

ROARING FORK

We hope all our readers and every one else had a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

A large crowd attended the Christmas tree at Bethel Christian Church Saturday night, and a good time was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parker and Mrs. Maggie Buchanan took dinner Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trantham.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Parker called on Mr. and Mrs. Dale Balding Tuesday.

Miss Laveonia Pangle called on Miss Blanche Wyatt Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Esie Balding and daughter, Phyllis spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Parker and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parker Monday.

Messrs. Hubert Pangle, Dood Allison and Jim Shelton made a business trip to Hot Springs Tuesday.

Mr. David Frisbee of Chicago visited his wife and baby this weekend.

Frank Gardin, who is serving with the Air Force, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gardin.

Laveonia Pangle visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parker and Mrs. Maggie Buchanan Tuesday afternoon.

Craig Beasley, who is serving with the Air Force, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beasley.

George Kimberly is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. David Kimberly.

George Rollins is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isham Rollins.

Laveonia Pangle called on Marguerite Kimberly Sunday.

Mr. Cecil Pangle of Asheville, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Pangle.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parker took Christmas dinner with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Parker.

Mrs. David Kimberly called on Mrs. Lebert Pangle Saturday.

Mr. Wesley Burnette spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parker. He filled his regular appointment at Bethel Christian Church Sunday morning.

Mr. Earl Pangle is visiting his mother, Mrs. Lucy Parker.

Mr. Emmett Pangle spent the Christmas holidays with his brother, Mr. Hubert Pangle.

Gary Allison is on the sick list at this writing.

Miss Yvonne Price and Miss Ruby Sexton visited Miss Blanche Wyatt Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Gary Moore is visiting his cousin, Mr. Glenn Wyatt.

Yvonne Price, Laveonia Pangle and Roby Sexton made a business trip to town Monday.

Dr. Willis called on Hubert Pangle Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Dale Balding and Blanche Wyatt made a business trip to Hot Springs Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Pangle had as their guests Christmas

BLUFF

The Christmas program was presented at church Sunday morning. The church was beautifully decorated with holly, pine and colored lights. A good crowd attended despite the rain.

Miss Ina Henderson of Washington, D. C., is visiting her family, Mr. Charlie Henderson and Gertha, and other relatives. She is spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Quay Smathers of Canton.

Miss Ruth Waldroup of Washington, D. C., and a friend, Miss Emilie Reed, are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Waldroup.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bright of Balfour are spending Christmas with Mrs. Lydia Bright. Other guests of Mrs. Bright Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Carter Smeltzer and two children of Swannanoa, and Mr. and Mrs. Buck Williams and daughter of Balfour.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Baynard and boys of Wadesboro are spending Christmas with relatives here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John S. Woody a daughter, Friday, Dec. 21, 1956.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Henderson of Balfour are spending Christmas with his father, Mr. Charlie Henderson.

Mr. Elzia Miller of Seattle, Wash., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Ted Russell.

Mr. Charlie Henderson and Gertha had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Quay Smathers and daughter of Canton; Miss Margaret Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Woody and family, and Mrs. Violet Waldroup.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bright and family of Balfour are spending Christmas with Mrs. Lydia Bright.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wyatt, Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Woody, Misses Margaret Russell and Gertha Henderson, Mrs. Ora Henderson and Mrs. Burnett Waldroup and Mr. Elzia Miller helped fill the bags for the children's Christmas treat at Ted Russell's store Saturday night.

Mr. Woodson, Iva, and Ted Henderson of Balfour enjoyed a day of rabbit hunting in Bluff Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Finley and Miss Shirley Finley visited Mrs. Rachel Brown of Swannanoa Saturday.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fate Woody Monday night were Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Baynard and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Woody and family, Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Waldroup, Mr. and Mrs.

Day Dock Willis, Jim Shelton, Dood Allison, Dud Shetley, Roy and Jerry Parker and Wilson Payne.

Mr. Hubert Pangle and daughter, Mrs. David Frisbee and son, Gary; and Lewis Shetley went to Hot Springs Wednesday.

