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## Community Calendar

### Walnut Creek CD Club

#### To Hold First Meeting

An organizational meeting of the Walnut Creek Community Development Club will be held on Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. at the home of Joe Penland. All interested persons are invited to attend. Extension agent Earle Wise will address the meeting and provide suggestions for the newly-formed club.

#### 4-H'ers Offer Shrubbery

Members of Madison County 4-H Clubs are now taking orders for shrubbery, apple, peach and cherry trees and asparagus, raspberry and blackberry plants. More than 60 varieties of shrubs, trees and plants will be available.

The shrubbery and tree sales are a fund-raising project to provide money for 4-H activities throughout the year. Orders may be placed with any 4-H member or by contacting the Agricultural Extension Service at 649-2411.

#### Burley Day Set For Feb. 6

Burley tobacco farm families and other interested persons are invited to attend the annual Burley Day activities on Feb. 6 at Lake Junaluska.

Representatives from Burley Stabilization and North Carolina State University will discuss the future of the tobacco program, recent research results and provide suggestions on preparing the crop for market. Burley Day activities will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Terrace Hotel. Lunch will be served.

Those Madison County farmers planning to attend should contact Wiley DuVall no later than Jan. 29 at 649-2411.

### Summer Camp Jobs Are Available

Applications are now being accepted from young adults who wish to work with youngsters at 4-H camps during the summer.

The North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, headquartered at N.C. State University, operates five residential camps in the state, located in Onslow, Richmond, Rockingham, Stokes and Buncombe Counties.

Available camp staff positions include counselors and teachers. Persons over 18 years of age who can conduct classes and workshops in marine

science, pioneering skills, nature study, horsemanship, archery, crafts, music, drama and swimming are encouraged to apply. Employment will begin on June 8 and run for approximately 10 weeks, according to Pam Crowhurst, associate 4-H agent in Madison County.

A limited number of positions are available. Additional information on the camps and employment applications can be obtained from the Madison County Extension office in Marshall or by calling 649-2411.

## Farm Receipts Are Up

Cash receipts for North Carolina's farmers increased to \$4.2 billion in 1984, up from the 1983 figure of \$3.8 billion, according to Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham.

"The \$1 billion net farm income for 1984 is about the same level as that received over 10 years ago," Graham said. "In 1973, the first billion dollar net farm income was recorded; however, during the 1973 to 1984 period the purchasing power of the farmers' dollar declined by about half."

The 1983 drought and PIK program which reduced plantings were cited as reasons for the lower 1983 cash receipts.

After production expenses are removed, net income for farmers will be approximately \$1 billion for 1984, as compared to an \$850 million figure for 1983.

According to NCSA chief economist Frank Bordeaux, the rebound in farm cash receipts was attributable to increased crop production, as indicated by a 93 percent increase in corn production, a 37 percent increase in soybeans produced, and a seven percent increase in tobacco production. Adding to the rebound effect were higher prices in the poultry and livestock sectors.

"Profitability of grains and soybeans in 1984 were hampered by low prices which offset the benefits of increased production," Bordeaux stated.

In 1984, crop receipts are expected to contribute 55 percent of total cash receipts with livestock, dairy and poultry receipts contributing 45 percent.

"Therefore," Graham said, "North Carolina farmers generally continue to lose financial ground, even though we had some recovery this year. We still have cause for concern over the financial strength of our farmers."

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## The Big Chills

### Record Cold Closes Schools, Businesses

The coldest temperatures in history were recorded throughout North Carolina Monday as a mass of Arctic air swept across the South from Canada.

Dubbed the "Alberta Flash", the bitter cold dropped temperatures to -20 degrees in parts of Madison County and caused the closing of schools and businesses. Water pipes froze and car batteries refused to start in the bitter cold and electric utilities were forced to cut back power in response to record demand. Nationally, at least 80 deaths were attributed to the cold. One Madison County woman was found dead in her home Monday and is thought to have died as a result of the bitter cold.

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Residents of Hot Springs and Shelton Laurel reported temperature readings of -20, while the Asheville Regional Airport reported an all-time record low of -16, shattering records set by the deep freeze of Christmas Day, 1983.

In Knoxville, a temperature of -24 was reported and Mount Mitchell reported a low reading of -34 degrees.

