

MIRROR IMAGES

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Family Christmas Cards

The effects of a good snow storm never cease to amaze me. A transformation is created. The dimension of our outside world is changed beyond belief. Normal lines and boundaries cease to exist when roads and paths lay uncleaned beneath one thick white blanket. Shapes become rounded and softened as drifts build up. Sounds are muffled and muted. The sky seems lower. The intensity of light becomes almost unbearable as the sun finally breaks through. Short trips become great undertakings when we find ourselves ill prepared either clothing or vehicle-wise.

The dimension of our inside world, in the home, changes too. Children underfoot who are normally in school. The telephone rings constantly as plans are changed and events are rescheduled. Hot choco-

late and hot soup in never-ending quantities. Wet gloves followed by more wet gloves.

An unexpected benefit is extra time at home to catch up on many things that have been set aside. Sewing and knitting projects may be finally completed.

The snowy weather gave me the opportunity to start making my Christmas cards. This is quite a lengthy undertaking which involves designing the card, cutting the printing block, printing all the cards, and then carefully trying to avoid stepping on them as dozens of cards lay drying on tables, chairs, shelves and sometimes on the floor.

The first time I ever made my own cards was three or four years ago. A novice at that time, I was experimenting with a new substitute for linoleum which proved very easy to handle. My card was

designed and the printing block was ready. I had all the plain white cards and envelopes on hand and Ray was all set to start doing the actual job of printing as soon as I had bought the printers ink.

It was then I discovered that it was impossible to buy printers ink locally. I tried every store selling art supplies. I spent hours on the telephone with no success. Printers ink was available in a mail order catalogue of art supplies, but it was to close to Christmas and I needed the ink immediately. Finally, a printer in Gastonia feeling very sorry for me, gave me a can of commercial ink which did an adequate job.

During our summer vacation, we were browsing in an art supply store in Atlanta and discovered great quantities of printing supplies. In-

spired to try printing our own cards again, we bought printers ink in three different colors and several other necessities such as various shaped linoleum cutters.

As the snow started to fall this weekend, I designed our 1971 Christmas card and brought out all our supplies so that I would cut the printing block. At my new equipment carries a name brand well known to artists but reading the finer print on the boxes and tubes I was amazed to discover that all had been manufactured in Statesville, N.C.!



Activity Agenda

KINGS MOUNTAIN GARDEN Club meets on Wed., Dec 8th at 3:30 P.M. at the home of the hostess, Mrs. George Mauney. The program is "Christmas at Williamsburg" presented by Mrs. J. E. Herndon, Jr.

OPENGATE GARDEN CLUB meets on Wed., Dec. 8th at 3:30 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Humes Houston with Mrs. W. M. Gantt as co-hostess. The program will be a "Therapy Workshop" of Christmas items conducted by Mrs. Paul McGinnis and Mrs. Robert Davies.

COLONEL FREDERICK Hambright Chapter of the D. A.R. will meet on Wed, Dec. 8th at 3:30 P.M. at the home of Mrs. C.D. Blanton. Program chairman Mrs. Charles Neisler, will introduce Pastor Elliott of Pisgah A.R.P. Church, Gastonia, who will present a program on "Saving Crowder's Mountain."

TOWN AND COUNTRY GARDEN Club will meet on Thurs. Dec. 9th at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Fred Finger, Sr. There will be a workshop to make Christmas trays favors for hospital patients, to be conducted by Mrs. Margaret Miller.

KINGS MOUNTAIN LITTLE Theatre will hold a general meeting on Thursday, Dec. 9th at 7:30 P.M. at the Kings Mountain Savings and Loan Association conference room. All members and interested persons are urged to attend by Theatre President, Gene Austin.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS Luncheon on Friday, Dec. 10th at 12 noon at the Womens Club building.

MESSIAH TO BE PRESENTED on Sunday, Dec. 12th at 4 P.M. at Central United Methodist Church.

EAST SCHOOL P.T.A. meets on Tuesday Dec. 14th at 7:30 P.M. at the school. Two of the classes will present a Christmas program.

KINGS MOUNTAIN COUNTRY Club ladies bridge Christmas champagne luncheon on Wed. Dec. 15th.

D.A.R. ESSAY CONTEST entries are due in by Wed. Dec. 15th. Contestants are reminded to have their entries in by the deadline.

Seventeen members of Brownie troop 204 (East School) made Thanksgiving cards for hospital trays at Thanksgiving. Troop leaders are Joy Lawson and Betty Green.

