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St. James Church Sets Christmas Eve Services

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Thousands of worshippers will hear these tidings told again in Episcopal churches throughout Western North Carolina in services set for midnight Christmas Eve and Christmas morning.

North Fork News OR **Mountain Views**

By Oden Walker

There came close to being a catastrophe in the home of Mrs. Julius A. Walker last Friday night. Mrs. Walker was in the habit of throwing her night garments across a small electric heater to warm before donning them to retire. On this particular night the sleeve of the garment fell down against the red-hot coil, and when she looked around the fabric was in flames. Mrs. Walker has kept a cool head for almost 93 years, so she took the corner of the flaming gown and rolled it into a tight ball, and smothered the fire, then stamped out all remaining sparks. When she had the fire all put out she called for help. She told us on Saturday that she was still nervous from the narrow escape.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 52 DRESSES DOLLS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN

Girl Scout Troop 52, has been dressing dolls to go into baskets for needy children. Our leaders, Mrs. J. Kaplan, and Mrs. Kelly Benge, helped us. The results were very good.

The older girls have started work on their "Curved Bar" which is the highest honor a girl scout can receive.

The scouts all voted to start on journalism, because we all liked it. Mrs. Gordon Greenwood is helping us on this badge.

METHODIST CIRCLE NO. 1 HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Circle No. 1 of the Methodist church held its Christmas program and party Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 16, at the home of Mrs. J. T. Simpson with the chairman, Mrs. A. A. Dickens, presiding.

Mrs. L. C. Jumper gave a short Christmas program on the origin of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "Silent Night."

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments enjoyed by Mrs. Charles Long, Mrs. H. W. Sanders, Mrs. J. A. Guder, Mrs. C. R. Longcoy, Mrs. Ernest Plemmons, Mrs. D. G. Guess, Mrs. Kelly Benge, Mrs. Fred Schnetz, Mrs. E. N. Crumpler, Mrs. M. J. Wyrick, Mrs. M. C. Dickens, Mrs. H. A. Kerlee, Mrs. C. C. Godfrey, Mrs. Jumper, Mrs. Gordon Greenwood and the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Woodcock and children, Mary Catherine, Anne, and Johnny will leave Friday for a vacation in Florida.

This Belongs To All Of Us!

The sponsors of the United Fund Appeal in Black Mountain and the surrounding area have taken their case to the people. Although active solicitation will not begin until after the rush of the Christmas season is over, many have taken advantage of the opportunity to contribute to this worthy cause now so that they may claim the deduction for 1952 income tax purposes.

Every family here that has sent a representative to the armed services has a stake in the USO, a project supported by the UDF.

We have a particularly great interest in the campaign here in Black Mountain. For several years the Red Feather agency turned back to this community in support of the youth and recreation program more than all of us contributed. To a community having as few facilities for its young people, this is of utmost importance.

The UDF is a good cause, appealing to the heart and to the head. It speaks for neighborliness, for civic responsibility, mobilized to meet the needs of children, youth, families, the ill, the aged, and the handicapped in the home community.

The UDF drive belongs not to the Young Woman's club that is sponsoring it here, not to the young soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who crowd the 257 USO clubs at home and overseas to capacity, but to all of us. It is only right that all of us should share in its support.

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SWANNANOA NEWS
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SWANNANOA Weekly Calendar

