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## 800 Present For England-Walton Christmas Tree

For 15 Years The Company  
Has Held A Christmas  
Celebration For Employees

England-Walton Company at Hazelwood held their 15th annual Christmas tree for their employees Monday night at 6:30 o'clock on the grounds of the plant, with approximately 800 persons gathered around the towering hemlock. L. M. Richeson, superintendent of the plant, was in charge of the ceremonies.

The national colors of red, white and blue were emphasized in the hundreds of colored ornaments, the 200, 25 watt lights, with 2, 200 watt bulbs atop the 42 foot tree. In addition to this array of color, 500 yards of Christmas tinsel were used on the tree.

With the reflections of the patriotic colors against the dark sky, which could be seen a surprising distance from the vicinity of Hazelwood, the gigantic tree last night seemed to symbolize the spirit of America today, signifying there is no blackout in this free and democratic country.

A program of Christmas numbers, with Scripture reading and the story given by the Rev. J. M. Woodard, pastor of the Hazelwood Baptist church, was in charge of the devotional features. Christmas carols were also sung by the hundreds assembled on the grounds.

Two thousand oranges, 600 pounds of candy and 600 pounds of nuts were distributed among the 500 children of the 800 present for this anticipated annual event.

Other Christmas features of the England-Walton plant are the department contributions toward community Christmas cheer.

Committees are organized each year in the six departments of the plant, that solicit funds for supplying the needy families in the Hazelwood area. This year there will be a number of baskets distributed among the unfortunate.

## Mabel A. Coffey Has Poem Accepted In Recent Volume

Miss Mabel A. Coffey, who is connected with the Waynesville Hardware Company, is one of the authors whose poems are included in Poets of America, 1940, Democracy Speaks, a 700 page volume just published.

Miss Coffey is a graduate of Carson Newman College, and has written a number of poems. The poem appearing in the recent publication was "Time Matters Not," and has also appeared in The Mountaineer.

More than 12,000 poets living in every part of the United States and Canada competed for a place in this important volume; only a small percentage of these were found to write poetry of sufficient merit to be accorded a place in the book.

The volume contains the work of little known authors as well as that of writers who have been published in many magazines and books.

A similar volume is now being compiled and poets who are interested in having their work considered for the new book should write to the publishers for information, Avon House, 1107 Broadway, New York City.

## No Mountaineer Until January 2

This is the last edition of The Mountaineer until 1941. The next edition will be on Thursday, January 2nd.

The office of The Mountaineer will be closed all day Tuesday, Wednesday, and until noon Thursday. The entire force of the paper have worked hard and steady during the past four weeks, in order to get out the large papers, as well as two additional editions, which took an untold amount of work.

However, we enjoyed it, and look forward to a well deserved two-day holiday.



## The Mountaineer's Christmas Service

The Mountaineer herewith presents its first annual Christmas Service, contributed by the pastors of the community.

### HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful  
O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem,

Come and behold Him,  
Born the King of Angels:  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of Angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of Heav'n  
above:

Glory to God  
In the highest, glory!  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

### INVOCATION

Dr. W. L. HUTCHINS  
District Superintendent Waynesville  
District of Methodist Church.

Dear Father of us all, we thank Thee for this season of the year that brings hope out of despair and light out of darkness. Bring us all again to the Cradle of Thine only one Begotten Child and teach us that there is strength in weakness and a song that echoes above the rhythmic tread of marching armies. Led by the Spirit of Truth may we give thought to the ineffable beauty and gentleness and power that came to the world in the life of a little Baby.

Hasten the day, we pray Thee, when the spirit of love and gladness shall fill the earth with shapes of purity and peace, as of old it made the sky melodious with prophecy. Give us wise and busy hands to help forward the time when there shall be no more war, no more misery in our streets and no oppression of the poor. That the Kingdom may come and make our hearts a Cradle of the Eternal Love, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### PRAYER

REV. H. G. HAMMETT  
Pastor First Baptist Church

Our Heavenly Father, we come to Thee at this Christmas season with grateful hearts for all Thy many blessings. We are mindful of the loving care and providence to us. We thank Thee for all these evidences of Thy interest and love toward us. For health, strength, peace, freedom, daily bread and a multitude of other manifestations of Thy beneficent Grace we are truly grateful. We praise Thy name for guidance through many unknown dangers that would have given us unrest and disquieted hearts.

Now at this Christmas time when the world is confused and disturbed by clouds of war and grievous sin let us find Thee, O Lord, personal and real. Let us find Thee as the Shepherds found Thee. Let us worship before Thee. May we

share Thee with a needy, stricken world that needs Thy love to bring peace and good will to all men. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-20:

1. And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world be taxed.

2. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

3. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the City of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the City of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David.)

5. To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

6. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7. 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 him in the inn.

8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

9. And, lo, an angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

12. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13. And suddenly there was with the angels a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

16. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

17. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard.

### SERMONETTE

REV. J. G. HUGGIN, JR.  
Pastor of First Methodist Church

THE CHRISTMAS STORY  
THROUGH DIFFERENT EYES

(Luke 2:1-19.)

Again at this season of the year we take up the age-old story of beauty we can repeat it from memory. Its phraseology and its pictures have become a part of our characters. Yet again we take it

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## All Forty Of Needy Families Will Be Cared For On This Christmas

Two weeks ago today, a list of forty of the neediest cases in Haywood County was published in this paper. Today we are happy to report that not one number is left on the list.

