

Merry Christmas

THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER

Voice of the People

What is your most vivid Christmas recollection?

Mrs. Fred Rateliff: "I remember most vividly my first Christmas in California. I had been there only a month and was away from all my family and friends. My husband was serving with the Navy in Honolulu and I was very lonely. On Christmas Day, one of my neighbors, an old lady about 84 years of age, came in and invited me to dinner. I shall never forget her."

J. E. Barr: "I think I remember most vividly the Christmas I was in the army stationed in the Philippine Islands. Santa Claus appeared with a water buffalo instead of reindeer and distributed tobacco."

Mrs. Robert H. Gibson: "The Christmas I was 12 years old and got my last doll—a beautiful life-size one with long blond hair and lovely clothes. It was before the days of all the elaborate dolls and during the time when children didn't get so much for Christmas. This doll came from Atlanta and I kept it for many years."

Harry Liner, Sr.: "About 10 years ago I spent a most enjoyable Christmas at Cold Springs, up near Max Patech, where we were operating a bandmill. At Christmas time we had a delightful program which was put on by Captain Colton and Major Brown of the Salvation Army. About 30 families—there were quite a few children—came to the Christmas Tree program and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Some of the children attending were having their first real Christmas program. Seeing children enjoy Christmas is, I think, what makes Christmas real."

C. C. Poindexter: "All my Christmases have been good ones and I remember them all, a fact that makes it difficult to single one out. Perhaps, though, one does stand out—it was in Franklin when I was quite young. I received for Christmas a big apple and a red stick of candy. The apple was called a "buff" apple, and I thought Santa Claus brought it. It wasn't until a few years later that I realized that the apple wasn't brought by Santa at all, but had been grown right in our own yard."

Mrs. W. Roy Platt: "The first doll I received that opened and closed its eyes. It had blonde hair and I was very thrilled."

Mrs. Grace White: "I have many memories of Christmas, but I think perhaps the earliest one I can remember stands out from all the others. It was about a half century ago and we were living in a small town in Indiana. For Christmas that year I was given a red wagon with a blue bottom, a beautiful stocking, which was hanging against a lace curtain on the window, and in the stocking there was a large orange. Oranges were very scarce in small towns at that time. (See Voice—Page 3)

Lawn Display Attracts Much Attention



One of the most colorful Christmas lawn displays this year was made by Mrs. Ralph Prevost and shows shepherds. Painted in brilliant colors, the display is even more effective at night when illuminated by spotlights. (Mountaineer photo.)

County-Wide Installation Of Masons Set For 29th

Stores To Stay Open Until 9 Today, Tuesday

Waynesville stores will be open tonight (Monday) and Tuesday night until nine o'clock for the convenience of Christmas shoppers. The stores will also be open until 5:30 Wednesday afternoon.

On Thursday and Friday all stores will be closed, opening again at regular hours on Saturday.

Most stores are reporting brisk Christmas shopping, large crowds, and much gaiety among the shoppers as the Christmas holidays draw near.

Wellco Is Giving Christmas Party For 75 Children

(Exclusive to The Mountaineer) Seventy-five children from among the neediest families in Haywood county will have an opportunity to enjoy the tradition of Santa Claus thru the combined sponsorship of Wellco Shoe Corporation and World Construction.

The "Radio Christmas Tree," a special program to be broadcast by WHCC on Christmas Eve, from the Court House from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., will feature surprise gifts for the seventy-five children selected by the Salvation Army from among the neediest families that would normally be unable to afford giving gifts this year.

Each child will select a helium-filled balloon containing the identity of the toy he or she will receive.

H. W. Rollman, president of Wellco and Founder of World Construction will act as master of ceremonies. Mr. Rollman stated, "It is my fervent hope that within our lifetime, every family, everywhere in the world, will be able to afford to celebrate Christmas in peace and prosperity and that little children everywhere can find the toys to gladden their hearts under the family Christmas tree in their own homes."

Driver Asleep; Truck Damaged

While on his way to Waynesville Saturday night, Fred Cagle, Jr., who lives on the Platt Creek Road, apparently went to sleep while driving and his pick-up truck went over an embankment, according to Cpl. Pritchard Smith of the Highway Patrol, who investigated the accident.

The driver was uninjured but damage to the cab of the vehicle amounted to about \$300, Cpl. Smith said.

Cagle said he had had no sleep for two nights because of two sick children and he was on his way to Waynesville for medicine when the accident happened about 1,000 feet west of John Platt's home.

