

## New Haven Young People Repeat Play in W. Va.

The temperance play, "What Shall It Profit," which achieved such success on its initial performance at Twin Oaks last month, added another triumph to its growing popularity, when last Saturday night the young people of the New Haven Church of the Brethren traveled to Goodwill, W. Va. and presented their play before a crowded Community Church audience.

The Young People took to the road to fill their first out-of-state engagement in response to the urgent requests of the Goodwill Community Church. There were approximately nineteen in the company, counting friends of the local players, who motored to West Virginia, Saturday afternoon, to be on hand for the evening's program.

Following the performance the cast was given a reception and buffet luncheon at the home of Jim Poole, formerly of Sparta, and his brother Corbett. Walter Coroner, also a former Alleghanian, and at present Sunday School Superintendent of the Goodwill Community Church, welcomed the temperance players to West Virginia and invited them to return.

### AT LIBERTY CHURCH THIS FRIDAY NIGHT

The Twin Oaks troupers will take their temperance drama to the Liberty Baptist Church at Whitehead, Friday night, December 20, at 7 o'clock. If you are one who missed "What Shall It Profit" when it showed in Twin Oaks, here is your opportunity to see it by driving over to Whitehead, Friday night. Liberty Baptist Church will witness the third performance of the play. The young folks in the cast are already booked for a number of appearances in out-of-town communities after Christmas. Admission is free.

### Young Women's Circle Enjoys Christmas Program

The Young Women's Circle met at Green Gables on Thursday, December 12, with Mrs. Dwight Creech and Mrs. Robert M. Gambill as hostesses.

After the business portion of the meeting had been taken care of by the Circle's vice-president, Wilma Crouse, the gathering was favored with an interesting Christmas program, directed by the program leader, Mrs. Harry Vaughan. Taking part in the exercises were Misses Lillie Ervin, Billy Ratledge, and Wilma Crouse, who gave a delightful Christmas reading. Then all joined in singing Christmas carols. During the social period which followed, the hostesses served refreshments suggestive of the Christmas season to the sixteen members and visitors present.

New members welcomed into the Circle at this meeting were: Nada Landreth, Kathleen Harris, Mozelle Andrews, Eva Edwards and Billy Jones.

### Women's Christian Society Meets At Four Oaks Tavern

The Women's Society of Christian Service held its December meeting one day earlier than was previously announced when they gathered at the home of Mrs. Reeves, Four Oaks Tavern, at two o'clock last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Grover Landreth and Mrs. Bessie Reeves acted as hostesses, while the meeting was presided over by Mrs. Blake Hampton. The Society used as its topic for the day, "Possessions and their Spiritual Values." Mrs. E. Black and Mrs. T. J. Carson took part in the program.

Following a "Christmas Reading" by Wilma Crouse, the ladies announced that eight dollars had been realized from a unique project the group had launched at its previous meeting. A pair of blue overalls, which had been circulated among the members during the month, was returned to the Society adorned with a motley array of patches. Each patch was of a different size and color, and sewed beneath each patch was a cash donation. The ladies had an enjoyable as well as a profitable time tearing off the patches and retrieving the money inside.

The January meeting is to meet at the residence of Mrs. Strader, with Mrs. J. L. Doughton conducting the program.

Are you a good driver—or do you just think you are?

## Our world...

### A Simple Plan for Aiding Britain

Washington.—President Roosevelt announced a sweeping new plan for helping Great Britain under which the United States government would take over future British war orders and release the materials for use abroad on a lease or mortgage basis to be repaid in kind after the war. Under the plan, planes and guns, for example, would be leased to the British. The President likened it to a man lending a neighbor a hose to put out a fire in his house.

### Americans Will Approve This

Washington.—Expulsion of Princess Stefanie Hohenlohe-Waldenbourg-Schillingsfurst, once known as London's leading Nazi hostess, and Karl Scheuring, 18-year-old Nazi sympathizer, was ordered yesterday by the Justice Department.

### Terrible Blast in Cincinnati

Cincinnati.—A blast that left almost no two bricks joined by mortar, nor timbers by spikes, killed 13 men, women and children of five families in an old downtown tenement before dawn yesterday. A dozen other persons, saved only because they lived on upper floors of the three-story building and came down on top of the rubble instead of under it, were injured, none seriously. What caused the explosion, which splintered windows for blocks and drove bricks through nearby walls, only one man apparently knew, and he was dead.

### Lloyd Declines Ambassadorship

London.—The London News Chronicle says that David Lloyd George has declined the ambassadorship to the United States, although pressed strongly by Prime Minister Churchill to accept. Lloyd George, the paper added, refused the post in consideration of his advanced age—78.

