

Old Fort News Letter

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Christmas Decorations.

The Christmas season each year brings to light the latent artistic talent of our citizens. A tour up one street and down the other, all over town is rewarding, as lawns, rooftops, windows and doorways sparkle with multi-colored lights and displays of Christmas trees, greenery and candles. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hendley on a special trip to see each year. The Hyams home on Crawford street has an outdoor Christmas tree growing on the lawn, covered with colorful and beautifully arranged lights. The Kimball Miller home, 1200 West Main street, features a large picture window facing Catawba avenue, attracts attention because of the original holiday scenes it features each Yuletide. Kimball Miller, Jr. is responsible for the unique decoration, which this year depicts a skating party on a frozen lake of a beautiful blue, surrounded by snow covered hills.

Donnie Gibbs has constructed a Santa Claus complete with sleigh and reindeer on the roof of his home, and has floodlighted it in such a manner that it is clearly visible from various parts of town. The Gibbs home is on the hill on Maple street which parallels Main street. Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Turner's living room window is especially attractive. It is surrounded with a row of blue lights, and young Alvin's Christmas tree is visible through the window.

All of the merchants have decorated their places of business in various ways, but the most unusual is Faw's Plumbing Co. window arranged by Bill Faw who divided the plate glass into small panes with realistic drifts of snow in the right-hand lower corners. All of

What Christmas Means to Me.

Christmas means a lot to me. It is the birthday of Jesus instead of merely a day of giving and receiving gifts. The day is set aside in holy worship of His birth, so we should think of the true meaning of Christmas instead of Santa Claus each Christmas. Think of your gifts you send this year as those that the three Wise Men gave Jesus at his birth, and your Christmas carols as the ones the angels sang that night. If every one celebrated the true meaning of Christmas this year, I think we would have a happier nation.

By Carolyn Stroud. This is what Christmas means to me.

It means Christ was born to die on the tree. He was born to save us from sin; This includes children, women, and men.

To some it means business; To some it means happiness. But of course you have to have a tree, Or it wouldn't be Christmas for you and for me.

By Wendell Lee Brown. What Christmas Means to Me.

To me Christmas means the birthday of Jesus. It means the act of giving gifts as the Wise Men brought gifts to Jesus.

To little children it means Santa's coming and the giving of gifts. Christmas means the giving of Christmas plays with the Wise Men and the Shepherds coming to worship the new born King.

Christmas is a wonderful time, and I think we should think of it as the birthday of Jesus instead of thinking only of giving gifts.

By Ann Hall. Christmas. Christmas means a lot of things To all the girls and boys, To little ones it means just one— Santa will bring them toys. But most of all it means to us It was the day that Christ was born.

Everyone came from near and far They followed the bright and shining star They found Him in a stable dim Away, far off in Bethlehem.

Today they still worship Him Away, far over the sea, And if you will do the same— What a great child you will be!

By Evelyn Rhodes. What Christmas Means to Me. About this time of year there comes an enchantment in the air. There is especially to the youngsters a thought of Santa and toys, which, of course, is the spirit of giving.

But the main thing which you should think of is Christ. If there was no Savior there would be no Christmas. The things which make Christmas are Carolers standing in the white glittering snow, and inside, you find candles standing with boughs of holly and mistletoe on the mantle of a nice, warm, cozy fireplace. Adding to this is the sweet laughter of a small child underneath a Christmas tree, shining bright with a colorful array of lights.

All this put together makes a beautiful scene of Christmas.

By Dian Miller. The Meaning of Christmas.

Christmas is a time of great joy. Many years ago, a Savior was born in a lowly stable. No one knows the exact date but a person as important as Jesus should have a birthday. The birthday of a King gradually became December 25.

To some Christmas is the most wonderful holiday of all. It is a day of giving and getting. All around Christmas Day there are decorations, trees, wreaths, lights, and all kinds of greenery. Everybody decorates. From the great trees and lights down to the little bells and holly boughs, there is beauty. There is beauty because the hearts of the people are filled with beauty. —Frank Justice

We will decorate our tree this year. I am going to leave Santa some coffee and candy. I hope it snows this Christmas.

—Anne Stubbs. Mrs. White's second grade have been making decorations for their Christmas tree. They also are making Christmas cards.

The children have collected eight evergreens, which they are studying about.

They want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sixth Grade.

Mrs. O'Connor's sixth grade are glad to have two new students. Their names are Glen Craig and Lois Preston.

They wrote letters to their Pen Pals in Louisiana and their Pen Pals returned the favor.

They have their Christmas tree, and are making decorations for it. Peter Heymann, and David Scorza, reporters.

From Mrs. Beddingfield's class the best citizens for the last week were Jimmie Crumpler, and Jo Ann Cooper. Those chosen for this week are Bobby White and Douglas McDowell.

In their English club Ned Willis, Jimmie Crumpler, Brenda Garland, and Leon Gregory served popcorn to the class.

They are planning a Christmas pageant for their parents on Wednesday. The class all helped in making decorations for their Christmas tree.

