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YULETIDE GAITIES COME TO END AT OLD FORT

The yuletide gaities among the younger set have come to an end, and with it the return of many young people to the various schools and colleges at which they are in attendance this year. The holiday season was marked by a series of social affairs, honoring the young ladies and young men who have been at home for the Christmas vacation the past two weeks, and altogether the holidays have been pronounced very enjoyable in every respect by the younger set especially.

Those who have left to resume their studies in the various educational institutions include Miss Nancy Miller, Salem College; Miss Carolyn McIntosh, Duke University; Miss Elizabeth Hansel, Flora Macdonald College; Miss Janie McSwain, N. C. C. W.; Miss Eunice Wilkinson, Mitchel College; Miss Edith LeFevre, N. C. C. W.; Miss Betty Crawford, Mitchel College; Misses Dorothy Spencer and Margaret Rock, Cecil's Business College, Spartanburg, S. C.; Mary Margaret Johnson, Salem Academy; Misses Arwyn Stepp and Nell Allison, Asheville Normal; Miss Frances Grant, Montreat Normal; Crawford Fortune, Earl Nesbitt and Lesley Mauney, State College, Raleigh; Donal McIntosh, University of Pennsylvania; Ashby Robinson, University of North Carolina.

WATCH PARTY GIVEN IN HONOR OF SENIOR CLASS

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sandlin entertained on Wednesday evening with a watch party in honor of the Senior class of the Old Fort High School, the guest list including all teachers, the members of the town school board and their wives together with other school officials. Decorations suggestive of the season were used consisting of growing poinsettias, burning tapers and evergreens. The holiday spirit pervaded the atmosphere as merrymaking started immediately upon the arrival of the guests and kept up on after the midnight hour. A program of amusing games and contests had been arranged and were participated in with an eagerness and zest that is characteristic of the Senior class. Jessica Silver won four prizes outright, tying with Principal S. B. Smithey for a fourth. Jean Hansel was also a prize-winner and Selma Finch tied with P. H. Mashburn in another contest. Chas. Lytle upheld the record of the boys by capturing a prize.

Assisting the host and hostess in receiving and entertaining were their two young daughters, Nannie Sue and Caroline. At a late hour refreshments were served. Assisting the hostess in serving were Mesdames P. H. Mashburn, S. B. Smithey, Wade Davis and Charles Stepp and Miss Mary Burgin.

MISS HELEN NESBITT WATCH PARTY HOSTESS

Miss Helen Nesbitt entertained a number of her friends Wednesday evening at her home in New Fort with a delightful watch party. The house was decorated with holly and potted flowers. Cards were the main feature of the entertainment. Mrs. Nesbitt assisted the hostess in serving delightful refreshments consisting of fruit punch, cake and nuts.

HOUSE NEAR OLD FORT DESTROYED BY FIRE

Fire destroyed the residence of George Thomasson, located half a mile south of Old Fort, Friday morning about 2 o'clock. The house was of frame construction, and had six rooms. All the furnishings and clothing of the occupants were consumed by the flames. No one was injured.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS ANNUAL NEW YEAR BALL

A large crowd attended the annual dance given by the Old Fort Fire Department on New Year's eve in the Sandlin building. This dance, which was a very enjoyable social affair, was pronounced as one of the most successful dances given by the boys of the fire department in several years. The old year was danced out and the new year welcomed to the strains of merry music.

MRS. JOHNSON GIVES PARTY FOR DAUGHTER

Mrs. J. B. Johnson assembled a group of nineteen boys and girls on Friday afternoon for a farewell party for her young daughter, Mary Margaret, who has been spending the Christmas holidays at her home, and who returned on Monday to Winston-Salem to resume her studies at Salem Academy. A festive note was carried out in the decorations, suggesting the happy Christmas time which soon would be but a memory. Festoons of red flowers and greenery gave a cheerful setting for the interesting program of games and contests for the merry group.

Nannie Sue Sandlin was declared a prize winner in the first contest, the second being won by Alice Laughridge, Lourene LeFevre, Julia Bistline and Pauline Gosorn. A delicious salad course with tea and other accessories were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Reid and Miss Mary Burgin.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS

The Old Fort Woman's Club met on Friday afternoon in the Sandlin building. Mrs. G. W. Sandlin, the president, called the meeting to order, and after a brief business session in which letters from various state club women were read a report on the sales of Christmas seals was given.

The president then asked for a discussion of ways to aid the unemployed in this community. Among the plans suggested and approved by the club was the placing of barrels in the grocery stores; this plan, which is being tried by the city of Asheville, has proven a great help. Several members of the club were appointed to place the barrels in the stores.

A committee was appointed by the president to call on the mayor and request an investigation of a number of requests for help that have been called to the attention of the club.

