OLD FORT NEWS

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Subscription Representative

This week's column is directed to our readers who are away from home, and perhaps won't be able to come to Old Fort for Christmas. There are quite a few young people in service whose parents clip the home-town news each week, and slip it into an envelope, sometimes with a long letter, and sometimes with a scribbled note. Boys, gals and boys, we'll try to tell you how things look here.

This year, for the first time, colored lights have been strung near across both bridges to the north of town on Catawba avenue, Mitchell street (in front of Ralph Harris' store) Haynes Everett Co. has received its first shipment of Christmas trees, and people are beginning to decorate their front windows and lawns.

Kimball Miller, Jr., hasn't painted his window yet. He is still away at college. You remember, each year, he has an original beautifully executed and effectively lighted scene in the picture window of the Miller residence.

On all sides you hear the remarks as usual, "I'll be glad when Christmas is over—people just don't have the right spirit any more, etc." Don't you believe it, folks! While they are muttering those words, they have a special gleam in their eyes, and a smile on their faces that you don't see at any other time of the year. They hustle about with an anxious expression part of the time, but it is only because they are making mental calculations concerning just how far the budget will stretch for that extra gift for Aunt Minnie. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the "Christmas Spirit" stayed with us all year?

Be sure to come home to see the folks if you can—your presence will make the occasion complete.

Members of the American Business club are still selling those delicious fruit cakes—it's not too late to pick up one. Paul Richardson and Joe Nesbitt have them on display in the bank. Talk to the boys.

Have you seen the Rose Marie doll we spoke of last week? The one with the fabulous handmade wardrobe in Johnsie's Beauty Nook window? New garments have been added to the collection for the beautiful blonde. A donation to the Junior Woman's club will cost you 25 cents. The doll and her wardrobe will be given away Dec. 21.

School will be out for the holidays Wednesday of this week. The poor teachers will get a rest, and the poor parents will have their little dears in charge for a week or two.

The various churches are planning special programs with the singing of the old familiar beautiful Christmas music. There will, of course, be treats for the Sunday school students.

Colleges seem to be releasing the young people early this year for their holidays. Nancy Hughes is home from Furman; Virginia Crawford is in from Cullowhee and we saw Paul Allison, Jr., who attends Cullowhee, also Diane Rockett, came from Lenoir-Rhyne this week.

"Doc" Griffin has a new druggist assisting him in the store. His name is Charles Josey, and he and Mrs. Josey and young daughter moved here from Cherryville.

Miss Betty Jean Gibbs of Detroit, Mich., and Swannanoa, came home to attend the wedding of her cousin, Miss Ailene Gibbs to Harold Dean Martin, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Bertie Lou Kelly is a patient at Marion General hospital where she is recovering from major surgery. Her condition is reported to be good.

Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Snyder and children will leave shortly for a Florida vacation. The dental offices will be closed for about three weeks.

Mrs. Jim Harmon has returned from St. Joseph's hospital in Asheville where she was a patient for several weeks.

The escape last week of five prisoners from the McDowell county jail had the doors locked and porch lights burning in the Old Fort residential section.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hendley entertained on Tuesday evening with a dinner party honoring Miss Ailene Gibbs and Harold Martin. Places were laid for eight.

Mrs. Myrtle Chaney had a letter from her daughter, Mrs. Edson Raff, who is in Germany where her husband, Colonel Raff is stationed. She wrote that "Stars and Stripes" had told of the death of Colonel D. W. Adams of Old Fort, who had been a friend and hunting companion of President Theodore Roosevelt. Mrs. Raff asked her mother if that were the same Colonel Adams she remembered when she was a child.

All of the manufacturing plants in Old Fort will observe at least one holiday, and some of them will not resume work until the Monday following Christmas.

Miss Eula Grant is new manager of the B. E. White Variety store on Main street.

Word has been received from Duke hospital that Mrs. Blanche Harris Edmonds will soon be able to go home to Chadbourne.

Parker Hosiery Mill owners, E. W. Parker, Jr., and Nelson Parker, will be hosts to their employees at a turkey dinner Saturday evening at Lake club. The mill will be closed for a week for Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Welma Kimbrell and sons visited her sister, Mrs. Pat Parker in Hickory this past week-end.

• RENT IT — CLASSIFIEDS! •

• SELL IT — CLASSIFIEDS! •

Snow For Dec. 25 Is Long-Range Weather Report

Snow for Christmas is the promise of a private weather information source for this area.

The forecast said: "For Dec. 23 to 31: Snowy weather over Christmas and the holidays, very high winds. Moderation and better weather can be expected for the 30th and New Year's eve."

Temperatures were forecast for "lower than normal the first 10 days of December. After that, weather will be moderate until just before the holidays, when storms can be expected, with snow probable on Christmas or directly afterwards," the prophecy said.

