

# Merry Christmas

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## A 'Fantastic' Season Shared By Merchants

By TOM BAINES  
Reflector Staff Writer

Christmas business volume in Greenville appeared to be greater than ever this season with merchants using such terms as "fantastic" and "unreal" to describe holiday buying.

Most of the local merchants contacted in a shopping survey said that their business volume was up from last Christmas when the economy tended to trim budgets and cause shoppers to cast a more cautious eye.

None of the merchants reported a drop in business from 1974 and several contacted said that they could not remember a season when as many of the higher priced items were purchased.

Although the influence of the new downtown mall may be greater in years to come, Evans Street proprietors said that they felt the brand new shopper facility is already helping business. No one felt the mall was hurting business and one merchant said that his shopper traffic went up the day construction began.

The manager of a downtown department store reported that business had "been real good" this year and he noted that the store had a lot of buying traffic "even prior to Thanksgiving."

Pointing out that mall completion "definitely hasn't hurt our business," the spokesman said that buyer you that people are not

penny-penning" as much as in prior years.

He termed shopper response and interest "the best I've seen in five years" and added that comments from out-of-town customers on the new mall have been very favorable.

Another downtown merchant said that business started picking up at his store when workmen began tearing up Evans Street for the new mall. He noted that business was brisk even during construction and he pointed to the rear entrance at his store as making "all the difference in the world" in improving business volume.

The merchant, who operates a popular shoe store, termed his business "unreal" and cited dress boots for men as well as "Earth Shoes," top-siders and Wallabee types as the best sellers. Patent and regular leather dress shoes were also very popular, he said.

Business was "excellent" at a Greenville furniture store, a spokesman said, with more "big ticket items" selling than usual during a Christmas season.

Buying appeal was generally storewide, he explained, with living room and den furniture gaining very good response. The better pieces of merchandise moved this season and clocks, especially grandfather and grandmother types, sold out weeks before

Christmas.

Early American furniture continued to be the most popular style, it was noted.

The volume of bicycle sales this year surprised the manager of a local service center who said that purchases were running even ahead of last year's great season.

The manager reported that good bike sales began around the first of November and approximately 1,000 were sold in the November-December period. The store sold out of unicycles and go-karts early and adult bikes with the basket on the rear sold well, as did exercisers.

The most surprising item was the unicycle which did not sell well last year, the manager said.

The most popular item on Santa's list at a Greenville hardware and sporting goods facility was the skateboard, a spokesman observed. He said that the store did not carry the item at all last Christmas but this year sold what was on hand, reordered and then sold out again.

The spokesman, who reported that business was "real good, up from last year," said that shoppers appeared to be less worried about the state of the economy and not as afraid to spend their money this season.

Spells of cold weather leading up to Christmas aided in the sales of winter clothing.

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## Salvation Army Helped 430 Area Families This Season

The Salvation Army this Christmas season has distributed more than 230 food baskets and 220 toy baskets to 430 families this year.

The food baskets and toys were distributed Monday and Tuesday.

In addition to used toys collected and repaired by Greenville Firemen for distribution, the Salvation Army, through donations, purchased some \$2,000 worth of new toys and received several thousand dollars worth of new toys as a donation from Carolina Enterprises in Tarboro.

And in addition to the canned goods and other food staples donated, the Army spent some \$3,000 on canned hams and other food items to go into the food baskets.

Last year the local Army aided 240 families. Spokesmen said increased collections from the kettle drive and other donations made it possible for more families to be assisted this Christmas.

In addition to the food and toy baskets distributed, the Salvation Army took gift boxes and toys to patients at Pitt Memorial Hospital and gift packs to residents of nursing homes in Greenville and Farmville.

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### Holiday Schedule

The Daily Reflector issues its Christmas Eve paper as a morning edition.

All offices of the newspaper will be closed Wednesday and Christmas Day.

All departments will reopen Friday morning and operate on the regular schedules with the Friday edition delivered that afternoon.



SHOPPERS . . . both adult and youngsters, make their selections at one of Greenville's large department stores during the final days before Christmas. (Reflector Photo by Tommy Forrest)

## Christmas Trees Sell Better Than Ever; All Kinds Wanted

By JAMES KYLE  
Reflector Staff Writer

O Christmas tree! O Christmas tree!

Apparently, a lot of people in the Greenville area are singing that carol to their very own tree this year.

Christmas tree sales were much-improved over last year with many local sellers reporting their best year ever. Both natural and artificial trees sold well; many natural tree lots in this area were sold out nearly two weeks before Christmas.

Natural trees sold out earlier than ever before, Harrington said. Prices for natural trees were "in the same general range as last year." About three-quarters of the natural trees Harrington sold were Fraser firs from the North Carolina mountains. He said they were in very good condition this year due to a "real good growing season with adequate rainfall and no dry spells."

Artificial trees sold well at Sunshine Garden Center, especially those in the \$50 to \$75 range. Harrington said he has trees priced up to \$250.

The Optimist Club sponsored a natural Christmas tree lot this year on Greenville Boulevard. Billy Ross, one of those in charge of the lot, said they sold out earlier than ever, also. Like Harrington, the Optimists sold about 2,000 natural trees. The Optimists trees, however mostly came from Canada.

"We sold mostly balsam firs, we didn't buy too many Scotch pines," Ross said. "The prices were up just a little bit. The quality was good—about the same as in the past."

Winn Dixie also sold natural Christmas trees, which manager Wayne McKinney said were "beautiful this year, the best I've seen in quite a while." Prices, according to

McKinney, were "the exact same as last year," although "the demand was greater." All of the 300 trees Winn Dixie ordered were sold out in eight days after they arrived around the first of December.

C. F. Little of Little's Nursery sold out of natural trees nearly two weeks before Christmas, although he ordered twice as many as last year. He said he has been letting people cut some live trees from a field behind his store to keep up with the demand.

Little said the trees were "a little larger and the price was a little more this year." The balsam fir was his biggest seller. Nichols sold artificial trees (Continued on page 6)



HELPING MOM—Matt Aldridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Aldridge of Greenville, lends a helping hand to his mother, Sue, as he puts a finishing touch on their Christmas tree. (Reflector Photo by Tommy Forrest)

# Good Cheer, Warm Friendliness Are Signs Of Christmas



A FAVORITE DECORATION ... in the Lyles Russell home is a tumbleweed tree which is adorned with miniature ornaments and lights.

By ROSALIE TROTMAN  
Reflector Womans Editor

Christmas means many things that build memories—a house filled with the aroma of home baking, the smell of evergreen, the hustle of shopping, wrapping gifts, good cheer and warm friendliness.

Mrs. Wayne Rogerson of Bethel has decorated her home throughout the years with pine greenery and pine cone arrangements.

On the dining table, she made a miniature pine cone tree which is placed in a wooden bowl. The tree is decorated with small red birds with a red velvet bow, holly and flowing streamers. Pedestal candleholders with hurricane gloves off set the tree.

Santa's elves adorn the base of a large arrangement placed on the sideboard in the living room. The green pine design has a center topiary tree with miniature lights and Mrs. Rogerson emphasizes the arrangement with greenery.

Two focal points in the den are the fireplace and Christmas tree, which is placed in front of the bay window. Her live Scotch

pine tree is decorated with handmade ornaments including toy soldiers, drums, clothes pin dolls, cornshuck dolls, birds and candy canes.

This year's additions to the handmade ornaments are boy and girl clothes pin dolls dressed in calico and denim—the boys are dressed in denim patched bib overalls, calico shirts with burlap hats. The girls are dressed in matching calico dresses.

Pine garlands are draped on the brick chimney above the fireplace and centered with a fruit and pine cone wreath. The mantel is decorated with hurricane globes, red candles, greenery and Santa's elves. Smaller pine arrangements are placed on various tables throughout the house.

This the first year in several that Mrs. Rogerson hasn't made personal Christmas gifts. Last year, she made candleholders from hand-painted seed scoops and two years ago, she made over 100 burlap and yarn trash cans.

This year, she has combined out-of-town trips with shopping,

some of which she did prior to Thanksgiving. In preparation for the holidays, Mrs. Rogerson did some early baking of cakes and pies which she froze. She then uses them as needed.

The Rogerson family will spend Christmas Eve at home. In the morning, they will go to his mother's for a family gift exchange and eggnog party. Returning home for lunch, they will then have the evening meal with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyles Russell, of Rt. 1, Winterville, are having a family Christmas since Mrs. Russell has seven sisters and their families.

"Our time is filled with the enjoyment of being 'folksy' and visiting with each other. It's a time of relaxation, getting acquainted with new babies and being together," said Mrs. Russell.

In decorating for the holiday season, Mrs. Russell remarked, "I use things that I have put together myself—if I don't make the article, I put it in an arrangement. I like to decorate using candles and Christmas lights."

One of Mrs. Russell's favorite ideas for decorating is with a tumbleweed. Several years ago her sister was visiting in Colorado and brought home the tumbleweed in her suitcase abroad plane. Mrs. Russell sprayed the tumbleweed gold and it "has become a traditional decoration because its unique and holds family sentiment." Yearly, she trims it with

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## At Wit's End

By Erma Bombeck



Editor's Note: Both of these stories are true. The names of the cities in the modern-day story have been omitted because it could have happened anywhere.

"NOW IT CAME TO PASS IN THOSE DAYS THAT A DECREE WENT FORTH FROM CAESAR AUGUSTUS THAT A CENSUS OF THE WHOLE WORLD SHOULD BE TAKEN, AND ALL WERE GOING, EACH TO HIS OWN TOWN TO REGISTER."

Rev. Joseph Dean, a Glenmary priest of 30 years, was summoned a week before Christmas by a caller who asked, "Do you help people who are not members of your church?" Father Dean was taken to an abandoned shack in the country where he found an old man lying on the ground in the cold.

"AND JOSEPH ALSO WENT FROM GALILEE OUT OF THE TOWN OF NAZARETH INTO JUDEA TO THE TOWN OF DAVID, WHICH IS CALLED BETHLEHEM TOGETHER WITH HIS EXPOUSED WIFE WHO WAS WITH CHILD."

Father Dean loaded the black man who was sick from malnutrition and exposure and took him to the hospital, but they would not keep him more than one night without payment.

"MARY AND JOSEPH KNOCKED ON THE DOOR OF THE INN BUT WERE REFUSED ADMITTANCE AND TOLD, 'WE HAVE NO ROOM, BUT THERE IS A STABLE BEHIND THE INN.'"

The priest contacted one parishioner after another in his dominantly white parish and were told by all, "We have no room." Then one evening a young black man appeared at the rectory seeking work. Although no job was available, Father Dean told him of the plight of the sick man. He willingly offered lodgings in his run-down two-room house which also held eight children and a wife with child.

"AND IT CAME TO PASS WHILE THEY WERE THERE, THAT THE DAYS FOR HER TO BE DELIVERED WAS FULFILLED, AND SHE BROUGHT FORTH HER FIRSTBORN SON, AND WRAPPED HIM IN SWADDLING CLOTHES, AND LAID HIM IN A MANGER."

On Christmas eve, the wife of the man who opened his home and heart to the stranger gave birth — to a son. Soon after, a Sister of Mercy nun located relatives for the old gentleman where he found a home. Her name was Sister Noel.

His benefactor on that Christmas eve became involved in racial strifes, lost his job, and became active in trying to get a black man elected to a political office. He was shot to death a year or so later.

"AND SUDDENLY THERE WAS WITH THE ANGEL A MULTITUDE OF THE HEAVENLY HOST PRAISING GOD AND SAYING, 'GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE AMONG MEN OF GOOD WILL.'"

## Silver Wedding Reception Given Couple Sunday

A silver wedding reception was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Lindsey Beddard Sunday afternoon by their children Mr. and Mrs. K. Steve Beddard and Lindsey Beddard. The celebration took place at the home of the honored couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Beddard and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Beddard greeted guests in the living room, invited them to register and to have refreshments.

Mrs. Beddard was presented a mum corsage accented with silver trimmings which complemented her floor length gown.

The dining room table was covered with a beige lace cloth with a centerpiece of tinted mums. At each end of the table lighted candles were placed in crystal holders.

A crystal punch service holding yellow punch was placed opposite the wedding cake and guests were served punch by Mrs. Margaret Murphy. Mrs. Annie Ree Yelverton served wedding cake and Mrs. Ethel Wainright displayed gifts in the den.

Approximately 100 guests attended the reception.



HANDMADE ORNAMENTS ... are used by Mrs. Wayne Rogerson of Bethel to decorate her Christmas tree.

Added to her collection this year were boy and girl clothes pin dolls dressed in calico and denim.

TRAVEL BACK  
WREXHAM, Wales (UPI) — Visitors to a new Geological Museum at Wrexham in North Wales are invited to take a trip back into prehistoric times. The

museum features an outdoor fossil trail that includes life-size models of such monster dinosaurs as the brontosaurus and tyrannosaurus that at one time roamed the local countryside.

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# Dirty Clothes Overpowering



By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am a seamstress and do alterations and dressmaking in my home. I began sewing for Mildred last year and have had no problem with her, but she told Agnes, a friend of hers, about me, and now Agnes brings her clothes to me for alterations.

When Agnes brings her clothes here, I have to open all the windows in the house, and that's no lie! The B.O. in her clothes could overpower a person.

I don't want to sew for Agnes, but how do I tell her? I

can't say I'm too busy and then turn around and sew for Mildred. Please help me.

OVERPOWERED

DEAR OVER: If you haven't the courage to tell Agnes point-blank that either she must have her clothes drycleaned before you will work on them, or you will refuse to sew for her, tell Mildred. And let Mildred tell her.

DEAR ABBY: I have a 24-year-old daughter who had a baby out of wedlock five years ago. She decided to keep the child.

She has a good job and supports herself. She has an apartment that has one large bedroom. In it is a big double bed for herself and a smaller bed for her daughter.

Last week I found out that she lets her boyfriend sleep at her place on weekends, and they sleep in the big double bed in the same room with her daughter.

When I confronted her with this, she said the child is too young to understand what it's all about, so I shouldn't make a big deal out of it.

I told her if she didn't stop exposing the child to such things I would declare her an unfit mother, have the child taken from her and raise the little girl myself.

She says I can't do it. Can I?

DISGUSTED MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: It is possible. But not without a legal battle. And your daughter is wrong. A 5-year-old child is not too young to understand what is going on.

## Births

- Whitehurst**  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Whitehurst, Bethel, a son, William Morgan, on Dec. 11, 1975, in Pitt Memorial Hospital.
- Moore**  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Lee Moore, Rt. 1, Ayden, a son, Danny Lee, on Dec. 11, 1975, in Pitt Memorial Hospital.
- Thomas**  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gray Thomas Bethel, a son, William Gregory, on Dec. 12, 1975, in Pitt Memorial Hospital.
- Coburn**  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eli Coburn, Rt. 5, Greenville, a daughter, Elizabeth Mae, on Dec. 12, 1975, in Pitt Memorial Hospital.
- Gower**  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wayne Gower, Ayden, a daughter, Stacey Nicole, on Dec. 12, 1975, in Pitt Memorial Hospital.
- Strickland**  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Woodrow Strickland Jr., Clark's Trailer Court, a son, Lewis Woodrow III, on Dec. 13, 1975, in Pitt Memorial Hospital.
- Layton**  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Irving Layton, Rt. 4, Tarboro, a son, Richard Scott, on Dec. 14, 1975, in Pitt Memorial Hospital.
- Wilson**  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Jay Wilson, Farmville, a daughter, Tonya Annette, on Dec. 14, 1975, in Pitt Memorial Hospital.
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- Gray**  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thomas Gray, Robersonville, a daughter, Amy Louise, on Dec. 15, 1975, in Pitt Memorial Hospital.
- Rogers**  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ray Rogers, Greenville, a daughter, Adeca Raykael, on Dec. 16, 1975, in Pitt Memorial Hospital.
- Council**  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Luke Council Jr., Bethel, a daughter, Cassandra Demetrus, on Dec. 17, 1975, in Pitt Memorial Hospital.
- Leatherman**  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dwight David Leatherman, Winterville, a son, Christopher David, on Dec. 17, 1975, in Pitt Memorial Hospital.
- Williams**  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Isaac Williams, 1107 Fairfax Ave., a daughter, Joy Diadra, on Dec. 18, 1975, in Pitt Memorial Hospital.
- Coghill**  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Andrew Coghill, Rt. 7, Greenville, a daughter, April Michelle, on Dec. 18, 1975, in Pitt Memorial Hospital.

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## Good Cheer.

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miniature ornaments and lights.

"My life is filled with thrilling and exciting things—there are so many things to do and people to enjoy. There just aren't enough hours in the day—Lyles and I start our day early and it ends late," said Mrs. Russell.

Mrs. Russell's home and decorations reflect her creativity. Her arrangements include snowmen, pixies, lady and gentlemen dolls all made of rug yarn, a miniature nativity scene under glass, old-fashioned nut head dolls, a tree made of sweet gum balls, magnolia seed pods, miniature pine cones and fruit and red velvet roses.

She handmakes all her Christmas gifts including twist top boxes, boutique beaded cosmetic jars, crocheted pot holders, fluffy yarn dogs, tree ornaments of felt and aprons.

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## Engagement

Announced

Mrs. Dollie S. Sullivan of Greenville announces the engagement of her daughter, Rose Lee, to Jerry Alexander Stirewalt Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Alexander Stirewalt Sr. of Kannapolis. The bride-elect is the daughter of the late

Mr. Phillip Edward Sullivan. The wedding will take place in April.

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## Reception Invitation

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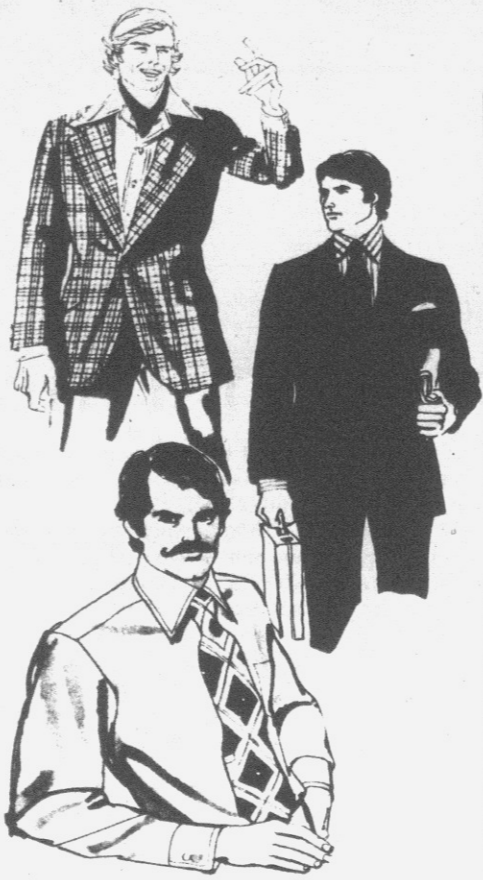
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THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 10:00 A.M. TIL 9 P.M.

# The First Christmas Retold

Luke 2:1-20

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which

shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly hosts praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

## A Merry Christmas To You And You

Christmas is the time of the year that all the Christian world holds most sacred.

It is at this time that we celebrate the birth of the Christ child.

Thursday all the hustle and bustle of the

Christmas season will be over and we can contemplate the true meaning of Christmas.

All the staff of The Daily Reflector wishes every reader a very Merry Christmas.

THIS AFTERNOON

## Interested In The Schools

By BILL NOBLITT

RALEIGH — Work of the state commission re-writing public school law has proved one thing beyond doubt: people care about their schools.

Public hearings across the state produced a variety of viewpoints from hundreds of citizens, says State Senator Edward Renfrow, D-Johnson, Chairman of the commission.

With the public hearings now completed, the commission is ready to dig into the laborious process of combing through the volumes of school law, eliminating, changing, updating.

In the process, there will be some essential changes in philosophy and approach. Renfrow said the task will take another 12 months, and he plans on having a report ready for the State Board of Education in December, 1976. "I want them to review the work, so we can have a consensus of support before presenting a legislative package to the General Assembly in 1977," the senator said.

Many Concerns

While the commission is still a long way from producing that final report, here is a review of general public and professional comments from which the commission is drawing its direction:

—Discipline is a problem with parents and teachers demanding stricter rules. Teachers favor corporal punishment, and would like to have the right to expel and suspend students. Some thought is going toward possible "suspension class" into which discipline problems could be routed for strict control, removal from regular classrooms.

—Classroom size limitations, should be kept, even strengthened, with some consensus that local schools ought to have a basic supply of administrators, librarians, etc., not based on school enrollment; thus, more classroom teachers could be allotted.

—School buses are being questioned as to their safety, discipline on board, and

restricted use to carry students only to and from schools. Many suggest they should be used for more community purposes when not in use on their regular schedules.

Lower Age?

—Some have suggested lowering compulsory school attendance age to 14 so that disrupters could drop out; others say age 16 should be retained. Here, too, the suggestion for in-school disrupters class with strict supervision is being discussed.

—State funding and budgetary procedures, often quite technical and complex, is receiving a share of attention. One complaint is that some local school units must spend more dollars for school heating, maintenance, or bus operation over a widely scattered district, leaving less for classroom and instructional purposes.

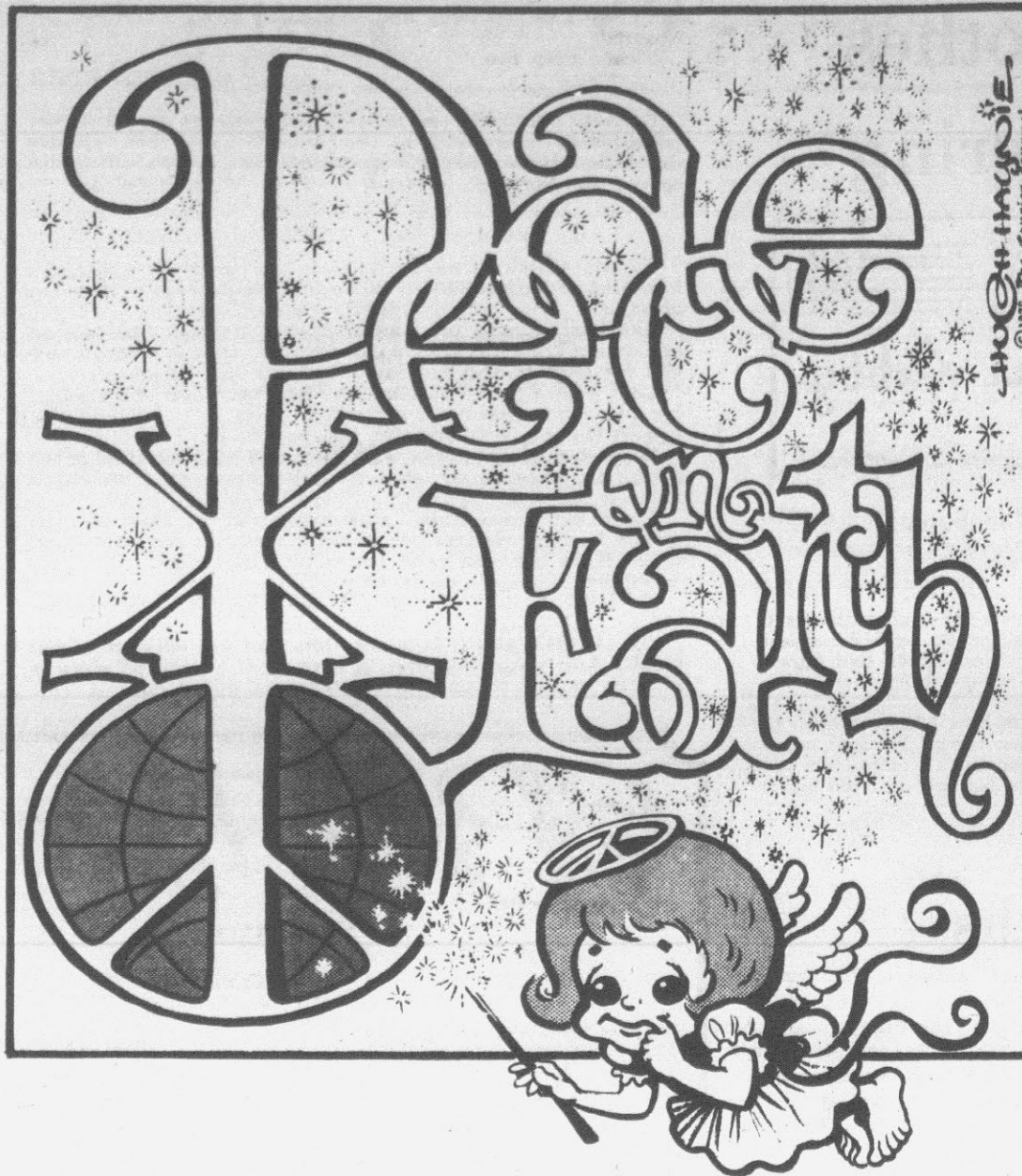
Thought is toward making instructional funds uniform; supplementing where colder weather or longer bus routes cause problems.

