# Some Advance Planning Will Assure Happy Holiday

"Did you get the Christmas present 1 sent?. . .Oh, not yet. Well, 1 thought 1 mailed it in plenty of time."

#### Christmas At Biltmore Scheduled

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University Early Music and Brass Ensembles and Chamber Orchestra.

This year "Christmas at Biltmore" has been selected for inclusion into the American Bus Association's 1983 "Top 100" list of Canadian and American events. The "Top 100" events are selected from entries submitted by tourism directors of the 48 contiguous states and the ten provinces of Canada. Selection is based on an event's accessibility and its appeal to bus charter and tour groups.

Biltmore House, the 250-room French Renaissance chateau built here by George Vanderbilt in the 1890s, is open to the public for self-guided tours. Admission is charged. The House and Gardens are open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily throughout the year except for Christmas Day, Thanksgiving Day, and New Year's Day.

Visitors may enjoy lunch at Deerpark Restaurant on the Estate grounds from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Throughout December, the Restaurant will serve special holiday menus featuring the season's delicacies.

Information about Biltmore Estate may be obtained by calling (704) 274-1776.

### Odoms Completes Training

Navy Seaman Recruit Terry F. Odoms, son of James E. and Dianne M. Odoms of 806 Boyce St., Kings Mountain, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Navy Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week train-

When a Christmas present or special card doesn't arrive by the big day, it's hard to say who is more disappointed — the sender or the receiver.

But with a little advance planning and special care, your gifts, cards and letters will add timely memories to holiday festivities.

"Mail senders play an important role in making sure their packages and envelopes arrive on time and in good condition," says Janet Groseclose, supervisor of mail services for the headquarters offices of R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc.

The year-round guidelines for preparing mail for delivery remain effective during the holiday season. They gain added importance, though, because of the high volume of holiday mail, says Groseclose. She oversees the handling of more than 26.2 million pieces of incoming and outgoing mail each year for R.J. Reynolds.

"Just a few extra minutes can help save days in mail delivery," she says. "The U.S. Postal Service works hard to meet the anticipated crunch of holiday mail, but poorly wrapped packages and missing zip codes can hamper its ability to move huge volumes of mail quickly."

Groseclose offers this quick checklist of "dos and don'ts" for holiday mail senders.

•Do mail early. The hectic holiday pace can make it hard to find time to wrap packages and address cards, but resist the temptation to put off mailing.

Don't get caught in long lines at the post office. Lunchtime and late afternoon are always busy times, so buy stamps and drop off packages in off-peak hours.

•Do provide full addresses, including zip codes, on all letters and packages. Write clearly using pens that will not smudge or smear. Include a return address on all mail items.

•Don't use flimsy boxes, thin paper or cellophane tape when wrapping packages. Use sturdy cardboard boxes and heavy wrapping paper. Specially made mailing tape is better than cellophane or masking tape.

•Do protect the items you mail from possible damage. Loose items should be cushioned with newspaper, plastic foam or airpocket padding. Specially padded envelopes can be purchased and used for some items.

•Don't guess the amount of postage needed to mail packages and oversized envelopes. Weigh odd-sized envelopes to be sure adequate postage is used.

•Do relax and enjoy receiving holiday mail after all of yours is readied and sent.



ing cycle, trainees studied general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

Included in their studies were seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

## Childers Completes Training

Army National Guard Pvt. Antony D. Childers, son of Thersa L. Johnson of 5220 Midpines St., and grandson of Doris P. Johnson of 413 York Road, both of Kings Mountain, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is a 1983 graduate of Kings Mountain Senior High School.

### Letter To Santa

#### Dear Santa,

Hello. I would like to have a new Ken and Barbie doll that moves, and a few clothes for them. I would like very much to have a new Bible, and a pretty dress. I am 6 years old and I have been working very hard at school. My grades are very good, and I keep my own room clean, and take care of my pony and puppy. If you can't get these toys it will be allright. Thank you very much. Love to you.

Carrie Ross Hardin