

Merry  
Christmas!

Happy  
New Year!

# The Early Bird

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## Christmas Cheer

This yule season brings happiness to everyone, especially to children who are eagerly waiting to receive toys and gifts from Dear Old Saint Nicholas.

As we approach Christmas Day, the scenes are very familiar. We see the star over Bethlehem, the shepherds feeding their sheep, Christ's birth, the Heavenly choir, the wise men and many others. These changeless scenes do not pass away. However, our experiences of Christmas change from year to year as we grow up.

Your classroom experiences are most attractive and show that you carry the true Christmas spirit of making others happy.

I wish for the entire Orange Street School family

A Very Merry Christmas

and

A Most Prosperous New Year

Mrs. Mary W. Gant  
Supervisor

## Professional Meetings

The in-service education program for Orange Street School faculty was quite interesting this month. We all were led to grasp a broader understanding of methods and materials used in health education through the services of our Health Coordinators Mr. Thomas Gray and Mrs. Wilkins.

Mr. Gray gave many sources of material we might secure in the developing of our School Health Program, and informed us of the services we might secure from him when needed. Mrs. Wilkins talked to us about screening and its importance. She emphasized the many things that a health examination might show that would help us as teachers to secure better understanding of our children's attitudes such as, vision, teeth, tonsils, glands, skin, bones, posture, blood, and lungs.

As a follow up, we are all striving to make necessary improvements toward the aims, objectives, and scope of the Health of the Education Program in our school.

## The Joy of Giving

December 25th is set aside as Christmas Day. The day on which Christ was born. In most countries it is marked by religious services, by merry making and the exchanging of gifts. A day looked forward to, when Saint Nicholas comes with his pack of gifts for all the little girls and boys who have been good, and maybe a supply of switches for those who have been disobedient or careless.

Without the giving of gifts and the sending of greetings, Christmas Day would lose much of its meaning to families.

People all over the world have been made happy by giving and receiving gifts.

As we approach the Yuletide season, let us fill the hearts of the shut-ins and the less fortunate with joy, by remembering them in some way, giving a gift or sending a greeting. This would bring happiness and joy to the donor as well as to the receiver.

Mary Kingsbury, Class 5W

## Orange Street School Teachers Meet With Health Project Group

Grade chairmen and other teachers interested in various aspects of school health were invited to share a discussion with the School Health Project from the University of North Carolina.

The meeting was informal, and various teachers presented their viewpoints towards the existing total health program of Orange Street School. This included the physical plant, available health services, medical and dental health, mental and physical health. Special notation was taken as to what part parents play in the school health program, teacher screening activities, provisions for handicapped children, school environment, the adequacy of our lunchroom and other facilities, as well as the integration of the health program into our daily classroom schedules.

The group came in interest of completing a University School of Public Health Study Project, and we trust that their findings will help to improve our State Health Program with special provisions for our hungry children, physically handicapped children as well as to secure something in the line of teacher recreation and tenure.

The teachers who sat in on this Panel were Mrs. M. W. Gant, Supervisor, Mr. J. H. Lucas, Principal, Miss H. S. Barnes, Mrs. B. H. Ransome, Mrs. C. S. Stegall, Mrs. C. E. Eisbey, Mrs. L. Q. Hamme, Mrs. I. P. Shoffner, Mrs. M. T. Cureton, Mrs. B. B. Redding, Mrs. G. S. Middleton, and Miss M. A. Murphy.

In attendance with the visiting group were:

Dr. F. A. Clark, Jr., Albany, Ind. Public Health Administrator  
Naphtali Cohen, Tel-Avir Israel Public Health Sanitation  
Miss Betty Gentilman, Kane, Pa. Public Health Nursing  
Miss Shirley Hastings, Pascougoula, Miss. Public Health Nursing.  
Miss Lil Sprinkle, Henderson, N. C. Pathology Lab. Tech.  
Dr. Rosemary Kent, Chapel Hill, N. C. Prof. in Public Health Education, University North Carolina.  
Dr. Thomas Gray Health Educator.  
Mrs. Beth Wilkins Nurse.

## Children Entertained By Magician

Every now and then sandwiched between the regular school activities, such as assembly programs and school movies, a magician comes along and gives us something different to think about.

Mr. Fateque Sanders an outstanding magician entertained us with a wonderful show on November twenty-fifth. Every one looked on in wonder and amazement. The auditorium was filled first with expressions of excited laughter, then a deep silence.

The show was well worth the time spent.

