## Madison's Salvation Army Showing

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The Salvation Army Missions at cated in the Hot Springs area and are within the jurisdiction of the Waynesville Salvation Army Mission in Waynesville

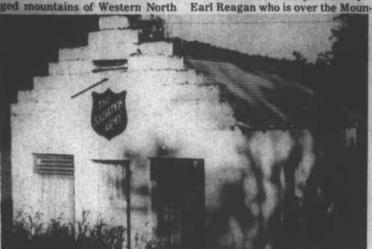
Lt. Thomas Friddle, 26, was assigned to the two at Hot Springs in mary and according to him, "it is the best appointment in the world."

A native of Clarksburg, W. Va., Friddle comes to the beautiful, ru-

with a knowledge of their unique

"I was raised in the mountains and feel that I am a mountain thinking person so I feel that is why I have been so readily accepted," said Friddle, a bachelor.

assistant Salvation Army officer in Greensboro. This is his first responsibility as the officer in charge. He makes the trip to Waynesville about once each month to report to Major





Carolina and its mountain people tain Mission District. All units are coordinated through him.

"These are beautiful people. They are not defiled by the big city. We don't have a drug problem here," said Friddle, who delights in visiting his people in their homes.

There was another mission at His first assignment was as an Little Creek but it is no longer in use. The people who lived in this out-of-the-way place have now moved and there is no longer a need for the mission

Major Cecil Brown, who started the Salvation Army here in Western North Carolina, opened the first mission at Max Patch around 1934. She went about her work on horseback. Work was started in Waynesville around 1943 but failed to take hold. It was again opened in 1966 and has been strong ever since.

"Major Brown opened the mission here at Sleepy Valley in the 1940s and had the building built. It has been dedicated to her," said

It is located on highways 25 and 70 going toward Newport, Tenn. Sunday services are held at 11 a.m. at Sleepy Valley. Just recently running water and indoor plumbing have been put in the church. The parsonage is located next door to the church office at 125 Jack Ave. in Hot Springs. A clothin room is located in the back of the church office. An average attendance at church is between 30 and 40.

Bonnie Hill Mission is located off highways 25 and 70 toward Newport. Take a turn to the left and travel on Upper Shut-in Road to the small building which used to be a one-room school. It is 100 years old and sits high on a hillside. There is a big pot bellied stove for warmth in the winter. There is no indoor plumbing nor running water.

"The folks here like it this way," said Friddle. "They don't want a change. They feel there is something unique in the 100-year-old There was building. a big homecoming in August, Friddle said. Eighteen to 20 people celebrated the anniversary of the building. Services here are held at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday.

"When we hold a sunrise service up here it is something to behold," said Friddle. "We've watched the sun come up over the backside of the mountain.'

Being a bachelor has led the people he serves to take an interest in Friddle's welfare and well-being. "A lot of the people here tithe of

summer," said Friddle, "And, when I go visiting, I'm invited to sit down and eat with the family."

Friddle will be leaving next week for a vacation. Although he considers himself a pretty fair cook, he looks forward to going back to his e of his mother's homecooked

"I couldn't have asked for a more beautiful setting in which to minister. The people are just simple folks who have a great love and who are so willing to share what they have,"



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But Francis Bacon takes the "luck" out of opportunity. Said he, "A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds." There's the key! Opportunity does not so much knock on our doors as we must knock on her door.

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(Matthew 7:7)

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