

Connelly Springs News

By Blanche Holton
 Miss Nellie Parker, who is a student at Plummer Jr. College, is spending Christmas holidays with her parents Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. James Abernathy of Connelly Springs had as guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Wilkerson of Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hallyburton of Asheville visited Mrs. Hilda Hallyburton Sunday.

Mrs. Jenny McCalliard is spending the winter with her son Alvin McCalliard of Florida. Mrs. T. E. Simpson left Tuesday for Saluda, to spend the winter with her husband who is working there.

Christmas Party
 Mr. and Mrs. Troy Day of Valdese were entertained at a Christmas party at their home Saturday night.

Games were played after which refreshments of Coke, cake, and sandwiches were served.

Those who attended were Paul Hallyburton, Jean Berry, Betty Bumgarner, Dare Miller, Gene Smith, Jack Street, Dorothy Rhoney, Gene Wilkerson, Catherine Jacumin, Harold Abernathy, Harold Abee, Caroleen Turk Huffman, Reba Day, and Mrs. Evan Hager and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rector.

Home Demonstration Club Party
 The annual Home Demonstration Club Christmas party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Abernathy, Wednesday night.

Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. John Black, Mr. and Mrs. Clemmer, Mrs. Rex Smith, Nancy, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Parment, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Parment, Nancy Wiseman, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wilson, and F. Hudson.

Connelly Springs Calendar
 Wednesday, December 21:
 7:00 Prayer Meeting Methodist Church.

Thursday, December 22:
 7:00 Christmas Program Baptist Church.

Friday, December 23:
 7:00 Candlelight Service Methodist Church.

Sunday, December 25:
 10:00 Sunday School Baptist Church.
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 11:00 Preaching Baptist Church.
 8:00 M. Y. F. Methodist Church.
 8:00 B. T. U. Baptist Church.

NO NAME CORN CONTEST WINNERS

Winners in the Chamber of Commerce sponsored hybrid corn contest in Burke county will be announced Thursday afternoon when the agriculture committee of the chamber meets to award the various prizes in the contest, it was announced today by Mrs. Gene Bohler, executive secretary.

The Chamber of Commerce agriculture committee, Bill Robinson, chairman, will meet in the chamber offices at two p. m. Thursday to make the awards.

ALONG WITH the committee members will be others interested in the contest and Burke's agriculture activities.

The corn growing contest was conducted among Burke county farmers and 4-H Club members as a project of the Chamber of Commerce for this year. Awards will be made on the basis of number of bushels produced per acre. Prizes will be in the form of cash prizes and certificates. Members of the chamber's agriculture committee, in addition to Mr. Robinson, are Boyd Moore, C. L. Turner, Henry Beck, Alvin Berry, Boyd Turner, J. E. Rigdon, R. E. Hall, M. A. Goodman, and Vernon Peterson.

BETA CLUB OF VALDESE HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY
 The recreation room of the Valdese high school was the scene of a Christmas party Monday night, December 19, sponsored by the Valdese Beta Club.

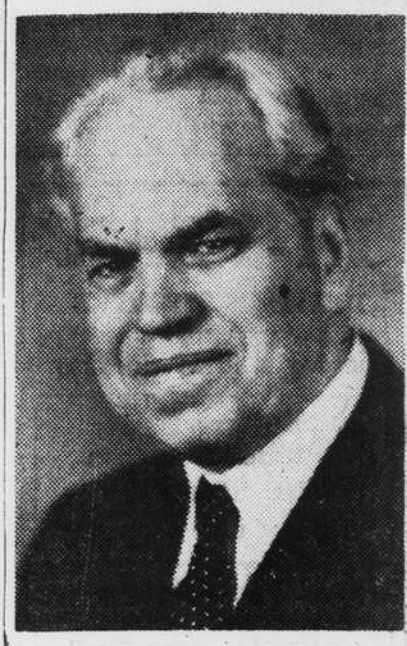
For recreation, they played games and danced. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hager were chaperones for the occasion. Refreshments of pickles, sandwiches, potato chips, cookies and cold drinks were served.

There was a numbered gift under the tree for each person present, which were drawn to determine the winners.

