

# RIDGECREST RAMBLINGS

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the Church  
Christmas is past but the still shines. Sunday, Dec. 22 was Victory Day for us. A goal of \$1200 for the Moon offering to fore- missions was not only shed but passed with a nice gin. May God's love, peace, joy remain in the hearts of all those who shared in the gifts and of those who stood to give but couldn't. Beautiful! "Most impressive!" "It would have done a far larger church." "The choir was magnificent." "The program on Sunday evening of Mrs. Miller Jack had practiced for weeks. She also wrote the script which tied the music numbers into one impressive service entitled "God So Loved that He Gave." Several

beautiful slides from master artists were shown at strategic moments on a huge screen flanked by evergreens and the velvet curtains of the baptistry to give fitting background. A lighted star, cross, and crown appeared above this at proper intervals. Then carols and anthems were well done. Soloists included Jerry Biddix, Linda Bradley, Tony Moore, Mrs. Everette Murray, and Mrs. Jackson. Rev. and readers, John May and E. H. Snydes were the electricians, with further assistance given by Paul Turner. An especially impressive feature was that of gifts of self and service. On entering the church each person had received a sheet of typed gift suggestions including several under each of the following heading: My Life, My Money, My Time, My Talents, My Home. At a specified moment in the program the audience checked those they would give, without signatures brought them voluntarily and laid them on the altar.

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World", there was a moment of deep and reverent silence. Then to the joyous postlude of "The Hallelujah Chorus", the people filed downstairs to the social hall to join in a delightful fellowship hour. Here again was more beauty in decorations and in the perfectly appointed table from which seasonable refreshments were served by Mrs. L. L. Biddix and Mrs. E. Y. Moore.

Junior G.A. and Sunbeams had their special meetings on Friday and Saturday before Christmas. Contributions were made to the Lottie Moon offering and the counselors (Mrs. George Hocutt and Mrs. James McMahan) also guided the children in making attractive gifts for their mothers.

The Intermediate Banquet scheduled for Monday evening, Dec. 23, had to be indefinitely postponed because of icy streets.

Like a picture from some great artist was the scene on our front lawn on Thursday evening, Dec. 19 when, attracted by the beautiful sound of carols, we went to the door to see a fine group of Juniors in warm bright wraps, standing in the bitter cold to sing joyfully from their hearts. Led by Mrs. E. H. Snydes and Mrs. James McMahan, this group sang for a number of sick or elderly people before going to the church for refreshments served by Miss Linda Snydes. Instead of presenting gifts to each other at the party, the children brought their gifts for Christ (Lottie Moon Offering).

In The Community  
Quite a number of Ridgecrests went elsewhere for Christmas, but guests "came home" to family gatherings also. One of the largest of these parties was the one in the E. Y. Moore home on Christmas Eve. For thirty years this has been an annual event for this family, and this year every member could be there. Besides the host and hostess, the following was present: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wright, and their daughter, Mrs. Ray Elmore and Mr. Elmore from Jefferson City, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pearson and their daughter, Carol, from Reidsville, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moore and little daughter, Rachel; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Moore of Swannanoa; Miss Ann Moore of Asheville; and Tony Moore. Other guests were John Schrey of Asheville; Miss Barbara

# NO WONDER YOUR GRASS IS GREENER



When the grass is always greener in the other fellow's yard, it may be thoughtlessness rather than envy that's coloring the eyes of the beholder. He doesn't know the reason why the grass really is greener—namely, that the wise gardener has taken the trouble to make sure he gets all the water he needs to keep his grass healthy.

More than 1,000 communities across the nation share the plight of the fellow with the covetous eye. In spite of seeing other communities enjoying an adequate supply of good, clean water, they assume there's a water shortage and there's nothing they can do about it. This attitude still prevails after they've endured another summer without sufficient water for watering their lawns, swimming, air-conditioning and washing their cars. It remains unshaken even though critically low water pressure left some towns without enough water to fight a serious fire.

What they fail to understand is that there is no real shortage of water. According to the National Water Institute, this country uses about 70-100 billion gallons a day out of a total economically available daily supply of 300-400 billion gallons.

The real shortage is in their foresight—their lack of long-range planning for local water systems to get the water from where it is to where it is needed. Years ago the townspeople failed to ask the imperative questions about their community's potential growth that would affect their demand for water. Faced now with inadequate equipment for transporting, pumping, treating, storing, and distributing water, they're answering for their neglect with cries of "water shortage."

What about our town? Will we allow another summer to pass before we answer our vital water questions? It will take improved and expanded facilities to avoid "water shortages" next summer and the many summers to come. We must plan now for our future.

Cooper of Swannanoa: Mrs. Blaine Gilliam of Black Mountain; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Singleton and their four daughters, Ronda, Rebecca, Reisa, and Renee, of Black Mountain; and Bill Morgan of Swannanoa.

Mrs. Pearson and Carol spent the whole Christmas week with the Moores, with Mr. Pearson joining them for the family gathering.

Misses Caroline and Martha Biggers are busy and happy in their winter home in Bar-tow, Fla. Not only are they active in their own church, but they also work and teach in one of its Missions. Miss Martha gives week-day music lessons to several of the children there. Miss Caroline has had a couple of falls in recent weeks but is still "on the go."

