

More Personals

(Continued on Page 5) Mrs. C. A. Reeves, Dr. and Mrs. T. R. Burgess left Monday for a ten day trip to Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Tom King and son, Tommy have returned to Washington, D. C., after a few days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fender. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Edwards have moved to Mrs. Blevins apartment in north town. Mr. and Mrs. Voscoe Edwards and sons, Jerry and Letcher, have returned from Twin Falls, Idaho, where their family resided for the past year. Mr. and Mrs. Gwyn Truitt went to Galax, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bumgarner and children visited at Creslon, a recent week end. Mrs. E. E. Caudill visited her sister, Mrs. J. D. M. Wagoner last week. Mr. and Mrs. Bert L. Edwards and sons have returned to Delaware, Ohio, after a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Edwards. Ceberth Wyatt, of Mt. Airy, spent last week with his mother, Mrs. Pearl Wyatt. Amos Wagoner, Jr., of West Jefferson, spent Sunday with his parents here. Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Weaver were Rev. L. V. Bagley, of West Jefferson; Mrs. Hattie Barr, Piney Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Warden, Sparta; and Mrs. Salmon Smith, of Peden. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wilkens, of West Jefferson, were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weaver. Mr. Hayes Dyer spent the week end with his parents at North Wilkesboro. The Rural Electrification Administration approved loans totaling \$3,420,000 to 14 borrowers in 14 states during the week of October 6-10.

Christmas Quiz

Christmas Quiz with 10 questions and illustrations. 1. A festival was celebrated at this time of the year long before it became the symbol of the Nativity. 2. The first English Christmas celebration of which there is record was held by: (a) Queen Elizabeth (b) King Arthur (c) King Charles (d) Henry V. 3. Santa Claus' descent through the chimney symbolized "sweeping the chimney clean," which, to the English, meant (a) Good luck (b) A happy holiday season (c) Favourable year ahead (d) Short winter. 4. Dutch emigrants brought the custom of the Christmas tree to America. 5. The southern states use firecrackers at Christmas time. This is because those states were settled mostly by Spanish and French emigrants, who introduced the custom as originated in their countries. 6. The abbreviated word for Christmas is Xmas. This brief form was adopted because: (a) It was easy to remember (b) X is the initial letter of the Greek name for Christ (c) X represents the unknown (d) It's a slang expression originated by modern generations. 7. One of the first and most popular decorations for the home was the holly, which was supposed to represent: (a) Gaiety (b) Colors of Christmas (c) Friendship (d) Holly was the crown of thorns the berries, drops of blood. 8. The historical background of "Old Christmas" is uncertain. It may be a throwback to the Gregorian calendar or it may have started as a celebration of the Twelfth Night when the wise men came to Bethlehem bearing gifts for the Christ child—that somehow got off schedule a day. Elsewhere the Twelfth Night is celebrated on January 6. But those celebrations are far different from Rosalind's "Old Christmas," which only in recent years has been supplemented by the observance of December 25. 9. There has been much unfavorable comment on the abbreviated form for Christmas that is commonly used. Many think it inappropriate and undignified to use the shortened form, Xmas. The explanation of its origin is that the initial letter of the Greek name for Christ is X and the coincidence of its cruciform shape led to an early adoption of this letter as the figure and symbol of Christ. X is frequently found on walls of the catacombs. When the early Christians wished to make a representation of the Trinity, they would place either a cross or an X beside the names of the Father and the Holy Ghost. From this came the shortened form Xmas, instead of Christmas. 10. The poinsettia has no Christmas legend and its adoption as a symbol or decoration for Christmas is of recent origin. In Spain it is known as the flor de noche-buena, and is connected with the sentiment of Christmas. Its beautiful flaming star is one of the favorite flowers of the Christmas season, and its use as an indoor decoration is universal.

of Maryland. Two brothers, Monroe and Johnnie Andrews; also 41 grandchildren and 66 great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends. Sister Edwards professed a hope in Christ early in life and joined the church at Antioch where she remained a faithful member till death.

