

Pvt. Harrelson Finishes Training

FT. LEONARD WOOD, MO. (AHTNC)—Army Private Marshall J. Harrelson, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall E. Harrelson, 404 E. Alabama Ave., Bessemer City, N. C., completed an engineer assistant course March 2 at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

During the seven-week course, he was trained to operate and maintain air compressors, engines, crane shovels and tractors.

Farmer Not Older Than Other Groups

A widely accepted belief that the nation's farmers are getting older than people in other occupations has been proven wrong by an economist with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The economist, Radoje Nikolitch, found that farmers are older than wage workers but they are not older than people in other self-employed occupations.

In fact, Nikolitch found that the large commercial farmers tended to be younger than people in other self-employed positions. Most of the older farmers were found to be operators of part-time or part-retirement farms.

Nikolitch found that the average commercial farmer in North Carolina is 48.5 years old. This is about one year less than the national average. The youngest farmers are in Iowa—47.5 years; the oldest in West Virginia—52.4.

Broadway Hit, "South Pacific" Is Being Presented At G-W

BOILING SPRINGS — Rodgers and Hammerstein's long running Broadway hit, "South Pacific" is being presented at Gardner-Webb College through March 16 in the E. B. Hamrick Building. The public is invited.

Cast and technical assistants appearing in the play from Cleveland and Rutherford counties are: Douglas Benson (Marine Corporal Steeves) from Shelby attended Crest High School and is now a freshman at Gardner-Webb. His hobbies include playing lead guitar, kart racing, singing, basketball, and piano. Doug is a math major who plans to be a math teacher.

Tamara Lane (Ensign Janet McGregor) is a native of Shelby and a graduate of Number Three High School. Tamara, a freshman elementary education major, performed in high school drama. Her future plans include attending Carson - Newman College.

Craig Grigg (Jerome) is a seventh grade student at Shelby Junior High School. He previously performed the leading role of Paul in "The Spelling Bee." Prominent among his many interests is horseback riding.

Evangeline Rae Roberts (Nana) is no newcomer to acting since she appeared as Helen Keller in last season's highly successful "The Miracle Worker" and the fall production of "The Spelling Bee." She has also performed in school plays at Marion School, Shelby, where she is a fifth grade student. Evangeline, whose interests include dancing and Girl Scouts, hopes for a career as an actress.

Richard Cannon (Luther Billis) is a freshman drama and music major from Boiling Springs. His past acting experiences include various plays, the strong man in "The Clown", and working on crews for "The Miracle Worker" and "The Clown". His future plans are to work in the theatre or to teach drama.

Darrell Allison (Capt. Brackett) is a freshman Liberal Arts major from Boiling Springs. While a student at Crest High School, he played the leads in the junior and senior class plays. Since coming to Gardner-Webb, he has appeared as the undertaker in "Our Town" and has served on the program committee for "Our Town" and on the set construction committee for "The Spelling Bee" and "South Pacific." Darrell enjoys reading, singing, and strumming the guitar.

Lansford Jolley (Emile de Becque), a native of Boiling Springs, is chairman of the Social Studies

Department and professor of history at Gardner-Webb. Mr. Jolley is a graduate of Gardner-Webb and Wake Forest University where he performed in such plays as "A Christmas Carol", "Smiling Through", "Little Women", and "Corliss Archer". Mr. Jolley has done graduate work at George Peabody College for Teachers and Florida State University. His special interests include, primarily, a three-year-old daughter, Lane.

THE PIANISTS
Mrs. Elizabeth Hill is instructor of Organ and Piano at Gardner-Webb College and is program chairman of the College Woman's Club. She is a graduate of Appalachian State Teacher's College and spent two years in the cast of "Horn In The West" as soloist and member of the chorus. Mrs. Hill is married to Jerry R. Hill, professor at Gardner-Webb. They have three children, Colleen, David, and Julia. Her hobbies include family activities and camping.

Diane Causby is a freshman student at Gardner-Webb from Shelby. A graduate of Crest High School, Diane is interested in playing the organ and the piano, photography, and reading.

