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## Holidays Start In County Offices Tomorrow Noon

Offices in the court house, with the exception of the sheriff's department, will close at the usual time of noon on Saturday and will be opened again on Tuesday the same as the usual hour.

## Waywood Baptist Assn. Will Hold Meeting Thursday

The following program of the monthly meeting of the Waywood Baptist Association which will be held in the Cove Creek Baptist church on Thursday, December 21, has been announced.

## Church To Give Christmas Play Tonight

At 7:30 the play, "Why Chimes Rang," will be presented in the Parish House, by the congregation of Grace Episcopal church under the direction of John ...

## Ended "Gone With The Wind Ball" In Atlanta

Nora Swift Atkins was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan ... in Atlanta, for the ball given by the Junior League of ...

## Special Service Will Be Held At Baptist Church

The members of the First Baptist church will have a special "White Christmas" service at 7:30 o'clock on Sunday evening.

## MASS ON CHRISTMAS

St. John's Church, Waynesville, Rev. A. F. Rohrbacher, Pastor.

## Voice of The People

is your earliest recollection of Christmas? Mrs. Byers—"The Christmas ... small sister and brother ... with diphtheria and the ...

## Coming Events For Christmas

The following is a schedule of the various community and church Christmas events that will take place between now and through Christmas night:

### Friday 22

6:30 o'clock, the annual Christmas tree for the employees of the England-Walton Leather Company on the factory grounds at Hazelwood.

7:30, the congregation of Grace Episcopal church will present "Why the Chimes Rang," a Christmas play, in the Parish House.

7:30 a Christmas program will be given at the Barberville Baptist church.

### Sunday 23

5:30 o'clock, a Christmas pageant will be presented at the First Methodist church.

6:30 Community sing at the Park Theatre.

7:30 White Christmas service at the First Baptist church.

7:30 a Christmas play will be presented at the Richland Baptist church.

11:45 a midnight service at Grace Episcopal church.

### Monday 25

4:00 o'clock community Christmas tree on court house lawn, sponsored by the Woman's Club.

8:30 o'clock square dance at the Waynesville Armory, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

## Students Of St. John's School Give Program

A Christmas program was presented last night in the school hall at St. John's Catholic School, with the play "Santa Up-to-Date," and the singing of Christmas carols.

The cast of characters in the play was as follows: Santa Claus, Spalding Underwood; Elves, Toots Hannah and Richard Underwood; fairies, Kathleen Allison and Dorothy Martell; radio boy, Mark Dicus; radio girl, Eleanor Earley; toys, Anne Mormino, Jimmy Cobe, Betty Brown, Bette Hannah, Walter Taliaferro; Christmas fairy, John Rateliff.

Christmas selections were given by Rosemary Herman, Joe Massie, Lorraine Martel, and Carl Matthews. The program also included familiar Christmas carols and a song by the following pupils in the kindergarten: Martha Ann Todd, Nancy Francis and Sarah Brown.

## Special Service Will Be Held At Baptist Church

The members of the First Baptist church will have a special "White Christmas" service at 7:30 o'clock on Sunday evening. A candle lighting feature will be part of the impressive service.

Several numbers will be given by a choir of thirty voices under the direction of Evander Preston.

At the regular Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock, the Rev. J. S. Hopkins, pastor, will take as his text, "Making room for Christ."