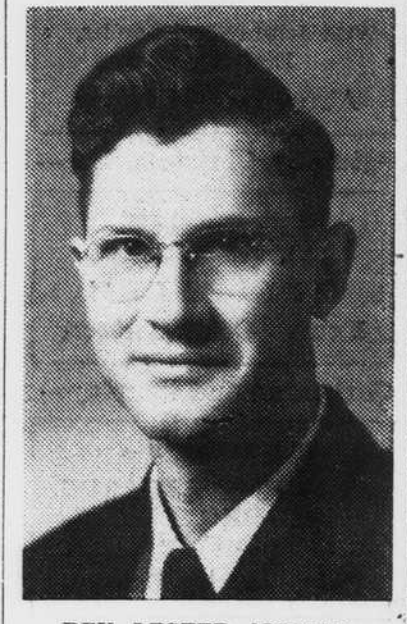
The Beta Club presented their Christmas party to Mrs. Burton Barger, and president, Mildred Abee, with gifts for being such good leaders. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gouley, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Barger, Jack Robinson, Wilma Brown, David Hallyburton, Betty Hallyburton, Harold Abernathy, Mildred Day, Paul Hice, Jean Abernathy, Owens Barus and Wilma Pruitt.

W. S. Callender, Olivia Miller, Catherine Jacumin, Betty Burns, Gene Sain, Mildred Abee, Edna Whitely, Willie Griswold, Davis Ramsey and Alyce Epperson.

In Revival



REV. J. M. HAMES



REV. LESTER ALLMAN

Revival services will begin at the People's Methodist church January 1 and continue through January 15. The Rev. J. M. Hames of Greer, S. C., will be the visiting revivalist. He is one of America's most noted evangelists. The Rev. Lester Allman is pastor of the church.

DUKE POWER IS SUED FOR \$900

Newton, Dec. 19.—A \$900 law suit against the Duke Power Company was filed late Friday afternoon in the offices of P. W. Deaton, clerk of Catawba Superior court, by Michael M. Sigmon of near Maiden as the next friend of his three-year-old son, James M. Sigmon.

The plaintiff alleges that his son became seriously ill last February 2 when he drank a portion of cleaning acid at the nearby dairy of the defendant company "acting within the scope of their employment" installed a condenser in a milk cooler.

Sigmon further alleges that in the course of installation, the agents of the defendant company used a certain acid in cleaning soldering tubing, and "carelessly and negligently," left a quantity of the acid in a Coca-Cola bottle in the milk room of the dairy without warning of "its dangerous contents."

The plaintiff also contends that the child was attracted to the bottle, and drank a portion of the contents, and was seriously ill for several days, vomiting repeatedly. The child, according to allegations made in the complaint, sustained severe burns about "the mouth, the tongue, the glottis, epiglottis, and esophagus."

Sigmon alleges in his complaint that the child's hospital bill for one week was \$101.

In addition to the \$900, Sigmon is asking that the defendant company be assessed the costs of the action.

START MAILING VETERANS' DIVIDEND CHECKS IN JAN.

The Veterans Administration will start mailing to veterans the checks for the special dividend on National Service Life Insurance around the middle of January, 1950.

According to its schedule, VA expects to put checks into the mails, starting that date, at the rate of 200,000 per working day. Since it is estimated that about 16,000,000 veterans and servicemen are entitled to receive dividend checks, this means that it will require something like six months to complete the payments.

Unauthorized reports that the dividend checks might start going out before Christmas are entirely without foundation, according to VA.

More than 12,000,000 applications for the NSLI dividends have already been received by the VA in Washington. Eligible veterans of World War II who have not yet applied may obtain the necessary forms from VA offices, post offices and veterans' organizations. Payments will be made roughly according to the order in which the applications are received.

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The CHRISTMAS STORY

ST. MATTHEW II: 7-12
WHEN Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared, and he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed, and lo, the star which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

ST. LUKE II: 7-14
AND she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Timely Tips On Making Lighting The Christmas Tree Easier and Safer

The old-fashioned, candlelight Christmas tree, its ornaments brilliant with reflected light, undoubtedly was a thing of splendor—and of potential tragedy, too. Today Christmas trees are just as flammable; but with electric lights, the hazard of a tree's catching fire can be reduced to a minimum, if you will take a few simple precautions to guard against short circuits and electric sparks, and, of course, if you keep flame from any source away from the tree.

Inspect your tree-lighting sets before trimming the tree. If the insulation is worn or damaged, so that bare wires are exposed or may become exposed when the set is in service, or if the sockets are cracked or broken, discard the set. It is misplaced economy to gamble on repairs that may not be adequate. Check the condition of your extension cords, too, and see that they are long enough to reach easily from the convenience outlets to the lighting sets. Do not connect too many lighting sets to one outlet. Be guided by the instructions that may come with the sets. See that all the bulbs light. Keep several spare bulbs on hand, so there will be no disappointing hitch when you come to the tree-lighting ceremony.

