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## EDITORIAL

### Season's Greetings

Each year at the Christmas Season, we pull our old typewriter up close and think of you, our circle of readers. We wonder how we might write to say "thank you" in a different way; but, to put it plainly and without affectation, we can think of no better way than these simple old words we have used for so many years—A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Although 1963 has been a year filled with local, state, national and international unrest with one crisis after another and although the sale of tobacco has been below last year's average, our people have done well.

Some of them will have to strain their credit in obtaining money to start the new crop, but the records show that Madison County farmers have produced better than last year with such crops as milk, eggs, poultry, meat, tobacco, tomatoes, and even honey.

This can mean only one thing. Our people have developed a better "know-how." If the coming year should be favorable, this added ability and better knowledge should result in banner farming in Madison. We hope that will be the case.

Let us be indeed grateful during this season as we exchange gifts, have family "get-togethers" and enjoy the Christmas Season.

We also wish to express our sincerest thanks to our subscribers and advertisers during the past year. Without them, a newspaper could not exist. We also wish to thank each and every news correspondent from the various communities who have so faithfully sent us the news.

It is with this thought in mind that the publisher, editor and entire staff of The News-Record wish for you all a

## Merry Christmas,

Paint Fork HD Club  
Met Dec. 11 With  
Mrs. Gardner

The Paint Fork Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday, December 11 at the home of Mrs. Robert Gardner, with Mrs. E. W. Hunter as hostess. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Gardner, president. Mrs. Vaughtie Metcalf read Scripture from the 2nd chapter of Luke—The First Metcalf read Scripture from the led in prayer. Mrs. Ethel Wallin gave a lecture on Christmas "Let's Make Christmas Christian." Mrs. Wallin played Christmas Carols before our meeting.

Games about Christmas were played. The club drew numbers for the gifts which were brought. Eleven members were present.

Refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Oscar Anderson.

SPRING CREEK  
MRS. VIRGINIA MEADOWS  
JUSTICE, Correspondent

Mrs. H. W. Coward underwent surgery Monday at Memorial Mission Hospital. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Foye Isford, Peggy and Eddie, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Justice and Darlene spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Justice, Polly and Linda.

Mrs. H. W. Coward, Mrs. Cline Fowler and Miss Margaret Coward visited Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Meadows and family Sunday.

Several people turned out for the drawing last Saturday, even though it was very cold.

The Spring Creek girls' basketball team played a very good game against Marshall, with the help of Mr. Howard Trimble, their coach.

## Letters to the Editor...

U.S. MAIL

### Praises Boosters Club

Mr. James Story  
Editor of The News-Record  
Marshall, N. C.  
Dear Mr. Story:

I realize that this letter may be something of a shock to you since it is the first I have written to you since I began teaching in this county in 1932. Your Boosters Club is doing much to help Marshall School. I would be ungrateful indeed if I did not write to you and ask that, as president of the club, you express my sincere appreciation to the members of the club for the aid they have given. This aid has made possible some improvements in this school as listed below:

1. New bleachers for ball field.
  2. New press box — dedicated to "Pop."
  3. Downstairs of main building cleaned up and weight-lifting and wrestling program begun.
  4. Some new bulletin boards and chalkboards added.
  5. About 400 books added to library.
  6. 240 supplementary readers added for elementary.
  7. An excellent set of charts added in business department.
  8. Some new globes bought for elementary.
  9. A record cabinet and some new records for elementary added.
  10. An atlas of the world for each library complete with stand provided.
  11. Slide rules to be used in mathematics.
  12. Some painting in Home Economics Department with some new cabinets now being constructed.
  14. About \$400 worth of lights installed for football and in the gymnasium.
  15. A sizable investment made in new football equipment.
  16. Some supplies for basketball and softball purchased.
  17. A \$728 order for library and audio-visual equipment made.
  18. Two first-aid kits bought.
  19. A set of Childcraft ordered for primary grades.
  20. Storage space for instruments and uniforms built in the band room and a band stand constructed.
  21. Pickup truck and activity buses overhauled and new batteries installed.
  22. New activity bus bought and painted by Boosters and money raised toward painting another bus.
- This does not complete the list and some of these may seem to be minor, but to me they are all important. They were made possible through cooperation of Boosters, Board of Education, County Superintendent, Marshall School Committee, teachers, maintenance personnel, pupils, and school patrons. To all of these, I am duly grateful. I'd like for you to know that I have other things in mind. Help given in any area serves to

## JOHNNY HUME CLARK PASSES; RITES MONDAY

Services for Johnny Hume Clark, 29, Madison County farmer, who died Saturday morning, December 14, 1963, in an Asheville hospital after an illness of several years, were held at 2 p. m., Monday in Davis Chapel Baptist Church.

