

**GO TO CONFERENCE**  
 Robert Freeman of Black Mountain, Betty McMurray, Barbara Ward, and Garland Rice of Swannanoa will go to Nashville, Tenn., to attend the quadrennial conference of young people from Presbyterian churches being held December 27-30. The meeting, held every four years, is expected to have 3,000 delegates.

**Say You Saw It In The NEWS**



We always look forward to this time of year when we have the opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and to thank you sincerely for your appreciated patronage.

**THE GRILL**  
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**Presents Pupils In Recital**

Mrs. Roger Viverette presented a group of her music pupils in a recital at her home Monday night, December 23, at 7:30 with their parents as guests. The program was as follows:  
 "Silent Night," "O Little Town of Bethlehem"—Christmas Carols, Samuel and Larry Morris.  
 "The Christmas Story"—Luke 2: 8-20, Woodard Viverette.  
 "Jingle Bells"—Carol, Patty Chisholm.  
 "White Christmas," Celeste McCall.  
 "Dance of the Christmas Fairy"—Brown, Patty Chisholm.  
 "The Sleigh," "Skyscraper"—Thompson, Elaine Allison.  
 "Peasants Dance"—Thompson, Carolyn Dinwiddie.  
 "Deep River"—Spiritual, Ruth Watkins.  
 "Dublin Town"—Thompson, Barbara Dinwiddie.  
 "Dark Eyes," "Skating"—Folk Song, Smith, Carolyn Prescott.  
 "Evening Prayer"—Streibog, Carolyn and Barbara Dinwiddie.  
 "Hallelujah Chorus"—Handel, Betty Rice.  
 "Romance," "Prelude"—Schubert and Chopin, Martha Ashley.  
 "Minuet from Don Juan"—Mozart, Sara Rice.  
 "Candle Song"—Brahms, Rita Gasperson.  
 "La Grace"—Bohm, Betty Austin.  
 "Traumerei"—Schumann, Betty Marett.  
 "Andante Con Moto"—Beethoven, Jon Danenhower.

**Arts Club Meeting To Be Held January 2**

The Black Mountain Arts club will hold their next meeting on January 2, 8:00 p. m. at the Monte Vista Manor. Oliver T. Smith, interior decorator for Ivey's will be the speaker and will bring materials suitable for home furnishings. This will be followed by special music and a social hour.  
 Mr. Smith studied interior decorating in New York and in San Francisco. He was in charge of this work at Ivey's before the recent war. He served for four years in the army, and met his wife in England.  
 Mr. Smith will display at the meeting materials available and suitable for various types of use in interiors, and will give practical suggestions as to making the material and style fit the type of home, the space available, the type of furniture, etc.  
 Because of his experience in the field of furnishings for several years, Mr. Smith has sound judgment back of his suggestions. His personality promises an interesting presentation which all will enjoy.  
 Mrs. George Stone has promised a very delightful musical program. A social hour with refreshments, will follow.  
 Members may bring guests.  
 "Quartet from Rigoletto"—Verdi, Celeste McCall.  
 "Prelude in E flat"—Wright, Doris Higginbotham.  
 "Finlandia"—Sibelius, Charlotte Lindsey.  
 "Liebestraum"—Liszt, Mary Jo Atkins.  
 "Prelude in C sharp"—Rachmaninoff, Russel Rowland.



**GIRL SCOUT NEWS**  
 By Elaine Allison

A capacity crowd attended the Girl Scout Christmas program in the Fellowship room of the Methodist church last Thursday night. Following the entertainment hot chocolate and cookies were served. Rev. Howard Rhys made the awards for the terrariums, with first prize going to Ann Sawyer and second to Doris Higginbotham. Jane Callison was presented with a box of candy in appreciation of her fine work and cooperation with the music program.  
 Because of the holidays there was no regular meeting of the Scouts, but they will sing carols for the patients at W. N. C. Sanitorium and around town.

**News From Swannanoa**  
 By Lois Hall

Harold Nichols and his mother, Mrs. Mary Nichols, are spending Christmas in West Virginia, with Mrs. Nichol's daughter.  
 Harold W. Patton, son of Mrs. Hubert Patton and the late Mr. Patton, is spending the Christmas holidays in Swannanoa with his family. Harold attends the Presbyterian college at Clinton, S. C. His brother, James, is also home from Wake Forest for the holidays.  
 Herbert Waddell is spending the week-end in Alto, Ga., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Waddell.  
 Mrs. and Mrs. Ralph Robinson had a Christmas party at their home in Black Mountain, Saturday night.  
 Alfred Astley, Jr., is spending the holidays with his parents in Swannanoa. Alfred attends Clemson college.  
 Richard Barnwell is home for the holidays from Cherry Point, N. C., where he is stationed with the Marine Corps.  
 Mrs. Ruby Sams gave a Christmas party at her home, December 23. Guests were Helen and Evelyn Gilbert, Lois Bryant Pearl Folsom, Nedra Stephens, Doris and Fern Edwards, Margaret Putnam. Joint-hostess was Miss Kathleen Ensley.