The need of food for a number of undernourished children was discussed, and it was decided to serve a warm lunch in the Sandlin building for the benefit of these children. Mrs. P. H. Mashburn will have charge during the coming week of this community kitchen. The superintendent of the tannery has donated coal, vegetables have been donated by G. W. Sandlin and there is no doubt that this undertaking will receive the enthusiastic support of the citizens of the entire community.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

The college boys and girls celebrated the arrival of the New Year with a watch party at the home of Miss Gertrude Dula on Wednesday evening. Dancing and bridge added to the evening's entertainment. Refreshments were served at a late hour. Those present were: Misses Carolyn McIntosh, Dorothy Spencer, Margaret Rock, Emma Allison, Catherine Finch, Elizabeth Hansel, Nancy Miller, Maxine Wilson, Betty Crawford, and Hazel Parker; Messrs. Kimball Miller, Robert Wilkinson, Frank Moore, Donald McIntosh, Francis Mauney, C. Clyde Miller, William Treverton, Ward Treverton and Nelson Parker of Marion.

JESSIE OLA DAVIS HOSTESS

Miss Jessie Ola Davis entertained a number of friends with a delightful holiday party Monday evening. Christmas decorations were used and a lovely lighted tree added much to the living room. A delicious salad course was served to the following: Edna Tate, Evelyn Gilliam, Selma Finch, Jessie Ola Davis, Norris Hensley, Robert Crawford, Carl Rock, Carlyle Nesbitt, and Lester Jordan.

EPWORTH LEAGUE SOCIAL

Thirty-five members of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church, South, enjoyed a party at the home of Miss Annie Bell Noblitt Thursday evening. The house was attractively decorated with potted flowers. Many interesting games were enjoyed after which hot chocolate, sandwiches, cake and candy were served. Invited guests were Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Rayle.

BRIDGE PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Moore entertained with two tables of bridge on Friday evening at their home on Main street. Those enjoying Mr. and Mrs. Moore's hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. Moore's hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Bistline, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Graybeal, Mrs. Hart Taylor and Miss Maude Crawford.

DR. ALFRED W. DULA ILL

News has been received in Old Fort of the serious illness of Dr. Alfred W. Dula, of Lenoir, N. C.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Misses Martha Hyams and Stella Sherrill spent Saturday in Asheville. Miss Elizabeth Young of Connelly Springs spent last week-end with relatives here.

Fred H. LeFevre of Los Angeles, California, is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. LeFevre.

P. M. Moore of Spartanburg, S. C., was a business visitor in Old Fort last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Powells, of Baltimore, Md., spent the week-end with Mrs. Walter W. LeFevre.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Ball and Ola E. Jones, of Asheville, and Mrs. Garland Franklin, of Hickory, were visitors in Old Fort last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sandlin and their daughters, Nannie Sue and Caroline, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Pharmed for new year's dinner at their home on St. Dusan's Road in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Caplan and family were visitors in Lenoir during the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Jenkins and small daughter, Jean, who have been visiting in Mullens, S. C., have returned to their home.

Thaduis Bradley visited friends in Asheville and Hendersonville during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burgin, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burgin, have returned to their home in Iowa.

Miss Emma Allison, instructor in Home Economics in the high school at Jenkinsville, S. C., has returned to her work after spending the holidays with her parents in Old Fort.

Mrs. Grady Nichols and two daughters spent several days last week on Curtis Creek, the guest of Mrs. Carver.

Misses Beulah Ross and sister of Marion were the guests of their cousin, Miss Catherine Finch, on Thursday.

Mrs. P. H. Mashburn and Mrs. Geo. Sandlin were visitors in Asheville on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Nichols were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Silvers on Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Hawkins and son Robert, of Marion, were in Old Fort on Sunday enroute to Lenoir, to visit Dr. A. W. Dula, who was reported quite ill.

Mrs. Cecil C. Wyche, who was a guest of her mother, Mrs. J. R. Crawford, last week, returned to her home in Spartanburg, S. C., accompanied by Misses Dorothy Spencer and Margaret Rock, who will resume their studies at that place.

Miss Evelyn Snyder has returned to her home here after spending several days in Canton with relatives.

Misses Millie and Bula Kanipe and Robert Hughes were visitors in Charlotte Monday.

Mr. Gordon Berry and daughter, Thelma, of Atlanta, Ga., visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allison during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Raeder and small son, Raymond, Jr., of Columbus, Tenn., spent the Christmas holidays with the latter's mother, Mrs. Etta Kelly.

Miss Eula Grant is spending several days in Bakersville. Miss Bertha Bradley of Morganton visited relatives in Old Fort last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Silver visited relatives in Marion Saturday. Mrs. Davis Bright of Marion visited Mr. and Mrs. H. Early last Sunday.

Misses Freddie and Elluise Lytle Lytle of Asheville were the guests of Miss Frances Miller this week.

Miss Frances McCurry visited relatives here over the week-end.

Misses Thelma, Mae, and Bulah Ross of Marion were visitors in Old Fort Thursday.

Mrs. G. H. Ross of Marion is spending several days with her sister, Mrs. M. J. Finch.

