

**Sen. Erwin Says:**

MORGANTON—A quietness settles over the land when Americans and their families pause from their labors to honor the birth of the Child born in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. The world has changed its material resources into many new forms since the night that Mary and Joseph huddled with the

Child in the stable. Many things have not changed. Caesar's conquering legions were near by that night. War, famine, and pestilence, still the companions of life. It may always be so. We do not know. We do know that the human heart then and now longs for peace. We do know that when we celebrate Christmas this is the foremost thought in our minds. As we reflect on the year passed into history, the parables that we are realistically committed to a firm stand against aggression in most of the areas of the world. Cuba and India are still current events with all of their meaning. But in the spirit of this season, mankind must wonder if it is much nearer to solving the dilemmas of

civilization. It is concerned with taxes, eradicate its aged scourges. Specifically, is the era which began on September 18, 1931, when Japan invaded Manchuria, drawing to a close? As Americans we hope so. We have pledged our solemn word to the achievement of peace by the Atlantic Charter and the Covenant of the United Nations. These pledges in no wise diminish our determination to dedicate our lives and fortunes to bring about the accomplishment of laudable ideals and needed goals. Ideas flourish with the strength needed to achieve them. A true dedication to peace, therefore, must be viewed with the knowledge of realists who know the obstacles.

Wars, we know, begin in the minds and hearts of man. No one has yet been able to prophesy with accuracy what future tyranny mankind through its leaders will devise for itself. Civilization, which has made vast strides in mastering communication technicalities, has yet to solve the barriers of geography, languages, customs, and cultures. The ethical concepts of the Judean Son of Man, which are the cornerstones of Western Civilization, are not yet the thinking of other civilizations. Those who strive for peace know the meaning of these problems.

The verdict of history has yet to be written, but let us hope that it will be recorded that in this year the nations of the world inched forward toward the goal of mankind for all ages, which is: "PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN."

Dillon, may I thank you in particular for the contribution your newspaper has made to the success of our sales efforts throughout the year.

You can take justifiable pride in having performed an important service for your country in these times when the economic and military strength of America have such an important role in the preservation of peace. Furthermore, I know the Savings Bonds ads you have published have had a part in starting many families among your readers on the way to financial security.

Soon a Treasury Department representative will call on you to present the Savings Bond newspaper advertising campaign for 1963. In my opinion you will be seeing some of the finest ads we have ever offered. You'll find they combine informative messages with a strong patriotic appeal, and an attractive appearance to earn high readership.

Dear Editor: Enclosed is my check for renewal subscription to the Black Mountain News. We keenly anticipate its weekly arrival and it has proven most helpful to us in learning about the Black Mountain area, its people and activities. It was indeed a pleasure to meet and talk with you on our recent visit in your community. We haven't yet made any decision concerning the purchase of a retirement home, although we are seriously considering property in Black Mountain as well as another nearby community.

We regret to learn of the fire damage recently sustained at your home. We trust you will never have another such experience. Best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season. Robert R. Hubner 4715 Central Avenue Western Springs, Ill.

—Female insects are usually more destructive than males.

**REFLECTIONS**

By Gordon Greenwood

**IT WAS THE WRONG CAR!**

Who was the man who had his car painted and decorated at the Jack Leatherwood-Verlie Lawing wedding by mistake?

A group of friends, while the wedding was in progress, slipped up and decorated what they thought was Jack's car and then hid to watch the couple's surprise when they discovered what had been done.

But they—not Jack—got the surprise of their life when a strange man came out of the church, got in the car which they had prepared for Jack, and drove away.

Now they are wondering what he thought when passing motorists turned their heads to read with amusement the "Just Married" signs painted in bold letters on the sides and back. Since nothing has been heard, those in on the secret wonder if he has discovered the prank yet or if he has chosen to ignore it.

—R—

**SECOND MISTAKE!**

Shortly after Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallin had settled in their seats at the Owen High-Canton basketball game last week, Mr. Wallin received a message to come down to the door and to bring his overcoat.

Slightly puzzled, he did.

There he found a man waiting with his—Mr. Wallin's overcoat—which he wanted to trade for the newer coat which Joe had picked up at the PTA pancake supper at the Swannanoa School.

When the two coats were placed side by side the error was obvious but at first glance they looked exactly alike. When he started to leave the school, Mr. Wallin took the wrong coat which was hanging side by side with his.

All is well that ends well but Joe is wondering if the owner of the new model coat which he (Mr. Wallin) had in his possession for a short while believed that it was a mistake.

As a character witness (uninvited, that is) for Mr. Wallin I'll say that it was.

—R—

**GROUP ENTERTAINS LIONS CLUB**

A group from Owen High School, led by Richard Hipps, band director, gave a very fine program of Christmas music for the Black Mountain Lions club in their final meeting of the year at the Monte Vista last week.

