

A CHRISTMAS OF OLD

Have you ever wondered what older folks are talking about when they speak of a "Christmas of old"? What is an old-fashioned Christmas?

Certainly, it is impossible for us to go back to the "horse-and-buggy" days. We can't even get back to the days of the "Model-T."

We live in a modern world. We have modern transportation. We have modern conveniences. In the old days, Sunday was "dress-up" day and when folks went for a stroll or a surry ride, they donned their Sunday-best. Today, we wear whatever we please, take an hour or so to drive to a place where no one knows us—or cares what we wear.

We can't go back to the old days. So, what can we do about Christmas? Simply, we can observe Christmas in the traditional manner.

First, we must remember that Christmas is a religious holiday, a day given to observance of the greatest event in the history of mankind—the birth of a Redeemer. Let us keep Christmas a religious holiday.

Secondly, let us keep Christmas as a family observance. Christmas becomes more meaningful when families plan together; make gifts together, have or engage in social affairs in which all family members have a part; have a family worship service at home; and stress the religious aspects of Christmas throughout all the season's activities.

Many Merry Christmases may result from such a family tradition.

NEWS from the CRAGMONT COMMUNITY
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Community Spirit
With the birth of our Saviour to be observed in a few days, this time of the year brings happiness to people all over the world. More than any other time of the year, families are together, more people are concerned with the welfare of others, and there seems to be a bond that draws us together on an accord.

This year, the Christmas spirit here at Cragmont is the best I've ever seen it. All-ready people are busy calling to inquire of the sick and shut ins and unfortunate families. Some have called to offer Christmas dinners to elder people in the community; others called who were concerned with children from



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May Christmas joy fill the days and hearts of everyone.
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May every blessing of this Christmas be yours as you gather with family and friends.

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are, Bill Whittington, Ralph Greenlee, Claudia Lytle, Mildred Kennedy, Freddie Lytle, and Myra Pettiller.

Mrs. Stella Copening attended on Sunday the annual Christmas party for the blind at the City Auditorium. After enjoying a good turkey dinner, gifts were presented to the group. The party is sponsored each year by the Lions Club of Buncombe County.

Folks! Have you been wondering about some of the stunning hats being worn lately by women of this area? Well, you don't have to wonder any longer, you too can own one of these hats. "How?" Didn't you know that Mrs. Arcie Brown and Mrs. Margaret Daugherty had recently finished another millinery course, and are responsible for many of those good looking hats? Stop by and select yourself one for Christmas.

Well Folks, I guess that's about it for this year, so may I take this time to wish each of you a wonderful Christmas, and may the New Year bring with it peace and love for mankind everywhere.

SHOPE CREEK

By Mrs. Thelma Buckner

Personals
The Generator Inspection Dept. of Keatfott had their Christmas party at Jarrell Brothers' Steak house on Friday evening, Dec. 7. Games were played and gifts exchanged following the turkey dinner. Attending were Ila Davis, Wyeda Fox, Joyce Knowlton, Betty Quinn, Margaret Laughren, Marjorie Jarrell, Nettie Ingle, and the supervisor, Scott Burgess and his wife. After the party most of the group went to the home of Margaret Laughren for cake and coffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Gregg and Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Whitaker dined at the Hot Shot restaurant in Biltmore Saturday evening and then went to the City Auditorium for the entertainment.

Our sympathy to the families of Clyde Stevens of Shope Creek; Jack Greene and Jimmy Stevens of Bee Tree.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Gregg of Dillingham circle, a daughter, Dec. 14.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Creaman of Barnwell, S. C., visited her sister, Mrs. J. H. Cordell of Dillingham circle, recently.

Sick List:
Mrs. Pauline Ingle, Mrs. Laura Gregg, Mrs. Jack Dillingham is home from the hospital, Mrs. M. H. Creaman entered an Asheville hospital over the week end.

Jackie Marlowe was two years old on Dec. 11.

GARDEN TIME

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Several kinds of insect girdlers and "pruners" complete their life cycle of development in the twigs they cut from the trees. These twigs fall to the ground and should be picked up and burned.

The pecan twig girdler attacks both pecans and hickories. If you have pecan trees, it will pay you to also pick up the dead twigs under near-by hickory trees.

Some trends: According to the USDA, most industry experts predict that by 1970, 50 per cent of the nation's Irish potato crop will be processed. About 20 per cent of the crop was processed in 1961. The retail market offers the best opportunity for increasing sales, particularly in dehydrated mashed potatoes and frozen French fries.

Production of American farmers increased 3 per cent but required 3 per cent less labor. This established a new high in efficiency in 1960. One farm worker now provides food and fiber for 26 persons, two more than in 1959 and 12 more than in 1949.

The USDA also reports that the per capita consumption of carrots has been downward over the past 15 years. Fresh carrots, accounting for nine-tenths of the total consumption, have suffered the decline. Canned carrots remained stable and the use of frozen carrots has increased.

