

Advisory Committee Meets

The Madison County Advisory Committee of the WNC Council on Aging met Dec. 12 at the HUD Building here. Raymond Rapp of Mars Hill College was the guest speaker who discussed the continuing education program for persons over 55 years of age.

Members of the committee attending were Mrs. Oletta Shelton, Mrs. Lucille English, Mrs. Annie Fox, Miss Teresa Zimmerman and Mrs. Lucille Burnette. Mrs. Joan Tuttle of

Asheville was also present, and Mrs. Roy Young was the new member of the committee present.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 9 at 1 p.m. in the HUD Building here.

All interested persons are invited.

It has been estimated that the human eye, with its extreme precision of movement, can be moved to focus on no less than 100,000 distinct points in the visual field.



GOVAN BLANKENSHIP of Marshall miraculously escaped serious injury last Friday morning near Canton when his car was completely demolished when struck in the rear by a large trailer truck in the pileup of vehicles in a dense fog. One person was killed and several

persons injured in the 30-car pileup. Govan's brother, Carl of Leicester, who was also in the car, was uninjured. Shown above is Blankenship's car after it was taken to An-Ton's near I-40 and the Canton exit. Blankenship is the husband of Norma Jean Blankenship.

In Service

Navy Ship's Serviceman Seaman Marvin D. Haggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Haggins of Box 28A, Hot Springs, recently visited Athens, Greece.

He is serving as a crewmember aboard the frigate USS Thomas C. Hart, homeported in Norfolk, Va. His ship currently is operating as a unit of the U. S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea.

During the 11-day port visit, he and his shipmates had the opportunity to tour the capital and largest city of Greece, plus visit the Acropolis, Archaeological Museum and Agora of Athens. Additionally, his ship responded to a distress call on Dec. 4 and rescued 21 crewmembers from a Greek ship that was in danger of breaking up in the Aegean Sea. The ship dispatched its embarked helicopter which, along with a U. S. Army helicopter, rescued the Greek seamen. During the remainder of the cruise, his ship will participate in various training exercises with other Sixth Fleet units and with ships of allied nations. Additionally, port visits are scheduled in several Mediterranean coastal cities.

His ship is a 438-foot long "Knox" class frigate with a crew of 283 officers and enlisted men. Equipped with guns, missiles and rockets, she can operate independently or as part of a naval task force. Additionally, she is outfitted with a landing platform and normally carries a light helicopter for long range detection and attack of submarines.

A 1974 graduate of Hot Springs High School, he joined the Navy in July 1975.

Holiday Greetings

Candles glow, lighting the season with fond thoughts and our deep thanks!



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Holiday Closing Schedule

Supt. R. L. Edwards announced this week that Madison County schools will observe the Christmas holidays from this Wednesday afternoon until Jan. 2.

David Caldwell, auditor, announces that the courthouse offices will be closed Dec. 23 and will reopen on Dec. 27.

Announcement was also made that the Marshall City Hall would also be closed this Friday and will reopen on Dec. 27.

Agencies to be closed this Friday and next Monday include Social Services and the health department.

Agencies to be closed next Monday only include ASCS office, post office, banks and most of the stores and businesses.

EMC Sets Christmas Schedule

The offices of French Broad EMC in Marshall, Burnsville and Bakersville will be closed for Christmas holidays on Dec. 23 and 26. Personnel will be available for emergency work. Consult your November "Electrifier" or your local telephone director for numbers to call after hours.



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Christmas' true meaning

Last year I saw a letter written to Santa which read: *Dear Santa, My Mom is going to bake a cake for Jesus this year. I hope you won't mind, but it is his birthday... Love Jimmy.*

What a wonderful reminder to keep Santa in perspective. Aside from the fun, fantasy and freedoms characteristic of San-

ta, the real meaning of Christmas lies in God's gift to man. "I bring you good tidings of great joy... for unto you is born... a Savior."

Yes, that gift is Jesus Christ. So, let's rejoice. It's Christmas and his Birthday!



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Your Pharmacist



Greenery and glitter, turkey and treats, love and laughter, that's what holidays are made of. Hope your Christmas is the best!

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