

# HAPPY NEW YEAR



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### Health Insurance For All--By 1976

**Cohen Says Much Progress Made In Social Welfare**

Washington — President Johnson released Saturday a report from Wilburn J. Cohen, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, which calls for providing comprehensive health-insurance for all Americans by 1976.

Cohen told reporters he envisions some kind of a public-private system involving new federal funds.

"I do not see at the present time how the voluntary sector alone can provide adequate health insurance, he reports, without 'some new federal support, carrot, legislation.'

Cohen's recommendation is one of a wide array of goals he says the nation should try to reach by 1976 — the 200th anniversary of the American Declaration of Independence from England.

The chart-laden, 136-page report reviews the welfare record of the five-year Johnson administration, the problems remaining and the objectives for the future.

Among the major goals which he says are realistic are the elimination of poverty; provision of free, two-year community colleges in all major cities; provision of preschool education and day care for all youngsters; and 'elimination of (racial) discrimination of any kind.'

Although Cohen says the nation has made unprecedented progress in the social welfare field in the last five years — with his department's budget increasing from about \$20 billion to about \$60 billion — he tells the task has just begun.

On his health-insurance proposal, he writes many of the private plans don't provide enough coverage. And he notes some people aren't covered by any private plan.

The departing secretary speaks of a number of possible approaches, including provision of health insurance coupons to lower-income people; a "less voluntary" plan proposed by New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller in which each state would require businesses to provide an adequate plan; and federal tax credits to businesses that improve their plans.

### WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED IN LAST DRAWING

Winners Tuesday in the final drawing of the Marshall Merchants Association Promotion are as follows:

\$25.00 Trade Certificates: Marvin Chandler, Route 4, Marshall; Walter H. Ball, Route 6, Marshall; Bill Cody, Route 6, Marshall; Trixie Chandler, Route 5, Marshall; Ralph Rice, Route 7, Marshall; Jack Ball, Route 5, Marshall; Willard Rice, Route 6, Marshall; Glennis Ray, Route 3, Marshall; Juanita Boone, Route 2, Marshall; Monell Bryan, Route 6, Marshall; Mrs. Hester Blackwell, Route 7, Marshall; Mrs. Floyd Spruce, Route 2, Marshall; Ida G. Marler, Route 1, Marshall.

\$75.00 Trade Certificates: Marvin Chandler, Route 4, Marshall.

### DISTRICT COURT TO BE HELD HERE NEXT MON.-TUES.

The first term of District Court, under the new court system, will begin in Marshall at the courthouse next Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock. The term is expected to continue through Tuesday, it was announced.

Judge Ray Braswell, of Newland will preside.

Approximately 65 cases are on the docket, many of them from the former superior court docket, plus several new cases.

The charges range from traffic violations, to petty larceny and simple assault.

### PAIN OF THE MONTH

Pain of the Month: You know, of course, where sheep go to get their hair cut. They go to the Baa-Baa Shop . . .

### Winners Announced In Annual D&L Contest

**J. Moody Chandlers Win Two Top Honors; Judging Sunday**

For the 14th consecutive year the Marshall Garden Club sponsored the Christmas Decorations and Lighting Contest for homes in the Marshall area.

Cash prizes are awarded in three categories, as follows:

First Prize, \$10.00 for Best Overall. Winners, Mr. and Mrs. J. Moody Chandler.

Second Prize, \$7.50 for Best Religious Theme. Winners, Mr. and Mrs. J. Moody Chandler.

Third Prize, \$5.00 for Best Door or Window Trim (other than religious). Winners, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ramsey.

The Honorable Mentions were awarded Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bunn, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Nix, and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Ramsey.

### Sex Prediction Is 100 Per Cent Right In Tests

Chicago — A method of predicting the sex of an unborn child has been used with 100 per cent accuracy on a group of 68 pregnant women, a Chicago physician says.

Dr. Anthony P. Amrose said the method involves taking fluid samples from the fetal water sac and examining the cells for certain definite characteristics.

He said cells with a sex chromatin mass are found only in the female fetus.

Dr. Amrose, an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Chicago's medical school, said the tests were conducted at the university's hospital and at Albany Medical College in Albany, New York.

### OUT-OF-STATE PEOPLE ENJOY PAGEANT HERE

The registration book reveals that many out-of-state people attended the three presentations of the Christmas Pageant here last Friday, Saturday and Monday nights. Naturally, many attended from various sections of North Carolina and Madison County.

