



CHRISTMAS MEMORIES—Though these sisters are not expecting Santa to load their Christmas tree with dolls this year, they haven't lost their love for the excitement about the newest in Christmas fantasies. Karen Hodges (left), a senior at Watauga High School, and Sharon Hodges met after school this week to peruse the toy departments of local stores for gifts. Karen, who still has an abundant collection of childhood dolls, says they're "just prettier than ever." The Christmas shopping season is getting into high gear in Boone stores. (Staff photo)

## Unwanted Packages May Be Found In Yule Mailing

Most of us can easily recognize packages we're looking for in the Christmas mail. They come from friends and relatives or they are the packages we've ordered for Christmas gifts.

But unwanted, unordered mail can come our way too. If you wonder what to do with it or about it, extension home economics specialists, North Carolina State University, offer some timely advice. They suggest "checking packages carefully to detect unwanted merchandise before you open the box or envelope."

Legally you have no obligation concerning unordered merchandise. You don't have to pay for or return it. What's more, the company can't make you take either course of action.

Even though you have no legal obligation, the best thing to do with such packages is to mark "refused" on the cover and return the packages to the Post Office. The company sending them will have to pay return postage and will, as a result, probably take you off their mailing list.

If you do open the package, you have officially accepted the package as far as the Post Office is concerned. Then, if you decide to return the package, you must pay the postage. Under these circumstances, it is best to check the package before you open it.

Postal regulations prohibit only the sending of unordered packages C. O. D. or by insured mail. There are no laws against the mailing of unordered merchandise.

If you do receive unordered packages, mailed C. O. D., notify your postmaster so postal inspectors can investigate. And, for good measure, check any questionable mail with the Post Office and the Better Business Bureau. Then return unopened any unordered merchandise.

Most common articles to be mailed this way are greeting cards, books, neckties, pencil sets, auto key rings and religious medals.

GET THE IDEA? Little Peter was playing at Jimmy Brown's house. When it was time to go home it started to rain. Mrs. Brown offered to lend him Jimmy's raincoat. "Don't take so much trouble, Mrs. Brown," said Peter politely. "I'm sure your mother would do as much for Jimmy." "My mother," replied Peter, "would ask Jimmy to stay for supper."

CRUISER BACK FROM WAR Boston—The Boston, the first guided missile cruiser ever built returned from her third and final assignment off Vietnam. While stationed there, the 16,000-ton vessel did not fire a single missile. However, she did send more than 70,000 shells toward enemy targets from her six eight-inch guns and 10 five-inch guns.

## ASU Will Conduct Series Seminars

A series of 22 seminars, workshops, and regular classes will be taught by the Appalachian State University faculty in 13 cities throughout Western North Carolina and the Piedmont during ASU's winter quarter.

All extension courses carry three quarter hours (or two semester hours) of graduate or undergraduate credit and can be applied toward teacher certificate renewals or toward regular programs offered by the university.

Classes, which have been announced locally, will begin by December 9 in Asheboro, Newland, Morganton, Hickory, Elkin, Forest City, Gastonia, Troutman, Marion, Shelby, Stanley County, Curry County and in Winston-Salem.

Broad course offerings include classes in such areas as Psychology of the Maladjusted, Workshop in Teaching Reading, Education of the Disadvantaged, Audio-Visual Instruction, Seminar in Educational Leadership, and Nursery-Kindergarten Curriculum.

The cost of an extension course is \$30 including tuition and fees, and registration will

be held in the classrooms one hour before the course is to begin.

Additional information may be obtained from Dr. Roy Blanton, Director of Extensions at Appalachian.

### Moose To Brighten Up Yule For Children

Members of the Boone Moose Lodge are planning to brighten up the Christmas for needy children in the county again this year.

The lodge will play Santa again with toys they secure during their annual toy drive. Members will repair the toys collected during the drive.

Secretary B. W. Ellis invites people to search closets and attics for old toys they may wish to donate. They may bring them by the lodge or call 264-9457 during the day or 264-3804 after five p. m. Toys will be picked up.

BUILDINGS OF GARBAGE Palo Alto, Calif.—A Stanford University professor predicts that majestic office buildings and factory complexes may one day be constructed of garbage.

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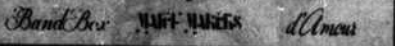
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