



THE CHRISTMAS STORY is vividly portrayed in this replica of a stained-glass window constructed by Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Pannell at their home on Hillside Terrace. Eight days were spent by the Pannells on this window design in full color — fashioned from plastic sheets, enamel, construction paper, and tape. Looking at the window as he studies his Bible is 5-year-old Charles Pannell. (Mountaineer Photo by Bob Conway)

## Two Insurance Firms, And Ben Phillips Win Prizes In Decoration Contests

Winners in the Christmas decorations contest, sponsored by the Richland Garden Club, have been announced.

In the commercial division, which was divided into two classifications, the L. N. Davis Insurance Co. was awarded first place for traditional type decorations and Smith Insurance Agency won first place for decorations with a theme. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Phillips were given first place in the home division with Dr. and Mrs. Frank Hammett in second place and Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Jordan in third place. The L. N. Davis Co. windows are decorated with poinsettias and gold ornaments.

Garrett Furniture, which was awarded second place in the traditional type display, shows a living room with fireplace decorated for Christmas Eve.

Smith Insurance shows a Nativity scene.

In the industrial divisions, not judged for prizes, Dayton Rubber Co. and Carolina Power and Light Co. were outstanding.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, whose home is on Assembly Street, used a musical Christmas theme and their decorations feature a pipe organ and choir.

Dr. and Mrs. Hammett on Grandview Drive have a Nativity scene and Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Jordan on Fairview Road, have an old-fashioned Christmas scene featuring Santa Claus.

Honorable mention in the home division was given Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Kimball on Longview Drive, who featured a traditional entrance with garlands; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Colkitt on Balsam Street, who show lighted figures of Santa Claus and a Christmas scene; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clayton, Jr. on East Marshall Street, showing snow men; Mr. and Mrs. Judy on East Street, for their reindeer; The Lodge for its outdoor Christmas tree, and Mr. and Mrs. John Hildenbiddle, Jr., for their front door decoration.

## Unagusta Pays Tribute To A Year Of Progress

On the pages of history, one year is a comparatively short time. But there was all the difference in the world between the mood that prevailed Friday afternoon at a meeting of Unagusta plant employees as compared with that of only one year ago. Just before Christmas, 1955, Unagusta plant employees lined up outside Plant No. 1 to get food

## Those In Jail To Get Chicken And Dumplings Tues.

Persons unlucky enough to have to spend Christmas Day in the Haywood County jail will dine on chicken and dumplings. Sheriff Fred Campbell said today.

He said that fruit and nuts and cake will be served. Last year there were a dozen persons in jail here on Christmas Day, but the sheriff says he hopes there'll only be five or six this year.

## Cove Creek, Pisgah Ledge Projects Get Allocations

Allocations for paving the Mt. Pisgah motor road and for dredging Cove Creek in Haywood County were announced Friday by Gov. Hodges.

The projects are included in total allocations of \$2,054,214 surplus highway funds.

An allocation of \$39,000 was made for the Pisgah paving project. The road runs from the end of the pavement on U. S. 112 to the intersection with U. S. 276 at Wagon Road Gap.

The Cove Creek project will get \$10,000. Gov. Hodges had promised state aid to strengthen and widen the creek following a flash flood June 30 that caused \$100,000 in damage to crops, barns, houses and roads.

Farmers along the banks of the stream agreed to rights-of-way through their property for a new stream bed.

boxes and fruit cakes, but their minds were not on the glad holiday season. Only three weeks before, the worst fire in Haywood County history completely destroyed the firm's Plant No. 2 — putting more than 200 men out of work and causing damage estimated at \$750,000.

Even if a new plant were built, (See Unagusta—Page 8)

## The Mountaineer's Second Annual Christmas Services

Presented in Co-operation With Waynesville Pastors

### Invocation . . . . . Rev. Calvin Thielman

Pastor of Waynesville Presbyterian Church

We bless Thee O' God our Father For giving us the knowledge of Thy love and glory revealed in the face of Christ, Our Lord. We thank Thee for Him, Thy greatest gift; for His miraculous birth, His life spent for us, His death and resurrection by which we are redeemed, and the promise of His coming Kingdom. Bless this Holy day to us Lord, bless it to our children and loved ones. We thank Thee for all that Christmas means to us.

May the joy of the carols and the Holy thoughts of the Christ Child bring hope to those whose Christmas Season has been fraught with pain and suffering, bless the grief stricken and sorrow torn pieces of this earth. Speed the day when all men shall acknowledge Christ as Lord and from His Lordship gather the sweet fruits of righteousness and peace, in the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Christmas Prayer . . . . . Rev. Earl H. Brendall

Pastor of First Methodist Church

Eternal God and Father of all mankind, we adore Thee for the gifts of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. We are thankful for that blessed night that brought to this earth the rumbling of a thousand hopes and the birth of a multitude of forces that even now are working toward the growth of love and happiness and fellowship among men.

