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## CHRISTMAS SPIRIT REIGNS SUPREME IN BREVARD!

### BREVARD, THE BEAUTIFUL, IN FINE CHRISTMAS DECORATION

"The most beautiful thing I've ever seen in Brevard." This is an expression often heard from even the oldest citizens who look upon the Christmas decorations that have been placed in the town to reflect the Yuletide spirit. Lights of red, white and blue have been strung along the main streets of the town, connecting with Christmas trees stationed by the light posts, all converging into the central point on the Square, where a big Christmas tree has been planted in the very center of the town of Brevard.

These decorations were made through the activities of the Kiwanis club, in cooperation with the business men of the town. It is hoped that all people of the county will enjoy the beautiful picture presented through these decorations. Of course, the best effect is to be obtained at nighttime, when all the extra lights are burning. It looks like a veritable paradise, with the differ-

### PRESIDENT PROUD OF THE WORK DONE

Thos H. Shipman, president of the Kiwanis club, was so delighted with the manner in which the committee appointed by him last Thursday night had decorated the town for the holidays, and so appreciative of the manner in which the town responded to the club's efforts, mailed the following expression of gratitude to Chairman Mack Allison:

As president of the Kiwanis club, I wish to congratulate the committee named by me last Thursday night for the purpose of decorating the streets of the town for the holidays. That committee had Mac Allison as chairman and H. A. Plummer, Walter Cobble, Bob Garrett, A. H. Houston. This committee has performed its duties wonderfully well and is highly deserving of the gratitude of the Kiwanis club and of the community in general.

In making possible this splendid display in our town to reflect the Yuletide spirit, I wish to thank the following firms and individuals for their cooperation in time, labor and money, The Brevard Light and Power company, whose president, J. H. Pickel-simpy, furnished, free of cost, the current necessary to light up all the additional lights placed upon the streets. I consider this a splendid demonstration of civic pride.

The Garrett Electric company, whose manager, Bob Garrett, made an unusually hard trip to Charlotte to purchase the necessary equipment for lighting the streets, and gave of his time in the supervision of the installation of the work. Louie Loftis, and men furnished by the Brevard Battery Company and the Citizens Telephone company, assisted in this work, and all those who witnessed the labors of the men through the cold weather of Monday and Tuesday will join me in expressing the community's appreciation.

It takes money to buy such equipment, and the following public spirited firms and individuals made donations of cash, which made possible the splendid display of our beautiful town:

Clemson Theatre, F. D. Clement, Joines Motor company, Macfie Drug company, Gus Roman, J. B. McIntosh, Farmers Supply company, Plummer company, Whiteway Pressing Club, Brevard Cleaning company, Norton & Nicholson, Nicholson & Duclos, Ward's Barber Shop, Foxman Jewelry company, Brevard Building & Loan, Toastie Shop, Whitmire Motor Sales company, Johnson & Robinson, J. B. Pickel-simer, Pender's, A & P No. 2, J. E. Waters, Pisgah Bank, Mayor T. W. Whitmire, Davis-Long Drug company, Pughell's Department store, A & P No. 1, Houston Furniture company, Simpson Barber Shop, Fleetwood Lunch Room, Patterson's Department store, Johnson Grocery company, J. W. Cobble, C. Y. Patton, Smith's Barber Shop, Brevard Banking company, The Brevard News.

No greater demonstration of fine community spirit has ever been witnessed than the cohesive action of the above named firms and individuals in decorating the town for the holidays. I thank each and every one of them in the name of the Kiwanis club, and hereby cordially invite and urge all the citizens of the county to visit Brevard during the week and enjoy the result of the efforts of the public spirited citizens of the town.

Wishing one and all a Merry Christmas, I am

THOS. H. SHIPMAN,  
President Brevard Kiwanis Club.

### NEW BUILDING CANNOT BE USED CHRISTMAS

Due to an unavoidable delay, Christmas services of St. Phillips church will not be held in the new church edifice, as was originally planned. It is hoped that the new building will be ready for occupancy at an early date after the first of the year.

ent colorings of electric lights in a starry setting made beautiful by the surrounding mountains. It is expected that hundreds of people will come from the county to see Brevard in all its glory of Yuletide decorations. Much work was necessary in making this display to reflect the season's spirit toward the people in the community. It is, indeed, a beautiful showing, and it is safe to say that no other town in the whole country the size of Brevard has anything that would nearly equal the matchless display which greets every visitor to Brevard during this week.