A light snow fell on parts of Madison County early Tuesday morning as temperatures reached 13 above in Marshall at 9 a.m.

Madison County schools remained closed on Tuesday.

### Traffic Accidents Claim 3

A Jan. 15 single-car accident claimed the lives of two Madison County residents last week. A 1972 Chevrolet driven by Gregory Jay Surret, of Walnut, ran off U.S. 25-70 at the top of Hot Springs Mountain, killing a passenger instantly and injuring the other four passengers in the vehicle.

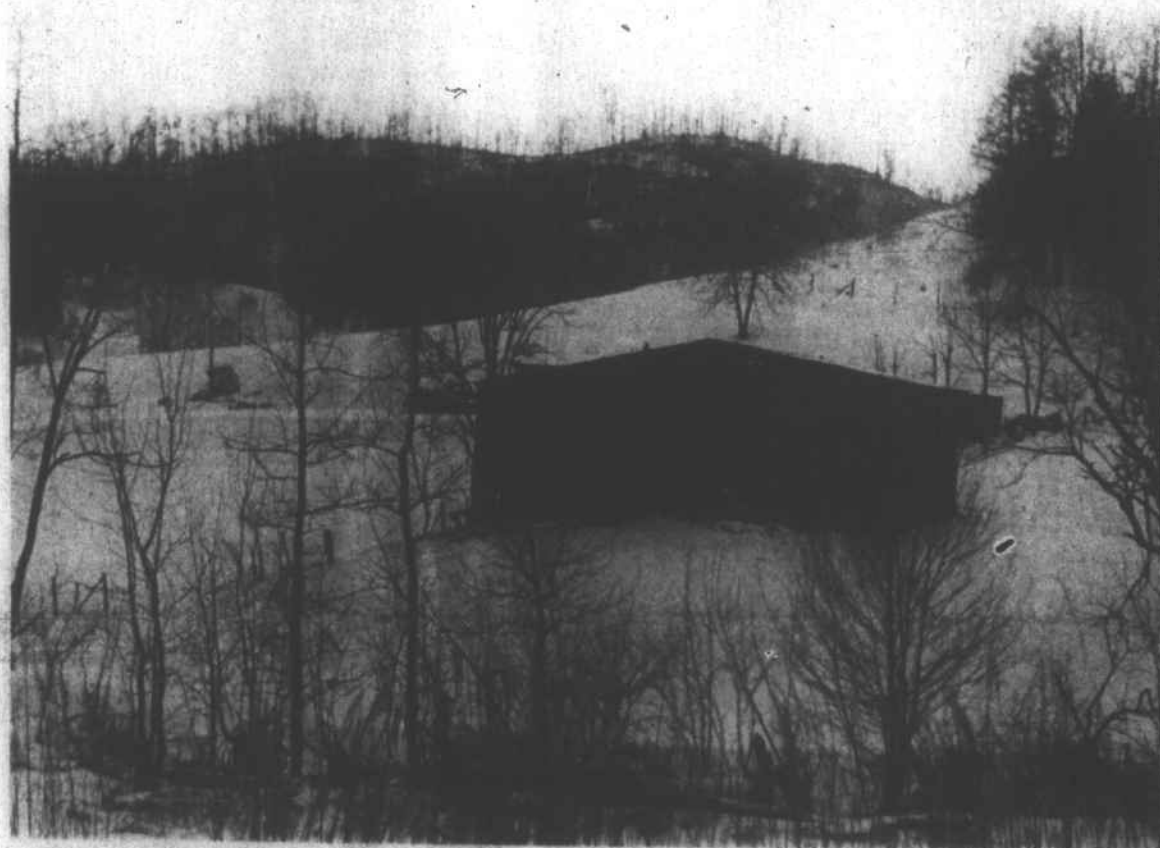
Surret, who was also known as Harold James Ledford, died Sunday at Memorial Mission Hospital from injuries sustained in the wreck. Allie Cogdill Mathis, 23, of Hot Springs was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.

Another passenger in the vehicle, Danny Cutshall of Hot Springs, was listed in guarded condition Monday at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville. Two other passengers, Jeffrey Glen Surret, 26, of Waynesville, and Callie Kathy Aiken, 19, of Hot Springs, remained hospitalized Monday evening. Another passenger, Richard Lee Surret, 24, of Asheville, was treated and released.

