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SWANNANOVA NEWS

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Bleak Outlook

If the severity of the weather we have had for the past two weeks gives any indication of things to come, we are in for a rough winter. The kids are mighty unhappy, what with having a whole day off from school and not even enough snow to make a decent snowman, not to mention a good sleigh ride. One would have to part Eskimo to withstand the Arctic blasts of air which are raging outside today. Who knows, maybe we will have a "White Christmas" this year. If so, it will be the first since 1947. A "White Christmas" is a really beautiful sight and quite traditional, although we do not enjoy them as often as do the New England states. There are those who had just as soon not enjoy a snowfall, and their objections are well founded, because they have to go about their business, whether it be snow or any of a number of discomforts mother nature can unleash.

Everyone is in a mad rush trying to complete the insurmountable task of Christmas shopping as the most beloved day of days draws near. Already, the most beautiful music of all is filling the air, and not a bit too soon for yours truly. If we had our way, Christmas Carols would be heard at least two weeks before Christmas. I know of nothing which will give a person the "Christmas Spirit" any more than hearing the wonderful old carols. My ears never tire of this sort of music, and from now through the Yuletide season, the old Hi-Fi at our house will be ringing forth with the sounds of Christmas.

By the way if any of the readers are at a loss as what to give "Uncle Bill" or "Aunt Jane" or some loved one, why not give them a subscription to the Black Mountain News. A gift of this nature would be very thoughtful and would give a lot of pleasure each week of the year. Some very good columns appear in the News and I wish this one was one of them; but alas, maybe it will improve someday. If anyone wishes to inquire about subscription gifts of the Black Mountain News, contact me at the above mentioned telephone number, and you will be filled in on all details. Sick List

Miss Barbara Vanover, and Miss Elaine Fox, formed a circle about Miss Mayfield at a holding lighted tapers. Then a taper held by Miss Mayfield was lit, symbolizing lighting the altar fire of the future home of the bride to be. Her marriage to Mr. Robert Hedberg will be solemnized Friday evening, Dec. 11.

David McMahon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Latt McMahon, Buckeye Cove Road, recently attended the Baptist Student Union Retreat at Williamsburg, Va. David is a student at N. C. State college in Raleigh.

"Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Monday, Nov. 30. Theme for the week: "Oh God we pray for seekers of knowledge" was given by the Floy Waddell circle. Mrs. Fred McCuen conducted the program. Silent reading of the last prayer that Jesus prayed by the group while Mrs. Clem Hunt played softly by the hymn for the week, "Oh God We Pray for All Mankind." Mrs. D. L. Shaver and Mrs. Grady McCrain gave the scripture meditation. The call to worship and testimonies from missionaries in Japan, Nigeria, Spain, and Lebanon were given by Mrs. Lester Miller. Prayer of Praise by Mrs. Lloyd Campfield. Statements of Needs by Mrs. Mabel Taylor. Mrs. McCuen concluded the program with the presentation of goals, and prayer that the Lottie Moon Christmas offering of \$400 for foreign missions will be achieved.

Tuesday, Dec. 1 the Kathleen Mallory circles had charge of the program. The theme: "O God, We Pray for the Sick and the Suffering." Mrs. Charles English gave the scripture meditation.

Mrs. Blease Farr conducted the program. Those taking part were Mrs. W. C. Shope, Mrs. E. V. Crist, Jr., Mrs. L. O. Wright, Mrs. L. L. Enloe, Mrs. Charles English, Mrs. Ted Robertson, and Mrs. David Lamm.

Mr. Bill Cox, who is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davidson is improving after a rough winter.

Mrs. Lloyd Campfield of Buckeye Cove is feeling some better after being rather sick last week.

Mr. Albert Martin was on the sick list this past week.

Mrs. Charles Walker of Northeast avenue, Grovemont, is recuperating after having surgery.

Presbyterian News The No. 1 and No. 2 circles met Monday, Dec. 7. Circle No. 1 held their meeting with Mrs. G. B. Talbot at the Manse.

Mrs. H. L. Clapp was hostess to Circle No. 2 at her home on Eastwood avenue, Grovemont.

During the morning worship hour, Sunday, Dec. 13, the church choir will present a special Christmas Cantata, "The Music of Bethlehem."