Two developments, now underway, give promise of revolutionizing the pickle industry. High yielding hybrids are being developed which will lend themselves to mechanical harvesting. Michigan State university scientists are refining a machine to do a "once-over job".

Farming is no longer a way of life but a highly specialized business. Sound business principles must be employed along with increased efficiency in production practices and group marketing.

I am in agreement with Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. Ballentine, when he says there is still a place for the small farmer in the modern day scheme of things.

This is particularly true in the production of fruits, vegetables, and ornamental plants because all require intensive methods and efficient management.

THAT'S A FACT

FIRST ROCKETS
Skyrockets were an outgrowth of firecrackers developed by the Chinese in the 7th century. By the 13th century these "arrows of fire" were used by the Chinese against the attacking Mongols and succeeded in stampeding the enemy's horses.

"HOW..."
CAN I HELP MY COUNTRY? - IF YOU ASKED YOURSELF THAT QUESTION, THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE (AND SURELY WONDERFUL!) START BUYING AND HOLDING U.S. SAVINGS BONDS!

IN 1907,
ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL (INVENTOR OF THE TELEPHONE) DEVELOPED A GIANT KITE CAPABLE OF CARRYING A MAN TO A HEIGHT OF 16 FEET!

YOUR BOND DOLLARS
... BRING YOU A BIGGER RETURN THAN MONEY ALONE - UNLESS YOU INVEST THEM TO STRENGTHEN HIS STAND FOR FREEDOM. SO YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE THINGS YOU'RE SAVING FOR.

SCHOOL AND YOUR CHILD

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ABC's of Visual Difficulty
Children must see well to do well in school. Most learning comes through vision, states Dr. Roy Blanton, principal of the laboratory high school on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone.

And smart parents see to it that junior receives a thorough visual examination not later than age five, advises Dr. Blanton, who has worked with children for over 20 years.

Early comparison of Junior's visual development with that of others his own age can avoid many difficulties that would occur later on.

As the youngster moves through this school year, alert parents and teachers also constantly observe him for indications of visual problems.

There are distinct reactions that warn of possible difficulties. These should be known.

The reactions have been grouped into these ABC's of symptoms as set down by two noted authorities, Dr. Lois B. Bing, chairman of the American Optometric Association's committee on visual problems of children and youth, and George D. Spahe, head of the reading laboratory and clinic at University of Florida.

Dr. Spahe was a visiting professor this past summer in the reading center of Appalachian State Teachers College.

Here are the ABC's of poor vision symptoms:
Appearance of eyes, Behavior and Complaints.

Car Insurance Your Business Says Summey

The Black Mountain-Swananoa Kiwanis Club luncheon meeting was held Thursday, December 13, in the Monte Vista hotel with President Don Quarles presiding.

Harry Hyder, chairman of the program committee, introduced the speaker, Troy Summey, who is with the Employers Mutual of Wausau, and lives in Charlotte. Mr. Summey represents the North Carolina Information Service as a member of the speakers' bureau. The subject considered was "Automobile Insurance Is Your Business - How You Help Make The Rates." In an enthusiastic, comprehensive, and challenging manner, he emphasized the importance of safe driving on the streets and highways.

It is vitally important that car owners carry adequate insurance, and remember that insurance rates are based largely on the driving habits of all drivers.

Following the address, the speaker answered a number of questions by the members of the club.

POET'S CORNER

The Mantle of Hope
The common-man knows that Christ's mantle was designed to cover the whole world. But, as surely as the Hebrews, when they lost the Holy Ark of Moses, Lost the promise of hope. So, will this country lose The promise of God to The Gentiles, if falsely Swearing allegiance to God, being led astray. We let go of the word of promise to our own People and to those of Every people under The rising and setting sun. Every American Knows that without God He is a man, lost, and With no recourse of help; This being true, let us Rejoice, and, with a new Zeal for our destiny As Gentiles, take the good News to the ends of the World, beloved of men, and Him, whose mantle was, to Cover her sins, designed. A. Southern

Festive Month Is Dangerous For Motorists

December—the 12th month—season of festivity, fellowship and good cheer. A month in which merry making reaches a climax; a bright and exciting time of Christmas parties, school vacations, shopping and holiday planning.

And one of the most dangerous months of all for motorists and pedestrians! A somber note from the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles reveals 148 traffic deaths in December last year, 3826 injured, 6501 accidents.

Fortunately, the Thanksgiving passed, not entirely death and injury free, but with considerably fewer mishaps than the previous year. Authorities are hoping a similar downtrend will prevail as the Yule celebration approaches.

phases of life saving practices in traffic can never be taken lightly.

Some of the common sense rules of driving include: adapting speed to conditions of the road, weather and traffic, allowing plenty of space between cars, using tire chains if called for, applying brakes easily and carefully and paying strict attention to all traffic rules, signs and markings.

Pedestrians, too, must obey the law. They must be their own life guard in traffic, not trusting motorists to look out for them. Jaywalking, cheating on traffic lights, walking with arms piled high with packages—all such practices can prove deadly or damaging.