- Sunday, Dec. 28 — church schedule: Presbyterian: S. S., 10; morning worship, 11; Young People of the Church, 7:30. Rev. G. B. Talbot, pastor. Free Will Baptist: S. S., 10; worship, 11; Y.P. 8:15; evening worship, 7:30. Rev. Wayne Smith, pastor. First Baptist: S. S., 10; worship, 11; B.T.U., 6:30; evening worship, 7:30; Student night. Rev. Charles W. Smith, pastor. Methodist: S. S., 10; worship, 11; evening worship, 7:30. Rev. C. W. Bates, pastor. Church of the Nazarene: S. S., 10; worship, 11; N.Y.P.S., 6:45; evening worship, 7:30. Rev. Parnell Lewis, pastor.
 - Monday, Dec. 29 — Boys of Woodcraft, W.O.W. hall, 7:00 p.m. Dedication of Swannanoa Community Center, 7:30 p.m. Public cordially invited.
 - Tuesday, Dec. 30 — Woman's Auxiliary, Brotherhood, Young Ladies and Sunbeams, Free Will Baptist church, 7:00.
 - Wednesday, Dec. 31 — Prayer service: Church of the Nazarene, 7:30; Presbyterian and First Baptist, 7:30; Free Will Baptist, 7:00. New Year's Eve.
- wife of a navy chaplain. Several others told of unusual and interesting experiences that had happened at Christmas time. The group joined in singing of Christmas carols, followed by a social hour. Others present were Mrs. Hubert Clapp, Mrs. Phillip Clark, Mrs. Lester Connelly, Mrs. W. W. Corne, Mrs. Robert Davidson, Mrs. John Kelly, Mrs. William Nichols, Mrs. Wendall Patton, Mrs. George Young and two guests, Mrs. McCain McMurray and Mrs. George Lemieux.
- American Home Group**
The American Home group met Monday night, Dec. 15, at McMurray Chevrolet Co. show room in Black Mountain with Mrs. W. H. McMurray Jr., Miss Awa Buckner, Mrs. O. M. Alexander, Mrs. R. M. Swicegood, Mrs. C. M. Haynie and Mrs. John Brown as hostesses. Mrs. Elizabeth Parham of Carolina Power and Light Co. had the program. She did Christmas cooking and ideas for holiday meals and refreshments. During the business plans for refreshments were discussed for open house at the dedication of the Swannanoa Community Center Monday, Dec. 29. Mrs. Murlin Adcock, chairman, presided. Also present were Mrs. Sam Alexander, Mrs. Ulmont Baker, Miss Ruth Bunker, Mrs. Bessie Carr, Mrs. D. M. Connelly, Mrs. Denver Harbin, Mrs. John Kelly, Mrs. Russell McClaren, Mrs. H. R. Miller, Mrs. Selmar Neukaug, Mrs. Charlie Nichols, Mrs. James Parks, Mrs. Charles Porter, Mrs. Arnold Powell, Mrs. L. A. Smolinski, Mrs. S. E. Steele, Mrs. John Vaillancourt, Miss Ruth White and Miss Nancy Wrenn.
- Combined Birthday Party**
George and Kathryn Lemieux were honored with a combined birthday party by their mother, Mrs. George Lemieux, at the home Dec. 18 at 3:30 p.m. George was five Dec. 6 and Kathryn will be four Christmas Day. The Christmas motif was carried out in the decorations. After the playing of games, and opening of gifts ice cream and cake were served to the boys present, Billy McMurray, Billy Faucette, Billy Adcock, Monty and Ronnie Baker, and the girls, Sally Adcock, Brenda Parks and Anne Davidson.
- Personals**
Mr. and Mrs. Waco Carroll visited their son Ralph over the week end. Ralph is a patient in the Baptist State hospital at Winston-Salem and has been seriously

Christmas Social
The Woman's Auxiliary and Brotherhood of the Free Will Baptist church held a Christmas social for members and their families Saturday night, Dec. 13, at the parsonage. Gifts were exchanged and the pastor and his wife were presented with an electric blanket. The group was favored by several numbers sung by the Swannanoa Harmony quartette of the church. Refreshments were served to approximately 50 members and their families enjoying the occasion.

Covered Dish Supper
The Business Woman's Circle of the First Baptist church enjoyed a Christmas social at the home of Mrs. Frank Allen in the form of a covered dish supper. Christmas decorations were used throughout the house. The circle received their Lottie Moon Christmas offering and exchanged gifts. Among those present were Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. Merriam McPherson, Mrs. Hal McKinney, Mrs. Jack Hughes, Mrs. Glenn Brown, Mrs. Lott McMahan, Mrs. L. O. Wright, Mrs. W. H. Penley, Mrs. J. V. Patton, Mrs. H. R. Campfield, Mrs. James Matthews, Mrs. K. C. Simons, Mrs. Fred Allen, Mrs. Harry Noblitt, Mrs. L. E. Waincott, Mrs. Lester Miller, Mrs. Lester Pettit, Mrs. Lloyd Campfield, Mrs. William Blaine, Mrs. Harrih Sands and two guests.

