

## Decorative Contest Adds To Beauty of The City

Event Sponsored By The News Proves Success—Display of Colored Lights Gives Impulse to Holiday Spirit—Prizes Awarded For Best Decorations.

All during this Christmas season residents of Mount Airy and visitors among us have marveled at the wonderful effect and beautiful display of electric lights and decorations that adorned the homes of many of our people. This decorative impulse was further increased by a friendly contest that was sponsored by The News and known as the Christmas Outdoor Decorative Lighting Contest. In all sections of the city could be found homes decorated in many ways with colored electric bulbs and during the evenings there was a constant stream of visitors traveling about the city viewing the various decorations.

Judging of the many displays was made Wednesday night by a committee composed of Mrs. Geo. E. Marshall president of the Woman's Club; Mrs. L. B. Pendergraph, president of the Home and Garden Club and D. H. Cook, local architect and contractor. All the displays were visited by the committee and it was with difficulty that they were able to determine the winners of the local prizes offered by The News. Many of the displays had varying merits which claimed the attention of the committee and it was only after considerable study and through a process of elimination that they were able to reach a decision. The final vote of the committee awarded the first local prize to Mrs. E. C. Bivens, the second prize to Attorney H. O. Wolts, and third to Mrs. E. M. Hollingsworth.

The three winners in the local contest will be entered in the contest of the Southern Public Utilities Co., for their entire system. The judging of the system contest will be done by photographs only and the local awards made will not in any way affect the status of those who enter the system contest. Also any others can send in their photographs to the S. P. U. Co., and contest for the major prizes, which are \$125 for the first, \$75 for the second and \$50 for the third.

The response to the movement was gratifying to the publishers of The News and we desire to express our sincere thanks to all who did their bit in the effort that had for its prime object the beautifying of the homes of the city and implanting deeper in the hearts of our people that Christmas spirit of friendship and goodwill toward all men.

Among those who took part in the Outdoor Decorative Contest were Mrs. W. F. Carter, Jr., Mrs. E. M. Hollingsworth, Mrs. E. C. Bivens, Mrs. E. H. Kochitsky, Mrs. John Sobotta, Mrs. C. B. Shelton, Wm. Merritt, H. O. Wolts, W. H. Holcomb, Mrs. E. C. Banner, Edw. M. Linville, W. W. Christian, C. M. Whitlock, Mrs. Albert Johnson, J. R. Hines and W. M. Johnson.

## Hospital Notes

Mrs. Sallie Forkner of Ararat, mother of Mrs. D. E. Nelson of this city, is a patient for treatment at the hospital.

Elsie Taylor, daughter of A. F. Taylor of Pilot Mountain route 2 submitted to an operation for acute appendicitis Wednesday night.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Merritt Wednesday morning.

Mrs. W. S. Wolfe is recovering from a severe attack of influenza and will probably return to her home in a few days.

W. Y. Riddle who was quite sick following an operation for ruptured appendix is now improving.

J. C. Dillon submitted to an operation for appendicitis Christmas Eve.

Mrs. Mary Armfield is improving we are glad to note.

Porter Blevins, son of D. H. Blevins of Dobson, is suffering with an infected ankle and leg.

Several minor accident cases received treatment at the hospital during the past week.

Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Gibbs and children spent Christmas with Mrs. Gibbs relatives at Gibsonville.

## Mrs. Conduff Entertains With Christmas Party

Mrs. S. A. Conduff was hostess at a seven table bridge party at her home on North Main street Friday evening in compliment to her niece and house guest Miss Oleta Belle Martin, of Hillsville, Va.

Beautiful Christmas decorations made a pretty setting for the merry group of players, high score was made by Mrs. Frederick Smith who received a gift of linen towels and Miss Mabel Woods was consoled for low score with a shoulder corsage. A gift of perfume was presented to Miss Martin, the honoree.

At the refreshment hour a delicious salad course with Russian tea was served and the favors were mint holders with miniature Christmas tree and lighted candle decorations.

## Jim Jarvis Has Car Torn Up

James Jarvis had his car completely torn up Sunday on the Mount Airy to Pilot Mountain road below filling station 66. Mr. Jarvis was running pretty fast and the wheels left the hard surface and dropped into the soft earth which pulled the car entirely off the road. The car nosed into the fence making a head-first somersault and smashed itself in falling. Mr. Jarvis escaped with body bruises and a cut near his eye and his companion Clarence Carpenter was cut on the nose and face. They consider themselves fortunate to have come out of the wreck alive.