Our faraway readers will be interested to learn of an item in the Asheville Citizen for Dec. 22, in which Mrs. Alma Allison announces the engagement of her daughter, Martha, to Mack Robert Penley, of the U. S. Navy. She is a senior at Owen High School and he is stationed in Charleston. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Penley of Swannanoa.

When Mr. and Mrs. Ray Elmore returned to their home in Jefferson City, Tenn., last week they took with them Miss Lucy Murray for a visit of a few days.

Mrs. Norma Wynn Moore accompanied Mrs. W. M. Pate to Raleigh a week before the holidays to spend the holidays with their relatives.

A cheery Christmas greeting from Miss Mary Pressley Smith, Apt. 2-Court 7, 3832 Chenoweth, Louisville, Ky., said nothing about a severe fall she recently suffered. But from friends we understand that soon after visiting her sister in Wisconsin last month, she had an accident which put her in a hospital for eleven days. It is good to know she has recovered and is again in her apartment home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walters of Charlotte, with their children, Ben and Virginia, arrived on Christmas Eve for a three-day visit with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. T. E. Walters.

Mrs. Charles Jolley left on Christmas Eve to visit friends in Raleigh, Durham, and Rocky Mount. Before returning here she will also spend some time with her son, Ted Jolley, and his family in Camden, S. C.

Rev. and Mrs. George Hocutt spent the Christmas week in Burgaw, N. C., with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bowden.

Mrs. R. E. Hurst and Mrs. F. M. Burnett spent Dec. 24-27 in Rocky Mount with Mr. and Mrs. Revis Nelson and family. Mrs. Nelson is the daughter of the late Mr. Fred Burnett.

Christmas was somewhat sad for the Ward family of Brevard. During the first week in December, David Ward underwent urological surgery in St. Joseph's hospital. Before he was able to be up, Mrs. Ward was also hospitalized with a deep chest congestion. Both of them were still patients at St. Joseph's during Christmas week and totally unable to visit his sister, Mrs. Edith Beam, who has been for some months an invalid in Frady Nursing Home in Asheville. This brother and sister are the only members left of their family and would so have enjoyed being together at this season. Friends wish for them speedy return to health and brighter days ahead in the New Year.

Chaplain (Major) Louis M. Jackson completed his Career Course in Chaplains' School at Ft. Hammon, N. Y., on Dec. 19, and is spending the holidays here with his family. He will shortly leave for his next assignment in Ft. Benning, Ga., and as soon as living arrangements can be made for them, Mrs. Jackson and the two little daughters will join him there.

His mother, Mrs. L. M. Jackson of Sumter, S. C., visited the family here during Christmas week.

A greeting card from the Clyde Grants in N. Syracuse, N. Y., speaks of their joyful remembrance of the year spent in Ridgecrest. How we wish we could have kept them! They have two children now—four year old Bruce (whom we knew) and his almost-one-

year-old brother, Gordon. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Sutherland spent Christmas in Greenville in the home of their daughter, Mrs. John Gillespie and her family.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Stimson on Sunday, Dec. 22, visited his sister-in-law, Mrs. Clara Stimson in Lenoir. On Tuesday afterwards our Mr. and Mrs. Stimson went to South-ern Pines to spend several days with Dr. and Mrs. Clement Monroe.

Mrs. L. L. Biddix and Jerry left on Christmas Eve for Thomasville to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Black and other relatives. Mr. Biddix was able to join them there next day for a few hours.

After a six weeks' visit here with his mother, Mrs. L. H. Stepp, Lewis Stepp, Jr., on Dec. 21 left for his work in Long Beach, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith and little daughter, Scarlett, arrived Dec. 21 to spend a week with his mother, Mrs. Pearl Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sawyer and children, Jimmy, Janet, and Ginger, of Nashville, Tenn., arrived Dec. 27 for a few days visit with Mrs. Sawyer's parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Hardin.

Dewey Thomas was home for the holidays from Kentucky Military Academy in Lyndon, Ky.

Miss LaVerelle Murray, Laboratory Technician in Danville Memorial Hospital, Danville, Va., spent several of her holidays here with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Everette Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Anderson and little daughter from Durham, visited his sister, Mrs. Everette Murray and her family over the week end of Dec. 22. On that day the Andersons and Murrays all joined

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other relatives in Candler for a pre-Christmas dinner together.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bradley had all their children at home for a part of the holidays. Bob Bradley and family spent the pre-Christmas week end. Bill was home for several days. Miss Barbara Bradley, home from Carson-Newman College, went with her little sister, Judy, to Winston-Salem last week for a short visit with their brother Bob and family. Miss Linda Bradley accompanied Mrs. Wm. L. Robinson of Black Mountain on Christmas Day to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Styles, Jr., of Statesville, with their three sons, visited her mother, Mrs. L. H. Stepp over the past weekend.

Mrs. Peggy Zeigler of Cullowhee spent the week end with Miss Arvine Bell who was at home sick after a delightful Christmas vacation with friends in Birmingham, Ala.

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