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LADY SIGN PAINTER — Maggie Woods was busy painting a "Home Cooked Meals" sign on the window at Roberts Pharmacy in Marshall Thursday. The drug store is undergoing renovations to recreate an atmosphere of the "old timey" drug stores of

yesteryear, according to Cynthia Niles, pharmacist. Ms. Woods, who said she put herself through college painting posters, lives in Asheville and has worked in public relations for the Biltmore House.

SAVE Offers Wolfe Course

Mars Hill College has received notice that two distinguished Thomas Wolfe scholars will participate in its "Looking Homeward with Thomas Wolfe" learning vacation this summer.

John S. Phillipson, editor of The Thomas Wolfe Review, and Aldo P. Magi, associate editor of the same magazine, have notified college officials that they will attend the Summer Alternative Vacation Experience (SAVE) class offered by the college this summer.

The class includes informal discussions with Mars Hill's faculty, family and friends of the author, and tours of the Wolfe home in Asheville. Dr. Mary Ibrig, professor of English at Mars Hill, is the in-

structor for the class.

According to Raymond C. Rapp, program coordinator for the college's Center for Continuing Education, "Phillipson's and Magi's attendance reinforces our goal of providing fresh insights into Wolfe's life and works."

Phillipson, a professor of English at the University of Akron, has edited the Thomas Wolfe Review since its inception in 1977. He recently published "Thomas Wolfe: A Reference Guide."

Magi, long-time associate editor and contributor to the Thomas Wolfe Review, owns an extensive collection of "Wolfena," including a substantial number of reviews and newspaper articles, many

going back to the 1930's. He also owns numerous photographs, tapes, and recordings of and by Wolfe.

Rapp said there are still a few places for the July 18-24 class.

For additional information on the class, write Raymond C. Rapp, Coordinator of Programs, The Center for Continuing Education, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N.C. 28754 or call 704/689-1166.

The cost for the week for residential students is \$200, including all meals, tuition, and room in one of the college's residence halls. There are limited number of commuter slots open also, and the cost is \$100.

July 4 Plans Announced

The Mars Hill Lions Club have firmed up plans for an all-day Fourth of July celebration on Saturday, July 3, at the Mars Hill Elementary School. Activities both for adults and children will be featured culminating with a fireworks display that night consisting of an American flag ground display and an aerial display.

Booth and field games and a

crafts show will start at 2 p.m. and continue throughout the afternoon. Booth games will include a ball toss, basketball throw, dunking, coin and dart throw. Mr. Bill and his TV "Thirteen Balloon" will also be on hand between 6 and 8 p.m. to give rides. Music entertainment which will include gospel and bluegrass music, will also precede the

fireworks. The Servants Quartet of Asheville will be one of the singing groups. Food and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

General admission will be \$1 for all ages for the entire day. The club will also be giving away a steer from Roy Ammons' farm, a clock from the Mars Hill Florist and a meal at the Bantam Chef in Mars Hill. Tickets for those items are available from any club member including those listed below and the drawing will be made on the 3rd.

For further craft show information, contact Harley Jolley at 689-4188. For general information, contact Ed Krause at 689-4930 or Tony Dudley at 689-4936.

Absentee Ballots

The board of elections office will be open on Saturday, June 19 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon for anyone wishing to vote absentee ballots.

The deadline for applying for absentee ballots was June 14 at 5 p.m.

Gilmore: 4-Year Term Is A Mistake

By TOM GILMORE

A constitutional amendment will be on the ballot in the primary June 29, 1982 which reads as follows: "Constitutional amendment making the terms of the members of the General Assembly four years, beginning with members elected in 1982." This will be amendment No. 1 on the ballot.

I believe a vote for this four-year term is a serious mistake and will work against the best interests of the people.

The proposed constitutional amendment is bad legislation. Admittedly, the men and women who drafted this amendment are people of integrity and principle who believed this amendment to be worthwhile when it was introduced. But, I feel they failed to recognize the long term implications of their actions.

Foremost, I believe that passage of this amendment

would reduce the communications between lawmakers and their constituents. It would be a step down the path toward professional legislators. It would discourage many potential candidates.

Not only do I dislike the concept of this amendment, I am especially upset that our voters must vote on it during an off-year election when so few people vote.

Furthermore, since the amendment is on the same ballot as the legislators themselves, the voters must make their selection without knowing whether they are committing to this candidate for a two or a four-year term.

In addition, if legislators win "secure" four year terms in 1982, then they'll be free to run for other offices — such as governor, Lt. governor, or a Council of State position — in 1984 without having to risk losing their General Assembly



Gilmore

seats. And, by being elected in "off-year" elections, the members of the General Assembly would not necessarily share the mandate of the governor in support

of the will of the people. In other words, our legislative branch and our executive branch might be stepping to different tunes — in effect, forcing confusion and chaos into the halls of state government.

This amendment may serve the desires of some politicians, but it certainly has never been mandated by the people of this state. We have heard no public outcry for this amendment. The only people who seem to want it are a few members of the General Assembly, not the vast majority of the population who expects accountability and responsiveness from their legislators.

We don't need this amendment. We don't want this amendment. Nevertheless, we're being called upon to vote it down.

Since 1968, 96 percent of all constitutional amendments proposed by our General

Assembly have been approved by the people. Without heightened public awareness of the menace posed by this amendment, this amendment will probably be passed, too.

We need to defeat this amendment — to defeat it soundly and decisively — so the members of the General Assembly will get the message that the people of North Carolina are accustomed to good government, and we won't settle for less.