"A different Christmas Picture" will be the title of Rev. Aulseley's text for Sunday services at the 1st Presbyterian Church.

Morowitz keeps his small zoo of animals on a vacant lot and invites children from all races and walks of life to love and care for animals. However, when the owners

of the lot issue an eviction notice his whole world collapses, and the movie surrounds a few of the children who make off with their favorite pony trying to save it from the glue factory.

It is a touching story for the young and there are several young actors who do well in their parts.

Troop 4 Bake Sale

The Cadette Scout Troop 4 bake sale which was canceled Saturday will be held this Saturday at 10 a.m. It will be in front of Belks. Proceeds will go toward purchasing Christmas gifts for Western Carolina Center and Broughton Hospital.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa,
I have a two year old daughter and she has a habit of saying a bad word when anything goes wrong. When I say anything to her about it she says "Mommy, I just said ---." Do you think I should ignore her or what? My three year old got a word from a little girl friend and I told her I was not going to let her play with the little girl so she quit using it. But I have a problem with my two year old.
J.-Kan.

Answer:
Little children pick up words they hear and have no idea of what they mean. But when they say something that causes a stir they get attention and that is what many children like. It doesn't pay to make too much over words they use because such an action impresses it on the child's mind and she sees it as a way of getting more attention. The best thing to do in such a situation is to remain calm and say that you don't think that is a pretty word for a little girl to use. Then suggest some words and make a game of it. The next time she comes out with the old word--and she will--pay no attention to her.
Spanking is not the answer to this problem but lots of patience and understanding will usually solve it, if given time.

Louisa.



Local Births

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. G. Smith Rt. 2, Box 600, K.M. a boy, Nov. 30, 1971

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Thos. Love-lave, Rt. 1, Box 100, York a girl, Dec. 1, 1971

Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Hall 509 Sinclair, St., Charlotte a girl, Dec. 3, 1971

Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Thompson Rt. 2, Box 21, K.M. a boy, Dec. 5, 1971

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Huffman, Box 75, Earl, a boy, Dec. 5, 1971

1st Birthday



JOSEPH G. WILLIAMS

Joseph Gregory Williams celebrated his 1st birthday on Monday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Williams of Kings Mountain.

He was honored with two parties. One was given by his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Williams of Gastonia on Sunday. Another was given by his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hammett, on Monday. Greg's cake was decorated with Christmas Ornaments (Santa Claus and a Christmas tree). Greg's mother is the former Teresa Hammett.

Any nation has its selfish men and women; it's a great country which can produce a number of unselfish citizens.

The happiest person in this community is probably the one who has helped the most people, in one way or another.

There is nothing to be gained by anticipating evils that may not occur; let's wait until we have to meet them face-to-face.

2nd Birthday



MICHEAL SHANE FARRIS

Micheal Shane celebrated his second birthday, Dec. 1st. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Farris of Kings Mtn.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ross and Mrs. W.C. Farris of Kings Mountain. Great grandparent Mrs. E.V. Ross and Mrs. W.R. Lovelace. His party was Dec. 1st at the Parents home in Kings Mtn.

The covered-up long sleeved dress for evening seems to be very popular this season according to buyers. Designers had featured halter dresses but these were not the first choice with many of the buyers.

One smart ensemble for the college girl was a purple bib pants suit with its rain repelling velveteen cape.

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WEEKLY RECIPE

MARGARET BAIRD

FRUIT CAKE COOKIES

During this Christmas season we are presenting recipes suggested by the Home Economics Department of Kings Mountain High School.

This week, Mrs. Margaret Baird gives us her recipe for fruit cake cookies. Mrs. Baird and her husband live in the Bethware community. They

have four children: Ann, a sophomore at East Carolina, Bill, a senior at K.M.H.S., Boyd, a sophomore at K.M.H.S., and Allen, a sixth grader at Bethware School.

1/2 cup butter
1 cup brown sugar
1 egg
2 cup flour
1 cup nuts
1 cup dates
1/4 cup buttermilk
1/2 tsp. soda
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup cherries.
Cream butter and sugar, add egg. Beat well. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with buttermilk. Add vanilla, chopped fruits and nuts. Mix well. Drip by teaspoon on slightly greased cookie sheet. Bake 10 - 12 minutes at 350.

Kat Ervin Is Third Runner-Up

Kat Ervin was selected as third runner-up in judging for the Carrousel queen in Charlotte on Thanksgiving.

