

## Many Homes These Days Have Two Christmas Trees

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**SAFETY FIRST**—Nowdays many homes, rural and urban, have two Christmas trees. These generous people are sharing and doing much to build the Christmas spirit for all the people in their neighborhood and for the passers-by. The growing tree in the yard won't be hurt, say our tree expert specialists, if a few precautions are observed.

Use only electrical fixtures designed for outdoor use. Fifteen watt bulbs are bright enough—the stronger ones may burn the needles.

The Christmas tree for the inside of the house should be freshly cut, an inch above the original cut. The tree has been cut for several days. Anchor the tree in a pail of water the entire time it is in the house. The tree holder can be placed in the pail of water without much difficulty.

**GOOD READING**—Governor Luther H. Hodges recently had this to say about the importance of libraries to our general well-being. "At a time when an informed citizenry is most essential to our democratic well-being, it is appropriate that we give special attention to our libraries, the bulwark of our freedom. Here in North Carolina, school, college, special and public libraries, with bookmobiles, provide books and other informational materials for reading for all people." The "1957 Good Reading for Home Demonstration Clubs" has just been distributed to the counties. It is a guide to good reading for home demonstration club members, and can be found in your local home agent's office, local libraries, and on the bookmobiles. Why not add a good book to your Christmas gift list in your family?

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Be of good cheer and have a happy holiday full of the wonderful things that come each year at Christmas.

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## Yule Programs Set At Cecil In Several Places

By MRS. J. EDGAR BURNETTE  
Community Reporter

The Christmas program at the Riverside Baptist Church will be held Monday night, December 24, beginning at 7:00 o'clock.

Pantomimes will be presented by the different age groups with the adult choir furnishing the musical background.

Following the program will be the exchange of gifts and treats.

The Laurel Grove Baptist Church will present their annual Christmas program Monday night, December 24, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

A play, "Christmas In Deed" will be given by the Young People and Christmas poems will be given by the smaller children.

The choir will present a special musical program of Christmas music as a part of the program.

The exchange of gifts will complete the program.

Wry Allan Burnette, S.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Burnette, has been discharged from the Navy. He has served in French Morocco during the past two years where he was connected with Naval communications.

PFC Billy Warren is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Warren. Upon the termination of his leave he will return to the Air

## The Christmas Sermon

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Man differs from others of God's creatures in that he was given a mind with which to think, reason and make decisions. Through the subtle and deceptive ways of sin, man was led to assert his independence through flagrant disobedience in the Garden of Eden. Ever since that day, sin has led man to seek his own selfish way instead of seeking to know the will of God.

The spirit of childishness finds its expression as we demand our way. We display a spirit of conceit when we always insist that our decisions are correct. Defeat and dismay will always be our lot when we pit our concepts of right and wrong against those of God's.

In seeking his own way, man unconsciously develops an air of self-sufficiency. He totally disregards his fellow man. He does not have time for God. He comes to think of himself more highly than he ought to think. God does not overrule man's decisions of selfishness and self-sufficiency, but simply lets them take their natural course until ultimately they bring man to the end of his way.

The emphasis that we have placed on our own way and the instant demand that we be permitted to have our way have led us to the present condition of corruption, strife, war and chaos in which we find ourselves. Our failures should lead us to see that there is a much better way. "Peace on earth" is a reality in the lives of those who seek to know the will and the purpose of God in their lives.

We do not have peace because WE PUT MORE EMPHASIS UPON REFORMATION THAN REGENERATION.

In his dilemma, man realizes that something must be done. The tensions and strife of life must somehow be resolved. Some changes must be made. Limited by his finite concept of things, man has tried one reform movement after another. Each has done some good, but none has ever been or ever will be the means by which he shall gain "Peace on Earth".

In our quest of peace through the means of reformation, we are merely lulling ourselves to sleep. The devil and his cohorts win another victory through this delaying action. It is simply glossing over the deep-rooted problems of human nature. It is whitewashing a rotten board instead of replacing it.

The sins of the flesh and of the spirit can never be conquered through such means. We may deceive ourselves and others for a brief time, but we will be robbed of our effectiveness because of the sin that is ever present.

Our Saviour put the emphasis upon regeneration and not reformation. Changing the exterior without changing the heart would be useless. Nicodemus, the ruler of the Jews, with amazement and misunderstanding heard Jesus say: "Except a man be born from above he cannot see the kingdom of God". Jesus was simply saying that man needed a new nature, a new life principle, a new motivation. Paul out of his own personal experience could write: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: Old things are passed away; behold, all

things are become new".

The need of our day is that we shall witness more effectively to the saving power of our Christ. He does not gloss over and reform an individual but cleanses our lives and forgives our sins. He makes us new creatures in Christ.

"Peace on Earth" is the present experience of every individual who has been born of the spirit of God.

We do not have peace because WE DO NOT KNOW THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

We are soon to observe the birthday of the Prince of Peace. We know many facts about him. We are familiar with the facts of his birth, life, death and resurrection. We can repeat many of his teachings. We observe what he has done in the lives of others. Yet at this Christmas season I would press home the question: "Do you know Him?"

At this Christmas season, will you examine your personal experience with the Saviour? Thinking about His experience on the Damascus Road, Paul was able to write: "Yea doubtless I count all things but lost for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus My Lord . . . that I may know Him".

