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Dec. 15	33	17	
Dec. 16	54	20	
Dec. 17	57	19	
Dec. 18	51	20	
Dec. 19	59	15	
Dec. 20	46	36	
Dec. 21	54	20	

REFLECTIONS

Gordon Greenwood

Wonder Why?
The little boy looked puzzled as he told his mother: "I wonder why Santa Claus always brings me what I tell you and Daddy I want."

Another Mystery!
When Kelly Roberts, master of ceremonies at the charter night banquet of the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Rotary club, introduced me he brought laughter from the crowd when he explained:

"Now I would vote for this fellow to become a member of this club, but I can't claim any credit for his election to the State Legislature."
The reason: Mr. Roberts is a staunch Republican and a member of the Buncombe County Board of Elections. What he must have meant was that he voted it straight on Nov. 4.

Distinguished Mason!
During his address at the Masonic banquet here last week, George Pennell, Asheville attorney, revealed something that very few knew.

Back during the crisis of World War II, a door of a Masonic Lodge all a short distance out of Washington opened and a man was rolled into the Lodge Hall. A few minutes later he raised his son to the Third Degree of Masonry.

The man: Franklin D. Roosevelt, president of the United States. More significant was the fact that he had left a conference with Churchill and other foreign dignitaries to travel the 20 some miles in order to have the honor of being present when his son took his degree.

A few minutes later he was on his way back to the conference.

The Indispensable Man!
Take a bucket and fill it with water, put your hand in it up to your wrist, pull it out and the hole that's remaining is a measure of how you'll be missed.

You may splash all you want when you enter, you may stir up the water galore, but stop and you'll find that in no time it looks just the same as before! The moral in this little example, do the very best that you can; be proud of yourself, but remember—**THERE'S NO INDISPENSABLE MAN!**

—Anonymous.

An Apology
The old experienced lawyer, wise in his profession, was well aware that the judge hearing the case was noted for his bad temper and general testiness, but his junior partner was not so well-informed.

Outraged by a decision from the judge, the young man shot to his feet. "Your Honor," he shouted, "I'm amazed that you should make such a decision!"
There was a shocked silence. The old barrister, determined to relieve the situation, rose also. "Your Honor," he said quietly, "my impetuous young friend intends no disrespect. He has much to learn. I can assure him that when he gains my amount of experience before this court, he will never be amazed at any decision our Honor makes."

—R.

Auto Fax
As a nation we have some 56 million passenger cars and over 10 million trucks. That's about two-thirds of the world total of 108,505,000 motor vehicles.

More than 10 million Americans — at least one of every seven employed persons gain their livelihood from the manufacture, sale, service, or use of motor vehicles.

Farmers own nearly three million trucks, New York City alone has 11,780 taxicabs, privately owned vehicles consumed nearly 51 billion gallons of fuel, and 4,250,000 cars were scrapped (in 1957).

What do most of us want in our cars? And how do we treat them once we have them? Partial answers: Of the late models, 83 per cent had a radio, 84 per cent automatic transmission, 42 per cent power brakes, 40 per cent power steering, five per cent power seats and windows, and two per cent had safety seat belts. Cars represent substantial investments — yet surveyors find that nearly half (46 per cent) are customarily left outdoors all night.

American automobiles traveled 97 billion miles last year; trucks 116 billion.
One final fact: About 24 per cent of every dollar spent for a new car eventually finds its way to the hands of the tax collector.

Lions Club White Elephant Sale To Be January 8

Woodrow Beddingfield, president of the Black Mountain Lions club, today reminded members of the white elephant sale to be conducted by that superduper auctioneer, Wade (Pappy) Morrow, club treasurer, at the first meeting in the new year on Jan. 8.

At the same time final reports on the white cane sale will be made. O. B. Smith, chairman, has requested that each Lion come prepared to account for the five white cane emblems given him some time ago. Each member, Mr. Smith explains, is expected to sell five. All funds from this sale are used for the state-wide work of the blind, which is the principal project of North Carolina Lions.

The president has asked that the members load the auctioneer's table with white elephants for the sale on Jan. 8. A request has been made that no Lion bring the worn-out electric razor which has been sold so many times during past sales. Christmas ties which do not match gift socks, and socks which don't match ties will be especially welcome.

