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**COOLEEMEE BOYS SIGN COLLEGE GRANT-IN-AIDS**—Shown above are three of our local boys with their signed Grant-In-Aids in Football at Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone, N. C. The picture was made last Friday at Davie High School. Left to right, seated, are Earl Shoaf, Ronnie Foster and Nayrex Barnhardt with Coach Sullivan and Coach Bob Church of ASTC standing. These three football stars visited many colleges but their choice was with Appalachian State. They all played four years of outstanding high school football with fine individual records. Coach Jack Ward, of Davie High School, is high in his praise of the three stars and declared he was certain they would be an asset to the football program at Appalachian when they enroll in the fall of 1966. (Photo by (Photo & Gift Shop)

## It's "Merry Christmas" All Through The Town

"Merry Christmas!" In these two familiar words, often heard and often repeated, there lives and glows the meaning of the first of all Christmases, on that Holy Night nearly two thousand years ago. As the happy day approaches, this community, like many hundreds of thousands of other towns and cities around the world, proclaims the spirit of the season in ringing bells and happy carols—community light and festive decorations.

Through all the celebrations—community, church, family—the simple words of greeting run like a glowing thread, weaving together into one joyous whole all the many glorious things that Christmas stands for—"Merry Christmas!" The words remind that Christmas is traditionally a time of merriment, a time for family and friends to gather together.

"Merry Christmas!" The words remind that Christmas is, indeed, more than merry. The lights and the laughter, the fun and the feasting are but the surface symbols of all Christmas truly means. It is a time of giving and sharing, a time to remember others, not only family, friends and neighbors, but all mankind, and especially the less fortunate among us.

As gaily wrapped packages make their way to Christmas trees around our town, the gifts once again recall the spirit of giving that began with the gold, frankincense and myrrh of the Wise Men, and the fragrant evergreen trees represent the message of the Christ Child, the inspiration of life eternal.

"Merry Christmas," we say, and with the words we seek to share our reverent wonder at the age-old story, our joy in ever-present blessings.

### About Trees . . .

On the night Christ was born, legend says, all the trees burst into bloom. Thus began many stories about the Christmas tree.

Early folk tales described a huge tree in the midst of a forest. The tree held many candles, some straight, some upside down. At the top was an infant with a halo around his head.

It was believed that the tree represented humanity. The candles, up and down, symbolized people, good and bad. The infant was the Christ Child.

### How Celebration Began

"Merry Christmas!" The words are simple, familiar, even old-fashioned, yet they still contain a newness and freshness, a significance to thrill the heart of mankind.

Whence did they come, these familiar words? As a holy day and a holiday, Christmas means both festive merrymaking and prayerful worship, and both meanings are expressed in the traditional greeting, "Merry Christmas."

Christmas, commemorating the birth of Christ, derives its name from the medieval "Christes Masse," the mass of Christ. Yet, in the first centuries of the Christian church, there was no celebration of the birth of Christ, no Christmas.

The December festivals of those days were pagan in nature—the Roman Saturnalia in Southern Europe, the Yuletide festival of the winter solstice in Northern Europe.

When, in the fifth century A.D., Christmas began to be celebrated on December 25, the old customs of the pagan festivals were connected with the Christmas feast. The merrymaking continued, but it gained a deeper meaning, as pagan traditions were hallowed by association with the Nativity.

Thus Christmas became "Merry Christmas!"

### Sending Greetings

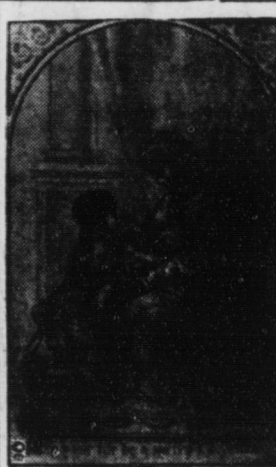
"Merry Christmas!" The custom of extending holiday greetings to friends undoubtedly goes back many years, but the Christmas card as a means of expressing those greetings is a relative newcomer to Christmas traditions.

Christmas cards had their beginning only 122 years ago in England, but despite the comparatively recent start, saying "Merry Christmas" in card form was a custom that quickly caught the public fancy.