Directory Of The Church Services

SPARTA BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. F. G. Walker, Pastor N. D. Fox, Supt. Sunday School each Sunday, 10 Church service each Sunday, 11:00. B.T.U. 6:00 each Sunday evening. MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Fred Blevins, Pastor 10:00 a. m. Church Services: Mt. Carmel, First Sunday, 11:00 a. m. Bellview, Second Sunday, 11:00 a. m. Liberty Third Sunday, 11:00 a. m. NEW HOPE Rev. F. G. Walker, pastor Sunday School, 1:30 p. m. Mrs. Paul Swanson, Sunday school superintendent. Preaching service, 1st and 3rd Sundays at 2:30 p. m. Evening Worship Service 8 p. m. SPARTA METHODIST CHURCH Rev. W. H. Yokely, Pastor Schedule of Services for the Methodist Church of Sparta, and the Sparta Circuit; Sparta Methodist church: Rev. W. H. Yokely, Minister, Mr. C. R. Roe, S. S. Supt., Sunday School each Sunday at 10:00 A. M.; Church Services each 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11:00 A. M. each 2nd and 4th Sundays at 7:30 P. M. Sparta Circuit: Antioch—1st Sunday at 3:00 P. M. Cox Chapel—4th Sunday at 11:30 A. M.; 1st Sunday at 7:30 P. M. Piney Creek—2nd Sunday at 11:30 A. M.; 4th Sunday at 3:00 P. M. Potato Creek—4th Sunday at 10:00 A. M.; 2nd Sunday at 3:00 P. M. Shiloh—2nd Sunday at 10:00 A. M.; 3rd Sunday at 7:30 P. M. Walnut Branch—3rd Sunday at 3:00 P. M. Eld. C. B. Kilby - Eld. G. G. Caudill, Pastors Church service 3rd Sat. at 2 p. m. and Sun. at 11 a. m. in each month. WOODRUFF PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Elder Charlie Hall Church services each second Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 a. m. REG. BAPTIST CHURCHES Little River Ass'n Big Springs, 2nd Sat. and Sun. Double Spring, 1st Sat. and Sun. landmark, 4th Sat. & Sun. Laurel Glen, 1st Sat. and Sun. Mountain View, 3rd Sat. and Sun. Mt. Arat, 4th Sat. and Sun. Mt. Carmel, 3rd Sat. and Sun. Mt. Olivet, 1st Sat. and Sun. New Bethel, 3rd Sat. and Sun. New Salem, 2nd Sat. and Sun. Pleasant Home, 3rd Sat. and Sun. Prather's Creek, 2nd Sat. & Sun. Roaring Gap, 1st Sat. and Sun. Saddle Mountain, 4th Sat. & Sun. South Fork, 4th Sat. & Sun. UNION BAPTIST CHURCHES Cherry Lane, 4th Sat. and Sun. Glade Creek, 1st Sat. and Sun. Liberty, 2nd Sat. and Sun. Mount Union, 1st Sat. and Sun. Pleasant Grove, 3rd Sat. and Sun. Saddle Mt., 3rd Sat. and Sun. Whitehead, 2nd Sat. and Sun. Welcome Home 4th Sat. and Sun. Pleasant Home, 2nd Sat. and Sun. Meadow Creek, 1st Sat. and Sun. LAUREL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Kenneth Snyder, Pastor Van Miller, Supt. Sunday School each Sunday, at 10:00 a. m. Church service 1st and 3rd Saturday 8:00 p. m. 1st and 3rd Sunday morning at 11:00 a. m. OSBORNE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH Turkey Knob Rev. E. B. Barton, Minister Church service 1st Sat. night 8:00 p. m. and Sunday, 11:00 p. m. and 3rd Sat. night, 8:00 p. m.

Christmas Held Twice Yearly

If children instead of their parents were allowed to choose the family homestead, the tiny fishing village of Rodanthe, N. C., would become a metropolis overnight. Here's a place they celebrate two Christmases every year. Santa Claus, his reindeer scampering over the sands of North Carolina's outer banks, makes his first stop in Rodanthe during his annual world tour on the night of December 24. Hardly have the children recovered from their oversupply of candy and wild duck when Santa returns in time for "Old Christmas," which for hundreds of years Rodantheans have celebrated on January 5. This time, however, Santa is accompanied by a menacing ogre, known as "Old Buck,"



who takes care of the bad children while Santa administers to the good. The historical background of "Old Christmas" is uncertain. It may be a throwback to the Gregorian calendar or it may have started as a celebration of the Twelfth Night when the wise men came to Bethlehem bearing gifts for the Christ child—that somehow got off schedule a day. Elsewhere the Twelfth Night is celebrated on January 6. But those celebrations are far different from Rosalind's "Old Christmas," which only in recent years has been supplemented by the observance of December 25.

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Legends of Holly

Many beliefs are connected with the Christmas holly: Legends relate that the crown of thorns was plaited from the holly, the white berries turning red like drops of blood after the crucifixion. It is said that whoever brings the holly into the house first, either husband or wife, is the one who will rule in the ensuing year. For many years the superstition persisted that holly was hateful to witches. It was placed on doors and windows to keep out evil spirits.

Wolf Branch News

Miss Betty Andrews, of Winston-Salem, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Andrews. Miss Ruth Absher spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Absher. Mr. Claude Andrews is improving from a recent auto wreck. Those visiting him during the week end included: Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Williams and children; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Atwood and son; Ray, Clinton and Richard Andrews, and Bill Absher and daughter, Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Andrews

and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hort Ayers, last Sunday. Miss Laura Andrews spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Varden Sadler and family. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Crouse have moved to their home at Pine Swamp.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the kind sympathy and generous floral offerings extended to us during the passing of our son, Jerry Joe Caldwell. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Caldwell.

