

How To Lose A Case Of 'Blues'

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JUST A SMALL GESTURE CAN TURN THE TRICK

You know, it just takes one small, but all-important, gesture to pull you out of a bad case of the "blues" and snap the world back into proper perspective.

For some reason or another—just one of those things that's hard to figure the whys and wherefores—Sunday night I had a large helping of the "blues" and an accompanying case of restlessness, a joint condition not unheard of in

the newspaper game. It's called the end of the week "let-down". I tried to shake it off, first by trying to get interested in a good book, and finally by prowling around town in the snow. I took a ride with state highway foreman George Byrd to look over the highway conditions over parts of the county.

Even this didn't help much, so back toward home I headed with the time approaching midnight.

I had just settled down in

my living room when it happened — one of those small, but all-important gestures.

A group of carolers, seeing my lights burning, took time out to sing several Christmas carols.

And almost immediately the "blues" disappeared, and I suspect, so did a little bit of cynicism about the present tendency toward a "commercialized Christmas."

This spontaneous gesture, which conveyed to me the real spirit of Christmas, worked

wonders and I want to warmly thank those students who took the time, unknowingly to relieve me of my "blues" and wrap me up in a cloak of unselfishness and understanding that after all holds the real key to the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child.

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GOOD THING THE LIGHT BILL HAD BEEN PAID

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Houston are our candidates this week for "the most human people in Macon County."

Sunday evening, after church, they invited the Rev. and Mrs. B. B. Littleton and their children, Vanard and Patricia, over to their house for coffee and pumpkin pie.

This gesture, however, almost turned into Mrs. Houston's undoing when, to her horror, she remembered that son Mitchell had devoured roughly three-fourths of the pumpkin pie in question for supper. And it was the only pie in the house.

"What else could we do," Mrs. Houston explained at work Monday morning, "we laughed about it and drank coffee."

THAT COURTHOUSE CLOCK IS HERE ONCE AGAIN

"Looks like we're going to have to lick our calf all over again," Walter Steele commented in a letter to this column this week. "Three weeks have passed without a trace of attention to our effort to get the clock atop the courthouse talking."

And brother Steele concluded: "... we didn't even get a nibble!"

Now the thing that really hurts is, he is right; nary a nibble was received. So, brother Steele and yours truly still stand alone as the Citizens Committee of Two to Get the Clock Atop the Courthouse Running Again.

Alone though we may be, we still think something should be done about that clock.

Either fix it or jack it up and put a new courthouse under it. We'll settle for that!

A new record of 16 pounds of aluminum for each man, woman and child in the United States

will be produced this year. The per person — was produced in previous U. S. high — 13 cents in 1943.



Season's Greetings

West's Florist



Happy Christmas

Again it's time for us to wish all our friends and neighbors a full and overflowing measure of the Season's good cheer and happiness.

Shook's Shell Service
E. C. Shook



SEASON'S GREETINGS

At this cheery time of year...we wish everybody a good, old-fashioned Merry Christmas, replete with all the joy and contentment of a Happy Holiday.

Macon Motor Company



Greetings

Whatever else might be lost among the years, let us keep Christmas. Let us hold close this day, remembering family and friends. May yours be a very joyous Holiday, surrounded by all whose love and friendship you cherish.

Angel's Drug Store



Greetings

Now, at the happiest time of the year, we take the opportunity to express our deepest appreciation of your loyalty and friendship and extend our warmest wishes for your health and happiness.

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