Among the out-of-county spectators included those from Savannah, Georgia, Greenville, Tenn., Hendersonville, N. C., Pelzer, S. C., Asheville, N. C., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Black Mountain, N. C., Lakeview, California, Raleigh, N. C., Tusculum, Tenn., Johnson City, Tenn., Luverne, Alabama, Bellevue, Ky., Dalton, Ga., Chattanooga, Tenn., Fairfax, Va., Pound, Va., Mosheim, Tenn., Rogersville, Tenn., Mohawk, Tenn., Suffolk, Va., Newton, N. C., Canton, N. C., Spartanburg, S. C., Swannanoa, N. C., Ridgecrest, N. C., Rockingham, N. C., Candler, N. C., Marion, N. C., Washington, D. C., Concord, N. C., Newland, N. C., Montezuma, N. C., Morristown, Tenn., Greer, S. C., Piney Flats, Tenn., Cleveland, N. C., Statesville, N. C., Chuckey, Tenn., Newport, Tenn., Barboursville, Ky., Crawford, Va., Knoxville, Tenn., Mt. Monroe, N. C., Skyland, N. C., Easley, S. C., Orlando, Fla., Alaska, Westland, Mich., Fort Worth, Texas, Bryson, N. C., Princeton, N. J., Marietta, Ga., Kings Mountain, N. C., Strongsville, Ohio.

### Car Is Damaged By Fire Friday

Bernard Reid's Oldsmobile was damaged by fire last Friday morning at the Madison County Health Department. An estimated \$300.00 damage was done to the wiring.

Marshall firemen extinguished the blaze.

## Astronauts Heading Home; Splashdown Friday Morning

### 1969 LICENSE PLATES ON SALE NEXT THURSDAY

The application cards necessary for obtaining 1969 license plates were consigned to the Post Office on December 18. The Department of Motor Vehicles officials expects this huge mailing, estimated to be of more than 3,214,000 cards, to be delivered by January 1.

The new reflectorized green and white plates will go on sale throughout the State on January 2. The 1968 plates expire on December 31 and their use beyond that date is permissible only if they are duly registered by the Department to the vehicle on which display is made. Owners who have their vehicles properly registered by January 1, 1969, until February 25 to obtain new plates.

Surrounding area residents may obtain plates at the local office on Bridge Street. Office hours will be from 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a. m. to 12 noon on Saturday. The office will be closed from 1:00 p. m. to 2:00 p. m., daily for lunch hour. The local license agent, Mrs. Margaret Ramsey points out that "to renew a license plate you must

### SECOND CLASS POSTAL RATES TO INCREASE

Postal rates for newspapers and magazines and other material mailed at the second-class rate will be increased January 1, Postmaster Ramsey reminded second-class mailers today.

The increase results from the postage rate law enacted in December 1967, which raised most second-class rates in three annual steps, Postmaster Ramsey pointed out. The January 1, 1969, hike is the second phase of the increase.

The first phase took effect January 7, 1968, and the third step will go into effect January 1, 1970.

The second-class rate increase affects general interest nonprofit and classroom publications.

Rates also will go up January 1 for controlled circulation publications. These are primarily trade, professional and technical journals which generally do not charge a subscription fee and are not eligible for second-class rates. The 1967 postal rate law called for a three-step raise for controlled circulation publications, to be effective the same dates as the second-class increases.

Except for home-county mailings, postal rates for newspapers and magazines mailed second-class are based on the weight of the publication, the amount of advertising

### CECIL PENLAND WINS LIONS TELEVISION

Cecil Penland, of Burnsville, was the lucky winner of the RCA Color Television set given away last Tuesday afternoon by the Marshall Lions. Hundreds of tickets were given donors who contributed to the Christmas Basket Fund for the blind, sponsored by the Lions Club.

"We wish to thank everyone who helped make these Christmas treats for the blind possible," Lion President Jack Cole stated.

### HYDE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OC DIRECTORS

An Asheville attorney, Herbert L. Hyde, was elected chairman of the board of directors of the Opportunity Corporation of Madison-Buncombe Counties Thursday night of last week during a board meeting in Haywood Street Methodist Church, Asheville.

Hyde, a Democrat, assumed the gavel and voiced a note of pessimism.

He stated that from what he had read and heard the poor may have a difficult time in the future because of a change in national philosophy.

Hyde said he is unfamiliar with all of what O.E.O. is trying to accomplish but he would administer his office fairly to all board members.

The out-going chairman, the Rev. William Jones, briefly outlined what O.E.O. has accomplished in the last year and stated that the office of chairman of such an organization is not an easy position to hold.

Other officers re-elected were Carl E. Johnson, vice chairman for Buncombe County; Richard L. Hoffman, vice chairman for Madison County; and Ruben J. Daley, treasurer.