Gifts To Lions Will Help About 150 Children

The dimes you have been dropping on the Lions Club board on Main Street will cloth about 150 and 200 needy children this year, reports from various committees have stated.

Although not all the money has been counted—or even collected—the total will probably run close to \$1,000, including about \$150 from the request radio program Saturday night.

The club works with the county schools on this Christmas project. Teachers select the pupils who are in need of clothing and list what is needed. Club members then take the children to stores and make the purchases.

New Directors For Chamber Of Commerce Named

A new Board of Directors has been elected for the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce and will be installed at the next regularly scheduled meeting January 13, Dr. Boyd Owen, the new president, said today.

The new board is composed of A. P. Ledbetter, representing Hazwood; Dr. H. G. Allen, representing Lake Junaluska; Carl Henry, representing the tourist operators; R. N. Barber, Jr., representing the agricultural interests; and Tommy Thompson, representing industry. Balloting for the new Board has been in progress for the past two weeks.

These new directors will join with eight directors previously named to help direct the activities of the Chamber of Commerce for the coming year. Previously named were G. C. Ferguson, James L. Kilpatrick, D. Reeves Noland, Charles Ray, Heinz Rollman, W. Curtis Russ, Jonathan Woody, and Jimmy Childress.

Other officers of the Chamber are Johnny Johnston, vice-president, M. R. "Bud" Whisenhunt, treasurer; H. P. McCarroll, past president; and Miss Edith Chambers, full-time secretary.

DELLWOOD CHRISTMAS PLAY

"The Little Angel Sang," a Christmas pageant, will be presented at the Dellwood Methodist Church Wednesday night at 7:30. The public is invited to attend.

National Guard To Hold Party Tuesday Night

The National Guard unit in Waynesville and vicinity will hold its annual Christmas party for guardsmen and their families Tuesday night at 7 o'clock in the Armory.

The Armory will be appropriately decorated for the Christmas party and will feature a radio hookup with Santa Claus so that the children may talk with him over short wave before he arrives at the Armory to distribute presents and candy.

A Christmas bag containing candy, fruits, and nuts will be given to everyone present. Door prizes will be awarded to the ladies.

Indications Show Haywood To Have A Merry Christmas

Masons Buy Acre Site; Might Build

The Waynesville Masonic Lodge have acquired an acre site at the intersection of Love Lane, Chestnut Park Drive, and Depot Street. The site was purchased from the Love estate.

Tentative plans are to erect a modern home for the lodge on the site, it was explained by Jack Felmet, worshipful master of the lodge. At the present, the site will be cleared of some timber and beautified. Officers have under consideration plans for a building for the lodge on the site.

Mr. Felmet said that the property was available, and the members thought it a good investment to make the purchase now, with the idea of building at a later date.

The acre site would afford plenty of parking room around the building, it was explained.

Salvation Army Visiting Remote Areas To Provide Christmas Cheer

The Salvation Army Mountain Mission, along with other church and civic groups in the county, is providing Christmas cheer for many families that might not otherwise be reached.

The Salvation Army, under the direction of Major Cecil Brown, has taken upon itself the job of reaching families in remote areas of the county. Sunday the Army set up three Christmas trees—in Maple Springs, Shelton Laurel, and Little Creek—and distributed baskets of food to the families that were present. There were also gifts for the children. (See Salvation Army—Page 3)

Many Families Received Cheer By Civic Groups

Civic and church groups in the Waynesville area have already provided help for approximately 50 families with Christmas gifts and food, according to records at the Haywood County Welfare Department. The families that were helped were secured from a master list set up by the department at the instigation of civic officials to avoid duplication in the Christmas work that is carried on by the various groups.

The total number of families that have received help is probably more than 50, that number being the amount of families that were listed on the master list.

The Welfare Department has also helped to compile the various lists that were used by the civic and church groups in the Waynesville area for Christmas parties for the needy.

Mrs. Sam Queen reminded everyone that the office would remain open until noon Wednesday and that anyone wishing to obtain the names of needy families may do so by either visiting the office or calling.

Kids Lend A Helping Hand



No one enjoys Christmas more than the children and most of them start right off by helping the older folks decorate the tree. These young ladies adding a few finishing touches of their own are Caroline Moore (standing), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moore, and Sandra Nance, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Nance. (Mountaineer photo.)

Tax Listers Are Named; Listing Starts Jan. 1

The coming of the New Year means that taxes will be on most peoples' minds for the first few months.

To help with the county and town taxes, listers for the 13 townships in Haywood have been named by the Board of Commissioners and Mrs. Mildred H. Bryson, tax collector. Listing starts Jan. 1.