—Kindergarten is receiving solid support, and direction is toward meeting 1978 deadline for full implementation. There has been some talk that attendance in public school kindergarten be made compulsory, but that is not likely since the mandatory age for school enrollment is still seven and reduction to age five would draw strong resistance.

—Private schools continue to seek freedom from state regulation, inspection, and certification of teachers; particularly those operated by fundamentalist religions who want to employ Bible school graduates as teachers.

—Substitute teacher rules have been widely criticized for allowing use of non-certified people who serve as baby sitters rather than teachers.

—A consensus is seen on need to change the structure of the State Department of Public Instruction, providing for a superintendent who answers to the State Board of Education.



## Youth Being Pushed

By PHIL BROWN  
TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Almost all parents on Taiwan want their children to become "dragons," but there is room for only about 26,000 potential new dragons a year and competition is fierce.

This means headaches when it comes to deciding who will gain admission to universities, long regarded as the only way to become a "dragon" — a term originally used for the Chinese emperor and now meaning someone of high prestige.

About 100,000 high school graduates a year take Taiwan's standard university entrance examination, and among the approximately 74,000 who fail there are always complaints about the test methods.

Among university graduates with an arts and literature education, there are also complaints of not being able to find the jobs they want, while engineering graduates don't face such problems, officials say.

The answer, said education minister Chiang Yan-shih, is more education planning, shifting from education for its own sake to education to help meet the needs of Taiwan's social and economic development, while developing the individual's potential.

"We are trying to carry this to the legislature and parents," he said.

Chiang said the aim is to use IQ and aptitude tests to guide those not qualified for a university education into vocational schools.

He said the textile and electronic industries have been coming to the government with requests for more trained technicians.

In fields with an oversupply of university graduates, he said, educators will have to devise quotas for determining how many new students will be admitted to study in those fields.

A manpower study is under way to provide information for devising such quotas, the minister said.

But there has already been a major change, he added. Three years ago, he said, 60 per cent of high school age children in Taiwan were in ordinary high schools, receiving an education to prepare them for college. Now, he said, 65 per cent are in vocational high schools and educators aim to reduce further the number of general schools.

Those completing general courses can still take special

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By ART BUCHWALD

## Sitting Out This Party

WASHINGTON — The American Indians seem to be divided over whether or not to participate in the Bicentennial celebration next year.

Some tribes are going along with the festivities because they have decided it's good for their jewelry business. But others are boycotting them on the grounds that the Indians really have nothing to celebrate.

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"But, Chief, look what we gave to your continent: railroads, highways, suburbs, shopping centers and trading stamps. Where would the American Indian be today without the white man?"

"We'd be living in Palm Springs, Miami and Beverly Hills."

"Ah, but what kind of life would you be living?" I asked. "You'd still be in tents sleeping on buffalo hides and fishing in streams and dancing around fires. What type of existence is that?"

"It's better than selling souvenirs on the rim of the Grand Canyon," Chief Hard Nose said. "Frankly, I don't know what you people are celebrating anyway. Look what you've done to New York! When we sold you Manhattan Island for \$24, New York bonds were worth their weight in beads. Every tribe with a pension fund fought to buy them. Now you can't give them away."

"When the settlers first arrived there were trees and hills and streams from Wall Street up to Columbia University. You could ride a horse from the Hudson River to the East River in 10 minutes. Now it takes an hour to get from First Avenue to the West Side Highway. What kind of progress is that?"

"New York isn't America," I pointed out to Chief Hard Nose. "Look at Detroit and Newark and Wilmington, Delaware. The Indians never could have developed those places on their own. When we celebrate our 200th Anniversary, we're celebrating it for all Americans, and that includes you Indians. We couldn't have made it without you."

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INSIDE REPORT

## The CIA's Israeli Secret

By ROWLANE EVANS and ROBERT NOVAK

WASHINGTON — An acrimonious feud now smoldering between Israel and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) will soon be escalated by the CIA's secret findings that Israel is making inflated aid requests to the Ford administration.

The statistical analyses, made by experienced CIA statisticians with a reputation for excellence, have not yet been given to any congressional committees and may never be.

They show that if Israel gets the \$2.3 billion it asks for the current fiscal year, it will end up not merely with a balanced budget, as publicly claimed, but with a \$500 million surplus.

The CIA-Israel feud, now making headlines in the Israeli press, is a shock after two decades of the CIA's being regarded by Israeli military leaders as their surest friend in the U.S. government. Some Israeli officials believe the heavy strain now buffeting that relationship started with the resignation under fire last

December of James Angleton, the CIA's counterintelligence chief who had multiple and intimate contacts with Israeli intelligence and the potent Israeli Defense Force.

Actually, the CIA-Israeli estrangement has nothing whatever to do with Angleton or his specialty of clandestine intelligence. It results strictly from the CIA's previous studies of the Arab-Israeli military balance (which are causing the public feud) and its new meticulous analysis of Israel's grave economic situation (which will escalate the feud).

Now that the CIA's analysis contradicts the basis for Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's approval of Israel's aid request, there is high-level sentiment for burying it. Both the House International Relations and the Senate Foreign Relations

Committees have completed aid hearings, although neither has actually reported out its final bill for floor debate. Therefore, the CIA's report is unlikely to have much effect on those committees.

The appropriate place for displaying the new evidence, accordingly, would seem to be the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. But the White House may decide not to air the CIA's findings at all in the interest of keeping peace with Israel. The reason is found in the tortuous background of the Israeli aid pledges made by Kissinger last spring under heavy pressure from Jerusalem.

Bargaining for Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai mountain passes and Egyptian oil fields captured in 1967, Kissinger agreed to

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## Other Editors Say Amen From N.C.

(The Raleigh Times)

For the past two winters it's been getting curiouseer and curiouseer, as Alice said, how right up until the first freeze North Carolina is repeatedly told her supply of natural gas will be virtually nonexistent, with the inference that thousands will be shivering and thousands more out of work at shut-down gas-fueled plants.

Then, with a blare of cavalry trumpets, the suppliers suddenly break the news that more gas will be available after all, and various state officials, regulatory bodies and user lobbies congratulate themselves on having once again wrested blood from a stone.

Now comes the word that in several states to the north of us, the sudden availability of new gas supplies results from the fact that producers now are selling gas they simply had never told anyone they had. The obvious questions here is whether North Carolina has been subjected to the same sort of shell game these past two autumns.

Nothing could highlight more sharply the need for a genuine national energy policy than the fact here demonstrated that producers of one major kind of energy resource have been able to get by with this kind of cruel deception. The energy-policy vacuum is so complete that producers are not even required to make accounting to the nation of what resources they have available to provide the services they're in business to provide—services so vital that they've been granted quasi-monopoly benefits and advantages.

It's time this vacuum was filled, and we hope the energy legislation this Congress and President finally approve will guarantee at least that the public learn what resources are in existence. Jobs and home heating are far too basic to be toyed with through artificial but scary "shortages" that evaporate just before the pinch.

A utility commissioner in Ohio said his state's last-minute reprieve from earlier frigid forecasts "has further eroded the weak credibility of the gas companies." Amen to that from North Carolina.

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## Underwriters Cite Big Losses

By JOHN CUNIFF

AP Business Analyst  
NEW YORK (AP) — Fire and casualty insurers are expected to close 1975 with a near-disastrous \$4 billion underwriting loss that they hope to overcome with still more rate increases.

A campaign to raise rates, perhaps through an escalator device geared to the inflation rates, has already begun. Regulatory officials in 30 states are the targets.

The losses, the worst in the industry's history, have led to the failure of 29 insurers this year and threaten the solvency of others, despite big rate increases in 1975.

Members of the industry talk about a crisis that could leave "hundreds of thousands, possibly millions" of Americans without automobile insurance, not to

mention problems with off property-liability insurance.

The impact is even wider than that. Stock market analysts are concerned. Said Blyth Eastman Dillon in an analysis: "Any future market weakness can be expected to trigger panic portfolio sales from fire-casualty companies."

Insurers blame a multiplicity of factors, with inflation leading a list that includes politics, weather, a greater tendency of the public to sue and obtain large awards, competition and a poor stock market.

Some stock analysts add another: Mismanagement. Theodore Newton Jr. of Blyth Eastman Dillon comments that the great bull market that began in the 1950s and extended into this decade made management complacent.

By his estimates, \$9.5 billion was added to industry surpluses in the years 1958-1972, a period in which the insurers' underwriting business only broke even. They came to rely too heavily on the market, which collapsed.

The impact is causing problems even for those companies not immediately faced with the threat of insolvency. Insurers must maintain a surplus of assets in order to assure their ability to pay claims.

In 1972 the ratio of premiums to surplus was about 1.7 times, based on surpluses of \$16.6 billion and premiums of \$27.6 billion. Newton estimates surplus is now \$7.8 billion and premiums \$31 billion, for a ratio of 4.

The factors that put the in-

dustry in its present situation are an unusual coalition.

Inflation hurt because rates must be set without knowing what prices will be in the future. Moreover, in most states regulators have felt a political need to keep down rates. Consumer groups added further pressure.

Social changes contributed. People began to sue more often. Juries also tended to become more lenient, especially in malpractice and negligence suits.

The weather contributed. Tornado and hurricane damage settlements added to the bills, but not nearly so badly as did the bills from the storm on Wall Street.

Whatever the reasons, wherever the blame is to be placed, the insurers are committed to obtaining higher rates in 1976.

—By Jim Kyle

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more than local, except that Frederick the Great, King of Prussia, knew and admired him. It was only long after his death that he acquired fame when the composer Felix Mendelssohn brought his music to the attention of the European world.

We don't have to have great equipment to succeed in life if we have the will to succeed in our hearts. Although none of us has Bach's genius, there is something that each of us can do well quite independently of whatever tools we have to work with.

—By Elisha Douglass

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## Fantastic Season...

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it was pointed out, and hunting clothes sold very well this year.

Much earlier shopping was reported at a downtown fashion store with good business volume noticed department-wide. A spokesman said that shoppers seemed to be enjoying the mall and he mentioned that an increase in parking for next year should help business even more.

Sweaters were popular as gift items, according to the spokesman, and lingerie sales were higher than normal this season.

The manager of a gift store here said that business this year was very good with buyer interest storewide. Noting that it was hard to pick out a favorite item among shoppers, the manager said that all tree trimming items and candles were extremely popular.

She said that her observation was that while shoppers were not necessarily spending less, they were shopping more carefully and showing a concern about what they were purchasing.

Shoppers at her store "definitely ask the price rather than just 'wrap it up,'" she said.

A local variety store manager said that sales volume this Christmas ran a little ahead of last year in some areas and about the

same as last season in other sales areas.

He reported that Christmas decorations sold better this year than in the last few years and he noted that since it was hard to anticipate the heavy sales in view of last year's restraint, most of the items sold out early.

The manager said that the store had a "tremendous lay-away business" this season with the overall lay-away volume much heavier than normal.

A men's clothing store manager also termed business "real good" and said that shoppers did not seem to be as money conscious this season as in recent years.

He cited bulky, ski sweaters as one of the hotter items and pointed out that cardigans and v-neck sweaters were also very popular once again as they made a comeback from a lag in sales.

Leisure suits were very much in demand this Christmas at the store as a new dressing trend and shirts, as always, were popular as gift selections.

Business was "fantastic" at a local hobby and craft shop with shopper traffic "noticeably better" than last year, the manager reported.

She said that shoppers had a different attitude this Christmas and she added that it was hard to pinpoint the reason for the change.

Buyers seemed to have more spirit this year, the manager added.

Popular gift items were truck models and sand painting kits and supplies and creel items were again a favorite. In addition, electric train sales continued to boom this season.

Overall business was a lot better than last Christmas at a local hardware and garden center, a spokesman said. He indicated that anything in the plant line sold extremely well as the buying public continued to enjoy terrarium and indoor plants. All terrarium supplies sold well, the spokesman said, and nutcrackers were popular as gift items.

The manager of one of Greenville's large discount stores reported that Christmas business volume was "excellent" and up from last year.

He said that all decoration items, including electric light sets, were unusually popular and due to the fact that the energy crisis in recent years had hurt previous sales, the store did not order enough lights.

The store had good sales in the fashion department. Electronic items, including stereo sets, radios and citizens band sets enjoyed great popularity. Outerwear sales were also very good this year, the manager said, after an off year in 1974.

"We've had a really great season," observed the manager of a local book store who noted that it "seems like business gets better and better each year."

Many items that were in demand last year at the store were high on the list again this year, she said, with Snoopy leading the way.

Holly Hobby dolls sold well and stuffed animals, including the large selections, were favorites.

Games and puzzles were popular as gift choices and all children's books, scrapbooks, bargain books, and hanging pots and baskets moved well, the manager said.

The North Carolina bicentennial book, *Spirit of the People*, proved to be a hit with shoppers and Billy Graham's selection, *Angel*, was a frequent choice. Two Time-Life books, *Life Goes to the Movies* and *Best of Life*, sold well as did the ever popular, *The Living Bible*.

As always, animal books were popular at the store as well art books and garden and plant selections.

The manager of one of the leading stores for men's clothing said that sales were running some 20 to 25 per cent ahead of last year and overall business this fall was very good.

The spokesman said that it was hard to speculate yet on just what the new mall has contributed to overall shopping volume but he noted that his business was ahead from 20 to 30 per cent all during the mall construction. He said that from a retailer's standpoint, it would take approximately three years to judge the influence of the mall.

Many favorable comments on the mall from customers visiting the store from neighboring towns were also observed, he continued, asserting that most of the businesses on the mall had a good fall and December.

The manager explained that Greenville was in a pocket of the state last year that experienced good Christmas sales while some

other areas of the state had off-seasons.

Shoppers this year are very interested in making a quality purchase, the retailer contended, with wearability and usefulness playing a large part in the selection of an item.

Great success through the store's convenient rear entrance was also cited by the manager as a plus during the Christmas season, especially during mall construction.

He reported good early season sales of clothing with the leisure type of garment gaining the most popularity. Sport coat sales were off from last year as the leisure look the edge off of the sports outfit.

Rainy days were the only

drawbacks in a very good season at a Greenville department store, a spokesman said, with overall business up from last year.

This Christmas, new appliances and novelty items sold well and the store sold out of the Little Mack quick hamburger maker. Mood or personality rings caught the eye of shoppers as a different gift item this year, the spokesman said, as the trend away from the purchase of standard gifts continued somewhat.

Overall, per gift spending appeared to be a little higher, he said, and that indicated that business was better and shoppers felt free to spend a little more money than in years past.

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## ECU Swimmers In Fla. For Holidays

At this time of year people ask "What are you going to do during the Christmas holidays?" A member of the East Carolina University swimming team will answer "Go to Florida for a few days."

The Pirates are leaving Dec. 26 for Altamonte Springs, Fla., to train and, hopefully, have fun.

Why go that far to do what could be done in Greenville? Coach Ray Scharf explained: "Motivation."

"The swimmers have something to look forward to. About six years ago the team began to return to Greenville during the vacation and train for the remainder of the holidays. That meant eight to 10 days, practically alone, with almost nothing to do but swim. This caused morale problems, so the current idea has since

developed."

Going to Florida does pose a problem, and you define that problem with a capital M-O-N-E-Y. With swimming being a non-revenue sport, there ordinarily would not be sufficient funds to cover this type venture.

The Pirates, through car washes, ushering football games and holding a swim marathon, have managed to finance the trip, which is a major team practice. All will pay a portion of the cost, including individual meals.

Altamonte Springs is the home of Pirate co-captain Steve Ruedlinger. It is also the site of Rollins College, an opponent of the ECU cage team in the Tangerine Bowl basketball tournament to be held Dec. 29-30. The swimmers are set to return Jan. 4.

## Caught Stealing Nativity Scene

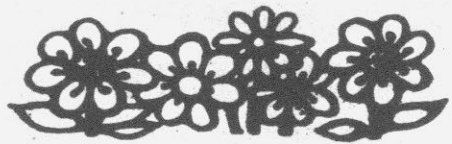
BATTLE CREEK, Mich. (AP)—It was a normal patrol for Police Sgt. Larry B. Gentry until he got a call that someone was stealing the Nativity scene from his front lawn.

Gentry sped home and intercepted a car that was just leaving the area. He said he found statues of Mary, Joseph, the infant Jesus, a donkey and a cow in the woman's car.

The woman who was driving told Gentry she took the Christmas items "because of my kids and the Lord."

She was charged with possession of stolen property of less than \$100 value and was lodged in the county jail. Her name was withheld pending court arraignment.

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By BETTY HATCH  
Reflector Staff Writer

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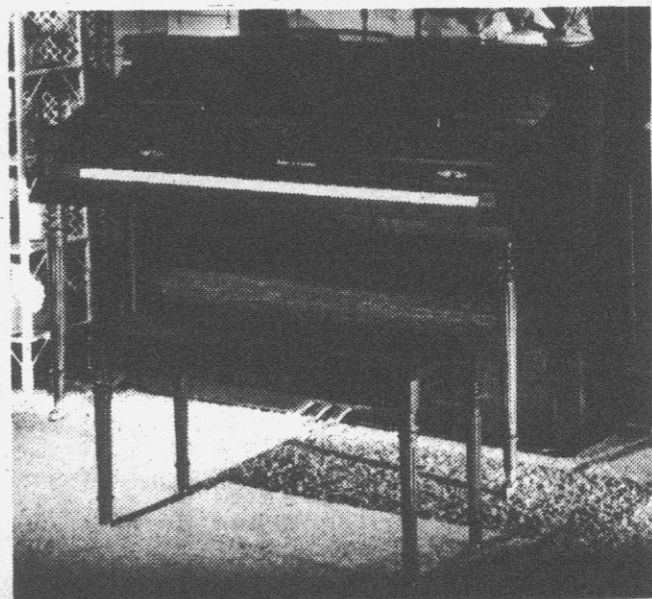
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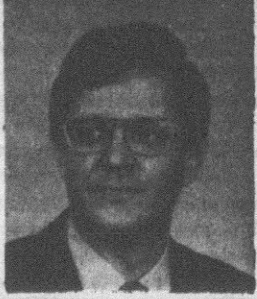
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## Woody's Ramblin's

BY WOODY PEELE



When one looks back on the year 1975, it cannot be down without a great deal of pleasure by the sports fans of the area.

There can be little doubt that 1975 was a banner year for sports.

Just a few short weeks ago, the culmination of the year's sports events came when Rose High School won the State 4-A Football Championship and Roanoke did the same in the 2-A ranks.

East Carolina University's football team didn't win the Southern Conference title, but in a way, perhaps not winning was the best thing.

Looking back to the Richmond game, one sees it as the turning point. A victory over the Spiders might just have led to a so-so year. No doubt not winning eventually meant the difference in the title race, but not winning also brought about a difference in the pride of the team. They turned that pride into six straight victories, including those fine romps past North Carolina and Virginia. So it was a pretty good year after all for the Bucs.

Going back to baseball season, things again were bright. Again it was Rose High School winning the state 4-A title, downing Charlotte Harding in two straight games, both 2-0.

Dink Mills' Williamston Tigers won the state 3-A title, and Bear Grass was the state runner-up in 1-A, giving Martin County a lot to cheer about.

Basketball was just as good, with East Carolina's surprising 19-9 leading the way. The first edition of the Dave Patton Pirates finished second in the Southern Conference and represented the conference in the Commissioners' Tournament in Louisville.

Rose High School's Rampants, a team that had won only three games the previous two years, came through to finish second in the Division I standings and gain a berth in the State 4-A playoffs.

Conley's Vikings finished third in the State 3-A championships, while Williamston's girls team also went into the state tournament for the second straight year.

There were other highlights along the way, of course, like East Carolina's Marvin Rankins running a 7.2 60-yard hurdles in his first collegiate outing. That was the second fastest time ever run at VMI, and broke the school record, along with qualifying him for the NCAA national meet.

We like to recognize our area as the sports capital of Eastern North Carolina. With East Carolina participating in nearly 20 varsity sports, and 10 high schools in the four levels of competition there is a lot for everyone.

We would expect the future to provide even more highlights than the past. We like to think that things will continue to improve.

The Reflector Sports Staff has enjoyed bringing you what we have been able to during the past year. We hope too, that in 1976 we can provide even more for you.

And we take this time to wish you a very Merry Christmas, and a most Happy New Year.

Woody Peele

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## Sparrow Is Top MEAC Cage Player

DURHAM, N.C. (AP)—James Sparrow of North Carolina A&T University has been named basketball player of the week in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference for the second time this season.

Sparrow, 6-6 sophomore from

Brooklyn, scored 62 points and had 24 assists in two games in the Aggie Holiday Classic in Greensboro last week. He scored 33 points in leading his team to the championship against Jackson State and was voted the most valuable player.

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FARMVILLE CENTRAL JAGUARS — Members of the Farmville Central boys basketball team include, front row left to right: Douglas Dixon, Rufus Mayo, Jeffery Rodgers, Randy Smith and Jeff Fields.

Second row: Walter Gorham, Arthur Barnes, Terry Gorham, Booker T. Vines, Timmy Ward. Third row: Ed Edwards, James Gorham, James Baker and Mitchel Foskey. (Reflector Photo by Chip Lambeth)

## Farmville Central Needs More Experience To Become Threat

By CHIP LAMBETH  
Reflector Sports Writer  
(One of a series)

FARMVILLE—Farmville Central basketball has not been what might be called a sterling display of hard-court wizardry for the last few years. But this year's team, composed of a lot of juniors, could be a starting ground for big things to come.

There are only three seniors on the team, Walter Gorham, Arthur Barnes and Mitchel Foskey. Only one of those has no varsity experience, Foskey, but he's learning.

Going into this week's holiday tournament, the Jaguars are 0-3

but they have not played bad basketball. What has been their downfall is the free throw line. The Jags did not make a single free shot against Saratoga in their first meeting and made only one in the second.

"We've scored more field goals than the teams we've played but we haven't made the free throws," said Coach Mike Terrell.

The Jaguars have not lost that bad either. The worse they have fallen was by 11, 53-42, to Saratoga. Their other losses were 52-45 and 55-47.

"We haven't done well on offense. We're inexperienced at

every position," Terrell said. "The offense is coming around but it will take time to get used to each other."

While he has some players back from last year, Terrell said the inexperience stems from people being moved around and the young juniors. Gorham, who played forward last year, is playing swing. Fields, also a forward last season has been moved out to point guard. Once these two become accustomed to their positions, it will help the team, Terrell says.

Fields has been averaging nine points a game from the point and Gorham, while not a prolific scorer throughout his Farmville Central career, is averaging five.

Still, there is a bright spot or two. "This is the best material we've had since I've been here," Terrell said. And with the juniors the Jaguars could be strong next year.

On the front line, Terrell has been starting James Baker, a 6-3 junior who is averaging 12.3 points a game, and is the team's leading scorer and Timmy Ward, a 6-2 junior and the second leading scorer with an 11.6 average. The big man on the front is Foskey, 6-5, who, while not scoring many points, Terrell

victories over nationally ranked powers during the season. North Carolina State, 7-3-1, dumped Florida and Penn State, while the Mountaineers, 8-3, knocked off California and Pittsburgh.

