

New Year And New Laws

Driving Under The Influence

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle upon any highway or public vehicular area within this State when the amount of alcohol in such person's blood is 10 percent or more by weight.

Death By Vehicle

Whoever shall unintentionally cause the death of another person while engaged in the violation of any State law or local ordinance applying to the operation or use of a vehicle or to the regulation of traffic.

Railroad Warning Signal Must Be Obeyed

Whenever any person driving a vehicle approaches a

railway grade crossing, and any signal given or flagman, must bring the vehicle to a complete stop and see that movement can be made safely.

Following Too Closely

a - The driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent.

b - The driver of any motor vehicle traveling upon a highway outside of a business or residential district and following another motor vehicle shall, whenever conditions permit, leave sufficient space so that an overtaking vehicle may enter and occupy such space without danger.

Backing Added to Unsafe Movement

The driver of a vehicle shall not back the same unless such movement can be made safely and without interfering with other traffic.

Driving on Sidewalk Prohibited

No person shall drive any motor vehicle upon a sidewalk or sidewalk area except upon a permanent or temporary driveway.

a - Pedestrians subject to traffic control signals. Where a system of traffic control signals or devices does not include special pedestrian control signals, pedestrians shall be subject to the vehicular traffic control signals or devices as they apply to pedestrian traffic.

b - Where sidewalks are not provided, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall, when practicable, walk only on the extreme left of the roadway facing traffic approaching from the opposite direction.

Height of Vehicles

A vehicle cannot be raised or lowered, front or rear, more than six (6) inches from

the manufacturers specifications.

White lights on rear of vehicles

A vehicle shall not be operated displaying white light or clear lights on the rear, with the exception of a tag light or while the car is engaged in a backing maneuver with white back up lights.

Speeding to avoid apprehension

Speeding to avoid arrest over 55 miles per hour and at least 15 miles per hour over the legal speed limit could be fined up to \$1,000 and/or two (2) years imprisonment if convicted.

"RIGHT TURN ON RED" STATUTE

Effective 31 December 1974 the present statute permitting a right turn on a red light will expire. However, since it has proven very satisfactory the Department will seek continuing legislation to the present law. The 1,860 signs that have been erected at intersections which prohibit a right turn on red will not be removed pending action by the Legislature.



Camper's Cabin in Hot Springs nears completion.

Hot Springs Camper's Cabin Under Construction

Members of the Hot Springs Boys' Home and Youth Hostel in Hot Springs is happy to announce that it will open a new cabin facility in April of 1975 for the hikers and campers who come off the Appalachian Trail. The building has been under construction since the middle of September and is making steady progress thanks to local carpenters and donations in money and kind being made by so many

generous people. The Cabin measures 42 ft. by 31 ft. and will house the Medical Students and visiting personnel who serve the Hot Springs Health Program as well as about twenty (20) campers on a given night. There will be showers, a recreation room, some minimal cooking facilities, as well as a telephone within the new and old Cabin facilities. There will be no charge for the hikers who may remain as long as two nights resting up for their

journey along the trail. At this time we would like to appeal to our friends in Madison County for any bunk beds or furnishings for the interior that some may feel they could donate. Furniture or donations could be picked up by Fr. Jeff Burton, S.J. by anyone wishing to call 704-622-3248. "We would like to express appreciation to all who have helped in anyway to date to make this new facility a reality", Burton remarked.



TINA SHADE, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Shade of the Rollins section of Marshall, was a three-time winner during the four drawings sponsored by the Marshall Merchants Association prior to Christmas. Her total winnings were \$100 in trade certificates. She is pictured in front of the News-Record office the day after Christmas when she said she used the trade certificates to buy gifts for her parents, brothers and sisters, including a bicycle for her brother, Tim; some groceries, a record player, a 7-Up machine, baby doll, a pair of shoes, some candy, fruits and nuts. From the broad smile on Tina's face it is easy to know that this was "the happiest Christmas of my life." As her name was announced at the final drawing and it was stated that she was a three-time winner, "the large crowd of several hundred persons at the courthouse applauded the pretty little girl."

'75 State License Tags Will Be 5-Year Variety

The new red and white 1975 license tags go on sale Jan. 2 and motorists have until Feb. 15 to get them on their cars. Tags sold this year are five-year tags that will be updated yearly with a small sticker that must be bought and affixed to the plate.

Truck, trailer and motorcycle plates will continue to be sold annually, according to Vernon Ramsey, license agent here.

The local license bureau is located in the R & R Outlet store on Main Street in Marshall. The bureau is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Ramsey urges motorists to be sure to fill in Section 2 (Liability) on the license applications.

"I will be glad to assist in any way possible," Mr. Ramsey said.

