

Society
Elizabeth Stewart, Editor

**Dixon Circle II
Held Regular Meeting**

Circle II of Dixon Presbyterian church met Thursday night at the home of Misses Linda and Elizabeth Stewart.
Mrs. J. C. Darracott, Bible leader, presented the Bible study from the Book of Acts. A short program on Christmas was given.
During the social hour, refreshments were served and gifts exchanged. Mrs. Ray Childers is new circle chairman of the group for the year.

**LET'S
TALK IT
OVER**

By: Grace & Selma
In the little town of Drayton Plains, Michigan, lives a gentleman named Morris A. Strong who has rated a little attention of late as being a rather versatile individual. He is building his own eight-room home with his wife as his only helper.

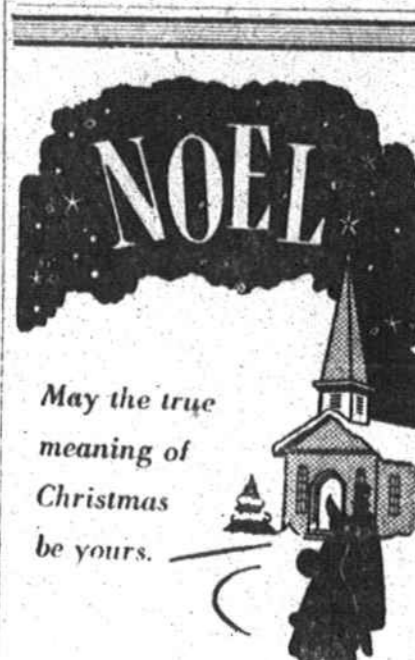
Strong has done all the electrical wiring and plumbing as well as most of the excavating and most of the roofing. He is not only skilled in carpentry, but he fashions machine parts on a metalwork lathe and drill press, weaves rugs and does a fair country job of keeping the engine of the family car in purring condition. Strong also does a bit of writing when he can work it into a somewhat full day, which also includes a training course in massage-reducing methods. All in all, Mr. Strong is an accomplished and busy man—his talents rating all the more huzzahs when it is explained that he has been blind for the last 16 years and totally deaf since the age of 12.

It probably won't ever be our pleasure to meet Mr. Strong of Drayton Plains, Michigan, but we would like to thank him for disproving the theory held in some quarters that the human race is peopled with jelly-like entities and headed for the nether world in a hand basket.

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lewis, of Salisbury, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Marilyn Gail Lewis, of Gastonia, to Paul A. Finger, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Finger, Sr., of Dallas. Miss Lewis is the sister of John H. Lewis, of Kings Mountain. The wedding will be an event of December 31 in First Baptist church here.



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**First Baptist Class
Held Meeting Thursday**

Members of the Phebean class of First Baptist church met Thursday night at the home of Mrs. James White with Mrs. Paul Patterson and Mrs. Frances Petty, co-hostesses.
Mrs. Petty, the president, conducted the business session before a program on "The Man Who Owned the Stable" by Mrs. Howard Ware. Mrs. Earl Ledford offered the opening prayer.
Fruit cake with chicken salad sandwiches and coffee were served during the social hour. Members exchanged gifts and presented a gift to Mrs. Ledford, Bible leader of the circle.
Sixteen members were present.

Mrs. Clarence Black returned Sunday from a visit in Tampa, Florida. Her sister, Miss Bonnie McMahan, Mrs. Alta Dillard, and Mrs. Eunice Hemby, of Anderson, S. C., made the trip with her. They visited Sgt. Ray Dillard, who is stationed in Tampa, Florida.

**Crocker-Crook
Vows Exchanged**

Miss Nellie Elizabeth Crocker, of Cliffside, and James Edward Crook, of Grover, were married Sunday, December 12, in Gaffney, S. C. Magistrate W. R. Douglas heard the couple exchange vows.
The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Crocker, was graduated from Cliffside high school and is employed in Shelby at Hudson Hosiery Company.
Mr. Crook, son of Mrs. John M. Crook of Grover and the late Mr. Crook, attended high school in Sharon, S. C., and served in the Navy in World War II. He is a student at Howard's Business college in Shilby, and is employed by Derry Damask, Inc., of Gaffney, S. C.
The couple are residing in Shelby.

