

MERRY CHRISTMAS

THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER

Published Twice-A-Week In The County Seat of Haywood County At The Eastern Entrance Of The Great Smoky Mountains National Park

TODAY'S THOUGHT
THE TRUE MEANING
OF CHRISTMAS.

Wishing You And
Yours The Best
Of Everything

YEAR NO. 102 28 PAGES Associated Press WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 23, 1954 \$3.50 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties



THEIR BIT to help the Salvation Army's cheer program are Ronald Hendrix and Jerry Herman, dropping coins in the kettle maintained by Lt. Doris Gregory of the Salvation Army Citadel at Max Patch. (Mountaineer Photo).

Survey Shows Local Christmas Business Good; Shopping Started Early Here, Came Steadily

Industries, Offices List Holidays

Many industrial and office workers will enjoy a three- or four-day Christmas holiday, starting on Friday, it has been announced. Retail stores in the Waynesville area, however, will be closed only on Christmas Day, but will reopen on Monday. The stores will also be open on New Year's Day. Courthouse offices will be closed for four days—Friday through Monday, while the Town of Waynesville will close its office at noon Friday and reopen on Monday morning. Banks will be closed both Saturday and Monday, while the Haywood County Public Library will close for four days starting on the 24th. Postoffices in Waynesville and Hazelwood will be closed on Christmas Day and again on New Year's Day. Haywood County public schools started a two-week vacation last Friday and will resume classes on January 4. St. John's parochial school dismissed its students on Tuesday. The industrial schedule includes: Champion Paper and Fibre: plant closes down operations at 5 p.m. Friday and reopens again at 7 a.m. Sunday. Dayton Rubber: plant closes at 8 p.m. Friday and opens again at 11 p.m. Sunday. Welco Shoe: to be closed for three days, starting Friday. A. C. Lawrence to shut down Saturday and Sunday. Unagusta: to shut down Thursday afternoon, reopen Monday. Royle and Pilkington: closes at noon Friday and resumes operations at 7 a.m. Monday. Bob Conway left today to spend Christmas with his family in Ashland, Ky.



IT HAPPENS EVERY YEAR, so postal employees Herman Francis, Mrs. Kenneth Parrott and James Fie make the best of it as they work to sort a heavy load of mail just arrived at the Waynesville postoffice. (Mountaineer Photo).

Prospects For 1955 Favorable

For once it appears that Waynesville area residents have actually heeded the pleas of merchants to "shop early" and have completed their Christmas buying well ahead of the December 24th "deadline." As a result, Christmas business in Waynesville, Hazelwood, and Lake Junaluska retail stores has been steady and without the usual last-minute rushes. Although no figures are available, it also appears that Christmas retail receipts in this area will be among the highest in the past several years. On a national scale, indications are that Christmas, 1954 may set a new record in retail business. Some business establishments sold out of Christmas stocks and had to reorder hurriedly. Others dipped into merchandise which was to have been used next year. Local business leaders agree that holiday trade this year reached a new high in competition and that added emphasis on promotion has paid off. With larger and more diversified stocks this Christmas, Waynesville has become more of a regional shopping center—especially for other towns to the west of here. This year, stores remained open four nights for Christmas business in comparison to three last year. One popular newcomer to the electrical appliance list are television sets, which have sold well here in the past several months. Christmas tree business also has been brisk. Some business leaders pointed to the several "sources" of additional cash turned loose in the area, such as Christmas Savings, bonuses, the retirement refund of Champion, and the annual receipts of burley tobacco. Present signs point to good business during the early part of 1955.

Recalling Christmas Many Years Ago

By W. CLARK MEDFORD
(Author of Uncle Abe, Haywood History, etc.)
Note: The Editor has called for another annual Christmas message, story, or what have you? So we have responded—with our eighth or ninth of these annual messages. That we may all be benefitted together is our purpose and desire.

The Spirit of Christmas Past

It is 1890—64 years ago. The writer, then a lad of eight, is "down on the farm." He is dressed in home-spun (probably hand-made), brass-toed "Christmas shoes"—bushy hair and freckles. The brass toes could be called Christmas shoes alright, because we didn't usually get them until just before then—after that tobacco had been marketed, having had to go barefooted in the meantime. Also this lad of the "Gay '90's" was outfitted with a pocket full of marbles or "jack rocks," strings, a sling shot and probably a mumble-peg knife.