## Club Women Spread Christmas Cheer

Eighteen Christmas stockings were filled by members of the Woman's Club for the soldiers at Oteen, the package being sent Dec. 17. Christmas cheer was carried to the County Home and Jail Friday by Mrs. Herbert Foy, chairman of institutional relations when boxes of Christmas eats were presented to each inmate of these institutions.

## Wolts Furnace Blows Up

The furnace in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Wolts blew up Sunday morning and the entire lower floor of the home was badly damaged with steam and smoke the fire caught the rafters in the basement and the fire company was summoned but Mr. Wolts was able to extinguish the blaze himself.

## News of Siloam Residents

Siloam, Dec. 22.—D. V. Hatt and 2 sons Harvey and Herman Hatt, and daughter Miss Myrtle Hatt and Miss Elizabeth Lawson have returned from a trip to the coalfield section of Virginia. They motored up the Fancy Gap road through Hillsville, Abington, St. Paul and Coeburn, and visited Mr. Hatt's brother, T. H. Hatt at Toms Creek, Va. These brothers had not seen each other, until this visit, since Mr. T. B. Hatt left Surry forty years ago.

Mrs. W. F. Peele passed away at her home here Tuesday Dec. 18 after being a sufferer for a number of years. She was crippled about five years ago and was also a sufferer from T. B. and complications. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Misses Minnie and Ethel and four sons Sherrill, Troy, Foy and Kelly. The funeral was conducted from the Hills Grove Baptist Church Tuesday and the remains interred in the Hills Grove cemetery.

The Hills Grove Sunday school had their annual Christmas entertainment and treat at the church Monday night.

The funeral of Mrs. Timothy Hill was held Tuesday from the Pine Hill Methodist Church.

Harvey and Herman Hatt were visitors in Mount Airy last Saturday. Harvey is a student at Guilford College and will return to that institution January 3 to resume his studies. Miss Elizabeth Lawson spent Saturday in Mount Airy hopping.



**GOODBYE, 1928; goodbye.** You have been a great year, but you will have to go. A husky youngster is ready to sweep across the border line of time and you will have to move on. You did well, Old Year. You brought a golden harvest; you widened the markets of the world; you fattened our flocks; your mills ground the grit of plenty, and peace and prosperity have been weaving at the loom.

You came with sunshine and rain; you brought us much of joy and some of sorrow. Your days were fair, but your nights dragged in some little of gloom and disaster—something of storm, of flood—and planted night shades in the garden of rose. But you have been a good year.

During your fateful hours our knights of the air have threaded the paths of the clouds from new world to old world and brought the continents together with but little of intervening sea. They gave to man the triple dominion of land and water and air. But the banners of glory were bordered in black—intrepid spirits fell from the clouds into the sea.

Pass on—take with you the grief and pain you brought. Bury your dead and drag off the wrecks by the roadside. We forgive your faults and remember only your benedictions.

Now, hail to the chief—the last born of time. The crown and throne of the centuries are yours. Put on the armor of ego and with glittering sword and shield of gold, beat back for us the evil hour. You have come to a better world than any other year has ever known. We greet you with the wealth and genius of all your predecessors. The plow are in the field; great ships are sailing the deep; millions of motors are gliding to and fro over the earth; airplanes are hovering the skies; the lightning of heaven are turning wheels and serving men. Turn the magic page and write the story of things to be. Hail, 1929; it's your time!

## Letter From Foreign Missionary

We left Mount Airy on Thanksgiving Day, and we expect to disembark at Kobe, Japan, on Christmas Day. Through the thoughtfulness and kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Randall W. Sparger we had a sumptuous Thanksgiving dinner in their home Wednesday evening. We were met by relatives in Walnut Cove where we changed to the Norfolk and Western train, our Pullman car going through to Cincinnati. From Cincinnati to St. Louis we used a Pullman chair car on the National Limited from New York. At the latter place we had time to attend a vitapone movie at the Midtown Theatre.

