

### Culowhee Club Holds Christmas Party for Guests

The Culowhee Woman's Club held its annual Christmas Party on Wednesday evening in the parlors of Moore dormitory at Western Carolina Teachers College. Husbands and gentlemen friends of the members were special guests for the occasion.

The large drawing room in which the party was held was lighted with candles and open fires and decorated with holly and mistletoe.

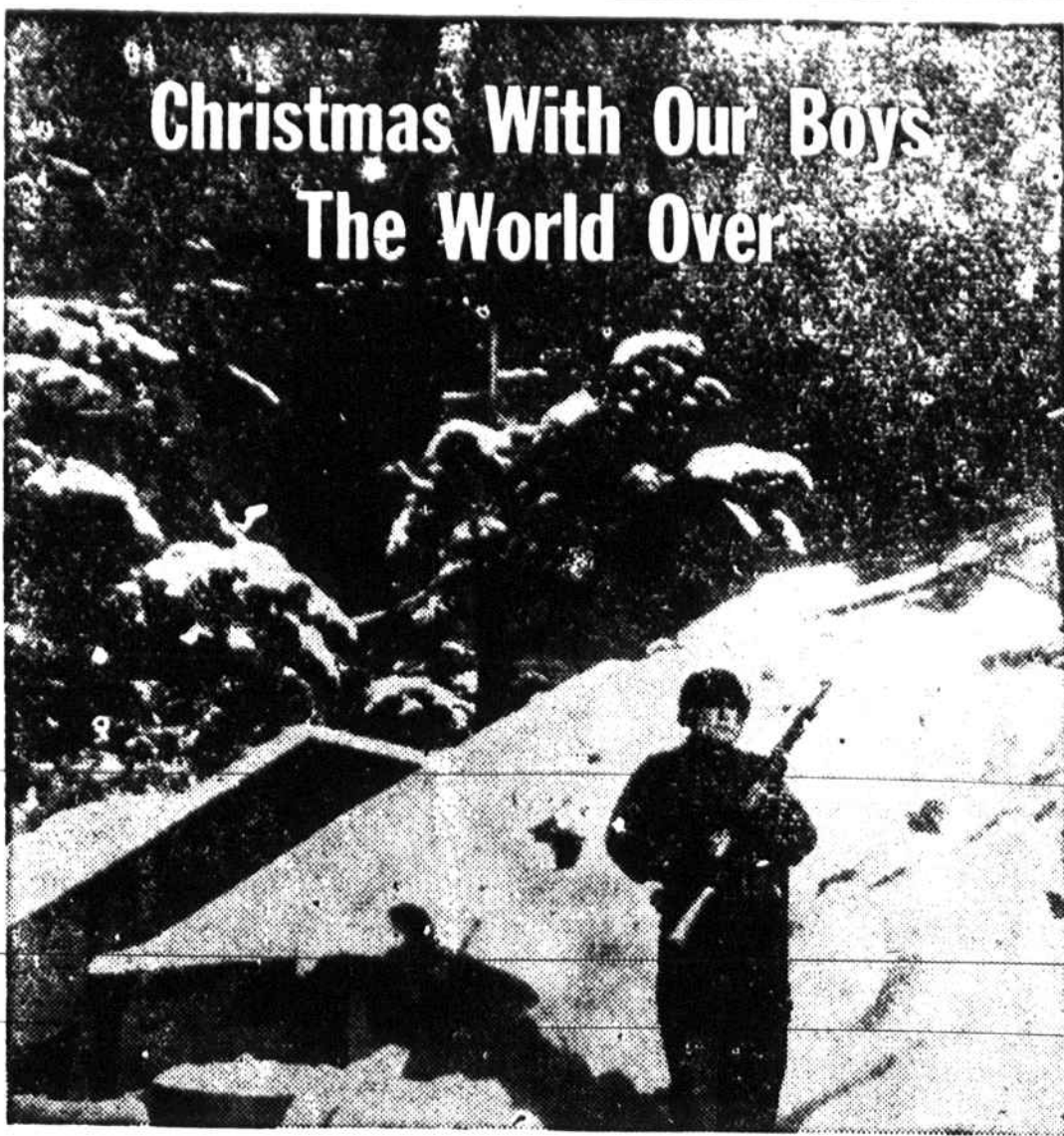
The department of fine arts was in charge of the program which had for its theme Christmas Music. Miss Rachel Rosenburger of the college music faculty discussed the history of Christmas Carols and the traditions associated with them. Miss Rosenburger talked briefly concerning the classifications of these types. To illustrate shepherds' carols, Miss Clara DeVane of the music faculty played Pastoral Symphony from The Messiah. Illustrating the same type, Miss Rosenburger, Miss Anne Rabe, Mrs. Leonard Allen, Miss Faye Carter, Miss Virginia Madison and Miss Louise Madison sang Carol of the Shepherds, a Bohemian folk song.