### British Aggressive: Italians Stubborn

Cairo.—British mechanized forces, overcoming the resistance of three Fascist forts, last night were reported driving into the outskirts of Italy's important Bardia base on the Libyan coast where the virtually encircled Italians are massed for a desperate stand. Italian Marshal Rodolfo Graziani was reported to have decided upon a do-or-die defense of Bardia, 10 miles deep into Libyan territory along the Mediterranean, and the first determined Fascist stand against Britain's desert "blitzkrieg" was believed to be at hand.

### Greeks Continue Successes in Albania

Athens, Greece.—A government spokesman announced last night as "one of the major successes of recent days" the capture by the Greeks of a camouflaged fortified position in the northern sector where the Italians had stood stubbornly with permanent artillery and machine-gun installations.

### Britain Blasts at Ruhr Arms Plants

London.—Adolf Hitler's "invasion ports" on the French coast were ripped by tremendous explosions early today as the R. A. F. stepped up its aerial offensive after a smashing, seven-hour bombing of Germany's industrial Ruhr district. The Mannheim district of the Ruhr with its vital arms plants was said to have been bombed by waves of British planes.

### British Warned of Spring Offensive

London.—Lord Beaverbrook, boss of Britain's aircraft production, officially warned the British last night that Adolf Hitler is making "immense" preparations to invade England before next spring and called upon his plane builders to "roll out the bombers" to help meet the threat.

### Sparta School

The Sparta girls' basketball crew kept their slate clean last Thursday by breezing through their final game before the Christmas holidays to top their Ronda rivals, 18-11. Displaying their usual form and offensive the Spartans were in no serious trouble throughout the entire engagement. But that does not necessarily infer that the young ladies of Ronda were a pushover. They were out to defend an enviable record of no defeats on their own court in four years. But the Spartan power was too much for them, so our girls can enjoy a time-out period now until they meet the same Ronda club on the Sparta floor on January 9.

It took the Sparta boys two quarters to get warmed up, Thursday night at Ronda, and then they turned on the heat for fair, but not quite soon enough to ring up a victory. The final score read, Ronda 24, Sparta 16.

Last Friday's fashion parade ran off as per schedule, amidst a holiday-season aura of beautiful Christmas wreaths, holly sprigs and a tinsel-tasseled Christmas tree. A number of visitors from the community expressed their delight over the efforts put forth by the Home Economics Class and their instructor, Mrs. A. E. Hamby.

Get out your best bib and tucker, while the boys in the orchestra tune up their fiddles and get ready for a real old-fashioned hoe-down and square dance. The music which will be provided by a string band, will start the fun a-go-in' at 8 o'clock, December 28 in the Sparta gym. The entertainment is sponsored by Sparta High School.

As soon as the scripts for the Juniors' new play, "Let's Get Rich," arrive, the class will commence rehearsal in earnest. The cast is reported to have been chosen.

Meanwhile, the faculty is doing a bit of rehearsing on its own these days. "Billy's Goat," a domestic comedy, will be ready for its curtain call on Saturday, January 11, according to reports.

Although each elementary teacher plans to trim a Christmas tree for her individual schoolroom—yet, just the same, the children "can't hardly wait" until the last bell rings and the Yuletide holidays begin on Friday.

### MAGICIAN AMAZES AND AMUSES H. S. STUDENTS

Every eye in Sparta High School auditorium was riveted on the dark sleek Spanish magician, Senor Viera, when he unloaded his mysterious bag of tricks Monday morning, and put his little one ring circus through its paces.

Senor Viera kept the boys and girls virtually on the edge of their seats for sixty minutes while he amazed his young audience with numerous sleight-of-hand tricks, and then amused them by producing two comical, well-trained animals—a monkey and a dog. The monkey, dressed in a green sweater, cowboy pants and a huge sombrero, ludicrously strummed a guitar and did a "Hi-Yo-Silver" act while riding in bronco-fashion, using his canine companion for a horse. Both dog and monkey also performed a number of clever acrobatic tricks.

Spectators pronounced the Spanish presto-change artist to be the finest and most unique performer they had ever seen. Unlike most itinerant magicians the senor travelled exceptionally light. A cage for the monk and a small overnight bag appeared

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## "CHRISTMAS GREETINGS"

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### Preston B. Reeves Funeral Friday At His Home

Preston B. Reeves passed away at his home last Wednesday morning, December 11, at the age of 88, following a period of failing health covering several years. His home in Grayson County on the banks of New River nearly opposite Woodruff's stone quarry is a well-known place, and as Mr. Reeves had dealt in cattle for 60 years he was very widely known and highly respected.

The funeral service was held at the home Friday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Elder J. D. Vass, Primitive Baptist minister of Fancy Gap, and was very largely attended in spite of drizzling rain. Interment was in the home cemetery.