Walter Wade Talbot, son of Rev. and Mrs. G. B. Talbot was recently elected King of the 1960 King College Dogwood Festival. He was honored by the student body of King college, which is located at Bristol, Tenn. The Dogwood Festival is a major event at the school during the spring, and King Talbot will reign over the entire activities of the festival. Wade, a Science Major, was president of his class last year, and this year is treasurer of the King College Symphonic Choir.

First Baptist News A very beautiful and unusual ceremony was held Sunday night, Dec. 6, following the evening worship service at the 1st Baptist church. The Young Women's Auxiliary members presented a white Bible to one of their members, bride-elect, Miss Evelyn Mayfield. As part of the ceremony, conducted by the YWA leader, Mrs. Lawrence Wainwright, fellow members Miss Ann Walker, Miss Carolyn Wood, Miss Wilma Brank,

What's Goin' . . . At Owen

by Tim Spiro

Report Cards

"Yes, Mother, I'll study harder this six weeks!" You guessed it. Report cards went out last week, and many Owen students were nervously rehearsing that little speech as the school bus carried them homeward toward certain doom. In case some of you haven't heard, there are no plus's or minus's being given on report cards this year. The actual number grades are kept at the school.

With the close of the second six weeks period there are only 24 weeks of school left. By now there are around 22 weeks until graduation time rolls around. It is high time the seniors were working at peak efficiency to insure receiving a diploma at the end of this year. Just 22 more weeks to correct those grade blunders!

Christmas Concert

We hear that the band and chorus are working their heads off preparing for the annual Christmas Concert to be given December 18 at the school auditorium. Reports from eavesdroppers indicate that this year's concert will top them all. Let's make plans to attend December 18.

College Tests

Many of the senior class rolled out of bed early last Saturday morning to journey to David Millard in Asheville to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board. Quite a few have threatened to give up the hope of attending college after taking that test. But they probably will continue applying for entrance to colleges.

School Paper

The second issue of "Owen Highlights," the school paper, went on sale just before the Thanksgiving holidays. Preparing the paper is a hard, time-consuming job, and we appreciate the work of Editor Janelle Ledbetter and her

staff. The paper can add much to the school spirit.

Basketball Season

Well, Basketball season is here finally, and the pre-Christmas season is half over. The teams play Leicester and North Buncombe here at Owen and Canton to close the first series of games. Starting Jan. 1 the season resumes with 12 games to play before the county tournament.

Both the boys' and girls' teams lost their first two games, but as the season progresses they are getting their feet on the floor. They play the teams from Leicester here this Friday, the girls' game starting at 7:30, the boys' contest following. Let's cheer both teams to victory this Friday.

Winter Is Here

Well, Old Man Winter finally gave us an extra day's vacation, but he also gave us an extra school day in the summer. There was no school Monday due to snow and ice on some of the county's roads. We didn't see much here, but Asheville and northward areas

seemed to have several inches.

Speaking of vacations, our Christmas vacation is right around the corner. We get out of school for the last time this year on December 18. Then the students of Owen High school scatter to the four winds until January 4.

Sen. Erwin Says:

WASHINGTON — As we enter the final month of 1959, there are mounting expressions of concern over our failure as a country to make headway in the space race. Failure to launch a moon rocket at Cape Canaveral last week added to the frustration of the people and to our psychological disadvantage. In previous columns I have attempted to make my position clear on this issue, pointing out the lack of direction and the confusion in the space program.

World Trade There is another issue that is developing which involves

our world position. I refer to the deficit position of the United States in world trade.

Our policy of aiding other countries has restored many of these countries to vibrant economies. They are now competing for world trade to such an extent that the imbalance of trade is another urgent matter for this country. Despite this condition, the clamor for more foreign aid spending and concessions comes from the Administration, and there are indications that President Eisenhower will ask Congress for the largest budget in peacetime history when the Second Session of the 86th Congress convenes in January, including great amounts for foreign aid. It is time that other countries help share the cost of assistance to other nations in the struggle for the preservation of freedom, a cost that has been borne so long by the American taxpayer.

As the President leaves for his visit abroad, the good wishes of the country go with

him for peace for which the peoples of the world so fervently yearn.

Steps Needed Upon his return to make his recommendation to Congress in January, it is my hope that positive steps will be advocated to deal effectively with such pressing matters as the space lag, the trade gap and the rising cost of living, to

mention only three of the problems needing prompt attention.

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