

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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A Merry Christmas

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### It's Christmas Time In Old Haywood



### Community Sing Today To Draw Large Crowd At Methodist Church

#### It'll Be Chicken Dumplings On Christmas Day

"The prisoners in the Haywood county jail will have chicken and dumplings and pie for their Christmas dinner, and I want you to know that a chicken dinner when you are in jail is a real treat," said Deputy Wade McDaniels when asked how the inmates of the third floor of the courthouse will take Christmas.

In addition to the special chicken dinner on Christmas Day, each prisoner will receive a large bag of fruits, nuts and candies from Sheriff R. V. Welch. It was learned from Deputy Daniels.

"Right now we have only eight prisoners and we don't expect to have a very big crowd, even over the Christmas week-end. People just don't get themselves in jail as much as they used to do," he explained.

"I don't know whether they are smarter than they used to be and know how to get by or that they are better. But I do know this, they don't drink in public like they once did, and when they do they seem to know better how to carry their liquor," he said.

#### Program of Christmas Carols Will Start At Six O'Clock, Many Taking Part

Interest continues to grow in the annual community sing which will be held at the First Methodist church tonight at 6:00 o'clock. The event which is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce is the first assembly singing at Christmas since the war started, and an invitation is extended to all the people of the community to join the hundreds who will attend, to observe his first Christmas of peace.

The sing will combine the Christmas event with the evening services of the various churches taking part. The original plan was to hold the sing at the Park Theatre and the separate churches have their evening service immediately following, but was later changed to a combination service.

Rev. Malcolm R. Williamson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will preside. There will be no admission fee or collection taken during the service.

Mrs. Henry MacFayden will direct a choir made up of voices from the participating churches. Mrs. V. L. Matney, organist of the First Methodist Church, will serve as general accompanist.

The school glee clubs under the direction of Miss Stephanie Moore, will also give several selections.

All the old favorite Christmas carols, that lend inspiration to the Christmas spirit will be sung by the hundreds assembled for the service.

The gallery of the church will be open over to the colored population of the community who are equally invited to attend the service and join in the community-wide Christmas event.

Leo Well is serving as general chairman of the event and is personally urging all citizens to attend. It was learned from Miss S. C. Jones, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who has worked intently on the program to make it a success.

### Community Christmas Tree Staged Yesterday

The annual Community Christmas tree sponsored by the Woman's Club and assisted by various groups and individuals was held yesterday afternoon at the courthouse and was well attended.

Mrs. J. C. Brown, chairman from the Woman's Club, and Mrs. James W. Killian, president, were in charge of the arrangements and the program.

Rev. Everett Murray, pastor of the Hazelwood Baptist church, led the devotional program and Christmas carols were sung by choirs.

A large number of children in the community received toys and gifts of candies and nuts which were handed from the tree.

Making donations to the gift and fund were: The Town of Waynesville, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Francis, Jr. and Mrs. R. N. Barber and others.

This annual event is always anticipated by the children of the community and has been the main Christmas activity of the club for many years.

### Court House Officials To Take Off Three Days

The offices of the Haywood county courthouse will close Saturday afternoon and remain closed until Thursday morning. It was learned from George A. Brown, Jr., county manager.

This three-day holiday does not apply to the office of the sheriff's department which is on 24 hour duty, and does not recognize any holiday.

Phil Medford, who is a student at the Emory School of Dentistry, Atlanta, has arrived to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. N. M. Medford.

### Rogers And Revis Open Business In Hazelwood

Davis B. Rogers and Marcel Revis have opened a modern restaurant and service station in Hazelwood, on the highway, just opposite Bradley's Store.

The former Belle Meade place has been completely renovated, modern equipment added, and made up-to-date in every way.

The restaurant will be under the personal supervision of Mr. Rogers, an experienced cook. The place will cater to parties, as well as regular serving of meals. Culinary service will also be featured.

Mr. Revis has charge of the service station.

For the present, the firm will remain open about 18 hours a day including Sundays.

### Last Minute Shoppers Have Until 7:00 p. m.

With a busy day anticipated on Monday which will close at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, all business firms of the town plan to take a two-day holiday, Christmas Day and Wednesday following.

The Merchants Association decided to take two days at a meeting held this month, as it was deemed a good plan to have one day to rest after Christmas Day.

The extra hour on Christmas Eve will give belated shoppers additional time to buy the last minute forgotten articles that are often evident on a list.

### Park Theatre Is Observing Tenth Anniversary

It was ten years ago this week that the Park Theatre opened to the public, giving to this area a modern theatre in every detail.

J. E. Massie, owner, is observing the tenth anniversary of the Park with a special series of high type pictures during the week, with a new picture each day during Christmas week.

Several major changes are now being made to the theatre, and the project will be pushed to completion just as soon as materials become available.

Rev. and Mrs. Walter West and daughter, Miss Catherine West, will leave Monday for Albemarle, where they will spend Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Klutts. Mrs. Klutts is the former Miss Betty West.

### Hospital Nurses Hold Annual Christmas Party

The nurses of the Haywood County hospital held their annual Christmas party and tree on Friday evening in the Nurses Home with around fifty persons attending.

The affair was held in the spacious living room at the home which was colorful with the lights from the towering tree placed in one corner. Santa Claus was present and delivered the gifts from the tree.

The affair is held each year by the nurses to which their families are invited including their husbands and children.

Following the presentation of the gifts refreshment were served.

Miss Mary Margaret Smith, county home demonstration agent, has gone to China Grove, where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her family.