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these, together with hustling shoppers, the chimes, the carols and the lighted churches, show that the Town of Old Fort is ready for Christmas.

Baptist Sunday School Parties.

The various departments of the Sunday school of the Old Fort Baptist church had their Christmas parties this week in the recreation rooms in the church basement. Mrs. Bula Nichols' Beginners gathered to play games, sing and have a tree at 4:00 p. m. on Wednesday. On Wednesday evening Mrs. A. C. Hogan's group, the Primary department, met to exchange gifts and receive treats. The Junior department, with Mrs. Austin Harris also held a meeting, and received gifts.

The Intermediate group met with their teacher Mrs. Mary Faw on Tuesday evening in the recreation rooms for their tree, and did the "Merry Workers" a group of young married women, with their leader, Mrs. Mildred McCauley.

Ladies of the Old Fort Methodist church prepared dinner and had it ready for their new minister and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Kelly Brendle upon their arrival at the parsonage on Friday evening. On Saturday evening, members of the church gave Rev. and Mrs. Brendle an old fashioned "pounding" at the parsonage.

Members of the Sunday school of the Old Fort Methodist church held their Christmas program, Sunday evening, Dec. 19, in the church, with Jack Turner conducting the program, which was followed by a distribution of treats for the children.

Clarence Metcalf who has been in the Air Force for a year and is stationed in the State of Wyoming, is visiting his brother, Claude Metcalf at his home on the Sugar Hill road.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Young and sons of Asheville visited Mrs. Young's sister, Mrs. Myrtle Hunt and her aunt, Mrs. Sallie Burgin at their homes here on Sunday.

Airman 3/c Charles A. Padgett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Padgett, has arrived for a seven days leave from Cape Charles, Va. He has been in service about six months and received his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. Jimmy Thomas and daughter Cheryl of Greensboro, have arrived to spend the holidays with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Walter LeFever.

James Robinson, son of Mrs. Ethel Allison Robinson, and senior at Rollins college, Winter Park, Fla., has returned to his home after a year's absence for the Christmas holidays. Last summer he was employed in New England. James has made quite a record at Rollins where he was a member of the crew team which competed in Philadelphia last year. Rollins college crew team won the Florida state championship.

Last Rites For Hensley.

Willie A. Hensley 66, retired barber of Old Fort, died Saturday night after a brief illness.

Funeral services were conducted at the Greenlee Baptist church at 2 p. m. Tuesday by the Rev. W. E. Walker. Interment was in Ebenezer cemetery.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Blanche Ricketts Hensley; six

daughters, Miss Marguerite Hensley of the home, Mrs. Wayne London and Mrs. George Early of Old Fort, Mrs. Hugh Suttles of Savannah, Ga., Mrs. Leo Morris of Denver, Colo.; three sons, Bill, George and Harrel Hensley of Old Fort and 15 grandchildren. Also

Fullerton in her usual charming group exchanged gifts and a speaker, gave a reading "The Littlest Angel" which was enjoyed by the 25 members present. The identity of the class.

College students home for the holidays are: Gaden Swann, Jr., from Boone; LaSall Light from Mars Hill, Guy Moore from Carolina, James Robinson, Rollins at Winter Park, Fla.; Helen Mae Shifflet from Lees-McRae, Banner Elk; Mary Vann Hughes, Furman University at Greenville; James Green, Carolina; Wilbur Greer, State at Raleigh; Richard Devinyne from Wake Forest; Hoke Thompson from Chapel Hill; Betty Marston from Appalachen at Boone.

The Old Fort Fire department has donated one hundred dollars to the Old Fort school to be used for lunches for underprivileged children. It also provided \$100 to purchase baskets of food for needy families. The merchants have offered to furnish the groceries at cost and deliver the baskets free.

The Fire Dept. will be joined by all the civic clubs in Old Fort in this worthy project.

Members of the American Business club are selling fruit cakes at \$1.00 per pound in 3 and 5 lb. sizes. Proceeds from the sale are to be given to the school for the lunch fund.

Pvt. Dean Lytle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gudger Lytle is home on a 15-day pass from Camp Gordon, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lytle and daughter, Joyce of Lexington, N. C., visited Mrs. Lytle's mother, Mrs. Charlie Hogan who is seriously ill at her home near Old Fort.

The marriage of Miss Jois Jackson and Mr. Vernon Brown has been announced. The wedding took place at the home of the officiating minister the Rev. Jack Guffy on Dec. 20. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are both of Old Fort.

Seaman 1st class Ray Baker and Mrs. Baker, the former Iona Willis, arrived in Old Fort Dec. 16 from San Diego, Calif., where Seaman Baker has been stationed for six months. They will return to California Dec. 21. Seaman Baker is the son of J. T. Baker, and Mrs. Baker is the daughter of Hobart Willis.

"The Gleaners" Young Women's Sunday school class of the Baptist church met in the recreation rooms of the church on Friday evening. Each member brought a covered dish with her.

Mrs. Ruby Swann, class president, conducted the program after supper was served. Mrs. Caroline

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