No charges were filed in the accident.

In an unrelated accident, a 20-year old Marshall man died Friday from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Tennessee. Terry Craig Wills of Marshall died as a result of the accident on Jan. 18.

A Grapevine woman, Alice Peck, was found dead in her home Monday afternoon and is thought to have died from exposure to the cold.



WHILE RECORD LOW TEMPERATURES were causing problems for motorists and school officials, the weekend storm also created peaceful winter scenes such as this one on Grapevine Rd. Temperatures were expected to moderate later this week. Readings of minus 20 degrees shattered previous records for coldest temperature.

## Boy Scouts Celebrate 75th Anniversary

By BORIS WEINTRAUB

National Geographic News Service  
WASHINGTON—Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, Ernest Thompson Seton and Daniel "Uncle Dan" Beard never heard of Tiger Cubs or Varsity Scouts. They probably would have disapproved of female Explorers, and who knows what they would've said about merit badges in atomic energy, space exploration or golf.

On the other hand, those three pioneers of Boy Scouting would have thoroughly understood the mission of the Boy Scouts of America adopted in 1983: "To serve others by helping instill values in young people and, in other ways, prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime in achieving their full potential."

They would have been pleased to know that those values are based on those in the Scout Oath: "On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

On February 8, the Boy Scouts of America will mark their 75th anniversary. During that three-quarters of a century, more than 70 million Americans have vowed to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent; the 12 tenets of the Scout Law.

The anniversary celebration will conclude in July at the National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., with the end of the Heritage Campfire Caravan.

Beginning in May, the Heritage Campfire will be lighted in every state capitol. Ashes will then be put into a wooden box the shape of each state and added to a caravan that will zigzag 7,600 miles across America in 55 days.

At Fort A.P. Hill, the boxes will be assembled into a map of the United States and ceremoniously burned.

If all that sounds a bit grandiose and obtuse, well, that's the way it's been since the earliest days of Scouting, and it's worked pretty well.

There have been numerous changes in American society in the Boy Scouts' first 75 years, and they have had to adapt. They now actively seek out Hispanics, blacks and handicapped youngsters. They also welcome seven-year olds into the Tiger Cub programs and young women into co-educational, career-oriented Explorer posts. The "Official Boy Scout Handbook" now warns of drug abuse and teaches first aid for ratbites as well as snake bites and merit badges have been updated to include new fields of interest.

But the handbook still shows how to build a campfire and tie knots, a return to traditional Scouting concerns.

Membership is again rising after dropping off in the late 1970's. Today, membership is over 4.7 million, with more than 40,000 new members in 1984. Of that number, 1.1 million are adult Scout leaders, the rest are Tiger Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts or Explorers.

The father of Scouting was Robert S.S. Baden-Powell, who wrote a book for soldiers on how to function in the

field while serving with the British Empire in the Boer War.

When Baden-Powell returned to England as a hero after holding off a siege in Mafeking, South Africa, he discovered that his book was being used by British youngsters as a guide to life in the outdoors. Baden-Powell then decided to rewrite the book especially for boys. He then took 20 of them camping for two weeks on an island, where he trained them in tracking, first aid, woodcrafts and other outdoor skills.

The result was "Scouting for Boys", a combination of post-Victorian moral urgings and practical advice. It became the text for the British Boy Scouts when they were founded in 1908.

The following year, a Chicago newspaper publisher, William D. Boyce, got lost in a thick London fog. A young boy appeared and helped Boyce find his way. When the publisher offered a one shilling tip, the boy, soon to become legend as the "Unknown Scout", replied, "No sir, I am a Scout. Scouts do not accept tips for courtesies or good turns." Intrigued, Boyce visited Scout headquarters to learn more. In 1910, he organized the Boy Scouts of America.

Other groups dedicated to helping young boys learn self-reliance already existed, including the Woodcraft Indians and the Sons of Daniel Boone, but most were soon folded into the Boy Scouts. For 75 years, the organization has succeeded in teaching a special creed to millions of American boys.

Perhaps the best explanation for

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