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Diane, Christy and Mose Henry will perform a Christmas concert at The Old Depot.

Henry family to perform Christmas music

by Priscilla Hopkins

"Home is where the heart is" would be an apt motto for the Henry family of Graybeard Trail in Montreat, for during the months of January, June, July, August and sometimes into the fall, they are on tour throughout the United States.

Mose has been a professional musician for over 20 years. He was the lead singer with the original "Highwaymen," a popular folk group of the early '60s. One of their big hits was "Michael Row the Boat Ashore" which sold over seven million copies. The group disbanded in 1968 and he went to New York to write and produce commercials for Ford, Kodak, Uniroyal and Mademoiselle. Soon he began composing and producing music for feature films. By the early '70s he had appeared at Carnegie Hall, Las Vegas, Miami and Reno and had made guest appearances on the Johnny Carson, Mike Douglas and Merv Griffin shows.

Looking for a change of pace, he went to Florida and began working with church choirs. And that's where he met Diane while she was a college student in Clearwater. His music attracted her and later when he called her to ask if she would like to work with a group of young people in a musical project in Richmond, Va., she said yes. Eventually they married and began building not just a marriage, but a very successful musical career together. Since 1975, they have criss-crossed the country annually appearing at churches, camping resorts, civic centers and civic club meetings. They also perform at schools and did so just a year ago at the Black Mountain Primary School where their daughter, Christy, is now a third grade student.

Together they have formed a production company not only for their own professional promotion, but to serve other professional musicians as well. Their latest album is "Abraham Lincoln's Log Cabin Years." It has been played four times daily for the past seven years at the Lincoln birthplace at Hodgenville, Ky. which is operated by the National Park Service.

Mose has recently completed a book, "Silverhawk," about an Indian shaman of a western tribe who discovers coded tablets that, when transcribed into music, produce miraculous healing to those who hear it played. Their production company is also working with a group of 12 musicians who will perform together under that name. Mose is currently working on a score for some of Mark Twain's writings, "Letters from the Earth," which he had direct access to through his family.

The youngest member of the family, Christy, has been performing since she was three. Family life is important to the Henrys, and Christy has always gone along on their tours. She sat on a little chair on the stage with them. "We knew that she was ready to begin performing when she turned her chair around to face the audience," Diane remembers.

All three Henrys will perform on Friday, Dec. 11 at the Old Depot's Christmas open house. They will present excerpts from the Lincoln album and Christmas music. The public is welcome.



Fire damages Swannanoa home

Flames were described as "coming through the top west windows" of a Swannanoa home Sunday evening when Swannanoa firemen arrived on the scene. The two-story frame home on Ward's Lake received about \$5,000 damage in the 8 p.m. fire, most of it contained to the upstairs.

Apparently a child had been playing with a cigarette lighter in an upstairs bedroom, firemen said. She came

downstairs to tell her mother that a toy box was on fire.

No one was injured in the fire, but the children of the Jim Mitchell family lost all their clothing. Mrs. Mitchell said the family could use boy's pants and shirts in sizes eight and ten and girl's dresses in size five. Clothing will be collected at the Swannanoa fire station.

Swannanoa Volunteer Fire Department was assisted by the Black Moun-

tain Fire Department which supplied air, and by Riceville, who provided a tanker and several firemen. Swanna-

noa's tanker is in the shop for repairs.

The Mitchell family is staying with friends in Swannanoa.

Winner!



A very pleased Mrs. Ruby Cooke of Swannanoa was the winner of a handmade log cabin patterned quilt in a drawing held Saturday at The Old Depot. Mrs. Cooke said she plans to use the red, blue and yellow calico comforter "only on special occasions" and will someday pass it on to one of her seven children. She bought only one ticket on the quilt, she said.

Chamber banquet Monday night

The 22nd annual Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held Monday at 7 p.m. at the Assembly Inn in Montreat. The program will feature nationally known speaker and lecturer Stan Finch. Buncombe County Commissioners and their wives have been invited to attend as guests of the Chamber.

Officers to be installed Monday night include W.W. White, Jr., president; Frank Rosen, president-elect for 1983; Mike Sobol, vice president; Carl Bartlett, treasurer; and directors Andy Andrews, Wendell Begley, Susan Garland, Joe Hyder, Margaret Slagle, Ronald Sneed, Joe Tyson, George Venturella, Sam Woolwine, Herb Edwards and Cliff Meyer.

