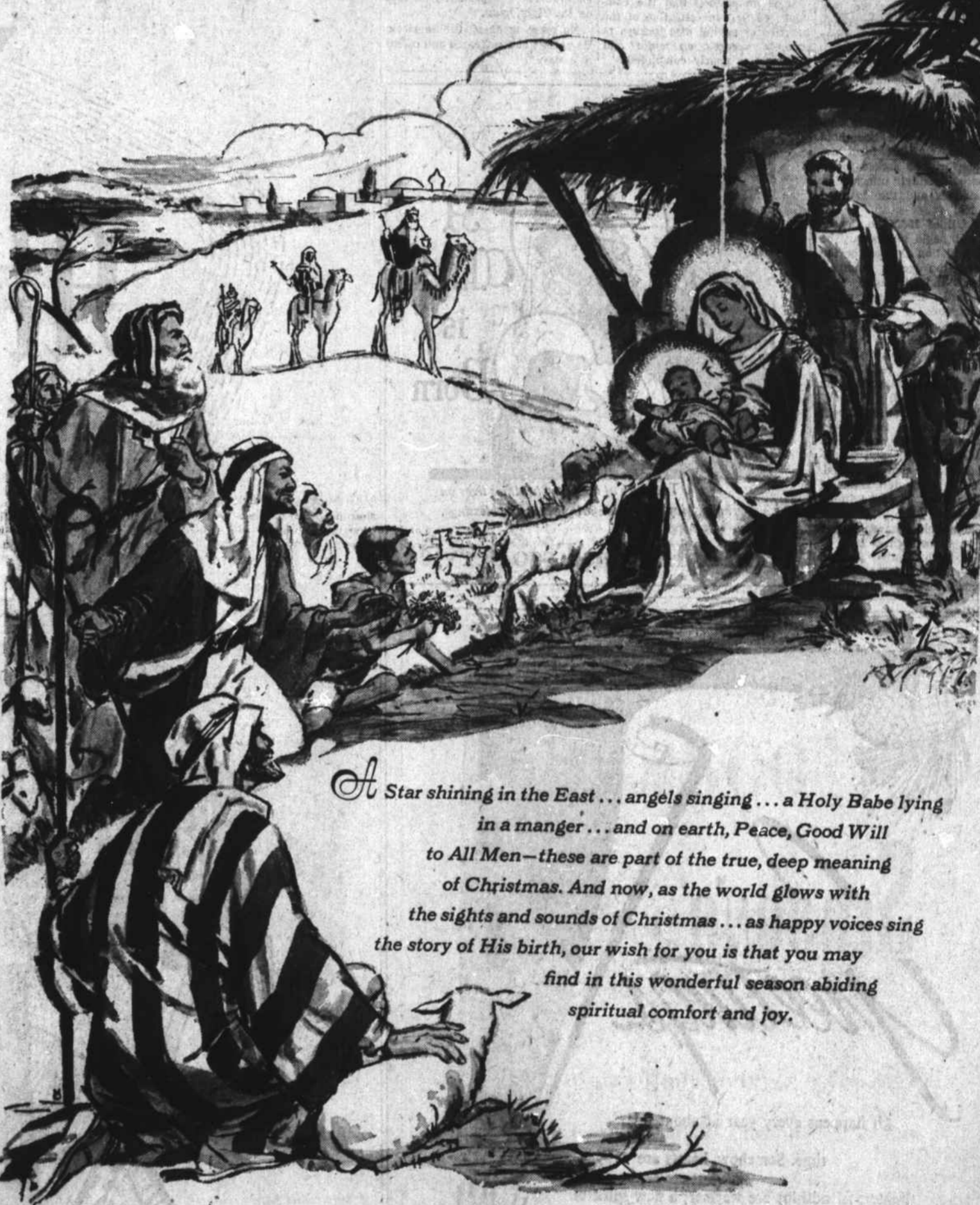
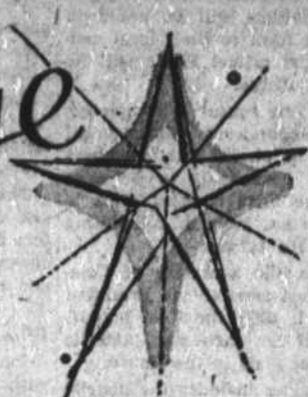
Merry Christmas to All



Perkinsville Grocery

A special greeting is coming your way... our sincere wishes for holiday happiness and joy throughout the season.

A Message of Great Joy



A Star shining in the East... angels singing... a Holy Babe lying in a manger... and on earth, Peace, Good Will to All Men—these are part of the true, deep meaning of Christmas. And now, as the world glows with the sights and sounds of Christmas... as happy voices sing the story of His birth, our wish for you is that you may find in this wonderful season abiding spiritual comfort and joy.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

It's traditional for friends and good neighbors to wish each other well at this time of year. We like that tradition, and we're glad of this opportunity to wish you a Happy Holiday Season, and the best in the coming year... and all the years that follow.

We'd like to give you more than just wishes, though. We'd like to give you our pledge that whatever we can possibly do to make the New Year a better one for you will be done. Our goal is to bring to the member-owners of our electric system the best possible electric service at the lowest possible cost. We pledge ourselves to work unceasingly in your best interests.

Looking ahead, there is still much to be done to bring the full benefits of electrical living to all our people. With your strong support, your cooperative will meet the challenges of the future as we have in this past quarter-century of progress!

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