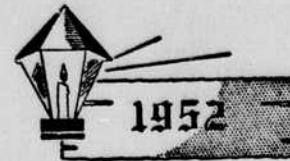


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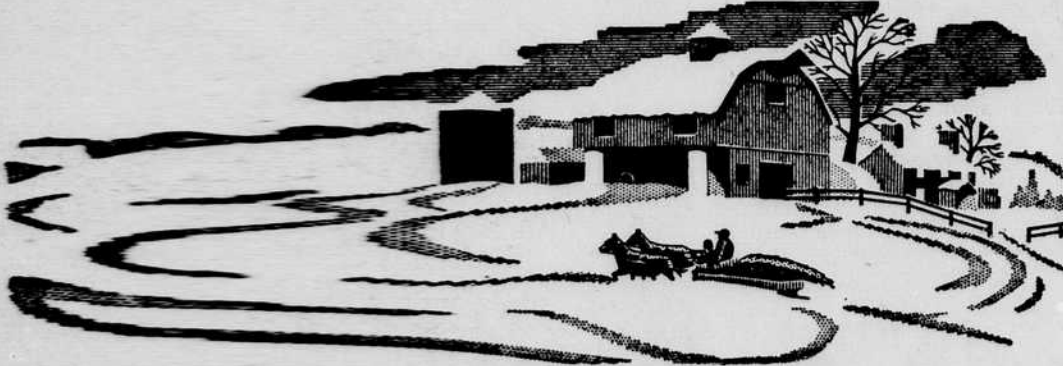
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Season's Best Wishes The peace and happiness of Christmas belongs to you. 1952

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor: May we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year. We are most grateful to you for the wonderful cooperation you have given us relative to items of interest pertaining to our club. We certainly feel that the good "write-ups" you have given us have helped to lay the ground-work toward establishing another superior club in Black Mountain. The American Home and Civic Club, Mrs. J. H. Cheek, pres. Swannanoa, N. C. Route 1, Box 50.

Dear Editor: My Black Mountain News is a constant source of cheer and inspiration and information to me, and I am grateful to you and to the news writers and the composers and publishers, and the postal service, and the business firms who sponsor my news with their ads, and every subscriber for making my paper possible! May I say thank you, my good neighbors, and thank God for you! Since I have been sick and unable to address and mail my Christmas cards, please forgive me. I love you every one and I'll be thinking of you at Christmas time and praying that God will bless you, and watch over you and protect you, and guide and direct you, and be with you through the new year, and give you peace! Sincerely your friend, Mrs. B. C. Burnette, Sr.

Dear Editor: I am in a mood, as I reflect upon the happy childhood days when Christmas would come to our home to quote from Charles Dickens, who knows better how to tell you what I should like to say than myself. In speaking of Christmas, he said: "Numerous indeed are the hearts to which Christmas brings a brief session of happiness and enjoyment. How many families, scattered far and wide in the restless struggle of life, are then united, and meet once again in that happy state of companionship and mutual good-will, which is a source of such pure and unalloyed delight and one so incompatible with the cares and sorrows of the world, that the religious belief of the most civilized nations and the rude traditions of the roughest savages alike, number it among the first days of a future state of existence, provided for the blest and happy!" How many old recollections and how many dormant sympathies Christmas-time awakens!

"We write these words now, many miles distant from the spot at which year after year, we met on that day, a merry and joyous circle. Many of the hearts that throbbled so gaily then have ceased to beat; many of the hands we grasped have grown cold. The

LEGAL NOTICES NOTICE Having this day qualified as Executor of the estate of WILEY B. KYLES, late of Black Mountain, Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before One (1) Year from date hereof, or else this Notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 28th day of November, 1952. CAROLYN KYLES, Executrix of the Estate of WILEY B. KYLES, deceased. Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25; Jan. 1, 8.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Otis Daniels, late of Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate, to present the same to the undersigned in care of George F. Meadows, Attorney, 32-33 Law Building, Asheville, North Carolina, within twelve (12) months after the completion of the publication of this notice, or said notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 3rd day of December, 1952. C. O. HILL, Administrator of the Estate of Otis Daniels, Deceased. Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25; Jan. 1, 8.

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of C. W. A. Riddle, deceased, late of Buncombe County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate, to present them to the undersigned, on or before the 18th day of December, 1953, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 11th day of December, 1952. S. P. Riddle, Administrator. Address: Black Mountain, Route 1, Pagetown Road. Dec. 18, 25; Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22.

NOTICE Having this day qualified as Executor of the Estate of OPHELIA KERLEY, late of Black Mountain, Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, at his residence at McCain, North Carolina, on or before one (1) year from the date hereof, or else this Notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 18th day of December, 1952. ROY ALTON JONES, Executor of the Estate of OPHELIA KERLEY, deceased. Dec. 28; Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

eyes we sought have hid their luster in the grave, and yet the old house, the room, the merry voices and smiling faces, the jest and the laugh, the most minute and trivial circumstances connected with those happy meetings crowd our mind at each recurrence of the season, as if the last assemblage had been but yesterday. Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childish days, recall to the old man the pleasure of his youth and transport the traveler back to his own fireside and quiet home."