Christmas Pageant
The Christmas pageant "A King Is Given" at the First Baptist church Sunday night was beautiful to see. Approximately fifty young people and adults took part in the candlelight service portraying the story of the Christ Child's birth in Bethlehem under the direction of Mrs. Richard Brasington and Mrs. Norman Freeman. Drama members were: reader, Barbara Vanover; Isaiah, Dean Wilkerson; angel, Peggy Edmunds; Mary, Joyce Stuart; Joseph, Walter McCraw; shepherds, David McMahan, Vance Davis and Larry Gravette; children, Betty Patton, Mary Kay Morgan, Julia Smith, Bobby Lowe, Steve Luckadoo and Benny Shope; wise men, Millard Shook, Jerry Rhymer and Jackie Watkins. Musical numbers were: "Arise and Sing" by choir; "Mary of Galilee," Mrs. Brasington and choir; "To Bethlehem," Sylvia Hunt and Sonia Burleson; "Only A Cave," Richard Brasington; choir numbers, "The Angel Song," "Golden Star of Glory," "Go, Humble Shepherds," "A Song of Praise"; duet, "A Mother's Prayer," Elizabeth Allen, Betty Ingle, Mrs. Jim Gaddy and Doris Johnson; "And the Shepherds Returned," Rev. Smith; choir numbers, "This Little Child," "The Children of Bethlehem," "The Magi"; duet, "A Gift," Dorothy Johnson and Annette Meeks; solo, "Silent Night of Glory," Sylvia Hunt; closing, "Sing For Joy," and the benediction by the pastor.

Book Club Meets
The Swannanoa Book club met Tuesday night, Dec. 16, at the home of Mrs. William McMurray, Sr., with Mrs. William McMurray, Jr., and Mrs. Charles Nichols as associate hostesses. Mrs. S. D. Alexander presided during a brief business session. Plans were discussed for decorating the Swannanoa Community Center which will be dedicated Monday, Dec. 29. Mrs. William Faucette was in charge of the program. Mrs. Frederick Volbeda told of unusual Christmas experiences as the

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With The Sick

Mrs. R. R. Clements is at home after undergoing surgery at St. Joseph's hospital. Jenny Stepp has been sick for the past few days. L. V. Morris is out again after having the flu. Jones Earl Cowin remains critically ill in Duke hospital, Durham.

Mrs. Charles Stepp is improving after being sick for several days. Mrs. W. T. (Bill) Goodson has returned home from St. Joseph's hospital.

Mrs. Walter Stepp is much better after being sick at her home for several weeks.

Mrs. R. E. Mumpower is in Mission hospital, Asheville, undergoing treatment for injury she received in a fall at Sue Bennett college, London, Ky., where she is employed as hostess.

Look Who's Here!

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Carroll of Government have a daughter born Dec. 17 at Victoria hospital.

College Students To Give Annual Program

Students from different colleges will present the annual Presbyterian student night at the Presbyterian church Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Among those taking part will be: Barbara Wade, Maryville college; Harold McIntosh, Maryville; Charles Thomas, Purdue university; Elaine Allison, University of N. C.; and Marion Simons, University of N. C. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Presbyterian Women And Men Of Church Have Joint Meeting

The Presbyterian Men and Women of the Church held a joint meeting at the church, following the Christmas cantata, "Child Jesus," by the choir Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14.

A joy gift offering was taken at the time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

December 21, 1952.

Dear Editor:

To whomsoever thanks and words of appreciation and commendation are due, for the very beautiful and fitting street decorations in Black Mountain, may this simple vote of thanks be relayed. What a relief, and how much like truly coming out of a smoke-grimed, too-urbanized, or what will you, gaudily-decorated atmosphere into the pure air and sincere beauty of the mountains, it is to come from our nearby "metropolis" Asheville, with its gaudy, factory-made, artificial and—much of it—inappropriate electrically lighted gadgets stuck up on posts here and there, into the simple and beautiful decoration of the Black Mountain streets. The only thing lacking—and perchance I missed any—are some Christmas greens fresh from our mountains.

Let us hope the airy silvery ornaments may be preserved for other years—and may our town have established a tradition.

Very sincerely,
Edwin Michael Hoffman.
P. S.—Perhaps we should invite Ashevilleans to come and see.

