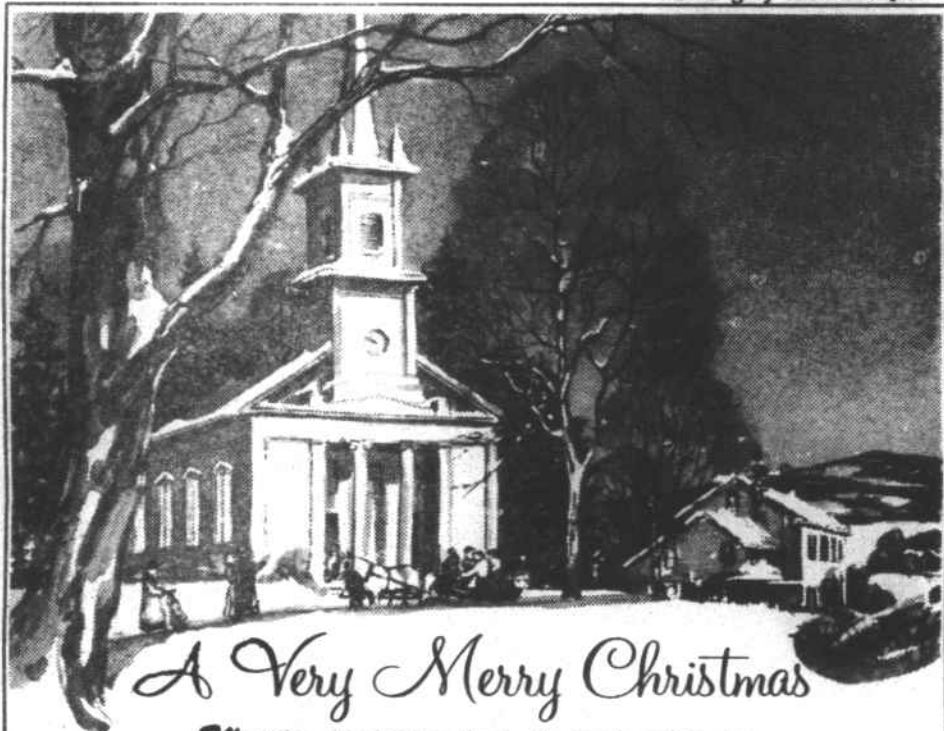




We welcome this opportunity to extend holiday wishes to our friends. Thank you for your patronage, good will and loyalty.



**Duncan Oil Co.**  
Murphy, N. C.



## A Very Merry Christmas

We take this happy time of year to wish you all the joys of the Holiday Season, and to join all men of good will in a prayer for worldwide peace and understanding. May your Holidays be merry and bright!

**Nichols Department Store**  
Andrews, N. C.

# GREETINGS

Glad tidings to all and our warmest wishes for the happiest of holidays. Please accept our sincerest thanks for your friendliness and patronage this past year. It has been a pleasure to serve you.

**SMOKY MOUNTAIN GAS, INC.**  
Your RCA Whirlpool-LP Gas Dealer  
Andrews Rd. Murphy, N. C.

## Cuz's Corner by Bagley Santa Claus Pressure Gives Cuz Hard Time

This is the time of year I dread most, the last few weeks just before Santa Claus. I am not one of those far-sighted people who can save up money all year in order to buy all the presents they should, or want. Somehow I can't seem to save money for this purpose--or for any other purpose either. So when everyone begins putting on the Santa Claus pressure it makes me feel bad. Then when Christmas is just around the corner, like it is now, I begin looking for bargains in catalogs, junk mail--anywhere I can find 'em, in order to send them out for presents. I seldom get them ordered in time actually to send the presents. This always gives me a good excuse for not sending them. How could I when these outfits fail to get the stuff to me in time?

I got a little catalog the other day that looks like it's chock full of good cheap bargains. I'll tell you about a few of them. The first thing I saw was an ad for some eye glasses by mail for only \$1.95. I always thought these eye doctors charged a whole lot more for theirs than they had any business doing. This ad said they could even fit you with bifocals. Since several of my friends are already in the "B" phase of life (baldheads, bay windows, and bifocals) I might just send 'em a pair of these. I know they need 'em cause more and more of them are having trouble recognizing me.

There was some hair coloring preparations guaranteed to keep gray hair dyed forever. I sure hope no one sends me any of that as I only have 10 or 12 gray hairs and just a

few of any other color. A lot of my friends could use it, though. And this would be a very practical gift. I always did appreciate gifts I could use.