Baptist Church Kindergarten Gives Program

Under the direction of Mrs. L. H. Gregory and Miss Carolyn Melton the children of the First Baptist church kindergarten presented the following Christmas program Friday night, Dec. 19, in the educational building of the church: Rhythm band, Merry Christmas, Up On the House Top, Jingle Bells, Brahms Lullaby, Winter Wonderland, Santa Claus Is Coming to Town, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, and We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

The Elves and the Shoemaker, Mr. Shoemaker, Phil Flack; Mrs. Shoemaker, Donna Reed, and Elves, Lisa Milton, and Sandy Stakias.

The Christmas Story, Mary, Bonnie Guy; Joseph, Mike Brittain; Shepherds, David Osteen, Douglas Williams, Ken Hansen, Ricky Hensley; Kings, Micky Ballard, Douglas Stafford, and Jerry Williams; Angels, Connie Connor, Susan Blankenship, Deborah Ensley, Debbie Johnston, Gayle Marrett, Vickie Burnett, Sharon Brookshire, Ann Knight, Paula Hyder, Emily Snyder, Marcia Conger, Debra Mashburn, and Beverly Buckner.

Proposed Law Will Discourage Bomb Hoax Calls

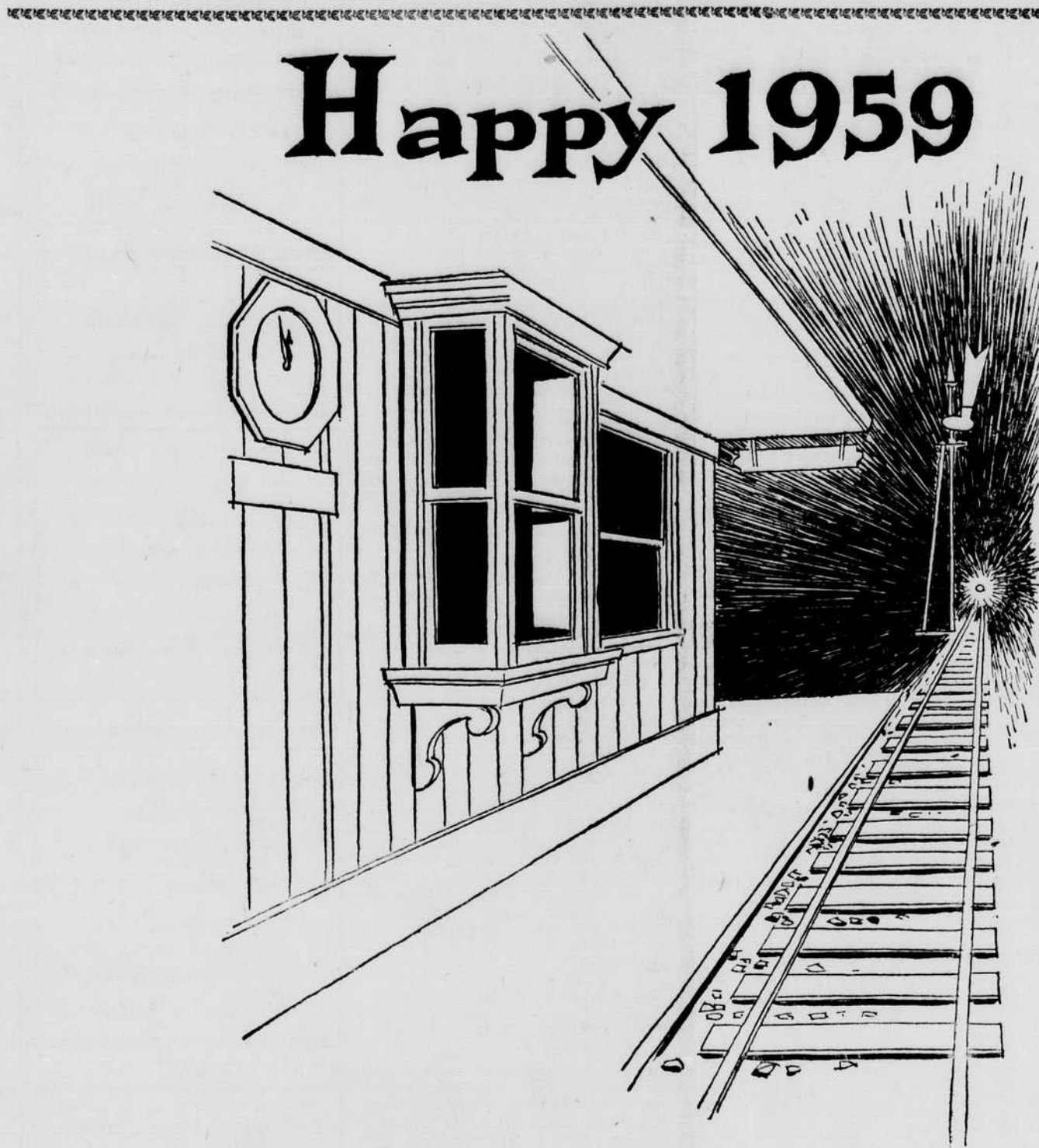
The following statement has been issued by Governor Luther Hodges regarding the wave of bomb threats or bomb hoaxes involving the public schools:

In my press conference last week, I was asked to comment on the series of school bombing hoaxes which had occurred in various communities in North Carolina. I expressed my indignation at such occurrences and expressed the hope that we in North Carolina would be spared any further such outrages.

Unfortunately, many more anonymous telephone calls, purporting to report the location of bombs in various public schools, have been made. As of yesterday, there have been anonymous telephone calls affecting more than 24 public schools and 26,604 children in North Carolina. The disruption and confusion resulting from such unlawful acts cannot be condoned or shrugged away. Each anonymous bomb hoax is a threat to the security and peace of our State, our communities and our entire public school system. Whether these calls may be made by prankish children or misguided adults does not change the extremely serious consequences of these actions.

As Governor of North Carolina, I appeal to every citizen in the State to do what he or she can to prevent any further bomb hoax or bomb threat to our schools or public places. I appeal particularly to the parents of school children in North Carolina and ask each of them to make certain that their children understand fully the serious consequences of making such anonymous calls.

The people of North Carolina do not believe in violence or threats of violence. We are justly proud of our public schools and we want no harm to come to any one of our 1,000,000 school children.
I can assure you that every law



After a year increasing success in probing the mysteries of space, a New Year of further exploration lies ahead. May these scientific ventures lead the world to an era of unparalleled achievement, ever beneficial to human welfare.

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Resolve To Take No Chances With Your Health In '59

What happened to 1958's New Year's resolutions? How many did you keep? Most of us consider ourselves lucky if we've kept 10 per cent of our resolutions. What's the matter with us? Maybe, in our enthusiasm for the clean white page of

the New Year, we make too many. This year why not boil them down to a few that will really make a difference.
One that could make a tremendous difference is "Be it resolved that every member of my family will have a thorough annual physical examination."
"Every" should mean just what it says. Not just the children, but parents, too. Father may be the most difficult member of the family.

Owen High Cagers Face Brevard Here January 6

The Owen High school Warhorses will attempt to get their victory train back on the track when they face the Brevard five here on Tuesday, Jan. 6. They will travel to Enka on Friday, Jan. 9.

North Buncombe's Hawks snapped the Warhorses' string after five straight and the locals will set to prove it was all a mistake. Against Brevard and Enka they'll have the opportunity to regain whatever prestige they lost with the one-point defeat by NB.

The lassies, paced by the rapidly improving Gwen McAfee, have shown flashes of solid play during the pre-holiday schedule and Coach Eugene Byrd expects the girls to continue to win their share of games against Blue Ridge and Buncombe County league opponents.

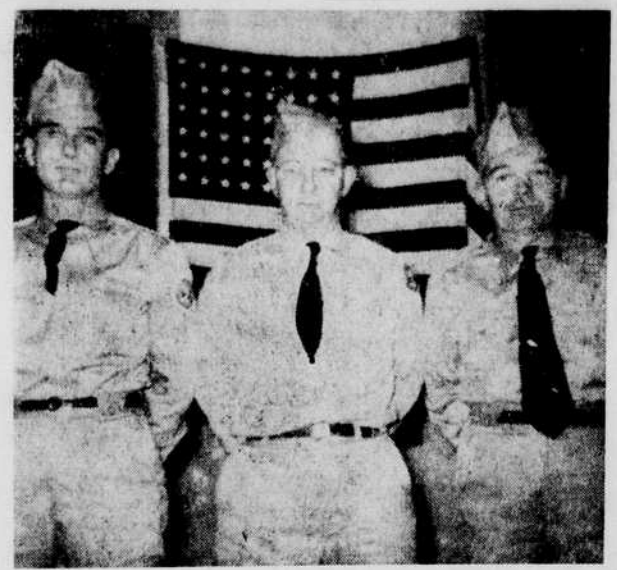
For Coach Ned Straehla's five, rated as one of the top teams in the area, Tony Gardner, Bill Horne, Bennett, Bridges, Sparks, Edwards, Haney, and Spiro have all shown up well.