Members included Sonny Perkins, Charlie Sanders, and Kenny McMahan, tenor; Donna Genetti, Sharon Davis, and Ann Campbell, alto; Sara Marcia Perley and Kaye Patton, soprano; Steve Higgins, Garry Kilby, and Hershel Pressley, bass, and Madeline Leonard, pianist. This group sings with a professional touch.

—R—

**IF YOU DON'T JUMP, I'LL PUSH YOU!**

A man was perched atop a building in a large Southern city, and it looked like an attempted suicide. A policeman made his way to the roof to persuade him not to jump. "Think of your Maw and Paw," pleaded the cop.

"Ain't got any."

"Well, think of your girl friend."

"I hate women."

"All right," said the cop desperately, "Think of Robert E. Lee."

"Who is he?"

"Jump, you darned Yankee."

AND another one: A mother said to her little boy, "I am so glad to see you sitting so quietly while your father takes a nap."

Replied the kid, "I'm just watching his cigarette burn down to his fingertips."

—R—

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOURS**

This year may you have the merriest Christmas ever. To you and yours we wish all the best. May Santa's pack be loaded with gifts made especially for you.

—R—

**Gun For Gift?**

"Daddy, I want a gun for Christmas." And many boys and maybe a few girls will get their wish Christmas morning. Mother is probably wondering now is Junior old enough to have a gun and Dad is shopping around to get the best buy.

In choosing a gun, keep the youngster in mind. You should pick the gun that is easiest for his inexperienced mind and hands to use.

If he is primarily interested in squirrel hunting and target practice, a .22 rifle will do, but if he likes all-around hunting, perhaps you should choose a shotgun.

What are the qualities of a good first gun? The three most important ones are simplicity, dependability and safety. Most single-shot bolt-action shotguns and .22 rimfire rifles meet these requirements. So does the break-back or tipup single barrel shotguns. They also have these points that make them ideal: the youngster can easily understand how they work; many must be manually cocked; the hammer or plunger is external, where it is easily seen; the bore can be easily and safely examined; they are easily taken apart for cleaning.

The .22 rimfire is the obvious choice when choosing a rifle caliber for the beginner. Perhaps the biggest chance for error is choosing the proper shotgun gauge. Typically the .410 is picked for a first shotgun. The .410 is effective only in the hands of an expert because of the small shot load. Most .410's are full choke, which calls for accurate shooting. Also the variety of shells available is extremely limited.

Perhaps a 20 gauge will be a better choice, the recoil is light and the shot load is adequate. Twenty gauge guns are available in several chokes and a variety of shells are available.

You should choose a gun that will fit the youngster. It is poor economy to get an adult size and expect the youngster to "grow to fit it." Many manufacturers make youth sized rifles and shotguns that can be restocked to adult proportions. Keep your holidays happy by giving your child a bonus gift—a lesson in gun safety. A proper respect and attitude toward gun use is more important than the gun itself. Have your youngster learn and practice safe gun handling. You can get information through the National Rifle Association Hunter Safety Program that is being carried out by the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS STUDY INCOME TAX LAW**

The Internal Revenue Service announced today that its program to equip high school students with a basic knowledge of Income Tax Law will again be emphasized this year.

For the past eight years, the IRS has made available to all junior high and high schools throughout the country a packet of instructional material and student handouts. In North Carolina, the percentage of schools participating in this program is 68 per cent.

Many of the high school students who have participated in this short course have found it immediately helpful to them and their families. The IRS spokesman encouraged high school principals to place their order for these free materials as soon as possible by contacting the District Office in Greensboro.

In addition to the text and quiz material, Internal Revenue has three documentary films available which can be furnished for viewing by the students.

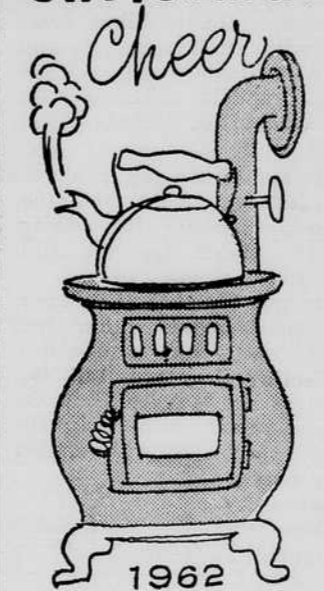
Shipments of the materials to schools will begin about January 2, 1963.

**S/S WILLIAM WATSON ASSIGNED TO OKINAWA**

Army Specialist Five William E. Watson, whose wife Katharina, lives at 4937 Vulcan Dr., El Paso, Tex., recently was assigned to the 61st Artillery on Okinawa. Specialist Watson, a radar operator in the artillery's Battery D at Fort Buckner, entered the Army in 1943.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Watson, 266 High School rd., Black Mountain, and attended Black Mountain High School.

