

# Swannanoa School Scoops

Prepared by the Students of Swannanoa Schools

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## FROM ONE TO EIGHT

### Christmas

Christmas Day is a day that commemorates the birth of Christ. Christmas dates only from the 4th century, although there are earlier references to the celebration of the feast in some places. The festival of Sol, the unconquerable sun god, which the Romans celebrated late in December, was adopted by the Church as the greatest feast of the year in honor of the birth of Christ, the light of the world. The exact date of Christ's birth is not known and for a time various dates were chosen for this feast, but in the 4th century December 25 was generally adopted. The name Christmas comes from Christ's Mass, the mass said in honor of his birth.

The Christmas tree was first used in Germany as early as 1605. According to an old tradition its burning candles represent the flowers supposed to bloom on Christmas. The use of mistletoe comes down from the Druids to whom it was a sacred plant.

Each country has its equivalent of our Santa Claus whose name comes from the Dutch for St. Nicholas, a kindly Bishop of the 4th century.

Louise Burch, 6 B-1

### 6 B-3's Christmas Program

Friday, Dec. 19, Mrs. O'Barr's sixth grade class had a Christmas party. The following program, arranged by Gail Lee, Mackie McPeters, David Burgess, and Mary Elizabeth Carter, was presented:

I. Luke 2:8-16, Elizabeth Vaughn; Eileen Sims and Carolyn Mills, "While Shepherds Watch Their Flock by Night." II. "The First

Noel" by Carolyn Mills and Eileen Sims. A Christmas poem, Perry Buckner. III. "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear", Judy Pruitt and Judy Books, Eileen Sims and Carolyn Mills. IV. A poem "Hang Up the Baby Stocking", Betty Patton. V. A song "I Saw Mama Kissing Santa Claus", Helene Nichols. All sang "Rudolph", "Silent Night", "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day", "O Come All Ye Faithful", and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." VII. Christmas prayer by David Young. After the program, gifts were exchanged, refreshments were served, games were played and more songs were sung. The party was greatly enjoyed by all.

Mary Elizabeth Carter Mrs. O'Barr's 6 B-3 has been very happy to have Mary Elizabeth Carter as a classmate for four months. They are very sorry that she is going back home to Jacksonville, Fla. The class bought her a going-away gift. The class will miss her very much and wishes she could stay with us.

By Carolyn Mills and Helene Nichols

### 7 B-1 Wise Cracks

Mrs. Croy, waiting for David A. to pay attention, said in rhyme:

David A. must stop winking.

Instead start thinking.

John S. (about Mary N. who never runs down):

"Mary N. must stop talking;

and start to Morganton walking."

### 7 B-1 Christmas Program

1. The Christmas Story, Shirley Bell. 2. The story of the Writer of the Night Before Christmas, Dorothy Hodge. 3. The Night Before Christmas, David Alexander. 4. An Original Christmas Poem, Joann Surrett. 5. Safety Rules for Christmas, David Cooke.

After the program we enjoyed refreshments of Christmas goodies brought by the class and grade mothers.

### 7 B-3 Christmas Program

A lighted tree, carols, a jolly Santa and bright holly express the good cheer of Christmas. These are some of our Christmas symbols, and their origin was discussed by members of our class at the Christmas program in our room. Following this was a choral reading from Dickens's Christmas Carol, Tommy McPeters took the part of Ebenezer Scrooge. Assigned members of the class made up the other solo parts and chorus. Original poems, stories, jingles, games and songs were also included. After the program we had our treat and exchange of gifts.

Everyone certainly had a good time.

### Christmas (Original Poem)

Christmas is the time of year, When there is always joy and cheer, Sweet are the Christmas carols we hear, Which make the Christ Child feel so near.

It makes us think of long ago, Of a star in the East that did glow, That guided the Wise Men to the Holy Child, To a manger we think so sweet and mild.

So Christmas is not really For gifts and presents frilly, But for the three meaning Of the Christ Child sweet and Redeeming.

Carolyn Magnant, Mrs. Hipp's 7 B-3.

### 8 B-1 Christmas Plans

The customary Christmas party with all the display and excitement was planned in 8 B-1.

