

# Accidents On Yancey Highways

A one-car accident on Thursday, March 31, at 11:40 a.m. occurred 5 miles south of Burnsville on NC 80.

Benjamin Smith, 42, of Asheville was driving a 1972 GMC truck North on NC 80 at a moderate speed, hit a section of the road from which the pavement had been removed and the ground had settled. The vehicle went out of control, ran off the right side of the road, struck a ditch and bank, and then struck a backhoe which was parked on private property.

There were no passengers and no injuries. Damage was estimated at \$1500 to the GMC and \$50 to the backhoe. Trooper W.J. Stallings investigated.

An accident on Saturday, April 2 at 3:50 p.m. occurred 16 miles out of Burnsville on US 19W.

Arthur M. Wilson, 66, of Route 4, Burnsville was driving a 1970 VW North on 19W. He lost control of the vehicle, left the roadway and struck a bridge. After striking the bridge the vehicle jumped a creek and came to rest on

the right shoulder of Coxes Creek Road.

There were no passengers. Wilson was taken to Yancey Hospital, but was not seriously injured.

Damage was estimated at \$800 to the VW, \$60 to a mailbox and sign. Trooper C.D. Thomas investigated.

A two-car accident on Friday, April 1, at 6:45 a.m. occurred on US 19E 5 miles North of Burnsville from NC 80.

Daryl Deyton, 19, of Route 5, Burnsville came to a stop at a stop sign on NC 80 in a 1970 Plymouth. Carolyn McCannless, 39, of Route 2, Burnsville was driving a 1974 Mercury North on US 19E. Deyton pulled out onto 19E attempting to make a left turn and travel south on 19E. He failed to see the McCannless vehicle. The vehicles collided.

There were no passengers and no injuries in either vehicle. Damage was estimated at \$700 to the Plymouth and \$600 to the Mercury. Trooper A.T. Morrison investigated.



## Edwards Honored With Award

At a March 31 meeting of the Soil and Water Conservation Supervisors for Yancey County, Walter Edwards was presented with a 25-year Service Award. In presenting Edwards with a plaque, Carlie Rice said "I can't think of anyone more deserving of such an award." Edwards recently

ended 25 years of serving as a Soil and Water Conservation Supervisor here. Pictured are supervisors Earl Young, Bob Helmle, Luther Ayers, Edward Yuziuk, Ray Dorsett, Carlie Rice and Walter Edwards. Photo by Jody Higgins

## WNC Roads Top Priority

Governor Jim Hunt says the top priority of North Carolina's roads program in the coming months will be repairing the damage that the severe winter weather caused to Western North Carolina

roads and highways.

Hunt has instructed his new Secondary Roads Council that "repairing these mountain roads will have a higher priority with me now than the

construction of new roads across the state."

Three of Hunt's 14 appointees to that council are from Western areas that were hit hard by the winter's ice,

snow and sub-freezing temperatures. They are Mrs. Peggy Halsey of Piney Creek, Joseph R. Randall of Forest City and Joe El-Khoury of Andrews.

The weather opened up ruts and cracks in many roads, and preliminary estimates are that \$42 million in damages was caused statewide.

## Program Of Songs Set By Music In The Mountains

Julie Fortney, soprano, will be the featured soloist in a program of songs by Parker LaBach to be presented Tuesday, April 19th, at 8:00 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church in Burnsville. The recital is another in the concert series sponsored by Music in the Mountains.

The composer, who now lives near Spruce Pine, has selected the program from among his many works composed during the past thirty years. Included are two groups of settings of poems for children, several love songs, a sacred song, and

others which emphasize a light-hearted or humorous approach to serious music.

Julie Fortney is Assistant Professor of Voice at Mars Hill College and soloist at All Souls Church, Asheville. She has been featured locally in previous Music in the Mountains concerts.

Dan Hardin, pianist in the program, is organist at the First Baptist Church of Asheville.

Dr. LaBach is a native of Lexington, Kentucky. Before coming to North Carolina he had taught music and education at the Georgia State

College for Women, Syracuse University and Kent State University.

Admission is \$2 at the door.