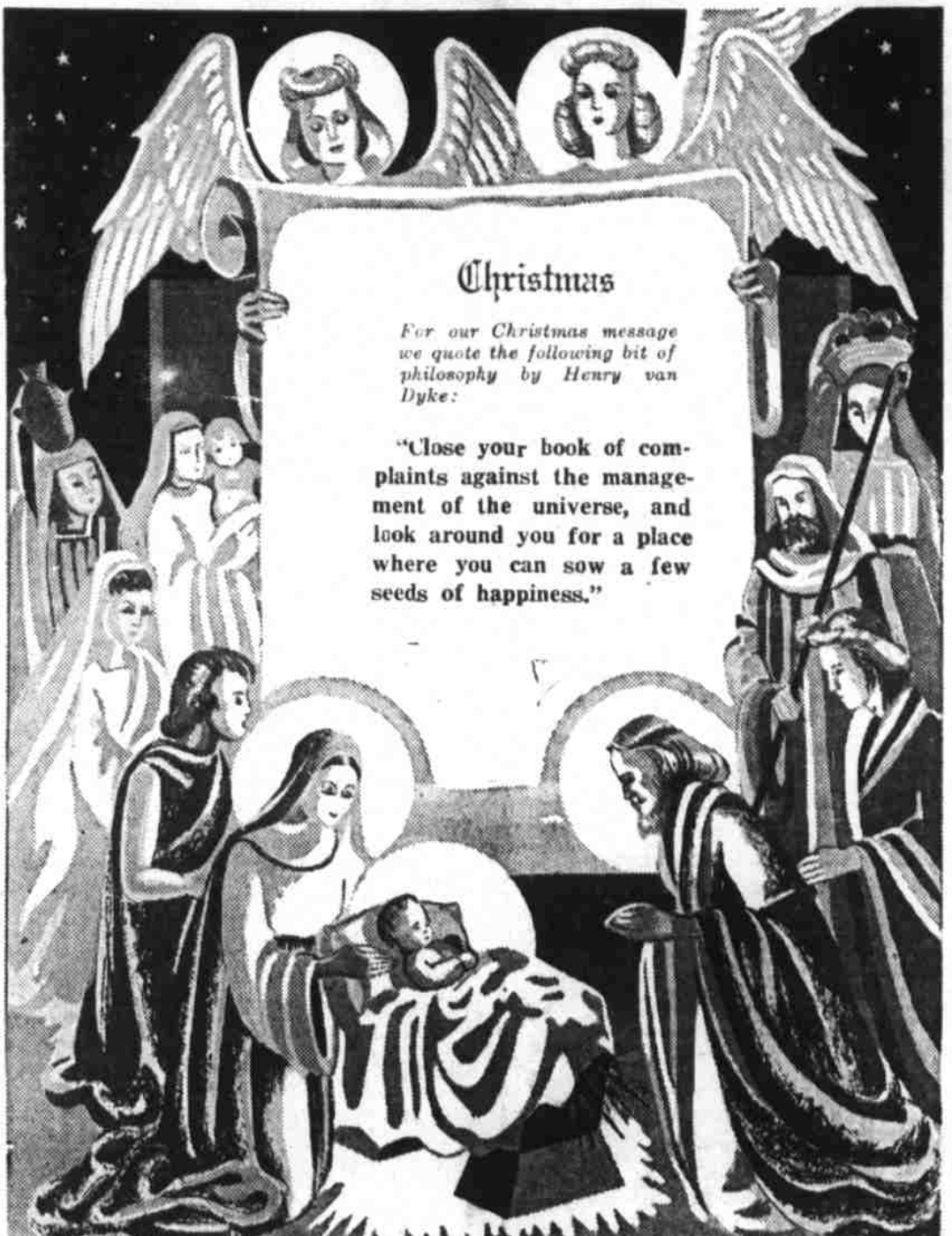
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On Christmas there will be mid night mass in Waynesville and mass at 8:00 a. m. in Franklin.

## Mrs. Will A. Hyatt—"My first recollection of Christmas is Brother John Orr's Christmas talk and the old fashioned Christmas tree, (where everybody was remembered), in the old Methodist church."

Mrs. Roy Campbell—"We children had been put to bed, all excited on Christmas Eve. My oldest sister and I had a hard time getting to sleep. We heard mysterious sounds coming from the living room. She persuaded me to tiptoe out and see what it was all about. I was in such a high ... (Continued on page 2)



## Christmas

For our Christmas message we quote the following bit of philosophy by Henry van Dyke:

"Close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness."

## Our Annual Christmas Message

Hilda Way Gwyn

Monday will be Christmas Day ... There is no surer test of the fact that one is growing up ... or growing older ... than the realization of the swiftness with which the seasons fly and bring us once again to this most beautiful and significant celebration on the calendar ... from Christmas to Christmas seems so far apart when one's age is confined to the "tender years" ... but after maturity the time grows shorter ... until we are told it "takes wings of flight."

Sometimes as nations and as individuals we are not quite in the mood for Christmas ... and do not have our hearts in tune for the gracious message that it holds for all mankind ... we fear that Germany is not in a Christmas mood this year ... as for individuals, perhaps there have been disappointments during the year that have shaken our faith in those we loved and trusted ... maybe we have had hurts that have cut beneath the surface ... that have not had time to heal ... perhaps the wounds are still fresh ... maybe we have been disillusioned about life in general ...

On the other hand ... maybe the past year has given us new zest for living ... new interests to quicken and gladden our days ... perhaps this year finds us richer in the satisfaction of living ... maybe we have worked out a new philosophy to guide us ... it makes no difference ... Christmas has come again ... with its promise to touch only the cords of forgiveness and generosity ... (if we will only let it) ... and its opportunity to shed happiness in the paths of others is given us ... regardless of circumstances ... even amidst the tumult of war that denies its message of eternal peace ... Christmas is here ...

But even amidst the darkness cast by war clouds ... or our own tangled lives ... the Christmas message comes again to all the world ... even against the roar of a thousand cannons and the clash of hostile armies ... it will be heard ... for its message is destined to live forever ... soldiers at arms against each other will pause on Christmas Day ... we hope, with misgivings in their hearts ... and even in the war torn countries little children will hang up their stockings on Christmas Eve ... with hopes hung high ... looking for Santa Claus ...

And we come back to the same old recipe for Christmas happiness ... it never changes ... it is as old as life itself ... we find Christmas joy just in proportion ... as we strive to kindle it in the hearts of others ... for it is well known ... that only from the glow of the Christmas fire that we ourselves have lighted ... can we catch the comfort and satisfaction that makes the day worth living a year ... to celebrate ...

Only to the very young can Christmas be a Perfect Day ... only to the very young whose faith still holds to the magic which takes place on Christmas Eve Night ... but if we open the flood gates of our hearts ... and give this "magic touch" to some child ... and enter into the Christmas spirit ... we can almost forget that Christmas is not made for adults ... for after all it is given us the power of "making Christmas" perfect for others ...

There seems to be no way out ... if we "take Christmas" ... to avoid doing extravagant things ... things, we, perhaps would not consider doing at any other season of the year ... and it seems to apply both to our emotions and our pocketbooks ... we must give both materially and spiritually to really get something out of the Day ...

If we get in tune with the season ... it is surprising how many things we see along the way to find joy in ... we suddenly realize that some hardboiled person ... really has a heart ... we see touching evidences of unselfishness and thoughtfulness ... such things are good for our jaded faith and our weakening confidence in humanity ... they restore something that helps our attitude toward people ...

For the inevitable touch of sadness at Christmas ... we have no antidote to offer ... because it is a day of remembering ... a day to recall the happy celebrations of other years ... to be conscious of an empty place at the table ... it is just part of life ... even at this glad season ... that comes to grown ups ...

And for that "zero hour" ... that comes late Christmas afternoon ... we also have little to recommend ... and the whole house seems to be nothing but disorder ... wrapping paper ... tinsel ground in the rugs ... (Continued on back page)

## Manager Of Pet



R. B. DAVENPORT, recently named manager of the Waynesville plant of Pet Dairy Products Company, has been here all this week going over the territory with Fred H. Yearout, who has just completed his 20th month here and received a promotion in the company at the time Mr. Davenport was named local manager. Mr. Davenport has been with the Pet Company for a number of years.

## Mrs. Tom Reeves Was Guest Of Club At December Meet

Mrs. Tom Reeves, of Morganton and Canton, president of District number one, of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, was the guest of the Waynesville Women's Club at the regular December meeting which was held yesterday afternoon at the Hotel LeFaine.

Mrs. Reeves outlined the plans for the coming year in both the state and local organizations. She urged the club to compete for some of the prizes offered by the Federation, both as a group and as individuals.

She asked for suggestions as to improving the district meetings with special reference to the district meeting, which will be held in Waynesville next October, when the local club will be hostess to the fifteen clubs in this district.

Mrs. Tom Spurlock, chairman of music, was in charge of the program of the afternoon. The meeting opened with assembly singing of three songs: "Adeste Fideles," "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

Dorothy Richeson, high school student, read the Christmas story from the Book of Luke. Evander Preston, accompanied by Mrs. Preston on the piano, and violin obligato by Mrs. Richard N. Barber, Jr., sang, "Oh, Divine Redeemer," by Gounod, "Thine Eyes So Blue and Tender," by Lassen.

Miss Ida Jean Brown, accompanied by Mrs. George A. Kunze, sang "There's Music in the Air," Mrs. Fred Martin and Mrs. Fred Calhoun, accompanied by Mrs. Evander Preston, sang a special arrangement of "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," by Geild.

Each member attending brought a toy for the collection for the community Christmas tree. The meeting closed with the singing of "Silent Night" and "Noel."

## 750 To Receive Gifts Tonight At Tannery Program

15th Annual Christmas Program To Begin At 6:30 At England-Walton Co.

The 15th annual Christmas tree program of England-Walton Company, will be held Friday evening at 6:30, around a 40-foot elaborately decorated hemlock tree in the yard of the tannery.

The tree is said to be the most beautiful in the 15 years that the custom has been followed of holding the programs at the tannery. Over 500 yards of colored fe tooning and tinsel, intermingled with wreaths, bells and stars bring out a brilliant display when the 150 colored lights of 25 watts are turned on.

A bag containing candy, oranges and nuts will be given to each employee of the tannery, and to each child of the employees. Plans have been made to have Santa distribute 750 of the bags after the musical program, which will begin promptly at 6:30. Choirs of the community will take part.

L. M. Richeson, superintendent of the tannery, announced yesterday that the public is cordially invited to attend the annual Christmas tree event.

## Mrs. Wiley Noland Heads Fines Creek Home Dem. Club

Mrs. Wiley Noland was elected president of the Fines Creek home demonstration club at the all day meeting which was held on last Thursday at the home of Mrs. G. W. Rogers.

Others who will serve with Mrs. Noland are: vice president, Mrs. Waldo Green, and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Estelle Trantham.

At noon a delicious luncheon was served from a table festive with Christmas greens and other seasonal appointments. Holly and evergreens were also used in the rest of the house.

After lunch Miss Mary Margaret Smith, home demonstration agent, gave an interesting talk on Christmas gifts, and the members sang Christmas carols.

The day closed with an exchange of gifts by the members of the club.

## The Weather Report

H. M. HALL, Official Observer

Dec.	Max	Min	7:30 a. m.	Prec
14	45	15	15	0.16
15	42	14	15	
16	51	15	41	
17	49	41	48	
18	59	25	25	
19	62	25	42	
20	57	37	37	0.47
Mean maximum				52.1'
Mean minimum				24.6'
Mean for week				38.3'
Mean for 7:30 a. m.				31.9'
High for week				62.0'
Low for week				14.0'
Below December normal				00.3'
Precipitation for week				0.63'
Precipitation since Dec. 1st				1.24'
Below December normal				1.74'
Precipitation since Jan. 1st				38.70'
Annual normal to date				44.70'
Deficiency for year				6.00'

## General Haywood

GETS A FEW THINGS OF COUNTY-WIDE INTEREST OFF HIS MIND WITH LETTERS

To the Citizens Of Haywood County. In spite of my maturing years, I am glad to say that I still believe in Santa Claus. In fact it would be hard for me to think that any citizen in Haywood County could fail to have faith in the old man. On every hand we see evidence that he thinks a lot of Haywood County folks. Each year he has brought this county new prospects for better living, both in the towns and the rural sections. During the past year there has been a lot of changes. New buildings about the towns, new business, and out in the rural sections they are lighting up with electricity, I understand if the folks down Jonathan Creek, Iron Duff, Pines Creek, Crabtree and in the rural sections near Clyde are good he plans to put some "lines" in their stockings pretty soon. So we would be a mighty ungrateful lot not to believe in the old man in these parts. In fact I think as a part of "Christmas giving" we ought to invite the outside world, including the folks over in Jackson County to move into Haywood to live. With the best wishes for a happy and merry day on Monday the 25th, I am, Yours truly, GENERAL HAYWOOD.