

New Law Helps Rangers To Prosecute

Atlanta, Georgia — Forest Rangers will find it easier this season to get quick prosecution of vandals who cause damage to improvements on National Forest lands in the South.

Vandalism and littering cost the taxpayers many thousands of dollars each year in the South and Forest Service officials think a law passed by Congress will help cut down on the damage.

The law, passed late last year, allows Rangers to bring vandals, and others who violate regulations set up to protect the Forests, before a U. S. Commissioner for trial. The law, with authority from Federal District Courts, provides for immediate hearings before a designated commissioner.

When such cases were carried to Federal District Court, crowded court calendars often made it impractical to use the courts to try these petty cases. Heavy court dockets also have caused long delays in hearing many cases. Rangers did their best to persuade those using the Forests not to damage them but greatly increased use brought growing misuse by a small percentage of visitors.

Under the new law, those who shoot signs, damage picnic tables and restrooms, are noisy and disorderly and otherwise violate regulations can be taken before a U. S. Commissioner for immediate trial.

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LOCAL SCOUTS ATTEND DEDICATION



Pictured above are Marsha Banks and Marilyn Laughrun who took part in the formal dedication of the new Girl Scout Building and the Blessing of The House held in Asheville April 25.

Yancey County was represented by two Junior Scouts and one Brownie Scout at the dedication of the new Girl Scout Building and formal Blessing of The House on Sunday, April 25 in Asheville.

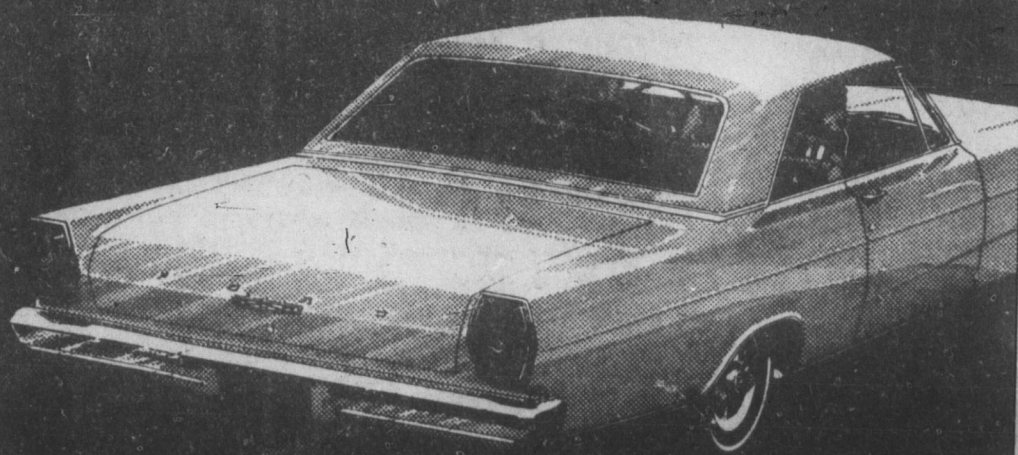
Miss Marsha Banks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Banks, Miss Marilyn Laughrun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Laughrun, were the Junior Scouts attending and Miss Katy King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. King, was the Brownie Scout attending.

Fourteen Counties in The Pisgah Girl Scout Council were represented in the ceremony.

Marsha Banks and Marilyn Laughrun, Junior Scouts, participated in the World Wide Parade of Flags. Marsha and Marilyn carried flags from Iceland and Italy.

The Brownie Scouts were inside the house and at a given point during the ceremony each Brownie held a green garland at a window. Katy King represented the Brownie Troop from Burnsville.

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