Since it is nearing the night before Christmas, of course, I was better behaved, also "smarter" than usual—for Santa Claus only came to see "good little boys and girls". Only those of you who can look back to those days know just how "bright" our Christmases were. But we had the spirit then all the same. Certainly it could not have been because of our expecting only bountiful Christmases; it could (See Medford—Page 6)

No Paper Will Be Published On Monday

The next issue of The Mountaineer will be published Thursday, December 30. There will not be a paper on Monday, December 27th. In order to publish a paper on the 27th, it would mean some of the staff working on Christmas and Sunday, and the decision was against that plan. The Mountaineer office will be closed from Thursday afternoon, until Tuesday morning.

Number Honors Given Frank Lane At Georgia Tech

Frank Frost Lane, senior of Georgia Tech, was among the 23 to be elected to the Phi Kappa Phi, national honor society. Senior students are chosen for membership on the basis of scholarship, leadership and character. Lane is a student in aeronautical engineering, and has been elected to Tau Beta Pi; Phi Kappa Sigma, and Sigma Gamma Tau. In addition, he is active in Sigma Upsilon Fraternity Phi, Eta Sigma, Briaerean Society, Co-Op Club, Institute of Aeronautical Sciences. Lane graduated from St. John's High School, and is the son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Raymond C. Lane, Lake Junaluska.

Canton Area Distributing \$3,500 Worth Of Food

More than \$3,500 worth of food baskets for Christmas are to be distributed in the Canton area today from the Champion YMCA, it has been announced. The Champion YMCA has been teaming with activities the past week as food baskets were being assembled. A highlight of the program will be the distribution of gifts and clothing Christmas Eve. Members of the Christmas cheer food basket committee are handling the program made possible by contributions of hundreds of Champion employees during the past month. Frank Smathers and Gladson Haynie, co-chairmen of the program, said today that each of the 330 baskets scheduled for delivery carried a value in excess of \$10.50. Charles Hawkins is secretary-treasurer of the event. Baskets will contain a supply of food, fruits, nuts and candies, members of the committee said. Volunteer workers will deliver (See Canton Cheer—Page 6)

Lloyd Jones Hit In Leg While On Rabbit Hunt Tues.

Lloyd Jones suffered skin wounds in the leg as five shot hit him while rabbit hunting Tuesday. Jones, and his brother-in-law, Frank Arrington, were hunting below the home of Henry Miller, Reservoir Road, when the accident happened. Jones was carried to the Haywood County Hospital and treated for the slight wounds.

County Jail Lists Chicken On Yule Menu

If you should happen to find yourself in the county cooler on Christmas Day, you'll get a break in the vittles department at least. Here's what inhabitants of the bastille are due to have for their Yuletide fare: Chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, slaw, peaches, a dessert, coffee, fruit, and nuts. If it's all the same to you, however, Sheriff Fred Campbell would prefer that you have your dinner at home this Christmas.

Patrol Reports 2 Accidents; Driver Hurt

Two traffic accidents have been investigated by the State Highway Patrol during the last several days. One man suffered minor injuries in one mishap at Saunook. One driver received minor injuries and was charged with three traffic violations as the result of an accident on Highway 19-A-23, just east of Barber's Orchards at 5:30 a.m. Wednesday, according to Cpl. Pritchard H. Smith of the State Highway Patrol. The corporal reported that James A. Hartsell of Hazelwood, driving a 1949 Mercury, struck the rear end of a 1948 Plymouth taxicab being driven by Cass Lee Constant of Balsam. When struck, the cab traveled about 40 yards and then plunged over an embankment but did not overturn. Its driver was not injured. Hartsell, now stationed at Fort Knox, suffered lacerations of the chin and was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, reckless driving, and driving without an operator's license. Damage to both cars was estimated at between \$300 and \$400. Cpl. Smith was assisted in the investigation by Sheriff Fred Campbell. Another accident at 11:40 a.m. in N. C. 284 at Cove Creek concerned a 1952 Chevrolet taxi driven by Ned Caldwell and a 1949 Ford driven by Mrs. Ama Lee Long Messer of Cove Creek. Patrolman Harold Dayton reported that the two cars collided head-on on a curve near the old mill in that section. Damage was estimated at \$150 to the taxi and at \$250 to the Ford.

