



HAZELWOOD SCHOOL STUDENTS on Wednesday presented these food boxes to the Haywood County Welfare Department to distribute to the needy in this area. Miss Eula Patterson (top row, right), teacher representative on the welfare committee, turned over the boxes to Mrs. Wanda Clark (top row, second from right), of the Welfare Department. (Mountaineer Photo).

Fines Creek High Juniors Take Airplane Rides

By Mrs. Sam Ferguson
Community Reporter

Several members of the Junior Class at Fines Creek High School are up in the air these days. Following a contest at school, certain ones were granted the privilege of taking an air plane ride. Last Sunday Mr. Plemons took 6 students to Sylva, and he will take additional groups next Sunday and the one after that. Those who went last week were Joan Ferguson, Wanda Ferguson, Virginia Haynes, Virginia Rathbone, Vinson Evans and George Moore.



Friends and relatives extend their sympathy to the McCrary family in the recent death of their mother, Aunt Callie.

Several visitors attended morning service at Fines Creek Memorial Baptist Church Sunday. Members were very happy to have S-Sgt. Harold Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Green, there again. Green, who has been in service quite a while and has spent some time in Germany, has returned home for a 30-day leave with Mrs. Green. He is, of course, also visiting his parents and other relatives in this section.

NORFOLK, Va. — Engineman First Class (SS) Dick N. Moody, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Moody of Route 2, is now serving on board USS GRAMPUS (SS 523) commanded by Lieutenant Commander N. C. Barnhardt, III, USN, at Norfolk, Va.

USS GRAMPUS is one of fifteen submarines which together with a submarine tender and a submarine rescue vessel make up Submarine Squadron Six under the command of Captain J. S. McCain, Jr., USN.

Aspirin was discovered about 100 years ago by an Alsatian chemist but was a laboratory curiosity for 50 years before men learned what it was good for.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. McCracken and Glenn attended the funeral of Mrs. A. A. Byrd, mother of Mrs. F. W. McCracken, at Black Mountain Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Noland, Mrs. Roxie Noland, James and their daughter, Letain, were guests of Mrs. R. C. James and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brummitt Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Plemons, Mrs. Hattie Smathers and daughter of Buncombe County visited Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Murray Sunday afternoon.

Library And Bookmobile Closings Set

A holiday schedule for the Haywood County Public Library and the Bookmobile has been announced following the recent meeting of the Library Board.

The library will be closed from Wednesday through Saturday next week, while Bookmobile service will be suspended from Wednesday until January 4.

No limit will be set on books taken from the Bookmobile for the next five days to permit patrons to obtain enough books to last them through the holidays.

The Bookmobile's schedule was set to permit its operator, Mrs. Frances Jones, to take a one-week vacation during the holidays.

Library Board members — Col. H. Howell, William Medford, Fred Douthett — also granted a leave of absence of one and a half months to Miss Margaret Johnston, librarian, who

Bill Has Destiny

KINGSTREE, S. C. (AP) — A Kingstree family set out for a drive-in movie with a \$1 bill set aside for the ticket taker. On the way somebody mistook the money for a candy bar wrapper and tossed it out the car window.

They went to the movie anyway. Going home the mother suddenly called for a halt. "It must have been along here," she said, and the headlights just then were shining on the bill floating in a puddle beside the busy highway.

Deciding the bill was destined for some special use, they sent it to Thornwell Orphanage at Clinton in a special church offering.

Fourth Ruled Out

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Considering the sloppy way most people tack, st., ave., pl., or dr. to mailing addresses, postmen have had a legitimate beef in one subdivision. Mail, public utility and delivery men have been required to find addresses on Quatro Way, Quatro Lane, Quatro Place and Quatro Drive, all close together.

So the four streets have been renamed Figueroa, Bewley, Guntner and Jackson, respectively.

was notified this week that she has received a study grant permitting her to study library services and facilities in several major libraries over the country.

2. Decided to submit another request to the Town of Waynesville to have a parking space set aside for the Bookmobile in front of the library. A previous request was disapproved by town officials.

What About Santa Claus? Experts Discuss Effects

Whether to let their children "believe in Santa Claus" or not? — that is the big question all parents of the very young face at Christmas time.

There are usually two schools of thought and both are apt to be extreme in their point of view, says Edith M. Stern in Redbook magazine. In an attempt to find out which course makes children happier in the long run, she interviewed a wide range of authorities, including psychiatrists, school teachers and clergymen. Writing in the December issue, she reports that whichever version of the Santa Claus story you tell your children, that in itself will have no injurious effects.

"What or when or how to tell the children about Santa — 'It's one of the things parents often talk about,' says Elizabeth Ross, assistant chief, U. S. Children's Bureau. They aren't quite sure that they're handling the matter right."

"Dr. Leo Kanner, in charge of the Children's Psychiatric Clinic, Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, finds that parents' thinking on the best way to present Santa tends to run to two extremes. Far to the right are mothers and fathers who maintain that the concept of Santa is so beautiful that if you don't build it up, you deprive children of happiness and irreparably damage their imaginations. Equally far to the left are those convinced that if you start the 'lie,' not only will its impossibilities forever affect children's ability to think straight, but also when they find it out they will never trust you again.

"Everyone of the experts I talked to was in heartening agreement on this: It is relatively unimportant whether you present Santa Claus as fact or fancy. What is important for your children's pleasure is to be yourself. 'Do what is natural and casual for you,' Dr. Kanner advises. In short, there isn't any generally right or wrong way to tell your children about Santa—only what is right or wrong for you.

"In any case, whatever you decide, you may be sure that in itself it won't injure your child's mental and emotional health. 'Of the tens of thousands of children who have been brought to me over the years,' Dr. Kanner told me, 'I cannot recall one whose difficulty arose from what he was told about Santa Claus.'

"Usually the discovery that there

isn't a Santa Claus doesn't come as suddenly as most grownups think. For the very young, reality and fantasy are almost indistinguishable, and part of growing up is the gradual weeding out of what's not real. The chances are that your children will outgrow Santa Claus as easily and naturally as they will outgrow lollipops and tricycles.

"When parents have set a pattern of confidence, children can take the Santa Claus betrayal in their stride," says Mrs. Bertha Rockwood, Principal, the Takoma Park Elementary school. Only when there has been one betrayal after another does the one about Santa Claus damage a child's confidence in his parents.

"No more than the psychiatrists and educators, did the clergymen I interviewed want to slay Santa Claus. Not considering him a matter of faith and morals, the Catholic Church has no pronouncement concerning him. The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., Protestant, likewise approves him by default of policy. Both of the rabbis whom I questioned take their own children to see department store Santas.

"As so often happens, religion and psychiatry were in perfect accord: If the basic situation is sound and right, almost any way Santa is handled is all right. Christian religious leaders felt that with real understanding of the religious significance of Christmas, 'Santa won't take God's place.' To this end many Protestant church schools today, like those of Catholics, feature the creche, a model of the Nativity, in their holiday celebrations."

The number of horses on U. S. farms was reduced from 25 million in 1910 to around 5 1/2 million in 1953.

Wife Preservers



Slippery new shoes may be a hazard, especially to small children. Put a strip of adhesive tape on the soles of the shoes and it will prevent slipping.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



Drought Was Tough

FORT SCOTT, Kan. (AP)—The ground got so hard during the drought, says farmer F. E. Krebs, that a power auger for post holes jacked up the tractor instead of going into the ground.

They Got Action

NORTH HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—A special town meeting authorized this community of 10,000 to spend \$80,000 for a school addition. The meeting lasted four minutes. Ten citizens attended.

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