**MORE ABOUT THE INCARNATION**  
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sent to human intelligence. Even the great mind of Paul when pondering it exclaimed, "Great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh."  
 In the Gospels of Matthew and Luke we have the sublime story of how he came. God not only sent his only begotten Son into the world, but sent him in a way which forever touches and thrills the heart of man. It was a way which will make all nations and all ages celebrate it to the end of time. There are, indeed, some today who claim to know better than God himself how Christ ought to have come, and who say he did not come in the way the Gospels tell us he did come—conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary. The sublime narrative of the virgin birth of our Lord is a touchstone of men's faith. The discounting or denial of this fact is inevitably linked with that indifference and coldness and dead secularism and passionless unbelief which rest as a blight upon so many of the churches has taken the ring out of the voice of many pulpits. The Virgin Birth of Christ cannot be ethically and morally true, and at the same time historically false. Christianity depends upon its great facts. In the virgin birth of our Lord we have the constituent miracle of the Christian faith. Without the record of his birth, Christ would be the supreme enigma of the ages.  
 We rejoice that he came in the way he did: the Star leading on the wise men from the East; the wondering of the maid of Nazareth at what the angel had told her; the virgin mother overtaken in her great hour at Bethlehem, where there was no room for them in the inn. I say, let the Christmas story stand as it is. Who would want to silence the singing of the angels? Who would want to stop the wise men from presenting their gifts? Let the shepherds bow at the cradle and adore! The manner of the Incarnation was God's method of revealing himself to the world. Let us offer thanksgiving for this revelation.

**III.**

The third thing which we shall see is the purpose of the Incarnation. We are not left in doubt as to the purpose of that wonderful birth on the night of nights in Bethlehem's cradle. The prophets of old tell us that he will come as a Saviour and to establish the Kingdom of Redemption. The Angel of the Lord said to Joseph that his name was to be Jesus, because he "shall save his people from their sins." John said that he came to bring light and life into the world. Paul said that he came to save sinners. Christ said that he came to "seek and to save the lost." The Child who was born on this night of nights was born to die. Through his birth and death he came to bring salvation to the world to those who sat in darkness. The Everlasting Light will ever shine in the storms and clouds of this sinful world. The purpose of the Incarnation, then, is to bring eternal life to lost men. Christ was born that he might die to make atonement for your sins and mine. What is your relationship to Christ? Is he your Saviour at this Christmas time? If not, why not give yourself to Him at this Christmas season. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

—Mrs. James Graham is spending Christmas with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Felder of Hendersonville, who are celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Christmas day.  
 —Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Griffith of Blue Ridge Road have left for Hollywood, Florida, for the winter. They expect to return the first of April.  
 —Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vance, Sr., arrived from Bristol, Va., Friday, to spend the week-end with their son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Vance, Jr.  
 —Dr. and Mrs. Waddell from Charlottesville, Virginia, recently visited their daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Vance Jr.  
 —Thomas B. Reid of Ridgecrest will spend Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sylvester.  
 —Mr. and Mrs. Walter Platt of Atlanta, Georgia, spent Christmas week with Mrs. C. C. Godfrey.  
 —Ross Atkins and son, Charlie, were in Asheville on business last Thursday.

**"Be Careful With Fire": Wrenn**

George W. Wrenn, fire chief of Black Mountain, today called on all citizens of the city and surrounding area, to cooperate during the Christmas holidays in order to hold loss from fire to a minimum. Wrenn returned late last week from a special meeting of state fire chiefs held in Salisbury.  
 "Everyone should be extremely careful with fire around Christmas trees, fireworks, fire crackers, and candles," Wrenn said, "and I wish to stress that in case of fire the occupants should not try to put out the blaze before they call the department. In case of fire, call the fire department first."  
 The local fire chief emphasized that it is unlawful to buy, sell, or discharge fireworks of any kind either in the city or in the county.

**Old Fort Rockets Will Open Full Cage Schedule**

The Old Fort Rockets will open a full schedule of basketball on January 6 when they take on the A. W. P. Bombers at the Old Fort High school gymnasium. The Rockets are one of the top amateur teams in this part of the state and have been improving rapidly since the opening of the season.

**DANENHOWER GUESTS**

Cullen Lackey and Martha Feltus of Birmingham, Ala., and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Konrad of Black Mountain were Sunday guests of Mrs. Harrie Danenhower. In the afternoon the group gathered holly and decorated a Christmas tree.

**WOODARDS GIVE PIANO TO HIGH SCHOOL**

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Woodard have presented a piano to the high school.

**GOES TO FLORIDA**

Alma Greene has gone to Live Oak, Florida, to spend the holidays with her mother.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Rondel and son Bob visited with friends in Bat Cave Sunday.