We recall last year a statement from Motor Vehicles Commissioner Edward Scheidt roundly criticizing (and rightly) alcoholic office parties. The same should be stressed again as Christmas 1962 nears. For the drinking driver and pedestrian is a factor in a majority of the traffic accidents occurring in December.

Highway Patrol Sgt. R. A. Tripp of Graham describes vividly the plight of an innocent motorist confronted with a drinking driver:

"It's not the drunk we have to worry about. That guy is all over the road, cleaning out ditches on both sides. You can spot him a mile away. The real problem is the guy who gets about five drinks in him—His foot is

usually somewhere inside the carburetor and he's determined to get everything out of his car that he can.

"But his reactions are slow. And his brain is about 90 proof. Before you can see him coming, he's killed half the people in your car."

Holiday gaiety can be turned into tragedy on the streets and highways by irresponsible behavior. State troopers know this and from their experience they are well aware that the approaching holidays can prove the most disastrous time of the entire year.

Only you can determine the difference.

Mrs. Burnette's Piano Students In Dec. Recital

Mrs. David Burnette presented her piano students in their annual Christmas recital Tuesday evening, Dec. 18, at the Friendship Presbyterian Church.

Included in the program was every type of music for the audience's enjoyment. Classic selections, Christmas carols, popular songs—even jazz numbers were played by the various pupils. A social hour followed the performance.

These were the performers: Jeany and Carolyn Bartlette, Alan Arlan, Bobby Clements, Patty and Laurie

Bailey, Ann and Bunny Armfield, Marguerite Cambron, Mary Eastep, Sharon Brookshire, Bobby Wheelon, Donna Mattice, Susan Wilson, Betty Logan, Vivian Harris, Linda Jones, Brenda and Ray Clements, Jimmy Hall and Cynthia Copeland of Black Mountain; Pam Brown, Joy Goodman, Diane Warner, Tina Hussey, Dale, Harland and Eddie Sawyer, Linda and Phil Reece, Nancy Sawyer, Sue and Becky Brank, Linda Gail and Brenda Martin of Swannanoa; Doug and Sandra Sawyer of Blinwood.

Susan's X-ray showed that she didn't have TB. It would take a chest X-ray and other tests to find out if she had the disease.

Susan's mother, father and grandmother all had positive tuberculin test reactions. X-rays and other tests showed that the father had a light case of active disease, the mother had moderately advanced TB, and the grandmother had far advanced tuberculosis. None of them knew they were sick.

All three responded well to drug treatment and are now at home and returned to normal living. They are thankful for the simple tuberculin test given Susan at school which led to the discovery of their disease before it was too late for a cure.

In some communities, tuberculin testing of school children is an important part of the drive to eradicate TB in this country. If your child brings home a consent card for a tuberculin test, sign it. It can't do any harm, and it may turn out to be a lifesaver.

FROZEN VEGETABLES DRAMATIZED IN MAIN DISH FOR BUFFET SUPPER



Buffet suppers provide an excellent opportunity to introduce new recipes to family and friends. You can let originality and creative ability run rampant in these meals, but as a general rule keep them simple with one or two main dishes that are well prepared.

The garden-fresh color and texture of frozen vegetables are invaluable for brightening winter tables—and appearance should be one of the first considerations in planning your buffet menu.

Here bright green frozen peas provide dramatic contrast against the delicate pink color of the molded vegetable-shrimp ring. Another feature of this dish is its ease of preparation using convenience foods like frozen onions and green peppers already chopped, frozen shelled and deveined shrimp, and ready-to-cook frozen green peas. Incidentally, frozen green peas with cream sauce or onion sauce make an interesting variation for filling the center of the ring.

VEGETABLE-SHRIMP RING

- 1 (14 oz.) or 2 (7 oz.) packages frozen shrimp, shelled and deveined
- 2 (10 oz.) packages frozen green peas
- 1/2 cup frozen chopped onions
- 1/4 cup frozen chopped green peppers
- 1/2 cup finely diced celery
- 2 cups cubed day-old bread
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup fine dry bread crumbs

Cook frozen shrimp as directed on the package. Reserve several for garnish and chop remaining shrimp. Remove peas from freezer. Measure frozen chopped onions and peppers and dice celery. Soak cubed bread in water, then squeeze water out. Heat vegetable oil and cook onions, peppers and celery until almost tender. Combine all ingredients except peas and mix thoroughly. Grease 1 1/2 quart ring mold thoroughly with softened butter or margarine. Turn shrimp mixture into mold and pat down evenly with spoon. Top with buttered crumbs, if desired. Bake in 350 degree oven for 25 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare peas according to package directions. Unmold ring by cutting around edges with a knife, then invert over a warm chop plate. Spoon peas into center and garnish with whole shrimp and lemon slices. Makes six generous servings.

Variation: Two (8 oz.) packages frozen green peas with cream sauce, or two (9 oz.) packages frozen peas in onion sauce (heat-in-bag), may be used to fill center of ring.



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Have a merry Christmas.

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to all of our many friends.
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