Pageant Viewed By Hundreds

The Marshall Christmas pageant which was presented on Friday and Saturday nights, December 20-21, was highly successful with persons

from many states as well as hundreds from nearby towns and cities attending.

Among those listed in the registration book were the Rev. and Mrs. Louis Coscia, of Brazil, South America. Other registrants included visitors from Warren, Ohio, Cortland, Ohio, Asheville, Weaverville, Alexander, Toccoa Falls Bible College, Georgia; Mars Hill, Candler, Enka, Swannanoa, Jupiter, Winston-Salem, Glen Burnie, Md., River Rouge, Mich., Philadelphia, Pa., Kent, Washington, Toledo, Ohio, Statesville, and Petersburg, Va.

Final Winners Announced

Final winners in the Marshall Merchants Association promotion and the Marshall Lions annual Christmas Baskets for the Blind promotion have been announced as follows:

Merchants Association
B.H. Kent, Route 5, Marshall, \$50 in Trade Certificates. Those winning \$25.00 Trade Certificates are Terry Briggs, Route 6, Marshall; Wayne Griffin, Route 6, Marshall; Frank Wilde, Route 7, Marshall; Earle Wise, Route 7, Marshall; Clifton Shelton, Route 4, Marshall; Tina Shade, Route 6, Marshall; Mike Haynes, Route 3, Marshall; R.B. Fisher, Route 5, Marshall.

Marshall Lions Club Winners: Betty Bradley, Route 1, Marshall; Remington 12-gauge shotgun; Queen Davis, Route 1, Marshall; Hamblite XI, 7 Chain Saw; Hugh Ward, Route 1, Marshall, 30-30 rifle; Brenda Piemmons, Marshall; Western Flyer 10-speed bicycle; Lonnie Piemmons,

Marshall, Black & Decker skill saw; Ron Barrier, Asheville, Winchester 22-cal automatic rifle; Bill Buckner, Barnardsville, G.E. Roast-Oven; Betty Bradley, Route 1, Marshall, 6 gallons Gulf anti-freeze.

Four Youth Arrested On B&E Charges

Four Hot Springs youths are now out of jail on \$2,500 bonds each after being arrested recently by Sheriff E.Y. Ponder. They are charged with five breaking and entering incidents in the Hot Springs and Spring Creek areas.

The alleged crimes took place between November 28 and December 6, Ponder said. The four youths are Lewry Ricker, Paul Church, David McFalls and Ronnie Waldrop, all of Hot Springs.

Farmers May Apply For New Grower Quota

Farmers are reminded that applications for new grower quotas for burley tobacco must be filed with the ASCS Office no later than February 15, 1975. To be eligible for consideration of obtaining a new grower quota for burley tobacco a farmer must own a farm, derive at least fifty percent of his income from farming and have proof of experience in raising burley tobacco for two years of the last five years on a farm having a current burley tobacco quota.

Any farmer who is interested in obtaining a new

grower quota for burley tobacco and thinks that he

may be eligible should contact the ASCS Office.

Walnut Clinic Entered; Two Men Arrested

Joe Gosnell, 20, of Marshall and Roger Talton, 20, of Walnut, are now in the Madison County jail charged with breaking, entering and larceny of the Walnut Clinic on

the morning of December 24, Sheriff Ponder reports. Ponder stated that \$2,000 worth of pills, drugs and needles were stolen.

Hunt Predicts Long Session Of Legislature

Gov. Jim Hunt says he does not believe the 1975 North Carolina General Assembly will be able to make an intelligent decision on the state budget until mid-May.

Hunt said in a telephone interview Thursday that because of economic conditions, the legislature will have to wait until after the income tax filing deadline April 15 to determine the

expected revenue. He predicted the 1975 session "may be fairly long." "I think this is going to be one of the hardest working legislative sessions we've had," Hunt said. "The legislature is going to be looking at ways to cut down on government spending and save the taxpayers money." The General Assembly convenes at noon Jan. 15.

Miss Gregory Receives Grant

Susan Gregory of Marshall, is the recipient of a Children's Bureau Grant from the Maternal and Child Health Service. The grant of \$3,000 plus payment of most tuition and fees is awarded to graduate students in Public Health Nutrition. Miss Gregory is a graduate student in the Department of Food Science, Nutrition, and Food Systems Administration in the College of Home Economics at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She is working on a

Master of Science degree with a major in Nutrition and an emphasis in Public Health. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Gregory, of Marshall.

Mayor In Hospital

Mayor Lerado Ponder, of Marshall, is a patient in the WNC Hospital in Black Mountain where he is undergoing treatment.

Witnesses To Assembly In Greenville

Jehovah's Witnesses will be assembling in Greenville, South Carolina, January 4 and 5 for their semi-annual circuit assembly. Richard S. Bryan, resident minister, said the event will be conducted in Greenville's Memorial Auditorium and will attract delegates from some 25 congregations in parts of North and South Carolina. The attendance is expected to reach 2,500 by Sunday.