For Dec. 8-15, "Temperatures are to be very low on the 8th and 9th. Some moderation after that, though cold rains can be expected the 14th."

Dec. 16-22: "Good weather until late on the 20th. Then storms start sweeping in from the west."

Club Honors Retiring Home Agent Leader

The Black Mountain Home Demonstration club held its annual Christmas party and covered dish luncheon on Monday at the home of the president, Mrs. Jeter Riddle.

Mrs. Mamie Sue Evans, County Home Demonstration agent, who is retiring, was presented with a gift from the club. Those enjoying the occasion were: Miss Helen Miles, Mrs. W. D. Hyatt, Miss Mary MacKay, Mrs. Ernest Austin, Miss Sarah Kirby, Mrs. George McElreath, Sr., Mrs. Samuel Morris, Mrs. Finley Stepp, Mrs. Gordon Greenwood, Mrs. John Benedict, and Mrs. Evans.

Sen. Ervin Says:

WASHINGTON—Hearing by the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee of the Armed Services have presented an impressive list of witnesses of the very highest importance in our scientific and defence effort.

Non-Partisanship

A careful study of the transcript of the testimony clearly emphasizes that there is a sense of urgency about increasing defense and scientific progress with no loss of time. I am certain that by now you have carefully studied news accounts of the hearings.

There is another note that we must not overlook. It is the performance of the Chairman, Senator Lyndon Johnson, in keeping the hearings on a strict non-partisan course.

I stated last month that it would not be a wise course to make the hearings a forum for partisan politics. I said that the need for facts and information on what we need to do is so urgent that political considerations should not enter the hearings. I rejoice in the fact that the hearings have demonstrated the workings of a Congressional committee in its true purpose, namely to secure facts on which to inform the public and for the use of Congress to legislate wisely.

Information

I find the people of North Carolina sincerely interested in more information about where we stand in the race for survival. There is intense interest in what steps are required---and what sacrifices to assure our national security. I was impressed by a sentence from a newspaper editorial the other day. It said, "Because ours is a country ultimately directed by the popular will and not by a military dictatorship that molds the popular will, it is essential that the American people have the fullest possible understanding of these matters on which the very life and death of our nation may depend."

To cut through the confusion on this question, the people have needed facts. The present hearings have already served to inform the people on where we stand.

Clearly Stated

Dr. Edward Teller clearly stated what we must all recognize is the immediate problem. The following is quoted from the official transcript of his testimony:

"At the end of the war, we had a monopoly on nuclear weapons, a monopoly on nuclear energy. The Russians, if I estimate the situation correctly, have not caught up with us, but they have closed the gap in an alarming fashion. In airplane construction, they were just nowhere at the end of the war. Today, I am again not the expert to argue whether they are behind us or whether they are ahead of us, but certainly what they do is fully comparable to what we are doing. In ballistic missiles, they are, I think, according to all the simple evidence that one can see, ahead of us. In radar, we had a most impressive lead. I doubt very much that we have this lead now. We may have lost it or not, I do not know the details. There is no doubt that since the end of the war the Russians have worked at a faster rate, much more effectively in all fields of application of technology to the advance military systems, and if the relative efforts continue, as they have been since the war, there is no doubt that in a few more years the Russians will leave us behind and way behind."

As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and ex-officio member of the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee, I shall expect to see some of the suggestions advanced during the hearings translated into effective progress for national survival by Congress and the people. We simply do not have any other alternative than to try to keep peace on earth and be prepared for any emergency.

Mountain Greens Cultivated As Good Cash Crop

For many years the hillsides of Western North Carolina have provided Christmas greens, not only for holiday celebrants in this area, but for those in distant towns and cities to which annually are shipped thousands of trees and the greens which festoon American streets and homes at Christmas time.

It is only in recent years, however, that Christmas tree growing has become a source of farm income, and the trees quite literally cultivated as a paying crop.

Yule tree planting on rough land is favored by soil conservationists conserving soil, as well as investment. Southern Balsam is perhaps the most favored of the trees for this type of crop planting. Pine, of course, is also grown as a crop. Of the former trees, the green boughs below where the balsam is topped out for Christmas trees also are sold. Prices paid for both trees and boughs have advanced considerably since 1954. For 1954 sales were reported in some mountain areas as 43.3 cents each "on the stump", with boughs bringing one cent per pound. This year the price was reported as nearly $1.25 per tree, and one owner reported an offer of five cents per pound for boughs this year.

Over 21 million Christmas trees will be used in the United States this year. Over a third of these will be balsam fir, the report indicated. The eastern market has demanded a balsam for a top-grade tree. Farmers in New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia are reportedly looking now to the south for a market. Either we will grow them here on north slopes at an elevation over 3,000 feet, or our northern neighbors will ship them in, experts reminded.