**Mrs. W. L. Mauney
Bridge Club Hostess**

Mrs. W. L. Mauney entertained members of the Ace of Clubs at her home Thursday afternoon.
Guests were present for three tables of bridge, and prior to progressions, the hostess served a salad plate with coffee.

Invited to play with the regular club members were Mrs. N. F. McGill, Mrs. G. E. Still, Mrs. W. P. Gerberding, and Mrs. R. L. Gann, and Mrs. James Lutz and Mrs. O. C. Conner, both of Shelby.

Mrs. Jacob Cooper won high for club members and Mrs. Amos Dean, second high. Visitors' prizes went to Mrs. N. F. McGill, who scored high, Mrs. Still, who received second high, and Mrs. Lutz, who received the low-score award.

Christmas arrangements were used for decoration throughout the home.

**Miss Lewis Honored
At Party in Gastonia**

Miss Marilyn Lewis, whose wedding to Paul A. Finger, Jr., will take place here December 31st, was honored last Tuesday evening at a bridal party at the home of Mrs. Joan Ransom at the Ransom home in Gastonia.
The bride-elect wore a white wool jersey dress with rhinestone jewelry.
Aniced course with sandwiches and cake was served after several games and contests had been enjoyed. A shower of lingerie gifts were presented to the honoree. Eighteen guests made up the party list.

**Interesting Facts
About Xmas Trees
And Season Customs**

"Twelfth Night," which many communities celebrate by a community burning of Christmas trees, is derived from the custom of early Christians who celebrated the feast of the Nativity of Christ for 12 days, placing special emphasis on the last or twelfth day. The "Twelfth Night" tree burning is also said to commemorate the light of the Star of Bethlehem.

The manufacture of toys for Christmas gifts and other uses last year required approximately 130,000 tons of steel products from all sources.

The first Christmas tree in San Francisco was made in 1850 from Douglas fir branches wired on a stick by a German wine shop proprietor.

Over three-fourths of the nation's Christmas trees come from the states bordering Canada.

The Puritan government of England outlawed Christmas in 1643. With the restoration of the Stuarts, Christmas customs and traditions were revived, but Christmas never regained its former prestige in England.

The first Christmas cards were mailed in 1846 by Henry Cole, an Englishman. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the festive board and bore the now-famous greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

**Joy
to Your
Whole
Family**
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PERSONALS

T/Sgt. Wray W. Stewart, of Eglin AFB, Florida, will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Willford and daughters, Barbara and Jan, of Galax, Virginia, spent last weekend with Mrs. E. L. Campbell and C. B. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. McCurdy and family will spend Christmas Day with Mrs. McCurdy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Black, at Wingate, S. C., and on Sunday will leave for West Palm Beach, Florida, where they will visit Mr. McCurdy's mother and sister, Mrs. Viola McCurdy and Miss Thelma McCurdy.

Miss Armitie Farris, a student at Howard's Business college, Shelby, will come home Thursday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Farris and family.

A/2C and Mrs. Ray Carroll and son, Edwin, of Dover, Delaware, came home Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Farris and Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Carroll, and Mrs. Carroll's grandmother, Mrs. W. C. Farris.

Mrs. D. L. White returned Friday from Panama City, Florida, where she visited her son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. White. Mr. White accompanied Mrs. White to Florida but returned home a week ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bolin and son, Ken, and Mrs. Ruth Lynn and children, Mickey, Barbara, and Petey, will leave Wednesday for Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where they will visit Mrs. Lynn's sister, Mrs. Frederick, and Mr. Frederick.



