

W. J. Teams Top Nathan's Creek

The West Jefferson high school boys and girls topped the Nathan's Creek high school basketball teams in a rough and tumble encounter at West Jefferson gym on Thursday night in their concluding game for 1947.

The W. J. girls came out on top with a score of 29 to 15. Louise Speaks was high scorer for the W. J. sextet, making 27 of the total points for her team.

The Nathan's Creek boys also were subdued by their W. J. op-

Open Forum COLUMN

FOR THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Dear Editor,

Again it is my pleasant privilege to wish a happy holiday season. I have had this delightful privilege for many years. We have worked together as a sort of team to try to bring about a

ponents, but by the lesser margin of 38 against 31 points.

Santa around the World



in traditional bishop's robes of black, wears a mitre, and carries the crozier.

Santa Claus is the traditional bearer of gifts to American children but he has some helpers in other countries throughout the world. All good children of ravaged nations will be visited by one of these helpers.

The English children look for a Santa Claus who closely resembles our own, but Dutch children await the arrival of St. Nicholas, who was the Bishop of Myra, so is dressed



Brazil has Papa Noel, very much like our Santa, while in Scandinavia gifts are distributed during the supper hour and Santa comes riding on a goat instead of a reindeer.



In Finland, Santa Claus has elves who pass out gifts for him, Wainemoinen and Akko, while in Russia Grandfather Frost accompanies Babonska in a sleigh on Christmas Eve. Babonska is a young and beautiful girl and it is she who brings the gifts.



There is no Santa Claus in Italy—instead there is a kindly old witch, Befana, who sails through the air on a broomstick on January 6th. Her favorite gift is a doll, and she leaves her presents on the hearth for the children.



Spanish children place their straw-filled sleeves on the window sill so that the Magi may feed their horses while they leave gifts. Older people fill an Urn of Fate from which the gifts are drawn on Christmas Day.



The Christmas Goat, or Old Man Christmas, is the benefactor of Lapland. He wears a hooded fur coat, long whiskers and a false nose.

The children of Switzerland have their gifts brought to them by a radiant angel who rises in a sleigh drawn by six reindeer. She brings them good things to eat, as well as toys.



The Season's



Heartiest Compliments

A Merry, Merry Christmas! Old Saint Nick is about to buzz around with his sleigh-load of holiday cheer, and so we're on the wire with a wish of happiness for everyone.

Lewis' 5 & 10c Store

OPPOSITE PARKWAY THEATRE



TALLYHO!

Due to a shortage of reindeer this season we send you our Christmas Greetings in this conventional way!

In this season of gift-giving may we say that your friendship is our choicest gift, and we appreciate it beyond words to express. May your Christmas be a merry one, indeed!

Farmer's Supply Co.

West Jefferson, North Carolina



WE WISH YOU AT CHRISTMAS MANY HAPPY HOURS AND TRUST WE MAY SERVE YOU IN THE FUTURE.

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better understanding of farming problems to our rural friends so that we all might go ahead together to a more satisfying life. During those years, I think almost everyone will agree that progress has been made.

We hear very little about book farming anymore. The successful farmer of today knows that science has aided him in his progress towards better things and he also knows that without facts and information, he could not do the same good job of farming that he is doing at present. You have had a very important part in this because you have used the best of the late information and facts that we could dig up here at State College and you have used it with skill. No one can discount the great contribution you are making to the progress and welfare of our country people.

And so that is why, as your farm reporter here, I wish you a happy holiday season. At the same time, I want to thank you for making your columns available to the farm information designed to build a better rural life in North Carolina. We are making progress,—sound successful progress in our farming affairs. There is still much to be done but we are headed in the right direction. Therefore, may you at this Christmas time, feel that you have had a vital part in a great constructive effort and thus know that you too have earned the right to be happy at this season, along with the other thousands who live in this great state.

And so I wish you a happy Christmas season and continued success through the years ahead. Sincerely, F. H. Jeter, Editor.

You have no soap in your eyes if you apply cold cream around them before shampooing your hair.



Greetings at CHRISTMAS

And when the day is gone Our wishes for our friends Continue on and on and on! Gentry Milling Company West Jefferson, N. C.

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Mrs. Ed M. Anderson, Editor, The Skyland Post, West Jefferson, N. C.

Dear Mrs. Anderson: I am enclosing \$3.00 for another year's subscription to The Skyland Post. Even though I have not had an opportunity to visit Ashe county in over 16 months, I am still interested in the news from there. I hope you will urge the Lansing reporter to send in more news from that section of the county. A school reporter would be the one to do that, but I know how hard it is to get anyone to do it as a regular thing.

Merry Christmas to you and yours, and may all of you have a happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours, Joseph A. Martin.

Timely Hints

Your telephone voice is an indication of your personality. When you must convey what you are though your voice alone, you will be remembered pleasantly if you develop the good telephone habits: lift the receiver quietly; cover the mouthpiece when you must call someone to the telephone; speak directly into the mouthpiece; don't lower your voice or mumble your words; speak distinctly in a well modulated voice.

Does your hair look like a bank of old Spanish moss? True but true, it's your crowning glory. Keep the crown shining with regular combing and brushing, shampoo and a lemon or vinegar rinse.

Be careful when you iron net.

delicately constructed lace, veils, and loosely woven fabrics of thick and thin threads. These are easily torn by the iron, no matter how smooth. Press directly down on the fabric and lift iron with each stroke; never move the iron to and fro. We recommend a pressing cloth for all these.

There are many, many washable decorative fabrics and household furnishings you can use to brighten your home. By all means, take advantage of them. Select the ones that are preshrunk, well made, colors fast. Then you can toss them in the wash when they need cleaning.



Christmas is here again

and to our customers and friends, we extend our greetings for a very —

Merry Christmas

AND

A Happy New Year

B. and O. Grocery

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To our Friends & Customers Best Wishes for the New Year

Winkler's Store

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Formerly Operated as Welch's Store

LANSING,

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To all our Friends and Customers

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