

# Season's Greetings

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### Marshall Pageant Successful Despite Frigid Weather

Several hundred spectators braved frigid temperatures last Friday and Saturday nights to view the 12th annual Marshall Christmas pageant.

This year's pageant was under the supervision of members of a Bicentennial Sub-Committee of which John Corbett was chairman.

Several additional features, including a "live" Narrator - Richard Dillingham - and several instruments including flute and violins, added to the presentation of the Nativity program. The choir was composed of community singers. Also adding to the production were new costumes and additional participants.

Those who participated in

the planning and presentation of this year's pageant acknowledged a debt of gratitude to Dean Shields and his assistants whose dedication assured the success and continuation of the pageant through the years.

### Conserve Water In Marshall

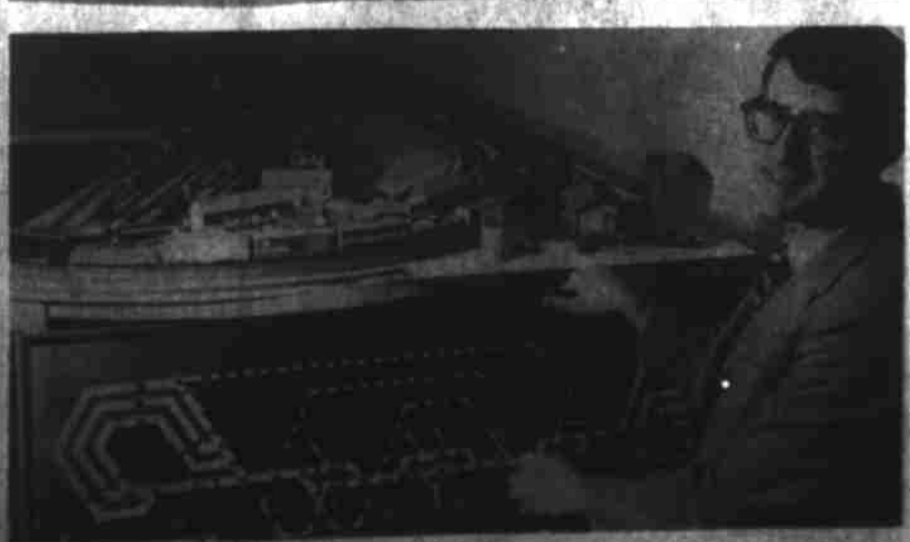
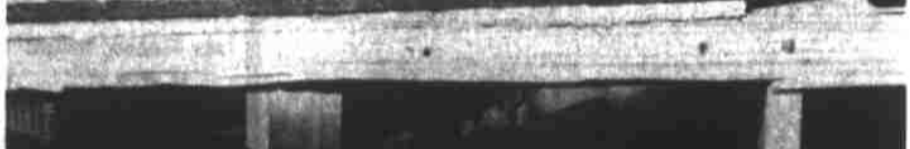
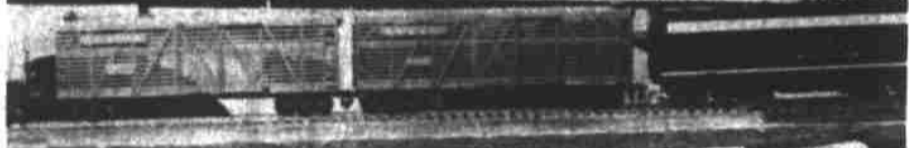
Marshall citizens are urged to conserve every drop of water possible due to the critical shortage, town officials stated Monday morning.

It's a matter of supply and demand.

The shortage is being caused by lack of the water

"We would also like to thank members of the Marshall Police and Fire Departments and all others for their assistance in making the pageant again successful," Mr. Corbett stated.

supply from Hunter Creek and the heavy use of water by local firms, homes and individuals. Many residents are leaving faucets open during these sub-freezing temperatures to keep pipes from freezing. Residents are urged to use caution and as little water as necessary.



ED KRAUSE, of Mars Hill, not only practices law but is an expert when it comes to constructing and operating a model of a portion of the Clinchfield Railroad. Over 100 persons attended open house at the Krause residence on December 6-7 to view the model train which Ed has spent two years constructing it. He plans to make open house an annual event. Top picture shows Ed and his two-year-old son, Robert as they watch the elaborate train run. Bottom picture shows Ed at the control board where he acts as "Engineer." (Pictures by Gary Fields, Asheville Citizen - Times)



### Hot Springs Day Care Children Entertain Elders

The Christmas spirit filled the Hot Springs Day Care Center Wednesday of last week as the children sang Christmas carols to the young-at-heart group of people who were gathered for a party to celebrate the Holiday Season. The Christmas Party was made possible through a joint effort of the Madison County Day Care Center, Madison County Dept. of Social Services, and Land-of-Sky Council on Aging. Those present enjoyed a plate of holiday fruit, nuts, candy, cookies, and ice cream. Several women were heard to remark that even though the treats were going to absolutely ruin their school-girl figures, they were too superbly delicious to turn down. Credit for the palatable treats goes to Ms. Maria Cox. Ms. Cox was assisted by her children, David and Rost, who helped with serving. The participants were surprised with a gift

from the Day Care Staff. The most delightful event occurred when each of the children chose a special person and bestowed them with a joyful "Merry Christmas" and a present of their own making. The children had created green cardboard stockings and laced them with red fuzzy yarn, then sprinkled the top with gold and silver glitter. The stockings were beautiful and each person couldn't wait to get home and put his on the door or mantle. Special thanks are extended to the following people, without their valiant efforts, the Christmas party would not have been possible: Ms. Maria Cox and children, David and Rost, Ms. Monica Mayes, Ms. Judy Sears, Ms. Juanita Phillips and Day Care Staff, Ms. Gladys Waldroup, Ms. Janet W. Kellett, Ms. Edwina Tweed, and especially to the children of the Hot Springs Day Care.