Classes for the listers will be conducted next Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the courthouse by Mrs. Bryson and all those named below must be present:

East Fork—Ken Burnett; Ivy Hill—Eugene Howell; Jonathan Creek—Sam Chambers; Clyde—William Osborne; Iron Duff—Ray Milner; Fines Creek—Glenn McCracken; Pigeon—Henry Garner; Crabtree—Monson McElroy; Cecil—Jerry Francis; Waynesville—Hugh Jolly and David Turner; Cataloochee—Mack Caldwell Jr.; Beaverdam—Vaughan Byers, Kelly Carswell, and Mrs. Wade Rhea; and White Oak—Teague Williams.

Listing places will be announced at a later date.

A revaluation board has also been named with Jule Boyd as supervisor.

Following are the members of this board: (See Tax Listers—Page 3)

Prisoners To Enjoy Chicken And Dumplings

Inmates in the Haywood County jail will enjoy chicken and dumplings for Christmas dinner, Sheriff Fred Campbell said today.

In addition to the traditional fare of chicken and dumplings, the prisoners will also be given fruits and nuts.

Fines Creek Farmer Nominated Chairman Of County

Floyd Fisher of Fines Creek was chosen chairman Friday for 1953 of the Haywood County PMA committee by elected delegates from each of the participating communities. He succeeds A. W. Ferguson of Crabtree.

Other members of the new PMA committee are C. R. Liner of Waynesville, vice-chairman, and T. C. Davis of Iron Duff.

In addition to the election of the county committee, each community also picked its officers. Following is a list of the new PMA committees:

Waynesville—Will Leatherwood, chairman; R. C. Francis, vice-chairman; Boone Swayngim, regular member; and alternates Robert Boone and Hardy Liner. Clyde—George Haynes, chairman; Robert Medford, vice-chairman; W. G. Byers, regular member; and alternates Ray Holder and Carter Osborne.

Pigeon—H. H. Garner, Jr., chairman; Fred Long, vice-chairman; Devere Hardin, regular member; and alternates C. S. Rollins and J. Howard Reece.

Panther Creek—Milton Messer, chairman; Marvin Arrington, vice-chairman; John Fincher, regular member; and alternates Ernest Rogers and D. B. Arrington. Fines Creek—John Ferguson, chairman; Floyd Fisher, vice-chairman; Davis Price, regular member; and alternates R. A. Justice and Paul Ferguson. (See PMA—Page 3)

Large Number Activities Scheduled

This week promises to be one for the people of Haywood County as the tempo of the Christmas season increases. A number of activities are scheduled for the week, including Christmas shopping, programs in evidence, and available minute programs.

The holiday season started for some school children this week. They started a two-week program Friday after school. The children's weekend gave them a taste of the holiday.

All the business and mental departments in the Waynesville-Haywood area have announced their Christmas holiday plans.

Practically every closed Christmas Day many establishments will be open Friday as well.

The Waynesville Post Office will be closed Friday, which will be a day of mail and packages processed and delivered. The Post Office is estimated to have more than 16,000 pieces of mail, not including that number is expected to increase as Christmas approaches.

Waynesville stores tonight (Monday) and tomorrow night (Tuesday) will be open until 9 o'clock for the convenience of shoppers. The stores will be open until 5:30 p.m. (See Christmas—Page 3)

Kiwanis To Hold Christmas Party On Wednesday

The Waynesville Kiwanis Club will hold its annual Christmas party on Wednesday, December 23, at the club home. The party will be a social affair with a box of candy and a toy.

The committee urged that anyone wishing to bring toys and gifts to the party should bring them to the Auto Parts Company.

Children at the party will be entertained with a radio show, and an appearance by Santa Claus.

Paper To Be Published Only Once This Year

Today's issue of the Mountaineer will be the last published this week. With a tradition of employees as much as possible off at Christmas will be closed from 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on a four-day holiday. The paper will be published next Monday.

Highway Record 1952 In Haywood

(To Date)

Injured... Killed...

(This information compiled from State Highway Department records.)

SHOPPING DAYS LEFT! Buy CHRISTMAS SEALS!

The Weather CLOUDY

Date	Max.	Min.	Rainfall
Dec. 18	57	22
" 19	57	23
" 20	50	31	.07
" 21	41	36	.06



Spring is not the only time a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love.

The affliction that struck a local boy was easily solved in keeping with the spirit of the season, and the manner in which he did this is found in pictures on page two of the second section.