# The Foothills View

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## Labors Of Love

The little Christmas tree in the Head Start classroom at Lattimore School is garlanded in hand-made paper chains. Ornaments of paper, agleam with sprinkled glittler, await the party and final tree-trimming, on the day that school is out for Christmas. Now, today, we make wreaths. We make them from green paper, with plastic packing doodle "snow" stuck on with glue. When we are through, we write our names on them -"Chad Mitchell," "Keisha Surratt." Teacher Sheila Blanton and aide Minnie Pearl Ramseur are right there to help, and to encourage, and even brag a little...



### Hard Drugs And Hard Times Biggest Threat To Youth, Poll Finds

By Gallup Reports

Teenagers, according to the latest Gallup Youth Survey, say drug abuse is the biggest problem facing their generation. Concern about the impact of drugs has risen from 27% in 1977, when teenagers also named it as the biggest problem facing their generation, to 35% in 1983.

Since 1977, however, the nature of the problem may have changed. Gallup Youth Surveys have shown a steady decline over the years in teenage acceptance of proposals to legalize marijuana or to decriminalize its possession in small amounts. In 1977 teenagers saw drugs as a part of the generation gap and a symbol of their generation's uncertainty in coping with the world around them.

Younger teenagers, 13 to 15 years old, are particularly concerned about drug abuse, with 42% naming it as the biggest

problem, in comparison to 28% of the older teenagers. Young women show somewhat greater concern than young men about drug abuse by a margin of 38% to 31%.

#### **UNEMPLOYMENT SEEN** AS NO. 2 PROBLEM

In the current survey teenagers also name other kinds of problems as being important to their generation. Unemployment, named by 16% of the teenagers, ranks as the No. 2 problem facing the current generation. In 1977, only 6% said that poor job prospects were a problem. Those who will soon be entering the job market are particularly concerned about unemployment, with 22% of the teenagers, 16 to 18, naming it as the leading problem.

Alcohol abuse is the third leading area of concern and is

named by one teenager in 10 (10%). Alcohol abuse also ranked third in 1977 when it was named by 7%. Peer pressures (8%) rank fourth - and often consist of pressures felt by teenagers from their friends to break the rules and to experiment with drugs or alcohol.

#### GOOD NEWS SEEN IN FINDINGS

The good news about today's generation may be that teenagers no longer feel the pressure of alienation from their parents. Only 5% now cite lack of communication or getting along with their parents as their biggest problem. By contrast, in 1977 one teenager in five (20%) said a breakdown in parental communications and relations was the major problem facing their generation.

Today's teenagers still face many problems, but at least now

they may not have to deal with parental alienation at the same time. By the same token, citation of problems in growing up or finding one's purpose in life has declined from 6% in 1977 to only 1% in 1983.

#### FEW CITE PROBLEMS RELATED TO SCHOOLS

Problems in school are cited by only one teenager in 20 (50%)and an additional 1% express concern about school drop-outs.

Fear of war is named by 40%. This fear was cited by less than 1% in 1977.

Economic problems such as inflation are named by only 2%, and 1% cite the specific economic problem of financing their college education.

In 1977 smoking and job boredom were each cited by 3% of the teenagers, but in 1983 each is mentioned by fewer than 1% of the nation's teenagers as their generation's leading pro-

### Rev. Linnens To Marshal Town Parade This Sunday

The Boiling Springs Christmas Parade will step off Sunday at 3, on North Main Street at C.J. Hamrick's store. The parade will move south, down Main, through the business district, and will disband at Boiling Springs Baptist Church.

Parade Marshal this year is Rev. T. Max Linnens, pastor of Boiling Springs Baptist Church. "This is his 25th year here, said parade coordinator Iris Rose. "We always try to get someone who has meant a lot to Boiling Springs," to act as marshal, she

The parade this time will include about 45 units. Allowing for last-minute juggling and new arrivals, the march will begin with the Boiling Springs Police Department, followed by sheriff and highway patrol units, color guard, the Grand Marshal, town officials, Crest Junior High Homecoming Queen, and maid of honor, and Crest Junior High cheerleaders.

Following will be the Crest Senior High Homecoming Queen, Crest cheerleaders, Crest High Band, a Boiling Springs Manufacturing Co. float, the Boiling Springs Fire Department, Cleveland County of-

ficials, state officials, the Gaston-Cleveland 4-H Club, Roland Hamrick, Scout troops, Audra Martin, Vicky Arrowood, Carrousel princess Janet McSwain, the Crest executive council, Boiling Springs Rural Fire Department, Piedmont Pistons, Ledbetter truck, Shanghai Fire Department, Boiling Springs recreation float, and Dawn Weathers.

Next will come Angela Weathers, Leonard Gallman, Cleveland Technical College, Cleveland Fire Department, Little Chargers and cheerleaders, Allison McSwain, No. 7 Fire Department, C.J. Hamrick, Boiling Springs Merchants' float, Hillcrest Community Center, Baldwin Auto parts, Boiling Springs Rescue Squad and Lattimore Baptist Church.

At the end of the 30-to-45 minute parade will be the Gardern-Webb College cheerleaders, and Homecoming Queen, followed by Santa Claus. The marchers will be interspersed by horseback riders and horse-drawn wagons.

Is there any special unit to watch for? "In my opinion they're all special," says Iris

### Randall McSwain "Burns Up" Points

Randall McSwain was named Boiling Springs Fireman of the Year Saturday, at the firemen's annual Christmas party.

The honor is nothing new to the assistant fire chief, an 11-year veteran of the volunteer fire department. McSwain's brother, Chief Donald McSwain, noted "This is the third time, for him."

Unlike department offices,

which are won by election, "Fireman of the Year" is a title strictly earned, Donald McSwain explained. Points are earned for fires fought, meetings attended and public services. Each year a tally is made, and the top pointholder is Fireman of the Year.

Randall, 29, who works in the family store, was top scorer, in a field of about 20 volunteer firemen.

### Fallen Spire



The old Beaver Dam Baptist Church sanctuary is coming down, starting from the top. The building, said to be about 100 years old in its basic frame work, and church home to many hundreds over the years, will be taken away by a salvage firm, its materials to rise again elsewhere. The new Beaver Dam Sanctuary was completed and occupied in September

#### Christmas At Biltmore

Asheville - N.C. - The sights and sounds of a Victorian Christmas will fill Biltmore House beginning December 3 and continuing through December 31, 1983. The celebration of "Christmas at Biltmore" recreates the holiday charm that graced the Estate when George Vanderbilt opened Biltmore House on Christmas Eve in

During the month of December, Biltmore House is adorned with opulent decorations authentic to the Vanderbilt's time - German wax ornaments, feather wreaths, evergreen roping, topiary, poinsettia trees, tussie mussies, handmade paper chains, fruit trees, and velvet bows. These colorful, fragrant and authentic details provide a fitting background for the Christmas Concert Series, held each weekend during the month.

# Suppertime....



And the living is easy for the cattle in this can from the last long rays of the setting sun. feed lot on Church Street in Lattimore. Like the rest of us, they're enjoying getting all they

before the chill of night.