### Letter Received Concerning Barnard Bridge

Dear Mr. Story:  
Proposed Replacement of Bridge Number 113 on SR 1151 (Big Pine Road) over the French Broad River near the Barnard Community.  
Thank you for your letter of November 8, 1975, and the editorial "Barnard Bridge Urgency."  
Since sending you our Information Services news release dated October 14, 1975, only a few events have transpired relative to the subject replacement. In light of this unique and unfortunate situation, I have requested the expediting of our in-house preconstruction efforts, so we can get construction underway as soon as possible. Our Roadway and Bridge

Design Units are currently preparing plans for the proposed contract letting. Also, right of way acquisition is authorized and we hope to begin the necessary, limited acquisition next month. It now appears likely that we will be able to let the replacement structure contract by June 1976.  
Our plans now call for location of the replacement structure parallel to and just south of the existing bridge. This location will shorten the east approach and thus eliminate the very sharp curve at the entrance to the existing bridge.  
Unfortunately, as of December 12, some of the Walnut Elementary School

students living on the west side of the River were still travelling the long detour route through Marshall. I understand all the Madison County High School students are using the "walking" plan. We all regret the inconvenience to all of these students and, of course, we will do our best to provide a prompt solution.  
If we may be of any further assistance, please let me know.  
Sincerely,  
-s- Billy Rose  
State Highway Administrator  
cc: The Honorable Jesse Helms, The Honorable Roy A. Taylor, Mr. George E. Wells, and Mr. Robert H. Shore



**WOODROW "RED" RAMSEY**, formerly of Mars Hill and former teacher and coach at Marshall High School, and at present principal at Hall Fletcher school, has been nominated for the Terry Sanford Educational Award. Known throughout Western North Carolina as a "sincere friend of young people and students", he is also noted for his ability as an educator, organizer and coach. Many well-known educational leaders have recommended "Red" to receive the coveted Award, including Esther Akins, teacher; W.P. Griffin, superintendent, Asheville City Schools; Evelyn Swiger, PTA leader; Ted Carter, Athletic Director, Asheville High School; Sylvia Airheart, Coordinator, Secondary Education, Asheville City Schools; and many others.

### Comments Sought On '76 Burley Tobacco Program

Comments on proposed determinations relating to the amount of the national marketing quota for the 1976 crop of burley tobacco have been called for by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Public Law 92-10 provides that the amount of the national marketing quota for burley tobacco for the 1976-77 marketing year shall be determined and announced no later than February 1, 1976. Prior to making the determinations, consideration will be given to any written comments received not later than January 12, 1976, by the Director, Tobacco and Peanut Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U.S.

Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250. All written submissions will be made available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Director, Room 0741, USDA's South Building. USDA also announced a meeting has been scheduled for January 9, 1976 to give interested parties a further opportunity to discuss the supply and demand outlook for burley tobacco and the production needed in 1976 to maintain supplies in line with demand. The meeting will be held in the Soy Auditorium, Agricultural Science Center, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky., at 9 a.m. e.s.t.

### Taylor Asks Quota Cuts For Burley

WASHINGTON - Reacting to declining burley tobacco market prices, U.S. Rep. Roy A. Taylor Friday urged the U.S. Department of Agriculture to reduce production quotas for 1976 by at least 10 per cent.  
In a letter to Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz, Taylor blamed sagging prices being paid for the 1975 crop on overproduction resulting from the government's decision to increase production quotas for the year by 10 per cent.  
"The ten percent increase in the 1975 burley tobacco production quotas, plus the veto of legislation passed by Congress last summer providing a 10 per cent in-

crease in tobacco support prices, have brought about economic disaster for growers in Western North Carolina and throughout the burley belt," Taylor said in his letter to Butz.  
Noting that current warehouse prices have been running at least 10 per cent below last year's prices, Taylor recalled that he, other congressmen from the tobacco growing states and agricultural leaders had warned against the consequences of increasing 1975 quotas and had also "pleaded strongly the price support veto."  
"The purpose of this letter," Taylor told Butz, "is to ur-

gest and urgently recommend that the Department of Agriculture reduce quotas for 1976 on both flue-cured and burley tobacco by at least 10 per cent, which would bring them in line with 1974 levels when market prices to farmers were at a more reasonable level.  
"Today, burley growers are losing millions of dollars because the Department of Agriculture refused to heed the advice I received. While that damage cannot be repaired, it would be at least somewhat mitigated by an immediate announcement from your office that quotas for 1976 will be substantially reduced."

### Candlelight Carol Sing

A 20-minute candlelight Carol sing and communion service will be held at the Marshall Baptist Church on Christmas Eve, beginning at 7:30. The Rev. Spencer LeGrand, pastor, will be in charge.  
The public is cordially invited to participate in this service.

### New Year's Edition Early Next Week

In cooperation with local firms, The News-Record's annual New Year's Edition will be published in time next week so that readers will receive their papers before New Year's Day (Thursday).  
The early schedule also will give employers and employees of The Canton Enterprise, who print the paper, and the editor and bookkeeper of The News-Record an opportunity to enjoy New Year's Day when the office will be closed.  
Those wishing to have New Year's Greetings, who haven't been contacted, can contact space editor Monday, Dec. 29, 1975, for more information. This deadline also applies to all news articles for next week's issue.