THE POLYNESIANS
Marla Alsobrook is a native of Indiana presently living in Shelby. The Shelby Junior High School student lists piano and music among her main interests.

Brenda Crosby is a freshman from Shelby. She has appeared in high school drama and most recently in "Our Town".
Edwina Crossman is a native of Rutherford. A graduate of Rutherford - Spindale High School, Edwina is a freshman voice major at Gardner-Webb.

Frances Murray is a sophomore psychology major from Bostic. She appeared in the play, "Heidi", at the Forest City Little Theatre.

Theresa J. A. Wright, a native of Kings Mountain, is a freshman at Gardner-Webb. Her interests are scientific research, hypnosis, religion, and drama.

Bell System '67 Records At New High

Southern Bell Telephone Company in 1967 set new records for telephone growth and for capital construction expenditures, according to its Annual Report released here today by R. B. Moore, local manager.

During 1967, Southern Bell gained 63,800 telephones in North Carolina and carried forward a \$48 million service improvement and expansion program.

The Company added 691,000 telephones in its nine-state territory, ending the year with 10,888,301. It was the largest annual gain in Southern Bell's history.

The Company invested more than \$340 million for new facilities, topping the 1966 total by some \$7 million.

Southern Bell President Frank M. Malone said in the report that the year was "one of the Company's best." He continued, "The South in 1967 continued its vigorous economic, cultural and educational development. Southern Bell shared in this growth with substantial contributions to the progress and accomplishments of the nine states we serve."

For the third consecutive year, Southern Bell's operating expenses and taxes in 1967 surpassed \$1 billion, totalling \$1,232,795,000.

Wages, salaries and related costs for Southern Bell's 86,000 employees totaled over \$598 million.

Earnings per share of the Company's stock in 1967 were \$2.22.

In the area of community involvement, the report notes the Company's sponsorship of a training course for selected economically disadvantaged high school seniors and participation in a program directing young people to summer jobs.

It also reports continuing attention to the communication problems of handicapped persons and to a program for combatting annoyance and obscene calls.

Eighty per cent of all conductor miles of cable added during 1967 was placed underground for aesthetic reasons and protection.

The 1967 report is the last that Southern Bell will issue as a nine-state company. After July 1, 1968, a newly formed corporation—South Central Bell Telephone Company—will operate the business in Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee. Southern Bell will continue to serve in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

WOODMEN MEETING
Woodmen Of The World, N. C. Camp 15, will meet Thursday, March 14, in a regular scheduled stated communication. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the community conference room of the Kings Mountain Savings and Loan Association on Mountain Street. All committee members are asked to attend. Refreshments will be served.



Try letting one of our furry friends with the graceful bushy tall prune your camellias. He will do a good job but you will not be pleased with the results.

Yesterday, when I went home for lunch, my wife greeted me with — "Well, have I got news for you. I was sitting here knitting when I heard a noise in the window air conditioner. I went outside and found this squirrel cutting shoots from a large camellia plant (nearby) and building a nest on the window sill beneath the compressor housing."

She was very indignant and suggested immediate use of the Fox Sterlingworth 20. I objected because I was not sure that I could find the right one, as we have so many.

Then, too, I have learned to tolerate the rascals. They greet me when I enter the driveway, dig

green in this area. This year, I have found hedges almost completely defoliated while others are less severely injured, depending upon the condition of the plants and exposure to cold drying winds.

The injury is expressed in the leaves of magnolias, hollies, etc., as a dingy discoloration from the normal green color.

Barring further cold injury, I feel that all plants observed will come out of it in good condition.

Dairymen Like Breeding Process

Artificial breeding of dairy cows in North Carolina has increased rapidly over the past 20 years, according to extension dairy specialists at North Carolina State University.

