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\$1.50 IN ADVANCE IN COUNTY

Court House Offices Close Sat. At Noon; Exception Sheriff's

Twenty Prisoners Will Have Chicken And Dumplings For Christmas Dinner

All the offices in the court house, with the exception of that of the sheriff will close Saturday and will not be opened until Tuesday morning. As the sheriff said, unfortunately it was impossible to close his office, as the holiday season might even bring a rush in his business. At present there are twenty prisoners, who will enjoy the Christmas dinner provided for them of chicken and dumplings, baked sweet potatoes, rice, coffee, and milk, and a gift from the sheriff of a large individual bag of candy, oranges, apples and nuts.

Community Xmas Tree To Be Sunday Afternoon At Four

Annual Tree For Underprivileged Children, Sponsored By Woman's Club

Plans have been completed for the community Christmas tree, from which gifts will be distributed for the underprivileged children of the town at four o'clock on Christmas Day. The tree has been sponsored annually for several years by the Woman's Club.

Mrs. Frank Ferguson is general chairman with Mrs. C. F. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. John M. Queen, and Mrs. Dan Watkins, assisting.

Before the distribution of gifts, the Rev. J. S. Hopkins will offer a prayer, Miss Virginia Kellett will tell the Christmas story, and the Waynesville Junior Community Choral Club, under the direction of Miss Grace Crocker, will sing carols.

Plans Completed For Roosevelt Ball In Haywood

The Haywood county celebration of President's Birthday Ball is to be held in Waynesville this year it was learned from county chairman, Bill Prevost.

Mr. Prevost stated that this year's campaign has been broadened to include various activities and individual contributions. Proceeds will be divided equally, one-half remaining in a permanent county organization for aid to those who have been afflicted with the "maining death," and the other half going to National Foundations for infantile paralysis to be used for educational and research work.

It was further learned that the campaign for funds in the county would begin the week of January 9th with a square dance in Waynesville. A square dance in Canton the next weekend on Saturday, January 28th, with the usual grand "Roosevelt Ball," which is to be held in the new Waynesville Armory.

The community chairman in this year's "Fight Infantile Paralysis campaign" are: Charles E. Ray, Jr., Waynesville, Wade C. Hill, Canton, William Chambers, Jr., Hazelwood, Larry Cagle, Clyde, Tom Cathey Pigeon, Sam Queen, Ivy Hill, and Frank Bryson, Iron Duff.

Mr. Prevost said: "I am sure each community will do its share this year to ease the fear in the hearts of every mother and father, that their child may be stricken with infantile paralysis."

Schedule of Christmas Activities

The following is a schedule for the various community and church Christmas activities to take place between now and Christmas Day:

Friday, 23rd.
6:30 Annual Christmas tree for employees of England-Walton Leather Company on factory grounds at Hazelwood.

7:30 The judges for the home decorations and outdoor Christmas tree contest will start their judging.

7:30 Sunday School Christmas tree and Christmas program for the pupils of the Waynesville Presbyterian church.

(Stores of town will be open until 9 o'clock.)

Saturday, 24th.
4:00 Christmas tree for the children of the Sunday School of Grace Episcopal church.

5:00 Twilight service at the Welch Memorial Sunday School building of the Baptist church, conducted by the Waynesville Junior Community Choral Club, a Federal Music project, under the direction of Miss Grace Crocker, supervisor.

(Stores will be open until 10 o'clock.)

Sunday, 25th.
4:00 Community Christmas tree on court house lawn, sponsored by the Woman's Club for the underprivileged children of the community.

7:30 the presentation of a Christmas cantata, "The Star Divine," at the Baptist church by the choir, with Evander Preston directing. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Christmas Cantata To Be Presented By Baptist Choir

A Christmas cantata, "The Star Divine," by A. W. Lansing, will be presented at the Baptist church on Sunday evening at 7:30, by the church choir, with Evander Preston director, and Miss Grace Crocker, organist.

As the name implies the cantata is based on the Christmas story. For years the people of Israel had been oppressed and scattered abroad without a king, but they still remembered the promise God had given David that "when thy days shall be fulfilled, I will set up and after thee . . . and will establish his kingdom forever." The Wise Men of the East studied the writings of the old prophets and found that a star would appear.

The cantata will include the following numbers: "Introduction and hymn of the prophets," by the choir, with tenor solo by Evander Preston and baritone by Wayne Corpening; "The Watching of the Magi for the Star," soprano solo by Mrs. Olive Green; "Chorus of the prophets," by the choir.

"The Journey of the Magi," with alto solo by Mrs. Tom Spurlock; "In the Old World Spender," by choir, with tenor solo by Evander Preston; "O'er the place where sleeping," by the choir with contralto by Mrs. Lucile Foy; "The adoration of the Magi," duet, by Evander Preston and Wayne Corpening; "The Star of the East," by the choir.

Circulation Department To Be Open Saturday

After publishing two papers in a single week, the staff of The Mountaineer will take a well earned rest on Saturday. The mechanical department will be closed all day Saturday, while the circulation department will remain open for the greater part of the day.