Professor and Mrs. Howard and small daughter, of Mars Hill, were the week-end guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Rayle.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swan of Asheville are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Swann.

Mrs. Carl Kelly has returned to her home here after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents in Troutman, N. C.

Joe Lee Burgin and Donald Turner captured a chicken hawk last week that measured 44 inches from tip to tip.

Mrs. E. L. Stirewalt, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Marston and children spent Friday in Connelly Springs visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Cornwell.

Henry C. Fisher made a trip to Charlotte on Friday.

Miss Ruth Stirewalt left Wednesday for Hickory where she has accepted a position as stenographer for the Havaener Glove Factory.

K. M. Marston, who has been spending the holidays with his family, left Saturday for Middleboro, Pa., where he has accepted a position with the Armour Tannery.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Green, who have moved from Dendron to Old Fort, occupy a house on Church street.

Miss Carolyn McIntosh entertained a group of friends at her home on Thursday evening. Dancing and cards were enjoyed. Miss McIntosh returned to Duke University on Friday to continue her studies at that place.

Ashby Robinson has returned to the University of North Carolina to resume his studies.

Mrs. Hart Taylor was a visitor in Asheville on Friday.

Teachers returning to Old Fort this week to resume their work in the Old Fort school are Miss Gladys Warren, Miss Una Plott, Miss Margaret Maness, Miss Nan Brasington, Miss Margaret Lytle, Miss Grace Gilbrith, Mrs. McDade, Miss Katherine McCall and Mr. Rhodes.

Mrs. Georgia Grant is the guest of Miss Audrey Gosorn this week.

The grist mill operating in the new building adjoining the store room of J. B. Haynes is doing a good business.

N. P. Anderson of Marion was a visitor in Old Fort last week.

Robert Wilkinson is spending a few days in Johnson City on business. Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Roughton and two children, Frances and John Turner, of Columbia, S. C., have returned home after a visit to Mrs. George Moore.

Mrs. Clifford Nesbitt was a visitor in Asheville on Friday.

The Old and the New Year
by
Florence Harris Wells

NO CROWD to watch the old year out and spring some surprise on, I suppose, now that we live in the country." Ned Halliday was polishing his skis which had been his steady companion since his return to college.

"Mother is concocting something, don't worry," Ruth, his sister, answered, as she finished the waxing of her own skis. "Are you getting tired of the outdoor sports we were looking forward to so keenly? I'm not, if you ask me."

"No, I'm not, either. But ever since I can remember I've looked forward to company Near Year's eve, and the surprise stunt ushering out the old and welcoming the New Year."

"Well, ease your mind. The whole countryside has been invited. Mother's ingenuity may be sorely taxed but she has never failed yet, and she won't this time."

The piano, phonograph and radio furnished the music for the various dances and games. All was gayety, song and laughter as the midnight hour approached. Suddenly they were in total darkness. Above the laughter and ejaculations a sepulchral voice announced:

"Behold the light of your forefathers!" and borne through the great rooms by a decrepit old man, dimly flickered a light.

"This passes!" the voice announced. Now through the rooms a procession of pioneers marched bearing genuine old-fashioned tallow dips.

The voice spoke again. This time less weirdly:

"This, too, shall pass!"

At the corners of each room kerosene lamps were lighted and hanging lamps hitherto unnoticed.

Over the radio came the ringing of bells and blowing of whistles and again the rooms were ablaze with light; for the old had passed. The New Year was born!

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the Last Will and Testament of A. B. Halford, deceased, late of McDowell County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having any claim against the said estate to present the same to the undersigned executor within twelve months from the date hereof, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to make immediate settlement. This 26th day of December, 1930. J. W. HALFORD, Executor of A. B. Halford, deceased. Marion, N. C., Rt. No. 1.

Disciple of St. Francis Had the Christmas Spirit

"**W**HAT in the world are you doing, Tommy?" asked Mrs. Rowland, hearing her little son on the cellar stairs, the day before Christmas.

"Oh, sump'n," answered the lad, as he hurried up into the kitchen.

As it was a time of Christmas secrets, Mrs. Rowland refrained from pressing the point and soon forgot it. When the Christmas tree had been denuded of its fruit next morning, Tommy's older brother, Rupert, ran outdoors excitedly, returning soon, all aglow, and shouting:

"What do you think? You know I scattered those crumbs in the back yard, the way St. Francis of Assisi told folks to do for the birds' Christmas feast? Well, there were about a dozen sparrows there when I pecked around the corner of the house. I called 'Merry Christmas' softly so's not to disturb them, and they chirped back."

"Mine worked, too, I guess," said Tommy. "I went and looked on the cellar stairs first thing this morning, and every bit of cheese was gone that I'd put there for the poor little mice!"—Myrtle Koon Cherryman.

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BRIEF NEWS ITEMS

According to the last census there are 1,485,063 Swedes in the United States of America.

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