**RELATIVES OF MRS. GODFREY HERE FOR CHRISTMAS**

Mrs. C. C. Godfrey will have as Christmas guests her mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. McElrath, Glen McElrath, her aunt, Mrs. Donna Kelly, all of Candler; Mrs. Reba Sawyer, and aunt from Old Fort; and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Platt, Atlanta, Georgia.  
 —Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sanders of Blue Ridge will have as their guests for Christmas, their daughter Sally, from Mission hospital, Asheville, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lindau of Charlotte, and Forsty Bell of Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
 —Mr. and Mrs. Austin H. Fox of Knoxville, Tenn., recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Greenwood.  
 —Mrs. John Rice was an Asheville visitor Monday.



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**From where I sit... by Joe Marsh**  
**A Grand American Tradition**

The Cuppers had a grand old family reunion last week—for the first time since the war.  
 Big and little Cuppers came, by car and train, from as far west as Nebraska and as far east as Vermont. They crowded Dee and Jane's house, set up quarters in the barns, or stopped with neighbors—and a jollier gathering you couldn't have imagined!  
 I was asked to their final Saturday night supper, when they sang old songs, drank beer and cider, reminisced. Dark Cuppers and blonde ones—Vermont accents and Alabama draws—doctors and farmers... all with their differences of taste and politics, yet as close and harmonious in spirit as a group could be.  
 From where I sit, it's a great American tradition—not just family reunions, but the ability to get along as one harmonious family, regardless of differences of taste—whether it's taste for politics or farming, beer or cider.

*Joe Marsh*  
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**SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH J. V. NESBITT**

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Nesbitt and children, Barbara, Tommy, Dianne, and Kathleen, will spend Christmas with Mr. Nesbitt's father J. V. Nesbitt in the Fairview section.

**MISS FINCH HERE**

Miss Jo Finch, student at University of N. C. at Chapel Hill, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Finch for the Christmas holidays.

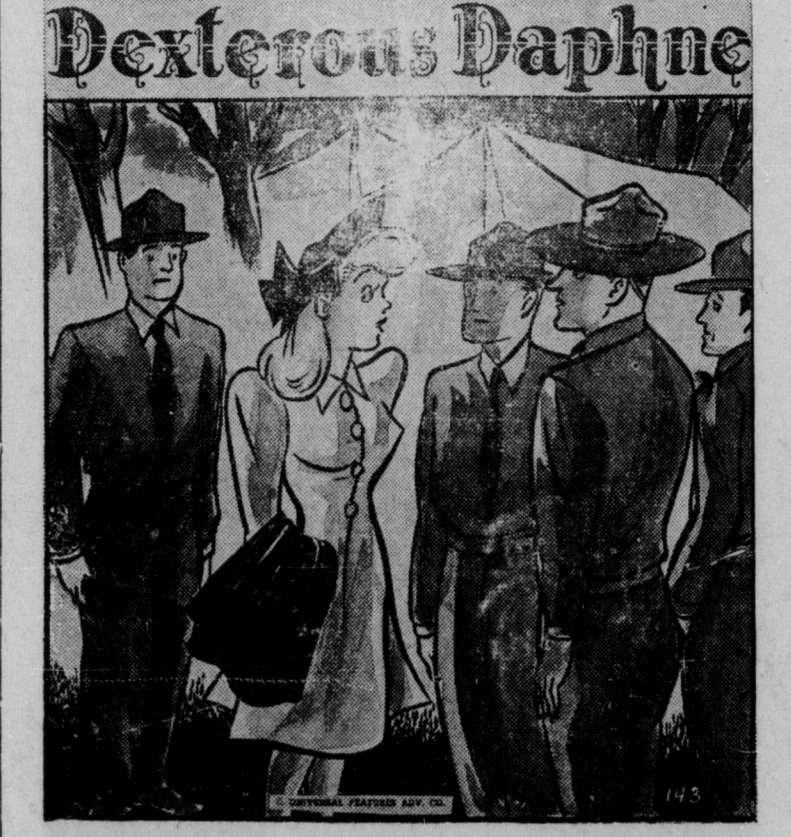
—Mr. and Mrs. Aldus Matthews and two daughters, Judy and Linda, left Friday for the holiday vacation in Miami, Fla.

**NORMANDS MOVE**

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Normand have left for New Bedford, Mass., to make their future home. While here Mr. Normand was employed at Beacon Mills and the couple resided in the Holman cottage on State street.

—Mrs. A. E. Knoefel, Jr., expects to leave December 27, for Donaldsonville, La., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eris.

—Mrs. Madelon Parks and son, Ross, of Chapel Hill spent Sunday night with Mrs. H. E. Stinchcomb.



**Dexterous Daphne**

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**Greetings**

A GOOD WAY to keep Christmas well is to bring joy to everyone we can. This, we believe, is the spirit of this community... one of the important reasons why living here affords such genuine pleasure.

To you who have stood by us so faithfully during the year we wish a whole world of happiness pressed into this Christmas season. Merry Christmas to you and to every member of your family.

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