Jackie Watkins brought a tree which was decorated with an angel, stars and "candy" canes all made from paper by members of the class. A few lights and silver circles provided glamor and glitter.

## Why We Believe In Christmas

Christmas is a time of the year when people are happy and gay. They give gifts to their loved ones. The children are happy because they are looking for Santa Claus and what he will bring them. People have always believed in Christmas ever since Jesus was born long ago. This is the most important thing that makes people believe in Christmas. Jesus brought gladness to many hearts the night He was born. Many people came to worship Him and to see the dream of the Prophets come true.

We should all be glad that we have this wonderful time of the year to give gifts and to show our love for other people and to give a little more love to the One that made it possible. Joyce Weatherly, 12th grade.

Weatherly and Martha Mahaffey.

When the gifts were given out, some were pleased and some were surprised. Everyone had a good time and 10 B-1 would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

We all hope that Ned Greene, who is in the hospital with appendicitis, will be able to be home for Christmas.

10 B-2 Homeroom News The 10 B-2 homeroom of Mr. all.

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Hornaday had its Christmas party on Friday. Games were played, then Christmas carols were sung. Presents were exchanged and a nice gift was given to Mr. Hornaday by the class. Afterwards sandwiches, punch, ice cream, nuts, do-nuts, candy and potato chips were served. A good time was had by

Sara Dillingham, a member of our class, is convalescing. We hope she will soon be back with us.

F. H. A.

The Swannanoa chapter of the F.H.A. planned a big Christmas party Dec. 19 at 7:30, at the new Club House in Grovemont. Some of the girls invited guests. I know

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A big pile of packages, white, red or green, Awaiting the party to be opened and seen. The children, though settled all snug in their seats, Have heads full of presents, fruit cakes, and sweets. Old customs, traditions, and songs we recall, And holiday spirit enlivens us all.

### 8 B-3

Our Christmas tree was brought in Tuesday morning and decorated. We had our Christmas party Friday morning. Refreshments were served and presents were given out. The boys and girls made bells, candy canes, and stars which gave us the Christmas spirit.

In English class, we have told Christmas stories and studied origins of Christmas carols. Margaret Woody, reporter.



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## Down The Hall

### 11 B-1 Plans Party

Wow! Christmas is almost here and we sure had fun in school this week. We didn't work very hard and Mr. Howell provided lots of entertainment for us. Then Friday we (11 B-1) had a swell party. We drew names and we exchanged gifts Friday after 2nd period until 12 noon.

Willie Mae, Wilma, Betty Anne, and Barbara planned the party as each the boys agreed for them to help provide the refreshments. I'm sure we all had lots of fun.

### News of 11 B-2

11 B-2 had a very nice Christmas party in Mrs. Freeman's room Friday, Dec. 19. Shirley McClure had the devotionals, followed by carol singing by the whole class. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served to the following members of the class: Boyce Bartlett, Jimmy Vess, Evan Powell, Lawrence Wood, Don Luckadoo, Dean Wilkerson, Joe Jones, Walter Rainwater, Walter McCraw, Tommy Stevens, Ray Suttles, Bobby Rogers, J. C. Wright, David Young, Dorothy Byas, Mary Jo Cooke, Betty Creasman, Louise Gragg, Jacqueline Harper, Phyllis Hutchins, Shirley McClure, Jo Mary McInturff, Jackie Netherton, Carolyn Porter, Mary Ellen Sims, Joyce Stuart, Peggy Yow, and Mrs. Freeman.

### Jo Mary McInturff

### 10 B-1 Pleased

Our class held its annual Christmas party Friday, Dec. 19, with 37 members present.

We had a beautiful Christmas tree which was brought by Roy Burleson and Richard Campfield. The Christmas tree committee consisted of Beverly Craig, Jacqueline McMahan and Reba Lewis.

The refreshments were served by the refreshment committee, who were Stanley Gregory, George Thompson, Dottie Burnette, Barbara Harding, Ina Smith, Mary Fane Weatherly and Peggy Edmonds.

The social committee, who planned the games, consisted of Barbara Harding, Mary Fane

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