Dean Colvard Named State Man Of Year

D. W. Colvard, dean of the School of Agriculture at N. C. State College, was selected by the Progressive Farmer Magazine for its 1954 North Carolina "Man of the Year" Award. Associate Editor W. C. LaRue announced. Colvard, a native of Ashe County and former head of the Mountain Experiment Station at Waynesville, was cited "using all his grass-roots experience, excellent training, administrative know-how and likeable personality to increase the college's already invaluable service to farm people." Colvard was named to his present post in 1952, at the age of 40, making him one of the country's youngest deans of agriculture. He was advanced from head of the college's department of animal industry when J. H. Hilton resigned to become president of Iowa State College. According to Progressive Farmer, under Colvard's leadership the school's tobacco research program (See D. W. Colvard—Page 6).

Greetings

Those who produce The Mountaineer, twice each week, together with those who deliver the paper to your door, or your dealers, and the various community reporters, take this occasion to extend greetings of the season to each of our many readers. We are happy to serve you throughout the year, and today's issue, marks a new high record in circulation, with more than 4,500 copies being published for subscribers. So from each of us, go our best wishes.

- #### Mountaineer Employees
- | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Charles Bridges | Gary Evans | Charlie Miller |
| Marion T. Bridges | Mrs. F. G. Frazier | Ted Rogers |
| Mrs. Larry Cagle | Esther Mae Gibson | W. Curtis Russ |
| Cordell Chambers | Grover Golden | Furman Stinnett |
| Ben Church | Grover Golden, Jr. | Mrs. Henry Tuttle |
| Bob Conway | Bill McElroy | Robert H. Winchester |
| Fred Edwards | W. C. Medford | Oliver Yount |
| | Hugh Messer | |
- #### Mountaineer Carriers
- | | | |
|------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Sammy Lane | George Williamson | Maurice Stiles |
| | Ted Rogers | |
- #### Mountaineer Community Reporters
- | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Mrs. J. Edgar Burnette | Mrs. Kyle Lindsey | Mrs. George F. Worley |
| Mrs. Sam Ferguson | Mrs. Julia McClure | Mrs. J. G. Williamson |
| Mrs. Millard Ferguson | Mrs. J. W. Johnson | Mrs. Mark Swain |
- #### Mountaineer Dealers
- | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Clyde Pharmacy | Hazelwood Bus Station | Gunn's Corner |
| Ralph Mease, Jr. | Charlie Buchanan | Felix Stovall |
| The Soda Shop | Hazelwood Pharmacy | Gunn's Corner |
| Junaluska Supply | Vance Muse | Waynesville Bus Sta. |
| Hazelwood Pharmacy | Grasty's Store | Roy's News Stand |
| Community Market | Jones' Market | Dan's Drug Store |
| Knight's Store | Charlie's Place | Convenient Corner |
| Guy Queen's Grocery | Hospital | Jimmy's Drive-In |
| | Craig's | Jones' News Stand |

Colorful Scene Built At Grace Episcopal Church

The public is showing much interest in the colorful Christmas scene at the Grace Episcopal church, which depicts a stained glass window. The scene is built of special cellophane, with the white church as a background. Spotlights are used on the scene at night, which shows up for some distance. The project was built and installed by the Youth League, with Milburn Ballance, counselor, and Dan Cross president. The colorful scene of the Madonna and Child, is 15 feet high, and six feet wide. Rev. James Y. Perry, rector of the church, said plans are to keep the scene lighted for about a week after Christmas.

Highway Record For 1954 In Haywood

(TO DATE)
Killed . . . 3
Injured . . . 70
(This information compiled from records of State Highway Patrol.)

Americans' Moral Fiber Is Breaking, Tucker Says

The moral fiber of the American people is currently undergoing a serious breakdown, according to Ned Tucker, principal speaker at a Kiwanis Club Christmas party Tuesday night at Spaldon's. Mr. Tucker, Dellwood poultryman and newly elected director of the Chamber of Commerce, also told the Waynesville Kiwanians that "family life in America is disappearing." He said that the family circle is being broken by "poor home life and too many outside activities." The speaker also charged that Americans are losing their sense of values and strength of character and, too often, are adopting an "I'll get by" attitude. Wrongdoing today, Mr. Tucker said, ranges all the way from cheating on school examinations to embezzling funds and from "fixing" parking tickets to influence peddling in Washington. (See Tucker—Page 6)

SHOPPING DAY TILL CHRISTMAS

FAIR & WARMER

Waynesville temperature by the State Test Farm.

Max.	Min.	Snow
28	20	1 1/4"
30	10	
40	14	