The Rev. Arthur Ammons and the Rev. Lloyd Ponder officiated and burial was in Henderson-Ramsey Cemetery with Stanley and Jerry Hunter, Robert West, Howard Sprouse, Bobby Reece and Ray Worley serving as pallbearers.

Members of the Men's Bible Class of the Davis Chapel Church were honorary pallbearers.

Surviving are the mother, Mrs. R. H. Clark of Marshall Rt. 5; and three sisters, Mrs. H. W. Wallin and Mrs. J. L. Davis of Marshall Rt. 5, and Mrs. T. H. Hunter of Mars Hill.

Bowman Funeral Home was in charge.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to those of you who have helped us during the long illness and the death of our son and brother, Johnny Hume Clark: those who gave money in his needful hour, those who contributed their time for his work and the burdens of his mother, the blood donors, each one who spent time by his bedside, and especially every act of kindness, words of encouragement, your concern, and most of all the prayers of Christians. We cannot thank each one personally, for we know not all of them.

Most respectfully,  
MRS. HUME CLARK, mother  
MRS. J. L. DAVIS, MRS. HIRAM WALLIN, MRS. TOMMY HUNTER, sisters.

## Fill Cracks And Holes Better

Handles the putty. Hardens like wood.  
**PLASTIC WOOD**  
The Genuine - Accept No Substitute.

release money and time for other improvements.

The final thought that I'd like to leave with you is that school business is big business. You and your group are certainly helping me with my business.



**PEACE ON EARTH . . .** Music is an important part of Christmas observances everywhere and there is something about the spirit of Christmas that makes young voices sing out loud and clear, with a heart full of joy.



The old joke about Dad "monopolizing" Junior's train is ceasing to be a joke, according to some toy producers, who contend that this year there will be toys for adults under some Christmas trees.

Mr. Jay V. Zimmerman, president of the largest hand puppet makers in the world, recently told toy buyers and salesmen that "toys made specifically for adults to play with will eventually exceed the present popularity of children's toys."

This may sound a little unbelievable and optimistic (for the toy industry), but Mr. Zimmerman says the theory is neither radical or new. "For centuries," he says, "man has been playing with his children's toys under the guise it was for Junior's sake, but that's a lot of toywash. They enjoy playing with their kid's toys, but they're too ashamed to admit it."

Right or wrong, several major toy companies are producing specific adult toys this year. We'll just have to wait and see how many Dads receive some of them as presents from Santa.

**SAFE AS AMERICA**

**U.S. SAVINGS BONDS**

## Christmas CUSTOMS



Many Christmas legends and customs are part of the folklore of our ancestors in all parts of the world. Many of them, too, are a mixture of early Christian and pagan observances which time and Christianity have given new meaning.

Santa Claus, our American giver of gifts, is little known elsewhere in the world. In Eastern and Southern Europe, it is the Wise Men who arrive bringing gifts. In Hungary the gifts come from the Angels, in Poland from the stars, in Greece, St. Basil is the gift-bearing patron saint.

Popular tradition has it that the candle we place in our windows at Christmas is a custom originated by early Christians to whom the candle represented the star that guided the Wise Men to the stable at Bethlehem. One interesting legend tells of a shoemaker who, though poor, always placed a candle in his window at night to guide weary travelers, and so inspired the villagers that soon each window contained a lighted candle.

The holly bush, long associated with Christmas, and with many legends was once called the holy-bush, because in its natural state the berries ripen at Christmas time.

The Wassail bowl, which today is Christmas punch, is said to have come to us from the ancient Saxons. Wassail was a word of greeting which meant literally, "What Halls?" or "How fare you?"

At Christmas time, traditions of the Old World live again. Pinatitas, doves and festive straw chains from South Europe; wheat sheaves, paper and carved wood from Scandinavian countries; angels, stars, Czechoslovakian bells and gold German stars are all bits of Old World charm that we re-create in our homes.



Merry Christmas

Friendliest of wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy Holiday.

**PLEMMONS RESTAURANT**  
MARSHALL, N. C.  
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We're delighted to wish you the very best Holiday ever. Thank you for your fine patronage.

**PALACE BARBER SHOP**  
MARSHALL, N. C.



It's an old and cherished custom to wish you a Merry Christmas with the hope that your New Year comes brimming with happiness and all the good things in life.

**Whitehurst Insurance Agency**  
Stella Carver — Betty Hensley  
Ted Russell

## Mr. Tobacco Farmer! . . . SELL YOUR TOBACCO AFTER CHRISTMAS!

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**AFTER CHRISTMAS SALE**

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—and—  
Happy New Year  
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From  
**VARIETY SHOP**  
To You