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W. N. C. Rescue Squads Hold Meeting In Murphy

The Western North Carolina Association of Rescue Squads held its regular meeting in Murphy on Saturday, January 9, with President Joe Orr presiding. A number of issues were discussed. Members of the Association consist of the following Rescue Squads:

Haywood County Rescue Squad, Swain County Rescue Squad, Hendersonville Rescue Squad, Macon County Rescue Squad, Buncombe County Rescue Squad, Polk County Rescue Squad, Transylvania County Rescue Squad, Jackson County Rescue Squad, Rosman Rescue Squad, and Cherokee County Rescue Squad.

These Squads are banded together in order to exchange ideas in rescue work. Also, they have formed a mutual aid program in order to have trained personnel and equipment that can be assembled in a very short time at any disaster point in Western North Carolina where these services may be needed.

The next Association meeting will be held on Saturday, March

27, at Woodland Motel Restaurant on U. S. 441 in Sylva, N. C. A Rescue Squad in Western North Carolina interested in joining the Association is invited to send a representative to this meeting.

Children's Home Society Of N. C. Reports Fully Stuffed "Red Stocking"

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 17 — A fully stuffed "Red Stocking" brightened the holiday season for the Children's Home Society of North Carolina.

William D. Snider of Greensboro, Society president, reported today that the traditional Christmas appeal brought in approximately \$73,000. The Society balanced its books at the end of 1964, he added, \$70.41 in the black.

"We want to say 'thank you' to the 2,207 friends throughout the state who put their gifts in the 'Red Stocking' for our Christmas appeal," said Snider, associate editor of the Greensboro Daily News. "We also are grateful for the support so many gave through the Greensboro United Fund, and

through UP campaigns in other communities through Carolinas United."

The Society is an adoption planning and child caring agency, operating entirely on voluntary support. Last year, it aided well over 700 children, including 245 placed in homes for adoption. The Society has headquarters in Greensboro, and district offices at Asheville, Charlotte, Greenville, and Wilmington.

Snider said direct gifts through the 1964 Christmas drive came from 2,207 individuals and organizations, compared with 2,035 the year before.

1500 Lives Lost In One Year In Auto Accidents

Not long after a highway accident things return to "normal."

The clean up job is quite thorough; the smashed vehicles are hauled away, shattered glass swept up, gouged earth leveled, fences and signposts repaired.

Soon there's nothing to indicate to passing motorists that death was here. Traffic, and life, go on as before—almost.

Unfortunately, the litter of a year full of wrecks is not really that easily disposed of. Although the road behind us may be clean the memory is not.

In many ways, the tens of thousands of accidents in 1964 are still with us. We have our bruises and bills, limps and law-suits, casts and costs—and a shocking new record of more than 1500 lives lost in a single year.

Nor is it easy to dispose of lingering regrets.

As parents, were we too lenient or too strict? Were we reluctant to fasten our seat belts? Did we give sufficient attention to the rules of the road? Were we too tolerant of selfish interests which make progress in accident prevention difficult?

The rest of 1965 may provide some answers. We can only hope they'll be the right ones.

A.S.T.C. Students Initiated Into Pi Delta Phi

Boone—Nine Appalachian State Teachers College Students were initiated into the local chapter of Pi Delta Phi, a national honorary French society.

Dr. J. Roy Prince, founder and sponsor of the college chapter, said that the French society is open to all French majors who maintain a grade point average of 3.00 in French and a 2.50 over all average. The society strives to create an appreciation of French culture in this country.

Students initiated into Gamma Phi, the ASTC chapter of Pi Delta

Phi, were Gloria Cash, Spindale; Arby Frost, Pulaski, Va.; Judy Hayes, Boone; Betty Henson, Forest City; Judy Huffman, Salisbury; Sheila Norton, Marion; Jolene Riddle, Spruce Pine; Annie Sampson, Greensboro; and Faye Spivey, Star.

The initiation ceremony was directed by Sylvia Bowers, of Albemarle, chapter president. She was assisted by Judy Stiller, Salisbury; Elizabeth Riddle, Spruce Pine; Bill Groves, Bessemer City; Ken Davis, Ellesboro; and Judy Harris Burnsville.

Other officers of the local chapter are Judy Harris, vice-president, and Bill Groves, secretary-treasurer.

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