Spare bulbs, of course, must be of the right kind to fit your sets. Tree-lighting sets are of two different types. With one type—the "series" set—if one bulb burns out, all the bulbs go out and you have to test each individually to find the defective one. In the other type—the "multiple" set—each bulb is lighted independently, like your house lights, so it is a simple matter to find and change a burned-out bulb. Bulbs intended for series sets are not interchangeable with multiple-set bulbs.

Do not use indoor sets to decorate trees, doorways etc., outdoor sets are constructed quite differently from indoor sets, to provide for the more rigorous conditions of outdoor service.

In buying tree-lighting sets, it is good insurance to choose only those that meet recognized safety requirements. To be sure of this, always look for a label on the set stating that it is listed by Underwriters' Laboratories.

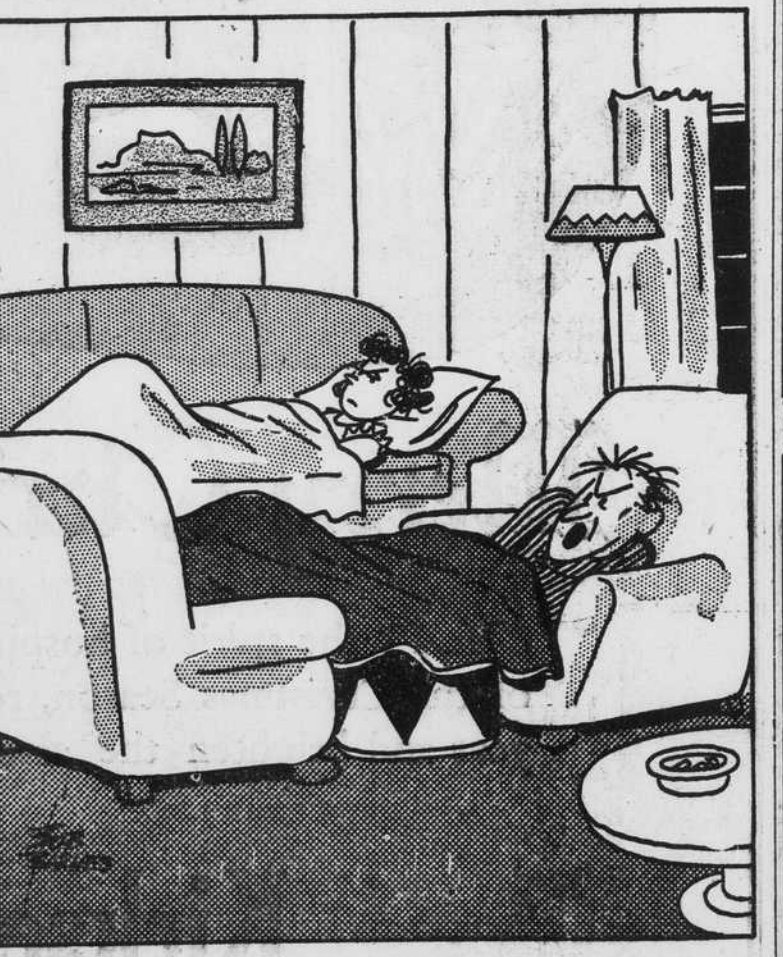
The problem of a tree's drying out and dropping its needles untidily can be overcome to a considerable extent by this simple

method: Cut off the butt end of the tree diagonally at least 1 inch above the original cut end. Then stand the tree in a container of water, and keep the water level above the cut surface during the entire time the tree is up. If you buy your tree several days before setting it up, start this treatment as soon as you get the tree home; keep it in a cool place until you are ready to trim it.

This treatment works best with trees that have not been cut too long and still have most of their original freshness. With fresh trees, it has the virtue, too, of reducing the fire hazard. The trees will burn, of course, if they are ignited accidentally; but they are less likely to burst explosively into an uncontrollable blaze.

As a last precaution, take down your tree soon after Christmas is past—the sooner the safer. Don't dispose of it where small boys will be tempted to make a bonfire. Give it to the rubbish man, or cut it up and burn it safely in your back-yard incinerator. — Good Housekeeping Magazine.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"... Oh, No—You Take The Bed.' We Don't Mind At All... No, Really We Don't..."

"SMALL WORLD" THEME GOES DOUBLE AT USO

Petersburg, Va.—A variation on the small-world-after-all theme occurred at the local USO Center last weekend. The variation was a "double-header", involving, not one, but two situations.

A little WAC came to the USO seeking help in procuring a room for her mother who was coming here to attend the WAC's graduation from OCS. At the USO, the WAC met her commanding officer, who also visited the USO to obtain a room for her mother.

And then it was learned that the mothers live near each other

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