R. Hugh Lasseter, O.E.O. executive director, serves as secretary to the board. This post is not elective.

In other business the board heard a request by Lasseter that he be granted authority to borrow money from a local bank should next year's federal funds not arrive in time to meet the necessary expenses.

Lasseter is in Washington, D. C. and the director's request was

### Enjoy '68 Christmas Dinner Space Style; Outlook Excellent

The Apollo 8 astronauts are heading homeward at an ever-increasing speed, and indications point to a safe splashdown Friday morning in the South Pacific.

The only cloud in the sky was just that clouds or the threat of scattered showers in the recovery area. Weather experts have predicted that in the recovery area along the equator skies will be partly cloudy, with moderate winds, seas of only three to four feet, scattered showers, and temperatures ranging from 78 to 82 degrees.

As the spacecraft hurtled along Wednesday afternoon at about 3,000 miles an hour it was gradually building up speed as it came closer to the earth's gravitational pull. It will reach a maximum of more than 24,000 miles an hour before it re-enters the earth's atmosphere.

The astronauts had the world to Christmas dinner space-style Wednesday night, December 24, using their fourth TV visit to "Just invite you inside our home."

During the 10-minute broadcast, each of the crewmen, Air Force Sol. Frank Borman, Navy Capt. James A. Lovell Jr., and Air Force Maj. William A. Anders, gave narration about the space cabin which has been their home since last Saturday. It took them 10 times around the moon Christmas Eve.

Anders demonstrated the preparation of food when there is no gravity, preparing a meal of cocoa, sugar cookies, orange juice, corn chowder, and chicken and gravy.

"It's generally pretty good," said Borman. "If that doesn't sound like a rousing endorsement, it isn't."

Anders showed how the food is packaged in plastic, water tight envelopes with a valve in one end. While the camera focused on him, he used the spacecraft's portable water gun to inject water into the envelope of orange juice.

He then placed the valve in his mouth and squeezed the envelope. "That's good, but not as good as old California orange juice," he said.

Only minutes before, the crew had made the first mid-course correction of their return trip.

The burn, with the small thrusters of the reaction control system, gave only five feet per second change to the spacecraft's velocity.

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Awards for service were presented at the Service Club Luncheon held by Mills Manufacturing Corporation at the Asheville City Club. In the 15-Year group were: (L-R) Lawrence A. Mills, executive vice president; Josephine Brown, Frances Lunsford, Edith Franklin, John Davis, Helen Roberts, Louise Hunter, Margaret Franklin, Shirley Gosnell, Kate Angel, Ella Mae Butler, Naomi Cagle and Ernest A. Mills, president. Those not present for the picture were Ruth King, Thomas Ponder and Grace Erwin. Others receiving recognition were: 10 Years: Eugenia Redmon, Anna Lee Eller, Doris Phillips, Mary Ann Pipe, June E. Carver, Edith Dunbar, Mildred Steinson, Lois A. Ponder, Ella A. Hunter, Ethel Langford, Carrie Lee Prince, Christine Quarrier; those not present for the picture were Mary G. Justice, Beatrice M. Nix, Edna Thomas, Lula E. Tvedt, Fannie McDaniel and Georgia Dover; Five Years: Helen Hunter, Jirka Mae Chandler, Lucille Cantrell, Janice Flynn, Pearl Lawler, Nola Clark, Martha Chandler, Dorothy Lattrell, Virginia Cantrell, Patricia Norton, Alberta Ocker, Le. Shookman, Mabel Bryan, Della Ramsey, Katharine Shelton, Bobby Troutman, Emma L. Freeman, Raymond Henley, Alda Rae Rice, Margaret Nicholson, Opie Griffin, Mary Frances Ramsey, Willie W. Shook, Lucile Conner, Sadie Cantrell, Viola Baker, Margaret White, Ethel E. Post, Pearl Hamby, Edna L. Ward, Nina Henderson, Corrie Horton, Valerie Horton, Ella Mae Hamby, Jean Edwards, Kathleen Payne, Joseph Editha and Barbara Bunker.

### Union Service At Baptist Church Sunday Night

The regular Fifth Sunday night Union Service will be held at the Marshall Baptist Church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The Rev. W. C. Clark, pastor of the Marshall United Methodist Church, will deliver the message.

Other Marshall pastors will participate and the public is cordially invited to attend.

### HOT SPRINGS CLUB FAVORS CONSOLIDATION

Adding to the organizations favoring the consolidation of Madison County high schools is the Hot Springs Lions Club.

Lion Steve Burns, president of the Hot Springs club, announced this week that the club voted unanimously in favor of consolidation at its meeting last Thursday.

### ON THE HALL

Be alert and watch for... (text partially obscured)