### SANTA CLAUS TOOK BREVARD SATURDAY

Santa Claus' presence on the streets of Brevard Saturday created much interest and excitement among the little folks of the town and county, a large delegation of whom was at The Brevard News office Saturday morning to greet Old Santa, when, promptly at 10 o'clock, he knocked on the office door and was admitted, to the delighted cheers of all the children. His long flowing beard and red and white robe gave the appearance of a real live Santa Claus.

The children were given an opportunity of shaking hands with their friend Santa, many of them talking to him and enumerating the things they wanted him to bring them for Christmas, while others handed him the little letters they had written, expressing in that way their various Christmas wants. The kind old fellow was patient and courteous toward them all alike, promising to fulfill their many wishes.

After an inspection of The News equipment, Santa Claus then led the procession of children out on the street and made a tour of all the stores in the business district. As they went from store to store, an increased number of children was added to the procession, and in a short time several hundred little folks were following their leader, who showed them all the pretty toys and Christmas articles displayed in the various business houses. Santa Claus was seen on the streets throughout the day Saturday, and even to the last he had a following of children, although the procession dwindled somewhat toward the end of the day.

### WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO B. CARR

(By F. BROWN CARR, Pisgah Forest, N. C.)

Christmas, according to Webster's definition means, The Festival on December 25th, Celebrating the Birth of Christ; On this day God sent His Son into the world, that the world through Him might be saved; and the Sacred Scripture, plainly, states in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." So with this most generous promise from Him who possesses all the authority and power, both in Heaven and on earth, and believing as we do that our Saviour died on Calvary's Cross to atone for our sins; Our hearts should bubble over with joy, and be able to celebrate the day, and glorify His Name, in a way that will be pleasing to our Blessed Saviour, and indulge not in any thing that would not be displeasing in His sight. Lest we forget let us enumerate the many blessings which the Lord has bestowed upon us since last Christmas, and show our gratitude to our Saviour on His BIRTHDAY.

### SCHOOL BUS TURNS OVER ON HIGHWAY

School bus No. 8, in charge of Prof. Eugene King, turned over on the Highway near Lake Toxaway last Saturday, as Prof. King was bringing the vehicle to Brevard for overhauling. In the bus were some teachers who had asked to ride with the professor into town. Miss Morgan, a teacher in the county schools, suffered a broken arm in the accident.

It is said the brakes were frozen, and would not work, this being given as the reason for the accident.

### PLESS BECOMES MEMBER OF ASHEVILLE FIRM

Lawyers in Brevard were interested in the announcement made a few days ago that Hon. J. W. Pless, well known here, had formed partnership with Adams, Merrimon and Adams, one of the biggest law firms of Asheville. Mr. Pless once lived here, and is the father of J. Will Pless, Jr., solicitor of this district.

### HEAVY SENTENCES IMPOSED BY JUDGE

Car Thief Gets Three Years in State Penitentiary—as Horse Thief

### JUDGE MOORE MADE UNUSUAL RECORD HERE

Two Weeks' Term of Court Cleared Docket—Bub Whitesides Gets Eighteen Months

Last Thursday was sentence day with Judge Walter E. Moore, and the court seemed to have but one object in mind—that of making people know they must obey the law, or suffer for their disobedience. Judge Moore, during the trying day, took occasion to warn the citizens of the county that unless the law is upheld the county cannot hope to prosper or make any progress.

"This is the hardest thing I am ever called upon to do," His Honor said, in passing sentences on many defendants. "It nearly kills me to send a man to the chain gang or a woman to jail, but the people must be protected against crime, and the only way to do it is follow the law."

Following are the sentences pronounced Thursday afternoon: Walter Crawford and Avery Owen, tried in court last week for making liquor, were given six months each on the county roads, and sentence later reduced to five.

"Thank you, Sir!" "You're welcome!"

Such were the words of courtesy exchanged between Abe Whitmire and Judge Walter E. Moore, in Superior court here last week. Whitmire had been tried for shooting his son-in-law, found guilty, brought into His Honor's presence for the purpose of receiving sentence. Judge Moore pronounced a sentence of 12 months on the chain gang for Whitmire, whereupon the prisoner said to the court:

"Thank you, Sir!" "You're welcome!"

Next day Judge Moore reduced the sentence to 10 months.

Driving cars while under the influence of whiskey is considered one of the most serious crimes of the day by Judge Walter E. Moore. Mose Kemp, of Brevard, was tried in Judge Moore's court on this charge and drew a sentence of twelve months on the county roads. Kemp is a well known character in Brevard, many of whose citizens have expressed a certain degree of relief in the fact that Mose will not be meandering about these sections for the next year, at least.

James Walker, negro, who attacked another negro by the name of Marshbanks, and tried in the court just ended, was given a sentence of six months on the roads. It will be recalled that Walker is the negro who was shot by Police-man Freeman, while the popular Brevard officer was making arrest of Walker after his attack on Marshbanks.

Marshbanks was given a fine of twenty-five dollars.

Lewis Hensley, convicted of driving a car while drunk, received a sentence of six months for manipulating a gas wagon while he himself was filled with another kind of fluid.

Ira Daves, convicted for cutting one Aiken with a knife, drew a sentence of six months.

Homer Galloway, tried twice during the recent term of court, the first effort resulting in a mistrial, and the second in conviction, was given a sentence of 15 months. It was presented to the court that Galloway was driving a car in which there were 11 gallons of liquor.

Doll Swangum, tried and convicted on a liquor charge, drew a sentence of 12 months on the road, later reduced to five.

Wade McGaha, charged with making liquor, drew a sentence of 12 months on the roads. The court stated that inasmuch as Mr. McGaha told the truth and refused to falsify, the sentence was cut down from what it would have been had the defendant tried to lie his way out.

J. D. Medlin, young white man employed by the State Highway department, who shot Gudger Smith, colored, at Pisgah Forest, several weeks ago in a controversy following an automobile collision, was given a fine of \$50 and half the costs in the case. Gudger Smith received the same sentence, and it was provided in the event the fine could not be paid by the colored man, that he serve three months on the roads.

Simon McCall and Wiley Smith, tried for an affray in which Smith used a knife on McCall, resulted in McCall being fined one-half the costs, while Mr. Smith was given a fine of \$250 and half the costs.

M. A. Pettit and his wife, tried on a liquor charge, brought a sentence of 12 months to Mr. Pettit, and six months to Mrs. Pettit, her sentence suspended during good behavior and observance of the law, and payment of \$75 fine.

### COMMITTEES NAMED FOR THE YEAR, AND CHAIRMAN SELECTED FOR EACH COMMITTEE

Committee Named for the Year, and Chairmen Selected for Each Committee

### DECIDE TO DECORATE THE TOWN FOR XMAS

Many Other Matters Acted Upon—President Shipman Depends Upon the Members

Brevard Kiwanis club held one of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held here last Thursday evening, when President Thos. H. Shipman made his initial bow as presiding officer. The Waltermire Grill had made splendid arrangements for the unusually large crowd, and all Kiwanians paid compliment to the hosts, Mrs. Saltz.

Committee appointments were read, and the program for the year given brief outline. President Shipman made it plain to the members that the club would be only what the members make it, and urged all Kiwanians to stand squarely to the officers and directors in making the organization one of great service to the community. Mr. Shipman recited some of the great things that had been accomplished by the club since its organization, and paid glowing tribute to past presidents who had worked so faithfully.

It was decided at the meeting to decorate the streets for the holidays, and string lights through the main business section. A committee, with J. M. Allison as chairman, and H. A. Plummer, Bob Garrett, Walter Cobble and A. H. Houston, as members, was named to have charge of raising the funds, stringing the lights and decorating the streets. This committee has worked faithfully, as the appearance of the town is evidence of the work well done by the committee.

It was announced at the meeting that Jerry Jerome had been re-named secretary-treasurer of the club, his re-election coming about in unusual manner. It was reported that the directors, when the question of secretary-treasurer came up, simply refused to even consider it as a matter of business, stating that Jerry Jerome is secretary—will remain secretary, and that's all there was to it.

