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### BIBLE THOUGHT

The dayspring from on high hath visited us to give light... to guide our feet into the way of peace.—St. Luke 1:78, 79.

If we can kneel as did those men of old,  
Who laid their frankincense and myrrh and gold  
Before the Christ-child's feet;  
If we can bring our gift, a grateful heart,  
Where unkind thoughts and envy have no part,  
And love dwells, true and deep;  
Then in Christ's Birthday we may fully share,  
And feel His presence with us, everywhere.  
—F. R.

### Christmas and the Children

CHRISTMAS belongs to the children. Only by becoming children once more may the older and worldier share the joy of childhood in this holy season. Then the years slip away, the cheap, the unworthy, fade into a dark background; and the light that shone for the shepherds on the first Christmas night shines briefly for those who remember and who try to recapture a lost purity in the vision of singing angels.

A lost world cannot destroy Christmas. Men and women hardened by greed and sin suffer the pain of remembering and some come back. Where they have sought to destroy the message of the Christ Child and the memory of shepherds and Wise Men for the multitudes they kindle anew a lost world's longing to be saved. Those who die to keep the light shining do not die in vain. As long as there are children and those who can reclaim their childhood, there will be Christmas and the vision glorious of a world of "men of good will" who will make the dream of "Peace On Earth" come true.

### Ready Response

THE ready response to the Red Cross War Relief Fund which came last Saturday shows that no special appeal will be necessary to raise the allotted quota of \$1,500 for this county. The amount is not yet raised but there is no doubt that it will be.

As each day adds to the number of young men who are crowding recruiting stations in every county in the land and enlisting for active service in a war which is bound to bring suffering, sacrifice and loss to many, those left on the home front have a greater and greater stake in victory. The American Red Cross, fittingly named "the greatest Mother of them all", will be on the ground to serve these boys who are to fight for America's and the world's freedom. Suffering will be alleviated and lives will be saved. Because those "back home" will see to it that the Red Cross is there.

### Holiday Mountain Echo

THE staff of the Mountain Echo, Franklin High School's publication, deserves praise for the holiday issue. To our mind this is the best of many creditable school magazines that the High School students have produced during the four years of publication.

Mimeographed in red, there is artistic designing in headlines and advertisements. There is versatility and originality, careful composition and witty comment. There are spicy personals, clever picture puzzles and a whole page of "gloom chasers." "Christmas in Many Lands" is a fine feature and the News Review worthy of a professional commentator. In fact, we are taking some notes from our contemporary as we congratulate the editors and "ad" writers.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### THE PEACE OF GOD

No army's hosts could mar the peace  
Of simple folk from Galilee,  
Caesar's will o'er stop God's plan  
If only empire's might or strict decree.

From pressing throngs,  
He revealed His love.  
Joy comes from heaven above

### Letters to Editor

To The Editor of The Press.  
Are we not on the extreme in celebrating Christmas with whiskey manufacturer and bootlegger each selling more through the holidays? If it were possible for them to see a real picture of the wrecks and lives lost in each gallon sold surely, for the sake of humanity, they would quit.

The same applies to the drunk driver who drives his car on the highway seemingly as if he owned it, never regarding the right or lives of others.

Once I passed two signs, one read, "Look out, the fool is just around the corner", the other, "Hell is not far off."

To the tipsy car driver: If you have an earthly destination, you are likely to get there sooner by taking it a-foot; it depends on where you are going.

I see the American business men's research foundation says that accidents caused by drivers under the influence of liquor will cost automobile insurance companies \$15,000,000 during 1941. This does not apply to numberless cars wrecked that do not have this automobile insurance.

The above is not one per cent the cost of hospital bills, and when it is shown the lives lost each year money does not compensate for human beings.

My belief is any one in the habit of drinking liquor should be denied a license to drive a car and if caught intoxicated after having license, then he should have it taken away before it is too late.  
JOHN H. THOMAS

### Poet's Corner

#### CHRISTMAS TIME

Christmas time is drawing nearer,  
And our hearts are filled with cheer.  
We are thinking of the Christmas  
That's been kept from year to year.

It was on a winter evening,  
That a star shone in the sky  
O'er a manger in a meadow  
Where the Holy Child did lie.

The shepherds saw the shining emblem,  
With its host of sparkling ray;  
Then an angel came before them,  
Telling where the Savior lay.

They left their sheep to graze in stillness,  
While they walked with hearts of joy  
To the manger in the stable,  
To find the little boy.

When you give a gift at Christmas,  
Think of the gift that was given in love  
To a world of stricken people,  
To redeem our dying love.  
By: SALLY SUE MINCEY,  
Pupil Franklin High School

#### AMERICA'S WAR

I heard the tread of marching feet,  
I heard the drums of glory beat;  
I saw those rippling banners fly,  
The American flag beneath the sky.