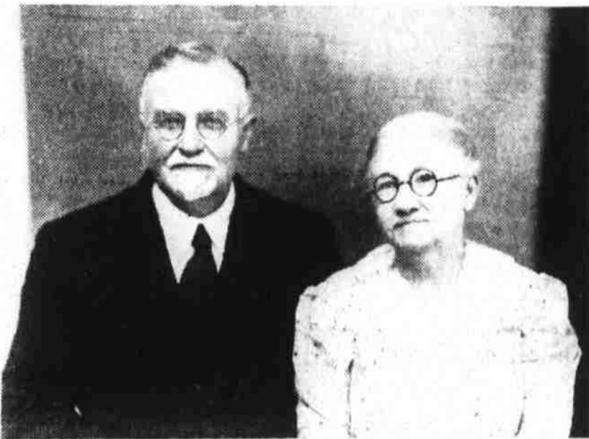
The office will be open again Tuesday morning, and the Thursday morning paper will appear as usual.

GOING TO GEORGIA

Fred Yearout, manager of the local Pet Dairy plant and A. D. Redmond, salesman, will leave next week for a 2,000-mile business trip through Georgia, contacting Pet dealers in that state.

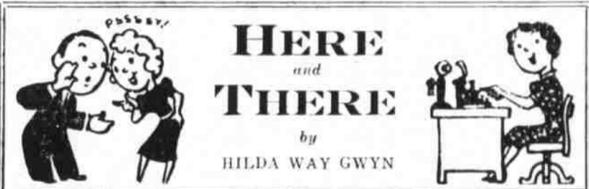


Bride And Groom Of Fifty Years Ago



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Green who are keeping open house this afternoon and evening from 2 o'clock to 8 o'clock, in observance of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mr. Green, is the veteran of the Haywood County Bar, and has held many important appointive positions in the last forty years. He served as postmaster of Waynesville for nineteen years.

—Photo by Sherrill's Studio.



If you are a full grown adult . . . there is no use kidding yourself . . . "pure unadulterated Christmas joy" is not for you . . . but if you get yourself in the proper attitude . . . there are untold riches in the compensation of growing up . . . and getting older . . . and leaving behind . . . one of the greatest disillusionments life has to offer . . . there's no denying there is something very sad about leaving the age of "make believe" . . . because there is a time in our lives when "anything might come true" and "anything might happen" . . . and "everybody after their troubles lives happily ever after" . . . when we pass that stage . . . we have to handle our attitude very carefully . . . lest our sophistication leads us in revolt . . . against the joy that others seem to get out of Christmas . . . because in some form it is there for each of us . . . if we only know how to grasp it . . .

I think one reason Christmas is so sad to adults is the fact that we seem to consider the day a kind of mile stone . . . which cuts off the years . . . we take stock . . . we look back . . . we count the vacant chairs . . . we remember happier days . . . we envy childhood of its faith and unclouded joy . . . sometimes we want too much . . . and even when we get the moon . . . the happiness is often broken as easily as a fragile toy . . . so just make up your mind that you have to take Christmas by proxy . . . if you are grown up . . . or miss the point to the Day . . .

For "a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" . . . are immortal words . . . that suggest the warmth of friendships old and new . . . if you want and expect the day to give

you something you will come up missing . . . with bitter disappointment in your heart . . . for it was not meant that way . . . the reflection of your generosity to others . . . will be felt through the happiness of someone else . . . maybe it will be the young boy . . . hungry for the things that other boys have . . . but have been denied him . . . maybe it will be some elderly person . . . out of the rush of activity . . . whose life you touch . . . that will bring richness to your soul . . . but just remember your chance is there waiting for you . . . if you will only open your eyes and your heart . . .

I must confess I have had my own troubles this year . . . I have been feeling a bit "low" about Christmas . . . I have been trying to get myself in line . . . really putting forth effort . . . that is . . . until our phone began to ring last week after The Mountaineer printed the list of the neediest cases . . . and a voice would call saying . . . "I would like to take number . . . What is the name? . . . where do they live? . . . what do you think they need most?" . . . and I began to take on new life about Christmas . . . the world was such a good place in which to live . . . so full of people with hearts . . . but on Wednesday my Christmas rejuvenation was complete . . .

I saw a little two year old girl . . . suffering with tuberculosis of the bone . . . and her leg is suspended by weights . . . receive a large doll almost as big as her small self . . . during the ten months she has been in the hospital . . . she has spent in bed in the children's ward . . . some nights it

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Pet Dairy Takes Over 3 Dairies; Beautify Property

Thirteen Trucks Now Operated From Local Plant; Six Milk Routes Are Maintained

Pet Dairy Products Company have just taken over three private dairies and are supplying the customers from the local plant, according to Fred H. Yearout, manager.

The Sunnybrook Dairy, of Sylva, and the dairy of Mrs. A. K. Sellers, Canton, and the new plant of Chester A. Cogburn, also of Canton, have been taken over.

