



**NORTH
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OR
MOUNTAIN VIEWS

By Oden Walker

Mr. and Mrs. Marion McIntosh "stepped across the ridge" the other evening for a visit, and while we were talking of this and that, Marion related the following incident: Our little friend, Louise Weaver, daughter of Vern Weaver, had a pet duck which she cherished a great deal. On Thanksgiving day a dog got after the duck and chased her under the house. The light was bad under the house, and the duck was going with speed. She ran into the tines of a pitchfork that was left there. She wasn't killed outright, but so great was the wound, her intestines were dragging on the ground. Louise loved her duck, and couldn't stand for any of her folks to put her pet out of its misery, so she gathered her up and took her the short distance to Mr. McIntosh's home. Marion inspected the wound and decided something could be done. First he got germicides and cleansed the dragging intestines, after carefully putting them back inside, he held the flesh and skin together, while his wife did an embroidery job. They kept the pet in a box for a few days so she couldn't jump around, and the wound could heal — Louise is again romping with her duck, which is healthy, happy and fat.

Mr. McIntosh has not recovered from the horrible experience he had last summer when a horse kicked him in the face. He has lost the use of one eye. Marion is selling Stark's fruit trees and nursery stock. Mrs. McIntosh is selling men's and ladies' hosiery.

Last week we had a delightfully warm and friendly letter from Gordon and Garnet Greenwood. They are doing fine, but mildly homesick for Black Mountain. They are keenly appreciative of the hillbillies' efforts at journalism.

"Uncle" Tommie Morris had a serious accident last week. He was off-bearing at a woodsaw and started to pull down the slats and

debris from under the saw, got too close, and got a deep, ugly gash across his hand. Hospitalization was required.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Kilby have bought a farm, and moved to Broad River.

This column extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved family of O. E. Hudgins.

We saw a crudely built latrine going up North Fork on a truck last Tuesday morning, but did not follow it to see where it was going.

Minnie and Essie must be expecting a cold winter—they have been making quilts all of last week.

It is a pity the scientists haven't got a rocket ship ready to start to the moon; there has surely been a fine one for them to aim at this past week.

Harry Morris and this reporter went over to the creek to get a truckload of hemlock and rhododendron boughs for Moore VA hospital Friday morning. Thad Burnett gave us permission to get all we wanted where they are cleaning off for the dam. It looks like they are getting a real construction job started over there with shovels, bulldozers, hootintootin, churning, and charging.

We hear that "Uncle" Jack Cordell lost his wallet recently, but with perseverance and proper fishing tackle he got it back.

Pfc. Howard Russell was at home on a week end pass last week, but was not enjoying it—the girl of his dreams has married another man.

We notice the mention of our ubiquitous newspaper in the Washington, D. C. Times-Herald.

Santa Claus whispered to us that Edna Earl Morris is getting an electric range for Christmas.

With the assistance of Woodrow and 'Gin Propst, we butchered a pig last Saturday.

Darius Patton had the bulldozer work all last week at the Double Cabin place. We haven't been over there lately, but they must have nearly all the thickets in the hollow pushed down by this time. Wayne Roberts is helping with this work.

Fred McAfee underwent an appendectomy at Moore VA hospital last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pink Lewis and son, Mrs. Charles Knowlton and son of Old Fort, and Mrs. John Bruner of Marion visited Minnie and this reporter last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Maude Wicker will come home to Wickersham this Tuesday. We are so glad she will be home for the holidays.

Rob Kelly and son of Montreat visited Miss Kate Wicker last Saturday.

Miss Jean Brown of the Uni-

Juveniles Help Celebrate First Birthday

Sidney Ingram, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Ingram, celebrated her first birthday with a party at her home Saturday afternoon, Dec. 8.

A color scheme of pink and white was carried out in the refreshments and decorations. Ice cream, fruit juice and individual cup cakes with each child's name stencilled in pink on top were served by Mrs. Ingram.

Those present were: Dennis O'Connor, Chippy Knight, Susan Crowder, Carol Watkins, Sandra Buckner and Charles M. Sobol. George Kelly Humphries was unable to attend but sent a gift.

University of N. C. will come home to Wilneuk for the holidays this Wednesday night.

Junior Penland and family of Riceville visited the Emory Penlands of North Fork Sunday before last.

Miss Alice Burnett, who is studying voice in New York, will come home this week for the Christmas holidays.

William Brown has been home from the hospital for some time and is feeling pretty good. Many neighbors have come in to visit and do any helpful thing that they could. The Browns say that they feel that North Fork has accepted them, and are truly thankful for all the kindnesses that have been extended them.

We visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burnett on the old Toll road Sunday afternoon. Ralph's daughter, Miss Wilma Burnett of the Riceville section, was visiting also.

There will be a Christmas tree and program at the Mountain View church Monday night, Dec. 24, at 7:30 o'clock.

ANDY HOME FROM SCHOOL

Andy Jumper of Bamberg Military school, Bamberg, S. C., has arrived home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Jumper.

TWO WEEKS

Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Foster and Joe of Montgomery, Ala., will arrive Thursday (today) to spend two weeks with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Atkins and Becky.

JON HOME FOR XMAS

Jon Danenhower of Castle Heights Military academy, Leb-

anon, Tenn., will arrive home Thursday (today) to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Harrie Danenhower.

WILLIE HOME

Willie Kerlee of Meredith college, Raleigh, is home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kerlee.

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