



These toys were made by the inmates at Scotland Correction Unit at Wagram for Girl Scout Troops #201 and #632 to give for Christmas presents for their project in helping a family in Hoke County for Christmas.



Girl Scouts with part of their presents for their Christmas Project. They were able to deliver their gifts on Thursday morning to the family.

## Girl Scout News

Girl Scout Troop #201 and #521 completed their Christmas Project on Thursday. They had chosen to help a family here in Hoke County have a better and happier Christmas than they would have had due to their unfortunate circumstances. The girls were able to collect clothes, food and toys to help a family of Nine (9).

This has been a continuing project for the past month. The girls not only furnished or collected the needed articles, but spent their troop meetings in a large part in preparing and wrapping the presents. Thanks to the splendid cooperation of the School Personnel, the girls were able to take the gifts themselves to the family and

wish them a "Merry Christmas" in person.

A project such as this is a great part of Girl Scouting. The girls have a learning experience: learning to help others, giving of their time to others, and ending with a feeling of a job well done.

The troops wish to thank all who helped make the project a big success. The Troop Leaders are: Betsy Collins, Linda Richards, Betty Nixon and Billie Postel.



GIRL SCOUTS

### Hollingsworth

#### Makes Pres. List

Allen F. Hollingsworth made the Presidents List for the fall quarter.

He is attending Fayetteville Technical Institute and is majoring in Electronic Engineering.

Allen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hollingsworth of East Donaldson Avenue.

### Sunday School Lesson

Background Scripture:

Luke 7:36-50.

Devotional Reading:

Luke 5:17-26.

Earlier this week I made a long distance call to a friend with whom I had not talked in approximately two years. The last time I had spoken with him he had just gone through a very traumatic experience. After years of partnership with another man - whom I also knew - my friend returned to the office one day to find his desk cleaned out and himself *persona non grata*. In a very underhanded way, his associate had taken over the business, excluded my friend, and refused to pay amounts of money owed to him. I had not found his story hard to believe, because his associate had also cheated me out of some money, although of a much lesser amount.

The experience for my friend had been personally very painful and professionally quite damaging. Thus, when I spoke to him earlier this week, it was with some hesitation that I asked him whether he had ever heard anything further from his former partner and friend. "Well," he replied even more hesitantly, "yes...he's working for our firm now. His company - our company, actually - went bankrupt and he was out of a job." "You mean," I asked incredulously, "that you hired him after all that he did to you?" My friend chuckled almost with embarrassment and said, "Well, you know - life's too short for me to hold a grudge against him." And then, shyly, he added, "I'm trying to be a good Christian."

I was frankly amazed. By rights, my friend had good reason to hold a grudge for the rest of his life. The things his associate had done to him were unconscionable. But my friend had realized that what life is all about is not the grudge or bitterness that we hold "by rights," but the grace of forgiveness and redemption taught and personified by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Most of us have good justification - at least, as the world sees it - for bitterness and anger towards some who have injured us in some way. Most of the people I counsel have understandable reasons for resentment towards some significant person in their lives. Often, my job as counselor is to help them realize that, no matter how reasonable and understandable those bitter feelings may be, they can only continue to poison and cripple their own lives so long as they hold on to them.

In Luke's story of Jesus in the house of Simon the Pharisee, it is obvious that Simon had good reasons for his reaction to the sinful woman who came to anoint the feet of the Master. She was a proven sinner - of that there could be no doubt. It was entirely logical for good God-fearing people to avoid all contact with this "sort" of woman. Yet, the logic of Simon's thinking hid from him an even greater truth: he was no less in need of forgiveness than she. "By rights," Jesus should have rejected him, too. But Jesus operated, not "by rights," but by the forgiving, redeeming love of God.

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