### Seven Christmas Trees Will Be Given By Organization

Christmas cheer will be provided for 550 persons from the money placed in the Salvation Army kettles on Main Street and the answers to the appeals made by Major Cecil Brown, head of the Mountain Division and her workers through letters.

The Army plans to have seven Christmas trees during the two week period starting last Sunday and ending Sunday week. At each tree Christmas programs are being presented by the workers with appropriate devotional programs included.

Trees will be staged at Maple Springs, Little Creek, Miller's Gap, Bonnie Hill, Shelton Laurel, Big Bend and Cold Springs.

At the Cold Springs Lumber camp Jack Joyce, teacher of the school there and students will have charge of the program. He will be assisted by Harry Lee Liner.

Many of the persons reached by the Salvation Army will not be given Christmas cheer by any other group as they live in isolated sections of the county.

### County \$100,000 Behind Quota On E Victory Bonds

Members of the war finance committee here are concerned over the progress of the sale of E type Victory bonds. Yesterday, the record showed Haywood was about \$100,000 behind the quota on E bonds.

A suggestion was made that persons getting cash for Christmas presents put it into bonds, and even more later, when the value has increased a fourth.

Major and Mrs. John D. Jones have arrived from Chicago and will spend the Christmas holidays here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Stringfield.

Miss Helen Smith, assistant county home demonstration agent, has gone to Forest City, where she will spend a few days with her family.

### Big Christmas According To Postmaster

"Last year we sold 60,000 one and one-half cent stamps, and this year I expect our sales to go over 90,000," said Col. J. H. Howell, Waynesville postmaster, regarding the increase in the sending of Christmas cards and packages from the local post office.

"I base my anticipation on the fact that through Wednesday of last week our sales had reached the total 60,000 of last year. This, of course, does not include the hundreds of cards on which are placed three cent stamps.

"Tuesday and Wednesday, the 18th and 19th, were our biggest out-going mails. Each day it took three full truck loads to handle it," pointed out Col. Howell.

"This year marks the biggest Christmas since I have been postmaster during my 12 year period," he explained.

### Prospects Good Yesterday For White Christmas

Prospects for a White Christmas seemed in store for this area late yesterday afternoon when The Mountaineer went to press, despite the conflicting signs of weather, with a rise in temperature.

The skies were dull all day, with dark clouds threatening rain, but the snow still remained unmelted, which is prophetic of more snow according to local weather prophets.

The temperature which had reached two above freezing, the first of the week, was steadily rising, which was being hailed by those who have diminishing supplies of coal on hand, with comfort and pleasure.

### Central Elementary Chorus Give Three Programs This Week

The chorus from Central Elementary school, which is directed by Miss Stephanie Moore gave three programs during the past week. On Thursday afternoon they sang for the Woman's club at their Christmas meeting.

On Thursday evening they appeared before the Lions club and on Friday at noon they sang for the Rotarians.

The following program was presented at each of the three meetings:

"As Joseph Was A-Walking," "Come, Hasten, Ye Shepherds," "Away in a Manger," "There's a Song in the Air," solo, by Elizabeth Elliott; "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Silent Night," "The First Noel," and "I Heard the Bells," Judy Roberts was reader on the program.

Members of the chorus included: Mary Crouser, Nancy Francis, Ruth Corwin, Virginia Wilson, Patsy Ezell, Clara Sue Shuler, Elizabeth Elliott, Ann Coman Crawford, and Ruth Henshaw.

### Bobby Colkitt U.S. Navy, To Arrive Tomorrow

Bobby Colkitt, Aviation Machinist Mate, third class, U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Colkitt, is scheduled to arrive from the West Coast tomorrow to spend the Christmas holidays with his family here.

He is now stationed at Port Huenem, Calif., at an air base. He entered the service in March, 1942, as a volunteer, while a student at the Waynesville Township high school.

Miss Henrietta Love has arrived from Raleigh to spend the Christmas holidays here with her mother, Mrs. Hugh A. Love.

### Business Will Take 2 Days Off For Christmas

Business will suspend throughout Haywood for observance of Christmas. The banks will take Tuesday and Wednesday off, and most industrial plants will be closed on Monday and Tuesday.

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Several stores gave parties for their employees during the week. The Pet Dairy Products company gave their annual party to about 80 people Saturday night, and the annual employees party of The Mountaineer was held last night at the Maples.

100 People within 20 miles of Waynesville—their ideal shopping center.

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### Lions Club Nearing \$1,000 For Christmas Cheer Fund

Needy Children Will Be Taken Care Out Of Dime Fund Proceeds

Response to the Lions Club has been fine, according to members who are on the matter what the weather, and funds for their Christmas

afternoon the officials were optimistic regarding the goal of the fund set for this year.

ward will be in operation all day and if there is anyone community who has not donation to the worthy urged to do so by the

### Alexander Hired For Work in Germany

Thomas Alexander, founder of the national advisor of Springdale, in the Pigeon section of the county which attracts students all over the United States has been called by the War Department to aid in the development of the Re-education program being sponsored in Germany.

Alexander left Springdale last week and flew to Germany to assume his new duties. His field of work will be in the organization of the Teacher-Schools of Germany.

No definite announcement of the duration of work was made when Dr. Alexander left. He would be continued for two years by the War Department. Dr. Alexander is a faculty member of New Columbia University, and has spent time prior to the war in Germany.

Alexander was granted a leave of absence from Columbia University to aid in the work assigned by the War Department.

### Howard Adkins Route Home

First Class Howard D. Adkins of Waynesville, is en route to Pearl Harbor. He is the 2,000 high-point army aviator in the Magic Carpet program back to the States.

Adkins is one of more than 100 aviators, battleships, cruisers and transports in the navy's Magic Carpet.