Each closed the regular season on a low note, with State having to rally for a 21-21 tie with Duke and West Virginia being upset by Syracuse 20-19.

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## Rampants Host Holiday Affair

Rose High School's Rampants will be the host team in the second annual Rose Holiday Doubleheader starting Friday at 7 p.m. in the Rampant gym.

This year's event, however, will not be a tournament format, but played strictly as a two-game set. Joining Rose in the event are Farmville Central, D.H. Conley and Washington.

Washington comes into the affair with the best record, while Conley is next. The two do not meet however.

Friday's pairings send Farmville Central against Conley in the first game, at 7 p.m., with Washington and Rose meeting in the 9 p.m. encounter.

Saturday, Farmville and Washington collide at 7 p.m., with Conley and Rose meeting in the second game.

Washington owns a 3-0 record going into the event. Last year the Pam Pack finished second in the state, losing in the 3-A finals by two points. The starting five all return for this year, and Washington is favored to win the state title.

While the five are back, one member has been knocked from the starting lineup by 6-6 sophomore Alvis Rogers, brother of star Kenny Rogers, 6-5. The two are both averaging 16.3 points a game.

Center Albert Spencer, 6-9, is averaging 12.0 points a game, but is not likely to see action in the two-game set. He had minor surgery last Wednesday to remove a piece of sea-shell from his foot. Tony Ward, 6-4, is likely to replace him.

Conley's Vikings enter the event with a 3-1 record, having lost only to Havelock on the road. In that game, two starters did not make the trip, having been benched for disciplinary

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reasons. Conley downed Havelock when the two met again.

Hottest man on the Viking roster is 6-2 Rick Mobley, who burned the nets for 39 points in each of his last two outings. He's averaging 27.8 points for the four games this year.

Farmville Central's Jaguars have gotten off to a disappointing 0-3 start. James Baker is the leading scorer for the team, hitting 12.3 points per outing.

The Rampants, 1-3, are still getting settled down following the end of the championship football season. Center Mike Brewington, 6-5, has played just one game, while several others have appeared only sparingly.

Derek Brewington, 6-4, is the leading scorer so far with a 15.0 mark in three games, while Curtis Keys is hitting at a 14.8 clip for four outings. Mike Brewington had 13 in his only appearance.

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# Messersmith, McNally Win Case

By FRED ROTHENBERG  
AP Sports Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) — Pitchers Andy Messersmith and Dave McNally were declared baseball free agents today by an impartial arbitrator in a decision that could shake the foundations of the national pastime.

Impartial arbitrator Peter Seitz, who one year ago ruled that Catfish Hunter was a free agent, ruled that Messersmith and McNally were free agents because they played in 1975 without contracts. The ruling seemed certain to set up a bidding war for Messersmith and it could doom baseball's historic reserve clause that binds a player to one team.

Seitz rejected baseball's argument that the case was not subject to arbitration and he further rejected the sport's claim that it could renew a player's contract forever.

Marvin Miller, executive director of the Major League Baseball Players Association, said he was gratified that Seitz had upheld "our long-standing view that the clubs may renew a player's contract for one year

and one year only."

The three-man arbitration panel ruled 2-1 in favor of Messersmith and McNally. Miller voted with Seitz, while John Gaherin, baseball's representative on the board, voted against the ruling.

Major league baseball officials immediately announced they would appeal. Owners have already filed a suit in federal court in Kansas City, claiming the cases of Messersmith, who pitches for the Los Angeles Dodgers, and McNally, who retired in mid-season after pitching for Montreal, were not arbitrable.

If that effort fails, the owners

seem certain to challenge Seitz' ruling in court. However, legal experts say the history of arbitration decisions is that they are overturned for only two reasons: proof that the arbitrator had a bias or personal interest in the case, or proof that he ignored basic law in making his decision.

"We're going to go back to court in Kansas City and ask the judge to overturn the decision," said Lee MacPhail, American League president.

"This decision could have a disastrous affect on baseball. It would enable any player to play out his option and provide no return for the club."

## Decision Might 'Kill Baseball'

NEW YORK (AP) — The president of the American League says today's arbitration decision that made pitchers Andy Messersmith and Dave McNally free agents could knock baseball right out of the old ballgame.

"This decision could have a disastrous affect on baseball," said Lee MacPhail. "It would enable any player to play out his option and provide no return for the club."

The judge had said he would not decide on the jurisdiction issue until after Seitz had made a ruling.

"We're going to go back to court in Kansas City and ask the judge to overturn the decision," MacPhail said. "We maintain that the arbitration procedure was set up for the nuts and bolts type of thing—like salaries. It did not deal with the reserve system."

MacPhail said, even if the Kansas City court sustains Seitz' ruling, the answer to this issue lies in collective bargaining between the players and the owners.

"In no way am I saying that the players association wants to destroy baseball," MacPhail said. "We all want to build baseball and that's why I'm sure we can get together and negotiate this issue."

"The reserve system has kept the competitive balance of the game," MacPhail said. "If star players go to the big cities, it would be difficult for some cities to survive."

"Financially, it could be suicidal. It would drive costs of operating up considerably. It wouldn't be only the players who played out their options but also those players who threaten to do so, and get raises."

Today's decision could mean a windfall for Messersmith, twice a 20-game winner and 19-14 last year with the Los Angeles Dodgers. McNally quit the Montreal Expos in June, saying his arm was washed up. He said last month that he hadn't changed his mind about not playing.

MacPhail said the owners' court case in Kansas City challenging Seitz' jurisdiction to hear the grievances by Messersmith and McNally will be

# Reggie Lee 'Returns' To Lead Pirates Cagers

East Carolina University guard Reggie Lee took a year of absence from the basketball team last year. It was not a year away to study, a year away for suspension or anything of that nature. It was a year of absence in mind and spirit. But the leave of absence is now over.

"I just never got into it last year," said Lee. "I never got on track. For some reason I was not ready. And then I had my personal problems early which allowed me to get caught in the doghouse all year. By the time I was getting ready to play, I injured an ankle and that ended it for the year."

The 6-3 junior from Kensington, Md., entered last season with stardom by his name. His freshman year had been a very fine one. He was named All-Rookie in the Southern Conference. He was the second leading scorer for the Pirates his first year, led team scoring in nine games and was in double figures 18 times.

But that stardom role faded quickly. Lee was suspended for three weeks for disciplinary reasons at the beginning of his sophomore year. He never recovered.

"What happened at the beginning of the year allowed the coaches to dictate to me," explained Lee. "Coach Patton

had valid arguments for everything and it kept me in the doghouse. Somehow I just didn't have the real desire to play after that. But this year is totally different."

Indeed, it is different. Lee is the team's leading scorer (14.0 ppg), is shooting .563 from the floor (tops among the regulars), is second in assists and leads the club in steals. He also leads in total playing time. And he's one of only two Pirates to start every game.

"I decided that this year I wanted to let my play dictate my status," explained Lee. "And it has. I'm more into it this year. I just think I value it more this year than last year. It's just a personal thing; a personal challenge for me and how I match up against up competition."

"May be I was a little surprised with our season last year and how good people thought we were," continued Lee. "I knew I was pretty good but I never got on track and showed that. I

decided to prove a point to myself this year. I feel I can hold my own against anyone I go against.

"The Maryland game got me started right. I felt I held my own against their excellent backcourt, and I did so in front of my hometown folks and under poor conditions with the crowd. I'm definitely more into it this year."

Sometimes a leave of absence is good. For Reggie Lee, it provided time to think, time to clear the mind, time to mature and find the right niche for himself. And in the long run, it appears Lee's leave of absence will very much help East Carolina basketball.

But for now, the leave of absence is over; Reggie Lee is back at East Carolina.

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## Cline Lost By Raiders

OAKLAND (AP) — The Oakland Raiders were down to four defensive linemen Tuesday, losing end Tony Cline, as they prepared for Sunday's National Football League playoff game against Cincinnati.

Cline, injured in the final regular season game against Kansas City, underwent knee surgery Tuesday in Los Angeles.

"What we had hoped to do against Kansas City was to play a lot of people and stay healthy," Coach John Madden said.

The Raiders opened the season with just five defensive linemen, after waiving Bubba Smith. When Kelvin Korver was injured in the season opener, they acquired Dave Rowe from the San Diego Chargers.

Against Kansas City, the Raiders often used three linemen and four linebackers. Otis Sistrunk, Horace Jones, Art Thoms and Rowe are the only linemen who will be in uniform Sunday.

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Wednesday Mourners		Sneaky Five	
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Slowpokes	37 19	Dail Music Co.	38 26
The Misfits	35 21	Jackson's Cleaning	36 28
Dumb Clucks	34 22	NCNB—Wash.	34 30
Flip Flops	33 23	The Pet Kingdom	34 30
The Rolling C's	32 24	Haddock Chrysler	32 32
Weeble Wobbles	31 25	Peppi's—Wash.	28 36
Splits & Misses	29 27	Team Nine	28 36
Unpredictables	26 30	Team One	24 40
Lovebugs	23 33	Team Two	24 40
Alleycats	22 34	NCNB—Green.	23 41
The Sneaks	16 40	Uniques	23 41
H. Rollers	18 38	High game and series, Mary Wade, 203, 546.	
High game and series, Harriet Crisp, 194, 529.		Out Of Towners	
Voice Of America		Merry Misses	41 15
Outsiders	35 21	Pickups	38 18
Wonders	31 24 1/2	Holey Bowlers	34 22
Termites	30 26	Rolling Rocks	33 23
Lilley Pads	29 26 1/2	Popups	32 1/2 23 1/2
Greene Giants	28 28	Classy Laddies	27 1/2 28 1/2
Four H's	28 28	Luckouts	25 1/2 30 1/2
Team Ten	26 1/2 29 1/2	Fruit Cakes	25 31
Piggly Wiggly	25 1/2 30 1/2	Holy Rollers	22 34
Ray's Rollers	25 31	Hot Shots	21 35
Snoopies' Gang	21 35	Four Hustlers	19 1/2 36 1/2
Men's high game, Jim Dodson, 213; men's high series, Seber Cobb, 586; women's high game and series, Margaret Smart, 207, 506.		Roadrunners	17 39
Out Of Towners		High game, Billie McAdams; high series, Lee Rucker, 505.	
Merry Misses	37 15	Monday Men's	
Pickups	35 17	Moose	39 21
Holey Bowlers	33 19	Pin Drifters	38 1/2 21 1/2
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Luckouts	25 1/2 26 1/2	Team Fourteen	34 26
Fruit Cakes	24 28	Williamston Dec.	32 28
Classy Lassies	23 1/2 28 1/2	Brothers Five	32 28
Hot Shots	20 32	WACO	30 30
Holy Rollers	19 33	Losers	29 31
Four Hustlers	18 1/2 33 1/2	Country Boys	29 31
Roadrunners	17 35	Pin Busters	28 32
High game, Treva Fidler, 180; high series, Billie McAdams, 501.		Piggly Wiggly	28 32
Hillcrest Ladies		Royal Crown	26 34
Wachovia Computer	43 21	Double Cola	25 35
Peppi's—geen.	42 22	Viet Vets	21 39
		Miller Highlifters	14 46
		High game and series, Frankie Black, 243, 651.	
		Guys & Dolls	
		Patience	4 0
		T & E	4 0
		Heartbeats	3 1
		Ray's Barber Shop	3 1
		Town & Country	1 3
		The Harris'	1 3
		A-J's	0 4
		Challenger	0 4
		Men's high game and series, Roy Lee, 246, 675; women's high game, Velma Cannon, 195; women's high series, Faye Moye, 501.	
		Shirts & Skirts	
		Po-Boys Parts	38 26
		Sneaky Snakes	37 27
		L & W	37 27
		Mixed Nuts	35 29
		Peppi's Pizza Den	33 1/2 30 1/2
		Mixed Emotions	33 1/2 30 1/2
		Jolly Four	33 31
		Kwik's	33 31
		Yankees & Rebels	32 32
		DB-Tee's	31 33
		Eliminators	30 34
		Be-J's	29 35
		Carolina Clodhoppers	29 35
		Four Splitters	28 36
		Almost Did	27 37
		Strike Outs	26 38
		Men's high game, Len Sawyer, 221; men's high series, Bob Lee, 608; women's high game, Synthia Manning 223; women's high series, Joyce Lee, 572.	

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cent of all toys for pre-school age children are designed to be educational, Potter said.

"Fisher-Price toys are exceptionally strong this Christmas," said Fred Baumann, manager of J. C. Penney Co., Inc. Tonka, Mattel and Playskool toys have also sold well at Penney's.

Grace Smith, manager of the Book Barn, said most of their toys are educational in some way. Books, puzzles, and games are always popular, she said, as well as those toys labeled "educational" by the manufacturer.

Basics such as dolls and teddy bears are still popular this year, too.

"Toys that always sold well still sell well," said Keith Manning, a Rose's division manager in charge of toys. Rose's sells many dolls, model car kits and games, among other things.

White's sells many standards such as dolls, footballs, talking telephones, train sets, sidewalk bicycles and mechanical toys, according to toy buyer Jesse Oakley.

The standard toys are selling well at Nichol's, especially teddy bears, dolls and mechanical toys, said Potter. Also popular are tea sets, carriages and other accessories for dolls, especially those for Barbie dolls. Games, hobbies, puzzles and crafts are a good business now, and sales

should increase in January and February as children spend their cash Christmas presents, Potter added.

Among stuffed toy favorites this year at the Book Barn are Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy, Holly Hobby and her friend Heather, Sesame Street characters and Snoopy. Tinker toys have sold well, as have Nerf toys (footballs, basketballs, etc.), pop-up books, Weebles, unpainted wooden toys, banks and bookends.

"Teddy bears have been a winner with us for many years," said King's manager Wilkins. "They are selling excellently."

"The leading doll this year is Baby Thataway," he noted. Baby Alive is also a top seller.

Both dolls are popular for their life-like qualities, according to Clark's manager Jim Pruett. Baby Thataway crawls, and Baby Alive is flexible, has an almost human skin texture, and can drink and perform other activities.

Rose's sold out of Baby Thataway dolls several times and cannot reorder them. J.C. Penney Co., Inc., also sold out and is unable to get any more.

Another well-liked "doll" is the Six Million Dollar Man, based on the television show of the same name. Roses', among other stores, has sold many of these, and Manning credits this with the fact that the toy is new. Another factor, however, might be national advertisements



**LAST-MINUTE SHOPPER . . .** Santa Claus does some last-minute shopping for Greenville's good girls and boys. He has many toys to choose from so he may have trouble making up his mind. Trying to please everyone is a difficult job, but Santa has had a lot of experience.

## For Some: Back To Work

By CAROL TYER  
Reflector Staff Writer

The need goes on on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and therefore, the works goes on for employees of Pitt Memorial Hospital, the Fire and Police Departments, and the Rescue Squad, and even certain businesses like the phone company, heating and refrigeration firms, and funeral homes.

Mrs. Sylvia Waters, Special Units Supervisor at Pitt Memorial is philosophical about having to go to work at 6:45 tomorrow morning. "Somebody has to do it every year," she said, "and this is my year. My family will just have to get up early to see what Santa has brought."

Asked why Santa couldn't be requested to come on Christmas Eve, rather than Christmas Day, she said, "We spend Christmas Eve with my family in Washington and will go right back down there as soon as I get off work tomorrow to have Christmas supper with my husband's family." Her children, Lori Ann, 12, and Ken Jr., 10, are used to special arrangements on Christmas because of mother's job, she said, and don't seem to mind.

The hospital plan of action for Christmas is virtually the same as for any Sunday. Hospital Nursing Administrator Jean Owens said. "We don't cut our staff much at all," she said. "Of course, every patient who we feel can safely be discharged is allowed to go home to spend Christmas with his family and elective operations aren't scheduled so the patient would be recuperating over Christmas, but there are quite a few very sick people here right on. Last year there were 104 here on Christmas Day. The Emergency Room load is its heaviest on holidays, much worse than on usual weekend days."

It's a long and boring day at the Fire Department on Christmas," Capt. Harvey Case said. "Not many training activities are planned. Mostly we just sit around and wonder what it's like at home. We know it's part of the job, though." His family, which includes his wife, daughters, Geraldine and Robin, and son, Randy, will celebrate Christmas Eve and very early Christmas morning, he said.

"That has to be the way it is," he said, "because I leave for work at 7:30 tomorrow morning and will be at the station from then until 8 Friday morning."

He said he thinks there are fewer big fires on Christmas because most people are home to catch them while they're small. "We have a lot of Christmas decoration and cooking-related fires during the holidays, though," he said.

Clayton Wilson of Coastal Refrigeration here said the firm will have someone on call Christmas Day. Asked what is considered worthy of going out on Christmas Day, he answered, "A heating system breakdown in a home or a commercial refrigeration breakdown."

Frank Havers, District Traffic Manager of Carolina Telephone, said 40 operators and four supervisors will be working Christmas Day. "We expect our traffic that day to be greater than a usual day, not less," he said. "Including operator-assisted and direct dial calls,

we'll probably handle about 22,000," he said. "Most of these will be dialed directly." "The phone company will also have someone in the main office for repairs and one person to do emergency repairs," Bill Duckett said.

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shown on television during the hours designated for children's shows.

Television seems to be a factor not only in toy sales (through ads) but in the creation and development of new toys. Many are based on television shows such as games, detective adventures and other adventure shows. Baumann remarked that, at Penney's, industry toys advertised on television generally sell better than others.

Evel Knievel, Batman and their accessories are selling well now. For those who can afford a more expensive kind of toy or game, air hockey games are popular.

So regardless of budget or personal preference, the variety of children's presents is great. Although some types of toys or games have already been sold out, Greenville toy dealers are making an effort to keep a good supply on hand. A late Santa doesn't have to give up hope . . . not yet, anyway.

**MASONIC NOTICE**  
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**GROUP STUDY**  
FRANKFURT, West Germany (UPI) — The Oekumenische Studienreisen, a travel agency catering to students and young people, offers group study trips to Turkey, Egypt, Greece, Austria and Hungary in its prospectus for the 1976-77 seasons.

### Dinner Is On The Prathers

WINFIELD, Kan. (AP) — This Christmas, once again, Christmas dinner is on Mr. and Mrs. Louis Prather.

This will be the eighth year the Prathers have given free dinners for the lonely. This year they're including the elderly, and students at Southwestern and St. John's colleges who can't get home.

Dinner will be served in the First Christian Church, with volunteers helping the Prathers transport those who could not otherwise get to the turkey and trimmings.

Years ago, Prather spent a lonely Christmas running a gas station near Belle Plaine, Kan. When he finally got home, he and his wife decided to invite the lonely to dinner on Christmas Day.

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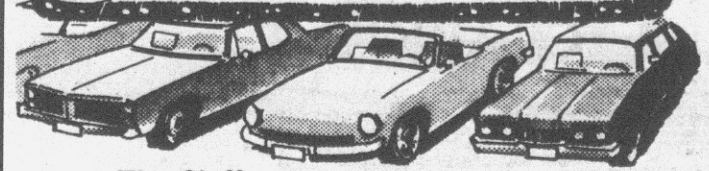
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In the midst of the holiday flurry and fun, we want to take time to wish all our friends a Christmas of special delights. Thanks all.

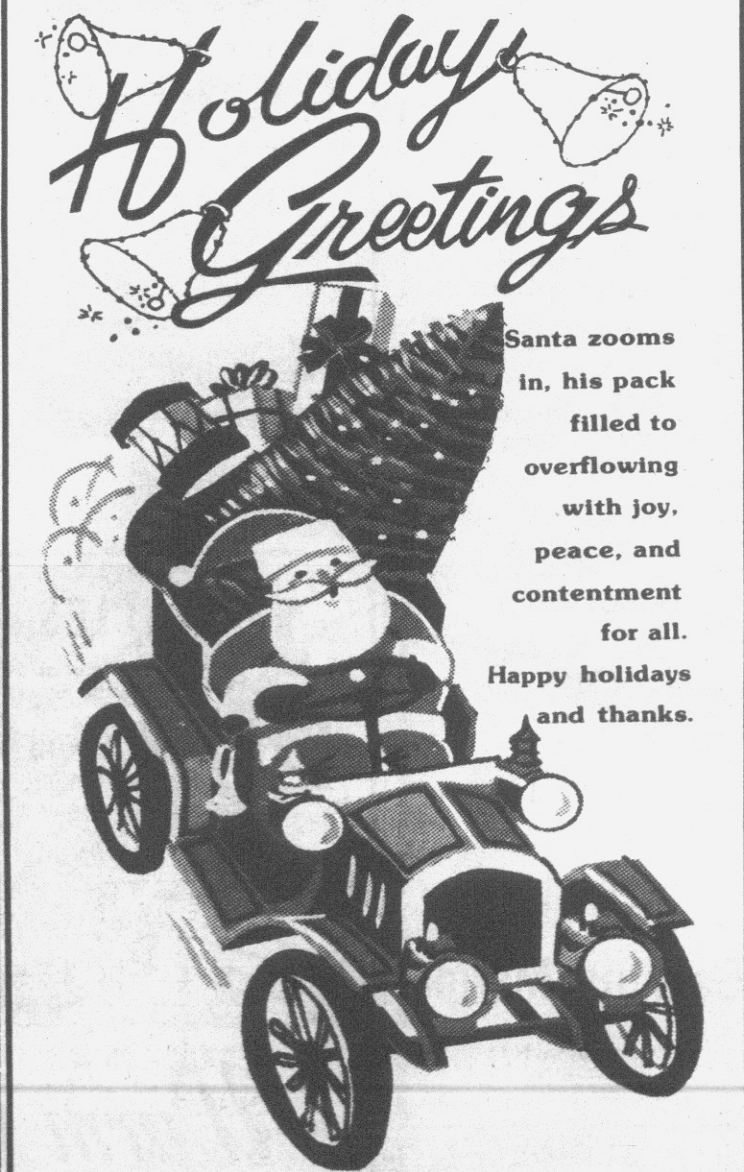
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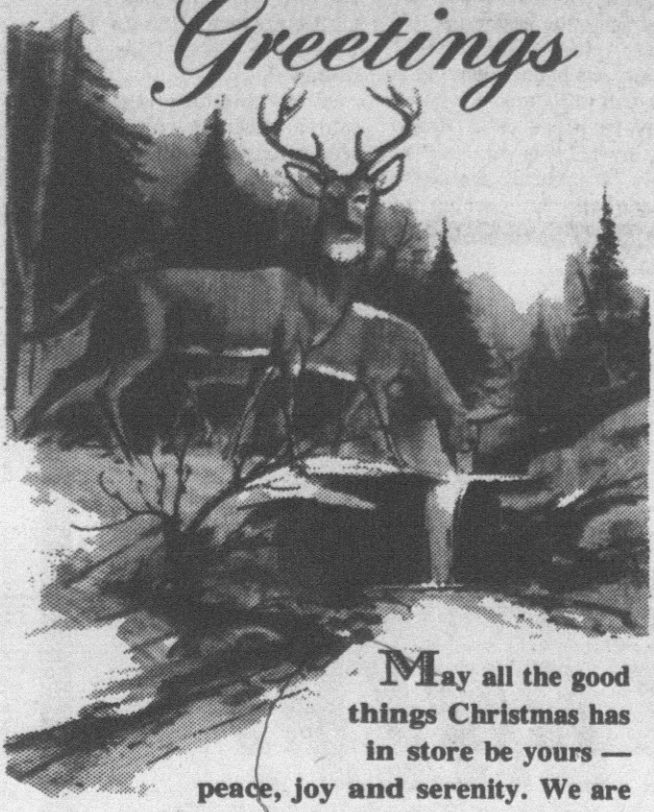
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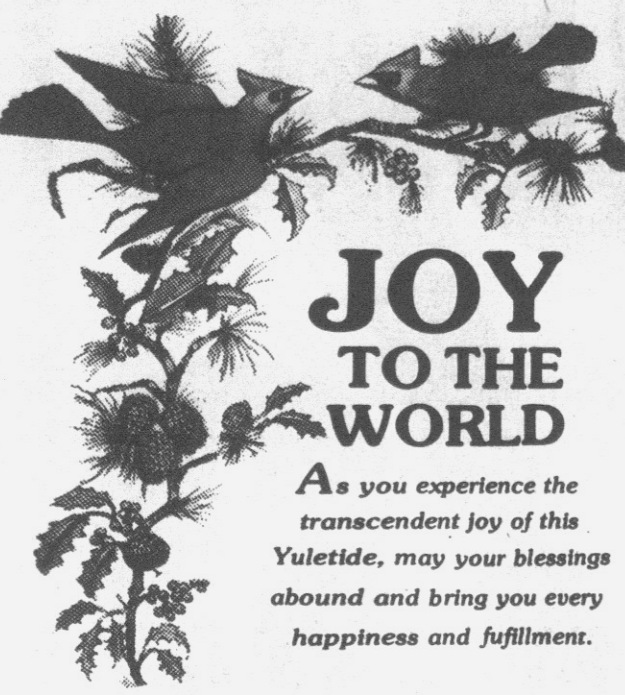
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## Obituaries

**Toler**  
**VANCEBORO**—Mrs. Marie Tiller Toler, 61, wife of Carl Toler, died in Duke Hospital in Durham Monday.  
 Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, near Ernul, by the Rev. Walter Sutton. Burial will be in Southland Cemetery in Grand Praire, Texas, Saturday at 2 p.m. The body will be taken from the Wilkerson Funeral Home to the Church one hour prior to the time of service.

