

Holiday Greetings



**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ONE AND ALL!!**

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RIDGECREST RAMBLINGS

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In The Community
"In The Manger", a Christmas pageant written by Mrs. George M. Hocutt, will be presented at 7:00 o'clock on December 23 in Ridgecrest church. Children of Junior and Primary departments of the Sunday School compose the cast of characters, with Miss Margaret Hocutt as narrator. An intermediate choir will furnish the music, assisted by Mrs. Everett Murray, adult soloist. Under direction of Mrs. Hocutt, aided by Mrs. E. H. Snydes, the pageant gives promise of beauty and excellence. The public is invited. Please note the early hour—7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Molly Burgin died early Monday am., Dec. 17. For several years she has made her home in Black Mt., with her son, Lewis Watson, but formerly lived here in a little cottage adjoining that of the George Watsons. At the age of 81 years, she was the oldest member of Ridgecrest Church. Funeral arrangements were not complete when this went to press.

Co-hostesses for the meeting of Garden Club division of the Woman's Club on Monday p.m., December 10, were Mrs. Willard Weeks and Mrs. W. L. Willis in the home of the former. Main feature of the day's program was a most interesting talk by Miss Besie Zerno on "All we know about Holly". Following this was a busy workshop period when the seventeen ladies present worked on decorative articles or gifts. In Mrs. Weeks' larger-than-average and attractive breakfast room, most of the women, led by Mrs. Willis, made "Kissing Balls"—a new fad. Sharing their choice collec-

tions of ribbon, velvet, odd bits of costume jewelry, sequins, spangles, etc., they enjoyed a most delightful fellowship hour while, creating these really lovely pieces of decoration—not forgetting to add the all-important mistletoe, of course.

The whole house was redolent and glowing with Christmas atmosphere, and delicious refreshments in similar motif completed the altogether enjoyable afternoon.

Welcome
Welcome to the community's newest resident! Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Chastain are the proud parents of a fine baby boy, born Saturday evening, December 15 in St. Joseph's hospital.

Surprises
Surprises are often so nice! When Mr. and Mrs. Hocutt found a strange car in their driveway as they returned home from church on Sunday morning, they knew they had unexpected guests. But an additional and delightful surprise was finding dinner prepared and waiting on the table—a real turkey dinner, with turkey "and all the fixins". Their lovely guests were Misses Bea and Margaret Austin from Charlotte.

Here and There:
Paul Allison, recently employed by Wild Life Protection branch of the government, has been transferred from Rocky Mount to Jackson, N. C. He is pleasantly situated and likes his new work.

Mrs. Elsie Allred is spending the Christmas holidays in St. Petersburg, Fla., with her daughters, Mrs. Leroy Sexton and Mrs. Norman T. Allen and their families.

MONTREAT

Miss Julia Stokes

The Black Mountain Woman's Club held their Christmas program on Wednesday, December 12 in the lobby of the Assembly Inn. The president, Mrs. Bowness, introduced the Montreat college singers under the direction of Allan Guy who sang many beautiful Christmas anthems and old Christmas carols. Refreshments were served to the college chorus and then to the club members and their guests. The Montreat group served as hostesses and served the refreshments. The lobby was decorated in the Christmas greens with a beautifully lighted tree giving a true note of Christmas.

The Women of the Montreat Church and the men of Montreat held the annual supper meeting in the Assembly Inn on Thursday, December 13. The women began their business meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Green Room of the Assembly Inn. Miss Virginia Buchanan, president of the Women, held a short business session. Mrs. Slight led the group in singing Christmas carols. The letters to be sent to the church missionaries were signed.

A large group attended the dinner which was held at 6:30 in the dining room of the Assembly Inn. The president, Miss Virginia Buchanan presided. Mrs. Allan Guy accompanied by Warren Coker, Jr., sang a Christmas hymn during the dinner. Miss Elizabeth Hoyt gave a most interesting and brilliant history of the past year of the church. She is a very delightful historian. Dr. Ivan Stafford introduced the speaker of the day, Dr. L. Nelson Bell. Dr. Stafford's introduction was most delightful and brilliant. Dr. Bell gave a very interesting and informative talk on Billy Graham and his experiences in Brazil recently. He told many things which did not get into the

paper. It was good to get the inside story of many happenings which never get into the papers. Even if this dinner had to be put off from Tuesday till Thursday, it was well worth the change. The table decorations under the care of Mrs. Samuel Woods with Mrs. Ivan Stafford carried the Christmas thought throughout.