Mr. Bryan said the purpose of the assembly is part of the continuing training program of Jehovah's Witnesses in Bible instruction. "During our assemblies," Bryan said, "we review Bible prophecy as related to the times in which we are living as well as discuss more and better ways of preaching and teaching God's Word." Jehovah's Witnesses conduct free home Bible studies with interested

persons in over 208 lands around the world.

The Witnesses take advantage of these assemblies to perform dedication and baptism ceremonies. Sunday morning new ministers will symbolize their dedication to almighty God by water immersion. The Witnesses view baptism as a very serious step and only after they have completed a Bible study course of at least six months.

Highlighting the assembly will be the main public address, Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. on the subject "What the Near Future Holds." R.R. Hartman, district minister of Jehovah's Witnesses, will deliver the hour-long discourse.

There will be afternoon and evening sessions and interested persons are invited. All seats are free and no collections will be taken.

Clyde Peek Retires As W.M. Coach

Clyde Peek, a native of Mars Hill and former star athlete and coach in Madison County, has retired as coach at West Mecklenburg High School with an enviable coaching record.

The former West Mecklenburg football coach coached the Indians eight years, finally being talked into the position in 1964. He

changed 9-10s and 1-9s to 6-4 in the first season, and was 45-28-6 in the eight years. Overall in his football career he was 103-90-7. Added to that are the logs of basketball and baseball to give him an incredible 500-185-7 mark as a high school coach. Coach Peek is the son of Mrs. Maynard Peek, of Mars Hill, and the late Mr. Peek.

Eight WNC Counties Short Of Doctors

Eight Western North Carolina counties are among the 59 in the state designated by the federal government as critical shortage areas for doctors and dentists.

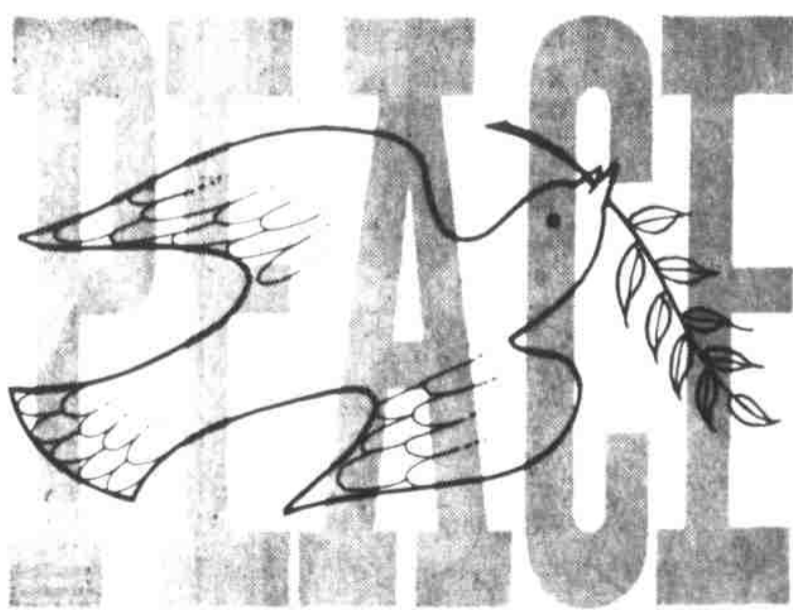
Counties so designated are eligible for medical manpower help from the National Health Service Corps. The corps recruits doctors and nurses for shortage areas which requests them.

The WNC counties designated as shortage areas are Avery, Cherokee, Clay,

Graham, Macon, Madison, Rutherford and Yancey.

Main purpose of the program is to encourage doctors, dentists and other health personnel to remain permanently in the areas. Their salaries, paid primarily through patient fees, range from about \$17,500 upward.

The critical shortage counties have doctor-patient or dentist-patient ratios of about one to 4,000, or have areas within them with such ratios.



IN THE NEW YEAR

As 1975 begins, the world is still in search of peace...lasting peace. It is our earnest hope that this coming year with its bright new promise will show us the way to that long awaited peace on earth. Let us each strive, in our own way, to bring harmony to a discordant world — let us renew our efforts to understand those around us, that we may be able to live at peace with one another.



PAULA SUE EDWARDS, an outstanding student at Madison High School, has been chosen by the County Morehead Selection Committee to represent Madison County at an interview before the District Selection Committee for the coveted Morehead Award on Thursday, Jan. 30, 1975, at the Great Smokies Hilton in Asheville. Miss Edwards, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Edwards, of Marshall, was listed in Society of Outstanding American High School students; French Club president, and is assistant editor of the Madison High yearbook.