**Christmas Cheer**



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We're always glad to serve our customers. Davis Sinclair Service station Black Mountain

**SOUTHERN BELL 83 YEARS OLD ON DECEMBER 20**

Southern Bell will become a vigorous 83 years old on December 20.

On December 20, 1879, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company was officially incorporated. The new company began operations with 1,246 telephones in 11 Southern cities. Five locations were included in Virginia, which is not now part of Southern Bell.

Today, Southern Bell serves nearly 8,000,000 telephones in nine Southeastern states. Also, some 361 independent telephone companies operate more than 2,000,000 telephones in 1,374 other communities.

The first Southern Bell cities included Mobile, Ala., Augusta and Savannah, Ga., Raleigh and Wilmington, N. C., and Charleston, S. C.

—Make horseshoes and horsepower work together. It could mean a longer lifespan for you says the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

**Yuletide Greetings**



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TO ALL OUR FRIENDS  
Cliff Meyer  
Black Mountain

As Santa arrives we hope he brings all gifts of great joy.  
Pence Novelty Store  
Black Mountain

**BLACK MOUNTAIN OFFICE**

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**JOIN NOW**

Get a big check for a big 1963 Christmas! Our dividend-paying Christmas Clubs are open for all even-dollar amounts, payable weekly. Next November, you get the total of your savings, PLUS a good dividend. JOIN

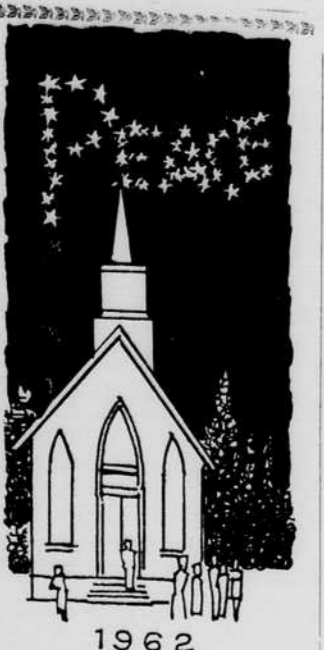


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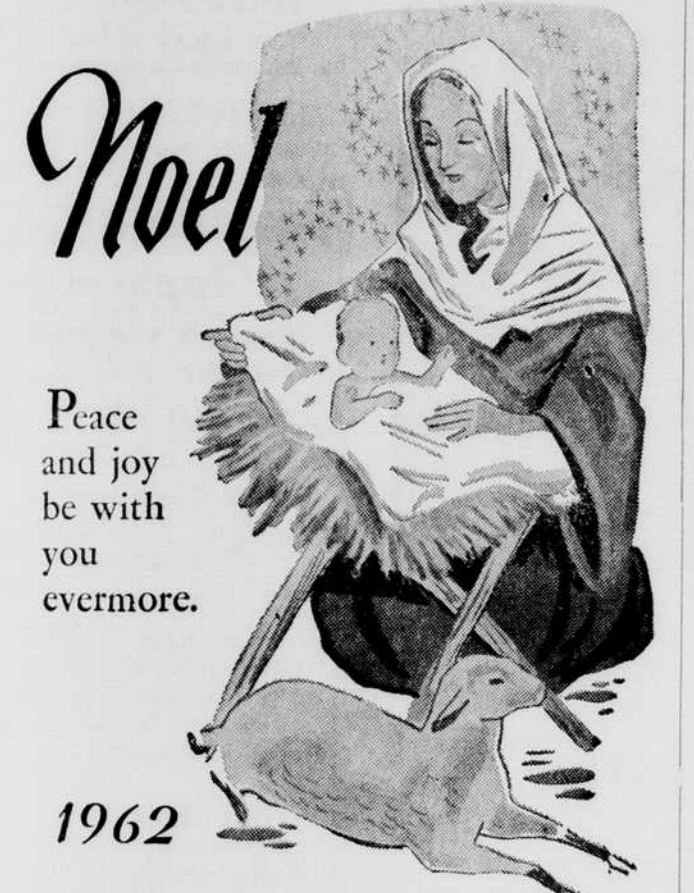
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May this day light the way to contentment. Climax Barber Shop Black Mountain

Peace be with you all during this Holy time. Jones Food Store Black Mountain



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Glory to the Holy night when the angels sang glory to this Holy day  
**GARLAND & LONG**  
SWANNAO



THE wish of all of us is that your holiday be a merry one... a package of Christmas joy.

**R. C. BOWNESS**  
General Contractor  
BLACK MOUNTAIN



It's Christmas and a joyful time. Let's celebrate and give thanks for our abundant blessings.

**BILO SUPER MARKET**  
C. S. PORTER H. M. NOBLITT  
SWANNAO



**Christmas Greetings**  
May the beauty of this Holy season fill your home with a lasting happiness.  
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