

# Merry Christmas!!

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Ann Jerome, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jerome, puts the finishing touches on the family Christmas wreath.

### Proud Little Man

## Reid Hoffman, 7, Flies From Florida By Himself

Little Reid Hoffman, seven year old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoffman, doesn't have to wait for mommy and daddy to take him to see grandma and grandpa. He flew from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to Charlotte this week, by himself, to spend a couple of days with his grandparents. Reid was really a very proud little man, when his grandparents met him at the Charlotte airport, to have been allowed to make such a trip all by himself. Of course, Reid's mother works for Eastern Airlines, which accounts for his being able to travel alone.

Grandma and grandpa Hoffman will take Reid home this week in plenty of time for Santa's visit on Sunday night.

Reid has a brother, Stevie, 6, and a sister Kathy, 3, who have also flown before, but never without mommie or daddy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hoffman, formerly of Cooleemee.

## G. Washington's Own Recipe For Egg Nog—Pow!

George Washington, it's been said, was especially fond of his recipe for egg nog. The Journal is happy to pass it along to you, courtesy of State Magazine. It calls for:

One quart of milk

One quart of cream

One dozen eggs

One dozen teaspoons of sugar

One pint of brandy

Half pint of rye liquor

Quarter of a pint of Jamaica rum

Quarter of a pint of sherry.

Pow!!

Sounds potent, doesn't it?

## Local Man Barely Escapes Tragedy

J. W. Strain, who is married to the former Cleo Capel of Cooleemee, drove his truck over the Ohio River Bridge at Point Pleasant, W. Va., a couple of hours before it collapsed and fell in the river Saturday night, killing at least 16 with 41 persons missing.

Strain, a driver for a trucking company in Cherryville, didn't know about the tragedy until he arrived home Sunday morning. He and his family live on 52 Watt street.

## Decorations Contest

Judging for the annual home decorations contest will be held between Thursday and Monday nights. Judges will be from out of town.

Erwin Mills will award the prizes which consist of a \$50 gift certificate for first place, \$35 gift certificate for second place and a \$15 gift certificate for third place. The certificates may be redeemed at any store in the Cooleemee Shopping Center. Any home in Cooleemee is eligible to win.