

Elementary School Round-Up

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Christmas Activities

The Black Mountain Elementary school is bustling with activity! Maybe you enjoy a lovely art picture or scene by a famous artist. Did you ever think of the work your children are doing in school? Here is a summary of the work in the different rooms.

In Mrs. Northcott's first grade room we found the children spatter painting Christmas cards. Each pupil has a small paper, Christmas tree on the blackboard. Each time he does something perfectly, a star is added to the tree. They also had many colorful wall decorations.

In Mrs. Whitaker's first grade room the main activity was planning a program for their parents, Thursday at 10:00. After the program there will be a tea. They are making Christmas cards and gifts for their mothers and fathers.

In Miss Moore's first grade room we found a few wall decorations. They are having a Christmas party and are learning carols. Miss Shuford's first grade children are making special gifts for their mother. They are also planning a program entitled "The Walking Christmas Tree."

In Miss Thayer's second grade room we saw some beautiful decorations.

They are having their Christmas party on Thursday afternoon.

In Mrs. A. White's second grade, there were wall decorations, table displays, and they had made invitations and programs for their Christmas party.

Miss Mann's second grade children have been busy making finger paintings, spatter paintings and booklets. In the booklets there are many Christmas expressions. Here are a few of them:

S is for Saviour who brought at his birth, joy to the people and sweet peace on earth. By Carolyn Metcalf. "Christmas," like Santa Claus because he is nice. He brings toys and gifts. By Ted Smith. The star led the wise men to where Christ lay. The angel said: "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news." When the shepherds heard the news, they said: "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass." By Red Smith. We also found an unusual decoration which was a jar containing a small Santa Claus, citric acid, and mothballs. When water is poured into the jar, it forms snow.

In Mrs. Bennett's third grade, the pupils have been learning Christmas carols. They are making a book of carols to take home.

In Mrs. Hickey's third grade room, the pupils have made some wall decorations.

Miss Edward's third grade has been making gifts for their par-

ents. They have been studying carols and stories on records.

In Miss D. White's third grade room the students have been making gifts for their parents. They have memorized Scriptures and songs having to do with Christmas.

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Early's fourth grade has been doing art handwork and the grade mothers will give a party for the class.

Miss Rymer's fourth grade is giving a program for the parents entitled, "Farewell to Toyland." They also have been doing some Christmas artwork.

The grade mothers in Mrs. Hudgin's fourth grade are giving the class a treat and the class will have a play.

The grade mothers in Miss Caultie's fourth grade are giving a party for the class featuring Santa.

Mickey Chandler is out of school with a broken collar bone. The class hopes that he will be able to come back to school soon.

Mrs. Benford's fourth grade is having two plays, one entitled "On the Way Christmas." The class will do two choral readings, which are "When the Stars Shine Down" and "Silver Bells." The other play is "Santa's Christmas Breakfast." They are having a treat from the grade mothers and are doing some Christmas artwork.

In Mrs. Woodard's fifth grade the children are making chalked scenes on the blackboard. They also have other decorations. The students are also making bells for their door.

In Miss Allen's room the pupils are making tray favors for V. A. hospital. Their Citizenship Club is going to have a play Friday.

In Mrs. Rice's room, which is a fifth grade, the students are making favors for V. A. hospital. They also have chalked scenes on the blackboards.

Mrs. Stewart's fifth grade has made favors and are making bells for their door.

Mrs. Beddingfield's sixth grade is planning a program and is going to have films of the story of Jesus for their grade mothers Friday.

Mrs. Stubb's sixth grade the students are making letter holders and book ends. They are planning a program and social for their mothers, on Friday. The pupils painted a mural for the backdrop of their play.

Mrs. O'Connor's sixth grade is going to have a Christmas party on Friday.

In Mrs. Tipton's sixth grade the pupils are making plaques from plaster of paris and pictures. They have other beautiful decorations including a manger scene.

Mrs. Burgess's seventh grade has been enjoying drawing Christmas pictures and spraying them with snow. They will have a Christmas party on Friday. Instead of exchanging gifts, they have decided to bring money to buy a soft ball for the girls and a football for the boys.

The pupils in Mr. McCormick's seventh grade have been making wreaths, canes, and painting figurines.

In Mrs. Sorrell's seventh grade, each pupil has made a gift for their mother and father. They have also made waste paper cans, what-not shelves, candleholders, letterholders and wreaths for the door. On Friday there will be a treat with treats. Entertainment will be in the form of contests with Christmas as the theme. Mr. Tomberlin visited them last week and showed slides of Mexico.

The pupils in Miss Lindsey's seventh grade have been enjoying many Christmas activities, such as

making candy canes, wreaths, Christmas cards, pictures, and wassailbaskets.

The grade mothers in all rooms are planning treats for the children. Hats off, to these mothers! Due to the fact that the rooms are being painted some decorations have not been put up.

Convictions For Traffic Law Violations Drop

RALEIGH, Dec. 15—Convictions for various traffic violations on North Carolina highways in November were at a new low, the Department of Motor Vehicles reported today.

Reckless driving violations alone dropped from 1,343 in October to 1,008 last month, the lowest recorded for the year. And driving without a driver's license resulted in 1,181 convictions, 139 fewer than in October.

The speeders held their own however. Arrested and convicted for exceeding the state's legal speed limit were an even 3,100 motorists, or 326 more than in October.

