

14th Year

# Christmas Pageant Set In Marshall

The 14th annual Christmas pageant will be presented in Marshall, N.C., on December 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. on the Courthouse lawn and Main Street in celebration of the holiday.

The purpose of the pageant is to present the Christian's Christmas story of the birth of Christ to the people in the surrounding area and to this end, local musicians, artists, technicians, students, retirees and just plain folks are rallying together to present the retelling of what they believe is the greatest story ever told.

The small mountain town of Marshall has seen much in the way of adverse happenings during the past two months. The laying of a new water line down the middle of its main thoroughfare and the damage done by the flooding of the French Broad River on November 6 have in no way hampered the activity of residents who have been actively involved for the past weeks in putting together this year's production.

This annual community-sponsored drama had its beginning in 1963 prompted by the vision of one who saw the similarity of the hills of

Bethlehem and the mountains surrounding Marshall. Each December since that time (except for 1973 when the energy crisis necessitated cancellation) live burros and sheep have been moved onto the Courthouse lawn and a manger scene assembled and a local cast and choir have brought to life again the Christmas story.

This year's performance is sponsored by the local residents and Lions Club, backed by local merchants and various church groups. There is no admission charge and all are invited to share in the event. Refreshments following the drama will be served in the Courthouse lobby on both nights.

## Hairdressers Meeting Held

The Mayland Cosmetologist and Hairdressers Association, Affiliate No. 63, met Monday night, November 21, with the following hairdressers present: May Sparks, Mayland Beauty Shop, Spruce Pine; Ann Phillips, Joyce Higdon, Trappy Cook, Charlotte Edwards and Nicki Stewart of Ann's Beauty Salon, Spruce Pine; Roxanne Roberson, Alice Sturgill of Grandfather Beauty Shop; Sharon Jones, Cathy Jones of Pixie Beauty Salon, Linville;

Peggy Bailey of Styles Salon, Burnsville; Debbie Wise of Chatterbox, Newland; Janice Elliott, Janet Wallace, Bill Wheeler and Mary Ella Boone.

The hairdressers will meet January 23 (no meeting in December) with Nancy Webb who will just be returning from the National Hairdresser and Cosmetologist Beauty Show in Las Vegas with all the new styles and ideas. We invite all hairdressers to attend that meeting.

## Holiday Trees Make Good Eating



Cookie trees make a delightful holiday centerpiece and are easy to construct. This pair of green frosted sugar cookie trees provides the background for purchased straw angels. Artificial snow adds a wintery atmosphere. By using refrigerated slice and bake sugar cookie dough, you can concentrate on being creative. One roll will make two trees, each seven inches high on its styrofoam base.

### COOKIE TREE CENTERPIECE

Materials Needed for Two Trees:

- 1 roll refrigerated sugar slice and bake cookies
- 4-inch, 3-inch and 2-inch star shaped cookie cutters or patterns cut from paper
- Butter cream frosting, tinted green (about 1 cup)
- "Red hots" or other decorator candies
- 2 round styrofoam bases, each 1-inch thick and 4-inches in diameter
- 2/3 yard 1-inch satin ribbon (to trim base)
- 2 8-inch bamboo skewers (from a craft shop)
- 3 packages Life Savers® candies
- 2 large gumdrops for top stars

### TO MAKE THE TREES:

1. Soften cookie dough at room temperature. (For easiest handling, roll out half the dough at a time.) On lightly floured surface or between wax paper, roll dough 1/4-inch thick. For each tree cut out three 4-inch stars, three 3-inch stars and two 2-inch stars. (If dough becomes too soft to handle, refrigerate for a few minutes.) Place stars on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350° for 8 to 10 minutes, until light golden brown around edges. (Do not over-bake.) Cool completely on rack.
2. Frost stars with green frosting and decorate with "red hots." (For added stability, or if humidity is high, cookies can be glued to cardboard.)
3. Roll out each gumdrop about 1/4-inch thick. Cut one small star from each gumdrop.
4. Carefully make a small hole in center of each star cookie with toothpick.
5. Pin ribbon around edge of each styrofoam base. Insert skewer in center of base for "trunk" of tree.
6. Assemble tree by alternating each star with two Life Savers® on bamboo skewer, starting with 4-inch star. Top tree with gumdrop star.

## Yancey Health Dept

### CLINIC SCHEDULE DECEMBER 1977

Dec. 1, Thurs., Family Planning, Dr. Woodard	8:00-11:00
Dec. 5, Mon., Immunization	8:00-11:00
Dec. 5, Mon., Nurse Screening	9:00-12:00
Dec. 6, Tues., Maternal Health	12:30- 3:30
(Ms. Kingham and Ms. Taylor)	
Dec. 8, Thurs., Pap Smear Clinic, Ms. Taylor	8:00-11:00
Dec. 9, Fri., Child Health, Dr. Pope	8:00-12:00
Dec. 12, Mon., Immunization	8:00-11:00
Dec. 12, Mon., Nurse Screening	9:00-12:00
Dec. 13, Tues., Child Health, Dr. Cort	8:00-12:00
Dec. 14, Wed., Family Planning, Dr. Woodard	8:00-11:00
Dec. 15, Thurs., Maternal Health Evening Clinic	Cancelled
Dec. 16, Fri., Eye Clinic, Dr. Payne (App't. only)	8:00-11:00
Dec. 19, Mon., Immunization	8:00-11:00
Dec. 19, Mon., Nurse Screening	9:00-12:00
Dec. 19, Mon., Maternal Health	4:00- 6:00
(Ms. Kingham and Ms. Taylor)	
Dec. 22, Thurs., Family Planning	Cancelled

# Wildlife Afield Wild Boar Is Problem

State wildlife officials expressed concern today about programs National Park Service officials are advocating for the control of European wild boar within the Great Smokey Mountains National Park.

