

HERE FROM CINCINNATI

Miss Mary Jones from Cincinnati, Ohio, is spending the holidays with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Timmerman.

GUESTS OF PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Austin and Betty will be guests of Mrs. Austin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Biddix in Asheville for Christmas.

IN PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Tinney will leave Christmas morning to spend a week with Mrs. Tinney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis Bowman of Honeybrook, Pa.

McSWAINS GONE

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McSwain are spending Christmas day with his parents in Kannapolis.

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Mountain Area Shows Increase In Weekly Wage

Employment in North Carolina, covered by the Employment Security Law, increased 31.12 percent, or by nearly 150,000 workers in the seven year period from 1940 through 1947, while all non-agricultural employment increased by nearly 250,000, it is shown in a study by S. F. Campbell, director of the Bureau of Research and Statistics, and announced by Henry E. Kendall, Employment Security Commission chairman.

The Mountain Region of the State, 25 counties, showed the greatest covered employment increase in the seven years, 42.07 percent, considerably higher than the State average of 31.12 percent, but the wage increases in this region increased to an average of only 11.19 percent, as compared with the State average of 122.71 percent.

Buncombe County, this report shows, increased its average employment from 16,170 in 1940 to 24,303 in 1947, a gain of 50.30 percent. The county's average weekly wage increased from \$20.29 in 1940 to \$39.93 in 1947, a gain of 96.80 percent.

Brookside News

By W. R. Stepp

W. D. Jones has erected a sound system in his home for the benefit of the people of various communities. He will render Christmas programs during the Christmas holidays, and will also make announcements requested by calling him at his home, phone 5111.

It has been reported here that Linwood Flack is in fair condition at a state hospital where he has been for several weeks.

Hubert Crews was in Brookside Sunday, December 19. He is a nephew of Mrs. S. J. Lawton and was in the service for 5 years.

Mrs. William Lee of Union Mills, N. C. will make her home here with her sister, Mrs. Margaret Long. Her son, Pete Ogden, left last week for New York city where he resides.

Miss Lucile Forney had as her guest Sunday her father and a brother-in-law of Ruthfordton, N. C.

Mrs. S. J. Lawton is on a weeks' vacation. She has been with the Mountain Retreat Association for about 20 years. She will spend her vacation with her daughter Mrs. Howard Lytle.

James Long, Roy Dougherty, and Wallace Stepp accompanied Miss Dorothy Phillis Canady to Atlanta, Ga., where she is taking nurse's training at Grady hospital.

DINNER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. William Holcombe and Alan were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Dean Willis and Patty Wednesday evening.



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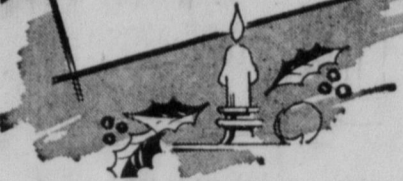
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TO ALL

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and Happy New Year*



Sossamon-Tyson wishes to extend to you and yours a "Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year!" We want to thank you for your patronage during the past year, and hope that we can expect to serve you throughout the coming year in the same friendly, courteous manner.

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