Mrs. Toler, a native of Dallas, Texas, spent most of her life there and for the past three years had lived in the Ernul community. She was a member of Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Carl Toler; three daughters, Mrs. Jo Ann Bellah of Dallas, Tex. Mrs. Jimmy Day

of Grand Praire, Tex. and Mrs. Jack Frisby of Edmond, Okla. three brothers Dean Tiller of Terrell, Tex. Warren Tiller of Dallas, Tex. and Jack Tiller of Lewisville, Tex.; three sisters, Mrs. Melba Gentry of Dallas, Tex., Mrs. Alice Vanderwilt of Greenville, Tex., and Mrs. Bonnie Oliver of Pamona, Calif. and nine grandchildren.

### Got Her Wish Plus 4 Sisters

**LEWISVILLE, Tex. (AP)**—Last year, Debbie Davis wanted a little boy for Christmas. This year she has him and four sisters for good measure.

Mrs. Davis gave birth to quintuplets last July 18 at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. The quints, who were given only a 50-50 chance to survive last July, are now healthy and beginning to wonder what the funny tree with all the lights is all about.

Casey, Chanda, Christa, Chelsea and Charla were baptized Sunday in the United Methodist Church of Lewisville by the Rev. Phillip Mercer. Nearly 450 residents of this Dallas suburb watched during church services as the quints were baptized.

### Revival Series In Progress

Revival services are in progress each evening, beginning at 7:30 p.m., at Deliverance House of Prayer, 831 Venters Street, Ayden.

Guest speaker for the services is Elder Willie C. Darden of Oakland, Calif. The speaker is the son of James Darden of the Pleasant Plains area of Pitt County.

Vanceboro by the Rev. Sam Worthington. The body will remain at the Wilkerson Funeral Home until the funeral hour.

Mrs. Tripp was a native of Craven County and spent all her life there. She was a member of Lane's Chapel United Methodist Church.

She is survived by three sons, Bonnie D. Richard D., and Jesse C. Ipock, all of Vanceboro; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Ethel Lewis of New Bern.

### Be Wary In Phone Survey

**LINCOLN, Neb. (UPI)**—Consumers should be wary of telephone callers who claim to be taking a survey, says Janet Wilson, Extension consumer education specialist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Ms. Wilson said a survey can be a legitimate source of information for many purposes or a rip-off, such as the caller

who asks where you have charge accounts. That caller may be planning to use your charge account fraudulently. Another may ask how many television sets you own as a means of casing your home, with theft in mind.

For protection, Ms. Wilson suggests checking with the local Better Business Bureau on the name, address and phone number of the company whose representative the caller claims to be.

### Santa Is First In A New Jail

**CHERRY VALLEY, Ill. (AP)**—Cherry Valley has a new jail and Santa Claus became the first person to be locked up.

Santa, played by Sheryl Brannan, was nabbed leaving a village hall Christmas Party on Monday by police chief Ralph Truitt, in what was supposed to be only a pretend arrest to commemorate the opening of

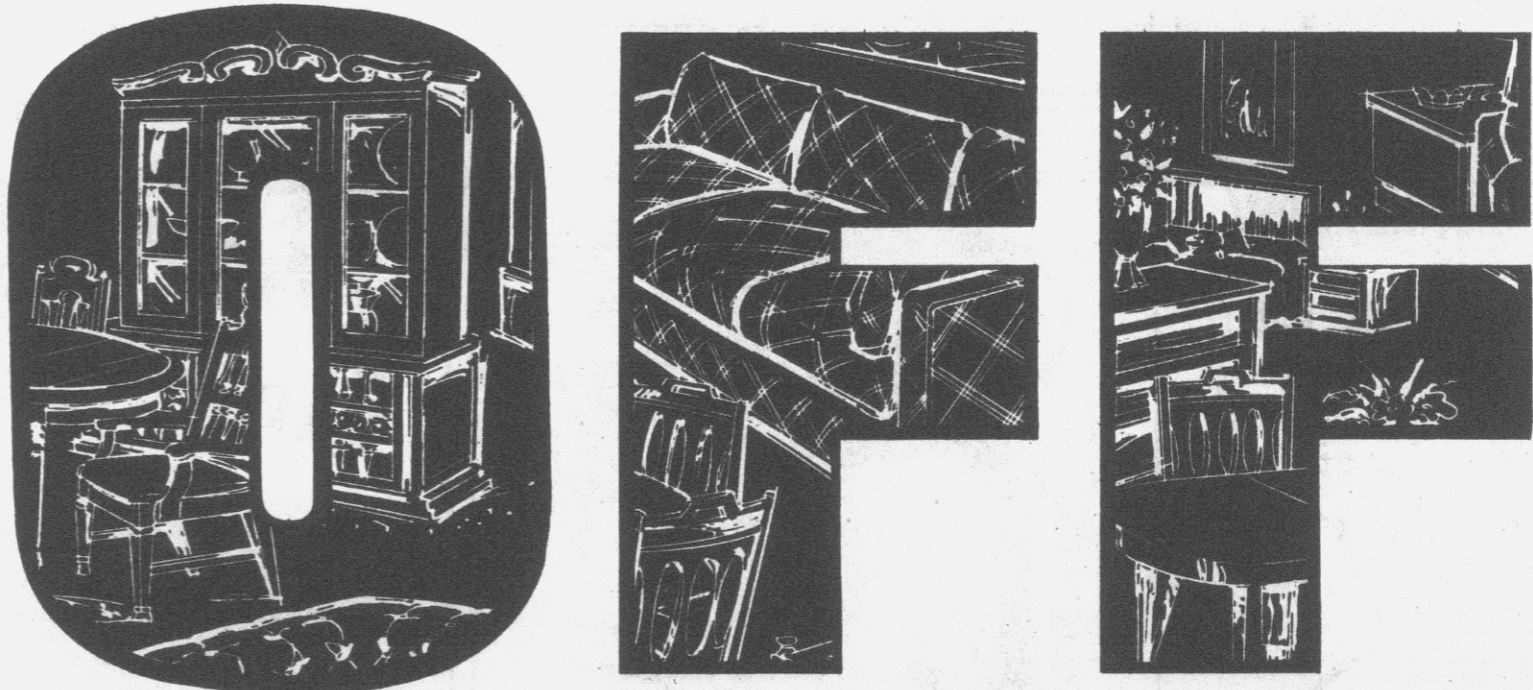
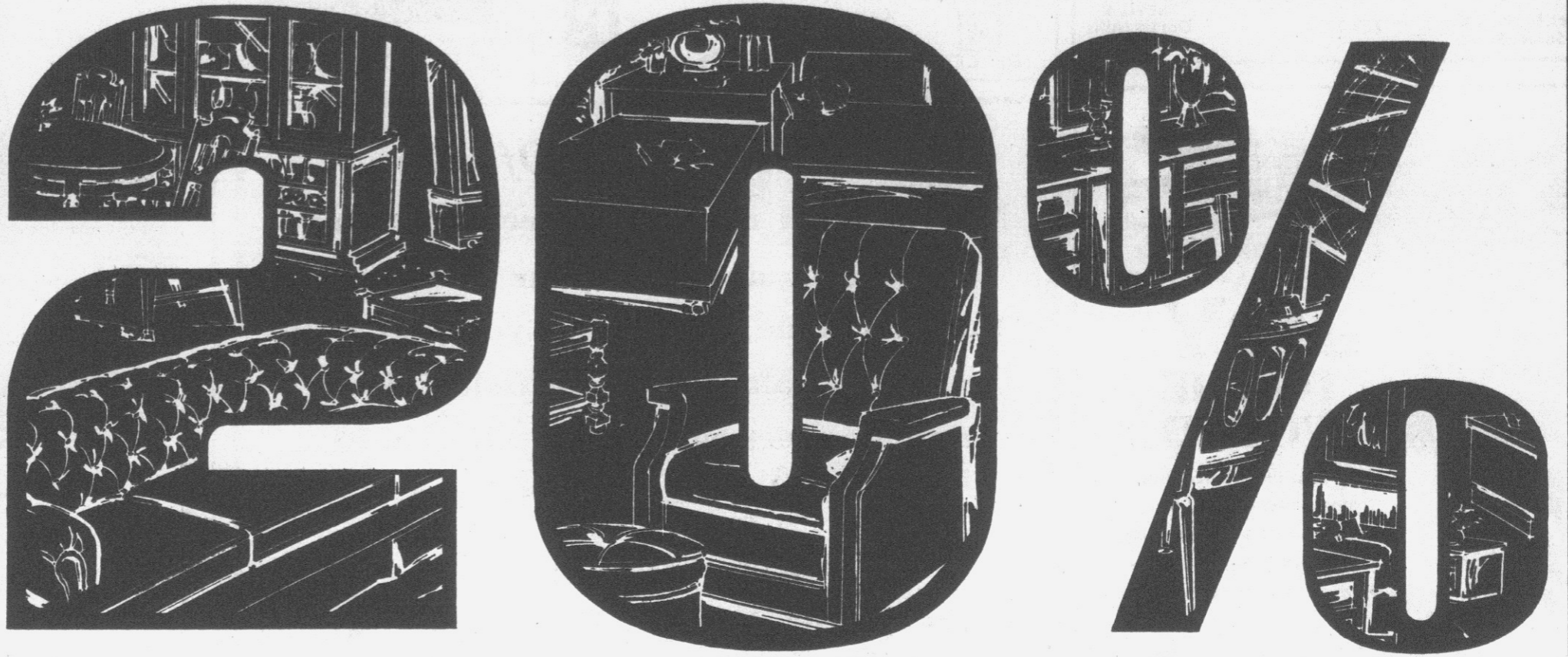
the new jail. But not everyone knew about the pretend part, and a crowd of about 50 protested. One small child asked with tears in her eyes if Santa would be out in time for Christmas.

"Don't worry," Santa said, "I wired the North Pole for bail money."

A few minutes later, Truitt told a cheering crowd that he was releasing Santa on personal recognizance because of good behavior.



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**YULETIDE CHEER**—Raffles, an eight-year-old male chimp, and Shana, a two-year-old female, return home to Marine World-Africa U.S.A. after cutting their Christmas tree at the San Gregorio tree farm. Raffles has a monkey on his back and is politely requesting her to get off his case. (AP Wirephoto)

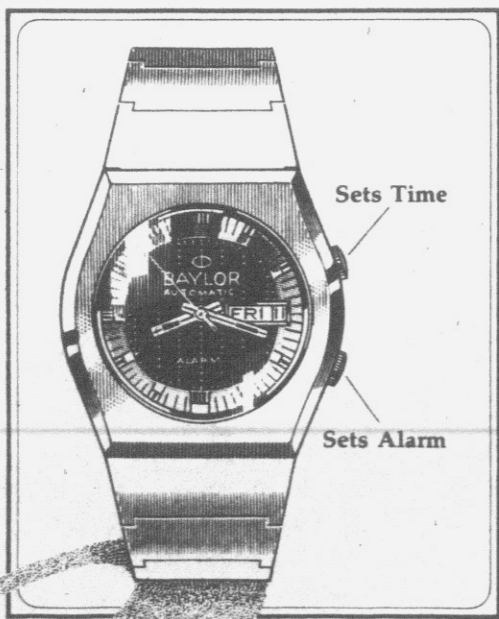
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# Old Christmas Once Observed In These Parts

By JERRY RAYNOR  
Reflector Staff Writer

Members of the younger generation, if they think about Old Christmas at all, are likely to think in terms of an Old English holiday celebrated long ago.

Yet, it has not really been that long since January 6, or the twelfth day after Christmas, was observed in this area of the county. Since the early influx of settlers in what is now eastern North Carolina were predominately English, it was only natural that these early inhabitants brought with them their customs and holidays.

Today, the one known continued local observance of January 6 as Old Christmas takes place at Rodanthe, on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. The observance there, however, has become more an annual tourist attraction than a fundamental way of observing the

holiday known also as Twelfth Day or Twelfth Tide.

The origin of this early January holiday, still widely celebrated in a more strictly religious context as Epiphany, is the presentation of the gifts of the three wise men to the infant Christ. The gift-bearers reportedly arrived in Bethlehem on the twelfth day following the birth of Christ; after a long and arduous journey following the course of the Christmas Star.

Of all the countries where the birth of Christ is celebrated, Spain is the sole country where major emphasis is given to national observances of the Twelfth Day, or Old Christmas.

#### Ways of Observing

Even for area families who until recent decades observed Old Christmas, the event was basically an extension of the regular Christmas celebrations. Christmas trees were left in the family parlor until January 6.



CHRISTMAS—Decorations make up an important part of the Christmas season. Pat Sermons is shown hanging some

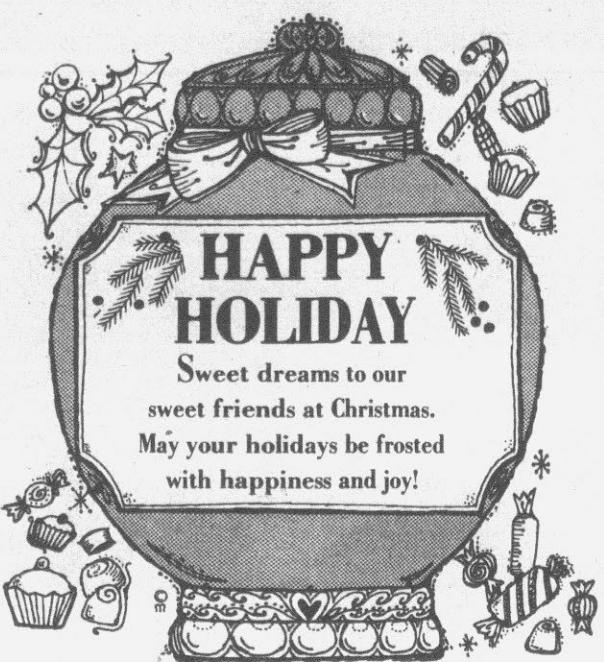
decorations making the yule season just a bit brighter. (Reflector Photo by Tommy Forrest)



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For many school systems in eastern North Carolina, school holidays for the Christmas season extended through January 6 so that children could be at home for the second Christmas day.

To go further back—into the 18th and 19th century, Old Christmas was the principal gift-given date. Christmas day in December was the time set aside for big festive meals, for religious services, and for visiting neighbors and relatives.

On January 6, to coincide with the traditional date of the arrival of the wise-men with their gifts to the new-born Christ, the head of the family household would pass out gifts to family members, visitors and where appropriate, to servants and

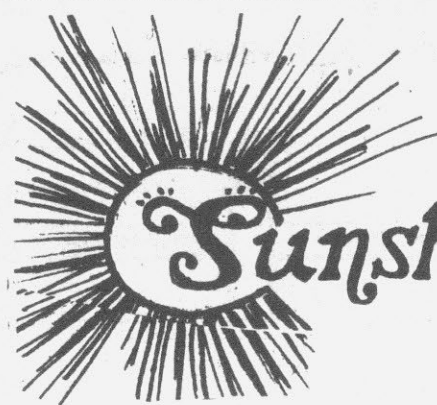
domestics working for the family.

As years passed, and the role of Santa Claus became more prominent, emphasis shifted to December 25 as the major day for presentation of gifts and discovering what Santa had left under the tree for younger family members.

Old Christmas eventually became the time reserved for giving to household members and others—aside from friends and relatives—connected in some way with the family circle.

With the acceleration of 20th century Christmas commercialism, the tradition of gift giving on Old Christmas gradually became incorporated into giving on one day—Christmas Day, December 25—whatever the relationship of the recipient to the giver.

As the year 1975 comes to a close, young and old alike are celebrating this Christmas in a busy schedule of school and church programs; of last minute Christmas shopping surrounded by non-stop playing of canned Christmas and holiday music; and deciding on which of the many televised Christmas specials the family might want to view—or will have time for.



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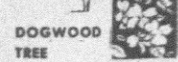


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# Civic Clubs Shared Spirit Of Christmas-Giving

By JAMES KYLE  
Reflector Staff Writer

Once again, the underprivileged and needy will benefit from the hard work and contributions made by area civic clubs and fraternities for Christmas projects.

Through the work of these organizations, Christmas cheer will be brought to many youngsters and their families who otherwise would have few presents, and in many cases little good food, on Christmas Day.

The Salvation Army, Mental Health Center, Pitt County Social Services and the United Fund are among the organizations who benefit from the clubs' Christmas programs.

The three Greenville Lions clubs each have their own program to help the needy at Christmas. The Greenville Breakfast Lions Club will help eight needy families with food and other gifts.

The Greenville Host Lions will distribute Christmas baskets to families with blind members through the Pitt County Social Services.

The Greenville Martinborough Lions have made a donation to Social Services, provided baskets for blind families and bought gifts for the boys at Boys Home, Lake Waccamaw.

The Junior Women's Club sponsored a family through Social Services. They took a Christmas tree and food to them.

They also manned Salvation Army donation buckets at two locations. They donated gifts to a foster child through Social Services and made a donation to Christmas Seals.

The Bachelor Benedict Club made a donation to the Mental Health Center's Operation Santa Claus and sent gifts and money to the tuberculosis center in Wilson and Cherry Hospital in Goldsboro.

The Moose Lodge made a donation to the Salvation Army. Although the Civitan Club sponsors no special program for Christmas, it sells fruit cakes during the holiday season to raise money for boys at Boys Home, mentally retarded programs and the Rose High

Band. Several Jaycees made trips to Lake Waccamaw to take gifts to the boys at Boys Home. They also made a donation to Boys Club of Greenville. The Jaycees are participating in the Social Services program to provide gifts for foster children. They also gave a party for the men at Flynn Christian Fellowship Home.

The Greenville Nightclub Association, consisting of various downtown nightclubs and restaurants, bought groceries for three needy families during Christmas week.

The Greenville Kiwanis made a contribution to the Salvation Army and manned Salvation Army buckets at two locations.

Kiwanis of Greenville-University City made a donation to Boys Home and the Salvation Army. Members also manned Salvation Army contribution buckets and provided Christmas gifts for two boys and Lake Waccamaw. A donation was also made to the boys home here.

The Optimist Club is sponsoring four children for Christmas—two at Boys Home and two foster children through Social Services. The club bought toys and new clothes for the children and assisted the Salvation Army by manning buckets.

The Opti-Mrs. Club made a donation to Operation Santa Claus and sponsored a needy family through Social Services.



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WRAPPING PRESENTS . . . Pam Stokes and Vickie Little of the Pitt County Department of Social Services wrap some of the presents donated to the department to be given to foster children in homes in Greenville. Social Services was just one of the area organizations benefitted by the work of civic groups this Christmas. (Reflector photo by James Kyle)

## Country Music Ranks Thinned During 1975

By JOE EDWARDS  
Associated Press Writer  
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The year 1975 claimed the lives of five major country music performers: Lefty Frizzell, Bob Wills, George Morgan, Cousin Jody and Sam McRae of the Fruit Jar Drinkers.

Frizzell, a singer, guitarist and songwriter, died of a massive stroke July 19 in Nashville at age 47. He had the distinction of being the only country artist who had four songs in the top 10 simultaneously: "Always Late;" "Mom and Dad Waltz;" "I Love You in a Thousand Ways" and "Travin' Blues," all recorded in 1952.

Considered an old school performer, he was known for what he called slurs — letting a note roll down from one octave to a lower one — and the emotional intensity of his songs.

He first became well known in 1950 for his novelty song "If You've Got the Money, I've Got the Time."

Mills, a band leader, fiddler and songwriter, died of bronchial pneumonia May 14 in Fort Worth, Tex. He was 70.

He was best known as leader of The Texas Playboys and for his influence on western swing music. His songs included "Rose of San Antonio," "Texas Playboy Rag," "Mexicali Rose," "Take Me Back to Tulsa," "New Worried Mind" and "Yellow Rose of Texas."

Mills was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1968. Morgan, best known for his 1949 hit "Candy Kisses," died in Nashville July 7 following heart surgery. He was 51 and had been a member of the Grand Ole Opry 27 years.

His other big hits included "Almost," "You're The Only Good Thing" and "Room Full of Roses."

Cousin Jody, whose real name was James Clell Sum-

meys, was famous for a wide, toothless grin he flashed during a 30-year career on the Grand Ole Opry. He died at age 61 Aug. 18 in Nashville after an extended illness.

McGee was the oldest member of the Opry when he died at age 81 Aug. 21. He was run over by his tractor at his farm near Nashville.

Others who died in 1975 were Ernest King, a washboard player who had performed with Johnny Cash, Buck Owens and Merle Haggard; Asher Sizemore, a one-time Opry performer; Mrs. Audrey Williams, first wife of Hank Williams Sr.; Bill Williams, a journalist associated with the Nashville music industry, and Doug Renaud, a drummer for Bill Anderson and George Jones.

Hank Williams Jr., Tanya Tucker and Earl Scruggs escaped death in separate accidents.

Williams was critically injured in a fall in Montana Aug. 9, Miss Tucker was slightly hurt in a one-car accident near Nashville Nov. 5 and Scruggs received minor injuries when his private plane crashed while attempting to land here Sept. 29.