## North Carolina Resource-Use Education Conference Is A Great Success

On November 20, 1953 the seventh annual session of the N. C. Resource-Use Education Conference was held at the North Carolina College at Durham, North Carolina.

The General Program at 9:00 A. M. opened the day's activities with a welcome address by Mr. William A. Cole, President, Durham County Teacher Association. The Language Arts Workshop was at 9:30 A. M. and was highly interesting and well attended. The consultant for this workshop was Dr. Helen K. Mackintosh, Associate Chief, Elementary Schools Section, United States Office of Education, Washington, D. C. She engaged the group in many interesting activities which would be profitable in the classrooms. Mr. J. H. Lucas, our own principal, was chairman of this workshop.

Dr. Rose Butler Browne; Chairman, Department of Education, N. C. College at Durham delivered the address for the second session which convened at 10:45 A. M.

After the close of the second session the Lincoln High School Band of Chapel Hill, North Carolina presented a most enjoyable band concert in the B. N. Duke Auditorium.

The next part of the program brought before the group the Associate Director, School-Community Development Study of Ohio and Professor of Education, Ohio State University, Dr. Lewis E. Harris. He strongly advocated the use of resources around you, but admonished the group that a fair evaluation should be given to all work in all areas of the resource-use programs carried on in our schools.

At 2:45 P. M. the group divided into the Resource-Use Emphasis Clinic for a two-hour session. The clinics were: Art, Audio-Visual, Child welfare, English Teachers, Elementary Education, General Science (Elementary and Secondary), Guidance, Homemaking, Human Relations, Language Arts, Mental and Physical Health, Music, Marriage and Family, Natural Resources, Reading, Recreation, Speech, Social Studies (Elementary and Secondary).

Miss Daisy R. Walker presided over the Summary Session at 4:45 P. M., at this time a report was heard from the clinic secretaries. Rewards made at this time included Students' Participation Certificates, Schools Attendance Trophy, Parent-Teacher Association Attendance Trophy, City and County Units Trophies. At the end of this session the group left for their various destinations feeling that much had been shared and learned at the meeting. We were happy to see the participation of the schools in our county in many capacities at the conference.

## On The Job

The Orange Street School Boy Patrol under the supervision of the Safety Patrol Committee are really doing a grand job. They are at their post of duty every morning and just before dismissal. They are alert and are of great assistance to the children in crossing the street.

## Book Week Observed

The students at our school were greatly benefited through the observance of Book Week. Many of the classrooms displayed posters, booklets, pictures, and many books that stimulated reading. Several teachers took their classes for a visit to the city library. Mrs. Lassiter the librarian greeted the children in her usual hospitable manner. The children felt very welcome. She entertained the various classes in different ways. She told the small children stories that made their little eyes shine.

Mrs. Cannady the librarian from the city library on Williamsboro Street was present and told stories to some of the classes. These stories were thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children talked about the grand time they spent at the library. We feel quite sure many of them will make another visit.

Mrs. Gant, (our supervisor) highlighted the week by telling the origin of Book Week. She told how children in other lands observed Book Week. She played records that told the story of how a book is made. All the children were able to enjoy this valuable information at the same time through our sound system. Everyone listened attentively and the hour was enjoyed by teachers as well as children.

## December P. T. A. Meeting Held

The December meeting of the Parent Teacher Association was held in the school auditorium at 8:00 P. M. Mrs. J. R. Redding, president, presided over the meeting with the Rev. C. A. Atkins, P. T. A. Chaplain, conducting the Devotional Period.

Highlights of the meeting were a discussion on Moral and Spiritual Education, and a report of the meeting of the Congress of Parents and Teachers given by Mrs. James McCoy. Mrs. Marshall Cooper and Rev. J. W. Gwyn gave excellent points on "Moral and Spiritual Education" in the Home and Community respectively. Mrs. McCoy, a delegate to the North Carolina Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers, gave an excellent detailed report of the two day session held in Kinston, N. C. during November. Such a comprehensive report proved Mrs. McCoy to be the efficient delegate she was.

Mrs. M. W. Lassiter, chairman of the program committee is to be complimented on the fine program her group arranged.

Mr. J. H. Lucas thanked the parents for the fine support given the school during the Baby Contest.

Christmas Carols were sung and enjoyed by all members with Miss M. A. Murphy furnishing music.

The next meeting will be held January 12, 1954.

## School Dentist

Dr. Holliday our school dentist has been with us several days, and will be with us over a period of three weeks. We are always happy to have him.

He is very busy extracting and filling teeth for our boys and girls. The children are cooperating nicely and appreciate his service.