Other violations reported in the regular monthly summary were as follows: faulty equipment, 374; failings to stop for a stop sign, 326; improper lights, 151; improper passing, 144; failing to give right-of-way, 128; following too closely, 88; driving on wrong side of road, 76; and failing to give hand signal, 55.

Total convictions for November came to 6,900 North Carolinians found guilty of traffic violations. Out-of-staters convicted came to 1,032.

coloured brick fashioned from the soil on which the town stands. They are simple in design, but characterized by rustless iron railings, double-tiered dormer windows, and beautifully proportioned rooms with thick walls. Buildings are for the most part set flush with the brick-paved sidewalks which line the narrow streets, and the community centers around Salem Square and the Home Moravian Church. The word "Salem" itself symbolizes the spirit of Christmas, for it means "peace."

Candle teas are sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the church each December to show people how the candles for the Christmas Lovefeasts are made. Another Moravian Christmas custom is the making of the Putz, traditionally a nativity scene or a replica of the church. In the past, almost all Salem families made Putz, but today only a few are fashioned. There is always a very large Putz made in the Brothers House (built in 1769) for display at the candle teas.

A traditional Christmas decoration in Old Salem is the may-pole Moravian star which is used on most doorways. The star, which has 26 long and short points shaped of paper, originated in Saxony. An electric light or candle is placed inside it.

Good food is a tradition in Old Salem, where skillful housewives prefer to do much of their own baking, especially for the holiday season. The thin, brown spice cookies known as Moravian Christmas cakes are always baked in Salem households at Christmas, and have been shipped all over the world. Sugar cake, too, is a Salem favorite both at Christmas and at other seasons of the year.

Visitors to Old Salem's Christmas services are always welcomed, and come from many states each year to help the community observe its Christmas traditions.

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- Ann Page Creamy Salad **DRESSING** - - - - - Qt. Jar **45c**
- Golden Cream Style **Iona Corn** - - - - - 2 No. 303 Cans **25c**
- Pratt-Low Whole Spiced **Peaches** - - - - - No. 2 1/4 Can **29c**
- Rajah Dry Shredded **Cocoanut** - - - - - 4-Oz. Pkg. **14c**
- Hershey's Cooking **Chocolate** - - - - - 1/4-Lb. Pkg. **39c**

- A&P Crushed **Pineapple** - - - - - No. 2 Can **23c**
- Mild American **Cheese** - - - - - Lb. **51c**
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- Red Emperor **GRAPES** - - - - - Lb. **15c**
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- Super Right Choice Western Beef **Rib Roast** Standing 7-In. Cut Lb. **79c**
- Fresh Pork Roast **Loin End** - - - - - Lb. **39c**
- Short Shank Smoked Pork 4 to 6 Lb. Avg. **Shoulder Picnics** - - - - - Lb. **39c**
- Fresh Skinned Half or Whole 10 to 14 Lb. Avg. **Pork Hams** - - - - - Lb. **55c**
- Short Shank Smoked Skinned 12 to 16 Lb. Avg. **Hams** Half or Whole - - - - - Lb. **57c**

- Dromedary **Pitted Dates** - - - - - 1 1/4-Oz. Pkg. **23c**
- Packer's Label Red Sour Pitted **Pie Cherries** - - - - - No. 2 Can **21c**
- Iona **Cut Beets** - - - - - No. 303 Can **11c**
- A&P **Pumpkin** - - - - - No. 2 1/4 Can **15c**
- Dry **Blackeye Peas** - - - - - 2-Lb. Pkg. **37c**
- Ann Page Regular or Elbow **Macaroni** - - - - - 8-Oz. Pkg. **10c**

- Crisco** - - - - - 1-Lb. Can **31c** 3-Lb. Can **85c**
- P&G Soap** - - - - - 3 Lge. Bars **22c**
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Old Salem Follows European Style For Christmas

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Dec. 17—The turbulent year of 1952 finds the Moravian community of Old Salem, in the North Carolina city of Winston-Salem, observing the Christmas season with customs whose serenity and reverence have remained unchanged since they were brought to America from Germany more than 200 years ago.

One of the most cherished customs of the Moravians is the Lovefeast, which is a very simple service based on the idea that all Christians are one big family and can show this fellowship by meeting and breaking bread together at such religious seasons as Christmas and Easter. At the Home Moravian Church, built in 1800, there will be Christmas Lovefeasts on Dec. 24 this year, beginning in the morning and continuing on until midnight so that every member of the community, as well as guests, may take part. The service is usually one of songs by the choir and congregation, during which small, handmade beeswax candles are distributed to the entire congregation to be lighted and held aloft as a symbol that each person present will, in the coming year, try to follow Christ as the Light of the World. Coffee and Christmas buns are served at the end of the service.

The fragrant candles are made by the women of the church, who begin this work each October. Candle moulds fashioned by early American craftsmen are still used. Each candle is trimmed with a small ruffle of red, fireproof paper. The use of the candles in the Christmas services was started in 1747 by a young Moravian minister in Germany. Some 3,000 candles are required each Christmas by the various Moravian churches in the Salem vicinity.

Old Salem itself represents a unique survival of an early American planned community. It is approximately 16 city blocks in size and is now incorporated as a part of the thriving industrial city of Winston-Salem. It was founded 200 years ago as a religious, cultural and industrial center of the Moravian settlement of Wachovia, a 100,000-acre tract obtained from Lord Granville. In Old Salem are brick, frame and log buildings which have survived storms, wars and the industrialization of modern society and are still serving as sturdy homes, schools and churches. The roofs are of tile, and the brick walls are of rose-

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