The wish to say, "Merry Christmas" to friends and neighbors is strong, and the ways of expressing it are many. Today's edition of this newspaper, for instance, is one big "Merry Christmas" card, in which businessmen of this community offer special greetings and words of appreciation to their customers and friends.

### What "Noel" Means

"Noel," the French word for Christmas, means "birth-day," "news," or "a shout of joy."



### Cards Tell Of Changes

The tradition of exchanging Christmas cards is a charming part of the joyous holiday, and it has a history of its own.

One of the most interesting parts of that history is the way that greeting cards serve to record changing social customs, manners and fashions through the years, points out Miss Esther Mooney, curator of the Norcross, Inc. greeting card collection.

For instance, an English card of 1892 shows the formality existing between parents and children during the Victorian era. Here a little girl kneels solemnly at her mother's knee, sedately offering her a Christmas bouquet with the wish, "May your life be a Merry Christmas."

Modern cards take a livelier more light-hearted approach. Even earlier, greeting cards began to reflect an easier sort of filial relationship. Declares a 1930 card: "Cheers 4 a Merry Christmas and you, Dad!"

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

### YULE DECORATION WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The members of the Mooresville Garden Club, Mooresville, North Carolina, selected the winners last night for the Outside Decoration Contest, sponsored by the Recreation Department of Burlington Industries, Cooleemee.

The first prize winner of the \$50.00 gift certificate was Dempsey Shaver of Watt Street.

Second prize winner of the \$35.00 gift certificate was H. M. Jacobs of Rocky Knoll.

Third prize winner was John Wall of Main St. for the \$15.00 gift certificate.

There were a lot of beautiful outside decorations this year and the judges used a point system for selection of the winners.

### Retired Farmer Died Tuesday

MOCKSVILLE—James Mason, 77, of Mocksville, Rt. 3, died at 7 A. M. Tuesday at the Maple Grove Rest Home in Winston-Salem. He was a retired farmer and spent most of his life in Davie County.

The funeral was at 11 A. M. Wednesday at Eaton Funeral Chapel. Burial was in the Salem Methodist Church cemetery.

### Local Mother Talks With Son In The Arctic

A voice from the cold Arctic area warmed the heart of Mrs. Edd Carter last Sunday afternoon. It all came about when Hayden Bowers, of Rt. 2, Mocksville, whose hobby is operating a two-way radio set, called Jack Carter and located him at his base in the coldest part of the world. Hayden then got Mrs. Carter on the Cooleemee end of the radio and mother and son held a long conversation.

Mrs. Carter told the Journal that this wonderful chance to talk with her son, so far away, had made this a most wonderful and complete Christmas for her.

Last week the Journal carried a picture and story about Jack Carter from the Arctic.

### Mrs. Aimee Ham Rites Yesterday

MOCKSVILLE—Mrs. Aimee Wright Ham, 83, of Bloenfontaine, Republic of South Africa, was killed in an automobile accident in Kerrville, Tex., Friday evening.

She was born in Harris Smith, Republic of South Africa, daughter of the late William and Ann Raaff Wright. She was the widow of Henry Ham, who died in 1949.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Daphne Slate, wife of Dr. F. W. Slate of Mocksville; Mrs. Grace Human Durvan, Mrs. Laura Latagan and Mrs. Estelle Burns, all of the Republic of South Africa; a son, Dr. Kenneth Ham of Downey, California; two sisters, Mrs. Daisy Palmer, and Mrs. Dorothy duPlessis, both of the Republic of South Africa.

Funeral services were conducted at Eaton's Chapel and burial was in Rose Cemetery on Thursday.

### FOUNDERS OF RED CROSS

Clara Barton, Civil War nurse, was born on Christmas Day in 1821. It was her warm thoughts of Christmas that led her, when she set off to visit her brother, a prisoner during the Civil War,

### H. D. Club

On Friday night, December 17, eleven members of the Home Demonstration Club held their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. James Alexander. The basement was very festive with many decorations.

The most outstanding feature of the decorations was the very unusual nativity scene. After the group enjoyed a covered dish supper, they sang carols by the lighted tree, played games and exchanged gifts. There was one visitor, Mrs. Hazel Wagner, and three new members were welcomed, Mrs. Nina Gallagher, Mrs. Myrtle Ammons, and Mrs. Mildred Smith.