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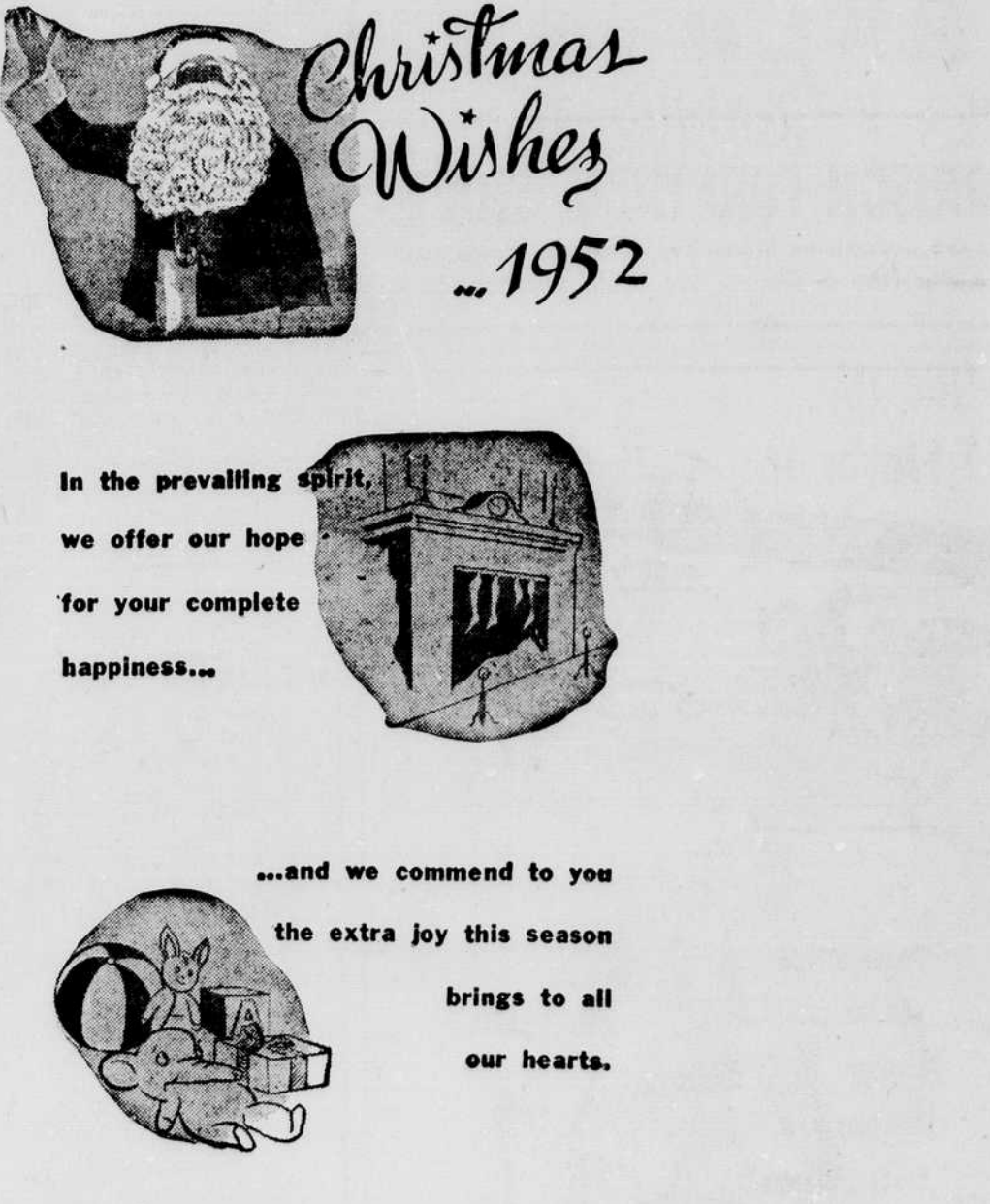
Is The Season for Greetings and Well Wishing For The Days Ahead

We wish to voice our thanks for the friendly good will you have shown us during the year . . . We want you to know that we appreciate your patronage and we promise our sincerest effort to please you in the future so that we may continue to deserve your confidence.

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