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## Medicaid Recipients To Pay Fee For Treatment

North Carolina's Board of Social Services has adopted regulations that will require Medicaid recipients to pay from \$1 to \$3 toward the cost of their treatment.

A board spokesman said the plan would reduce government spending by \$5.9 million. Medicaid patients now receive treatment at no personal expense.

Beginning in January, Medicaid patients will be required to pay \$1 on every drug prescription; \$2 for each visit to dental or mental health clinics; and \$3 on each purchase of eyeglasses or other optical supplies.

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Individuals classified as "medically needy" also would be required to pay \$2 for inpatient and out-patient hospital visits and \$2 for an office visit to a physician. This class includes those individuals whose incomes make them ineligible for welfare, but are insufficient for large medical bills.

Welfare recipients will not be required to pay for hospital expenses or a doctor's care.

The 1971 General Assembly authorized a copayment plan that would put part of the cost burden on the Medicaid recipient.

State officials estimate that

about 300,000 persons are eligible for Medicaid in North Carolina.

The Medicaid program was started in North Carolina two years ago. It has grown from an outlay of \$94 million in fiscal 1971 to an estimated \$124 million this fiscal year.

## Servicemen



**JAMES L. HUFF**  
James L. Huff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Huff of Mars Hill has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School (OTS) at Lackland AFB, Tex.

Lieutenant Huff, selected for OTS through competitive examination, is being assigned to Vance AFB, Okla., for pilot training.

The lieutenant, a 1968 graduate of Mars Hill High School, received his B. S. degree in 1972 from North Carolina State University.

## EDITORIAL

### Solid Waste Disposal System

by Lawrence B. Barwell, Health Director

Several years ago when introduced as the new Health Director for Madison County to a Civic Group, I was asked by a participant at the meeting what the Health Department was going to do about the "garbage problem" in the county. By way of this question, I was introduced to a community-wide problem, the dimensions of which were not difficult to describe. One only needs to drive along the main traffic routes and the small winding rural roads in the county to see that the landscape is sporadically dotted with piles of garbage and refuse thrown over the banks and into the stream and gullies. Accumulation of abandoned cars pushed off the hillside and into the rivers highlight the problem even more. Local businesses and private home owners alike have expressed time and again frustration over getting their garbage and refuse collected and disposed of in some sensible fashion. Over the last couple of years, the dynamics of this problem have emerged, which relate to an expanding rational economy with an emphasis on a wide variety of disposable containers and wrappers, a strained local county budget which prohibits development and maintenance of sufficient collection, disposal, and landfill system, and Federal and State governments, which up to now provide lip service to mandates for a cleaner environment with little or no financial backing these mandates.

After having become acquainted with the magnitude of the "garbage problem" in Madison County, a community effort was initiated to determine and to recommend some solutions to the problem. Because Madison County is so extremely rural and sparsely populated in many of its areas, it was felt that in lieu of providing a house-to-house collection service, it would be more advisable to develop a system whereby those residents in the rural areas could take their garbage and refuse to a convenient pick-up point, which then would be hauled to a central landfill operation under proper management and supervision. Thus developed the idea of the "little green box" or Dempsey Dumpster, which would be placed within strategic areas throughout the county for such collection purposes. This system has been in operation within fifteen of thirty-five counties of Western North Carolina.

After the development of this plan, two efforts were initiated simultaneously: the determination of funding sources and the determination of desirability by the residents of Madison County for such a system. The latter was undertaken by a group of enthusiastic students at Mars Hill College during a summer internship, who made a county-wide survey to determine the need and desirability for such a program. They were also solicited in the survey to determine the location of the many roadside dumps throughout the county. Their surveys revealed overwhelming support by the citizens of Madison County for such a program, even if it meant the raising of local taxes and the identification of the roadside dumps throughout the county. A map was used in the location of these dumps with a red pin implanted into the map to indicate the site of each dump. The map soon developed into a solid mass of red pins showing the extent of these dumps.

The effort to determine the sources of funding was not so successful, however, in spite of enumerable trips to Federal and State offices. The story was always the same — enthusiastically interest but no money at any level. Not even the Appalachian Regional Commission was very supportive.