### John R. Hall Rites Are Held

SALISBURY—John Roberts Hall, 56, a construction worker of Salisbury, Rt. 8, died at 10 P. M. Monday enroute to Rowan Memorial Hospital. He was born in Pittsylvania County, Va., to James D. and Sally Moore Hall.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nellie Poston Hall, four sons, James, John Jr., Douglas and Bobby Hall of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Steve Pierce of Cooleemee and Miss Earlene Hall of the home; his mother, of Chatham, Va.; and a half brother, Willard Pruitt of Chatham, Va.

The funeral was at 2 P. M. Wednesday at Lysterly Funeral Chapel. Burial was in Oakdale Baptist Church Cemetery.

### Mrs. Etchison Burial Friday

MOCKSVILLE—Mrs. Beulah Smith Etchison of Advance died at 4:30 P. M. Monday at her home.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Smith of Mocksville, Route 2; her husband, William Etchison of Advance and two daughters, Mrs. Willa Dean Mayhew of Advance and Mrs. Katie Lee Shutt of Maryland.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 2 P. M. at Advance Methodist Church by the Rev. Carl Haire. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

This is how the latest version of the Bible translates Luke 2:14—a change from the familiar "and on earth peace, good will to men."

Sir Isaac Newton, English physicist, mathematician, philosopher greeted his first Christmas, and his first day, in Lincolnshire, England, in 1642.

Frail and sickly as a youth, he devoted many boyhood December to inventing and making Christmas toys.

**North Cooleemee Baptist Church**—Christmas program on Friday evening at 6 p.m.  
**Church of the Good Shepherd**—Christmas Eve at 6:30 p.m. Pageant, and Holy Communion at 9:30 p.m.  
**Ascension, Park**—Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. December 24.  
**First Baptist Church**—December 24, 5:30 p.m.  
**Jerusalem Baptist**—Friday night, 7:00 p.m.  
**Holy Cross Lutheran**—Dec. 24—Candlelight service and worship at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26—Holy Communion.  
**Cooleemee Methodist**—Dec. 24—5:00 p.m.

### Basketball

#### Friday Night Results:

**Girls Varsity**  
Albemarle 4 12 5 3—26  
Davie 13 10 12 16—51  
Albemarle—Lucas 5, Edkins 6, Webb 5, Noah 8, Walker 1, Hill, Helms, Talbot, Reeves.  
Davie—Wagner 15, Bailey 14, Zimmerman 6, Shelton 6, Graham, Sexton 1, James 1, Jordan 8, Holder, Doh, Hartman, Howard, Allen.  
**Boys Varsity**  
Albemarle 10 14 19 16—59  
Davie 3 1 11 16—31  
Albemarle—Webb 4, Russell 8, T. Smith 24, Overcash 3, E. Smith 12, Trivette, Haywood, Honeycutt, Townsend 2, Rabon 2, Howard 4, Cain, Little.  
Davie—Bailey 2, Ward 5, Deadmon 4, Bruebaker 1, Isaac 4, Carter 1, Little, Whitaker 6, Campbell 1, Fleming, Frye 4, Hendricks 4.

### STORY HOUR PARTIES HELD

Christmas parties for the Story Hour children were held on Monday, December 20th, at the Recreation Center. Twenty-six children attended each party. Santa Claus visited with the children and gave them lollipops and bags of fruits, candy and chewing gum. He was assisted by Mr. Fred Pierce, Recreation Director.

The party room held a prettily lighted tree, a Nativity scene and other Christmas decorations.

Debra Brooks brought Candy canes for everyone in the Morning group and Lynn Miller brought Balloons for everyone in the Afternoon group. The Leaders, Mrs. Scott Jordan and Mrs. C. W. Shepherd received many nice gifts from the children. Each child received a Christmas tree Ornament and a toy to take home.

Several mothers assisted the leaders. Refreshments of little Goldfish cheese crackers, Christmas cookies and candies and grape drinks were served.

Beginning on January 3rd, Story Hour will be on Monday each week instead of Tuesday.

### Jerusalem Baptist Services

On Sunday morning December 26, at 11:00 the guest speaker will be the Reverend L. L. McGee of the Department of Pastoral Care, Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem. Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. Kames, a member of the church, will bring the evening message, at the Jerusalem Baptist Church.