And so on this Christmas, as Christ is born again, our hopes mingle with Thy worshippers in London and Paris, in Budapest and Cairo, in Hong Kong and Tokyo, in Rome and Jerusalem, and in every distant corner of this earth. Form in us more and more the likeness of Christ, that we may enter into Thy peace and be use of Thee to establish peace in all the earth.

We rejoice in the knowledge that all over the world today men and women—by plane and ship, by car and train—are speeding home again to be with loved ones around their firesides. We thank Thee for the assurance that into lonely homes gaiety will come, and torn spirits will know once again the loveliness of living.

Let the whole earth be filled with Thy goodness, O Lord, Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God; and unto Thee be glory and majesty and power, both now and forever. Amen.

Glory be to Thee, O God, for the hope which comes to man on this Christmas. In a troubled world, torn by blind and cruel forces, we are grateful for the presence of the cleansing and redeeming grace of

the Prince of Peace. We are not unmindful of the sufferings of Thy children in lands ruled by tyrants. May this conflict which tries the souls of innocent men make sure our hope that tomorrow we shall live in a world wherein Thy Holy Will may forever be done.

### Hymn . . . . . 'Hark The Herald Angels Sing'

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild;  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His Wings,  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace:

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King."

### Scripture Reading . . . . . Matthew 2:1-9

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea, in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

three shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

When Herod the king heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

And he sent them to Bethlehem: and said, Go search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

When they had heard the king, they departed: and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet: And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

### Christmas Sermon—'Peace On Earth' — Rev. T. E. Robinett

Pastor of First Baptist Church

Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace goodwill toward men.—Luke 2:14.

Paul exhorted the Philippian Christians that "The peace that passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus". Thus we see the unfolding of God's relationship with man and its climax in "On earth peace among men in whom He is pleased".

Man was created for fellowship with God. The desire of man is that he might enjoy this fellowship and live in peace with his fellow man, Evil incarnate in the ruler of darkness, the devil himself, has succeeded in turning God's creation into a chaotic turmoil of hate, strife and war.

If peace on earth is the ultimate expression of man's relationship with God, we might well ask ourselves the question: "Why do not we have more peace on earth today?"

God is not willing that such a condition of affairs should exist. The answer to man's sin has been provided at the cross, the way out of strife and chaos has been made possible through the coming of the Son of God.

We do not have peace because WE SEEK MAN'S WAY INSTEAD OF GOD'S.

Eight hundred years before the coming of Christ, Isaiah told of his coming and called him the Prince of Peace. As the angel announced his birth, the heavenly choir joined in singing his praises "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace, goodwill toward men".

Maltbie Babeock has well said: "This is my Father's world". We need a deeper realization that the world in which we live is not ours, but God's. He made it. He gave to man the stewardship of using his world, but God has never relinquished the ultimate control of his creation to man.

In the shadow of the cross Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you". Again he said: "These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace".

God alone knows the beginning from the end. He knows what is best for each of his children if we will but seek his counsel and follow his guidance. At every crossroads of life and in every hour of decision, he is present to say: "This is the way walk ye (See Sermon—Page 2)

### Prayer For Peace . . . . . Rev. James Y. Perry, Jr.

Recteur of Grace Episcopal Church

Almighty God, who art the Father of all men upon earth, most heartily we pray at this Christmas-tide, that thou wilt keep thy children from the cruelties of war and establish that peace founded upon love for thee and thy ways. Teach us to put away all smallness of mind and hardness of heart, both in church and state; that we, with all the brethren of the Son of Man may dwell evermore in the fellowship of the Prince of Peace. Help us to

seriously lay to heart past wrong and present bitterness so that we may embody the spirit of love as manifested towards us in the gift of thy Son, Jesus Christ. Bring the nations of the world into Thy fold, guide and counsel their leaders into the works of thy righteousness and into the paths of thy truth that thy kingdom of love and peace may come on earth. All of this we ask in thy Name and in the Name of him who came to save us all, Jesus Christ.

### Benediction . . . . . Rev. Father Lawrence Newman

Pastor of St. John's Catholic Church

O, Divine Babe, true God and true Man, Who didst fill the angels and shepherds with joy on the first Christmas Day, Bless each and every home in this community; Fill each home with Your peace, with Your joy and with true happiness;

O, Divine Babe, Who left Thy home in heaven to teach us what is right and good, give unto us the necessary graces to return to Thy Father's Hands from whence we came;



LITTLE SUZANNE MILNER, 2½-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Milner, talks some last-minute details over with Santa. Like thousands of other children, Suzanne is anxiously awaiting Tuesday morning. The sweet-mannered little lady told Santa, as she looked at one of his dolls, that

she wanted a doll and a Christmas tree. She was assured he would not forget her. As Santa gave her a piece of candy from his red bag, Suzanne gave him a big smile, and a cheery "thank you, so much."

(Mountaineer Photo.)

## Outgoing Mail Past Peak, Incoming Mail Still Heavy

### Christmas Holidays Begin For Some Area Residents

Students in county schools and employees of some county and state offices were the first in Haywood County to start their Christmas holidays.

