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Letters To The Editor

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 Dear Editor:
 The Child Advocacy Section of the North Carolina Office for Children is asking for your help.

Our office assists many individuals each month but we feel there are many more citizens who need help and are not getting it. We want these people to know we are available for consultation or assistance.

The Office for Children tries to help children with problems ranging from mental retardation and emotional disturbances to transportation or even financial problems. If we can not help the child, we will put him and/or his family touch with someone who can.

There are four regional offices in North Carolina and within the regions there are field consultants assigned to each county.

The field consultant in your area will visit with you in the near future and give you more information about the Office for Children.

Thank you for any help you can give us in serving the children and youths in North Carolina.

Sincerely,
 Pam Adams
 Child Advocacy Counselor
 The field consultant in your area is Mary Langerfelt.



BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

Class Ring Found After Being Lost 34 Years

MARSHALL'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Dear Jim:

It's good to know that Marshall is resuming the Christmas Pageant.

Certainly amid all the sham and glamour of the world's Christmas there is such a need of the reminder of what Christmas is all about. The fact that this son of the virgin came to die a death for us gives a hope and a realization of what life really means.

Marshall, as all towns large and small, has its sordid side. But this pageant portraying the Nativity story lifts up those who participate and those who see it to a recognition that the real purpose of life is God's offer of pardon and eternal life which is still available to whosoever will.

Arthur F. Williams
 (Former Pastor Marshall Presbyterian Church)
 Woodland Hills

Mrs. Dempsey Woody, of the bluff community of Madison County, wrote the following story received here this week.

"Here is something I must tell you.

"34 years this past Spring I lost my class ring in the tobacco patch Dempsey and I always looked for it whenever we worked that patch of ground.

"About three weeks ago I saw a ring laying on the sewing machine with other items from Eugene's pocket. I picked the ring up and saw it was a class ring and thought that it looks like mine if I remembered it right. But it can't be, I thought. I took it to a light and saw 1940 on it. I had chills all over but was afraid to look at the initials on the inside. When I did I saw R.E.W. and knew it was mine. But how come it was here?"

As soon as Eugene came home I met him and asked

where the ring came from. He said when we were hauling tobacco this Fall he saw something shiny and stopped and picked up the ring. He didn't remember hearing us talk about the ring so he had tried to find the owner among some of his friends. He was surprised when no one claimed the ring. He carried it awhile and finally put it on the sewing machine.

"The tiny S. C. on the ring is gone; otherwise it's still beautiful and shiny. It was bought from Herff Jones. If anyone knows their address I would like to send it back and have the insignia put back. Of course, the ring is too small now 34 years ago it cost \$12.50 which was a large sum of money and hard to get in those days."

Murder Case Dismissed Here Tuesday

The victim's widow took the witness stand here Monday as Pritchard Dockery, 66, of Walnut went on trial in the July 2, 1974 fatal stabbing of Geter Bullman, 41, of Hot Springs.

Mrs. Emma Lou Bullman said she was at a neighbor's house when her husband was killed. There were no witnesses present at the time the alleged stabbing took place at the Bullman home.

The jury was selected Monday morning as the criminal term of Madison County Superior Court opened with Judge John Friday presiding. District Attorney Clyde Roberts advised the jurors he will ask a conviction of second degree murder or manslaughter in the case.

Presentation of state's evidence continued when the trial resumed Tuesday morning.

However, Judge Friday dismissed the case Tuesday morning for lack of evidence by the State, thus clearing the defendant of the charge.

Court is still in progress as the deadline for this issue approaches.

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EDITORIAL

French Broad River Beautification

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Instead of unsightly beer cans, trash, all types of litter, heavy weeds and brush which hid the view of the river from motorists, one can now enjoy the beauty of the French Broad River from the highway.

Not only has Clarence Gunter and his crew done a magnificent job on the highway side of the river but are also cleaning up the banks on the railroad side. The neatly trimmed and cleaned banks add greatly to the beauty of the river which before the project was started, went unnoticed.