During the recent elections, two major events occurred. The local Commissioners running on the Democratic ticket took a special interest in this problem and made a firm commitment to its solution. The second event occurred at the Federal level with the approval by Congress of the Revenue Sharing Act, returning to the states and the counties some of their tax monies. On December 4, the County Commissioners approved this plan which had been so long in planning, and also approved the use of revenue sharing funds as a major means to implement the program. During the meeting, it was frequently noted that the county could not afford to wait much longer in determining the solution to this problem, since the problem was getting worse by the day, and the county had been instructed by the State to have such a plan in operation by January of 1974.

Much work remains to be done in getting the program underway but now that the commitment and the decision have been made to address this problem, we can soon look forward to the day when Madison County has an operating solid waste disposal system under the management of the Health Department. We can also look forward to the day when our citizens can drive along the roads or fish and hunt in the woods without being utterly disgusted at the unsightly collection of roadside and gully "garbage dumps" spoiling the scenery and threatening the environment. The future economic development of Madison County, in many ways, depends upon the quality of the municipal services which its government makes available to its citizens and to the tourists and commercial industries seeking to locate into the county. Let us hope that this program can get underway as soon as possible with as little delay as necessary.

### EH Club Schedule

Thursday, Dec. 14—Paint Fork EH Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Mr. M. L. Andrews will do a special program for the group.	Mr. and Mrs. Howard Payne for their family Christmas party at 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 15—Sleepy Valley EH Club will hold its annual Christmas party in the Community Center at 7 p.m.	Tuesday, Dec. 18—Bailey Branch EH Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Marshall Library. Mrs. Linda Harrell will do the program.
Saturday, Dec. 16—Little Pine EH Club will meet with	Wednesday, Dec. 20—Mars Hill EH Club will meet with Mrs. Hodge at 2 p.m. for their annual Christmas meeting.

## Blacks moving back home

Reverse migration confirmed. Blacks who'd left the South and moved north seeking opportunity are moving back South and are discovering that's where it's at.

The Wall Street Journal has documented the backhome movement of blacks and has followed some of them.

Harold Jones moved from Chicago to Memphis. He said, "The South is in the beginnings of industrialization. Blacks can get in on the ground floor and move up."

"And," he says, "living is cheaper."

Josh Conely left his postal service job up North to retire in Greenville, Miss. He says, "I made more money up there but had to spend more on locks for my doors. My wife was scared even to go to church at night."

Lawrence Wade moved from Chicago to Memphis, says, "We blacks are a majority in many Southern counties; this is a base on which to build."

Joe Arrington, attorney, after a decade in Syracuse, N. Y., returned to Georgia. He says, "I moved North seeking freedom to discover there is no such thing."

Dan Lane lived in Boston during the Sixties, went to Nashville to attend Vanderbilt—stayed. He says, "Up North store clerks resent having to serve you; down here they say, 'How are you today?' and 'Y'all come back, y'hear.'"

John Forte, Jr., weary after a day clearing brush for a homestead in Forest, Miss., says, "It's still a lot better than the Los Angeles smog and rat race. It's peaceful here. You can see yourself getting ahead here."

Black communes are fizzling out, but black industry isn't.

In Greene County, Ala., where blacks won practically all political offices two years ago, where then there was one factory, now there are three—and two more on the way.

On paper this couldn't happen. The Census Bureau says black Americans have made the most gains in education, income and job opportunities in Northern states; in those regions they now have incomes comparable to whites.

Indeed, in those regions young black working wives earn 30 per cent more than their white counterparts. (I can't explain that but that's what the Census Bureau says.)

Yet what looks like greener grass north of the fence isn't.

And first-generation emigrants always feel "away from home."

And there is another factor the migrants of the Sixties did not anticipate.

A soul brother in a West Side Chicago bar said it simply, eloquently: "We got this neighborhood. We got most of the houses, most of the businesses and most of the political offices. We got no black-white problems any more. But we got black-white problems any more. But we got black-black trouble like you never saw in Alabama. Soon as I can save bus fare, I'm going home."

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## School Bus Information For County

It cost North Carolina taxpayers 18 cents a day to transport a child to school during 1971-72.

Sixty-six per cent of the public school children rode the bus to class during the year, a total of 722,714. That's an increase of nearly seven per cent over the previous year.