## Garden Help

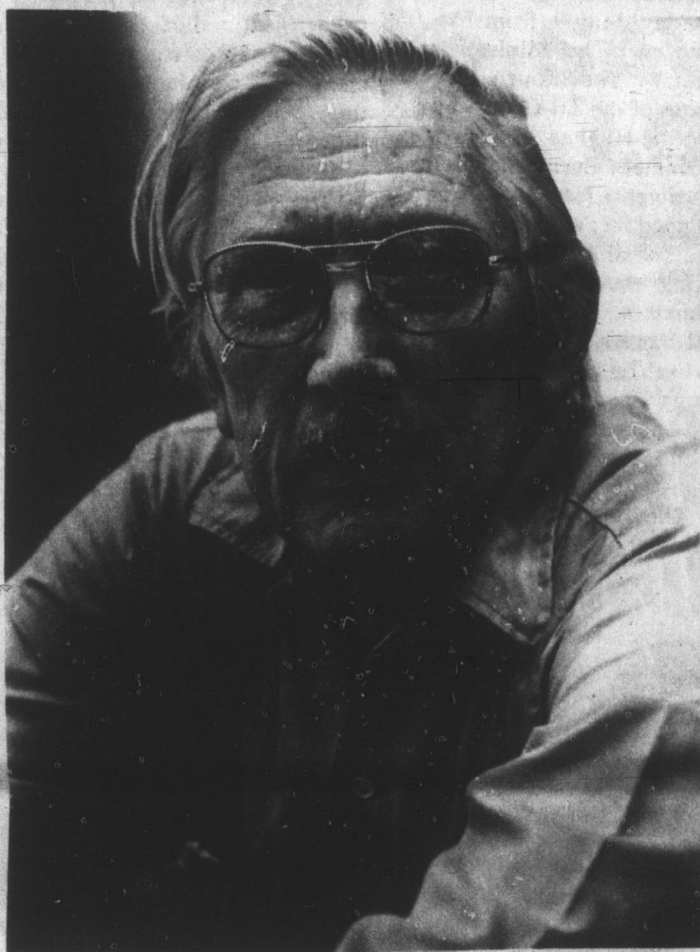
A limited garden assistance program to help families who may not otherwise be able to plant a garden this spring will be carried out by the local Community Action Office. The project is scheduled to begin immediately.

Only the families unable to obtain seeds or fertilizer, in sufficient amounts to plant and raise a garden adequate for their families use, should make a request to W.A.M.Y. Community Action.

The condition for obtaining help through this project is that the family show they have a need for assistance—that they are unable without hardship, to obtain the help needed and that they agree to plant and harvest all the foodstuff given.

Each family needing this assistance will be requested to fill out a written request for the help needed and a family information sheet about the family needs and conditions.

Seeds will be available at The Laurel Mountain Crafts Shop located at Windom. For more information call 682-2610 or 682-7527.



Parker LaBach Photo by Ann Hawthorne

## TRAC Fund Drive Gets Good Response

BY JIM CORNWELL  
The drive for funds being conducted by The Toe River Arts Council has been very gratifying according to Mrs. Susan Larson, president.

However, while the total membership is now 150 the corporate and business goals have not been reached. There is still plenty of time to join the Council according to Mrs. Larson and she urges everyone who plans to join to contact her or any of the coordinators of the drive. Any contribution to the non-profit organization is tax deductible.

Toe River Arts Council sponsors all forms of art in the counties of Mitchell and Yancey bringing to the area artists who are among the best in their respective fields. Many of these artists work for the council without pay.

Programs are conducted each year for all age groups and the council was very busy during its first year, 1976. An even more comprehensive program is planned for 1977.

The council will qualify for a grant of up to \$1,000.00 from the N.C. Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D.C. when the membership funds reach last year's total.

Categories for the prospective members and the fees for each category are as follows: Individual, \$5.00; Couple, \$7.00; Family, \$9.00; Sponsor, \$25.00; Patron, \$50.00; Corporate, \$100.00. Contributions can be mailed to: Toe River Arts Council, 408 Altapass Road, Spruce Pine, N.C. 28777. Members will be issued a membership card which will be their ticket to many of the council's special programs during the year.

Coordinators of the drive are: Mrs. John Garcia, Swiss Pine Lake; Rev. Richard Morgan V, service clubs; Paul Welder, corporate and business; Dr. Carolyn Cort, professional gifts, Burnsville.

In addition to the strong support of personal memberships contributions from other categories are as follows:

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