Mrs. Carolina Pangle called on Mrs. Cora Gardin Monday morning.

A Happy New Year to All!

BOATING SAFETY

RECORD IS NOW IMPROVED

Although the number of persons being slaughtered on our highways seems to be increasing this year, and perhaps headed toward an all-time record, the latest period for which figures are available from the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, show a different picture on the water.

The Department's office of vital statistics has released figures which show that the number of outboards in use on lakes, rivers and oceans in this country have increased from 2,643,000 to 3,704,000 in the period between 1949 and 1954.

And, whereas some 1,243 fatalities occurred among occupants of small boats in 1949, the figures in 1954 — when there were more than a million more small boats in use — was down to 1,135.

We are happy to point out this improving safety record, which indicates that people who are now enjoying boats for pleasure outings are acting more wisely, taking along life-preservers, and using better judgment on the water.

Lionel Brooks and family and Miss Mary Ann Waldroup.

Miss Sylvia Brooks of Kentucky spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brooks.

FREE MINDS

MEAN PROGRESS

The essence of an educated mind is the welcome accorded a free inquiry into all of the subjects that touch the mental life of man, and the willingness of the individual to question the real values that former generations have placed upon all things.

This does not mean that one should lightly discard the wisdom that has come to us through the ageless experience of the race, but with all our confidence in accepted values, we should look openly at questionings that arise in other minds. To fear the test of impartial intelligence is to betray our own insecurity in relation to our opinions and beliefs.

The freedom of the individual to explore the thinking and conclusions of the human race, and to weigh them in the scales of new intelligence, is the sparkplug of human progress. No race moves ahead by blindly following the past, and accepting, without question, thoughts which have been handed down to us. Without inquiries into the values of the past, human improvement would come to a standstill.

SOLID NOW

Falmouth, Me. — When vandals took his fourth rural-type mailbox — post and all — a man here had enough. He filled an oil drum with rocks, sealed a mailbox to the top with concrete and anchored it all with a length of pipe extending into the bedrock.

WALNUT

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McClure attended a banquet in the Club Room of the S&W last Saturday night in honor of state highway mechanics. Over a hundred mechanics, wives and their families attended the event.

Lt. Bobby McClure left Tuesday night for Boston where he will be married Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock to Miss Shirley W. Brown of Epping, N. H.

Sgt. Roy Coppedge of Washington, D. C., was a dinner guest Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McClure.

Pvt. Jimmy Jack Roberts left Wednesday morning for Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri after spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roberts and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hollifield and son, Kirby, of Detroit, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Guthrie and Mr. and Mrs. Berry Hollifield.

Mrs. Clyde McClure and daughter, Miss Louise, will leave today (Thursday) for Chadbourn for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frederick McClure.

Miss Ruth Johnston has returned to Jacksonville, Fla., after a visit here of several days with her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Johnston.

Mrs. E. O. Burnette will entertain members of the T.E.L. Class of the Baptist Church at her home Thursday night with a Christmas party. Gifts will be exchanged and members will learn who has been their secret friend, Polyanna, for the past year.

Mrs. B. E. Guthrie, who has been confined to her home due to ill-

AGE-OLD PROBLEM

The so-called "age-old" matrimonial problem of time trying to figure out the other half lives.

ness, is now a patient in an Asheville hospital.

Mrs. Pete Allen and son, Herbert, returned Wednesday from Augusta, Georgia, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. James Allen and son for several days.

Happy New Year



MAY EACH DAY BE FILLED WITH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS.

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May luck and happiness surround you each day of the New Year.



TO ALL OF OUR FRIENDS. 1957

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HAPPY Holiday 1957 There's no better way to say "thanks" or "good luck" to our many friends. GOOD LUCK, GOOD HEALTH, AND GOOD FORTUNE THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR. TED RUSSELL Auditor Madison County

Greetings May the New Year hold great joy and entertainment for you. The Co.