The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

Jan. 6	.....	Brevard—Here
Jan. 9	.....	Enka—There
Jan. 13	.....	Biltmore—There
Jan. 16	.....	N. Buncombe—Here
Jan. 20	.....	Waynesville—There
Jan. 23	.....	Reynolds—Here
Jan. 27	.....	V. Springs—There
Jan. 30	.....	Erwin—There
Feb. 3	.....	Leicester—Here
Feb. 6	.....	Brevard—There
Feb. 10	.....	Enka—Here
Feb. 13	.....	Biltmore—Here



Little Mary Elizabeth (Beth) Jackson, daughter of Chaplain (Captain) Louis Morris Jackson (Sumter, S. C.) shows Lt. Col. Marjorie C. Power, Commanding Officer, U. S. Women's Army Corps Center, Fort McClellan, Ala., how the Wacs saluted during the WAC Training Battalion Graduation Review which her father reviewed. WACCenter Chaplain for the past 11 months, Chaplain Jackson reviewed the parade before departing for a new assignment at the Yuma Test Station, Yuma, Ariz.



These Swannanoa Woodmen counselors were promoted to major in a recent ceremony. Presenting the awards was Lt. Col. W. B. Wright. Those winning commissions as majors were, left to right, R. P. Ramsey, Joe Porcher, and Floyd Morgan. Carl Bryant was also promoted to major but could not be present because of illness.

Swan. Woodmen Elect Carl Bryant Commander

Swannanoa Camp 970 Woodmen of the World elected officers for the coming year at the regular meeting in December. They are as follows:
Past Commander, Allen Campfield; commander, Carl D. Bryant; asst. commander, Lewis C. Metcalf; advisor, Floyd C. Morgan; asst. advisor, R. P. Ramsey; banker, Hubert R. Glass; asst. banker, William V. Stephenson; escort, Everett E. Swafford; asst. Huber R. Patton, Jr.; watchman, Jarvis Greene; asst. R. L. Ballard; sentry, Dick Riddle; asst. sentry, Roscoe Justus; auditors, Guy Jenkins and Donald Wright; secretary and field representative, Joe S. Porcher; drill captain, John J. Kelley, Jr. These officers will be installed at a special meeting in January.

The next regular meeting will be held January 8, 1959 at 7:00 o'clock. The first supper meeting of the year will be held at the Ragle Hotel in Old Fort on Jan. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

By Vernon Johnsin
No. 2—Abide With Me, Henry F. Lyte.

Abide with me: fast falls the evening;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee;
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Henry Francis Lyte was born in Ednam, Scotland, in 1793. Sometime after graduating from Trinity college, Dublin, he became curate at the little village of Brixham, England, where he gave his life-ministry to a parish of villagers and fisher-folk.

This glorious hymn came to Lyte in the afterglow of a radiant Sabbath evening in 1847. Only that morning, aging, weak and ill, he had preached his farewell sermon to his little congregation. Next day he was to leave for Italy in the hope of recovering his health. That afternoon some of the prayerful villagers had seen their beloved pastor walking in his garden, among the flowers he so dearly loved. In his study, Lyte sat at his desk not writing a sermon as was his custom, but writing a hymn—a hymn that was destined to bring solace to many a weary soul down through many ages.

This was not a literary production, but a song of the heart. A song that came out of the experiences of that day and of the days of weakness and illness that had preceded it—out of the grief of farewell which had made the morning service so difficult. Out of the peace and quiet beauty of that afternoon in the garden in sight of the sea he loved—out of the soothing glow of the sunset, came this great hymn.

The hymn-tune is called EVEN-TIDE, and was composed by Dr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889). Dr. Monk wrote this tune at a time of great sorrow, a fact which explains how appropriate it is to Dr. Lyte's words. Mrs. Monk is quoted as having said, "Together we watched the glories of the setting sun. As the last golden ray faded, Dr. Monk took some paper and penciled that tune which has gone over all the earth." Assuredly it is a perfect tune for a perfect song.

All of us may derive comfort and solace from this soul-inspiring hymn and particularly in the last

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

A New Year's Eve service was scheduled to be held at the Black Mountain First Baptist church from 9:00 o'clock 'till 12:05 on Wednesday, Dec. 31.

The Rev. Wilbur A. Huneycutt, pastor, invited the entire church membership and the public to attend and to participate.