The youngsters were dismissed from classrooms Wednesday afternoon, and will not return until Wednesday, January 2.

Offices in the Haywood County courthouse, the Haywood County Health Center, and the Employment Security Commission closed Friday evening, and will not reopen until Thursday morning. The Welfare Department will be closed Monday and Tuesday, but will reopen Wednesday.

The holiday schedule for industrial plants is:

Dayton Rubber, closed down at 11 p.m. Friday, resume at 11 p.m. Tuesday; Unagusta—from 3:45 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Wednesday; Wellco—from 11 p.m. Friday until 7 a.m. Wednesday; A. C. Lawrence—closed Christmas day; Royle-Pilkington—from 3:30 p.m. Monday to 7 a.m. Wednesday.

At Canton, the Champion Paper and Fibre Co. plant will be down from 3 p.m. Monday until 7 a.m. Wednesday. The office force will work a half day Monday, will be off Christmas day, and return to work Wednesday.

Haywood County offices at the courthouse closed at 5 p.m. Friday, and will reopen at 9 a.m. next Thursday, December 27. Town of Waynesville offices will close at noon today and reopen Wednesday morning.

Waynesville and Hazelwood post-offices will be closed on Christmas Day only. (This Saturday both postoffices will be open all day.)

The First National Bank of Waynesville and the First State Bank of Hazelwood will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Haywood County Public Library will close Monday and Tuesday, and is ordinarily closed on Wednesdays.

### Next Edition Of Mountaineer Due December 27

This edition of The Mountaineer, dated Monday, December 24, went to press today at noon.

The next edition of the paper will be on Thursday, December 27.

Regular Monday edition of The Mountaineer will be resumed December 31.

### Kiwanis To Aid Needy Families On Christmas Eve

Nine needy families will get Christmas-cheer baskets from the Waynesville Kiwanis Club Christmas eve. The families include a total of 25 children.

For the program, the club will be divided into nine committees to distribute food, fruit, candy and toys.

Walter Rollman is chairman of arrangements for the charity work.

### COWARD, 99, IN FAIR CONDITION

J. Marion Coward, 99-year-old resident of the Spring Creek section, was reported in "fair" condition this morning at the Haywood County Hospital where he underwent surgery for a ruptured appendix last week.

### REEVES NOLAND IMPROVING

D. Reeves Noland, who is undergoing treatment at Memorial Mission Hospital, Asheville, is reported to be improving.

## Welfare Dept. Reports All On Yule List 'Spoken For'

The needy relief roll of the Welfare Department was completely cleared of all names by Friday afternoon, Mrs. Sam Queen, superintendent, said.

Every person on the Welfare rolls was assigned to some individual or group to take care of during the holidays, she explained. "I realize that there are some people in Haywood who will not have much for Christmas, but all the families on our rolls have been assigned. There are many people, perhaps, who did not give us their name, and were not on the

roll for assistance this year," Mrs. Queen explained.

As of last Thursday afternoon, there were but eight of the original 70 names on the roll for aid. The Mountaineer listed the eight cases, as to needs and ages, and Welfare officials said readers began calling at once. Some readers sought additional information from The Mountaineer soon after the paper was on the streets, but the names and addresses of the needy cases were only known by the Welfare office personnel.

The peak of outgoing mail was reached at the Waynesville post-office Tuesday, but the flow of incoming mail is continuing heavy and Monday is expected to be one of the busiest days of the Christmas rush. Postmaster Enos Boyd said this morning.

An all-time record for the cancellation of mail in a single day at the Waynesville postoffice was set Tuesday when 28,130 pieces were received—breaking the old record set in 1954 by some 5,000.

The cancellation total dropped to the 24,000 mark Wednesday, to 16,000 Thursday, 13,000 Friday, and is expected to be about 10,000 or less today, Mr. Boyd said.

The postmaster estimated that mailing of Christmas cards and other first-class mail was up this year from 8 to 10 per cent over 1955, and parcel mail—both outgoing and incoming—about 5 to 6 per cent.

Today (Saturday) the postoffice will be open all day, and again on Monday. It will be closed Christmas Day, and then reopen Wednesday for a half day.

### License Tags Go On Sale Jan. 2

New 1957 automobile license plates will go on sale in Canton Wednesday, January 2. Ralph Bailey, Chamber of Commerce secretary, and manager of the branch office of the Carolina Motor Club has announced.

Many requests for the new plates have already been made, he said, even though the announcement was made some weeks ago that they would not go on sale until January.

### R. M. FIE REMAINS IN HOSPITAL

The condition of R. M. Fie was reported to be "fair" this morning at the Haywood County Hospital where he has been a patient for several weeks.

Highway Record For 1956 In Haywood (TO DATE)
Killed . . . . . 4 (1955 — 3)
Injured . . . . . 100 (1955 — 85)
Accidents . . . . . 183 (1955 — 172)
Loss . . . . . \$66,080 (1955 — \$78,920)
(This information compiled from records of State Highway Patrol.)