

An Old Timer Observes

One wish that I have this Christmas season is that Santa Claus will bring the young lady in Ballenger's window a nice warm bathrobe and an electric heater, or that Broadus and Matt will tuck her into bed between heavy blankets. On these cold nights, it gives me a chill to think of her standing there in her filmy nightie.

Ballenger's new front is a far cry from the Ballenger's I first knew. Then it was a frame building standing somewhat farther back from the street. There was a platform across the front, and, especially on Saturdays, usually one or two wagons with cotton covers over hickory bows would be standing there while their owners were inside trading hand hewn oak cross ties for supplies. The motive power was mule teams or ox teams, and sometimes even a mule and a cow hitched together. The only other general store was Livingston's, which stood about where the bus station is now.

There were no neon lights or filmy nighties in those days.

"Old Timer."

Lions Meet Tuesday

The Lions Club will meet Tuesday night at 7:30 at Oak Hall hotel with Mack Durham in charge of the program. A feature of the meeting will be a musical program put on by Abe Brown's string band quartet from Inman. They were former members of Arthur Smith's Cracker Jacks.

In addition to members of their family in Tryon and Landrum, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Smith will have of other members of the family including Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Rogerson and four children of Darlington, S. C.; and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Smith Jr., also of Darlington.

Mrs. John Butler and son, Mark, of Knoxville, Tenn., arrived in Tryon during the weekend to spend the holidays with Mrs. Butler's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Derby. Mr. Butler will join the family just before Christmas.

SUNNYDALE PLANS HOLIDAY DANCE

Sunnydale will have its annual Christmas dance on Wednesday, December 23, from 8:30 to 12:30. Music by Russ Fike and his Orchestra. Admission \$1 per person plus tax. Please make reservations.—Adv. 14, 16, 18, 21, 23.

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