Many parties are planned for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Farrior will have open house on Christmas from 6 to 9 in their home on Assembly Drive. Their daughter, Miss Ruth Farrior of Columbia, S. C. will be at home for Christmas. She will have a group of students from foreign countries who attend their church in Columbia to be in Montreat during the holidays. Mrs. Farrior will entertain the men and Mrs. Harold Coburn will entertain the young women students in her home over night. They will tour different places of interest in and around Montreat, and see first hand the beauties of this section.

The church is having the last service of the season in Gaither. The Rev. Calvin Thielman preached on "The Purpose of the Advent". The two Sundays, 23 and 30 will be held in the Lobby of the Assembly Inn with special speakers for the different Sundays. The college chorus under the direction of Allan Guy sang some Christmas selections and Warren Coker, Jr., was at the organ to play some special Christmas music.

The college closes on December 19 and will not open until in January. Many in Montreat will entertain during the holidays and others will be on vacation to visit relatives and friends during the holidays. Montreat keeps gay even if many do leave during the holidays.

OLD FORT NEWS

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Old Fort, N. C.

Personals
Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Ervin Allison of Old Fort, a daughter, Dec. 9 at St. Joseph's hospital.

Mrs. Bill Hensley was admitted to Marion hospital last Monday for treatment.

Mrs. Ralph Harris entered Marion hospital last Tuesday; she was in an auto accident resulting in a punctured lung and broken ribs.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Harrison Brown at Marion hospital, Dec. 12.

Miss Johnnie Mae Harris entered St. Joseph's hospital last Wednesday for surgery.

Mrs. Carl Morris is a patient at Memorial Mission hospital, she entered last Wednesday.

Patti Smith daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith was ill last week, but is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Lackey of Asheville spent last week end with Kenyon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lackey.

Mrs. Sarah Verble was taken seriously ill at her home and was taken to Marion hospital, but she is slowly improving.

Little Joe Brown was a visitor at Old Fort Supermarket. Everyone misses him on the Old Fort Merry-go-round; he is working with W WNC in Asheville.

Ralph A. Gibbs, who has spent three weeks in St. Joseph's hospital, returned home last Friday. He is improving.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris in Raleigh Dec. 12. The Harris' are formerly of Old Fort.

A Christmas program will be given at the Old Fort First Baptist Church Dec. 23 at 8 o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Golden Age Club
The club held its monthly meeting at the Old Fort Methodist Church on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 10 o'clock. In the absence of Mrs. Eva Teague, Rev. Don Ellis opened the meeting. He read the story of the birth of Jesus as recorded in Luke 2. He said we should read this Christmas Story from the four gospels often, not only at Christmas times. He took the story of Joseph and Mary and brought out many interesting and helpful points on family life. This being our Christmas meeting it had been decided that we have no planned program but have a social get-together. Mrs. Polly Davis and Mrs. Charles Stegge had some hand work that was displayed. In January all members will be expected to bring something they have made to the meeting, in doing this we will share ideas. Despite the freezing weather 22 mem-

bers were present. Three dollars and seventy-five cents was added to the treasury to be used for the needy. A covered dish dinner was served. The next meeting will be held on the second Wednesday in January at 2 o'clock.

The Allison Sisters Club
The club met at the home of Mrs. Charles Stegge on the evening of Dec. 14; a covered dish dinner was enjoyed. During the social hour Christmas gifts were exchanged. It was decided to drop prizes and the birthday gifts, (birthday gifts to be optional) We will concentrate on Secret Pals for the coming year. The club will meet on the second Friday in each month; a program will be planned to suit the hostesses.

Obituaries
Robert A. Byrd
Robert A. Byrd, 75, died last Sunday afternoon at the Marion hospital after a long illness. Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Old Fort Methodist Church. The Rev. Donald Ellis officiated. Burial was in Old Fort Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Dovie Thomas Byrd, three sons, Bob and Charles B. Byrd of Rt. 4, Marion and Jim Byrd of Old Fort; four daughters, Mrs. C. P. Clark of Morganton, Mrs. Russell Hoyle of Old Fort, Mrs. Juanita Hyatt of Durham and Mrs. Calvin C. Moore of Hickory; 20 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. The body was taken to the home of a son, Bob, on Tom's Creek Road, Westmoreland-Hawkins Funeral Home was in charge.