Much other business was transacted, and the following committee appointments were made by President Shipman:

- Secretary—Jerry Jerome.
- Attendance—Bob Garrett, Bob Lawrence, Jerry Jerome.
- Classification—Whit Whitmire, Brown Carr, Loy Thompson.
- House—Clarence Yongue, Henry Plummer, Alex Kizer.
- Business Standards and Methods—Bob Gash, H. L. Wilson, Frank Clement.
- Education—Calloun Henderson, J. B. Jones, Spack Macfie.
- Grievance—Ed McCoy, George Lynch, David Ward.
- Inter-Club Relations—Tom Summey, Bill Breese, John Smith.
- Laws and Regulations—Ralph Ramsey, Hunter Martin, Bert Sitton.
- Music—Walter Cobble, Randall Everett, Wallace Hartzell.
- Public Affairs—Patrick Kimzey, Anthony Trantham, Roland Whitmire.
- Reception—A. H. Houston, Whit Whitmire, Mack Allison.
- Membership—Jim Bromfield, Jerry Jerome, Rush Whitmire.
- Publicity—Jim Barrett, Charlie Wilkins, Duncan MacDougald.
- Agricultural—Clarence Yongue, Julian Glazener, R. E. Lawrence.
- Under-Privileged Child—Joe Silverstein, Lewis Hamlin, Bill Fetzer, J. H. Tinsley.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS TO END SEASON

Christmas carols will be sung on the Square Saturday evening from 7 to 8 o'clock. This is to be a community event, and an invitation is extended to the public—men, women and children—to be present at this hour and join in the singing of the carols. Copies of the songs will be distributed among the people, so that all present may assist in the songs. It is expected that the municipal band will also assist with the music. This event is being sponsored by the Brevard Music Lovers' club, and members of this organization are anticipating full cooperation on the part of the general public and a large attendance on this occasion.

### SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR THE XMAS HOLIDAY VACATION

Both of the city schools closed for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday, while the Institute came to a close Wednesday noon, and the county schools on Tuesday. The majority of the teachers of the various schools left to spend the vacation at their respective homes, and a large number of the Institute students separated for their homes in various sections of the country. They will all return to Brevard soon after the first of the year to continue their school work for another four or five months.

### KNOW BUT LITTLE OF THE SOUTHLAND

Taught More About the Congo Than About the Romance of the Southland

### CHARLOTTE OBSERVER MAKES STRONG STATEMENT

To Issue Special Edition In Which Text Books Now In Use Will Be Attacked

In the course of an announcement of a special issue planned for publication by The Charlotte Observer the following amazing statement is made about the lack of information in regard to North Carolina in the text books studied in the schools of the state. On this point The Observer says:

"The High School students of North Carolina find more information in their text books about the resources of the Congo than they do of their own state. There is not a text book in print which gives the slightest conception of the dramatic struggles made by the leaders of industry to place North Carolina in the front rank of states as a great industrial center and the rising grandeur is given practically no information about the state's billion dollar industry or the history of its establishment."

"We do not for a moment question the accuracy of this statement, and yet it is a striking illustration of the unwisdom of educational work in the South which never has adequately set forth what the South has, what it is doing, and what the history of the old South tells of the men who created the business interests of that section. We have often marveled to find that many professors in Southern colleges know so little about the Old South or the real achievements of the South of today. For years we have been pleading with Southern educational institutions to stress the importance of the history of the South from the industrial or business standpoint as to its past and its present. It is gratifying to see that The Observer has come out with such a bold statement, which should challenge the attention of every educator in North Carolina and encourage the attention of every father and mother in the South who should demand that their children be adequately trained and educated in a knowledge of the South.

### \$10,000 CHECK TO MRS. KATE WRIGHT

C. P. Wilkins, known among his friends in Western Carolina as "Charlie" Wilkins, has been designated by the powers that be to play the role of Santa Claus in St. Nick's truest sense this year. Mr. Wilkins, who is general manager for Western North Carolina of the Security Life and Trust company of Winston-Salem, left Brevard Tuesday to deliver a check for \$10,000 to Helen Pauline Kate Wright, the widow of Charles N. Wright, who was killed two weeks ago when the automobile in which he was riding went over the steep precipice at Lake Toxaway curve.

Last July Mr. Wilkins sold a policy for \$5,000 to Mr. Wright, which carried with it a double indemnity feature. In case of accidental death, the double indemnity policy calls for twice the amount of the face value of the insurance policy.

