

**Robert L. Holt, 86,
Passes Sunday;
Rites Wednesday**

Robert L. Holt, 86, of Hot Springs Rt. 1, died Sunday, December 19, 1965 in a Western North Carolina hospital after a long illness.

He was a native of Madison County and a retired farmer of the Spring Creek section.

Surviving are three sons, Reece of Hot Springs Rt. 1, and Forrest and Frank Holt, both of Hot Springs Rt. 2; a daughter, Mrs. Albert Pritchard of Asheville; two sisters, Mrs. Mae Finley of Hot Springs Rt. 2 and Mrs. Nellie Stevenson of Newport, Tenn.; eight grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p. m., Wednesday in Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

The Rev. Oler Anders and the Rev. Clint Holt officiated and burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were friends of the family.

Bowman Funeral Home was in charge.



MERRY CHRISTMAS
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**DRAFT BOARD TO
MOVE TO RAMSEY
BUILDING DEC. 30**

Office To Be Closed From
December 30 To
January 2

Mrs. Demaris Propst, clerk of the Selective Service Office here, announced this week that the draft board office will move to the Liston B. Ramsey Building on Main Street probably on December 30. Present location of the draft board office is on the second floor of the Masonic Temple.

She also stated that the office would remain closed on December 30, 31, and January 1 and 2.

For Christmas closing schedule the office will be closed from noon on December 23 to December 28.

**SIGNUPS NOT
READY IN "NEW
FARM PROGRAM"**

In response to a number of inquiries, Emory Robinson, chairman of the Madison County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, said today that ASCS county offices are not ready at the present time to sign up participants in programs authorized by recently enacted farm legislation. Programs for which signups will be conducted — probably early in 1966 — include feed grains, wheat, cropland adjustment and agricultural conservation program.

"It is gratifying that farmers are showing so much interest in these diversion programs," Robinson said. "However, there are many details to be taken care of before local ASCS offices are in position to answer questions about how any of the programs may apply to a specific farm and to accept applications showing the grower's intention to participate.

"When the signups do start, farmers will be reminded in plenty of time to file applications before a stated deadline. Normally, such signups continue for about 6 weeks."

**Here Comes The
Bookmobile**

"Now, Blue Cloud, like we said last week, we are going to tell you about a mean stingy old man named Ebenezer Scrooge. He was just about the meanest, stingiest, most hateful old thing that you could ever imagine. He had a business partner named Jacob Marley. Only he wasn't his partner anymore when our story opens. 'Cause Marley was as 'dead as a doornail'."

This story starts on Christmas Eve. Everybody else had caught the Spirit of Christmas, and they were going around gay and happy, and calling out MERRY CHRISTMAS to everybody they met, whether they knew them or not. But not mean old Scrooge. All he could say was — "Bah! Humbug!"

Well, Marley's ghost came to

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see Scrooge, clanking some awful old chains. He said he was bound by them forever because he had forged them all of his life. Marley told Scrooge he better watch out, and he better take care or a like fate would befall him.

Just like Marley said, Scrooge was visited by three Spirits that night — the Spirit of Christmas Past, the Spirit of Christmas Present and the Spirit of Christmas Future. And believe you me what Scrooge saw was so awful it made a new man out of him. When he awoke on Christmas morning he was so glad to be alive and full of the real Spirit of Christmas he quickly made up for all his past meanness.

The nicest, sweetest part of this story is about Tiny Tim. He was

a dear little lame boy, the son of Bob Cratchit, who was Scrooge's clerk. Scrooge had always been especially mean to Bob. He wouldn't pay him enough so he could take care of his family decently. Even if the Cratchits were as poor as church mice, they were a happy, loving family, and they knew how to keep Christmas. Everybody loved dear little Tiny Tim so much; and he would have died if the Spirit of Christmas hadn't made Scrooge a good, kind, generous man.

Yes, Blue Cloud, the SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS can make anybody gay and jolly, loving and generous, kind and good if they will just open their hearts and

let it come in."
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In closing we want to say a very heartfelt THANK YOU to the Garden Club for again putting the beautiful wreath on the Library door, to Pop for printing this column every week, to Coley for setting it up on the linotype, quotation marks and all, and to all our good library borrowers, who make life better for us with their good friendly spirit.

And now all of us who work for the Madison County Library join our hearts and hands, and raise our voices to say — A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS — and along with Tiny Tim — "GOD BLESS US, EVERY ONE!"

Good Tidings



"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men" ... May your holidays be filled with the true spirit of the season. To all a very Merry Christmas!

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**MHS Basketball
Schedule**

The tentative basketball schedule for the Marshall High School Red Tornadoes follows:

- Jan. 4—East Yancey—Home
 - Jan. 7—Tipton Hill—Home
 - Jan. 11—Cane River—There
 - Jan. 14—Open
 - Jan. 18—Hot Springs—There
 - Jan. 21—Spring Creek—Home
 - Jan. 25—East Yancey—There
 - Jan. 28—Spruce Pine—Home
 - Feb. 1—Tipton Hill—There
 - Feb. 4—South Greens—Home
 - Feb. 8—Crossnore—Home
 - Feb. 11—Mars Hill—Home
 - Feb. 15—Hot Springs—Home
 - Feb. 18—Laurel—There
- All games at home and away begin at 7:00 p. m.

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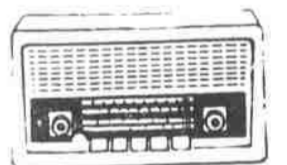


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