Two terms for North Carolina legislators have worked well since 1832. Our government is good. Our budget is balanced, our taxes are moderate, and our credit ratings are high. We have nothing to gain by approving four-year terms, but we surely risk a great deal.

I've heard it before, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." I can't see a thing we'll fix by giving our General Assembly members four-year terms.

Safety Seat Law Goes Into Effect

North Carolina's new Child Passenger Safety Law goes into effect on July 1. The law requires that every North Carolina driver who is transporting his or her child under two years of age, must have the child in a safety restraint.

Infants to one year must be secured in an approved crash-tested child safety seat. A seat belt or a child safety seat can secure a child between the ages of one and two years.

Parents may remove a child from his secured position temporarily for care of personal needs, such as feeding or diapering.

Warning tickets will be issued to violators of the new law for the first two years. After July 1, 1984, a fine of up to \$10 may be imposed, plus court costs.

While considering the need for a child safety seat law, legislators were confronted

with a number of grim statistics.

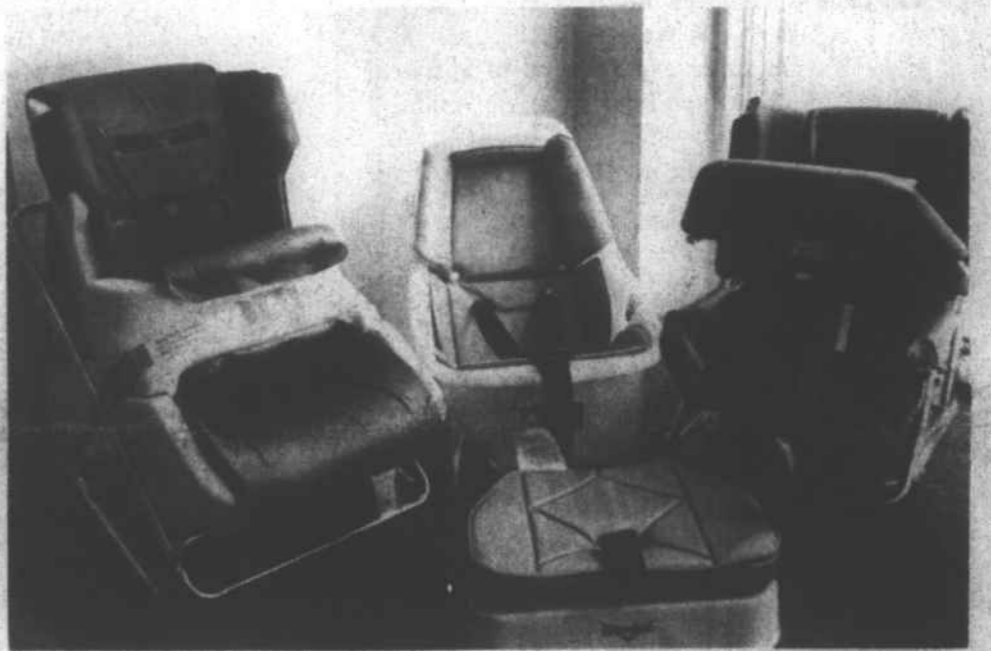
— Automobile crashes are the greatest cause of injury and death in children.

— At current rates, 1 in 60 newborns will die in an automobile crash before age 25.

— In a 30 mph crash, a 10 lb. baby hits the dash or window with a force of 300 lbs.

— In a crash, children are often thrown from the car or crushed by the weight of the adult holding them.

Speaking on behalf of safety seat legislation, Joan Claybrook, Administrator for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, says, "We are all horrified when we read about child abuse. Perhaps we should recognize that failure to properly belt-up children when riding in a motor vehicle is another form of child abuse. This sin of omission is just as deadly as an offensive act."



RENTAL SAFETY SEATS — The Madison County Health Department has 60 infant seats available for parents to rent for a small fee. The seats were donated by three county Lions Clubs and numerous

concerned citizens. The seats will be displayed at the Mars Hill Public Library in June and the Marshall Library in July. Seats can be purchased in the Asheville area.

Dinner For Graham

Tickets are still available for a special appreciation dinner to be held on June 25 honoring North Carolina's long-time Commissioner of Agriculture James A. Graham according to Zeno Ponder, Madison County chairman for the event.

The dinner will be held at 6 p.m. at Tuscola High School at Waynesville, followed by a program in the school auditorium.

Farm and business people and local officials of the 21 western counties, and the Cherokee Indian Reservation are expected to be on hand for the non-partisan affair to express appreciation to Commissioner Graham for the interest and support he has shown in agricultural and agri-business projects during his 18 years in office.

Tickets to the \$10 per person dinner are available from chairmen in each county or from the Western North Carolina Development Association, 420 City Building, Asheville, telephone 252-4783.

Among N.C. Department of Agriculture facilities that have been constructed in this area in recent years are the WNC Farmers Market at Asheville, the WNC Agricultural Center, youth building and Western Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory near the Asheville Airport, and a bull test station at the Mountain Research Station at Waynesville. The Mountain Plant Inspection Station is under construction

near Crossnore. Grading has been done and bids are being opened this month for a \$1.65 million regional livestock/horse show facility to be constructed near the Asheville Airport. The department also operates a diagnostic laboratory at Shelby.

Graham has been widely recognized for his agricultural leadership, including being named "Man of the Year" by The Progressive Farmer

magazine, president of the Association of State Departments of Agriculture and recipient of a national 4-H Alumni award.

Pink Francis, Haywood County apply grower, is general chairman for the appreciation event and Morris L. McGough, executive vice president of the Western North Carolina Development Association will serve as master of ceremonies.



Jim Graham



Sandra Plemmons keeps busy at two jobs. See her profile on Page 3.