



Growing up in Summers County

CHRISTMAS PAST

Decembers from a gone-by era

*Many thanks to everyone who shared their prized Christmas
Holiday photos to make this a special page.*



*Wayne Meador's Grandparents — Lennie (Harvey) and Carl Meador
Late 1940s*



*Barbara Richardson Cady and "Richie" Richardson
Circa 1950*



*Linda Haga Farrell
Circa 1950*



*Grandparents Ethel and Howard Ashley
Jack and Enola Holt — 4 year old "Jackie" Holt
Circa 1952*



Aaron and Pauline in back

Linda Goins Speiden - Linville Goins - Sandy Goins Honaker - Joe Goins

Circa 1952 - 53



*Christmas Parade Toy Soldiers
Julian Meadows — Billy Bob Gill — "Richie" Richardson
Circa 1953*



*Christmas Parade Humpty Dumpty and Toy Soldiers
Circa 1953*



*Judy Richardson Mann — "Richie" Richardson
Circa 1955*



Phyllis and Ray Pullen
Baby Dave Pullen — Judy Pullen Richardson — Mike Pullen
Becky Pullen Connard — Pammy Sue Pullen
Circa 1956

MY HINTON CHRISTMAS

By Jay "Randy" Martufi

Please indulge me while I close my eyes and once again look at Hinton the way I remember the immediate days before Christmas:

A light snow was falling and Temple St. was packed with cars jockeying for a parking place and shoppers were everywhere. The Elks Club was broadcasting Christmas music all over town with Tommy Joe Hanifan at the organ. The Davis' and Cox Dept. stores were alive and decorated for the season...folks getting off work were doing that "clean-up" shopping, the after-thoughts that, had they forgotten, would make for an apology to someone the next morn.

Lee Pivont was mingling among customers at G.C. Murphy's with his Santa Hat wishing all a Merry Christmas. Bill Kessler stood in the foyer of the Hub welcoming buyers with his great smile and handshake.....business was good in Hinton WV.

Buzzy was selling last minute groceries and salt fish to those long-time customers and hoping to close by 10:00 P.M. Jimmy Coste's place couldn't keep up with people wanting the latest in '50's technology and television options. The restaurants: The Corner, The Dairy Bar, The Kitchen, Jacks, The Diner, and The Steak House all were at capacity with Christmas diners comparing their gifts and opinions in hopes that they had indeed picked the right present. Holiday "spirits" were also involved on this snowy night. The State "Poke Store" on 3rd Ave. was doing a thriving business! A lot of businesses such as Fort Pitt, Tomkies', The Big Four, Puckett's, The Don Array, Tots and Teens, Willy's Hardware, greatly benefitted from 'the Spirit'.

A glance across the river and up on the hill shone the lighted star put up by the Jaycees every year and reminded us of why we really celebrated Christmas. For, with all of our human frailties, we, in Hinton WV, also packed the churches and were taught, virtually from toddlers, about the Christ Child and we never forgot it.....at least this Hintonian hasn't. Please feel free to expand on the above reverie and hope you all have a Merry Christmas!!



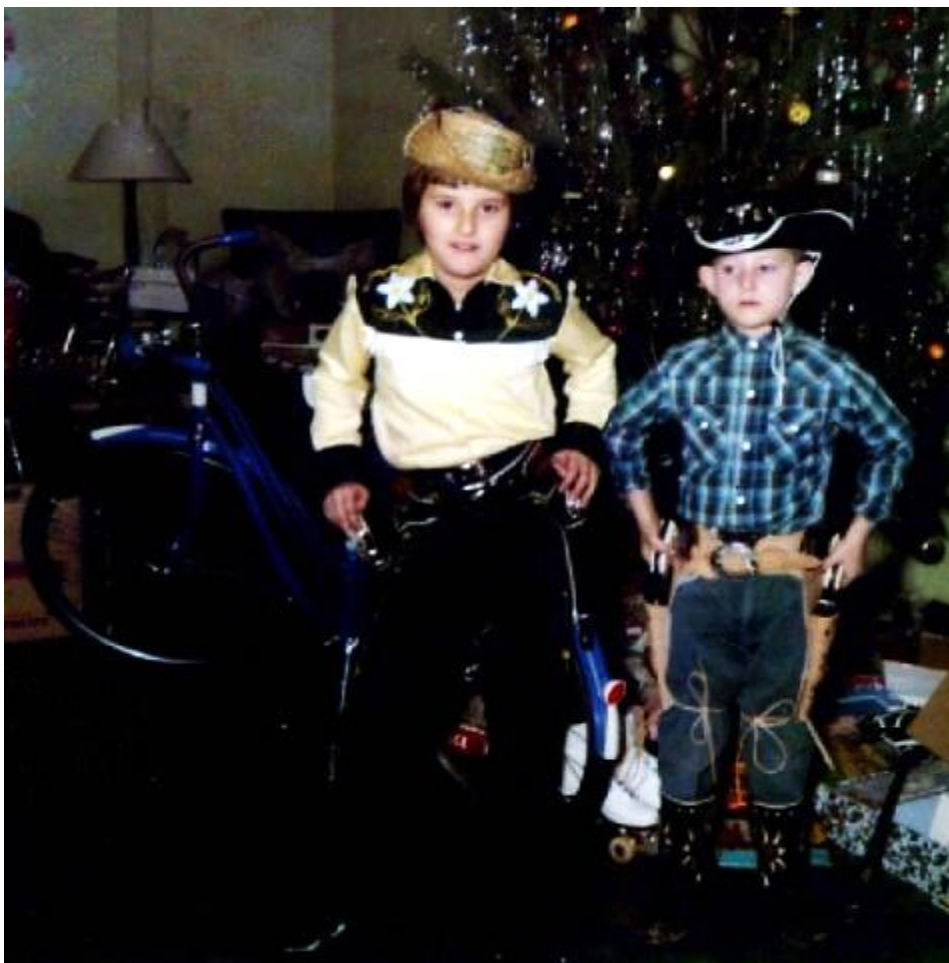
Christmas Dinner — Late 1950s
Walter Vass, Dewey Bennett, baby Deanna Bennett White, Marie Vass Bennett
Nadine, Herb, and Pam Vass



*"Richie" Richardson and Jerry Mahoney
Circa 1957*



*Juanita Vass Meador's Christmas tree
Baby bed handmade by Walter Vass for Deanna Bennett White
Circa 1960*



*Judy Richardson Mann — Bobby Blankenship
Circa 1961*



Wayne Meador
Circa 1962



*Pat Farrell and Charlie Brown
Circa 1963*



*Phyllis and Ray Pullen — Mike — Becky Pullen Connard —
Dave — Judy Pullen Richardson — Phil
Circa 1966*



*Wayne Meador and daughter Renee Meador Farley
Circa 1966*



*Juanita Vass Meador and daughter Renee Meador Farley
Circa 1966*



*Becky Bennett Keske and Sherri Bennett
Circa 1967*



*Renee Meador Farley and Eric Meador
Circa 1967*



*Eric Meador and Renee Meador Farley
Circa 1969*



Mike — Phyllis — Ray — Phil
Alissa — Dawn Pullen
Circa 1979