I watched each soldier grave and sad—  
Was it only yesterday they were just a lad?  
No more their careless pleasures they'll take.  
The pride of America stands at stake.

How long since planes of war sped,  
Across the sea where nations bled?  
Where is World Peace they sought to gain?  
Those soldier lads who died in vain.

Those boys are now the forgotten dead,  
Who sleep where poppies bloom so red.  
American boys again must tread  
And fall and die known but to God.

America's ways seem careless and bold,  
But somewhere down in a heart of gold,  
With burdens sometimes too deep to cry,  
Each citizen stands ready to do or die.

Perhaps if dead soldiers speak from the tomb?  
If their ghostly faces pierce the gloom?  
They'd whisper, "Fight, for the land of the free",  
America forever, land of liberty.

Mothers with boys who must go away,  
Forget not each day to kneel and pray.  
If loved ones fall beneath the sod,  
Let's stand united with a loving God.  
Mrs. Leslie Young  
Elizajay, N. C.

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Fine Solid Oak Caskets  
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### More Highlands Highlights

#### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

A large congregation filled the main auditorium of the Baptist church here Sunday morning for the union Christmas service. The pastor, Rev. J. G. Benfield, was assisted in the service by Rev. H. T. Bridgman of the Presbyterian church. Christmas carols were sung by the choir and congregation and a solo given by Guy Paul, Jr.

Mrs. A. C. Holt was organist for the Christmas candlelight at the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, and Mrs. Louis Edwards was choir director. Arthur and Thomas Bridgman gave a flute duet.

As the service progressed, the graduated red candles on the rostrum were slowly lighted, and when light was proclaimed in the service, the red candles that had been given each person on entering the church were lighted by Marna Cobb and Eleanor Bridgman.

Two solos were given during the service, one by Marie Neely and one by Maxie Wright.

#### BUFFET SUPPER BY COL. MOWBRAY

Colonel Ralph H. Mowbray was host at a buffet supper at his home here Sunday night honoring his house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Goode of Tallahassee, Fla. Other supper guests included Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Eskrigge, Miss Winnie Eskrigge, Miss Charlotte Elliott and her guest, Mrs. Jamie Wotton, Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Stoddard and Colonel Mowbray's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Goode of Culver, Ind., who are spending the holidays here.

#### NEW YEAR PRAYER SERVICE AT HIGHLANDS CHURCH

Rev. H. T. Bridgman has announced that there will be a prayer service in the Presbyterian church New Year's Day. The church will be open all day. Special services from 11 a. m. to noon and 4 to 5 p. m.

R. L. Potts, of the Miami National Bank, Miami, Fla., has arrived to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Potts. Their other son, Edward Potts of Camp Croft, Spartanburg, spent the past weekend here with them.

W. S. Davis who has been quite ill at his home for several days is very much improved.

Harold Thomas Bridgman, Jr., and Arthur Bridgman, students at Hamden-Sydney College in Virginia, are spending the holidays here with their parents, the Rev. and Mrs. H. T. Bridgman.

Robert McConnell, who has been in Spencer, N. C., for the past few months, where he is taking a course in watchmaking, is spending the holidays at the Potts House.

Mr. and Mrs. Furman Merrill of Dillsboro, are occupying their cottage in the Mirror Lake section through the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman Ormond of Murphy are spending the holidays with Mrs. Ormond's mother, Mrs. J. E. Hines and family.

Miss Virginia Mae Edwards and Miss Mozelle Bryson, students at Brevard College, are at home here for the holidays.

#### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to please bring me a wrecker, a car, a gun and also candy, oranges and nuts. Please don't forget other little boys and

**Good Food Is Good Health**  
Enjoy Good Food and Good Health  
DINE AT  
**CAGLE'S CAFE**  
A. G. CAGLE, Owner  
FRANKLIN, N. C.

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girls, and my grandmothers and grandfather.  
Your little friend,  
Wayne Stewart

#### COWS

Because the dairy farmer has to cull about 20 per cent of his milking herd every year, he must obtain new milk cows that are as good if not better than the ones he discards.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and sympathy shown us during the sickness and death of our mother and grandmother, Mrs. Jane Edwards. And also for the beautiful floral offerings.

THE CHILDREN

#### FOOD

The U. S. Department of Agriculture is reminding farmers that there can be no overproduction of such vital defense foods as milk, eggs, cheese, and meat.

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and a Happy

★ **NEW YEAR**

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Harry Thomas

W. R. Ledford

To One and All We Extend



We thank you for your many favors during the past year and extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Franklin Service Station**

Erwin Patton



We express our thanks and appreciation for your patronage during the past year.

We wish all of you  
A Merry Christmas  
And Happy New Year

### POLLYS



Nothing expresses better the true sentiment of the occasion, than to say

**MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR**

To which we add our appreciation for your trust and confidence as manifested by the patronage that has been ours.

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