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FOR SALE - Two A-Model Fords with five new tires for each car and in good condition. Coy Love, Route 2, Sparta, N. C. 12-4-3tp

FOR SALE - 1 1/2 ton Ford truck stake bed with cattle rack. In excellent condition. Lonnie Southers, Sparta, N. C. 12-11-1tp

NOTICE OF SALE I will offer for sale at Public Auction to the highest bidder on the premises on the 15th day of December, 1947, at 10:00 A. M., all the personal property belonging to the estate of C. L. Rector, consisting of household furniture. I will also sell one tract of land containing 88 acres, more or less, situated in Alleghany County, North Carolina, and adjoining U. S. Highway No. 21, and the lands of Fred Blevins, Daniel Wagoner, Ruff Moxley, and others. Terms: Cash on day of sale. This 24th day of November, 1947. HOMER RECTOR, Administrator of C. L. Rector. 11-27-3tc

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LOST - One white hound dog with lemon ears, some lemon color at root of tail, small crop off one ear. If found please notify D. A. Bare, Laurel Springs, and receive liberal reward. 12-4-2tp

WANTED - A small farm with buildings, on school bus and mail route, also in good cultivation shape. N. G. Presnell, Route 1, Box 65, Sparta, N. C. 12-4-3tp

WANTED - Radios to repair, all makes. We have a complete stock of parts to fit any make or model. We will do your work while you wait. W. L. Porter & Co., Furniture, Galax, Va. 11-6-7tc

FOR SALE - Oak slabs in stovewood length. If interested write W. S. McKnight, Glade Valley, N. C. 12-4-3tp

WANTED - Boys and girls for beauty culture training. New classes starting - G. I. approved. North Wilkesboro School of Beauty Culture, North Wilkesboro, N. C. 10-2-1tc

Sparta Business Directory

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FOR Monuments SEE D. F. Sturdivant Phone 85 Sparta, N. C.

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Join The VFW Bruce Wayne Osborne Post 7024. Meetings Last Thursday Each Month 7:30 p. m. Clerk of Court's office. Plan To Be There

For Sale ONE NEW 1 1/2 TON FORD TRUCK SEE Delp Hardware Sparta, N. C.

Cherry Lane News

Misses Betty Sue Stamper and Martha Bell Shaw visited Miss Dorothy Lee Bennett recently. Mr. and Mrs. Orma Edwards and family and Mr. and Mrs. Fay Bennett visited friends in Maryland during Thanksgiving. Miss Betty Ann Miles spent last Saturday night with Doris Ann Blevins. Miss Anna Mae Miles, of Sparta, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Miles during the holidays. Mr. Marshall Shore, of Yadkinville, was guest of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Miles, last Sunday. Recent guests of Miss Vena

Miles were Misses Lois Caudle, Anna Mae Miles and Carol Blevins. Mr. Earlie Bryant enjoyed as his guests, last Sunday Mr. Floyd Billings, Mr. Clayton Bennett and son, Clinton. Pvt. Jessie Holcomb, who has been stationed at Fort Jackson, Miss., recently received his discharge and is now visiting his parents. Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bennett were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Orma Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. Fay Bennett. Come to Sparta to do your Christmas shopping.

Obituary Sarah Ann Edwards Sarah Ann Andrews Edwards was born December 22, 1867 and departed this life November 22, 1947 making her stay on earth 79 years and 11 months. She was married to William Edwards on February 7, 1885. He preceded her in death eight years ago. To this union was born thirteen children, eleven which are living and two died when small. The children are as following: Glen of Ohio; Vaughn, Mack and Mrs. G. E. Ham, of Whitehead; Mrs. John Sturgill and Cary of Stratford; Clint, of Fries, Va.; Mrs. E. D. Petty, Mrs. Boyd Caudill and Mrs. Homer Caudill.

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By Bob Karp.

YOUR DATES HERE, SANDY! OKAY, MOM, I'LL BE RIGHT IN.

Reduce Christmas Hazards With Care

To avoid tragic Christmas accidents in the home, the Fire Protection Institute issues these precautionary tips: -Use a flame-proof compound to spray wreaths and other pine decorations. -Use materials marked flame-proof for tree trimmings and home decorations if they are obtainable. -Inspect Christmas tree lights, and repair frayed wires or loose sockets. -Never leave Christmas lights burning unless someone is around. -Never unwrap gifts near an open fire or flickering flame. Dispose of paper and other inflammable wrappings immediately.

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