

Methodist Sunday morning, Dec. 23, will feature the sermon, "Shepherd, Stars, Singing," at the Methodist church. Night services will be held at the Youth Program, by the Rev. W. H. Ratchford.

Free Will Baptist Wednesday evening at 7:30 the Free Will Baptist church will present a Christmas play, "Why Christmas?" Everyone is invited to attend.

Last Wednesday night the regular prayer meeting services were cancelled in order that members might bring a gift and participate in a program of Christmas carols for patients at the WNC Sanatorium.



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The Christmas fellowship supper was enjoyed by approximately 75 to 100 in the basement of the Free Will Baptist church last week. Decorations and a tree expressed holiday greetings for those present. Supper was served by members of the Josephine Mumpower Auxiliary.

Star of Bethlehem (Taken from "The Child's Paper," dated 1852).

High in the heavens, a glittering star at twilight hour in glory hung, Shedding its radiance from afar, and e'en to earth its bright rays flung.

With eager gaze, a little child watched its soft beams with longing eyes; When, turning round, in accents mild, it gently uttered with a sigh.

"Oh, Mother dear, is that the gem that led the wond'ring wise men, on Their joyful way to Bethlehem, and gentle Mary's holy Son? 'I would that star would ever shine into this little heart of mine; It seems to say in language sweet, 'I'll lead thee to the Savior's feet.'"

First Baptist Circles Virginia Fowler

Mrs. Dorothy Lowe was hostess for the meeting of the Virginia Fowler circle, which had been postponed from the previous week. Those attending were Mrs. H. C. Gibbs, Mrs. Mary Bridges, Mrs. Helen Branks, Mrs. J. W. Teems.

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Program topic of the month was "My Ministry To The Lost," with all circle members having a able discussion on alcoholic beverages. Closing prayer was led by Mrs. Lowe. Business centered on the election of Mrs. Dodson as stewardship chairman and Mrs. Teems will serve as youth chairman.

Following the program a covered dish dinner was served as well as gifts being exchanged. Mrs. Helen Branks will serve as hostess for the meeting in January. Elizabeth Hale

Tuesday, Dec. 11, Mrs. Noel Wilhite received the Elizabeth Hale circle at the home, which had been beautifully decorated with Christmas greens and arrangements.

Mrs. A. R. Reed, Sr., circle chairman, conducted the business session. Regular business was discussed, with the Lottie Moon offering being taken. Plans for other Christmas gifts were completed.

Prior to the singing of Christmas carols and a prayer, a program on "My Ministry To The Lost" was presented, with Mrs. Fred Davidson reading scripture taken from Matthew, Luke, and Isaiah. Prayer was given remembering missionaries on that date.

Those who had various parts were Mrs. Clarence Wood, taking part with "Christmas With Or Without Christ"; Mrs. George McElrath, with "Christmas on the Bayou"; and Mrs. T. C. Cole, speaking on the Lottie Moon offering and its objects. The program concluded with Mrs. Avery Buchanan giving an explanation of the memorial window, dedicated in memory of Miss Lottie Moon, which is pictured on the cover of the December issue of "The Commission" in West Virginia, where Miss Moon is buried. Miss Lelia Jenkins closed the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Wilhite served appropriate refreshments to the ten members present. B. W. C.

Twenty-three attended the meeting and annual Christmas party of the Business Women's circle of the First Baptist church, held in the Community building Dec. 10. After the buffet supper devotions were given by Mrs. Mildred Crist. Mrs. Faye West presented the program, assisted by Mrs. Margaret Campfield, Mrs. W. C. Smith, Mrs. Essie Campfield, and Mrs. Louise Waincott. Main interests at the business centered on the Lottie Moon offering, which was placed, by each member, on an attractively decorated tree, made by Mrs. Faye West. Plans were made for a food basket to a needy family.