This description of Dickens makes us homesick for childhood days, when we were satisfied with little, as we would consider it today, but that meant so much to us in those days of simplicity and in home affection that made every heart glad and grateful for the return of another happy Christmas season. Let everyone with whom we come in contact see in us the Spirit of the Christ, who gave himself for us that we might inherit everlasting life. He came to "make His Blessing flow far as the curse" of sin is found, and that means to the ends of the earth. Louise Cook, (Mrs. J. I. Cook, Sr.)

December 5, 1952. Dear Editor: You will find enclosed two papers on the subject of highway safety in North Carolina. Please do me the favor of examining this material. It is my hope that you will use it in some way in the columns of your paper to promote the cause of safety on our highways. I believe you will agree that only with the support of the PRESS, can the necessary support be built up among the people of North Carolina to secure passage of needed highway safety legislation by the next General Assembly—and its enforcement thereafter. For your information, I am the State Chairman of the Highway Safety Committee of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association. More than 95% of all automobile dealers in the State are members of this Association. Our group is extremely anxious to promote the cause of highway safety in every way possible. Won't you please help? Sincerely yours, T. A. Williams, Chairman Highway Safety Committee North Carolina Automobile Dealers Assn.

MONTREAT The eleven o'clock service of the Montreat Presbyterian church was held in the lobby of the Assembly Inn on last Sunday. Rev. John R. Williams, the minister preached on the "Incarnation". On next Sunday the church will also be in the Inn. On Monday night the annual Christmas party was held in the lobby of the Assembly Inn at 8 p. m. with all in Montreat invited and each person taking a gift to be exchanged. A large crowd gathered for the happy occasion. A short devotional service was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. John R. Williams. The Soos family sang Hungarian carols and the McAllister family sang carols in Portuguese. Other carols were sung and enjoyed by all. Delicious refreshments were served by the managers of the Inn. All gathered around the Christmas tree for the giving of the gifts, and the joy of fellowship. Mrs. McBride told a Christmas story. Mrs. Billy Graham has returned from a short stay in Charlotte. She has as her guests for the holidays Mrs. Bates and daughter, Nancy Bates of Charlotte. Dr. Billy Graham is preaching to the soldiers in Korea, and was heard on his Sunday broadcast from Seoul on last Sunday. On next Sunday he will be heard from the front and will have a special Christmas program. Many of the college students are in Montreat for the holidays. Miss Gay Currie, executive secretary of the Y. W. C. A. in Chapel Hill and sister Ann Currie of King College are in their home on Virginia road for the holidays. Ann has been the guest of Maria Spence for the last week-end. Danny Wilson is home from the Darlington school in Rome, Georgia. Clayton Bell is home from his



Our sincere good wishes go out to you. 1952

CAVIN'S GUN & KEY SHOP Black Mountain

SUNSHINE SCHOOL PRESENTS PROGRAM A Christmas program for parents and friends was presented by Mrs. L. H. Gregory's Sunshine school pupils Friday evening at her home on the Montreat road. A large crowd was present to see the following program: The Rhythm Band, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," and "Jesus Loves Me." "Brahms Lullaby, Flo Barabell, "Jingle Bells," Ronnie Bartlett, Richard Clark, and David Roberts. "Silent Night," Linda Avey, Don Allen, Terry Cheek. "Up On the House Top," Danny Patton, Johnny McDougle, and Ronnie Brandon. "Merry Christmas" Anne Stubbs.

burning when no one is home. 11. If needles near the lights turn brown, move the lights. 12. When needles start to fall, take the tree down and discard it.

Trees Increase Threat Of Fire Over Holidays

The Christmas tree, center of holiday festivities in most American homes, can easily become the center of tragedy, warns the National Board of Fire Underwriters. Because a fir tree is filled with pitch and resin, it is one of the most combustible objects known—and once ignited, it burns so rapidly that it is virtually impossible to extinguish.

- "Keep Christmas merry," advises the Board. "Follow these safety rules and avoid a fire in your home during the Christmas season." 1. Choose a small tree. It's less dangerous than a large one. 2. Don't set it up until a few days before Christmas. Until then, keep it outdoors. 3. Place it in the coolest part of the house, away from fireplaces or radiators. And don't let it block an exit. 4. Stand it in water, or use a live tree planted in a tub of earth. 5. Never use cotton or paper for decoration on or around the tree. 6. Do not put electric trains under the tree. 7. Use only electric lights, never candles, and see that the wires are not frayed. Be sure the wiring sets for lights you choose are marked as having been inspected by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. 8. Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning tree lights on and off. Don't plug or unplug them beneath the tree. 9. Throw away all gift wrappings as soon as the presents have been opened; don't let them pile up near the tree. 10. Do not leave tree lights

hill; Angel, Anne Stubbs; Shepherds, Linda Avey, Richard Clark, and David Roberts; Kings, Danny Patton, Johnny McDougle, and Ronnie Bartlett; carolers, Kaye Patton, Judy Evans, Brenda Cordell, Nancy Gregory, and Bobby and Blaine Gregory, Joseph, Don Allen. Mrs. Emory Whitaker of Swannanoa will spend Christmas with their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Milnes of Norfolk. Mrs. Jack Shaw will leave Friday to visit relatives and friends in the eastern part of the state and Richmond, Va.

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