

# The Foothills View

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## Editor's View

### High Schools And War

Billy Graham returned home to North Carolina after eight days in Viet-Nam, where he had declared the war there "complicated, confusing, and frustrated." In the Senate, majority leader Mike Mansfield called for a "major reevaluation" of the Great Society following criticism of President Lyndon Johnson's "guns and butter."

Closer to home, Fiber Industries announced openings for new jobs in production, coffee was advertised in the Shelby Daily Star for 69 cents a pound, and three pounds of ground beef sold for \$1.59.

The month was December, 1966. Not just prices have changed in the 16 years since then. War — particularly nuclear — is no longer something that happens to someone else in Southeast Asia. We were reminded of that grim fact Friday when the products of those 16 years were sitting across a table from us at Cleveland County Technical College.

Eleven students, all born in 1966, were competing for the James P. Porter Presidential Classroom Scholarships for a week's study of government at Washington, D.C. by Burns and Crest High School students. Three of us — two radio station owners and a newspaper editor — were to quiz their knowledge and opinions of history and current events. We found considerable diversity, but on one question all 11 young men and women gave the same answer:

We will be in a nuclear war within five years.

What made these 11 — all born in a year when nuclear warfare seemed so unlikely — come to such a unanimously hopeless conclusion? The reasons were as diverse as the four males and seven females who made up the group; only one, however, of the 11 gave religious beliefs for expecting apocalypse — "My mama told me the first time the world was destroyed, it was by water, and the next time it will be by fire." The other ten held more homey reasons for our mass destruction, ranging from accidents to Soviet treachery.

Expectation of nuclear war does not mean a majority of our 16-year olds favor a freeze of nuclear weapons or deployment, however. Ten of the 11 — including the young woman above who expects war as fulfillment of Biblical prophecy — declared themselves in favor of continued production of nuclear weapons "to keep us free."

Only one objected. "Free for what?" he asked. "To burn to death when the bombs dropped?"

What a long way from the jaunty world of the 60s, when it seemed we could have both small wars and large prosperity.

But the fact that the world is so different a place in the last 16 years also means that those who have grown up in it may possess different and better alternatives to the world's problems. We were cheered by the young woman who shyly explained her preference for reading Civil War history "because it shows me how people could suffer and still go on."

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## A Kiss Is Still A Kiss

### — Even Under Bird's Lime

Mistletoe is as much a part of Christmas as holly and personal jolly. People kiss under it and sing about it, and over the centuries it has been endowed with major symbolic importance.

The plant is interesting, though, in its own right.

Our native mistletoe (*Phoradendron serotinum*) is also called bird lime, all heal and Devil's fuge. Its range is from New Jersey to Florida.

During three seasons of the year, mistletoe is in hiding. But when the deciduous trees shed, one can spot the large clumps of the mistletoe's evergreen leaves in tall shrubs and high trees. Small wonder that primitive peoples thought the plant mysterious, for it had no connection with the soil.

Mistletoe is in fact a partial parasite and uses apple, cottonwood, oak, hazel, ash, persimmon—62 trees in all—as hosts. It is capable of making and photosynthesizing its own food, but is dependent on trees for its water and minerals.

Sometimes one mistletoe parasitizes another mistletoe plant, and on rare occasions this hyperparasitism reaches even a third plant.

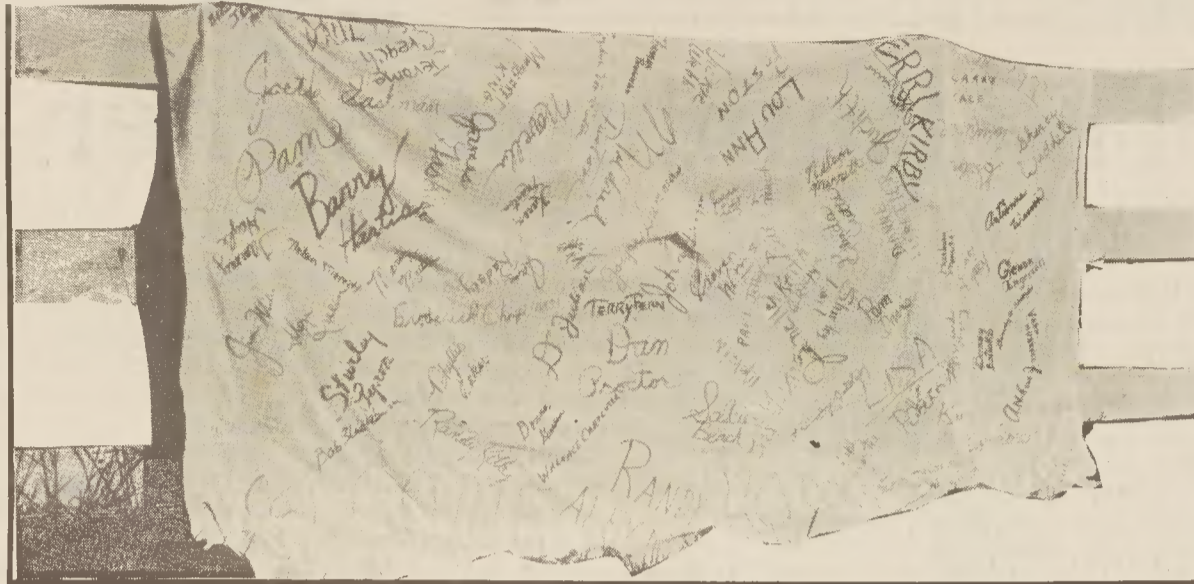
There are female and male mistletoes. The female has the watery white berries, which are about the size of white currants and are known to be poisonous to humans.