On the morning of December 1 we breakfasted at Quincy, Ill., with Mr. W. C. Bradley and wife, nee Miss Nona Frank. They then drove us to Mt. Sterling, Ill., a distance of a little over forty miles, where we visited and met a number of my relatives whose forbears migrated from Davison County, N. C., to Brown County, Ill., before the Civil War. I occupied the pulpit of the Mt. Sterling Presbyterian Church the following day at 10:40 A. M. Our two days' visit in Illinois was crowded with interest and pleasure.

December 3 found us in Kansas City, Missouri, for a stay of several hours. From there we made the two thousand miles to San Francisco in two nights and one day in the same Pullman car. After leaving Ogden, Utah, our train crossed the Great Salt Lake on the track of the Southern Pacific Railway for a distance of thirty miles, one of the world's noted engineering achievements, shortening the distance over forty miles. Great Salt Lake is thirty-one miles wide, seventy-five miles long, and contains two thousand square miles of surface. With the exception of the Dead Sea in Palestine, Great Salt Lake is the saltiest body of water in the world. It is twenty-two per cent salt; and bathers cannot sink in it. There are no fish in it, the only life being a tiny shrimp not over one-third of an inch in length. Fish brought into the lake by the Bear River are killed by the salt and are eaten by seagulls. Great Salt Lake is a remnant of an

ancient inland sea 346 miles long and 145 miles wide. The ancient shore lines may be observed high on the mountain sides. On account of saltiness and lack of rainfall the basin remains desert.

We passed through Reno, Nevada, metropolis of the state, with a population of sixteen thousand, seat of the State University, and known best to us on account of the large number of divorces granted in its courts.

In San Francisco we had time to cross over the bay to Berkeley to visit Mrs. Frank's aunt, Mrs. Valeria Prather Lester, and her son and his family. Then we visited the University of California which has the largest attendance in the country. We viewed the National Stadium with a seating capacity of 78,000, completed since our former visit at a cost of \$1,500,000.

We sailed from San Francisco on the S. S. President Taft December 7 at 4 P. M. Rev. W. A. Davis and wife and others came on board to visit us and bid us goodbye. Brother Davis was for many years one of our efficient Southern Methodist missionaries in Japan. He is now superintendent of our work for Japanese and Koreans in California.

Rev. I. L. Shaver and family of North Carolina, and of our Mission in Japan, are on board with us. Mrs. Shaver is a niece of Mr. Joe Teah of Mount Airy and lived there herself prior to her father's death.

As we are nearing the Hawaiian Islands we find December as balmy as summer. Our stateroom has not heated since we left San Francisco. Though San Francisco has the coolest summer weather of any of our cities, averaging fifty-nine degrees, her average winter temperature is only eight degrees lower. I have already changed my summer underwear. The beauty and wonder of Honolulu will doubtless hold us spellbound as it did before.

Mrs. Frank is standing the trip remarkably well, and is increasing her avoirdupois.

Near Honolulu, Dec. 15, 1928.  
J. W. Frank.

## All-State Football Players Arrive In Mount Airy

Sixteen High School Players, the Pick of North Carolina Schools, Undergoing Practice—Game Will Draw Hundreds From Every Section of State.

## Woman's Club Meets First Friday

The general meeting of the Mount Airy Woman's Club for January will be held in the Community Building Friday January 4 at 8 o'clock p. m. An interesting program is being prepared with the Rev. J. W. McFall as the speaker of the afternoon. This is the first time the club has had the privilege of hearing the Rev. Mr. McFall and the members are looking forward to the opportunity with pleasant anticipation.

The club is open to all women of good character who desire to associate themselves with other women for personal and community advancement and new names for membership should be presented to Miss Earp or Mrs. T. N. Brock before the council meeting on Monday night preceding the general meeting.

## Miss Frances Maude Stanley Weds

The following announcement has been received in this city: "Captain and Mrs. Hiram Stanley have the honor of announcing the marriage of their daughter Frances Maude to Dr. George Chester Basil on Sunday the sixteenth day of December nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, Baltimore, Maryland. At home after December the twenty-fifth 479 West Street, Annapolis, Maryland." Capt. and Mrs. Stanley were formerly residents of this city and their family will be pleasantly remembered by a number of our readers.