The figures are from the 1971-72 statistical report on transportation prepared by the State Board of Education.

The average school bus carried 67 pupils each day and made 1.75 trips per day.

The average bus traveled 38.9 miles per day for a yearly total of 7,058 miles. The total annual mileage for all buses was 73,614,515 miles.

## Con. Taylor To Be Here Friday A.M.

U. S. Rep. Roy A. Taylor of Black Mountain will be at the Madison County Courthouse in Marshall from 9:30 to 10:30 a. m., Friday, Dec. 15, to meet with constituents.

Taylor, recently re-elected as representative of the 11th District for his eighth term, is making one of his regular tours of the entire district to learn the opinions of constituents, as well as listen to their problems, before the 93rd Congress opens in January.

Taylor said, "I intend to remain sensitive and responsive to the thinking of the people in the district, and there is no better way of doing this than personal visits to the communities."

Taylor's district assistant, Tom L. Maloney of Asheville, will accompany the congressman. Maloney visits each town in the district about every six weeks.

Taylor said, "I am very happy to have an opportunity to express my appreciation to the citizens of Western North Carolina for their recent support and to listen to their opinions and suggestions."

He will be visiting towns and communities in the 17-county district through Dec. 21.

Mini-theaters  
NEW YORK (UPI)—Quad Cinema is a new multi-theater complex in Greenwich Village opened in October. There are four small motion picture theaters under one roof, with one lobby. The four theaters have a total of 541 seats.

## 4-H Achievement Program Held; Winners Announced

The Annual Madison County 4-H Achievement Program was held Sunday, Dec. 3, from 2 until 4 p.m. at the Mars Hill High School Auditorium. Featured speaker for the event was Bruce Briggs who gave a most informative talk on the attributes of 4-H.

Awards were presented to the county project winners by 4-H adult leaders as follows:

