

### Christmas Play At Balsam Draws A Large Audience

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A large crowd attended the Christmas play at the Balsam Baptist Church Monday night. After the play, presents were exchanged and treats given to the children by Santa Claus. The pastor, Rev. Ray McCall, made a short talk at the end of the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reece and

Homer Reece visited with their parents at Balsam during the holidays. Jack and Homer are employed at the shipyard in Newport News, Va.

Pvt. Kenneth Ashe is on furlough and is at Balsam where his wife has been staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Bryson. Pvt. Ashe is stationed in the Army at Fort Chaffee, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Ensley visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Ensley during the holidays. Winston is employed at the Asheville Mica Co. in Newport News, Virginia.

Mrs. Nannie Knight visited with her brother, George Knight and family during the holidays.

Mrs. Hubert Ensley has gone to Hendersonville to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mehaffey.

Miss Suzanne Curry is staying at Balsam for a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rankin Ferguson. She is a student at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Mehaffey and daughter, Donna Carol, visited with Mrs. Mehaffey's parents, Mr. and

Mrs. A. N. Derrick at Balsam during the holidays. James and Addie Mehaffey visited with their sister, Mrs. Louis Ensley. James, Bud, and Addie are all employed at Newport News, Virginia.

Mrs. John R. Jones and family left last week end for Newport News, Virginia where they will spend several days with Mr. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess W. Crawford are visiting friends and relatives at Balsam during the holidays. They are now living in Manchester, Ky.

Want Ads bring quick results.

### Pre-Holiday Activities Varied At Bethel School

A wide range of activities featured the pre-holiday closing days at Bethel School. They included: Annual junior class play, "The Meady-Made Family," under the direction of Mrs. Robbie Hargrove; a program of Christmas music by the high school band and girls' chorus under the direction of Miss Lois Buckner and Mrs. Delma Phoenix (also presented at the monthly PTA meeting); parties and programs in all homerooms, including exchange of gifts; collection of money and other items for needy individuals and families, including

### Retriever Retrieved

EDEN, Wis. (AP)—Firemen sallied forth from Eden to retrieve a retriever who was freed. Clarence R. Ochs, from nearby Fond du Lac, shot a squirrel which became wedged in branches after it was killed. Ochs ascended the tree and became lodged in the limbs himself, 40 feet above the ground. A ladder company, summoned by Ochs' more cautious companions, dislodged Ochs from his perch.

Use the Want Ads for results funds for Hungarian refugees and individuals and families, including CARE.

### Mexican Invasion

COLONIAL HEIGHTS, Va. (AP)—Mrs. Margaret R. Semple found the small Mexican Chihuahua an ideal dog for a house pet. She liked it so much that she now has 75 of them—all pets and all named.

### Jumping Job

NAPA, Calif. (AP)—A workman jumped from an intersectional pedestrian island just in time to escape a car that knocked down a traffic light standard. The workman had just replaced the standard, smashed by another vehicle 24 hours earlier.



"I know all that, Doctor, but I prefer to live in a dream world."

# First Baby Contest

## RULES OF THE CONTEST

1. Both mother and father must be residents of Haywood County.
2. The actual day, hour, and minute must be confirmed by the attending physician.
3. The baby's birth certificate must be submitted at time of entry—it will be returned.
4. The decision of the judges will be final.
5. Entries for the contest must be reported to The Mountaineer as soon as possible after the birth of the child.

# WHO WILL WIN THE BABY DERBY?

The whole country is watching and waiting for the big event! To the first Haywood baby born after midnight, December 31, the merchants listed below, cooperating with this newspaper will present the wonderful gifts listed on this page. The new baby's name and address will be published in The Mountaineer — the first issue after the great occasion. Some newcomer is going to win a wonderful start in life by being No. 1 of the year!

### The Parents Of The First Baby Of The Year Will Receive FREE A Year's Subscription To The Waynesville Mountaineer



# 1957

To  
First Baby of The  
New Year  
**SMITH'S  
DRUG STORE**  
Will Give A  
Baby  
**BOTTLE STERILIZER**


To  
The First Baby of 1957  
We Will Give A  
**BABY CAR SEAT**  
**FIRESTONE**  
HOME AND AUTO SUPPLIES  
W. M. "Bill" Cobb, Owner  
Dial GL 6-3071


**Crawford  
Funeral Home**  
will provide FREE transportation home for the First Baby and his mother in our new and completely modern ambulance.  
STRAIGHT AMBULANCE SERVICE  
"For Those Who Care"  
**CRAWFORD  
FUNERAL HOME**  
Serving Haywood County From  
Canton and Waynesville  
Dial GL 6-3535 Waynesville  
or 3535 Canton



  
**BELK - HUDSON**  
To  
The First Baby  
Of 1957  
We Will Present A  
**BASSINETTE**  
From  
Haywood's Largest Baby  
Department  
**Belk-Hudson**  
Belk's Home of Better Values

To  
The First Baby Of 1957  
We Will Give One Gallon Of  
**SPRED SATIN and PURE BRISTLE  
BRUSH**  
The paint you have read so much about in popular magazines.  
**HAYWOOD  
BUILDERS SUPPLY CO.**

We Will Give 30 Quarts Of Biltmore  
Gold Medal Homogenized Milk  
To The First Baby's Parents  
  
**BILTMORE DAIRY**  
Dial GL 6-6091 Lake Junaluska

**KURT GANS**  
  
Showing  
January  
2nd  
The New —  
The Different  
The Complete  
Line of  
**Holmes & Edwards  
JUVENILE SILVERPLATE**  
For Gifts — For Birthdays — For The Little Darling  
— Just As Cute As Can Be — See Them  
— IT'S NEW — So  
You Can See It  
At  
To The First Baby We Will Give  
**SPECIAL H & E TOY**  
With Juvenile Silverplate  
**Kurt Gans**  
Western North Carolina's Leading Jeweler