Carols concerning the birth of Jesus, Coventry Carol and Bring a Torch Janet, Isabella were sung by Miss Rosenburger and three college girls.

An example of secular carols, Wassail Song was sung by Mrs. Charles Gully teacher of voice at the college. Miss Rosenburger concluded her talk by singing Boar's Head Carol, the oldest printed carol, which is sung each year as the boar's head is carried in at Christ College, Oxford.

Then all members and guests joined in singing more familiar religious and secular carols.

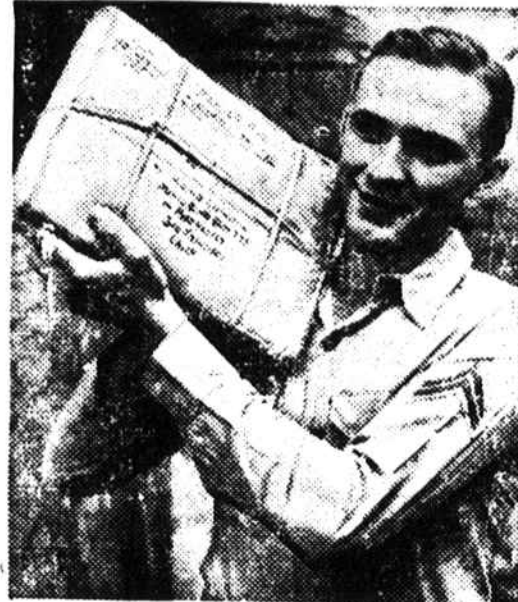
Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Carrie Bryson, Mrs. F. H. Brown, Miss Anne Hammond, Miss Alice Benton, Miss Charlotte Watson, and Miss Mabel Tyree. Special favors from the hostesses on the plate were small stockings filled with candy and sprigs of mistletoe.



The spirit of Christmas glows deep in the hearts of the men in our armed forces, no matter where they may be. In the frigid outposts of the land of the midnight sun Yuletide is being celebrated. It is Christmas, too, for our boys in the steaming jungles of the South Pacific, in Africa, China, Britain and Brazil. Yank ingenuity has overcome difficulties of terrain and distance to capture Christmas cheer and improvise some of the comforts of home. Christmas to these men will lack the proverbial trimmings and the faces of loved ones, but letters from home will make up for that.

In picture at top a lonely U. S. sentry keeps his Christmas vigil at the U.S. outpost in Sitka, Alaska.

Right: A Christmas package for a marine in the South Pacific. It arrived early in November.



### Grade Mothers of Sylva Elementary School Hold Meet

The grade mothers of the Sylva Elementary school held their regular meeting at two o'clock Tuesday, December 14. Mrs. J. H. Gillis, chairman, presided.

The members were pleased with the First Aid room which was recently completed. It contains a cot with blankets, pillows and a well stocked medicine cabinet, curtains and is well heated. A discussion was held about painting the room, and they hope to get this done during the holidays. The meeting adjourned and the members then attended the Parent Teachers Meeting.

### Sgt. Reed and Miss Keenam Are Married

Sgt. Kenneth Reed and Miss Evelyn Keenam were recently married in South Carolina.

Sgt. Reed is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Reed of Sylva. Reed is a graduate of Sylva high school and has many friends in this section. He was an employee of the Maple Springs Wood Working Shop.

Mrs. Reed is the niece of Dr. Ralph Keenam of Duck Town, Tennessee. She is employed by the TVA and plans to continue with her work until after the war.

### Miss Tyree Gives Talk At College Gathering

The English Seminar for Western Carolina Teachers College met recently with Miss Kathleen Davis at her apartment in Davies Hall. Miss Mabel Tyree discussed the life and works of the late poet Stephen Vincent Benet.