Inside each berry is a single heart-shaped seed. The berries remain on the plant for months until visiting bird arrives and, while trying to eat one of the berries, is baffled by the sticky substance on the seed. The bird attempts to

get rid of the seed stuck to its beak by scraping the berry against a tree. In the process, the seed adheres to the trunk and eventually germinates.

With its roots sunk into the vascular system of the tree, the plant often reaches three feet in diameter after seven or eight years.

Through the centuries, mistletoe was considered by many people to promote fertility and to have



## Good Neighbors Make Good Fences

"Fantastic" was Dan Moore's reaction when he returned home from Cleveland Memorial Hospital Dec. 9 and saw this addition to his fence.

Over 50 of Moore's neighbors and co-workers had signed a welcome-home bedsheet and hung it over his pasture fence. Moore, athletic director

at Gardner-Webb College and former principal at Shelby High School, suffered a heart attack Nov. 22.

they are pleased with his recovery, but cautioned well-wishers to wait several weeks before visiting.

## Promise of the Crepe Myrtles

(Editor's note: from time to time the View will share with its readers from among the 1000 family histories collected in *The Heritage of Cleveland County*, published recently by the Cleveland County Historical Association. Below are excerpts from the life of the late Joe Chauncey Washburn (1880-1973), written by his daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Washburn Edwards of Boiling Springs.)

Joe Chauncey Washburn had little formal education, but he made good use of that he did have. He and his wife (Estilla "Tillie" McSwain) were regular students of the Bible and studied with their children. He especially stressed the use of the dictionary for studying school

"Mr. Joe," as he was affectionately called, lived a disciplined life and early became a tither. Some weeks before his 21st birthday as he placed his usual penny in the offering plate on a Sunday morning, the picture of a nickle flashed in his mind, the nickle he had recently been spending to buy a pack of cigarettes each week. From that point on he resolved that as of his 21st birthday he would never smoke again, and that if he could afford a nickle a week for that which did him no good, he could surely afford to double that amount to the Lord each week. For the rest of his life he faithfully gave the tithe and gave up smoking.

He was often referred to as the man with "nine" lives due to several accidents that occurred in which he miraculously escaped or survived:

a chimney fell on him;

during the repair of a bridge he was literally buried alive;

he was run over by a wagon;

poison used in a house for treating sweet potatoes rendered him unconscious;

his car stalled on a railroad track with a train coming.

When there was disagreement or strife among his neighbors, he was often called upon by them to render his opinion and they usually followed his judgement. He felt most things could be settled out of court.

Several years before Mr. Joe's death, he expressed a desire to "go when the crepe myrtles were in bloom," but "not this year." His wish was granted in 1973. He died on August 7, and the crepe myrtles, which he had set out along the roadway leading to the church, were in bloom.

— Mrs. Dorothy W. Edwards

## Politics And Party

The Cleveland County chapter of Retired School Personnel held its Christmas meeting Dec. 7 and discussed legislative concerns for consideration by the membership.

Members of the chapter's legislative committee, Dwight A. Costner, Martha London, Johnnie Mae Ware, C.C. Padgett, Josephine Ware and Myers Hambricht urged chapter members to contact legislative members on the chapter's concerns.

A booklet of Christmas songs compiled by Jeanette Surratt were passed out and Constance Evans led the group in singing.

Myers Hambricht, president, commended the members for distributing gifts to rest home residents.

## Cable After County

A Shelby cable television manager has announced his company "smack in the middle" of an expansion into Cleveland County following a progress report to town officials at Boiling Springs and a letter Tuesday from the mayor of Grover asking about the service.

Ed Palumbo, manager of Vision Cable of Shelby, said that his company is hanging wire now for cable television in the Patterson Springs area, and plans to begin wiring for Boiling Springs to receive cable by April, 1983.

Vision Cable currently holds non-exclusive franchises to provide

pay television to three other Cleveland County towns: Polkville, Lawndale, and Fallston. Boiling Springs town council approved a franchise for Vision Cable in June, 1982.

Granting franchises for pay television has become particularly attractive to smaller town governments as a way to raise money. Under the franchise Vision Cable signed with Boiling Springs and the three other municipalities, the towns receive 3 percent of the company's basic subscriptions and pay-service revenues.

## Bean Came On Mayflower Gone

It's a colonial ancestor with modern day descendants. Its pedigree is impeccable, having been reputed to have arrived at this country on the ship Mayflower.

It's not a person but a bean, a brown-and-white spotted "heirloom" variety that gardeners now fear has been bred out of existence, but was last seen in the Carolinas.

Maynard Philbeck, a Shelby member of the View, PO Box 982, Boiling Springs, NC, 28017.

## A Carrousel With A Lamb

Mary Lamb, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lamb of Boiling Springs, participated in the activities for the Carrousel Parade at Charlotte.

Mary's honors include National Quill and scroll, second runner-up in the Miss Cleveland County Junior Miss, Beta Club member, editor of the Pegasus (the school's literary magazine). Her club memberships include Science, French, Future Teachers of America (serving as president). She has been a member

of the Crest Senior Band each year.

She is very active in the Boiling Springs Baptist Church where she serves as president of the Youth Council, a member of the singing ensemble "Reflections" and the instrumental woodwind ensemble, Acteens, and Youth Choir. She has also been a part of two summer mission trips to New York and Chimney Rock.

Mary plans to attend Gardner-Webb College and major in religious education.

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