## Officers Capture Four Gallons Christmas Liquor

Officers made a raid at Westfield Saturday night and captured four gallons of liquor in an open field on the premises of Roy Arrington. The officers were on the watch at Arrington's barn and when two customers appeared they thought he was about to deliver the liquor and surmised it was hidden in the barn so they stepped from their hiding just a minute too soon and both customers and bootlegger made a getaway. Search failed to reveal the liquor at the barn but they found it out in the open field near by and returned Sunday morning and placed Mr. Arrington under arrest.

## Auto Takes Dive Into Mill Race

## Two Young Couples Have Unusual Accident

Two young couples occupying a coupe had a narrow escape from drowning yesterday when their coupe turned over and landed upside down in the mill race at the plant of the Foy Lumber and Manufacturing Co., near Stewart's creek just across the railroad.

The car was parked at the corner of the bridge, well out of the way the driver thought, but a reckless driver ran into them bending the fender down over the front wheel, the boys tried to straighten the fender but with little success and then decided to cross the bridge to see how the car would run. It ran like a trick car in the movies and swished around the end of the bridge turning upside down in the mill race.

One of the girls got her hand out the window and waved it wildly in the air attracting attention from a man at the plant who ran to the rescue. When he pulled her out she told him her sister was in the car drowning, other help had arrived and the two girls and their boy friends were rescued neither of them seriously injured by the fall or the wetting. Later in the day the race was drained and the car taken out.

One of the boys was said to be the son of Sampson Jones and the other named Mayes, the girls names were not learned. It was understood that they were waiting at the bridge to be joined by other friends.

Sixteen husky boys, the pick of the football teams of the high schools of the state, arrived in this city Wednesday and immediately went into a grueling practice preparatory to the game with Oak Ridge in this city New Year's day, next Tuesday.

The high school players are under the direction of four coaches who will give them intensive work-outs for the next six days. The four coaches who are giving them instruction are Underwood, Spurlock, Poindexter and Perry.

The game here has been widely advertised throughout the state and hundreds of people are expected to make the trip to this city on Tuesday to see the biggest football contest of the season in the high school class. The New Year game has become an annual event and only through the hard work of Coach Underwood and loyal support from the citizens of the city was the contest secured for Mount Airy. It is one that is sought for by every progressive town and the contest will draw a big attendance from every part of the state.

The sixteen players reporting here as members of the all-state team include Hafer of Taylorsville, Armfield of Mount Airy, and Forbes of Wilson, ends; Creed of Mount Airy, Smith of Lexington and Utley of Concord, tackles; Lackey of Statesville and Carlton of Durham, guards; Espey of Hickory, and Underwood of Sanford, centers; James of Hickory, quarterback; Phillips of Waynesville, Britain of Wilmington, Martin of Hamlet, Smith of Raleigh, and Stewart of Mount Airy, backs.

## County Agent White Wins Honors in News Contest

The first North Carolina County Agents' News Contest ever put on in North Carolina was staged in Raleigh last week when the county agents gathered there, the news being classed in seven classes, a specialist from Washington and a newspaper man being the judges. County Agent H. E. White, of Surry, was awarded first premium on class four and second premium on class 5 items.

## Miss Webb Bridge Hostess

Miss Freda Webb was hostess Thursday afternoon in the home of her aunt Mrs. S. A. Conduff on North Main street when bridge was played at seven tables. A Christmas package of bath crystals was presented for high score and a handpainted handkerchief for low score.

A salad course with Russian tea was served with lighted candles on each plate. Lighted candles also decorated the tables during the refreshment hour and green and red decorations were used.

Miss Paige Howard, of Greensboro, was an out-of-town guest.

## "Hello, Is That You Santa?"

## Santa Claus Remembers Telephone Girls

The five ladies in the central office of the Horton Telephone Co. are feeling mighty good over the evidences of appreciation of their services which this holiday season has brought, and have asked that we make public acknowledgment for them of Christmas gifts received from the following: E. C. Bellon, mgr.; Horton Telephone Co.; Sergeant Granite Co.; H. O. Wolts; Mrs. W. E. Merritt, Sr.; Hollingsworth Drug Co.; National Furniture Co.; Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Whitlock; Mrs. Mollie Hogan; Booker Coal Co.; Nelson and Moody; and Sanitar Bakery.

The central operators have a strenuous task and under the service with promptness and accuracy, and the public for the most part takes it as a matter of course and not stopping to think what a tremendous task of service would be to any community.