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Heard And Seen

### ON MACON BYWAYS

By ROLFE NEILL

ONE THING that has impressed me since coming here is the courtesy of the people. In particular, I've noticed at the post office that almost no matter who goes in before you, he always holds the door open for you.

I AM not the only person who has a feeling for Macon County. A letter I saw pays such a compliment to the citizens here that I believe the folks who make this land what it is would enjoy reading part of it. Hear this from another newcomer:

"One of the things that brought us to Franklin is the belief that the small town, more particularly the mountain small town, is a repository of those values and traits in people which we esteem. We have not been disappointed.

"Somehow, when the vine of free, independent men withered elsewhere—as a result of urbanization and untutored leisure and wealth—a seed pod or two blew into the North Carolina mountains. Here flourish people with all the goodness that you read of in the frontiersman—proud but quick to help; reserved but candid; honest; ingenious . . .

their hands have learned to make what their pockets could not afford; community-minded . . . in this county of Macon there is tremendous community competition, right on down to who's got the best Christmas tree lighting.

"This is banquet country, the kind of country you feast on with a look. It's mood country, too, with shadows and shapes and growth and colors which get into your soul's marrow . . . good for sad, mellow thoughts on the worthlessness of most of us who populate this wonderful world, but good, too, for an elixir . . . for putting spirit into the system.

"You don't have to live here but a week to know that the people take their character from the land."

IF SANTA CLAUS is late next week I want the children to know why: The town clock is broken and their daddies won't get it fixed.

PEOPLE TALK a lot about the weather but don't do anything about it, Mark Twain observed. It's the same way with TV. Parents gripe about how their school-age children ignore their lessons to watch television.

So, it is with pleasure we present the 1956 Woman of Action medal to Mrs. L. W. Deltz, on Cowee. When her two school-age children didn't follow her orders to study and then watch TV, she took action. She had the set removed.

That took more than action, that took courage.

THE PHILLIPS 66 people have been so busy with their paint brushes around here maybe they haven't had time to look in their Blue Back Speller. If they do, they'll find there's no such word as "artic", which appears in the trade name for one of their brands of oil.

HOW MUCH does it cost to raise a grandchild? The Judge and the Lawyer disagreed.

John Queen, former solicitor for this district and now practicing at Waynesville, represented a local man in a non-support case. The defendant has a wife and two children here and he works as a timekeeper for a firm in Roanoke, Va.

"My client says \$20 a month for the two and I say \$40," said the lawyer. "We'll have to get a figure in between, Your Honor."

"Wait a minute," said Judge Nettles, "how many grandchildren have you got, Mr. Queen?"

"Six."

"And you can raise a grandchild on \$20 a month?"

"Shah, I can raise one on half that. It depends on what kind of living they're used to. Why, one will spend as much as six if you will let him."

Lawyer Queen's estimates notwithstanding, the Judge thought \$50 a month would be low enough. The defendant was ordered to pay that sum until the youngest (the children are five and six) reaches 18 years of age.

THAT'S A pretty "Merry Christmas" sign up at a school on the Murphy Road. But how do you know who the greeting is from? There's not a sign anywhere around to let folks know that the handsome building is the Cartoogechaye school.

There is a lot of talk about maybe having a woman as president, but there is no danger—a president has to be at least 35 years old. Elkin Tribune.

### Plant Holidays Announced

Christmas operating schedules for the local Franklin plant of Burlington Industries were announced today by Superintendent Steve Bundy, who also revealed plans for the annual children's Christmas party.

Mr. Bundy said Christmas holidays at the plant would be observed from the end of the 2nd shift on Friday, 21, until the beginning of the 3rd shift on Wednesday, 26.

### MACON'S Newest Citizens

Born to: Mr. and Mrs. General Donald Seagle, of Franklin, Route 4, a daughter, Karen Ann, Dec. 6 at Angel Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Keener, of Highlands, Route 1, a daughter, Dec. 4 at Angel Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Neville Bryson, of Highlands, a son, John Michael, Dec. 7 at Angel Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bryant, of Kyle, a son, Nov. 30 in an Andrews hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Parrish, of Norfolk, Va., a son, William Walton, Dec. 4, at a Norfolk hospital. Mr. Parrish is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Parrish, of Otto.

### News About PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Newsom and son, of Atlanta, Ga., visited the Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Poindexter over the week end.

Edwin Poindexter recently returned home from California. He spent the week end in Charlotte visiting his sisters, Mrs. Ruth Hollifield and Mrs. Clifton Swafford, and his brother, R. L. Poindexter, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dean left today (Thursday) for Oak Hill, Fla., where they plan to spend the winter.

Last Call for Subscriptions to The Press as Christmas Gifts

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## Warm Wishes

May the glow of holiday cheer brighten the homes of our many kind friends whose patronage we value so highly. Our thanks to you all.

### The Fashion Shop

JUST TO SAY,  
"Merry Christmas"  
AND  
"Thank You"



FOR YOUR FRIENDLY PATRONAGE DURING THE PAST YEAR

Swafford's Store

Merry Christmas



Cheer and happiness to you and yours on this most joyful of all Holidays.

Macon County Supply Co.

SINCERE Greetings



Our warmest wishes for a Christmas abounding in all the spiritual joys of this holy time.

Clark's Restaurant

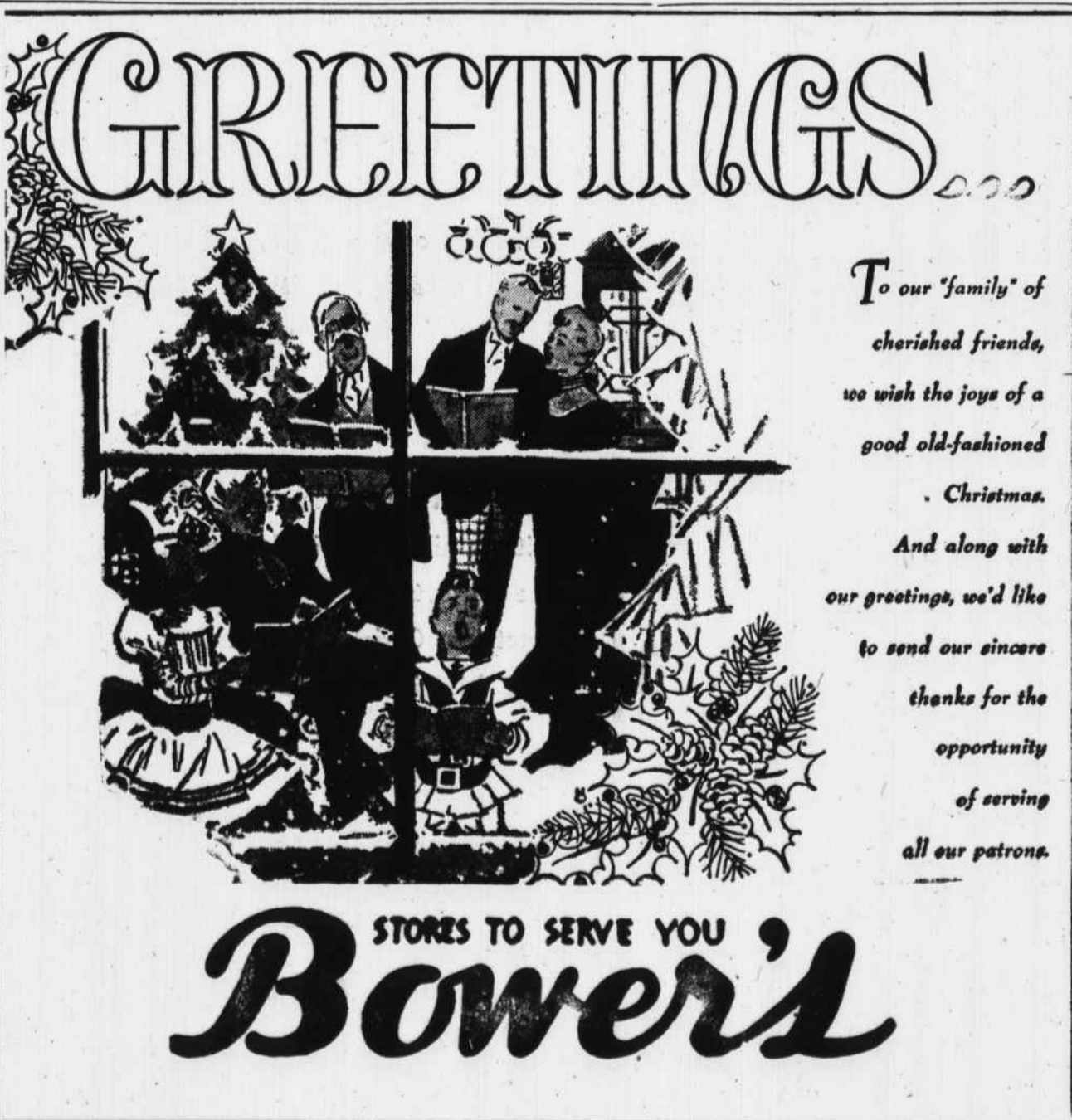
VIRGIE AND TOM GRANT, Proprietors  
Located on the Cowee Mountain on US 441



As it came upon a midnight clear, may the joy of Christmas shine anew in your heart, and its abundant graces enrich your days throughout the coming year.

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# GREETINGS



To our 'family' of cherished friends, we wish the joys of a good old-fashioned Christmas. And along with our greetings, we'd like to send our sincere thanks for the opportunity of serving all our patrons.

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