Mr. Reeves was kin to several of the Reeves family of Alleghany County, and leaves four daughters and one son.—Mrs. I. B. Bryant, Mrs. Bina Hawthorne, Mrs. O. O. Smith and George Reeves, of Independence, and Mrs. June P. Hale, of Spring Valley.

Mrs. J. E. Joines has returned to Boone after a week's visit here with her sister, Mrs. Maude Richardson.

Claude Crouse has accepted a position in New Jersey, and Mrs. Crouse and son Harold expect to move soon to join him.

O. B. Omohundro, of Franklin, N. C., was in Sparta over the week-end.

to comprise his entire paraphernalia.

The morning's entertainment had been eagerly anticipated by the students for some time and was well attended, and the High School sponsors enjoyed appreciable dividends when the last stipend had been counted, it was disclosed.

### Real Christmas Radio Program Sunday Night

One of radio's most popular shows—General Electric's "Hour of Charm"—will come to listeners completely stripped of commercial announcements on Sunday night, December 22 at 10 o'clock, when the sponsors' present instead, against a musical background by Phil Spitalny's all-girl orchestra, a brief but significant Christmas message written especially for the broadcast by Bruce Barton, author of the beloved book "The Man Nobody Knows!"

Entitled "The Meaning of the Star," Barton's original message is a poignant plea for peace in the world... a lasting peace founded upon the teachings of the Christ child. It is a simple timely editorial based upon the meaning of the Star of Bethlehem... a meaning which "once revealed to mankind, can never be blacked out!"

In the true Yuletide spirit, the "Hour of Charm" all-girl orchestra, under Mr. Spitalny's baton, will offer an unusual musical interpretation of the season's most familiar poem, "Twas The Night Before Christmas"; With bows and fiddles, trumpets and drums, the orchestra will musically visualize Christmas as seen through the wondering eyes of a child.

Selections for the broadcast, most of which have been especially arranged by Evelyn of the Magic Violin, are:

The Night Before Christmas—(A Spoken Song); Parade of the Wooden Soldiers—Orchestra; Nursery Rhymes—Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star; Farmer in the Dell; Lazy Mary, and Mary Had a Little Lamb—Rosa Linda and Lola at the Grand Pianos; Me and My Violin—Evelyn and her Magic Violin; Three Toy Trumpets—Trumpet Trio and Drummer; Dancing Tambourine—Orchestra; March of the Toys—Orchestra; Toyland—Vivian and Violins, and Silent Night, Holy Night—Violins and Voices.

### Mrs. Halsey Hostess To Baptist W. M. S.

The Sparta Baptist W. M. S. met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. R. C. Halsey. The program was on "China and Japan" with a number of the members participating. During the business session officers were elected for the coming year as follows: Mrs. V. W. Sears, president; Mrs. Dorothy Parker, sec-treas., and Mrs. Amos Wagoner, reporter. Delightful refreshments were served by the hostess and Mrs. Coomes.

### Sparta Churches To Hold Christmas Services

The Christmas spirit of "Peace on earth, good will to men," will be portrayed in Sparta's Methodist and Presbyterian churches next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

A program of carols around a Christmas tree and appropriate readings has been arranged by Miss Wilma Crouse and Mrs. Crystal Heninz, to be held in the Methodist Church.

The Presbyterian Church plans a similar program for its Sunday evening service. There will be a Christmas service and a brief sermon by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Berry, entitled "Abide With Us."

A Christmas pageant will be presented at the Glade Valley Church on Monday evening, December 23, at 7:30 o'clock.

Everyone is invited to attend these various Christmas services. Get into the spirit of the season, and come out to church.

### Christmas Day Service at Liberty

Rev. A. F. Absher plans to preach at 11 o'clock on Christmas Day at Liberty Church.

### David Higgins Buys Irwin Barber Shop

"And that's the news" as the radio announcer tells us. The figure of Troy Irwin presiding in the barber shop is now ancient history, for he has sold to David Higgins and taken up his new work of selling the popular Chevrolet cars for Chas. Castevens.

To have David in the barber shop seems natural enough, only now he's the boss.

And Robert Andrews is gone, too, to some Government job, it is reported.

### New Punishment A Strong Reminder

Judge Blaine W. Hatch is the originator of a new process of punishment for hit-and-run drivers in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Harold E. Lee, 18, of St. Mary's Lake, was arrested for leaving the scene of an incident in which his car knocked down Leo Lowe, 28, a pedestrian.

Judge Hatch ruled that Lee would spend each week-end for 15 weeks in the county jail.

### NOTICE

Because of Christmas holidays the Star-Times will omit the issue next week, and resume again with the issue of January 2.

Meantime, "Merry Christmas to all."

W. S. MEAD

### Only 4 More Shopping Days To Christmas

Get your Christmas shopping done now, or you'll be in the last minute rush and crush.