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**Joins Dentistry Practice**  
 Dr. Jack Braswell would like to announce the addition of Dr. Paul Homoly to his practice of General Dentistry. Dr. Homoly graduated from the University of Illinois dental school and has recently completed a tour of duty with the United States Navy. Dr. Homoly and his wife and two children are now living in the Spruce Pine area.

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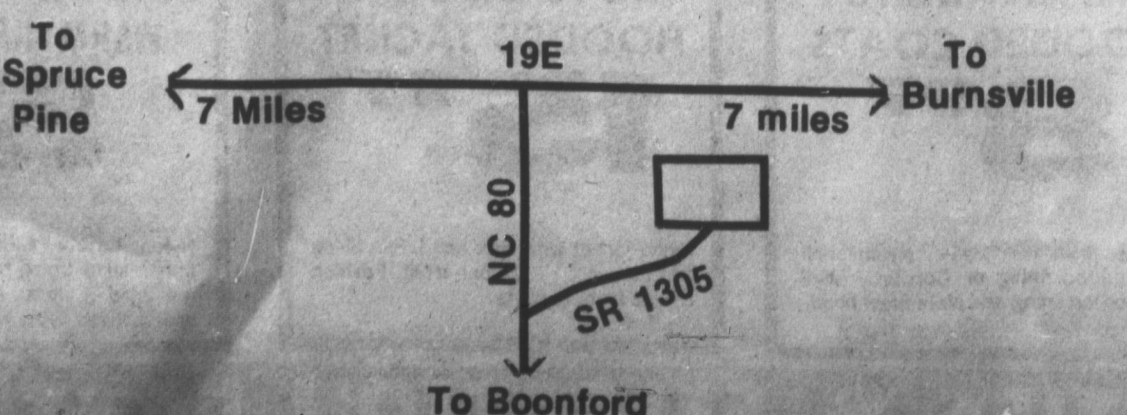
**Armed Forces Report**  
 Second Lieutenant Terry L. Peterson, son of retired U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sergeant and Mrs. Earl H. Peterson of Route 1, Burnsville, N.C. has graduated at Lowry AFB, Colo. from the U.S. Air Force intelligence photo officer course.  
 Lieutenant Peterson, now trained in photographic chemistry, image reproduction and evaluation and precision processing, is being assigned to Langley AFB, Va., for duty with a unit of the Tactical Air Command.  
 The lieutenant, a 1971 graduate of U.S. Grant High School, Oklahoma City, received his B.S. degree in 1975 from Okla. State Univ. where he was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. program.  
 He received the accelerated promotion in recognition of outstanding performance, duty proficiency and demonstrated professional abilities.  
 A 1973 graduate of East Yancey High School, he joined the Marine Corps in August, 1976.  
 Navy Seaman Floyd t. Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wheeler of Route 1, Box 67, Burnsville, N.C. recently visited Brindisi, Italy while serving as a crewmember aboard the aircraft carrier USS Independence, homeported in Norfolk, Va. His ship is operating as a unit of the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea.  
 He and his fellow shipmates had the opportunity to visit Brindisi during a recent port call. During the remainder of the cruise, his ship is scheduled to participate in several training operations and exercises with other Sixth Fleet units and ships of allied nations, and to visit various other Mediterranean ports.  
 A 1974 graduate of Cane River High School, he joined the Navy in June, 1974.  
 Marine Lance Corporal Robert W. Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Howard of Box 95, Burnsville, N.C. has been meritoriously pro-

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**health watch**  
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 Breast cancer is the leading cause of death among women 40 to 44 years old, but far more lives could be saved through early detection. While most breast lumps are benign (non-cancerous) it is vitally important that a woman see her doctor if a lump is found. She should never wait to see if the lump grows before reporting it to her physician.  
 More and more women are having their breasts examined either by a doctor or through self-examination, but many women do not know how to properly examine their own breasts. Instructions on breast self-examination can be obtained from your doctor or local health department.  
 One of the most important diagnostic tools for determining the presence of cancer is the mammography, an x-ray of the breast. But recently there has been much publicity over the use of mammography.  
 The use of diagnostic x-rays when symptoms of the disease are present is not a question. The problem comes in the mass screening using mammography on women who are not in the high risk group.  
 The danger comes from the possibility that the x-ray itself may cause cancer.  
 While there are still some unknown facts the American Medical Association, based on the present state of medical knowledge, has offered guidelines for the use of mammography:  
 1. Any woman, regardless of age, with signs or symptoms that indicate breast cancer (such as a lump, should have a mammography.  
 2. A woman who has a high risk for breast cancer (strong family history, previous breast cancer, no pregnancy before the age of 30) should receive periodic screening examinations, including mammography.  
 3. Periodic screening should be done for all women over the age of 50.  
 4. Women under the age of 50 without symptoms should not be screened until further facts are discovered on the benefits and risks.