Following the program those who enjoyed the meeting as well as the party were Mrs. Viola Hughes, Mrs. Vaughtie Simmons, Mrs. Nell Matthews, Mrs. Lillie Mae Miller, Mrs. Virginia Moyers, Mrs. Lettie McMahon, Mrs. Dorothy Ingie, Mrs. Ruth Sans, Mrs. Lucille Wagner, Mrs. Johnny Patton, Mrs. Jackie Wright, Mrs. Annie McMahon, Mrs. Jessie Allen, Mrs. Myrtle Walker, Mrs. Roselle Noblitt, Mrs. Frances McKinney, Mrs. Mae Gosnell. Decorations had been beautifully done for the evening by the social committee.

St. Margaret-Mary Altar Society Father Hyland opened the meeting of the St. Margaret-Mary Altar society with prayer on December 10.

Plans were completed for the children's parish Christmas party which was to take place Friday. Attending the meeting were Mrs. L. A. Oates, Mrs. J. A. Cox, Mrs. William Berner, Miss Alma Lemieux, Mrs. Chester Sobol, Miss Pauline Hoffman, Mrs. A. L. Lizotte, Mrs. Ralph Magnant, Mrs. George Lemieux, Mrs. Catherine Renstrom, Mrs. Alyre Bastarach, Mrs. G. C. Rayfield.

Presbyterian Circles The Rev. G. B. Talbot taught a most interesting, as well as thorough, Bible lesson, relative to the childhood of Jesus, during the meeting of circle I, Monday, Dec. 10. Previous to the lesson he led in an inspirational prayer for various needs of the world today. Mrs. W. A. Ward greeted members in her home on Bee Tree road, which had been attractively decorated to herald the approaching season. Singing of a hymn and a carol was rendered at the meeting. Chairman, Mrs. G. B. Talbot, completed the business for the

Jr. Woodmen Circle Party December 6, the Junior Woodmen circle held their Christmas party at the Woodmen Hall with an exchange of gifts and plenty of fun from a visit from a real Santa. Decorations and refreshments were in charge of Kaye and Faye Patton, Sharon Magnant, Carolyn Wilhite, assisted by Miss Vanda Ballard, Mrs. James Sherlin, and Mrs. Joe Porcher. Twenty-two were on hand for the party.

Personal Miss Sylvia Hunt, student at Mars Hill college, is expected to arrive soon to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Hunt, Buckeye Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Lee announce the birth of a daughter, Dec. 11 in St. Joseph's.

Mrs. Christie Davidson, who has been a patient in the hospital in Greensboro for sometime has improved and is looking forward to a week spent with the family in Greensboro. During the holiday Mrs. Davidson's mother, Mrs. James Barnum, Columbia, S. C., and daughter, Debbie, and the Fred Davidson will join in the get-together.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Allen are parents of a new daughter born December 11 in St. Joseph's.

Mrs. Anna Kay, Brevard road, who is a sister of Mrs. S. M. Wolfe, is a patient in an Asheville nursing home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Huggins, of A/2C Woodrow Pulliam, Castle Air Force Base, Calif., arrived the past week in an Asheville hospital. Thomas will have a past week-end for a vacation at home, and a brother, Frank, Millard, will have a birthday December 15.

Mrs. Ted Robertson has been wakened, Wis., is expected Saturday visiting her husband in Sewart, Pa., where he is employed for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Huggins with their three children and Miss Irene made a trip to Shelby during the week-end to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bennett.

Mrs. L. A. Huggins, Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stroupe Mrs. Ila Eller spent Sunday

evening visiting a daughter, Mrs. Marion Godfrey, Black Mountain. Mrs. Charles Stafford is reported doing well following a minor operation in St. Joseph's last week.

DAVID ATKINS— From Page 1 Like many other American soldiers, the Black Mountain youth found life in France interesting and different. While he would like to visit the continent again, he has no desire to live there on a permanent basis. And like many other GIs during and after World War II he didn't ride the French taxi unless it was a necessity. David served four years in France and Germany. He received his discharge on Dec. 11 at Manhattan Beach, N. Y.

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