Merry Christmas To All
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Record Year for Religious Cards

The trend toward more religious Christmas cards, which started in the late 1940's, is still gaining momentum. A record number of religious subjects is being offered on this year's Christmas cards by the major greeting card publishers, according to a report from one of the largest greeting card companies.

35 Percent Religious
Approximately 35 percent of the more than three billion cards that will be sent this Christmas will contain religious designs.

In contrast, less than five percent of the Christmas cards produced 15 years ago could be classified as religious in character.

The "Madonna and Child" is the most popular of the religious designs, once again, followed by the "Three Wise Men" and the "Holy Family." Other religious motifs run the gamut from drawings of cherubs to chairs, open Bibles to the traditional snow covered New England church.

Cards For Clergy
Beside the religious Christmas cards for general use, greeting card publishers have also made available a wide variety of cards specially designed to be sent to the clergy.

There are such special titles as "To Our Pastor," "To The Minister and His Wife," "To You in the Lord's Service," and "To You Who Teach His Word." There is also a card for "Sunday School Teacher."

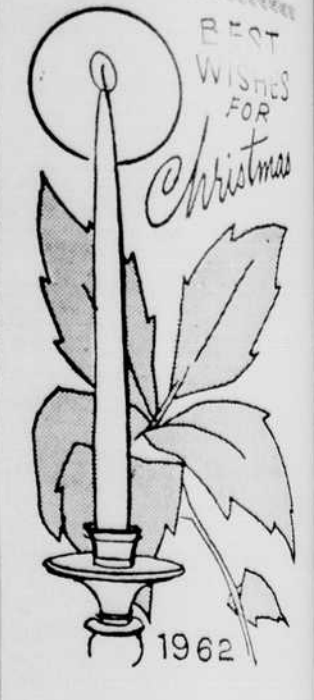
Made in Ireland
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no relation to Christmas of the winter season. They pictured summer flowers, seascapes, fairies, kittens, children playing, even fish and reptiles.



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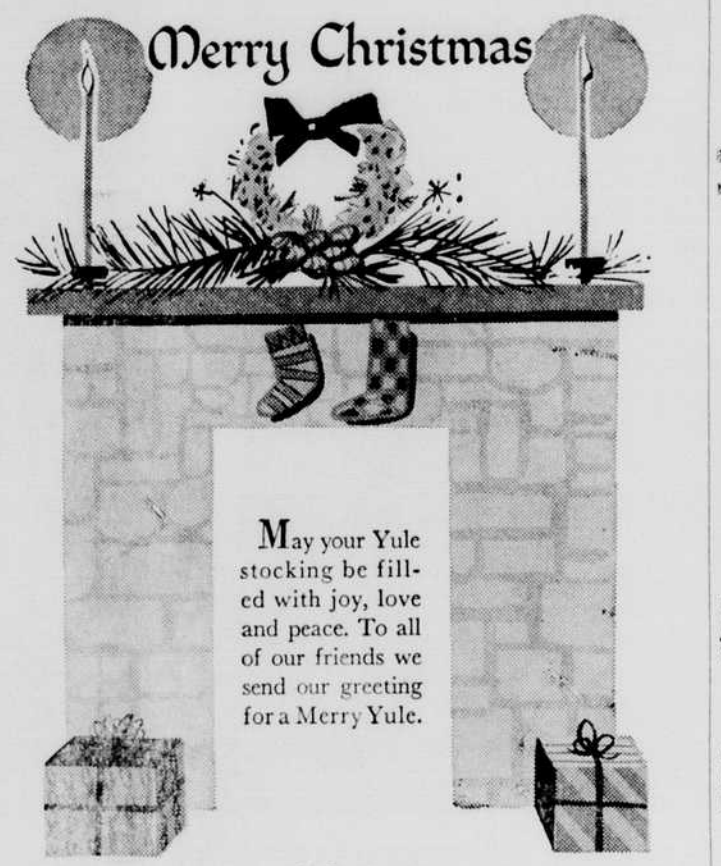
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