**U.S. Supreme Court Changes S.S. Law**  
 A widow or a husband can get monthly benefits on his wife's social security record without proving dependence on her under a recent decision by the United States Supreme Court.  
 Previously a man had to prove he was dependent on his wife to get benefits on her record if she retired, became disabled, or died after working long enough in jobs covered by social security. A woman did not have to prove she was dependent on her husband to get benefits on his record.  
 Starting with payments for March, 1977, neither men nor women have to prove dependency. Husbands and wives can get reduced social security payments starting at 62 or full payments starting at 65.  
 Widowers and widows can get payments starting at 60--or starting at 50 if they're totally disabled and unable to engage in any gainful activity. The disability must be based upon medical evidence in each case.  
 Men who think they may be eligible under the court ruling can get information about applying for benefits by calling or writing any social security office, according to T.L. Johnson, social security field representative in Asheville, N.C.  
 A man already getting social security benefits may also be eligible for payments on his wife's record under the Court ruling, according to Mr. Johnson. "But he can only be paid an amount equal to the higher benefit--not both benefits," he said.  
 The Asheville social security office is at 50 S. French Broad Ave. The phone number is 252-8773.

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**Wildlife Afield**  
 BY JIM DEAN

**Wild Turkeys Back**  
 Wildlife biologists estimate that there are now probably somewhere between 5,000 and 6,000 wild turkeys in North Carolina. More important, they believe that the State has sufficient habitat--especially in the mountains--to eventually support 15,000 to 20,000 of these magnificent birds.  
 To understand the meaning of all this, you need to dig back through the history of the wild turkey in North Carolina.  
 Apparently, the turkey was a very common bird over 200 years ago when man first began to settle here. John Lawson, who explored the State in 1700 and published his observations, wrote the following:  
 "There are great flocks of these (turkeys) in Carolina. I have seen about 500 in a flock; some of them are very large. I never weighed any myself, but have been informed of one that weighed near sixty pound weight. I have seen half a turkey feed eight hungry men two meals..."  
 It is unlikely that turkeys reached maximum sizes much larger than they do today (in excess of 20 pounds), but Lawson undoubtedly did see a great many turkeys because the mature forest habitat that existed then would have favored their abundance.  
 What happened to all these turkeys? They were hunted, of course, for food, but the biggest cause of their dwindling population was loss of prime habitat. As lumbering progressed systematically through the State, turkeys lost their favored homes and soon became rather uncommon inhabitants.  
 Back around the early part of this century, from 1900 until World War II, much of the last of the virgin forests of western North Carolina were cut in massive timbering operations. The turkey vir-

**Vets Campaign To Achieve Goals**  
 BY MARVIN L. HOLLAND  
**Veterans Representative ESC**  
 For several weeks now you have been reading and hearing locally a public information campaign on "Bet On A Vet." This is part of a nationwide campaign for the employment of Veterans through Employment Security Commission Job Service offices.  
 Hopefully, this campaign will achieve two goals. First, we hope that employers will avail themselves of Veteran applicants on file at the local job service office and list their job openings there. Secondly, we want to inform Veterans of the employment services available through job service.  
 The Yancey Journal and the Tri-County News have contributed valuable space to the promoting of this program. Likewise, WTOE and WKYK radio stations have provided air time to "Bet On A Vet." We sincerely thank these media for their contributions.  
 Why do we need such a program? President Carter, for one, recognizes the need to develop private-sector jobs for Vietnam-era and disabled Veterans. In his economic stimulus program he has stressed helping the disabled and Vietnam-era Veterans. The unemployment rate continues higher for these Veterans than for any other group in the same age category.  
 Locally, in Yancey and Mitchell Counties, there are 3,250 Veterans; 1,049 are Vietnam-era Vets; 258 are disabled Vets and 70 of them are Vietnam disabled Vets. We presently have about 245 Veterans from all periods of service looking for work in the two county area.  
 In analyzing why Vietnam-era Veterans have a higher unemployment rate many reasons can be considered. Locally, many of the returning Vets have highly technical and specialized skills which are not in demand here. They often have been stationed in areas where the pay scales are substantially greater than they are here and for a period of time resist lowering their wage goals. Many of the Veterans seeking to use their GI benefits for furthering their education are unable to find work tailored to their school schedule, particularly in this locality of limited employment opportunities.  
 For a time employers had a fear of the young Vietnam-era Vet. They had mistakenly been labeled as a drug taking, insubordinate group that would not be able to adjust in the community once discharged. National news media did serious injury to our military services during the late 60's and early 70's by negative news reporting; that is, Vietnam atrocities, racial incidents, drug use, etc. Very little, if any, positive reporting reached the masses. I know, personally, of villages rebuilt by American servicemen and volunteer work in orphanages and adoption agencies in their off-duty time. Here in the states, responsible servicemen and their families were active in community affairs of the towns near their base.  
 I have had employers tell me "young people don't want to work today." Young people do! Young people are better educated, informed and selective today. For the most part, they will not be relegated to a job their parents and grandparents were forced into.  
 Let's hope that in this decade North Carolina can come from the low national ranking it holds for average salaries paid to employees and bring our citizens wages up to meet the needs of his family and especially pay an employee in relation to his value to an employer. Veterans who have served to preserve our free enterprise system should not be rewarded with a minimum wage. He or she should be able to share in the benefits reaped from this system he has protected.  
 I have strayed, but not too far from the subject. Mr. employer and fellow Veteran, let's get together. I want to match you up.  
 Employers are urged to take advantage of the experience, maturity and leadership ability a Veteran offers.