A brother-in-law of mine always gives his wife practical gifts. A few years ago Mary complained to Bob that he never gave her flowers. The very next afternoon he presented her with a beautifully wrapped box. Inside she found a packet of pansy seed with this affectionate note attached: "Grow your own. . . Love, Bob."

As I turned a few more pages in my gift catalog I saw some stuff advertised that was said to make you smile from the inside out. I don't think I'll order any of that cause my gift list only includes people that prefer smiling in the opposite direction.

Another thing that caught my eye was a Home Nursing Course. They guaranteed that you could learn how to do that at home in only nine weeks. I didn't realize before what a dumb niece I had. It took her four solid years to get that in her head and she was off studying at a big hospital. But maybe she wasn't really so dumb. I think there are a lot of extra-curricular activities at those big hospitals. Now here is something good. A mail order course in how to play a guitar in only seven days. Price \$2.98. When I first saw that I thought I'd order it for a friend of mine. Fellow named Ridenhour. But, instead, I think I'll order it for myself, learn to play the guitar, then go up there to his radio station and let him hear some GOOD music.

The deeper I get in this catalog the better bargains I find. All good, practical gifts, too. Like this beautiful engagement and wedding ring set--ONLY \$2.49 for both of 'em. Boy! I sure got hooked when I bought a set of them. If I had had this book then I could have sure saved myself a pile of money.

There was a snake bite kit advertised pretty cheap. Said a sportsman should not be without it. Several of my friends are real sporty, but the contents of their snake bite kits are sure a lot different from the one in this catalog.

Then there was a gadget they said could be used for locating hidden treasures. This would be a very practical gift for bill collectors in case a delinquent claimed he was broke and could not pay off. They could turn the thing on and it would go to ticking if this person had any hard cash on him. It might not actually help 'em collect the money but they could find out if they were being lied to. That oughta be worth something.

I have always heard it wasn't the gift itself that counted but

## Mrs. Holland Honored At Stork Shower

ANDREWS - Mrs. Buddy Holland was honored with a stork shower on Monday evening, given by Mrs. Maxine Crawford at her home.

A pink and blue color scheme was used.

Refreshments of cake, nuts, mints and punch were served to the 10 guests attending.

## Valleystown HD Club Christmas Party Held At Burch Home

ANDREWS - The annual Christmas party for the Valleystown Home Demonstration Club was held at the home of Mrs. E. U. Burch on Tuesday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Christmas decorations were used throughout the home.

A pot-luck supper preceded an exchange of gifts.

For the Christmas program Mrs. Carl West gave the devotional and told a story in keeping with the season.

Hostesses for the event were Miss Betty Sue Best and Mrs. Burch.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing articles about fluoridation. I hope and pray the people of Murphy will not be deceived by the social planners.

During the year 1956 I led the opposition in Asheville, and the vote was 4 to 1 against fluoridation. Today I am helping with suit in Court, to be held January 3. The City Council voted to put it in without consulting the people. Dictatorship is the order of the day, but we sure can do all we can to prevent such--and freedom is everybody's business.

I would like to write an article for publication in your newspaper. I have helped to keep the poison out of Hendersonville, and if there is any help I can give the folks in Murphy please feel free to call on me. If we had not already lost so much of our freedom, the doctors and dentists would be more at liberty to speak their opinions. This is surely what I would term mass medication, socialized medicine, and they are willing to let a man, who must be fully covered, to prevent his own death, in the artificial aluminum shavings. What a system of deception, and I would term it against the pure food and drug act.

Yours for pure mountain water,  
Fannie B. McCoy,  
95 Church Street,  
Asheville, N. C.

the thought behind it. So, to save myself a lot of gift wrapping trouble and you a lot of unwrapping, and all the mess that makes, I'll just take a short cut and send each of you a thought for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year--besides, if I ordered all the stuff I liked the looks of in this catalog they never would get the stuff to me in time to mail out.



## Sincere Good Wishes

We take this opportunity to extend heartfelt thanks to all our friends and patrons. It is our sincerest wish that each and every one enjoy the very merriest Christmas and a holiday season filled with good cheer.

**E.C. MOORE CO.**  
Rae and Cloe Moore  
Murphy, N. C.

# Peace

As we celebrate the glory of His birth, let us also remember how He taught that love of mankind is the true path to Peace on Earth.

**WESTCO TELEPHONE COMPANY**  
Murphy, N. C.

May the Spirit of Christmas abide with you and fill your heart with peace and happiness in all the days to come.

**BURCH MOTORS**  
Murphy, N. C.

Greetings and good wishes for a very merry Christmas

in life's journey, one of the great rewards is the good will of friends. We thank you heartily and wish you a most Merry Christmas

**B & T Super Market, Inc.**  
HAYESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA