

EAST LAPORTE GIRL DIES IN BREVARD AUTO COLLISION

Miss Louise Middleton, 18 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Middleton of East La Porte and an employee of Brevard hosiery mill, was instantly killed at 6:30 Sunday when the car in which she was a passenger collided with another on the Little River road at an intersection at Little River church, in Transylvania County.

Five persons were injured, four of them other occupants of the death car and the fifth being the driver of the other automobile, according to State Highway Patrolman H. M. Morrow. Miss Francis Middleton, sister of Louise, was lacerated about the face and was taken to the Transylvania Community hospital.

The accident occurred on a road stretch which is undergoing construction work at present. Both cars were badly damaged.

The Middleton girls have been employed by the Wheeler Hosiery mill at Brevard. The others involved in the accident are residents of the Little River section.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

PERSONALS

Misses Elizabeth and Joy Stillwell arrived from Meredith College Thursday to spend the Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Stillwell.

Miss Dorothy Hennessee, a student at the University of Tennessee, came Friday to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hennessee, during the Christmas holidays.

E. E. Bain and son, Edward, are spending a few days in Greensboro, having been called there by the illness of Mr. Bain's father.

Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Houts and daughter left Monday for Knoxville where they will spend Christmas with Rev. Mr. Houts' grandfather.

Miss Ethel Reed has arrived from Furman University, Greenville, S. C., to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Reed during the Christmas vacation.

Joe T. Evans has arrived from State College, Raleigh, and will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans.

Miss Lucile Reed arrived Monday from Kinston to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Reed, for the Christmas holidays.

Local Union UMWA Donates Large Sum To Community Fund

The Local Union No. 12866 of the United Mine Workers of America donated \$100 in dimes Saturday morning to the local dime board being sponsored jointly by the American Legion and Local Union of the Mead Corporation. The UMWA officials stated that they were going to give more than the \$100 to the fund which will be used for Christmas cheer baskets in this community and for hospitalized veterans as well as for other local welfare work. Members of the



O, Come Let Us Adore Him

Clear, sweet and strong the many voices of the choir rise as one to praise Him. For it is His birth date... anniversary of the beginning of a new concept of love and brotherhood for all mankind. We see again how He brought light into the darkness; how He fed the hungry, slaked the parched and healed the suffering. We sing again, psalms of joy in His coming... hymns of faith in His undying spirit... songs of love which are veritable paens of glory reverberating around the world to guide all His children toward an everlasting realization of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men.

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Speedwell Methodist Will Give Program

A miscellaneous program followed by a Christmas play, "The Empty Room", will be presented by the Sunday school of the Speedwell Methodist church at the church on Christmas eve at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

There is little or no advantage in grinding corn for beef calves as the added cost usually more than offsets any advantage.

union were in charge of the board all day Saturday.

Christmas With Our Forefathers Of America Held Deep Religious Meaning

Christmas on the frontier, as new brands of pioneers pushed ever westward to carve an empire out of virgin plains and wildernesses, was in marked contrast to the present holiday.

There was more meaning then in the words of The Book concerning shepherds in a certain country watching their flocks by night. The solitudes, the closeness of the stars, the virginity of the new world and its humble people made one feel that time had stood still. Christmas in those days somehow seemed much closer to that first Christmas.

Those bleak plains could be the ones the Wise Men crossed, this the Night and yon sleeping village, Bethlehem. The faith of the trail breakers was that of the Wise Men.

On Christmas Eve the pioneer folks would gather in a crude little church or schoolhouse where children recited their pieces and sang songs about the birth of the Christ Child. Santa would hand out mosquito-bar sacks of candy, a golden orange or an apple to each one, and childhood rapture would make that meager offering truly a gift of gold and frankincense.

Home-made sleds and sleighs skimmed over the snowy countryside with sleigh bells jingling accompaniment to the caroling of "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells".

Except in the forest regions, few children enjoyed the sight of a Christmas tree. But away they

hung up their stockings, an old custom of their forefathers.

It was a lucky boy who awoke Christmas morning to find a new jack-knife in his stocking; a lucky girl who received a string of beads or a calico doll from Santa Claus. But that doll, made from spare strips of bright cloth, probably was more treasured than any modern doll that can say "Mama," go to sleep, and perhaps require a diaper.

Children who received a slate pencil or a shell-box, a little affair covered with shells and containing a mirror, were the special favorites of Santa.

For goodies, no Christmas was complete without its pans of popcorn and ropes of molasses taffy. In rare cases there might be a bag of candy.

In the isolated cabins it wasn't so easy to gather with one's neighbors to celebrate. There were wolves in the timber and being caught in a sudden storm on pioneer trails spelled death.

Christmas in some places meant a bobbed ride or perhaps a square dance, often followed by a turkey dinner costing 25 cents.

Gifts, if any, generally were in the form of utilitarian mittens, mufflers or home-made boots. For the women there might be a piece of intricate handiwork to which some enterprising friend had devoted her spare time for months.

Throughout the holiday season a candle burned in the attic window, guiding late-faring travelers

to shelter — the Star of Bethlehem on the frontier.

But with all these hardy folks had as much fun as their great-grandsons and daughter who again this year will celebrate by exchanging elaborate gifts, dancing to name bands, feasting with no worries that tomorrow there may be nothing in the electric refrigerator.

Firemen Do Good Job On Christmas Street Lights

Credit goes to the Sylva Fire Department for doing one of the best jobs in the history of our town in decorating the streets with Christmas lights. For the past few years the Fire Department has been in charge of this end of the Yuletide decorations and have won for Sylva the name of being one of the best decorated towns in Western North Carolina.

Edward M. Moseman Dies In Marion

Edward M. Moseman, 71, formerly of East LaPorte, this county, died at his home in Marion recently after a lengthy illness. The body was taken to Ironton, Ohio, for burial.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mae Layman Moseman; five sons and one daughter, M. L. Moseman of Seattle, Wash.; Roy Moseman, Waynesville; Edgar Moseman, Stonaga, Va.; Douglas and Howard D. Moseman, Black Mountain; and Mrs. E. W. Harvey of Van Wert, Ohio, and one brother, C. A. Moseman, Ironton, Ohio.

Fire Dept. Extinguishes Blaze At Hartman Home

The Sylva Fire Department successfully extinguished a fire in the Walter Hartman home on Cope Creek yesterday. The Hartman's oil-water heater burst into flame but the fire was put out before any damage was done.

82 Boy Scouts Enjoy Three Day Outing At Daniel Boone Camp In Pisgah Forest Area

Firms Of District Make Large Donations Of Food, For Success Of Camp

The Daniel Boone Council of the Smoky Mountain District of Boy Scouts held their Winter Camp at the district camp in Haywood county on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The winter camp this year was made possible by such contributions as 250 quarts of sweet milk by the Pet Dairy of Waynesville, which provided plenty of milk for each of the 80 boys enjoying the outing. Also 200 loaves of Holloman bread given by the Asheville Baking Company, of Asheville; 360 eggs by the Farmers Federation, Inc., of Asheville; 48 large cans of mixed soups from Sylva Supply Co., Sylva; 2 bushels of Irish potatoes from Jimmy Houser, Franklin, along with a number of other donations given by Franklin men.

With these large donations of food the 80 boys were able to have this three day outing for only \$1.00 each. The scouts and their leaders wish to express their appreciation to everyone who donated

HERALD PUBLISHED EARLY THIS WEEK, CLOSE THROUGH 28

Due to the fact that our regular publication day falls on Christmas Day this year your Herald is being published two days earlier this week. This is being done for several reasons: to present our regular Christmas greeting edition before Christmas and to give the office staff and shop force a few days' rest during the holidays. Many hours have been put in by the force during the past year, especially the last few weeks in order to bring you your paper, full of local news, editorials, features and advertisements, regularly each week. A little rest and recreation will help each one connected with the paper before we start the New Year.

The office and shop will be closed from Wednesday eve thru Sunday, opening again on Monday, the 29th as usual.

Saturday Was Sunshine Day For Sylva Merchants

The Christmas rush was plainly evident in Sylva last Saturday as shoppers flooded the streets and stores doing their Christmas shopping. The store clerks were kept "busy as the bees" all day as a constant flow of customers streamed in and out of every store in town.

One could easily tell that Santa Claus was on his way by looking at the many toys and gifts being bought. Christmas was in the air and one could also tell that there will be many, many pleased children and grown-ups alike on this Christmas morning.

Mrs. Will B. Dillard Buried Sunday, Dec. 21

Mrs. Will B. Dillard, 50, passed away at her home at 6:30 Thursday morning after a short illness. Funeral services were held Sunday at the Lovedale Baptist church and burial was in the Dillard cemetery.

She is survived by her husband; four daughters, Mrs. Harold Stephens and Mrs. Jake Phillips of Cullowhee, Mrs. Harold Hooper and Miss Willa Mae Dillard of Sylva; one son, Kenneth of Sylva; one sister, Mrs. Charlie Monroe of Gastonia; and one brother, Candler Nations of Marble.

Service Men's Books Ready For Delivery

The Herald is glad to announce to those who have purchased the Jackson County Service Men's books that their books will be ready for delivery Wednesday, Dec. 24. We will have extra copies of these books available for anyone wishing to buy them. We will appreciate it if those who have ordered and paid for their books will bring their receipts when they call for them.

Mrs. Lewis Norton Develops Thriving Weaving Industry

Much has been said and written about the advantages of developing small community industries in Western North Carolina, and quite a number have sprung up in various sections which are proving of great economic value to the community and the section as a whole. Jackson county has one such industry of which little has been heard. Mrs. Lewis Norton of the Norton community of the county now operates a thriving business, "The Cabin Weavers", for herself and the twenty odd women who assist her. Mrs. Norton began her business only as a hobby. After seeing the great demand for her hand woven articles, she taught and engaged other interested women of her community in the weaving of lovely linen table mat and napkin sets, towels, rugs and other hand woven articles. These women helpers are so equipped that they may re-

main in their homes and do the work assigned them, carrying their finished products to Mrs. Norton's shop for sale. Mrs. Norton told a Herald representative this week that over four thousand dollars had been paid these women helpers this year.

She is a member of the Southern Highlanders Handicraft Guild through which she has become nationally known and through which she attributes much success of her enterprise. She states that she ships her products to shops to various parts of the United States and anticipates a much larger business for the coming year.

Prior to the war Mrs. Norton was interested in the making of vegetable dyes of which she built up quite a profitable business. However, this had to be given up during the war, and it was then that she renewed her interest and work of weaving.

this food, thus making the camp possible.

The boys and their leaders entered camp Friday afternoon and completed work of getting established before dark. They had their camp fire with games in the large mess hall that night.

Saturday morning the entire group of boys and a number of men hiked to Shining Rock and returned to camp in time for lunch. In the afternoon they played games on the parade ground, and gathered again that night in the mess hall for competitive games between the different troops, which attracted from Highlands, Franklin, Sylva, Alarka, Cherokee, and Cullowhee.

Sunday school and church was held Sunday morning with Sam Gilliam, of Cherokee, and Avery Means, Executive secretary of Daniel Boone Council, of Asheville. After more games and clearing of the camp the scouts and their leaders left for their respective homes.

Several men and a large number of scouts from Sylva attended the camp which they said was one of the most successful ever held.