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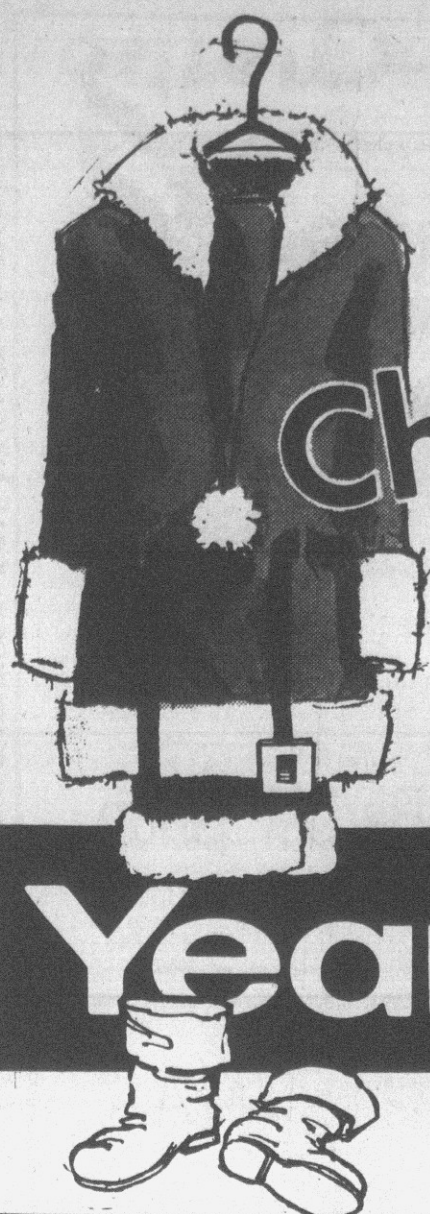
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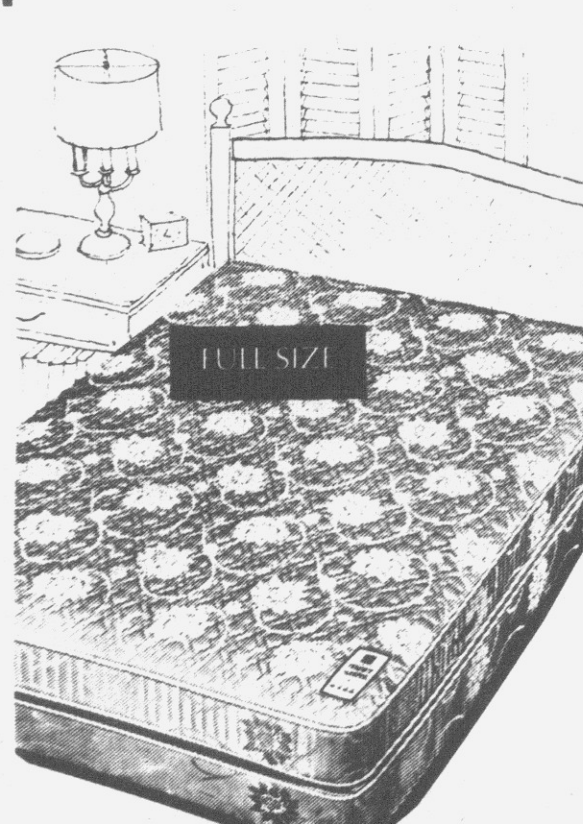
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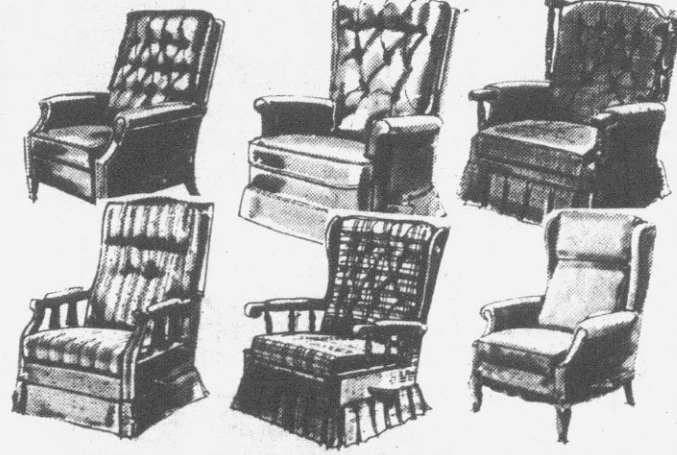
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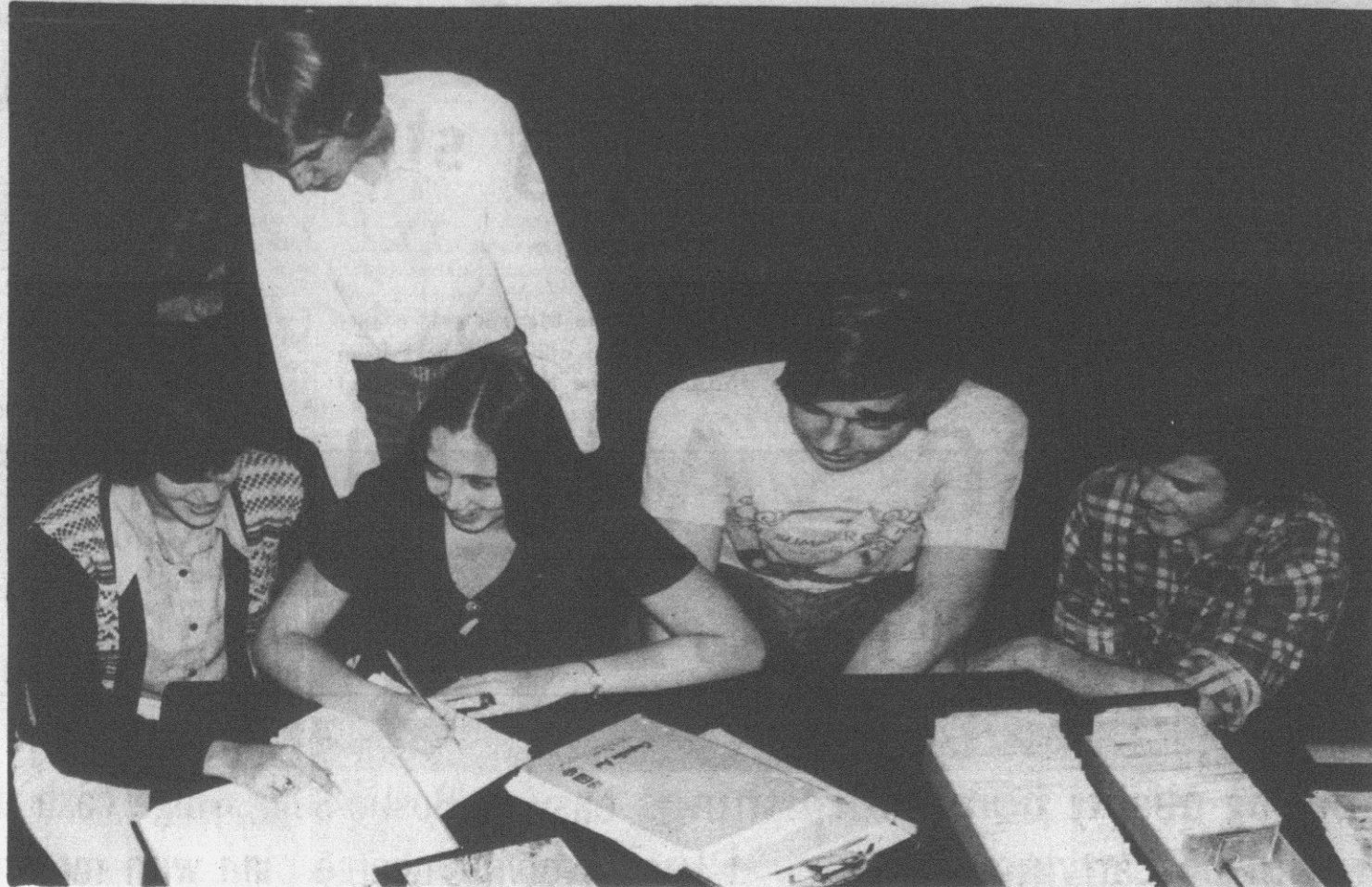
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# Pre-Christmas Activities Filled Pre-Holiday Hours



**STUDYING THEIR LINES . . .** Lon Ann Baldree, Betsy Gaskins, Dennis Carter, Chris Howes and Dennis McLawhorn, members of the Gifted Talent English class at Ayden-Grifton High School, study a play they have written and edited entitled "Christmas With Peanuts". The play was presented on Dec. 15. The cast included: Carter as Charlie Brown; Miss Gaskins, Lucy; McLawhorn, Linus; Howes, Snoopy; Miss Baldree, Peppermint Patty. (Reflector Photo By Blanche Hardee)

By **BLANCHE HARDEE**  
Reflector Staff Writer  
Christmas musical programs and classroom parties filled the few days prior to Christmas vacation for students attending the Pitt County Schools.

The Christmas holiday began at the close of school on Dec. 19 and classes will resume on Jan. 5.

The junior high chorus of A.G. Cox Grammar School presented a program of Christmas music during the PTA meeting on Dec. 15.

The students participated in Operation Santa Claus which was a project of the AG Cox Student Council.

Individual classroom parties were held on Dec. 19.

The chorus of Belvoir Grammar School sang at Pitt Plaza Thursday, Dec. 11, and individual classroom parties were given to the students on Dec. 19.

A door decorating contest was held at D.H. Conley this year by members of the Future Homemakers of America.

Members of the Conley Future Business Leaders of America gave a Christmas party for a primary special education class at G.R. Whitfield Dec. 18.

The art department of the school put up Christmas decorations in the school cafeteria and student commons area and decorated a Christmas tree.

The school chorus sang at Tarrytown Mall prior to Christmas and also gave three performances at the school.

The Junior ROTC drum and bugle corps and drill team participated in Christmas parades in Greenville and Morehead City.

Students at Sam D. Bundy Primary School made Christmas bulletin boards as well as Christmas art and decorations for their rooms and the halls.

Many of the classrooms had their own Christmas trees and all the students participated in parties during the afternoon of Dec. 19.

The kindergarten students of Grifton School presented a Christmas program on Dec. 12 and the fifth graders sang at Pitt Plaza Thursday, Dec. 11.

The seventh and eighth graders held a Christmas social on Dec. 19 and the remainder of the classes were involved in individual Christmas parties.

The National Junior Honor Society gave a social for the school faculty and the students participated in Operation Santa Claus.

The choral group of Ayden-Grifton High School sang at Tarrytown Mall, Park Hill Shopping Center and Washington Square Mall.

The National Honor Society and Ayden-Grifton Task Force sponsored the Operation Santa Claus project this year. Gifts were collected for patients at Cherry Hospital, Goldsboro.

Two English classes of the school edited and produced the Christmas play "Charlie Brown."

The Junior ROTC drill team participated in the Greenville Christmas parade.

The Keywanettes Club collected canned goods for the Salvation Army. The club members also cleaned up yards in Grifton for people who were unable to do the work themselves.

The fourth and fifth graders of Pactolus School presented a program of Christmas music during the PTA meeting on Dec. 9. The fifth graders sang at Tarrytown Mall on Dec. 18 under the direction of Nancy Moldin, music director.

The students were treated to classroom parties on Dec. 19 to begin their holiday from school.

The third grade classes of Robinson Primary School presented a program of Christmas carols during the school's Parent Teacher Organization meeting on Dec. 8. They performed under the direction of Mary Ann Wright, music director.

A Christmas assembly for the entire student body was held on Dec. 19 at which time the students sang Christmas songs and enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus.

The school was decorated throughout in the Christmas motif and poinsettias were placed in the halls.

The students of Stokes-Pactolus Grammar School

enjoyed individual classroom parties on Dec. 19.

No holiday activities were reported at North Pitt High School.

The students at Falkland Elementary School were shown Christmas films on Dec. 5 and had individual classroom parties on Dec. 19.

A Christmas program was presented in conjunction with the PTA meeting on Dec. 16.

The students of Ayden Elementary School presented a program of Christmas carols for their parents and friends on Dec. 9.

During the morning of Dec. 19, the students were surprised by a visit from Santa Claus and were given parties.

A musical, entitled "Santa's New Look", was presented at Ayden Grammar School during an assembly at the school on Dec. 12.

The students also participated in Operation Santa Claus and were given classroom parties on the last day of school.

The seventh grade chorus of Chicod Elementary performed at Tarrytown Mall on Dec. 5 and the sixth graders sang at Pitt Plaza Shopping Center on Dec. 11. The students presented a Christmas program at the school on Dec. 11.

Various activities were planned for the students, including a special assembly and classroom parties. The student body also participated in Operation Santa Claus.

The students of Stokes Elementary School presented a program on Christmas music during the school's December PTA meeting. They sang such selections as "Deck the Halls," and "Silent Night".

An open house was held following the program to show parents and friends how the school had been dressed up for the Christmas holidays.

A general assembly was held Dec. 19 and the students sang Christmas carols. The students were given classroom parties and the school faculty Christmas party was held Dec. 19.

Santa Claus visited the students at Belvoir Primary School while they were having classroom parties on Dec. 19.

The students presented a Christmas program as part of their holiday activities.

No Christmas activities were planned for the student body of Farmville Middle School.

Classroom parties were given to students at H.B. Sugg School on Dec. 19.

The students in grades k-4 at Bethel Elementary School presented a musical program at 9 a.m. on Dec. 19 and the students in grades 5-8 gave a program at 1 p.m. Some students from the school sang at Tarrytown Mall and Pitt Plaza.

The Glee Club of G.R. Whitfield School presented a program of Christmas music and the D.H. Conley School band gave a performance for the school.

Students participated in Operation Santa Claus and were given parties on the last day of school.

The Farmville Central band participated in Christmas parades at Pinetops, Greenville and Tarboro. The band presented a concert of Christmas music at the school on Dec. 16.

A faculty and staff social hour was held on Dec. 18.

The Bible class sponsored a play at the school on Dec. 19 and the home economics department sponsored its annual door decorating contest.

The Student Task Force sponsored Operation Santa Claus for Cherry Hospital and the Future Homemakers of America sponsored a needy family for Christmas.



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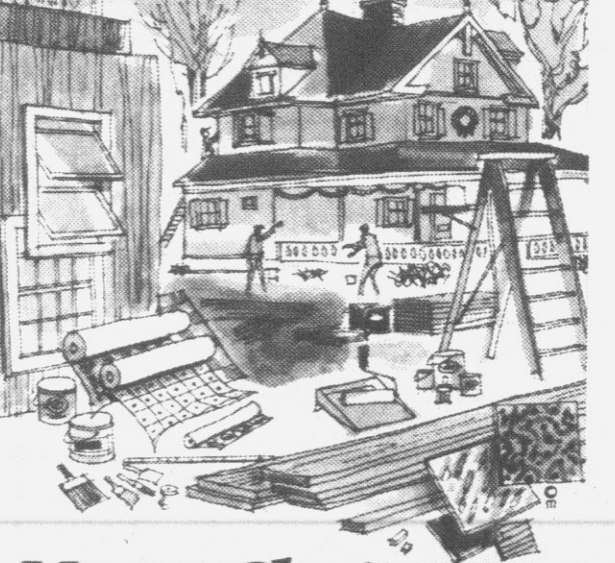
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# Home Extension Clubs Mark Holidays

By ROSALIE TROTMAN  
Reflector Womens Editor

Special Christmas meetings, covered-dish luncheons, programs and parties were held throughout this month by members of Home Extension clubs in Pitt County.

Other women's groups also participated in activities centered around the holidays.

A holiday meeting and covered-dish luncheon was held Dec. 10 at the home of Mrs. Louis Currin for members of the Bethel Extension Homemakers.

Mrs. Wayne Rogerson, vice president, reported that Christmas music and program highlighted the day for the 15 active members.

Members of the Sweet Gum Grove homemakers and their husbands were treated to a covered-dish luncheon and party held in the community building Dec. 17. Homemade gifts were exchanged by the members.

Mrs. Josephine Reaves said that a Christmas meeting and program was held Dec. 9 by the Ayden homemakers. The women also exchanged gifts and will remember each of their shut-in members with a holiday remembrance.

Mrs. Ethel Mae Hawkins, secretary of the Simpson group, said that a basket was taken to the nursing home for the patients, who were also given homemade cakes and cookies. During the visit, a special program was held which included carol singing.

On Dec. 9, members made special decorations to be sent to the group's adopted girl at Caswell Center, Kinston. She was also remembered with gifts from the group.

For several years, members of the Simpson Extension Homemakers, headed this year by Mrs. S. D. Tucker as

president, have held covered-dish luncheons.

The luncheon, which was held Dec. 16 was highlighted by the exchanging of gifts, a yuletide program and songs.

The Red Oak Junior members made individual ornaments for

their Christmas trees, holiday baskets and wreaths.

In past years, they have attended the East Carolina University Christmas assembly followed by a social hour.

A program on the origin of Christmas customs including the

Christmas tree, greenery, holly, poinsettia, yule log and mistletoe highlighted the covered-dish luncheon held Dec. 3 by members of the Red Oak homemakers. The women also had a devotional and a social hour. Their luncheons have been

held for approximately eight years according to Mrs. Carl Crawford, president.

The extension clubs throughout the county also supported Operation Santa Claus and place emphasis on the true meaning of Christmas.

The Christian Women's Fellowship of the Winterville Christian Church decorated the Christmas tree and started the Advent wreath, which are in the church sanctuary.

The Christian symbols on the tree are known as Chrismons. The word is a combination of parts of two words, Christ and Monogram. Most of the symbols represent and bring to mind some aspect of the person and work of Christ.

The Advent wreath is a circular wreath covered in greenery with four candles spaced at equal distances



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Red Oak, a southwestern Iowa community of 6,000, put 300 used meters up for sale earlier this month. "About 20 of the 32 we've sold so far are going as Christmas gifts," says City Clerk Clay Wetzel. "One guy bought five, saying they'd make great gifts."

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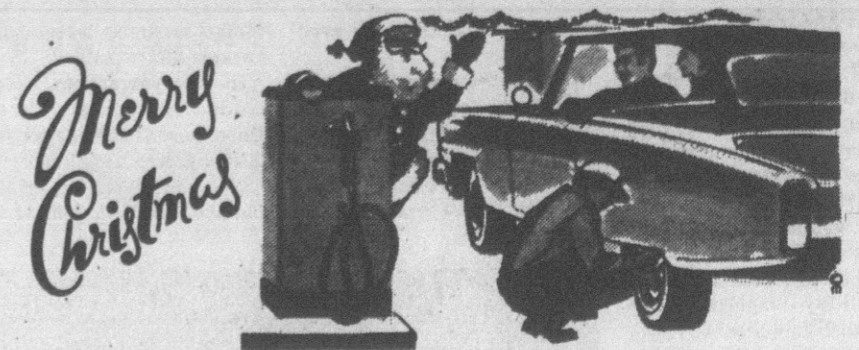
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 around its base. Three purple candles are used (for the three penitential Sundays of the Advent season) and one rose candle is used (for Gaudete, the third Sunday of Advent). In the center of the wreath is the Christ candle, a taller, white candle with the letters IHS (a Greek monogram for "Jesus Christ, Savior") placed on the face of the candle in purple. The Christ candle is lighted during the midnight Christmas Eve service or on Christmas morning.  
 The lighting of the wreath is done by an acolyte on successive Sundays of Advent with appropriate scripture readings, a hymn and prayer. As a new candle is lighted on the wreath each Sunday, the ones lighted on previous Sundays are also lighted.  
 The use of the Advent wreath was begun among the Lutherans

of eastern Germany during the 16th century, although it was first limited to use in the home rather than in the churches. Its use in the homes continues to be an important family tradition among many Christians—Protestants and Roman Catholics.  
 The Black Jack Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Ladies Auxiliary recognized members of the church that are 70 years old and older with a sunshine basket and a visit from a member of the auxiliary.  
 A number of baskets for needy families in the community were filled by members of the church and delivered by the church board members.  
 Baptist Women of the Winterville Missionary Baptist Church supported Operation Santa Claus. They also took gifts to patients in the two rest homes in Winterville.

Using a Bicentennial theme, the Baptist Women carried Christmas remembrances to elder church and shut-in members. The gifts were bell shaped glass jars filled with dried arrangements in red, white and blue and the tops of the jars were tied with red streamers. The women also participated in the live Christmas pageant held on the church grounds Dec. 21.  
**Church Will Hold Midnight Service**  
 WINTERVILLE — Midnight Christmas Eve Holy Communion will be celebrated beginning at 11:45 tonight in the sanctuary of the Winterville Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).  
 This will mark the fourth year that the church has celebrated the midnight mass.  
 The liturgy for the service is based largely on the Canon of

Hippolytus, which was compiled in Rome around the year 200. The canon is Christianity's oldest complete worship liturgy extant today.  
 During the celebration the chancel choir will present an introit based on a fourth-century document, and a communion anthem based on a 13th-century writing.  
 Members of the church's Chi

Rho youth group have created several processional banners and symbols to be used during the service. George Franke will serve organist for the candlelight service. Serving as acolytes and bearers will be: Sue Ellen Allen; Joanne Franke; Anne Branch; Carol Rollins; Warren Franke; Billy Rollins; and Douglas Branch.  
 The sanctuary of the church has been decorated with the traditional Christmas tree, wreaths and nave candles, Advent banners and the Advent wreath. The Christ Candle will be lighted during the worship celebration.  
 The public is invited to attend the service.  
**APPRECIATION DAY**  
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# School Christmas Events Climaxed In Final Days

By JERRY RAYNOR  
Reflector Staff Writer

Annual Christmas observances of the coming of Christmas in the city schools of Greenville reached a climax during a four day period—Tuesday through Friday—on the week before Christmas.

Long before that time, however, nearly 6,000 young people in the Greenville schools, particularly those in elementary grades, were devoting spare time to making their own decorations for classroom, hallway and cafeteria Christmas trees; in drawing winter and holiday scenes to decorate walls; and rehearsing children's favorites in the repertoire of holiday music.

Several school choruses made special appearances on the local "Carolina Today" television program, getting up at an unaccustomed hour to be ready to go on the air as early as 7:05 a.m.

Teachers too, in some of the schools, had their own special time to observe Christmas with staff parties held at the end of a school day.

A brief review of Christmas highlights in the city schools reveal a variety of events. These were:

—Eastern Elementary School—Christmas assemblies were held for students and staff of the school, with the singing of traditional Christmas music and Christmas greetings being given. The first assembly was on Thursday morning, December 18, for students in grades two through six; with a second assembly held on Friday morning for kindergarten and first grade students. On Thursday afternoon Santa Claus visited shortly after lunch, and later in the day individual class parties were held in classrooms.

—Elmhurst Elementary School—One of the big events for Elmhurst students was an appearance by members of the school chorus at a concert on the new Evans Street mall at 12:45 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17. On Friday, the 19th a morning Christmas assembly was held for kindergartners and students in grades one through three, with a second assembly later in the morning for fourth, fifth and sixth graders. Students

decorated home rooms and hallways and held classroom Christmas parties. On Friday, they brought in food to be donated to the school's annual "White Christmas" program to help provide for needy families in Greenville. A staff Christmas party was held after school hours on Friday.

—Sadie Sauter Elementary School—As in past years, the student body at Sadie Sauter placed primary emphasis on the production of a gala Christmas pageant, with chorus singing and acting roles including students at all levels. Scenery for this production was a colorful depiction of the Christmas story.

Students presented the Christmas Story pageant on two occasions—at 7:30 Thursday night for the public; and again on Friday morning for students of the school. Individual classroom parties and decorations by students ere carried out, and the staff Christmas party was held Friday afternoon.

—South Greenville Elementary School—South Greenville students inaugurated their pre-Christmas week activities with an early 7:05 a.m. appearance by members of the school's chorus on December 17. This year, first graders has a big role to play in Christmas activities,

presenting a playlet where students were dressed in costumes representing favorite toys. Other students saw the play—at a first presentation Thursday morning for kindergartners through the third grade; and at a second session Friday morning for fourth through sixth graders. Parents also attended the two performances. Classroom Christmas parties were held on Friday, and at this school students also participated in donating canned goods to the "White Christmas" program for needy families.

—Third Street Elementary School—Scheduled observances

of Christmas activities began early in the week at Third Street School. At two o'clock on Monday afternoon, December 15, a chorus under the direction of Mrs. Betty Boyd traveled to the Greenville Nursing and Convalescent Home where they sang Christmas music. On Tuesday evening, December 16, students presented a Christmas Musical to PTA patrons at 7:30; and were also on hand on Monday evening to show school board members and visitors classroom decorations. On Friday morning, December 19, a Christmas assembly was held for students of all grades, kindergarten through grade six,

with a surprise visit from both Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus (a concession to the feminist movement?). Students also pitched in to help decorate the big school tree in the central hall.