Margaret Slagle, the Chamber's outgoing and first woman president, will outline accomplishments of the past year.

Reservations are still available. To make one, call 669-2300.

Swannanoa bridge closed for repairs

Traffic using the bridge over Bee Tree Creek on Long Branch Road (Secondary Road 2429) in Buncombe County will be restricted to one lane beginning Nov. 30.

The restriction will allow North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) workmen to replace the superstructure (support beams, railings and floor) of the bridge.

Repairs to the bridge are expected to be completed in about four weeks.

Grand opening to feature Ronald McDonald for the children

Grand opening ceremonies will be held at the new McDonald's in the Ingles Black Mountain Shopping Center Saturday. A highlight of the afternoon will be a Ronald McDonald "Miles of Smiles" show from 2:05-3 p.m. Magic and balloon tricks will especially delight kids from two to 12 years, according to McDonald's Manager Larry McCall, but parents will enjoy it, too. The entertainment is free, McCall said.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. The winner of a drawing for \$500 will be announced at the ceremony. The Owen High School band is tentatively scheduled to play at 1:30.

The restaurant served its first meal Monday morning. First customers were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Clements, Black Mountain, who said they got up at 5:30

a.m., determined to be the store's first customers.

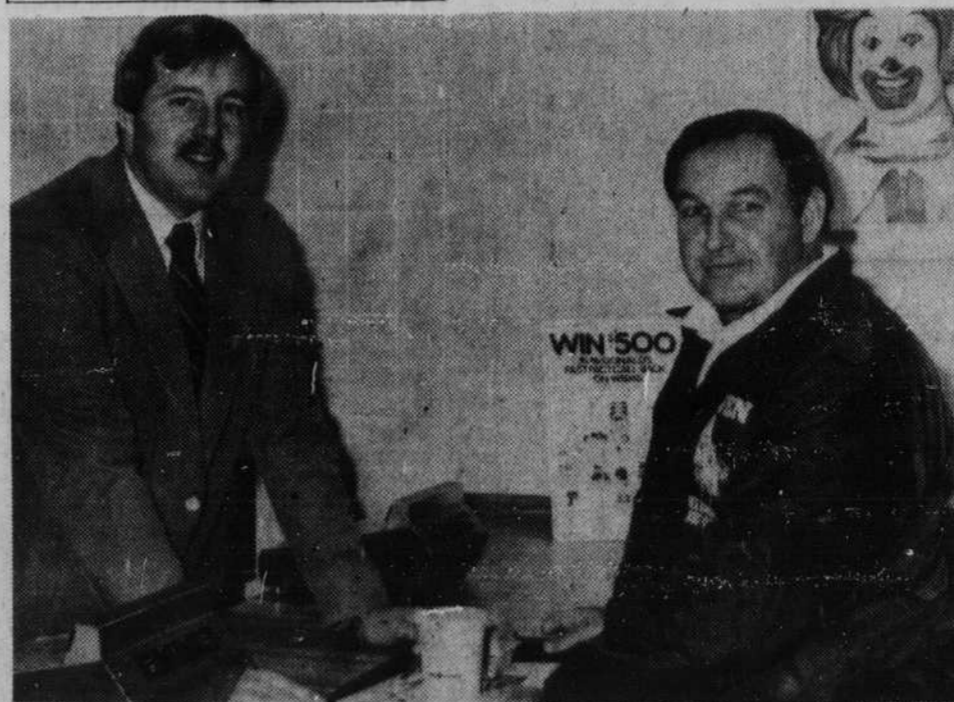
Poinsettia sale to benefit Owen band

The Owen Band Boosters will begin their annual poinsettia sale Thursday, Dec. 3. Red and white foil-wrapped poinsettias will be on display at Sobol House of Furnishings. They may be obtained there or from the following people: Ruth Carter, 298-1210; Mary Robinson, 669-7192; Sandra Boone, 669-9289; or Sadie Clements, 669-7591.