### HOME ON FURLOUGH

Sgt. Jesse B. Cogdill is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam P. Cogdill of Sylva. Sgt. Cogdill entered the service February 11, 1943 and was sent to Fort Bragg, then to Keesler Field, Miss., from there to Harlingen, Texas, where he finished his gunnery school.

This is his first furlough since he entered the service. He will report at Salt Lake City when he leaves.

### SPENDS WEEK-END HERE

Miss Violet Womack who holds a position with the Federal Government in Asheville, spent the week-end of December 11 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Womack. She had as her guest her roommate, Miss Mattie Sue Wike of Marion.

### RETURNS TO POST

Pvt. Dallas P. Henry has returned to Norfolk after spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Henry of Willets. He has been stationed at Camp Davis and Fort Fisher before going to Norfolk.

### GO TO FLORIDA

Mrs. Lawison Monteith and small daughter left last week for Panama City, Florida, where they will join Mr. Monteith, who is working in a shipyard there.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bryson of Shelby, visited Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bryson, of Sylva. Mr. Bryson is with the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co., and has been transferred to Fort Smith, Arkansas. They stopped en route to see Mr. Bryson who is critically ill.

Pfc. Herman Bailey is spending a ten day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Tom Cannon. Pvt. Bailey is stationed at Camp McCall. He is a member of the Parachute Infantry. Bailey has completed 12 jumps.

### Mrs. Dan Moore Heads Christian Service Group

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church met in the Allison Building on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Dan Tompkins, president, presided over the business session. The reports for the year were read, and the officers elected for the coming year:

President, Mrs. Dan K. Moore; Vice President, Mrs. A. D. Parker; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Felix Picklesimer; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Soderquist; Connectional Treasurer, Mrs. Kenyon Moody; Local Treasurer, Mrs. Frank Fricks; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Robert Tuttle; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Fred Williams; Missionary Education, Mrs. J. H. Gillis; Student Work, Mrs. Frank Freeze; Girls and Young People, Mrs. Howard Crawford; Children's Secretary, Mrs. Dan Tompkins; Supply Secretary, Miss Margaret Martin; Publications, Mrs. Dora Lee Collins; Status of Women, Mrs. E. L. McKee; Social, Mrs. H. Gibson, Sr.; Membership, Miss Lucille Wilson.

Rev. R. G. Tuttle gave a review of the book, "Suffering in a World of War."

Impatient Diner — Waitress, is this a chicken salad or a combination salad?

Waitress—Can't you tell from the taste?

Impatient Diner—No.

Waitress—Then what's the difference?

It is safer to face danger than to turn your back on it.

*Christmas Cheer*

Greetings  
and  
Best Wishes For  
Christmas

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**DONNAHOE  
STUDIO**



Christmas Eve in Buna, New Guinea. Right: Our national capital in Christmas mantle of snow.



Celebrating Christmas in New Caledonia—for freedom's sake.

### Childhood Association At Culowhee Enjoy A Christmas Program

The Culowhee chapter of the Association for Childhood Education met with their sponsor, Miss Leonora Smith, Thursday evening in the parlor of Moore dormitory at Western Carolina Teachers College. After a brief business session over which the president, Sarah Braswell, presided, a Christmas program was given in the following order: Bible reading, Gloria Tweed; Christmas prayer, Ruth Lylerly; Memories of Childhood Christmas, Mrs. H. T. Hunter; A Christmas story, Miss Leonora Smith; Christmas Carols by Norma Lee Davis, Sarah Beth Crawford, and Martha Perkins; Ways to make others happy at Christmas, Margaret Mulkey and Lena Mae Glass.

Special guests for the occasion beside Mrs. Hunter were: Mrs. Evelyn Coward; Miss Cordelia Camp, Miss Geneva Turpin, Miss Fannie Goodman, Miss Anne Albright, Mrs. M. K. Hinds and Mrs. Carrie Bryson.

### Culowhee Business Club Guests Of Dr. and Mrs.

Ashbrook For Yule Party. Members of the Business Education Club of Western Carolina Teachers College were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Ashbrook for a Christmas party on Thursday evening at the Ashbrook home. The main feature of the program which has been planned by Miss Ella Trantham was a debate, Resolved: There is a Santa Claus. Speaking on the affirmative were Doris Ghormley and Phyllis Dillard; those speaking for the negative were Jannette Peden and Mary Crawford. Members exchanged gifts and sang Christmas Carols.

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Is One of Happiness  
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