The addition of these three dairies has necessitated the addition of more delivery trucks, and now 13 trucks comprise the local fleet. Six milk routes are maintained.

Workmen have just completed landscaping and planting shrubbery on the lot adjoining the Pet plant. The creek bank has been cleared and maples set out. Mr. Yearout said that plans called for planting of grass on the lot as soon as possible.

D. A. R. Chapter To Observe Their 14th Anniversary

Of special interest will be the December meeting of the Dorcas Bell Love chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which will be held on Friday afternoon, December 30th, at the home of Miss Alice Quinlan, with Mrs. Charles E. Quinlan and Miss Lois Harrold, associate hostesses.

The fortieth anniversary of the organization of the chapter, which is the second oldest in the state, will be observed with an appropriate program. Each regent will speak briefly of her term of office, giving the highlights.

NO EVENING SERVICE AT METHODIST CHURCH

Due to the fact that Sunday is Christmas Day, the Rev. J. G. Huggin, Jr., pastor of the First Methodist church, has announced that there will be no evening service at the church on that day.

Mr. Jack Holtzclaw will arrive today from Richmond, and will join Mrs. Holtzclaw for the Christmas holidays, which they will spend with their daughter, Mrs. Aaron Prevost.

Mrs. B. F. Smathers is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Joe Rose, in Chicago, and will be her guest through the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Killian have returned from a visit to relatives in Stark, Fla.

Tommy Hill, who is attending Georgia Tech, has arrived to spend the Christmas holidays with his grandmother, Mrs. Charles R. Thomas.

Miss Elizabeth Francis, who is a student at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, arrived on Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. Francis, at their home in the Ratchiff Cove.

Shoppers Started Early And Are Still Going Strong

Large Number Of Toys Being Sold Here In Local Stores

A recent survey of the shops in town that handle toys revealed interesting changes being made in the manufacture of certain Christmas toys, while others checked showed that they held their popularity from year to year.

Those persons who are forever preaching down the tendencies of the modern woman, might have been surprised at the answer at each place regarding the most popular gift for the small girl. They all had the same reply, "Dolls." And second on the list were the toys dealing with home making, in the manner in which their mothers are carrying on. Next to dolls, it seems, they want doll carriages, and furniture, stoves and dishes.

There are evidently more changes being made in toys for boys, but the answer to the inquiry as to the one most demanded was also the same at each shop, "Guns." The ganster idea seems to be replacing the more wholesome one of the cowboy worship so prevalent only a short time ago.

The small gun that shoots a stick with a rubber on the end of it is taking the place of the old cap pistol. The next most popular items for boys are toys on wheels, which include anything from a coaster to a truck.

Practically every new toy that comes out for boys now is something copied from real life. They are more or less miniature reproductions of machinery and gadgets, which the boy may use later in life.

Games also play a large part on the list for children at Christmas, and are among the best sellers. New ones come and go, but certain old favorites still hold good.

Books are bought for all ages of children, and it was rather surprising to learn that the Bible, Bible stories, and Mother Goose are the most popular, and lead all others in sales. Another type much in demand, is the story of the last popular movie. There has been a large sale on "Snow White." Next year we were told, it would be something else, the current movie, that had the strongest appeal to the children.

The merchants seem to feel that this is an exceptional year for the sale of toys and gifts. They also agree that people locally have never done their shopping so early. This is generally attributed to the fact that the merchants put their gifts on display at least a fortnight earlier than in other years.

It was amazing to learn how many Christmas cards are bought here in town. Literally thousands had been sold at least two weeks before Christmas, though at several places they claimed that the individuals who are selling cards about town have cut into the business considerably. Cards are sold as late as two days after the 25th.

Each year marks an increase in the sale of fancy wrapping paper, ribbons, and tags, that match in colors and design. Even the children are demanding that their gifts be done up in the "correct manner."

It was gratifying to learn on the survey, that more people were buying toys and gifts for the underprivileged children this year than had ever been known in this community. Families are taking families as their responsibility of the Christmas season, and are buying not only gifts and toys, but substantial clothes and food, it was learned at several places.

The stimulation in Christmas business for this year was conceded by all the merchants to have been greatly aided by the presence of Santa Claus at his igloo on the court house square, his visits throughout the schools, and the decorations of the streets by the town officials, which have all together created the Christmas atmosphere. As a result the community is looking forward to the best Christmas observed locally in several years.



The Weather Report

H. M. HALL, Official Observer

Dec.	Max.	Min.	7:30 a. m.	Prec.
15	45	18	18	
16	45	16	17	
17	44	17	25	
18	45	33	34	Trace
19	45	15	19	
20	42	17	18	
21	46	18	36	0.17
Mean maximum				44.4
Mean minimum				18.1
Mean for week				31.2
High for week				46.0
Low for week				15.0
Below December normal				7.7
Precipitation for week				0.17
Precipitation since Dec. 1st				0.58
Below December normal				2.55
Precipitation for year				39.21
Deficiency for year				5.64