

Waiting for Him



CYNTHIA'S CHRISTMAS
by Martha Manning Thomas

CYNTHIA tried to be gay over the holiday parties, but somehow she just couldn't get into the spirit of things. With sun-shining, flowers growing, and a warm wind from the sea, nothing seemed right. The snow and hollyhills, and the creaking of the sleds, this is lovely, but she would fall into wistful silence, and her dancing partner would be puzzled and a little hurt.

Cynthia had not heard from Sam for a long while. Perhaps he was forgetting her. They had been such good friends always and they were so close and tender and had just before Cynthia had left for the west coast. But probably Sam was very busy. Probably he didn't get time to write. Oh, well. And her eyes would become misty with looking, not at the immediate beauty of shore and sea, or lovely gardens, but at far-away things.

Sam lived next door in the old days, a rough little boy who tumbled her curls made fun of the way she switched her shoes, washed her feet with the greatest rudeness in snow, and once, quite by accident, nearly killed her.

Sitting one day under an orange tree, she reviewed that episode, and it all came back to her as clearly as if she were there. And instead of twenty-two Sam had called to her to come out for a walk. She hesitated, knowing how rough and unmanly he might be. She was wearing a new suit with a ribbon round her neck and a little blue bonnet that matched her eyes. She did not wish

Millions For Christmas Greetings
Charles Frederick Westworth

WHEN the postman delivers another mail of Christmas cards at the door during the few days just before Christmas, how many of the recipients give a thought to the magnitude of the job of preparing sentiments for helping folks to express a cheery word to friends and kin at that season?

A word about the origin of the Christmas greeting will be interesting. Thomas Skorrack of Leith is credited by an English Journal published prior to 1846 as the originator of the Christmas card, but as no copy of his card came to public notice, another source must be found.

In 1848 J. C. Horsley, R. A. acting upon the suggestion of Sir Henry Cole, produced a drawing which was lithographed by Jobbins of Warwick Court, Holborn. But one thousand cards were printed, and these were colored by hand.

From this beginning the custom of sending greetings at Christmas has spread to the entire Christian world. In an average year the output of these concerns approximates \$90,000,000 at retail prices, of which a large proportion consists of Christmas greetings.

Sentiments usually are purchased from freelance writers, who submit them to the editorial department of the publishing company, but the editors and other manuscripts are submitted to editors of magazines, though some concerns maintain a writing staff.

Naturally, writers try to express a sentiment better than the purchaser himself could, and also to provide a variety of sentiments which individuals might desire for a particular friend or relative.

Besides the Christmas cards found in the stores (called "counter cards"), individual designs and sentiments are prepared to order for personal use by society people and others. Some of the greetings of this character affected by the Hollywood movie, but only are very elaborate and expensive. Others bear merely a formal engraved greeting with the name of the sender.

Another class of Christmas greetings is that provided by the telegraph companies, the sentiments being sent in code and written out in full for the recipients on special blanks decorated with Christmas designs. Telephone greetings, also, both local and long distance, make important additions to the big multi-million-dollar wish for joy to the world and a Merry Christmas to all.

Come On Santa!



A Christmas Pageant will be given at the Glade Valley High School auditorium Saturday night and a community Christmas tree.

PERSONALS

LOCAL NEWS
Mr. Bryan Collins was confined to his home with an attack of appendicitis last week.

Mrs. Finis Wagoner and daughters, Mildred and Kathleen, of Statesville, are visiting friends here.

Mrs. C. W. Higgins and Mrs. R. H. Hackler and daughter, Doris, were shoppers in Winston-Salem Tuesday.

Mrs. Guy R. Duncan was taken to the hospital at Statesville, Dec. 14. She was assisted by Dr. G. F. Duncan.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Goodman, who has been ill with cerebrospinal meningitis, died last Thursday evening, December 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Warren and daughter, Florence, spent Wednesday in Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Doughton, of Statesville, Mr. Claude Doughton, of Wilkesboro, and Miss Pauline Turner, of Winston-Salem, were guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Higgins, Sunday.

Mrs. Rush Thompson, who has been ill, is reported to be doing nicely.

Mrs. E. F. Murray left last week to join her husband in Beckley, W. Va., where she is undergoing a serious operation.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clennel Richardson, who has had Scarlet Fever is also doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Osborne and family spent Sunday at Turkey Knob.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Petty visited Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pruitt last weekend.

Mrs. Blanche Norman is confined to her home with flu.

Birth Announcement
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Douglas, of Piney Creek, a daughter, Mary Sue.

WHITEHEAD NEWS

Miss Ella Caudill, of High Point is spending sometime with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Caudill.

The revival meeting at New Salem which has been going on for the past week has been largely attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Reece Catron, of Galax, Va. spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Letcher Crouse of this place.

Miss Carrie Hamm of Laurel Springs spent Saturday night with Miss Loueva Edwards of Whitehead.

LAUREL SPRINGS NEWS

Mr. John Pugh, who has been very ill, is not very much better.

Misses Blanche and Eva Pugh (shopped in Winston-Salem Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Branley Fender and two little daughters, of Stratford, were visitors Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Fender and Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Fender.

Elmer Hendrix is on the sick list.

Mrs. Cora Dancy, Mrs. Wilmer Fender and Mrs. D. H. Fender were shoppers in Wilkesboro Friday.

Mrs. Bob Pugh was also a shopper in Wilkesboro Friday.