There is significance in this one hundred per cent response to this appeal for Christmas cheer on the part of the people and organizations of this community.

Busy men, members of civic clubs, have given not only of their money, but they have left their work to give hours to raising funds for supplying the needs of many of these needy families.

Church groups and individuals have lent a sympathetic ear to this pathetic call that in these homes Christmas will not be forgotten.

"Who says there is not a Santa Claus" does not live in this community, with the beauty of the Christmas season exemplified in this unselfish service to those less fortunate, which is the true spirit of the Yuletide season.

## Christmas Spirit Rekindled As Little Child Asks Mrs. Gwyn To Write A Letter To Santa Claus

By Hilda Way Gwyn.

## Lions Get Over \$300 From Their Dime Board Plan

Money Will Be Used In  
Providing Christmas Bas-  
kets For Needy

Early Monday morning the dime board, sponsored by the Lions Club, had passed the \$300 mark, with two "good days" ahead, according to the predictions of the Lions in charge.

The money will be used to get food and clothing for a number of families of the community who otherwise would not have much.

The committees have investigated their cases, and well-filled baskets will be delivered to them Tuesday afternoon.

The Rotary Club Christmas cheer committee, will also distribute baskets on Christmas Eve, as will a number of individuals who have taken names from the list furnished by the welfare department.

## R. E. Sentelle Named Head Pigeon Valley Credit Union Friday

R. E. Sentelle, Waynesville attorney, was elected president of the Pigeon Valley Credit Union at a meeting of the directors which was held on Friday night at the high school in Bethel when the organization for 1941 was completed.

Others who will serve the organization with Mr. Sentelle are: W. P. Mehaffey, vice president, and W. P. Whitesides, secretary-treasurer.

## Christmas Memories of Those You Know

What is outstanding in your memories of Christmas?

800,000 people come out to hear the carollers and bell ringers, and to see the thousands of candles in Louisburg Square.

Mrs. Mary E. Moore—Lake Junaluska—"My most vivid childhood memories of Christmas are of: the terrible length (at that time) of the calendar year; stockings and Santa's visit by night; wax dolls; oranges as holiday treats, not staples; and the actual certification next morning of reindeer tracks around the chimney; also big bowls of Christmas egg-nogg and of foaming sillas bub for Christmas dinner.

"Later, the joyful anticipation and excitement over homecoming for holidays of children off at school, or living away."

Mrs. W. T. Crawford—"That this was earth's sweetest deception, when my father recited Christmas poems, and was himself such a good friend of Santa Claus.

"Then when I tried to fool Santa Claus with one of my eyes fast asleep—and the other peeping at the old fellow as he filled my stockings, and he never, never came to see me again.

"And certainly this is outstanding. On Beacon Hill I once saw

## Mysterious Man Pays Off Second Debt On Theft

Mrs. Ollis Allison Gets \$10,  
And Unsigned Letter From  
Man Who Changed Ways  
Of Living

SIMILAR LETTER WAS  
RECEIVED BY LOCAL MAN  
LAST WEEK WITH \$5

For the second time within three days, two people in this community received unsigned letters, containing money, in payment for "property taken" several years ago. The first letter received last week by a prominent Waynesville man contained five dollars.

On Wednesday Mrs. Ollis Allison, of route one, the former Mrs. Lee Setzer, received an identical letter, same wording as the Waynesville man, except her letter contained \$10. The letter was mailed here in Waynesville on December 17 at 4:30 o'clock. The letter, without a signature read: "Several years ago some boys and I took property that belonged to you. Although I did not take it all myself I am paying for it all. I have changed my way and I want to make it right with you."

Both letters were type written on plain white paper. The typing was not that of an expert typist.

Neither Mrs. Allison or the Waynesville man have any idea as to the person, or what property was stolen or when.

Yesterday Mrs. Allison asked The Mountaineer to state that "she appreciated the \$10, and that however it was, all was forgiven." The letter said it must have been property taken from the garage of the late Mr. Setzer.

## Chester A. Cogburn Heads Haywood Bar Association

Chester A. Cogburn, attorney of Canton, was elected president of the Haywood County Bar Association for 1941, at a recent session of the group.

R. E. Sentelle was elected secretary-treasurer, and William Medford, librarian of the lawyers' library located in the court house.

At the meeting plans were completed for the court calendar for the January term of superior court, which will convene here on the 6th, with Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, presiding. Judge Frank Armstrong was scheduled to preside, but he and Judge Nettles made an exchange.

James Toy, Jr., student at the University of North Carolina, has arrived to spend the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Toy.

she saw our dolls, she cried because all she had was a Steinway piano instead of a new doll."

M. D. Watkins—"All my Christmas memories are outstanding, because I get a big kick out of every Christmas."

Mrs. Carleton E. Weatherby—"The thrill of waiting for Santa Claus. I will remember getting up at 4 o'clock in the morning, and going down stairs—long before daylight and playing with our toys. This is perhaps the most outstanding and the happiest memories I hold of Christmas."

C. W. Minett—"My outstanding memories of Christmas are those of the Christmas I spent in the trenches of France."

Mrs. Will Ray—"I remember when I found out the meaning of my stocking, and how proud I was on Christmas morning, it was over what I found. It stands out in my recollections."

Lester Bliss—"My most outstanding memory of Christmas is

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