

## Neighborhood Youth Corps For The Youth Of America

"The Neighborhood Youth Corps is an organization for the youth of America. It is a place where all races of young people work to earn money for things they want, such as clothes, furniture, and to support dependents."

This description of the Neighborhood Youth Corps program was written by Margie Carson shortly before she left for the Blue Ridge Job Corps Center in Marion, Va.

Margie, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Carson of Allpass Community in Mitchell County. She dropped out of school in her senior year at Harris High and enrolled in the W.A.M.Y. Community Action Neighborhood Youth Corps program in September, 1967.

She says "at first it was hard because I was the only Negro member of the NYC class, I hated to go to school. As time went by she made many friends and "I learned that you sometimes have to take the first step toward friendship."

Margie has always been interested in taking Nurse's Aide training, and for many months the NYC staff encouraged her to enroll in the Job Corps. She is now completing her high school education and will then be eligible for Nurse's Aide training if she is still interested. If not, there are numerous other fields of study available at the Job Corps Center.

When she arrived in Marion, Va. on January 8, she received a letter from Jean Louise Kempton, North Carolina coordinator for Women in Community Service, the recruiting agency for the Job Corps. Mrs. Kempton told Margie, "What you do with

the opportunity you have at the Center depends entirely on you."

Last week Margie wrote Jane Powell, her NYC counselor in Mitchell County: "I am trying very hard to make all of you proud of me after all you have done for me."

"Margie is determined to take advantage of her opportunity," Mrs. Powell says, "because she knows that we are interested in her and are behind her one hundred per cent. Often that is what these boys and girls need most."

## Winchester To Assist Veterans At Courthouse

The N. C. Dept. of Veterans Affairs will have Jack C. Winchester in the Courthouse, Burnsville, N. C. on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 11:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. to assist veterans and dependents.

He stated that Congress passed laws recently to grant education allowance for those who served honorably for more than 180 days since February 1, 1955. The law also pays an allowance while a veteran is learning a trade on-the-job-training in such as carpentry, electrician, machinist, office manager and others. These veterans also have rights to Veterans Administration hospitalization, service connected disability compensation for injury or other conditions result of the period of their ser-

vice. Also when a chronic condition comes about within one year following separation from active duty one may get service connection.

Veterans who served honorably for 90 days or more, part of which was in a war period, and those who served since August 4, 1964 may qualify for non-service connected permanent and total disability pension. The pension law has maximum income limits and limits as to corpus estate.

Also veterans being separated now should apply for dental treatment, during the first year following separation if an active duty and it is better to apply within 6 months following separation from active duty.

Anyone needing assistance should contact the Service Officer.

### Dangerous Age

NEW YORK—The Insurance Information Institute points out that although drivers under 20 comprise only 10.2 per cent of the nation's motorists, they are involved in 17.3 per cent of all highway crashes and 16 per cent of the fatal accidents.

## Mrs. Hensley Named 1969 Heart Fund Chairman For Yancey County

Mrs. Hazel Hensley of Rt. 3, Burnsville has been named 1969 Heart Fund Chairman and President-elect for Yancey County, it was announced today by Yancey Heart Association President, Yates Bailey.

As Heart Fund Chairman, Mrs. Hensley will supervise the local association's 1969 fund raising activities and will appoint local community leaders to direct the various activities planned for the campaign during Heart Month.

The local campaign will be carried out in conjunction with the drives of the North Carolina and American Heart Associations, held each year during February.

Mrs. Hensley said that plans for the local drive are being formulated and leaders and activities will be announced shortly. He pointed out that local

funds will go to conduct the Heart Association's research, public education, and community service programs.

"Heart Disease," Mrs. Hensley said, "is still the leading cause of death in Yancey County, as it is in the nation and the world. Last year over 22,000 North Carolinians died as a result of cardiovascular disease. Our Heart Association represents an opportunity for every person in Yancey to take a hand in stamping out this killer."

Mrs. Hensley needs volunteer help in the current campaign. Any person interested in helping please call her at 682-3106.

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