

Heard And Seen

By POP

This time of year, just before Christmas, everybody seems so busy rushing here and there for gifts to take or mail to friends and relatives... clerks are so tired they can hardly wait for "quitting time" to roll around... shoppers, too, are worn out from trying to see something to give... yet, with all the rushing many find time to decorate their stores, offices, and homes... while out getting news and taking a few pictures last week, I was impressed with many store windows and decorated homes... especially attractive was the Register of Deeds office... Jena Lee Buckner and Christine Lister have really done a beautiful job in this office... go in and look at it... the office at Madison High School is also pretty with its Christmas tree, etc.

Queen Davis, one of Marshall's well-known residents, came in The News Record office last Friday and asked if I would like to hear "Silent Night, Holy Night" on the harmonica... when I said yes, she played the favorite Christmas carol quite well... and for an encore she also played "In That Land Where We'll Never Grow Old"... Queen

always seems to be happy... a trait many people would like to have.

A Marshall resident told me a few days ago that she had been all over Asheville, including the mall, looking for a certain item... she couldn't find it anywhere... that is, until she returned to Marshall where she found just what she wanted in a local store... the moral of this is to first shop at home and be sure local merchants don't have what you want before going elsewhere.

The open house at the home of Ed and Nell Niles Sunday afternoon was another fine occasion... their home is always so prettily decorated at Christmas... speaking of pretty, Cynthia, their youngest daughter certainly did look gorgeous... from the Nileses I motored over to Mars Hill and

went to Ed Krause's home where he was operating his model railroad, which is designed after the Clinchfield Railroad... the display is well worth visiting... it's taken Ed several years to put this masterpiece together and the switchboard has more gadgets almost than an airplane.

I was among the guests at the Christmas dinner held at Marshall's Day Care Center on Monday... the meal was delicious and I enjoyed being with about 40 good friends... I arrived too late to hear Mary Eagle play the dulcimer but I've heard her before... she can really play it.

In this last column before Christmas, let me take this opportunity to wish you a very merry Christmas.

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TRACTOR-TRAILER, loaded with concrete beams weighing 52,000 pounds, slid off Old Sandy Mush Road here Monday afternoon causing traffic to be rerouted until the heavy beams and trailer could be lifted to highway. The vehicle, of Aggregate Haulers Inc. of Columbia, S.C.,

was enroute to Old NC 20 to repair bridge which was washed out in November flood. Man nearest camera is Howard Allen who is shown directing operation of his block and tackle method. In background is mobile home of Robert Goforth.

Arts Council Plans Friday Square Dance

The Madison County Arts Council will hold a Snow-Down Square Dance Friday from 8 until 11 p.m. in the Madison High School cafeteria.

Music and dancing will be the order of the evening with Jerry Plemmons acting as master of ceremonies, fun and frolic, especially during numerous intermissions. Dutch Cove String Band from Canton, Appalachian Folk and the French Broad Jumpers will be providing music ranging from old timey to bluegrass. Dancers will be led by local callers. Snacks and thirst-quenchers will be available.

This square dance will be the first in a series of events, sponsored by the Arts Council to raise money in support of its activities. First priority is the purchase of the old Times Theatre in Hot Springs, to be used as a center for the county's artists, musicians and craftsmen.

Tickets can be bought at Penland & Sons Department Store in Marshall, the Trail Cafe in Hot Springs, and the Mars Hill Florist in Mars Hill, for \$1 for students, \$3 for others and \$5 per couple, or by writing to Barbara Herndon, Route 1, Box 157, Hot Springs 18743.

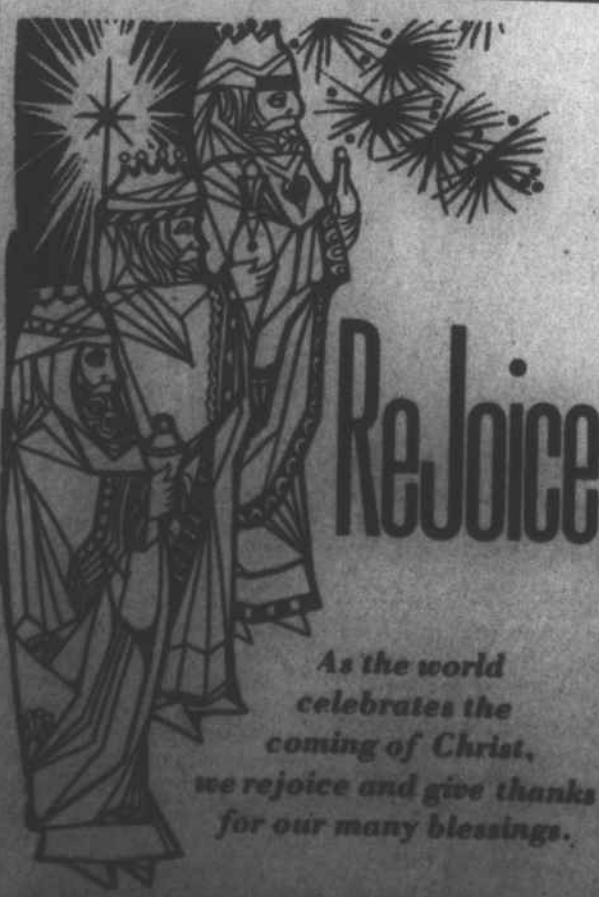
Holiday Greetings



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HEALTH WATCH

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It's holiday time again and if you're like many Americans you will be taking to the open roads to visit family and friends. And the longer the drive the greater the chance that you might fall asleep behind the wheel. So be prepared.

If you are getting drowsy while driving, the best thing you can do is to pull off the road and rest a while. Walk around a little, have a cup of coffee, and even get a bite to eat. But don't continue your trip until you feel well rested.

If for some reason you can't pull off the road, a series of exercises developed by a University of California doctor can help keep you alert and awake.

The series for highway drivers suggests that at the first sign of drowsiness the driver should start wriggling his toes. The hands are next

and should be exercised by gripping the steering wheel tightly and then relaxing.

This should be followed by alternately focusing the eyes on the road ahead and then on the dashboard. Neck muscles can be exercised by moving the head from side to side while keeping the eyes on the road.

The series ends with the driver taking deep breaths and sitting straight with his back arched against the back of the seat.

These exercises will keep a tired driver awake but remember, the best advice is still to pull off the road and get some needed rest. Falling asleep behind the wheel of a car can turn a "cat nap" into something more permanent.

WATER POLLUTION
LOMBARD, Ill. (AP) — When news is released about polluted drinking water, anger is not directed against those who are making the water unsafe, but against those who release information about its possible health risks, according to a study reported by the Water Quality Association.

In Duluth, the site of the study, after potentially dangerous levels of asbestos were reported in the water, 47 percent continued to use it.

About 51 percent chose alternate sources, drawing water from private wells, buying bottled water, or installing a home water filter.

The people who continued to use tap water, the study indicated, were mostly those who saw a division of opinion among professionals about the water's safety, and they were angry at those experts who had declared it unsafe.

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You must show proof of age—a state driver's license that gives your birth date, or a birth certificate (Medicare cards are not acceptable) to obtain your passport. You can get a Golden Age Passport at most Federal recreation areas where you can use it. It must be obtained in person.

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Christmas: It's true message

Are you celebrating Christmas in the traditional sense—with gift-giving, parties, Santa and "spirits"? Then don't let tradition blind you to the true understanding of Christmas.

Remember Him who was born Christmas morning. It is Jesus' birthday. The Christmas message is that God gave His only begotten Son that for those who would believe in him would

never perish, but have life everlasting. What a gift!

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