"The problem with the wild boar population in the Park is one which has attracted much attention and publicity in recent weeks," said Bob Hazel, executive director of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. "And there seems to be some misunderstanding of events which have taken place recently relative to wild boar in the Park and to the Wildlife Resources Commission's position on the problem."

The European wild boar was first brought to North Carolina in 1912 to stock a private hunting preserve in Graham County. The powerful boar escaped their enclosure on the preserve in short order and rapidly established themselves in the rugged mountains of Western North Carolina and East Tennessee. By the 1940's they had spread to, and were well established in the area that is now the Great Smokey Mountains National Park.

Sport hunting for wild boar is allowed on public and private lands outside the park, and this has kept the growth of the boar population under control. But public hunting has traditionally not been allowed within the Park boundaries.

According to Hazel, the problem with wild boar on the Park is one which the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission has been involved in for a long time. "Since 1962 we have been working with the Park Service, under the provisions of a cooperative agreement, in removing problem and excess wild boar from the Park by live trapping and relocating the animals," said Hazel. "Animals trapped over the years have been released on areas outside the Park where public hunting is allowed."

In the fall of 1976, Park officials discontinued the live-trapping program. Hazel said that he received a letter from the Park superintendent on January 20 informing him that the 1962 cooperative agreement between the Park and the Wildlife Resources Commission was being terminated and that a new agreement should be considered.

"At that time the staff of the Wildlife Resources Commission began negotiating for a new agreement to reinstitute a program of live trapping and relocation to control the wild boar population in the Park. Several meetings were held with representatives of the Park to work out the details of such an agreement."

Hazel said that although the final wording of a new cooperative agreement on the management of wildlife in the Park, in general, and another specifically dealing with the wild boar, were worked out during a meeting on March 29, the final document concerning the management of the wild boar on the Park has not been received by the Wildlife Resources Commission for final approval and signing.

That agreement called for the resumption of live trapping of wild boar on the Park by National Park Service personnel, with captured animals to be turned over to Wildlife Resources Commission personnel for release on public hunting areas outside the Park.

"In early September we learned that Park officials had undertaken an acceleration of their program to eradicate wild boar from the Park by the use of professional hunters and dogs, said Hazel. "Upon learning this, we protested to the Superintendent of the Park, to the Director of the National Park Service and to

the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and were successful in bringing the hunting to a halt."

Since then Park Service officials have held two meetings with people who live in the vicinity of the Park and who have an interest in the wild boar problem to explain Park Service programs concerning the boar.

Hazel noted that the Park Service had also set up a meeting for October 14 with representatives of the Wildlife Resources Commission. This meeting has subsequently been rescheduled for October 19. "I have been informed by the Director of the National Park Service that the cooperative agreement on

wild boar which was worked out back in March will be signed at that meeting," said Hazel.

"Recent news releases from the National Park Service has emphasized the exclusive jurisdiction of the Park Service over wildlife within the Park," he continued. "While this is a fact, we have repeatedly stressed to Park officials that the Great Smokey Mountains National Park is part of the states of North Carolina and Tennessee and it cannot be operated without consideration for the interests of the people of these states."

"While wild boar may be causing problems within the Park, it is a prized game

animal which is well established in the Park, as well as adjacent lands, and it would be impractical to eradicate it from the Park."

"The Wildlife Resources Commissions strongly believes that the only solution to the problem is to control the wild boar population through the resumption of the live-trapping program and thru providing for limited, carefully controlled, public sport hunting for boar in selected sections of the Park."

"We intend to maintain this position, which we feel is in the best interest of the wild boar, the people of North Carolina and the Great Smokey Mountains National Park itself," Hazel concluded.

## Book Corner



By Gladys Coletta

### THE INVESTIGATION

By Dorothy Uhnah. Pp.283. Simon & Schuster, Publishers, N.Y.

Did she? or Didn't she? is the constant question in the reader's mind, as he ponders the gripping story of a woman accused of murdering her children, in the novel *The Investigation*, by Dorothy Uhnah.

In spite of the weight of evidence and prejudice against Kitty Keeler, the accused murderess, Joe Peters, a world-wide detective assigned to the case, begins to doubt that she is guilty. Small scraps of information collected here and there, together with Kitty's unusual reaction to the crime, convince Joe that there is more than meets the eye. Although the press and the public crucify her constantly, along with the other detectives who judge her guilty, Joe sets out to unearth and run down all suspicious evidence. The trial leads him from high to low—from members of the crooked political world linked with Kitty's name, to her consorts among the Mafia. Kitty had indeed cut a wide swath, and Joe stepped on dangerous ground. However, since there is no such thing as a perfect crime, truth will out, and the stunning climax is as believable as it is disturbing.

## 'Thank You' Note

The owners of Wheeler's Trailer Park, the people who live there, and the ones who had to move because of the flood, would like to send our deepest appreciation and thanks to City Policeman Danny Hunter, Highway Patrolman Bill Stallings, Sheriff Kermit Banks and his brother Robert Banks, Police Chief Joe Gillespie, Members of the Fire Department, Police Department, Rescue Squad, Ambulance Service and to all the other people that helped on the morning of the November 6 flood.

The Owners of Wheeler's Trailer Park

## Martha White's Bluegrass Caravan Presents:



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