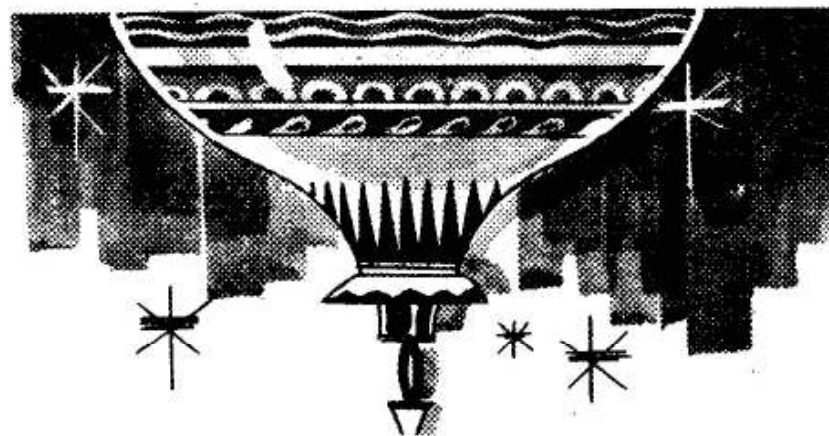


## CHRISTMAS CHEER



IT WAS WONDERFUL

If You Were not present you missed an OCCASION!

There were many loved and familiar faces missing at the 1970 reunion of the Barton family in the South but there was a sufficient number of new and gracious cousins present to compensate in a most delightful way.

All in all it was a wonderful occasion because, to begin with, Cousin James E. Barton of Laurens, South Carolina, made an exceptionally fine presiding officer.

In the next place, that wonderfully fine adopted cousin, Dr. Samuel Hovey Jones, preached the reunion sermon in his usual worshipful and helpful way.

The whole affair was in the finest tradition of Barton Family reunions.

## A FRESHET?

The date fell in early August when the beautiful Piedmont section of the Palmetto State was enjoying (?) what my grandma used to call a September freshet! In other words, fall came early this year. However, while the winds blew and the rains came, there was just enough of the latter at old Tyger church to drive the majority of the 97 who registered to the cafeteria at North Greenville Junior College at Tigerville to spread those marvelous picnic viands the lady cousins always provide.

A few were not to be denied use of the picnic tables. And it was just as well because, though it stormed all around, the church at Tyger escaped. Purely miraculous, that's what it was!



## NEW OFFICERS

At the afternoon business session, Rev. Winston Barton of Cartersville, Georgia, took office as president of the Reunion Family, and the retiring president became vice-president.

Other elected officers are: J.T.Barton, Jr., of Greer, S. C., president-elect; Mrs. Harold Davis, also of Greer, recording secretary; and Mrs. William P. Barton of Greenville, re-elected treasurer and Bulletin editor.

Of course, Thomas Spurgeon Stroud was again named Chief of the Clan!

The family's thanks are due those officers who are retiring because they have rendered a marvelous service.

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#### A REMARKABLE THING

But one of the most remarkable things about that reunion was the presence of cousins we'd never seen before -- cousins who had come all the way from Texas, from Oklahoma, from Arkansas, from Alabama, and from places nearer "home".

What a joy it was to meet the T. R. Colvins and their darling daughters from Lake Jackson, Texas. They were on their first visit to South Carolina, and found the place pretty fascinating.

They drove to Greenville from Mobile, Alabama, on Saturday prior to the reunion, and so were present for the party that evening.

I am indebted to Cousin Clayton Barton of Bertram, Texas, for the information that Mrs. Colvin was Frances Barton before her marriage. In beautiful script that one sees very little of these days, Cousin Clayton wrote that he was so happy Cousin Frances, who was born in Bertram, could attend.

All the way from Gravett, Arkansas, came Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shinpaugh and the latter directed the memorial service on Sunday morning.

From Phenix, Alabama, on his very first visit to the reunion was Robert H. Barton who declared he will BE BACK. He LIKED the family he met.

Representing the point farthest from Greenville were Hearschell Barton of Tuttle, Oklahoma, and his daughter, Mrs. Dale Montgomery (Mary Barton) of Oklahoma City, together with Paul Barton Montgomery. As a matter of fact they had traveled 1121 miles to attend the reunion!



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#### PRIZE WINNERS ALL

In addition to the prize awarded Cousin Mary for traveling so far, there was one for Mrs. C. H. Storey who was 93 years old on August 25.

Cousin Olie Barton of Fort Worth, Texas, didn't stand a "chance" for this prize! He is a mere 89.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dabbs went a salutation because they have attended EVERY reunion the family has had, and at least two they haven't had! Mr. D. declared that on two occasions they had come up from their home in Summerville for a reunion only to find there was none.

The youngest cousins present were Beth Barton, daughter of the James E. Bartons and Margaret Colvin, daughter of the T. R. Colvins.

The Earl Littles, Jr. of Mauldin, S. C. were awarded a prize because they were the couple present who had been married most recently. For just 6 years!

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barton of Greenville had been married 62 years, and so received a prize.

The Theron Bartons were the couple present with the greatest number of children and grandchildren present.

Prizes for all these "special" people were awarded by Cousin Frank L. Barton of Columbia, S.C., immediate past president of the Reunion Family, and they were wonderful gifts!

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NOW LISTEN TO THIS!

The 1971 reunion will be held August 8, the second Sunday in August, that is, and you be sure to be present! All of you! ONE and ALL!

It is in the works to have a gathering of the clan on Saturday afternoon just prior to the Saturday night party. What do you think about that?

Which reminds me! Everybody who was at the 1970 party at the home of the Marvin Bartons in Greer declared it to be a marvelously happy affair.

As a matter of fact, President James E. Barton paid high tribute to the Marvin Bartons for their considerable help in planning the reunion program and for their assistance to the president in a variety of ways.