—Wahl-Coates Elementary School—Activities by Wahl-Coates students relating to Christmas began as far back as December 8, when fifth and sixth graders appeared on "Carolina Today" with Christmas songs. On Wednesday, December 10, students presented a special program of Christmas music and dance at 7:30 p.m. to the PTA group. This program highlighted Christmas celebrations around the world. On Monday, December 15, the chorus appeared at the Evans Street Mall downtown. Within the school two Christmas assemblies were held on Wednesday, December 17. The first was for students in kindergarten through grades three; the second for grades four through



MR. AND MRS. SANTA CLAUS... were both on hand for the pre-Christmas student observances at Third Street School in Greenville. (Reflector Photo by Tommy Forrest)

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In 1942, Hogan, postmaster of Epps, mailed a double Christmas card to his brother-in-law, Moise D. Harris of Gulfport, Miss. It bore a picture of a killed Scotsman leaning on a gnarled cane and asked that Harris detach half the double card and mail it back next Christmas.

Instead, Harris kept the card intact and mailed it to Hogan, who returned it in 1944, and so on. E. A. Harris took over the mailing of the card after Moise Harris, his father, died in 1971.

The card is a family history of the last 33 years. "It bears the name of each new family member born since that first Christmas," said Harris. "All you have to do is to look at it, and the card tells the story of the family."

Harris said he may retire the card in a couple of years. He wants to have it framed. "It's worth more than money, and I don't plan to part with it," he said.

**Merrie Christmastide**

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# School Christmas Observance...



CHILDREN AS TOYS... is the theme carried out by first graders at South Greenville Elementary School. In their Christmas playlet, the children

entertained older classes of the school in two separate presentations. (Reflector photo by Tommy Forrest)

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 six. In addition, students decorated their classrooms, made decorations to take home, and held classroom Christmas parties on Thursday and Friday afternoons.

In schools of the upper grade levels—seventh graders through senior classes at Rose High, Christmas activities were compacted into one major program, with progressively less interest on classroom decorations and daytime activities.

—Agnes Fullilove—At this school, where seventh graders city-wide attend, the focus was on an annual Christmas musical given at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening. Four groups took part—the school band, the school chorus, the orchestra and piano students. For this program, students performed traditional

and contemporary music, some of it original music composed for the occasion. In addition, Christmas tidings were given by the principal and the president of the school's PTA.

—Aycock Junior High School—The big event for eighth and ninth graders at Aycock this year was an all-school assembly at two o'clock on Friday afternoon. At that time, students gathered in the school's gym to hear Christmas greetings and to sing Christmas and holiday songs.

—Rose High School—For Greenville's oldest school students, Christmas celebrations focused on the annual Chorus Concert. Four performing groups took part in the evening's offering—the Girl's Glee Club; the Concert Choir; the Madrigal Singers; and the school orchestra.

## Memory Of Christmas, 1974, Haunts Darwin

DARWIN, Australia (AP) — The memory of Christmas Day 1974 still haunts the residents of this devastated city.

It was then that Cyclone Tracy swept through the area, killing 49 persons and wrecking 90 per cent of Darwin.

"We're having a 'New Darwin Week' with all sorts of activities to put joy into Christmas for children so they won't associate it with the misery of last year's cyclone," says Darwin Mayor Ella Stack.

A little more than two weeks ago, however, another cyclone, this one named Joan, pulverized the township of Port Hedland, 900 miles southwest of Darwin, damaging almost every building in the town of 12,000.

Cyclone Joan crashed ashore in what one Port Hedland policeman called "a bloody disaster."

Authorities said only the town's highly trained civil defense organization — revamped after Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin — prevented the loss of life.

"The Christmas spirit is starting to creep back here right now," said Cliff Cottier, president of the Port Hedland Shire Council. "Some of the wives are still a bit downhearted at the damage to personal belongings, but generally we're all right."

Port Hedland is more fortunate than Darwin because many of its people work for giant mining companies that process iron ore in the city from inland mines and load it onto bulk carriers for Japan.

Some of these companies are paying special cyclone benefits to their employees, who earn big salaries by Australian standards, as compensation for the city's isolation and the 100-de-

gree temperatures that prevail for six months every year.

Though damage to the town is estimated at \$24 million, Cottier says, "There are quite a few hundred blokes working all over the area rebuilding and the mood is already getting back to normal."

Darwin, however, is a quite different story. A full-fledged city that administered Australia's northern territory — twice the size of Texas — Darwin was nearly flattened by the storm. The cost of rebuilding was put at \$850 million.

Many citizens were not wealthy, and \$11 million contributed in a nationwide relief appeal was quickly spent.

The long-term rebuilding of the city soon became entangled in the bureaucracy of a "Darwin Reconstruction Commission" appointed from the federal capital of Canberra.

By June, more than six months after the cyclone, not a single new house had gone up in Darwin because of disputes over a new building code for cyclone-proof houses.

"We went through some bad times, fighting the Canberra politicians and the bureaucrats, but most of that seems behind us now," says Dr. Lyn Reid, chairman of the Darwin Citizens' Committee, a civic group.

"Things now at least seem to be happening."

The first of 400 homes designed to resist winds of up to 120 miles per hour was completed this month. Contracts are now out for 1,000 more new houses. Some 4,600 homes left standing by cyclone Tracy have been newly waterproofed against the wet season starting in January.

"As many as 15,000 people have gone south now for the Christmas holidays, but they will be back afterward," Mayor Stack said. "Darwin's a funny place. Once you've lived here and liked it, you always want to get back here no matter what has happened."

Elizabeth Bonner, a freelance writer in Darwin, says that "before the cyclone, this was such a gray dingy, mining-type town, most of the houses were just unpainted fiberboard."

"Now, the people rebuilding are painting their homes different colors. It shows they have pride in their homes, that they'll stay. Darwin will never be the way it was. We're going to build a new town."

Mayor Stack, a physician who has continued her practice since becoming mayor, says the town is also psychologically better off now than immediately after the cyclone.

"People still get a little upset when the wind comes up but generally people are more comfortable," she said.

Townspice turned out in record numbers for a Nativity play and caroling session last week, wildly applauding one new carol by a local resident called "Have a Merry Christmas Darwin. May It Be the Best One Yet."

In one sign of a new confidence and spirit in Darwin, residents contributed \$44,000 in a single week to aid Port Hedland after Cyclone Joan.

## Last Run On Santa Train

MANCHESTER, Ga. (AP) — A generation of children along a 150-mile route through rural Alabama and Georgia have known a Santa Claus who rides a big diesel railroad engine instead of a sleigh.

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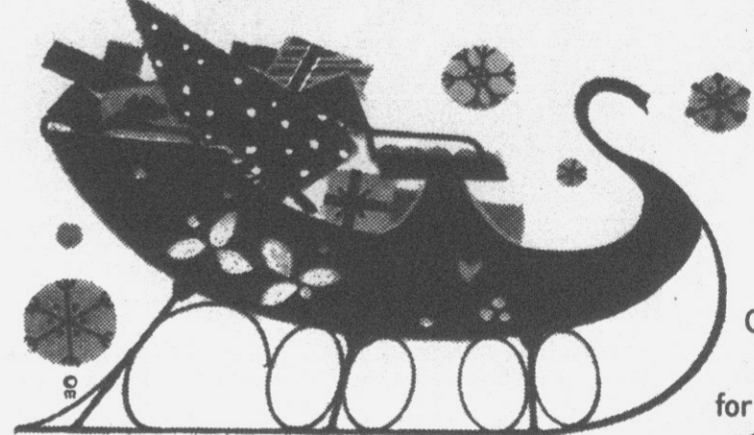
John Douglas, 61, who has passed out candy and fruit for the past 10 years, is retiring from the Seaboard Coastline Railroad.

Douglas, who has been hauling freight from Manchester, Ga., to Wadley, Ala., and back for the past 19 years, said he pays for the fruit and candy, but the railroad takes care of other expenses. For this year's run from Wadley to Manchester, "I've got over 100 pounds of candy, two cases of oranges and two cases of tangeloes," he said.

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# Music, Services And Giving Mark Area Churches



**LIGHTING CEREMONY . . .** Several youth of the First Presbyterian Church participated in the lighting of the Christmas tree at the church last week. The lighting ceremony is held each year prior to the Christmas holidays. (Reflector Photo By Tommy Forrest)

**By BLANCHE HARDEE**  
Reflector Staff Writer

Christmas cantatas, candlelight services, communion services and caroling kept local church members busy during the few weeks before Christmas.

The members of Holy Trinity Methodist Church began their Christmas activities on Dec. 8 when they decorated the Christmas tree at the church.

A Christmas cantata was presented by the church choir on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m. and on Dec. 18, a party for the children was given at the pastor's home.

A Christmas Family Night was held on Dec. 21 and included a covered dish supper and the singing of Christmas carols. The evening ended with a visit from Santa Claus.

Holy Trinity Church members will participate in a candlelight and Holy Communion service on Christmas eve, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The church family at Holy Trinity also participated in bringing White Christmas gifts that were distributed to needy families in the area.

A candlelight service was held Sunday, Dec. 14, at Nazarene Temple FWB Church and on Dec. 20, the Conference Gospel Choir presented a concert of Christmas music.

The choir of Hooker Memorial Christian Church presented a program of special Christmas music on Dec. 21 and the Sunday School Christmas program was presented that same day.

A Christmas eve service, including carols and communion in candlelight, will be held at the church, beginning at 7 p.m.

The Christmas activities began at the First Pentecostal Holiness Church on Dec. 8 when the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Gentry, entertained the pastor's council at a buffet dinner.

The various Sunday School classes held Christmas parties during this month.

The Sunday School and Lifeliners presented a Christmas program on Dec. 21 with the youth of the church bringing Christmas music.

The Women's Auxiliary of the church held its Christmas party on Dec. 21. The holiday activities included preparing and presenting baskets of gifts and flowers to the senior citizens of the church.

The church choir performed a program of Christmas music at the Downtown Mall on Dec. 15.

A Watchnight program has been planned on Dec. 31 at 11 p.m.

The Couples Club of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church held a covered dish supper and Christmas caroling party on Dec. 14.

The children's Christmas program was held Sunday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m., and a service of candlelighting has been set for Christmas eve, beginning at 7:30

p.m. Holy Communion services will be held on Christmas morning at 10 o'clock.

A Christmas festival banquet on Nov. 30 began the holiday activities for members of Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church. The church families participated in the singing of the first Christmas carols and make Chrismos to hang on the Jarvis' Sanctuary Christmas tree.

The Men's Christmas program was held on Dec. 2 with a special musical presentation and guest speaker. Several church members attended the performance of "Messiah" in Durham on Dec. 6 and the University Choral presented a Christmas concert on Dec. 7.

A workshop to prepare the greens for the church was held on Dec. 11-13 and the White Christmas service was held Dec. 14.

The "Hanging of the Greens" service was held Dec. 14. The service included a 100-voice singing procession followed by 17 youth carrying cedar roped garlands and handmade cedar and boxwood wreaths.

Special music was presented by five choirs and three soloists.

A tree decorated with white and gold Chrismos and white lights was placed at the altar at Jarvis.

Taking part in the decorating of the tree were Dr. and Mrs. Jasper L. Lewis Jr. and Dr. and Mrs. A. Dan Warren. The Rev. James Bailey, pastor, explained the greens and the Rev. John Farmer, associate pastor, explained the use of Chrismos.

The Wesley Choirs of Jarvis performed on the Mall in Downtown Greenville on Dec. 14 and the youth went Christmas caroling to shutins on Dec. 21.

Other services held on Dec. 21 at Jarvis include the Love Feast and candlelight service and the family candlelight caroling to shutins.

A Christmas eve organ and instrumental recital with Dr. David Foster will be held at 10:30 p.m. and a Christmas eve communion will follow at 11 p.m.

Handel's oratorio, Judas Maccabaeus, was presented by the Greenville Community Chorus on Dec. 7 at Memorial Baptist Church.

Based on a dramatic segment of Jewish history, the oratorio is based on the history of Maccabaeus, the name given to a family that won religious and political freedom for the Jews in a three-year revolt against the Hellenistic movement more than a century before the time of Christ.

Other activities held at Memorial Baptist Church included the Community Adult Choir had their annual Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 14, and the Adult Choir sang at the Downtown Mall on Dec. 18.

The Children's Choir presented a program of Christmas music on Dec. 21. The

White Christmas service was brought gifts of food wrapped in among needy families in the held at this time when members white paper to be distributed (Cont'd on Page 26)

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**SPRINGFIELD, Ohio (AP)—** Joe Peake, 87, is getting a special Christmas present: a visit to North Wales to see the big sister he had thought dead for 55 years.

Area residents have contributed more than \$1,000 to a fund established for Peake by friends who met his sister while they were on a holiday abroad.

Last summer, a Springfield man discovered that Peake's sister, blind and suffering from Parkinson's disease, was in a nursing home in Llandudno, North Wales. Then Allen and Jean Humphreys took a tape recorder to the nursing home and brought back the first word Peake had had from his sister since he left Wales in 1906.

"I was very, very thrilled to hear that you're alive, and I thank God," Mary "Polly" Peake, 90, told her brother. "I'm very glad you're alive, dear boy. I only wish we hadn't let these years pass without knowing one another better."

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## An Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas.

*Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there; The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads; And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap; When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.*

*Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash. The moon, on the breast of the new-fallen snow, Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below, When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny rein-deer, With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.*

*More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name; "Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall! Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"*

*As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky; So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of Toys, and St. Nicholas too. And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof*

*The prancing and pawing of each little hoof— As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.*

*He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot; A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back, And he look'd like a pedlar just opening his pack.*

*His eyes—how they twinkled! His dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow; The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath; He had a broad face and a little round belly That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.*

*He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed, when I saw him, in spite of myself; A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread; He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And fill'd all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose; He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle; But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"*

On Christmas Eve, 1822, Clement C. Moore composed this poem as a present to his six children. Although it was not published until many years later, its 28 couplets became the most famous Christmas poem ever written. Today, the people of Union Carbide bring it to you with their best wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

**UNION CARBIDE**

# Area Church Events...

(Continued from page 25).

A candlelight communion service will be held on Christmas eve at 7 p.m.

The youth of the church went caroling to shut-ins on Dec. 14 and were invited to the church parsonage afterwards for refreshments.

The church choir of Arlington Baptist Church presented a cantata entitled "When Jesus Comes" on Dec. 21. The program was followed by refreshments and special surprises for the children.

Various organizations of the church gave food to the needy and the young people of the church went caroling on Dec. 22.

The adult choir of Oakmont Baptist Church presented a program entitled "The Song of Christmas" on Dec. 14 and the White Christmas Service was held on Dec. 21. On that same day, the BYF presented a drama entitled "The Drum".

The members brought gifts of food wrapped in white paper to be given to needy families.

The BYF of Oakmont performed at The Downtown Mall on Dec. 22 and then went caroling to shut-ins in the area.

A breakfast for the college students of the church was held on Dec. 21.

The Chrismos service was held on Dec. 14 at the First Presbyterian Church. Music was presented by the adult, youth and junior choirs of the church.

The Joy Gift Service was held with the Chrismos Service. The Joy Gift is collected each year and given to retired Presbyterian ministers at Chrismos.

The men of the church sponsored a party for a group of underprivileged boys in the area. The boys were sent to summer camp by the Men's Group and have attended monthly meetings with each other.

A Christmas eve communion service will be held at 11:30 p.m.

The ladies of Circle 8 of the First Presbyterian Church donated a Christmas tree and ornaments to the Mini-Skills Lab for the visually limited students at Pitt Technical Institute.

Mrs. Mary Mills and daughter, Catherine, and Mrs. Myrtle Whitfield took the tree to Pitt Tech and decorated it. The students and staff of the lab helped trim the tree.

A Christmas cantata entitled "The Church At Worship" was presented Dec. 14 at the First Christian Church. The Tree Trimming Party for the Youth Fellowship, including kindergarten through junior high, was held on Dec. 14.

The Adult and Youth Choirs of Immanuel Baptist Church presented their Christmas music programs on Sunday, Dec. 14. Music was also presented by the Young People's Handbells and the Adult Handbells.

The annual Christmas Love Feast was observed at St. James United Methodist Church Sunday, Dec. 14.

The service has become a tradition at St. James and has been observed each Christmas since 1953, one year following the church's organization.

The Love Feast is an ancient Christian rite. St. James includes scripture reading and the sharing of bread and water as a symbolic reminder of Jesus during the service. They also have the lighting of the candles.

Special Christmas music was presented by the choirs of St. James.

The junior and senior Episcopal Young Churchmen of St. Paul's Episcopal Church sang at the Greenville Nursing Home Sunday, Dec. 14.

The church also contributed to various organizations, including Camp Kanuaga, Camp Leach, Operation Sunshine, Boys Club of Greenville and Bexley Hall. The church supports the Bonners Lane Day Care Center year-round.

Holy Communion services will be held on Christmas eve at 11 p.m. and on Christmas Day at 10 a.m. A family celebration will be held on Christmas Day at 4 p.m.

A Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held on Dec. 28 at St. Paul Episcopal Church. The service will begin with the birth of Christ and go through the

Resurrection. Everyone in the church will participate in the singing and reading.

Events held prior to Christmas include the decorating of the Christmas tree on Sunday, Dec. 21, with the church members participating.

The Music Department of York Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church presented "A Child Is Born" Sunday, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m. Music was presented by the Senior Choir, Gospel Choir and the Voices of Zion.

The program was an original composition by Johnny Wooten, music director. He took the Christmas story from the scriptures and transferred them to music. The Youth Department and Sunday School acted the Christmas story with the music coming from the three choirs.

Following the program, the Sunday School Department held its annual Christmas tree program.

The Phillipi Church of Christ Choir performed at the

Downtown Mall on Dec. 13 and the Mt. Calvary F.W.B. Church choir sang at the Mall on Dec. 22.

A Christmas program was held Sunday, Dec. 21, at the University Church of Christ. A Christmas eve program will be held at the church beginning at 6:30 p.m.

A Christmas program was held Tuesday, Dec. 23, at Selvia Chapel F.W.B. Church.

# Church Will Show Film

The film "Time To Run" will be shown Sunday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Farmville, and Sunday, Dec. 28, at 7 p.m. at Salem United Methodist Church, Simpson.

On an entertainment level, the film is the story of a young man's attempts to sabotage a nuclear generating plant, designed and managed by his father, because he believes it is a threat to the environment.

Filmed on location in the southern California area, "Time To Run" stars Ed Nelson, Randall Carver, Barbara Sigel, Joan Winmill and Gordon Rigsby. It was filmed in Eastmancolor by World Wide Pictures.

**SOVIET SHIP**  
**CHRISTIANSTED, St. Croix, V.I. (UPI)** — The Soviet cruise ship, Alexander Pushkin, made St. Croix her first U.S. port of call on a cruise from Rotterdam to Venezuela. Gov. Cyril King met the ship, which carried 567 German and English vacationers.

# Who's Coming

**DALLAS (AP)** — For three weeks the Rev. Patrick Hanser conducted Advent Masses for children of Holy Trinity Catholic church to acquaint them with the religious significance of Christmas.

Behind the altar a big sign proclaimed, "Let us rejoice for He is coming."

At the final session before the big day, Father Hanser wound up with a question: "Who is He that is coming?" In reply came a chorus: "Santa Claus! Santa Claus!"

# Occasionally, Phone Off Hook

**NORTH POLE, Alaska (AP)** — It's tough these days getting through to Santa Claus. But don't worry about the busy signal you get when telephoning old St. Nick at Alaska's North Pole. He'll be bringing his presents on time.

So says Con Miller, self-proclaimed Santa of the North Pole, population 3,500, a suburb of Fairbanks.

"The phone has been ringing constantly since about the first of December," says Miller. "This is the heaviest volume we've ever had. The calls are coming in from all over. I've even had several calls from Hawaii this year — and one from Japan."

# GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
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North-South vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ 10 3 2  
 ♥ 7  
 ♦ A 9 8 6 5 2  
 ♣ 9 5 4

**EAST**  
 ♠ K J 6 5  
 ♥ 10 5 4 2  
 ♦ 3  
 ♣ K Q J 6

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A Q 9  
 ♥ A K 8  
 ♦ K J 4  
 ♣ A 8 3 2

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1 ♣ Pass 1 ♦ Pass  
 3 NT Pass Pass Pass  
 Opening lead: Queen of ♠.

that this was not the time to hold up—he simply could not afford to have the defenders shift to clubs. There were six fast tricks available, and obviously the diamond suit was the source for the additional tricks. However, since there was no entry to dummy outside of the ace of diamonds, declarer intended to allow a defender to win the second round of diamonds.

With this plan in mind, declarer won the king of hearts, cashed the king of diamonds and led the jack. West smoothly produced the ten!

This play had the desired effect on declarer. He reckoned that a defender holding both the queen and ten would surely cover the jack, to make sure of a trick in the suit, and if that was the case East had to have the queen. So declarer rose with the ace of diamonds, expecting to bring in the whole suit. When East showed out, declarer could score a seventh trick via a successful spade finesse, but that was his limit!

Had West covered the jack of diamonds with the queen, declarer would certainly have allowed him to hold the trick to assure his contract. Thus, West is to be congratulated for his great defensive effort. We feel, though, that South was rather shortsighted to risk his contract for a few extra overtricks. After all, he was in a vulnerable game!

The guiding principle of play is to make the contract, but it never ceases to amaze us the lengths some declarers will go to to squeeze the maximum out of a hand, even if it jeopardizes the contract. After a neat bit of deception by West, South's desire for overtricks was his downfall on today's hand.

The auction was routine. South's hand is a point short of a two no trump opening bid, so he opened one club. North took the opportunity to show his six-card suit cheaply, and South revealed his great strength by jumping to three no trump.

West led the queen of hearts, and declarer knew

# TV Log

**WNCT-TV Ch. 9**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 12:00 Newswatch  
 7:00 Truth Or  
 7:30 Match Game  
 8:00 Orlando  
 9:00 Cannon  
 10:00 Blue Knight  
 11:00 Newswatch  
 11:30 Xmas Services  
**THURSDAY**  
 6:00 Car. Today  
 8:00 Morn. News  
 9:00 Kangaroo  
 10:00 Price Right  
 11:00 Gambit  
 11:30 Love of Life  
 11:30 Graham Kerr

**WITN-TV Ch. 7**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 12:30 Three Money  
 7:30 Wild King  
 8:00 House Prairie  
 8:57 News Update  
 9:00 Dr.'s Hospital  
 10:00 Petrocelli  
 11:00 Xmas Carrouss  
 12:00 Xmas Mess  
**THURSDAY**  
 6:30 NBC News  
 7:00 Today  
 8:30 Xmas Carrouss  
 9:30 Xmas Carrouss  
 10:00 Church Serv.  
 11:00 Wheel Fortune  
 12:00 Xmas Carrouss

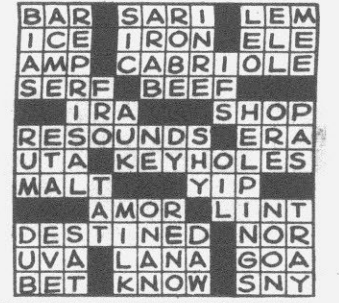
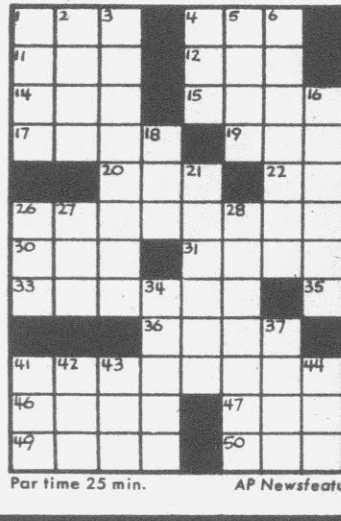
**WCTI-TV Ch. 12**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 7:30 Space  
 8:30 Mama  
 9:00 Baretta  
 10:00 Starsky  
 11:00 News  
 11:30 Movie  
 1:00 News  
**THURSDAY**  
 6:30 Zoo  
 7:00 Morning  
 8:00 Morning  
 9:00 Montage  
 10:00 Girl  
 10:30 Night  
 11:00 Christmas  
 12:00 Showoffs  
 12:30 Children

**WUNK-TV Ch. 25**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 4:30 Sesame St  
 7:00 Trim Tree  
 7:30 Now  
 8:00 Christmas  
 9:00 Performances  
 10:00 Say Bro.  
**THURSDAY**  
 4:00 Mis Rogers

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**ACROSS**  
 1. Fairy queen  
 4. Teachers' group  
 7. Dismal  
 11. Pindar work  
 12. Title  
 13. Kind of moth  
 14. Slowdown  
 15. Precious metal  
 17. Smart  
 19. Placid  
 20. Near: Scottish  
 22. Arrow poison  
 26. Small orange  
 29. Daughter of Eioneus

**DOWN**  
 2. Taro root liquor  
 31. Shipment  
 33. Iran  
 35. Peccadillo  
 36. Succulent part of fruit  
 38. Solar disk  
 41. Chimera  
 45. Anger  
 46. Imminent  
 47. Feminine name  
 48. Make stable  
 49. Poignant  
 50. Chemical suffix  
 51. Thus far



**SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE**  
**DOWN**  
 5. Office cabinet  
 6. Intense pain  
 7. Sparkle  
 8. Watercourse  
 9. Babylonian god  
 10. Sweet potato  
 16. Rod Laver's game  
 18. Mining chisel  
 21. Prescribed limits  
 23. Verify  
 24. Demeanor  
 25. Skate  
 26. Grimace  
 27. Forever: Maori  
 28. Understand  
 32. By way of  
 34. Reject  
 37. Wood for mast  
 39. Site of Perry's defeat  
 40. Barber's call  
 41. Blacken  
 42. Gypsy Rose  
 43. New Guinea seaport  
 44. By birth

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THE BUDGE CADYS . . . of near Falkland pose with their baby's breath-decorated Christmas tree. (Photo By Susan Price)

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# Good Things To Eat Are Hallmark Of The Season



CHRISTMAS GOODIES . . . are displayed by Sherry Padgett at Diener's Bakery here. Sampling a cookie is Kingsley Hoemann, an ECU graduate student. (Reflector Photo By Carol Tyer)

By CAROL TYER  
Reflector Staff Writer

Emphasis on sweets and other good things to eat at Christmas is a tradition that goes back to the time when sugar and spices were rare and treasured commodities that were saved for special occasions—and the most special occasion of most people's year is Christmas, Greenville baker Frank Diener says.

