

Student Council Bans Firecrackers

Monitors Elected

The Student Council of the Kings Mountain High School met Dec. 9. Reports were given from some of the committee chairmen. Alice Betty Mauney, chairman of the Civic

Improvement, reported that the 9th grade were to be in charge of the grounds for last week and this week. Eugene Mathis, chairman of the hall reported that the following students were to be monitors: Houson Black, Frederick Weaver, Harold Earp, Coyte Hunter, Henry Neisler, Jerry Hord, Alice Betty Mauney, Christine Gallant, Sybil Davis, and Eugene Mathis.

The subject of students bringing firecrackers to school was discussed and it was decided that no firecrackers were to be brought to the school house or on the school grounds.

In order to save money, 4-H club boys and girls of Edgecombe county are again sponsoring a cooperative order of fruit trees this year.

A Burglar for Christmas

by Rolana Flagel

IT WAS midnight on Christmas Eve. Seven-year-old Jack, having baffled the sandman since eight o'clock, tossed back

stairs. Now, at long last, he would learn the truth about Santa Claus. Man or myth? Chimney sweeper or a lovable old red-nosed gentleman?

When the clock struck one Jack was still sitting patiently in the chair by the fireplace, watching the embers glow and wane. Tinsel on the nearby Christmas tree glistened. It was all very exciting, but where was Kris Kringle?

The noise Jack heard a moment later might have been Santa but it didn't come from the chimney.

Quickly the boy jumped back in the shadows while he heard the dining room window raise slowly. A gush of cold air, heavy footsteps, and then Jack heard the window close.

Frightened, he crept forward until he could see where blue moonlight filtered into the dining room. There Jack saw—not Santa Claus but a masked burglar, systematically looting the silverware!

Seconds later his softly slipped feet carried the lad upstairs into his parents' bedroom. The boy shook his father.

"Dad!" he whispered loudly, eyes blazing. "Dad! Wake up!"

"Grumpph," came the sleepy answer.

"A burglar, Dad! Wake up! Call the police!"

Not waiting, Jack reached for the bedside telephone himself. His mother still slumbered.

"Operator?" he asked. "Send the police over to our house right away! There's a burglar downstairs!"

By that time it was out of Jack's hands. His parents were wide awake now, clinging to their hero



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son and listening. During the next two minutes they heard a stark drama—downstairs the dining room window opened and closed. In the distance, growing ever nearer, was the hum of a motor which they knew would be the police car.

They heard it stop outside. Then came a shout, "Stop thief!" A brief scuffle, and they knew the burglar was captured.

Next morning Jack was awakened by his father.

"Son," he began, eyes twinkling, "I forgot to ask last night how you happened to hear that burglar."

Jack blushed. "I was downstairs, Dad, waiting for Santa Claus. Wanted to see if he really does come on Christmas eve."

His father laughed heartily. "But Jack!" he protested. "Don't you know that Santa Claus never comes when little boys and girls are watching? I'll bet he's been here by this time, though. Let's go see!"

Downstairs Jack's surprise was divided between two equally fascinating subjects. Around the Christmas tree were more presents than he'd ever seen before, including a brand new bicycle!

But off to one side was a jolly looking, blue-uniformed policeman.

"Sonny," the copper began. "That burglar you captured last night was 'Lightning Pete,' a most notorious house breaker."

Jack's jaw dropped. "Best of all," the policeman continued, "there's a \$500 reward for his capture, and it all belongs to you. Here's the check."

Jack could barely say "Thank you," so amazed was he.

"I guess," he finally mumbled, "that Santa Claus is wearing a blue uniform this year."

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