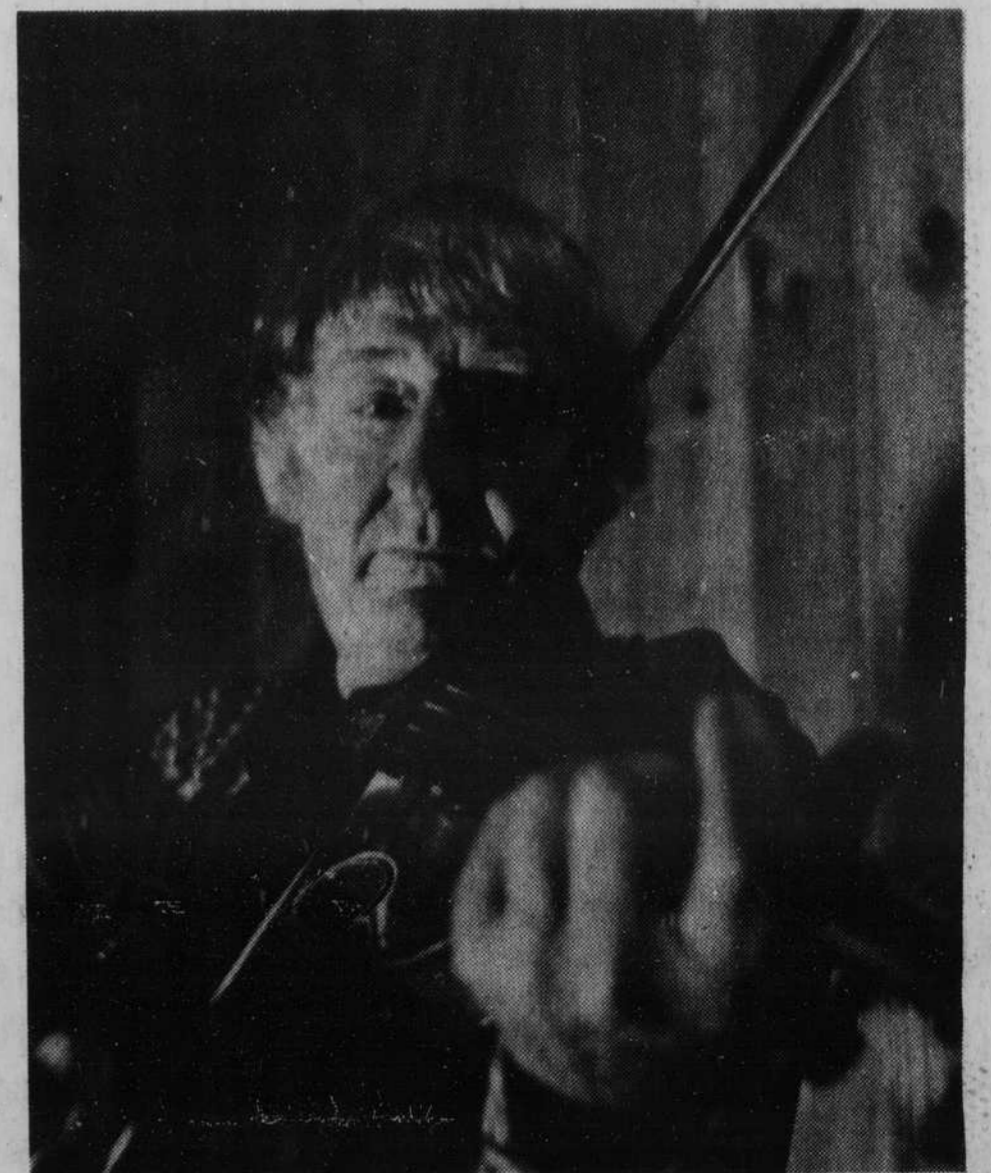
Poinsettias will also be available at the Owen band room Monday Dec. 7, Tuesday, Dec. 8, Wednesday, Dec. 9 and at the Christmas concert Dec. 13.

All profits will go for the needs of the band.

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Kenneth Burgess, Black Mountain, who has been anxiously awaiting the opening of McDonald's, received the first Big Mac from Larry McCall, manager, Monday morning.



Johnny Rhymer is one of several old-time fiddlers to be on stage with "Fiddle Styles" Saturday, at Warren Wilson College.

Fiddling around planned at Warren Wilson Saturday

"Fiddle Styles" will be on stage at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 in the Kittredge Community Arts Center at Warren Wilson College. Featured performers include Edd Michael of Port Republic, Virginia and Johnny Rhymer of Leicester, North Carolina.

The fiddlers to be at Warren Wilson represent some of the major folk festivals in the country including the

Fiddlers' Grove and Wolf Trap National Folk Festivals. The fiddlers have placed and won in several events at the festivals, including state championships as solo performers and as band members.

The Saturday concert is open to the public. Admission is \$3 to the public, free to Warren Wilson students and staff.