We are eager to experience the peace that he came to give. We want that deep inner peace that leads to victorious living. We want to live at peace with our fellowmen next door, across the street and around the world. In our intense desire and longing for peace, we have overlooked the only source of peace, a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are living in troubled times because we have gone at things backward. We try to make peace with one another as individuals and as nations, but we do not know the meaning of the peace within our own hearts. Peace on earth will only come as individuals know Christ through a personal acceptance, a positive enthronement and a definite commitment of discipleship to the Prince of Peace.

To know him is to desire that others might come to know him. Jesus knew the compelling force of a transforming experience of Grace and told his disciples: "Ye shall be witnesses of these things". We must not, we dare not keep to ourselves the good news of the gospel of redeeming love and infinite grace.

The scientists feel that the chain reaction of a cobalt bomb explosion would mean virtual annihilation. The world needs the chain reaction of love, mercy and grace as it spreads from the life of one redeemed sinner to another. This will take place as every Christian is faithful to the witness of his own experience in the Lord.

Paraphrasing the words of the apostle Paul, brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Waynesville is that the Prince of Peace will live and reign supreme in the heart of every individual and in every home of our community throughout the coming days.

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep  
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail.  
With peace on earth, good will to men".  
Longfellow.

## Library To Observe Christmas Holidays

The Haywood County Library will be closed for Christmas holidays Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 24, 25, and 26. New Year's holidays will be observed Tuesday and Wednesday, January 1 and 2.

The Bookmobile will not operate on December 24 and 25 or January 1.

## The Bare Facts

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Calif. Here's a fashion note from this Southern California town. Signs in a local department store bear this warning: "People With Bare Feet Not Allowed on Escalator."

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Force Base at Gary, Indiana.

Among eight senior student nurses leaving for Memorial Mission Hospital Tuesday by plane for Torrance State Hospital, Torrance, Pa., was Miss Rose Ann Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Warren. The students will receive thirteen weeks of special training in psychiatry.

Sgt. Wayne Shipman arrived Thursday from the Air Force Base at Alex. La., to spend a few days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Shipman.

The W.M.U. of the Riverside Baptist Church met Monday at 7:00 p.m. with Mrs. Claude Singleton as hostess. The regular program was presented by the members and gifts were exchanged.

The pastor, the Rev. George Mehauffey and Mrs. Mehauffey were special guests at the meeting. They were presented gifts by members of the Union.

A special offering for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering was taken.

Jerry Reece returned to his home Thursday from the Haywood County Hospital where he underwent surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Howell and

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## Area Christmas Seal Sale Reaches The Halfway Mark

The Waynesville area drive in the annual Christmas Seal Sale to fight TB has reached only the halfway mark toward its goal of \$1,200 Mrs. Sarah Campbell, drive chairman, announced today.

Mrs. Campbell urged that all local residents who have not yet made their contributions for Christmas seals do so in the near future.

The seals, offered for a dollar a sheet with two sheets in each envelope, are used by the Waynesville TB committee to assist county residents who already are suffering from tuberculosis, and to

finance the visit of mobile chest X-ray units to Haywood County.

This year and last, two mobile labs spent about a month in the county.

Mrs. Campbell reminded Haywood residents that 34 new cases of TB have been reported in the

Zelma Jo Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pruett and Cash Phillips attended a Christmas party with relatives at Black Mountain on Thursday evening. Around twenty-five guests attended.

The saw mill at Cecil closed Friday, December 21, for the Christmas holidays. Operation at the mill will be resumed January 1.

Miss Grace Erwin, a senior at Western Carolina College, is spending the holidays with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Erwin.

Mrs. Leonard M. Wright left on Monday by plane for Tokyo, Japan to join her husband, Pvt. Leonard M. Wright.

Mrs. Wright was the former Miss Mary Burnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis F. Burnett. She was employed by the Southern Bell Telephone Company in Charlotte, and is taking a year's leave of absence to be with her husband in Japan.

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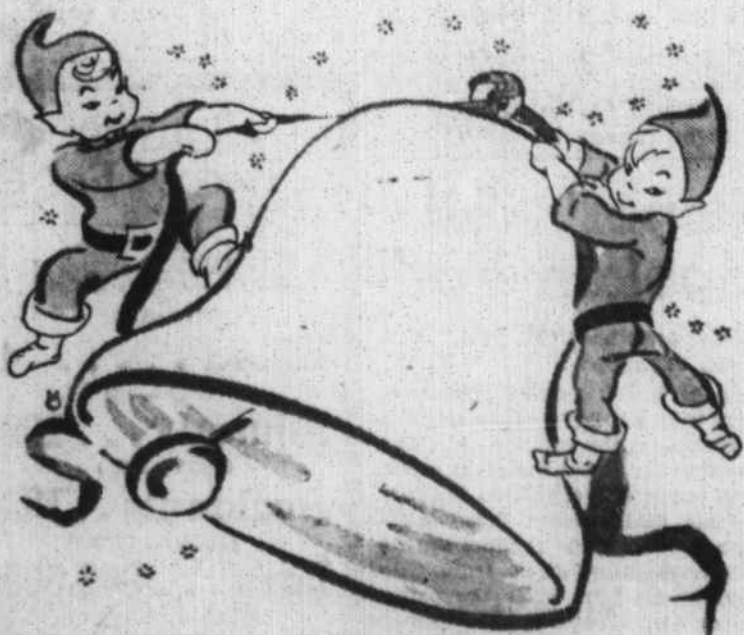
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