TOYS FOR TOTS

During the last ten years, more than 20 million toys have been collected for needy children through the "Toys for Tots" program of the Marine Corps Reserve. "Toys for Tots" is a volunteer campaign at Christmas time of Marines and their friends and neighbors in more than 250 cities in the United States and Hawaii.

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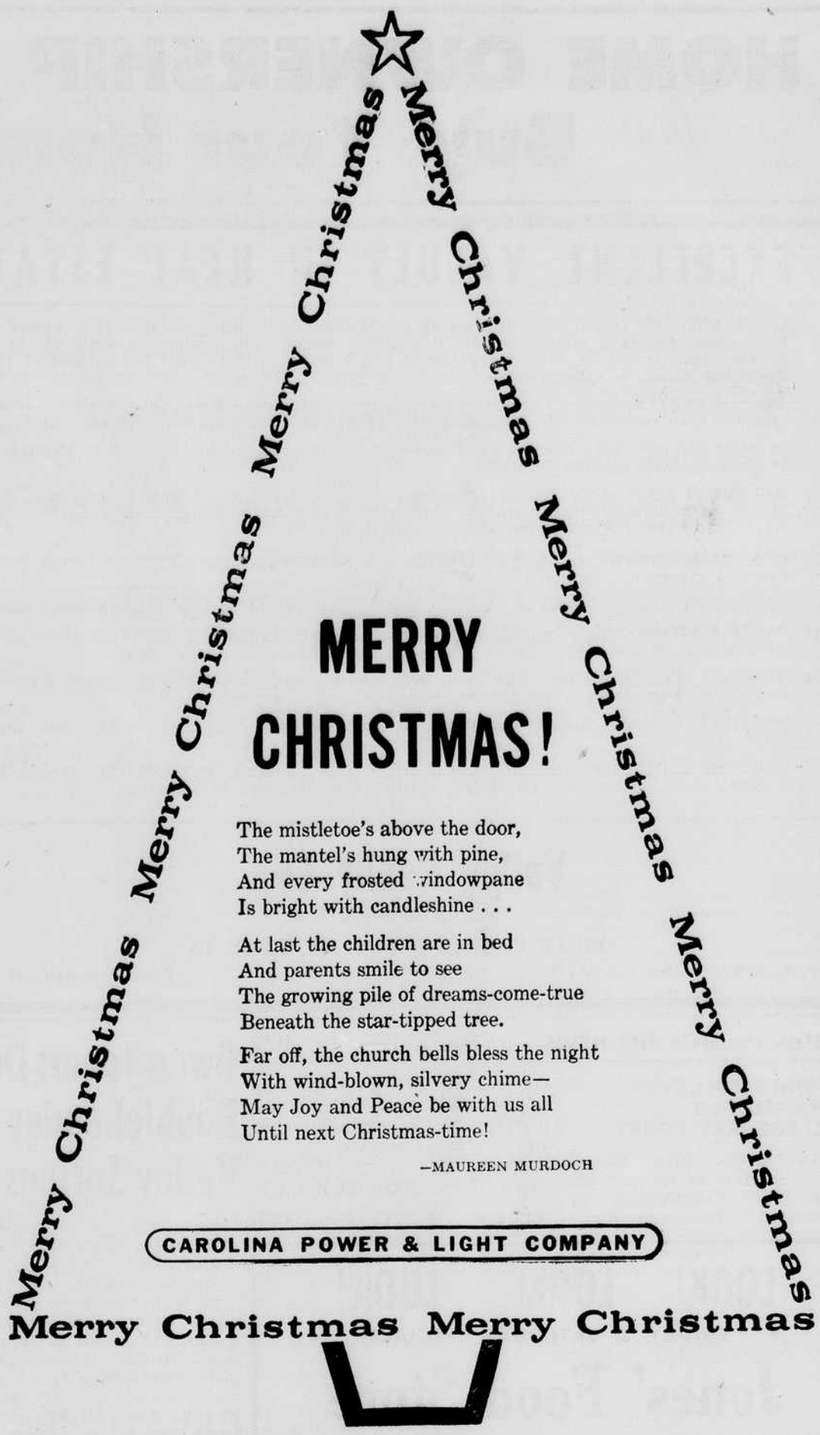

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- Meats -

SIRLOIN STEAK	Lb.	59c
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GROUND BEEF	3 Lbs.	$1.00
HICKORY BOILED HAM	6-oz. Pkg.	55c
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GLADIOLA BISCUITS	Can	10c
LIBBY'S FORZEN ORANGE JUICE	6-oz. can 2 for	29c
SCHOOL DAYS PEANUT BUTTER	12-oz. jar	29c
MAYFIELD CORN	303 size—can	10c
JOHNSON- GLO-COAT WAX	quart	69c
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