Diener says he comes close to doing as much business in December as he does the rest of the year on many items. Some of these include cheese rings, pattie shells, butter cookies, especially those colored red and green, and spiced cookies. Fruit cakes, his store makes only during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, and marzipan candy, an almond paste confection that is a traditional European Christmas treat, is made only during the Christmas season. "I understand ours is the only store east of Chapel Hill that makes marzipan candy," he said.

Coffee cakes, special breads like banana bread and cinnamon bread, and Christmas decorated items, including cupcakes and cookies are the items sold by Jerry's Sweet Shop at Pitt Plaza that definitely pick up in sales this time of year, according to the store's manager, Marsha Anderson. Her store doesn't have many calls for fruitcakes, she said, and did not stock them this year. However, she said, they make a rum cake with almonds which sells very well. Christmas orders started right

after Thanksgiving, she said, with many of them picked up Christmas Eve and the day before.

Huey Haislip, manager of the Winn-Dixie Delicatessen, said turkey dinners and party trays of hams, cheeses, and potato salad were the big items this season. "This was our first Christmas season," he said, "since we opened last February, so we just had to play it by ear. Christmas decorated items and mince and pumpkin pies sold well, too," he said.

Turkey and ham orders were the big thing at Harris' Supermarket Delicatessen, though everything sold well during the Christmas season, the manager, Faye Warren, said. "Pineapple and coconut cakes and pumpkin and sweet potato pies go well this time of year," she said. And Christmas shaped and colored cookies and cupcakes sell well. November and December are definitely our busiest months of the year.

"But, you know," Frank Diener said, "the human belly can hold only so much. Most people are so satiated right after Christmas that our business drops off considerably for a while. That gives us time to get all the pans and other equipment



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## Late List For TV-Watchers

By JAY SHARBUTT  
AP Television Writer

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—A fender-bender for Bumper Morgan.  
—A battle of facial expressions between Tom Snyder and Mike Wallace.  
—A singing boulder for "Don Kirshner's Rock Concert."  
—A jar of tranquilizers for George Jefferson.  
—A house-broken carpet

beetle to Petula Clark for her good work on those Burlington Mills commercials.  
—A free trip to Cairo and Tel Aviv with Henry Kissinger for the next winner of "Let's Make a Deal."  
—On pro football telecasts, when they show that insurance commercial with a bunch of football players blocking for a puny ball carrier in street clothes, let him really get hammered just once.

—Have someone blow a little garlic in Alex Karras' face whenever he says, "No question about it," during Monday night football games.  
—Get an iron-clad guarantee from CBS that "Rhoda" will not result in a spinoff series called "Joe."

—Or get guarantees from each network that whenever a character in a hit series gets a spinoff series, every other character will get the same deal. It means there'll be no characters left in the original series and leave nothing but a half-hour situation comedy about an empty apartment. But maybe the dialogue will be snappier.

We can't find the other requests. It is as though an occult hand had thrown them away. So on to a more pertinent subject — Christmas Eve programs offered tonight by the networks and public TV.

From 8 to 9 p.m. EST, public TV will show "Christmas At Pops," a taped selection of Yuletide songs performed by the Boston Pops orchestra; at 12:30 a.m., there's another taped program, "Christmas Candlelight Caroling Ceremony," with 32 choirs singing at Disneyland in California. Check your newspaper for the local time of broadcast.

Not much prime-time Christmas Eve programming is on the networks tonight, only a repeat of a CBS "Tony Orlando and Dawn" special and a repeat Christmas episode in NBC's "Little House on the Prairie" series.

But all three networks have Christmas offerings at 11:30 p.m. EST. CBS has "Nation of Nations," filmed last Christmas in Chicago for showing this year; NBC is airing Christmas Mass at the Vatican, taped earlier today; and ABC has a repeat of its 1974 "Christmas in New York" entertainment special. John Lindsay and Diahann Carroll cohost it.

The evening's last program is CBS' live midnight broadcast of "Handful of Souls," an original Christmas cantata commissioned by CBS News. It'll be performed at the 239-year-old First Baptist Church in Providence, R.I.

## Coffee-Drinking On Downtrend

NEW YORK (UPI) — Coffee consumption in the United States still is on a downward trend; but the beverage still tops all others in popularity. A survey by the National Coffee Association and the Pan-American Coffee Bureau shows that the coffee-drinking rate this year was .05 cup per person lower than last year. But it also notes that every one in the United States 10 years of age or older drank an average of 2.20 cups of coffee daily.

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**PEANUTS**  
LOOK AT THIS PICTURE OF SANTA CLAUS. TALK ABOUT FAT CITY!  
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE CAN CRAWL UP AND DOWN ALL THOSE CHIMNEYS WITHOUT LOSING A LITTLE WEIGHT...  
DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN? ONE OF THESE TIMES HE'S GONNA HAVE A CORONARY RIGHT IN SOME POOR LITTLE KID'S LIVING ROOM!  
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT... MERRY CHRISTMAS!  
IT COULD BE OUR LIVING ROOM!

**B.C.**  
THERE, SOME NICE COCOA AND COOKIES FOR SANTA.  
GIMME ANOTHER BLAST...  
...I'VE GOT A LOT OF COLD COCOA AND STALE COOKIES TO GET THROUGH TONIGHT.  
WILEY'S BAR

**NUBBIN**  
THINK  
TARNATION, MISS TWINK!  
STOP THINKIN' ON COMPANY TIME!  
THINK

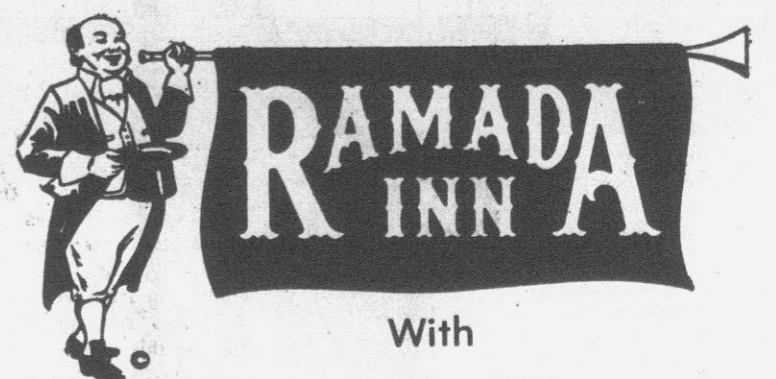
**BLONDIE**  
PLEASE, BLONDIE... PLEASE! WE'RE AN HOUR LATE!  
WOW! YOU'RE GORGEOUS!  
THAT'S SWEET, DEAR, BUT IT REALLY ISN'T TRUE.  
TO GET GORGEOUS WOULD HAVE MADE US TWO HOURS LATE.

**BEETLE BAILEY**  
I ALWAYS ENJOY SITTING AROUND THE BLAZING FIREPLACE DURING THE HOLIDAYS.  
ME TOO.  
GOOD! SPLIT THEM UP!

**THE PHANTOM**  
I GO TO THE OLD PLACE. A CHILD CALLS ME THERE.  
RARE... AND DANGEROUS. I MUST HURRY.  
CALL... PHANTOM... NOT AFRAID... ZZZ... ZZZ...  
RARE FOR A CHILD TO BE THERE.

**JULIET JONES**  
H-HOW DO YOU KNOW LAPIN'S AGE? THE BIRTH RECORDS WERE DESTROYED YEARS AGO!  
MR. NICK MARCOTT HERE PAID A CALL TO THE LOCAL POLICE AND FOUND OUT THE RECORDS WERE NOT DESTROYED!  
NICK...  
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# Christmas, 1775 Was A Difficult Day

By Dr. H.G. JONES, Curator North Carolina Collection  
Written for the AP  
CHAPEL HILL (AP)—It wasn't much of a Christmas in 1775 for North Carolinians, though there was encouraging news from Virginia where North Carolina troops had helped rout a group of Loyalists at Great Bridge under the command of the royal governor, Lord Dunmore.

A bit more good news came from South Carolina where North Carolinians had assisted in the defeat of the Scovelites, another Loyalist force. Caught in a snow storm, these troops could not expect to get home for Christmas.

Nor would most of the members of the Provincial Council get home for the day. Their meeting at Johnston County Courthouse was not adjourned until Christmas eve.

Gathered in the tiny village on the Neuse were Cornelius Harnett, Samuel Johnston, Thomas Jones, Samuel Ashe, James Coor, Thomas Eaton, Abner Nash, John Kinchen, Whitmill Hill, Waightstill Avery, Thomas Person and Samuel Spencer. Most of them lived too far away to reach their families for Christmas dinner.

It had been a busy week for the council which, following the Third Provincial Congress in August, had become the executive authority of the colony. A state of undeclared war existed, and Royal Gov. Josiah Martin, who had taken refuge aboard a British ship off Cape Fear, was exerting great efforts to organize Loyalists, particularly the Highland Scots.

As a matter of fact, the council was so disturbed over the leak of defense plans to the governor that it ordered "cut off all manner of personal Communication between His Excellency Governor Martin and the Officers of the Ships of War with the Inhabitants of this Province."

It also empowered the Wilmington Committee of Safety to cut off all supplies of provisions to the British ships in the Cape Fear River.

Because the province might "soon be invaded by the British Troops and the Inhabitants be destitute of sufficient arms for defence of their lives liberties and properties," a committee was appointed to hire persons to "make and mend Guns and Bayonets and also to purchase good serviceable Guns, Gun Barrels, Stocks and Locks, Lead and Flints and have them repaired."

Along the coast fortifications were being built at Hanging Point on the Neuse River and at "Du Boies Mill" on the Cape Fear, and breastworks were ordered at Edenton. Three ships were ordered to be chartered for use by the colony, one each at Wilmington, New Bern and Edenton.

Matthew Troy was directed to build carriages and transport four cannons from New Bern to Salisbury. Also for defense of the backcountry, two battalions of Minute Men were directed to be formed in Salisbury District with Griffith Rutherford and Thomas Polk as their colonels.

All "Friends to American Freedom" were urged to procure powder, saltpeter and sulphur for use of local committees of safety. Paymasters were ordered to purchase cartridges, boxes, haversacks and cloth for the making of waistcoats and breeches for the troops.

The colony's three delegates to the Continental Congress—William Hooper, Joseph Hewes and John Penn—were asked to

purchase a wagon and four good horses in Pennsylvania and to bring it to Edenton loaded with "Gun powder, Drums, Colours and Fifes procured by them for the use of the Continental Troops stationed in this Province."

Dr. Isaac Guion "neglects his duty," the council concluded, and James Geekie was appointed to replace him as surgeon of the First Regiment. Dr. William Pasteur was ordered paid 75 pounds for medicines furnished the Second Regiment; and James Mansfield was allowed payment for caring for sick soldiers at Cape Fear.

The council prescribed the following allowances for the troops: three pints of peas, beans, or another vegetable per man per week; one pint of milk per man each day; half a pint of rice or one pint of Indian meal per week; one quart of spruce beer or cider per man or nine gallons of molasses per 100 men per week; three pounds of candles for each 100 men per week; and 24 pounds of soft soap or eight pounds of

hard soap for each 100 men per week. This was a strange conflict. North Carolinians still professed loyalty to "His Majesty" and even referred to their governor in self-imposed exile as "His Excellency." But that Britain and America were engaged in actual war was clearly evident in the act

of the Provincial Council just before adjournment on Christmas eve 1775 which provided that no person should "be intitled to any benefit or relief against any Debtor" unless he had previously subscribed to the Continental Association and signed the Test Oath. The time had come for all North Carolinians to take sides.

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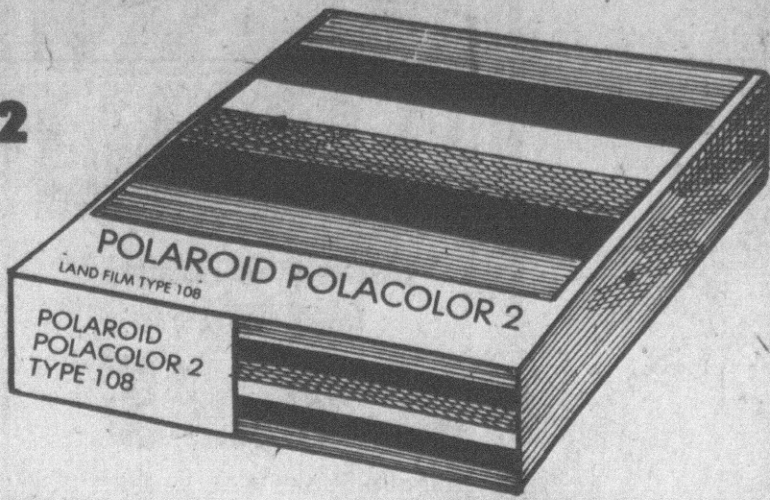
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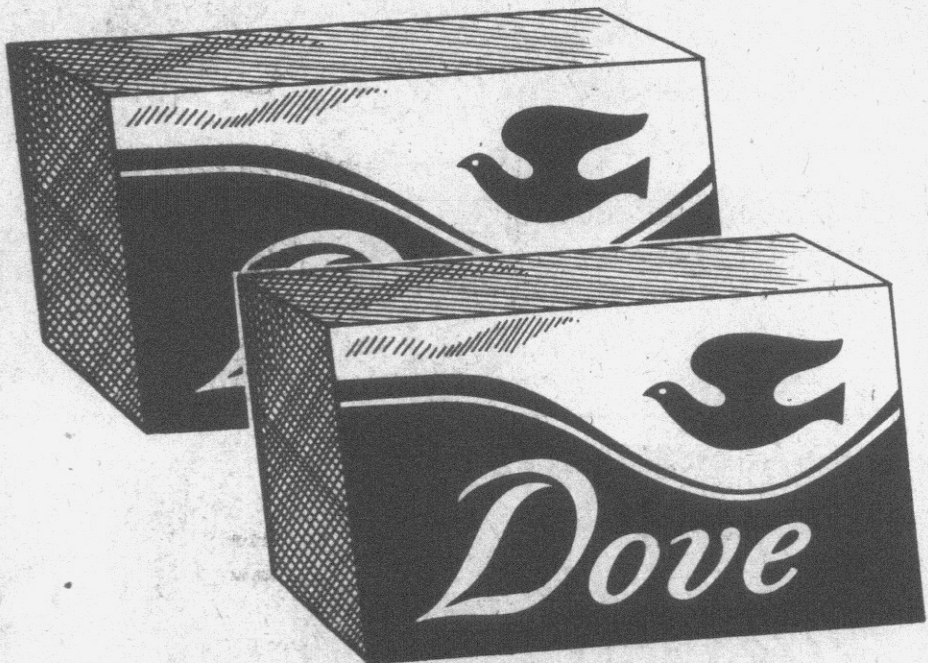
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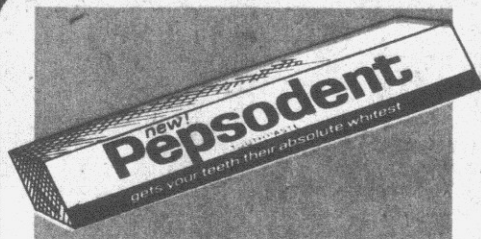
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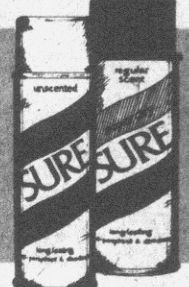
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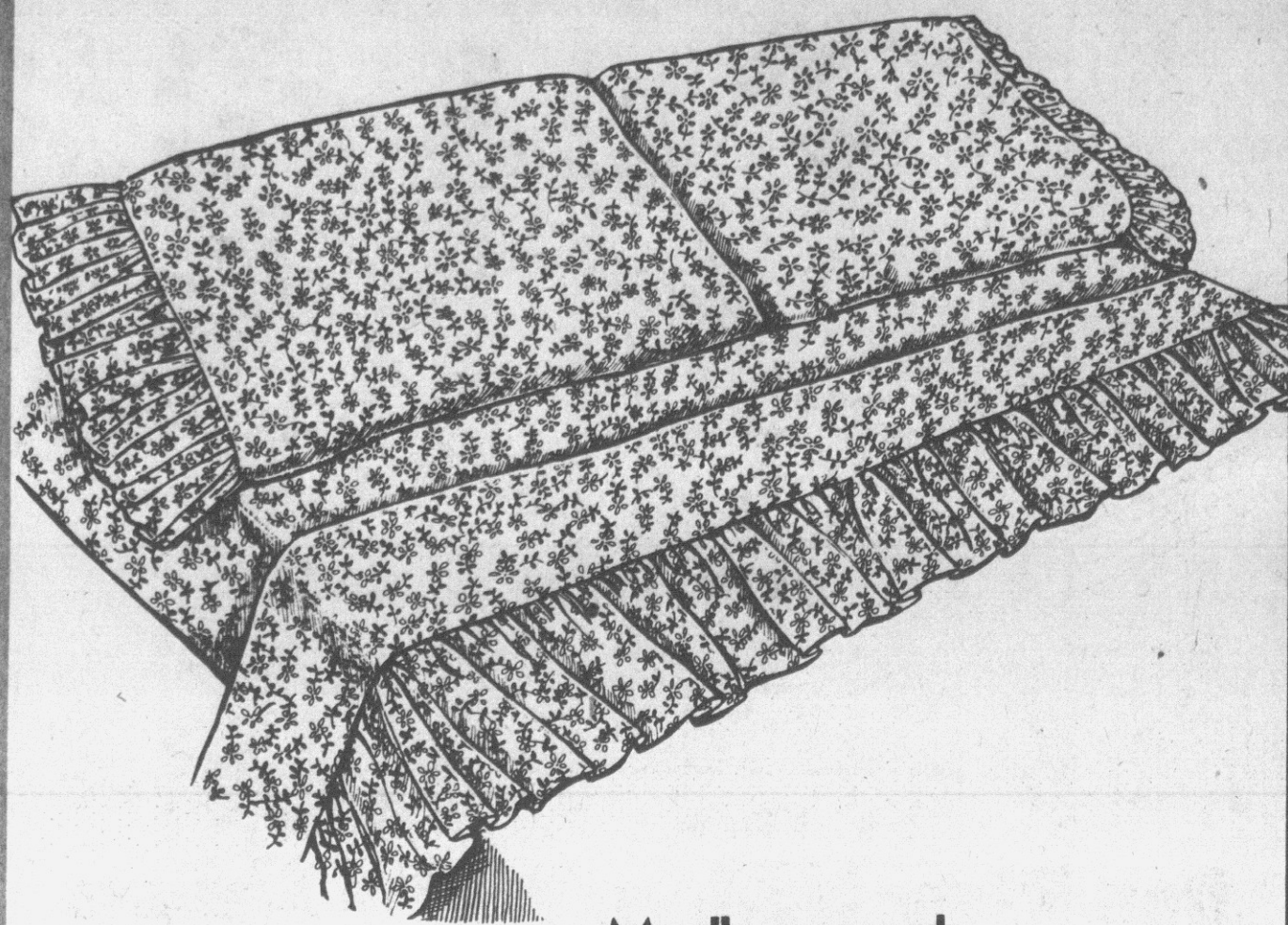
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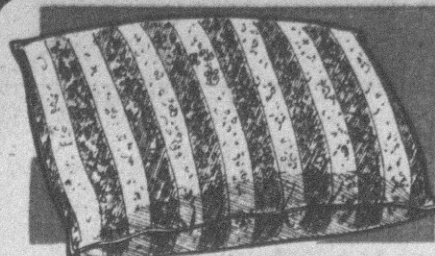
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### "Dream Machine" Bed Pillow

Standard Size **2 FOR \$5**

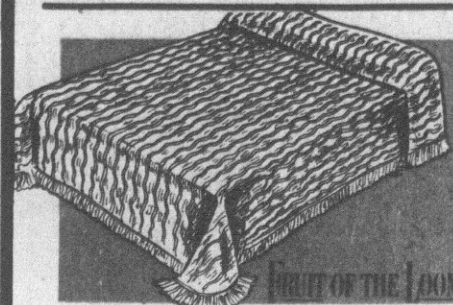
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Queen or King Size... **2 FOR 6.00**



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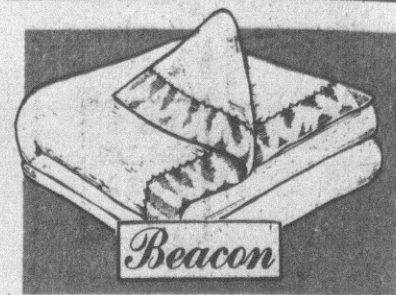
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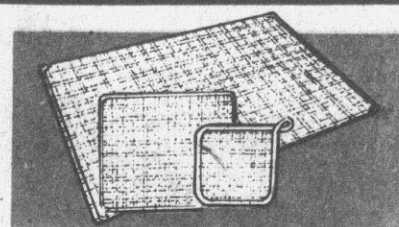
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### Solid Color Acrylic Blanket

Reg. 5.75 **\$4** Size 72" x 90"

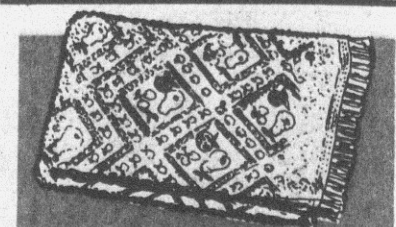
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Matching Dish Cloth | Matching Pot Holder  
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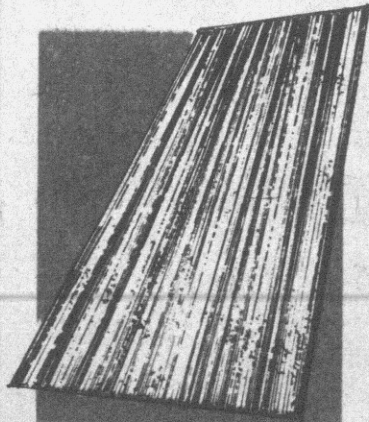
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### 3 Pc. Tank Set