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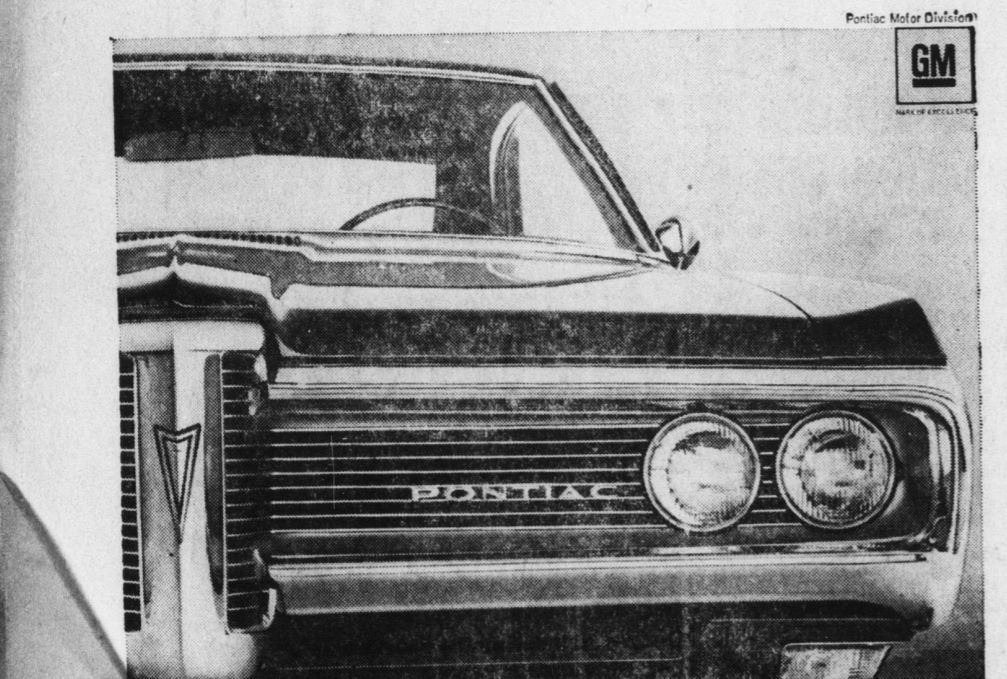
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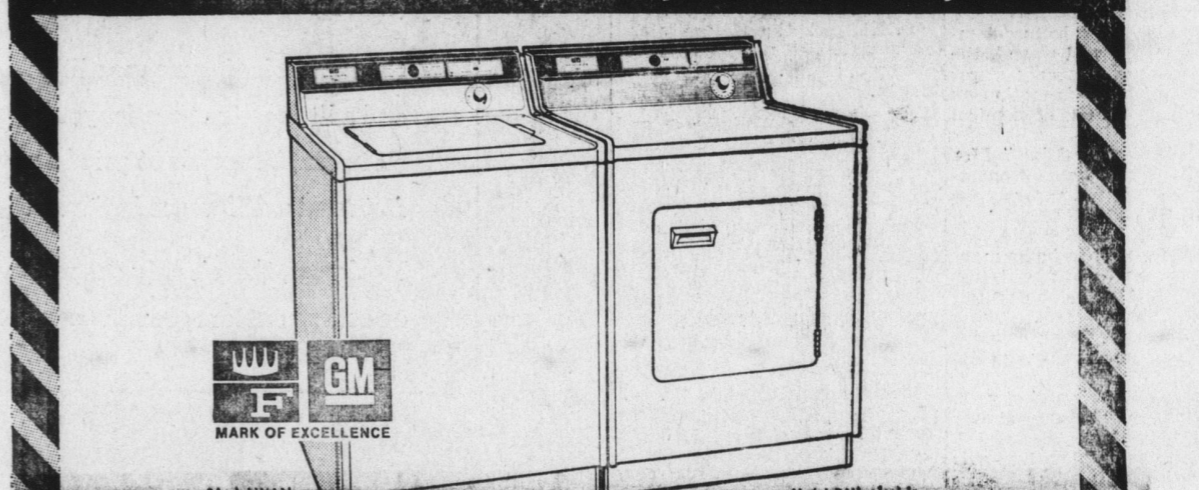


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