A Christmas program will be given at the school house Friday afternoon.

The Baptist and Methodist Sunday Schools will hold their Christmas program at the Baptist Church Sunday morning before church.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Miller and little son, of Therman, visited their parent Mr. Jess Miller Sunday.

Mr. Cas Taylor, of White Top, Va. visited Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Taylor.

STRATFORD NEWS

Mr. Chas. R. Johnson and daughter Miss Bettie of Glifton and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Johnson and daughter Miss Annie and son Chas. Ross of Jefferson attended services at Shiloh Sunday, spending a few hours in the afternoon with their sister, Mrs. C. M. Sanders.

Mr. John Reeves Watson has returned from Winston-Salem, where he has been for a few days with his wife, who is in the hospital there and reports her improving.

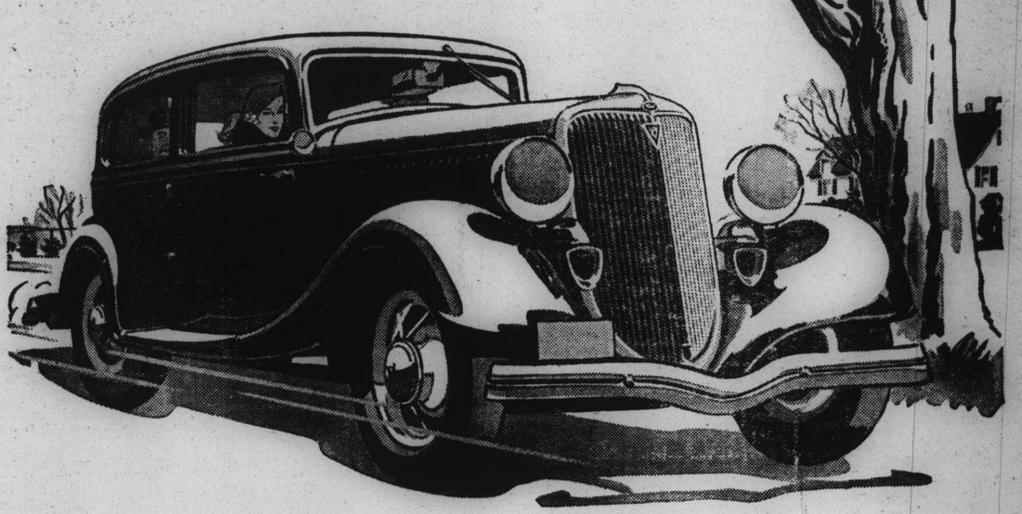
Mr. and Mrs. George Wagoner and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wagoner visited Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sanders Sunday evening.

Chas. Sanders has been very sick during the weekend.

Church
Mrs. Choate is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Richardson, of Sparta. She is a graduate of Sparta High School. Mr. Choate is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Greely Choate also of Sparta.

They will make their home in Winston-Salem, where Mr. Choate has a position.

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FENDERS IN COLOR. On De Luxe cars fenders are in color to harmonize with body colors—wheel colors optional. New enamel finish on all bodies and fenders has greater wearing quality and more enduring luster.

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PRICES REMAIN LOW—Tudor Sedan, \$535. Coupe, \$515. Fordor Sedan, \$585. De Luxe Tudor, \$575. De Luxe Fordor, \$625. De Luxe Coupe (5 windows), \$555. De Luxe Coupe (3 windows), \$555. De Luxe Roadster, \$525. De Luxe Phaeton, \$550. Cabriolet, \$590. Victoria, \$610. (All prices f. o. b. Detroit.)

CHURCHES

Methodist Church News
(C. W. Russell, Pastor)

Sunday, following Sunday School at Gentry Memorial, the Sunday School children will render a Christmas program. Following the program presents will be presented from the Christmas tree.

I will again announce services for this week-end. Hoping to see these services well represented, as I will endeavor to bring Christmas messages. Please remember to bring our gifts for the Children's Home. Any produce that these children can eat will be accepted. Friday afternoon, Dec. 22 at 2:30, Walnut Branch, Saturday morning, Dec. 23 at 11:00, Shiloh, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 23 Piney Creek, Sunday morning, Dec. 24 at 11:00 Cox's Chapel, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 24 at Potato Creek.

The first Quarterly Conference for the year was held Sunday by our newly appointed Elder, Rev. A. C. Gibbs. A splendid sermon was preached and the Conference was held following the sermon.

SLOGAN
"IT IS NOT CHRISTMAS WITHOUT CHRIST"

CHURCH NOTICE
At the request of the Church at Scottville I will hold a service there at 7:30 Sunday night, Dec. 24th
C. H. McKnight

DEATHS
CHARLES WESLEY RING
Charles Wesley Ring, 38, of Independence, Va., died of heart trouble at his home last Thursday. He was a son-in-law of Judge Kirby, of Independence, and for some time had been engaged in the mercantile business.

Funeral services were held at 11 A. M. Sunday at the Methodist church at Independence before one of the largest crowds ever in attendance there. Preacher Browning conducted the service. Reins-Sturdivant of Sparta had charge of the details of the funeral.

Rev. O. W. Marshall will conduct a Christmas Service at the Baptist church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Every body invited.

Miss Betty Fowler, Mrs. R. A. Wagoner and Mr. and Mrs. G. Glenn Nichols attended the funeral of C. W. Ring at Independence Sunday.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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