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License Tag Costs More This Year

The application cards necessary for obtaining 1970 license plates were placed in the mail on December 18. Department of Motor Vehicles officials expect this huge mailing, estimated at more than 3,300,000 cards, to be delivered by January 1.

Motorists will be paying more for their 1970 plates than they have been paying in the past. The registration fees were increased about 25% by the 1969 Legislature. This does not apply to North Carolina's amputee war veterans and those war veterans having a 100% disability rating by the Veterans Administration. They will get their tags free!

The new reflectorized red and white plates will go on sale throughout the State on January 2. The 1969 plates expire December 31 and their use beyond that date is permissible only if they are duly registered by the Department to the vehicle on which display is made. Owners who have their vehicles properly registered by the Department do have until February 16 to get new plates.

Surrounding area residents may obtain plates at Yancey Credit Bureau Office on the square. Office hours will be (Cont'd on page 4)



Burnsville Defies Stereotype Says Leading Canadian Paper

Throughout the year we have tried to convey our pride in Yancey County, our confidence in its present and our hope for its future, through articles and editorials. We offer as a Christmas Bonus, another article written about our area.

This article, presented in

its entirety, was printed in the November 15, 1969 issue of the Montreal Star, a leading Canadian daily newspaper.

"BURNSVILLE, N. C. - This Appalachian town is probably as tucked away and as non-commercial a place as can be found today. Yet, it is well appointed for entertainment

of a certain kind, and for caring for one's physical needs in a more or less standard tourist way.

"It is situated 37 miles north east of Asheville and at the foot of a massive range of mountains, the Blacks (part of the Blue Ridge). It is the (Cont'd on page 17)

Westco Employee Credited With Saving Woman's Life

Installer Coy Edwards, an employee of Westco Telephone Company of Burnsville, was credited with the possibility of saving a human life Tuesday, December 16, 1969.

Edwards was dispatched to the residence of Mrs. Herman Peterson for the purpose of installing a telephone. Upon his arrival at the Peterson residence Edwards was met at the door by the Peterson children, approximate ages 3 and 4 who told him their mother was dead and to please help them. Edwards entered the house and found Mrs. Peterson unconscious lying on the floor. He immediately summoned the ambulance, and after placing the children in the care of a neighbor, went with the ambulance to the hospital.



Coy Edwards

Edwards' quick response in this emergency was an act to be commended. The doctor in charge at the hospital said that if Mrs. Peterson had not been found by Edwards at the time, the incident could have possibly proved fatal.

Road Side Massacre In Yancey

By James R. Covington
U. S. Forest Service

Are YOU participating in an all out effort to completely destroy the natural beauty of Yancey County? Yancey County and surrounding Western N. C. counties have long been noted for some of the most beautiful scenery in the United States. Maybe time has come for us to take a look at our county through the eyes of our guests and visitors.

Visitors pour into Yancey County in numbers exceeding 1,000,000 visits per year. From where do they come; what are they seeking; what do we have that is not available in their own region; why do they pick Yancey County? These questions have a thousand answers; certainly no one could list them all, but when we ask our visitors these questions the most frequent replies are that they come from 50 states and over 50 foreign countries seeking a variety of things in which Western North Carolina excels. To one family Yancey County is a wonderful place for a week of camping, hiking and picnicking; to another it is a delightful vacation of sight-seeing and clean fresh air without the "hustle - bustle" of day-to-day routine. To the sportsman Yancey County is a long anticipated deer hunt or a fishing trip on Cane or South Toe River in pursuit of the elusive trout. To still another person Yancey County is a place of peace and serenity, a place where a man can meditate and slow down long enough to take stock of himself, things around him, and the world in general.

Yes, Yancey County has certainly been blessed with its share of natural beauty; a generous "Mother Nature" has smiled on us, but what are we doing with this wonderful resource of nature? We are slowly but surely destroying it with waste, garbage, and other forms of residue. Streams are completely camouflaged with a blanket of cans, plastic jugs and paper. The roadsides of major highways and scenic routes have turned into massive garbage dumps. No one dares to drink from a stream if there is a house above, because it

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Photo by John Robinson

Snow For Christmas

Yancey Countians who have been "Dreaming Of A White Christmas" are seeing their dream come true this year. The snow looks as though it's finally here to stay for the rest of the winter season -- A mixed blessing for those who believe snow and Christmas go hand in hand, but who also have to drive in it!