**2.25**

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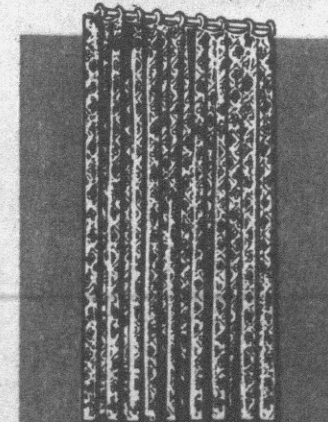
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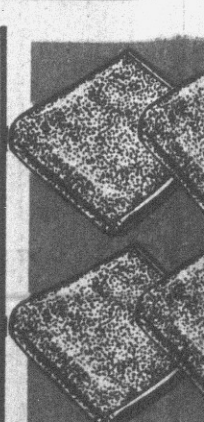
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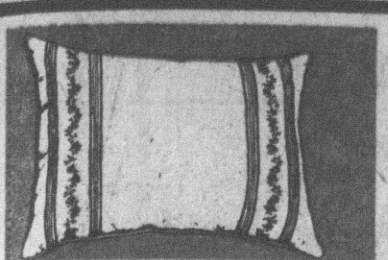


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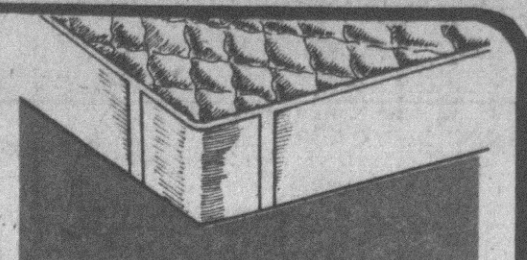
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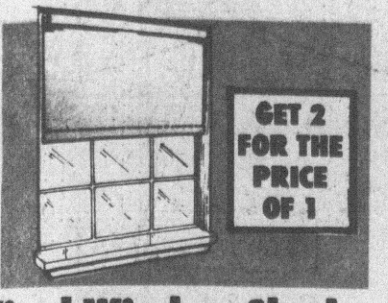
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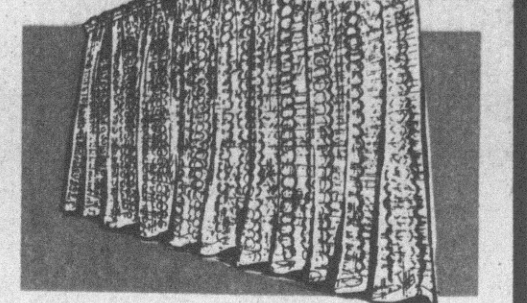


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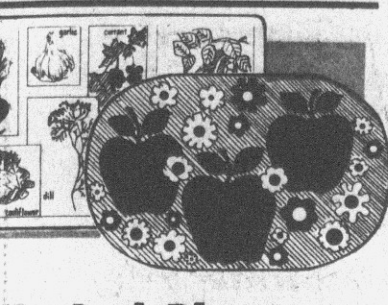
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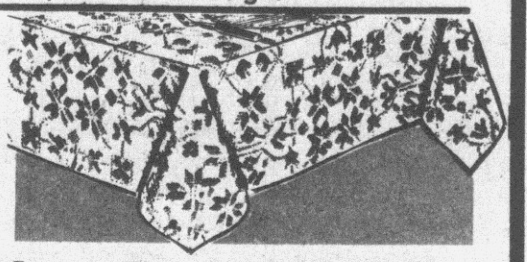
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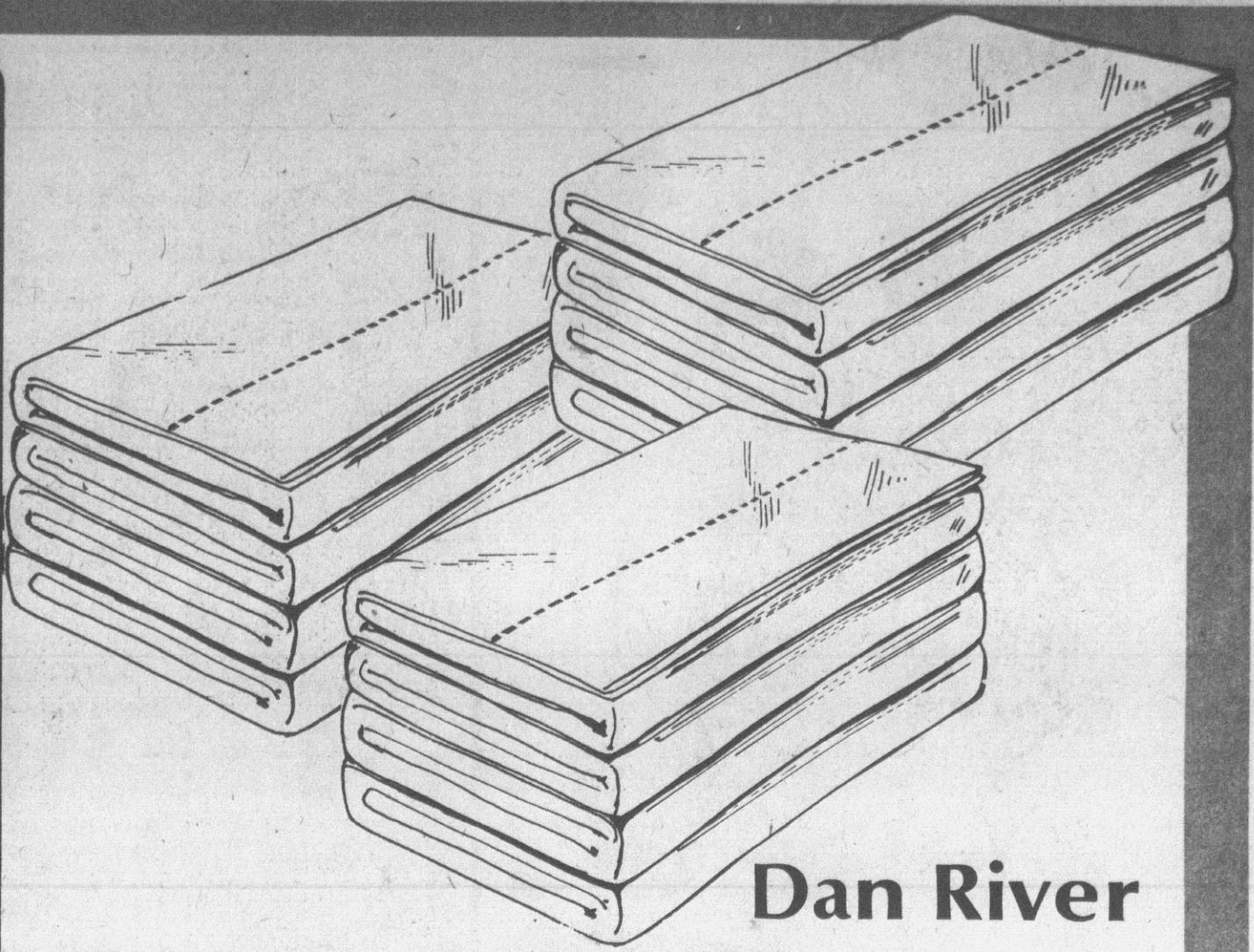


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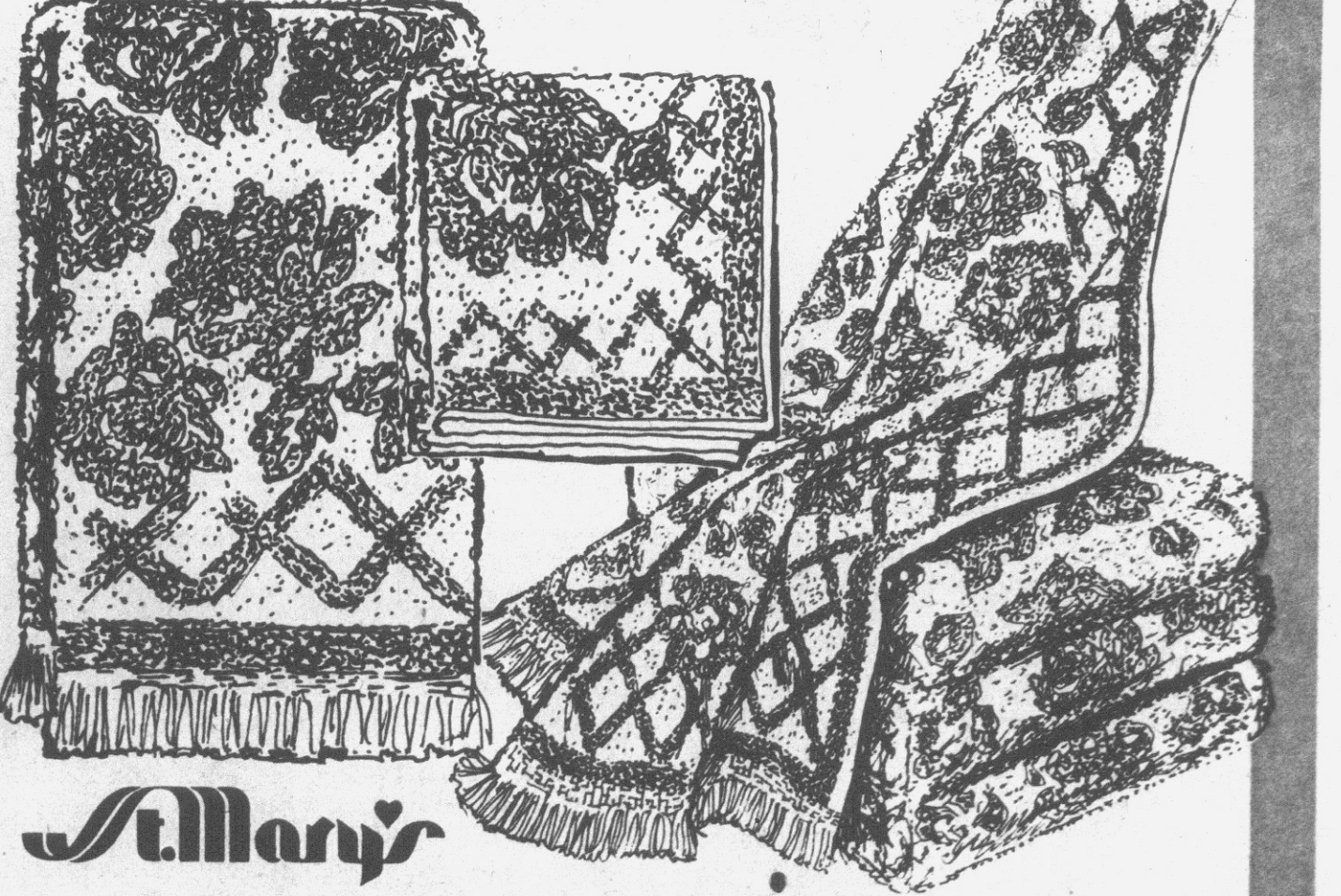
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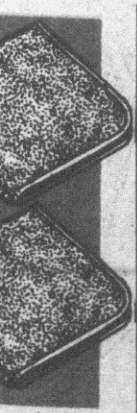
**2 FOR \$3** BATH SIZE

**Matching Hand Towel**

Reg. 1.40 **1.00**

**Matching Wash Cloth**

Reg. 90c **70c**



**Heavy Velour Hand Towels**



**King Size Terry Bath Sheets**

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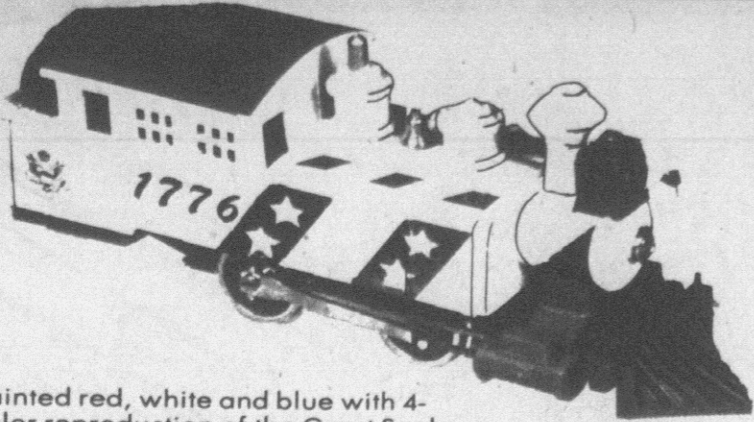
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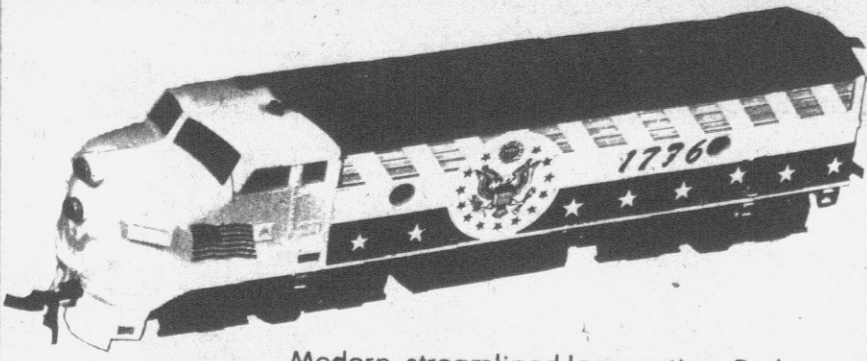


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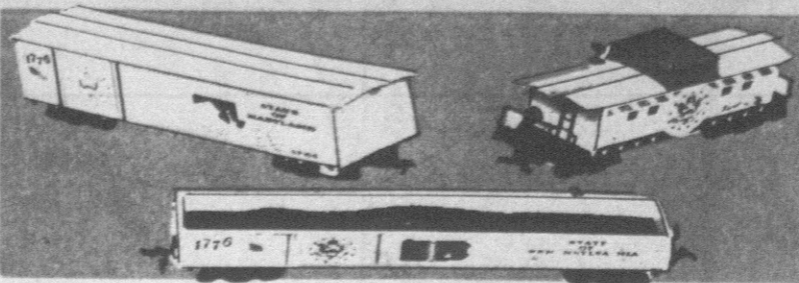
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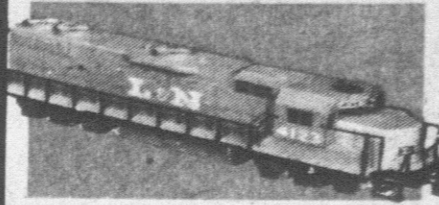
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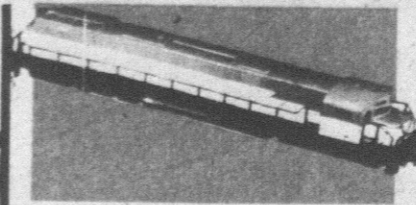
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Locomotive RS11

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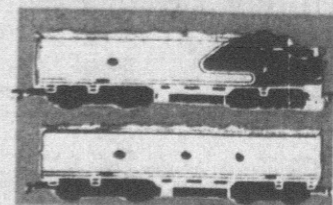
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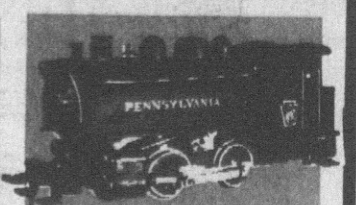
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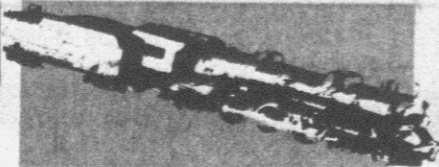
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O-4-0 Dockside

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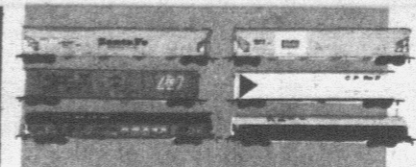
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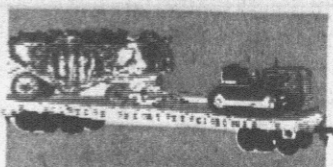
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Standard HO Freight Cars

**75¢** EA.

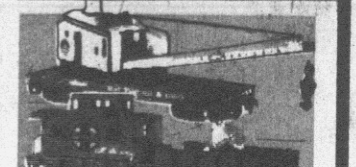
Box cars, reefers, cattle cars, gondolas, tank cars.



Giant Size Freight Cars

**1.25** EA.

Hoppers and Cable Dispensing Cars.



Action Freight Cars

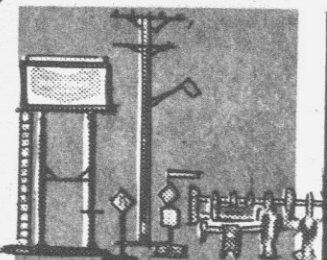
**1.75** EA.

Ass't. freight cars with moving parts.

# CLARKS

# YEAR END SALE

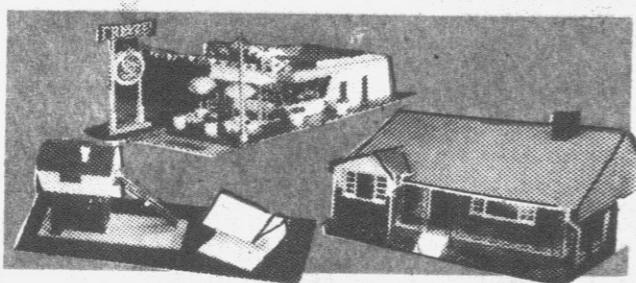
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HO Scenics

**80¢** PER CARD

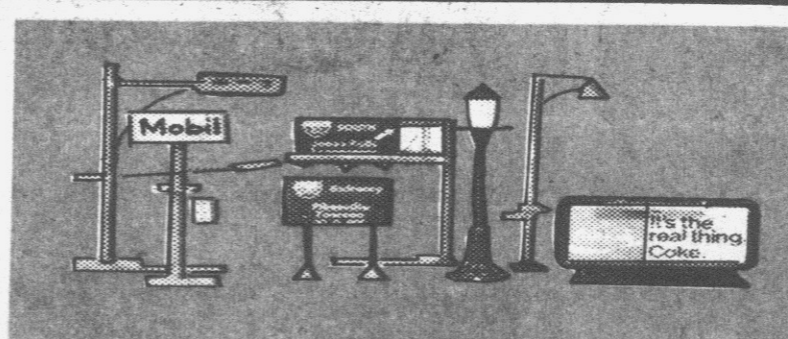
Ass't. hand painted people, animals & scenery.



HO Scale Building Kits

**1.75 TO 3.50** EA.

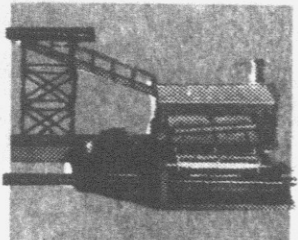
Complete, easy-to-assemble kits. Make trackside or city buildings that are realistic in every detail.



Light-Ups That Work!

Small working bulbs light up billboards, highway signs, street lights, gas lamps and more.

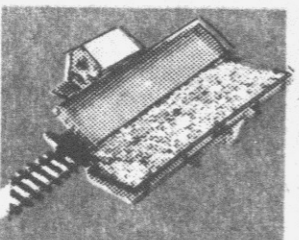
**1.75** PER CARD



Operating Logging Mill

**\$8**

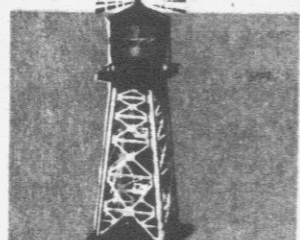
With unloading car that dumps logs.



Bob's Dumping Station

**3.50**

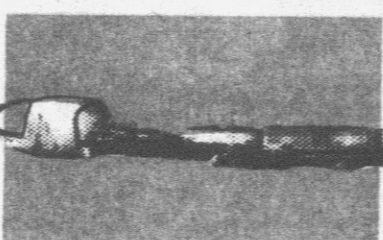
Working dump car, shed & simulated gravel load.



Bedford Blinking Light Water Tower

**2.50**

Electrically operated. Blinking light on 56 ft. HO Scale Tower.



Bridge & Tunnel Crossing

**\$4**

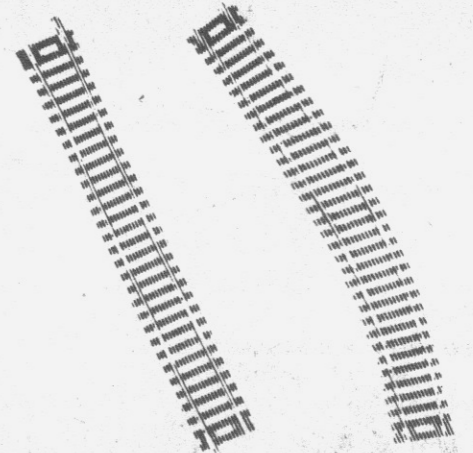
With lichen, ass't. hand painted signs & telltales.



Assorted Trees

**1.50** BOX OF 5

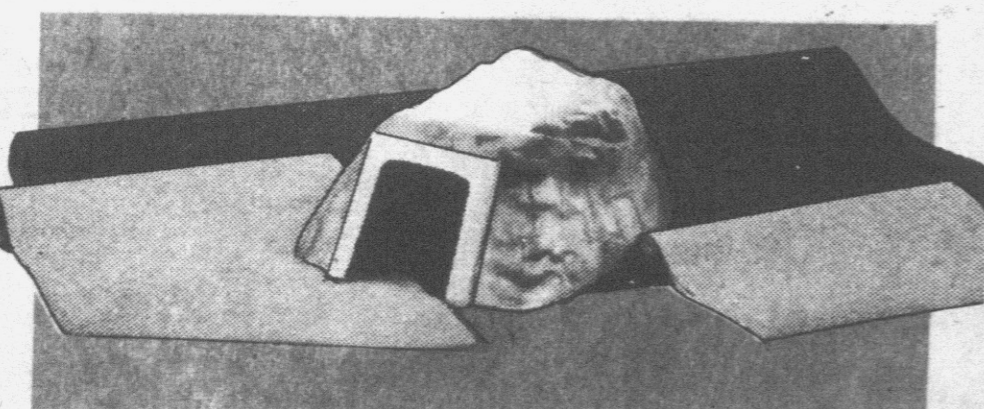
Choose from a wide variety of realistic trees.



Straight or Curved Track

**75¢** PER CARD

4 pieces per card. 9" straight or 18" radius curved.



Mats & Tunnels

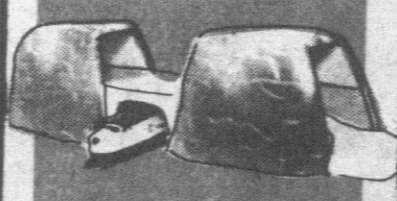
HO & O Gauge Straight Tunnels **80¢**

HO Straight Tunnels **2.00**

HO Curved Tunnels **2.75**

50" x 33" Grass Mats **1.30**

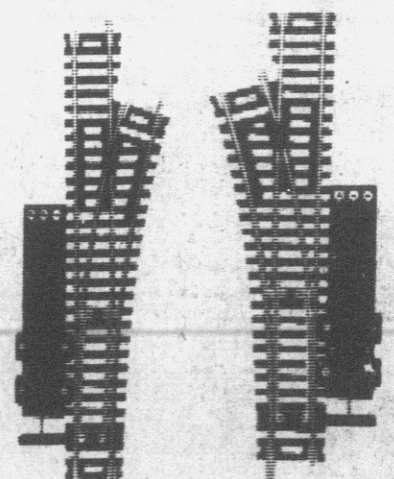
50" x 99" Grass Mats **3.25**



Twin Peaks Overpass

**\$4**

With tunnel. Use with Over 'n under; with road race; or as overpass. HO gauge.



Switch Tracks

**3.50** EA.

Left or right electric remote control switches.