Kat was chosen from Kings Mountain High to compete in the annual event and ride in the big Thanksgiving Day Carolinas Carrousel Parade.

She was one of 33 girls competing for the title. This is the first time a Kings Mountain entry has placed in the finalists.

Pastor Easley Honored

There will be a reception honoring Pastor and Mrs. Charles W. Easley of St. Matthews' Lutheran Church on Sunday, Dec. 19th from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the church. All friends of the Easley family are invited to attend. Rev. Easley has accepted a new pastorate in Al-bemarle and he and his family will move there in the New Year.

Police Auxiliary To Meet Monday

The Kings Mountain Police Auxiliary will meet on Monday, December 13th at 7 p.m. with Mrs. David Corn on Wilson Street.

The Auxiliary's 1972 officers will be installed, and the ladies will exchange Christmas gifts.

Great Books, Good Books And Informative Books Fine Gifts

By Edward H. Sims

One can usually tell much about another by observing what he reads. Americans, with non-stop moronic television, the means to play more golf than anyone else, and to enjoy more leisure sports, are not the world's best readers.

And in the warmer climates, such as in the South, even fewer people read serious books than elsewhere. Most Americans' idea of fun is to get out and do something--tennis, golf, hunting, fishing, etc. In the colder climates, where people stay indoors more, they read more. Thus the Europeans are better, more serious readers. And much of what the average American reads is on a par with his puerile films and imbecilic television. These are hard, un-flattering facts which should be faced. One way to face them is to resolve to read a worthwhile book occasionally.

A few books stand out in my mind, looking back as a historian. Of course, they're in the field of history, but they are, primarily, outstanding stories of brave men achieving amazing things with honor and courage while serving their country. Such personal heroism and accomplishment will always be admired--and is really more exciting than fiction. Graf von Luckner of the First War, his story by Lowell Thomas, is still first-rate. So are the sea exploits of the greatly

raider of that war. The story of the beginning of rockets. "V-2," as told by General Walter Dornberger, is fascinating.

Few will read, but all should, the other, largely-unknown, side of the Civil War, "Facts The Historians Leave Out," by John Tilley. His facts aren't fashionable to those who like to think the war was a crusade in black and white, but they're informative.

Of late I've enjoyed several arrivals which would make good Christmas gifts--"Tacklebox Library" about all kinds of fishing, "The European Discoveries of America," about all the voyages, "The Counterfeit Spy," about the espionage deception of Hitler, "Yachtsman Encyclopedia of Sailing," a must for sailboaters, "The German Dictatorship," by Karl Bracher, "New York Times International Cookbook," and "Germany Since 1918" by David Childs--all good Christmas reading.

6th Birthday Celebrated



PAMELA JO MORROW

Pamela Jo Morrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry D. Morrow, celebrator her 6th birthday Monday, Dec. 6 at Pam's Kindergarten Class.

Ice cream and cup cakes were served. Party favors of Santa Claus Faces were given to the children. Pam has a brother, Timothy Donald Morrow, age 15 months. Pam's grandparents are Mrs. Ada Yates and the late Mr. Ernest Yates of K.M. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Morrow of Gastonia. Great grand parents are Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Queen of Gastonia. Pam's mother is the former JoAnn Yates.

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HEALTH AND BEAUTY



Young children put almost everything in their mouths as they begin teething. This is a natural tendency and is nothing to become alarmed about. There is one thing to be remembered, however, that can prove most harmful, even fatal and that is--lead poisoning.

Most manufacturers of cribs, infant's bed and toys use paints which contain no lead pigments. Children chew on window sills, chairs, all kinds of furnishings. It's the mother's job to watch this closely and put a stop to it before harm

is done. Lead poisoning affects the child's brain, liver, blood, bones and most of the other vital organs. Even if your child's life is saved, he may show later effects.

If you suspect your child has lead poisoning, call a doctor at once and explain the situation to him.

One can't be too careful in checking the label on Christmas toys--don't buy any toy that doesn't state clearly that the paint is lead free. This simple precaution could save a life.

This movie is full of all kinds of animals but the theme is more on people (especially children) and their love and care for animals.

"Who Says I Can't Ride a Rainbow!" is the story of Barney Morowitz (Jack Klugman) who loves and cares for animals--horses, ponies, goats, monkeys, cats, dogs and chickens. The problem--he isn't capable of facing unexpected situations.

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