Mr. Wilkins is very naturally proud of the quick service in having the check in hand to deliver to Mrs. Wright, and attributes this to the fact that he is right here on the ground, and that his company's headquarters in Winston-Salem climaxed all the delay sometimes met in sending proofs to and receiving a check from more distant headquarters.

Mr. Wilkins said, when interviewed by The News, that he was deeply grieved because of the death of his friend, Mr. Wright, and the fact that the deceased cannot be with his family at this Christmas time, but inasmuch as Providence, or whatever it was that decreed Mr. Wright's death, then Mr. Wilkins is happy in being able to present to his friend's widow and five children this \$10,000, which will be of tremendous value to them now that the good man is gone.

### MANY VOTING ON C. OF C. DIRECTORS

Many members of the Chamber of Commerce have already sent in their ballots for the eight directors to be voted for in the membership list. All the ballots are expected to be in and ready for tabulation at the meeting on December 28, when announcement of the successful names will be made, and the election of officers for next year will be had as soon as the new directors are organized. All members are urged to cast their ballot for their choice of eight directors.

### I DO NOT CHOOSE TO RUN IN 1928, SAYS MR. PLUMMER

Refuses To Be Candidate To Succeed Himself as Head of the C. of C.

### THINKS ANOTHER MAN SHOULD BE NAMED

Had Fine Support of the Body, for Which He Expresses His Appreciation

"I do not choose to run in 1928." This is President Henry A. Plummer's reply to The Brevard News. Last week this paper nominated Mr. Plummer for election as head of the local organization, and the following letter was received from the popular official:

Mr. Jas. F. Barrett, Editor of The Brevard News, Dear Mr. Barrett:

I read today your kind statement in which the Brevard News nominates me to succeed myself as President of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce.

I deeply appreciate your kind but undescribed words and thank you for them.

The Brevard Chamber of Commerce has a great work to do, and one that necessitates not only the support of its members but for every citizen of Brevard and Transylvania county.

I have been fortunate indeed in having the loyal support of the Directors and members of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce and want to thank each and everyone of them. It has been a pleasure to serve them. Sometimes, Jim, some of us are prone to kick about this thing and that, but after all, when I think of living in Brevard and Transylvania among its people I feel as if I and all of us should "count our blessings and name them one by one." To my mind we have the best people and the finest county to live in, in our state.

Now Jim, while I thank you for naming me to succeed myself, I think you are making a great mistake.

Our former presidents have been far abler men than I, and like them, I believe that one term in office is the best for the continued success of our Chamber of Commerce.

In this one respect Jim, I am like President Coolidge—"I do not choose to run."

Yours truly,  
HENRY PLUMMER,  
Brevard, Dec. 15.

### FULL PROGRAM AT THE PRESBYTERIAN

Beginning next Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be held at the Presbyterian Hut special Christmas services, with a Christmas tree, stories and fun in general for the children of the Sunday School.

Sunday morning at 9:45 Christmas carols will be sung and the regular Sunday School program carried out.

At the 11 o'clock hour of worship the Lord's Supper will be commemorated, with special music and sermon appropriate to the Christmas occasion.

Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock vesper services will be held at the church, including a Christmas pageant, "The Sign of God."

All members of the church and friends are cordially invited to attend these services, friends of other denominations being particularly invited to the vesper service.

### STAR ROUTE PROVES ITS GREAT WORTH

Star Mail Route facilities between Brevard and Greenville are proving their genuine worth at this time. Postmaster Roscoe Nicholson states that more mail and packages have gone out from the local office than ever before at this season of the year and that there is no apparent rush at the office. In spite of the increased volume of business, the apparent ease of dispatch of mail is attributed to the additional mail route, which was not in effect during the holiday rush of last year.

Postmaster Nicholson makes the request that all persons intending to mail Christmas packages, do so not later than Thursday evening to reach such destinations as the Carolinas, Georgia and nearby points.

Gratification is expressed by Mr. Nicholson and his co-worker over the fact that people have sent out their Christmas mail earlier than ever this year, thus greatly facilitating their work.

### HIGH COST OF LOVING SUBJECT OF SERMON

Rev. Wallace Hartree of the fourth of his series of sermons on "The High Cost of Loving" was proven very popular and inspirational during the past few weeks.