This beautification also extends in Buncombe County where Buncombe crews are at work daily. We congratulate both crews for a job well done.

The plan actually calls for clearing along the river banks to the Tennessee State Line - that is, if Title X funds from the TVA continues.

At the November 24 Council meeting of the Land-of-Sky Regional organization, a motion was offered by Madison County Commission Chairman James Ledford "to seek further funding from TVA to continue the cleanup of the French Broad River Basin (including major tributaries) throughout the Region." This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

TVA and the Congress will be influenced by the support shown through letters from local governments, civic groups and citizens.

Your assistance in this will be beneficial.

Bazaar And Bake Sale Saturday

The ladies of the WMU of the Marshall Baptist Church are sponsoring a bazaar and bake sale at the French Broad EMC building on Saturday, December 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The sale will include hand made crafts and Christmas decorations, as well as food items.

Proceeds from the sale will go toward getting the church painted.

Puppet Shows Are Planned In County

The Pipertown Puppets will present a special Christmas puppet performance for the children and adults of the three Day Care Centers and two Handi-Schools in Madison County. Deborah Compton, puppeteer, will bring "The Selfish Mouse" and "Something for Christmas" to the Mars Hill Day Care and Handi-School on Dec. 11, Marshall Day Care on Dec. 12, and Hot Springs Handi-School and Day Care on Dec. 16.

Miss Compton is a Third Century Artist for the N.C. Arts Council being sponsored in Madison County by the Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre in Mars Hill. Puppets are not the only project underway for Christmas. A play with children from the Hot Springs Elementary School on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m.

Turkey And Ham Shoot At Beech Glen Dec. 13-20

A "Christmas" turkey and ham shoot will be held at the Greater Ivy Community Center at Beech Glen on Saturday, Dec. 13, and on Saturday Dec. 20.

Shotguns, 22-cal. Rem-fire rifles and muzzle loaders will be used.

The events are sponsored by the Greater Ivy Citizens Association, Inc.

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By Bill Duvall

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We've produced a beautiful, glossy Christmas card illustrated with pictures of the original Santa Claus and the poem, "The Night Before Christmas," together with a personally written note of Christmas tidings from Santa, himself. So send your letter today, and delight your child. Merry Christmas to all!

Santa's Say: Parties and travel are a part of everyone's Christmas fun. So, enjoy. But remember, there are those who fill their bellies with booze while emptying their minds of thought - a deadly mixture. So, stay alert.

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Mars Hill Man Arrested As Truck Fire Suspect

Three arrests have been made in connection with the Oct. 30, 1974, fire which did \$37,500 damage to five diesel truck tractors at the Charlotte Highway headquarters of Fredrickson Motor Express Corp., according to Asheville Police Chief J. C. Hall.

Hall identified the three men arrested as Raymond Chandler, 40, of Mars Hill; James Herbert King, 41, of 218 Broadway; and Wayne V. Morrow, 33, formerly of 287 E. Chestnut St., presently serving a six-year sentence at the Department of Correction camp in Avery County, having been convicted of unlawful burning.

Chandler is employed by Fredrickson Motor Express Corp., Hall said, and was arrested there. He said King, who is not employed, was arrested at his mother's home, 89 Montford Ave., Asheville Detective Lt. Fred W. Hensley and Detective Bobby L. Medford made the arrests.

Charges against the three men are identical, Hall said, with each charged with five counts of felonious burning of personal property. Chandler and King were both being held Tuesday night of last week in the Buncombe County Jail. A spokesman at the jail said Chandler's bond had been set at \$25,000 while King's had not yet been set.

According to Chief Hall, the case had been under investigation for more than a number of months.

The trucking firm has been offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone involved in the burning of the trucks. Terminal manager Richard T. Ray, said he could make no statement about whether the reward would be given. He said such a statement will have to come from the company's home office in Charlotte.

No additional arrests are expected in the case, Hall said.

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