**Merry
Christmas
and a Safe
New Year!**

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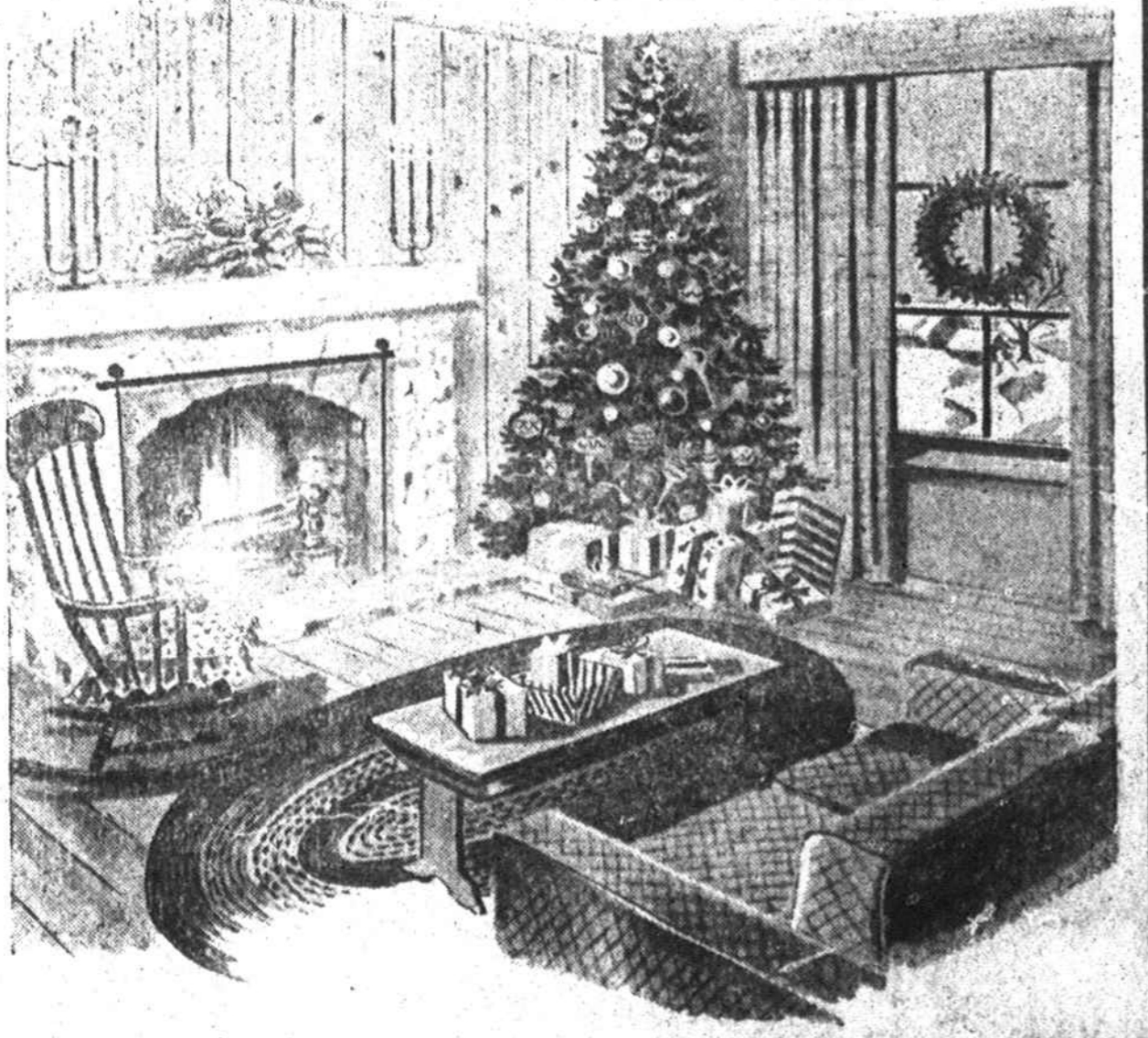
Christmas
We send you greetings and best wishes.
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"Good Will to all men"
...this, in its deepest meaning, is our wish at Christmas.
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at
Christmas**
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