**Clothing I:** Felicia Bishop—First; Lisa Riddle—Second.

**Clothing II:** Cynthia Niles—First; Faith Wise—Second.

**Clothing III:** Susan Frisby—First; Brenda Brinkley—Second.

**Music and Stories with Children:** Vickie Merrill—First; Anna Lou Silver—Second.

**Crafts:** Jeff Riddle, First, Virginia Wyatt—Second.

**Canning I:** Anna Lou Silver—First; Barbara White—Second.

**Canning II:** Vickie Merrill—First.

**Living in a Family:** Karen Rice—First.

**Tricks for Treats:** Wendy Sams—First; Michael Davis—Second.

**Adventures in the Kitchen:** Peggy Sexton—First; Amy Merrill—Second.

**Frozen Foods:** Lisa Riddle—Second.

**All-American Foods:** Diana Williams—First; Faith Wise—Second.

**Meals for Today:** Diana Williams—First; Susan Frisby—Second.

**A Place for Everything:** Felicia Bishop—First.

**Start With a Small Change:** Loretta Barnett—Second.

**Gardening:** Ricky Ballard—First.

**Junior Leadership:** Rhonda Sprinkle—First; Marilyn Wyatt—Second.

**Girls Personal Appearance:** Ellen Feldman—First; Susan Frisby—Second.

**Photography—Advanced:** Diane Wallin—First.

**Photography III:** Loretta Barnett—First.

**Recreation:** Penny Buckner—First; Cynthia Niles—Second.

**Entomology I:** Pam Clark—First.

**Entomology II:** Ricky Ballard—First.

**Bicycle I:** Ellen Feldman—First; Jeff Riddle—Second.

**Bicycle II:** Tommy DuVall—First.

**Bicycle III:** Ronnie Brinkley—First; Rosa Deane Frisby—Second.

**Career Exploration:** Sharon Kent—First; Anna Lou Silver—Second.

**Camping:** Virginia Wyatt—First; Dianne Wallin—Second.

**Communications:** Ricky Ballard—First.

**Forestry:** Jeff Riddle—First; Joey Craine—Second.

**Electric I:** Sandra Feldman—First; Penny Buckner—Second.

**Electric II:** Mark Cody—First (Boys County Champion).

**Electric—Advanced:** Jane Rice—First (Girls County Champion).

**Dog Project:** Diane Wallin—First.

**Crops:** Mark Cody—First; Tommy DuVall—Second.

**Community Program—Susan Frisby—First; Janet Reeves—Second.**

**Boys Personal Appearance:** Lee Sexton—First.

**Horse:** Meg Presley—First; Eddie Reed—Second.

**Livestock:** Warren Wise—First; Peggy Rice—Second.

**Self Determined:** Diane Wallin—First; Ricky Ballard—Second.

**Tractor:** Michael Silver—First.

**Veterinary Science:** Meg Presley—First.

**Wildlife I:** John David Kent—First; Pam Clark—Second.

**Wildlife II:** Ricky Ballard—First; Mark Rector—Second.

**Woodworking:** Mark Cody—First; Eddie Reed—Second.

**Safety:** Linda Ledford—First; Peggy Sexton—Second.

**Health:** Randy Cody and Cynthia Niles.

Special awards were presented by Cynthia Berban, Assistant Home Economics Extension Agent. The Best Club-of-the-Year Award was won by the Hayes Run Club, led by Mrs. Nan Wise. Leaders were given certificates of appreciation for voluntary service to the 4-H organization as follows by Gary Ealey, Assistant Agricultural Extension Agent:

East Fork—Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sprinkle

Foster Creek—Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Cody

Mars Hill—Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Feldman

Bull Creek—Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Merrill

Walnut—Mrs. Hoyle Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rice

Marshall—Mrs. Steve Wallin, Mrs. Wade Sexton, Mrs. Louise Henaley, Spring Creek—Miss Nancy Clark

Pioneer—Mrs. Jimmy Davis, Mrs. William George, Mrs. Gerald Young, Mrs. Shelby Buckner, Mrs. Jimmy Ramsey (assisting)

Grapevine—Mrs. Garrell Clark, Miss Joyce Gonnell

Hayes Run—Mrs. Earle Wise, Mrs. Wiley DuVall (assisting)

Antioch—Mr. and Mrs. Neil Barnett

Other special awards were presented to Susan Frisby, Lee Sexton, Jerry Cody, Reita Sluder, Jane Rice, J. C. McIntyre, Vickie Radford, Jake Franklin, Peggy Rice, Eddie Reed, Cynthia Niles, and Ellen Feldman.

The 1972 Talent Show winners received trophies as follows: Mike Metcalf, Loretta Barnett, Donna and Linda Norton.

The certificate "A Friend to 4-H" was presented to French Broad Electric for the support it has given 4-H.

Special thanks are extended to the Mars Hill High School. The News-Record and WMMH Radio.

**RECOGNIZE THESE TWO MEN?** On the left is Ben Chandler, of Route 4, Marshall (Sodom Laurel) as he appeared a few weeks ago with an 8-months' growth of beard. On right is Ben as he looks today with his beard shaved off. Ben, who is 53 years of age, says he liked the beard but decided to take it off a few weeks ago. "Besides, I look younger without it," he laughingly remarked.

## Christmas Parties For Schools Tues.

The Foster Memorial Seventh-Day Adventist Church of Asheville will hold a Christmas party for some of the children at the Marshall school at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, Dec. 19, it was announced this week by Bill Ramsey, director of the party.

Ramsey also announced that at 1 o'clock on the same day they will give another Christmas party for some of the children at the Laurel School.

For a number of years the Seventh-Day Adventists have been buying shoes for some of the children at the Marshall and Laurel schools as well as for other schools when the funds are available.

The Seventh-Day Adventists enjoy a membership of over 2,000,000 who help operate a humanitarian program that reaches around the world into almost every nation kindred, tongue and peoples.

The Rev. G. W. Ambler is pastor of the Foster Memorial Church in Asheville.

## Pharmacy Comments

### Dentists' Drills Going Out?

How would you like for dentists to throw out all tooth drills? Well, if the news from Tufts University is well founded, two dentists there may just have the solution for dispensing with tooth decay drilling.

Mysteriously dubbed GK-101, the compound was accidentally discovered two years ago. Since then, the chemical has been tested on animals, extracted teeth, and in the latest study, on humans.

Plans call for initial distribution of the substance through dentists. But the marketing company, National Patent Development Corporation says the new product may eventually be sold to consumers as a plaque remover in the form of a mouthwash.

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