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—and Views—

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, allow me to extend our thanks for your splendid advance publicity of the fifth annual Sanford Scholarships competition at the North Carolina School of the Arts. There were 115 applicants this year—twice the number who applied last year—and they came from 42 of the state's 100 counties, a gain of 10 counties over last year.

We regard this as positive evidence that the media, and the high school guidance counselors, in nearly half the state are doing an excellent job of informing interested young people of the opportunity these scholarships provide.

Although only four Sanford Scholarships are awarded, participation in the competitive auditions can open other doors of opportunity to many more North Carolina residents: roughly half of those who enter the competition display sufficient potential and ability to qualify for admission into our professional performing arts programs, and are subsequently enrolled.

Robert Suderburg, Chancellor
North Carolina School of the Arts

Muri Elected To Exec. Committee

Richard Muri, pastor, First Baptist Church, Burnsville, was elected to the Baptist State Convention Executive Committee on January 30.

He was elected during the Baptist Board's regular winter meeting in Raleigh.

Muri will serve as chairman of the Baptists' Christian Life and Public Affairs Council. Election to this office places him automatically on the Con-

vention's 18-member Executive Committee, major policy committee of the state Baptist body.

The Baptist State Convention has 3,444 affiliated churches—including 29 churches in Yancey County—seven colleges (including Mars Hill College), children's homes, homes for the aging, and a hospital.

DAV Chapter Meeting Set

Paul McCurry Chapter 71 Disabled American Veterans, will hold a semi-monthly meeting Thursday, February 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Yancey County Courthouse. All members, veterans, and ladies interested in the DAV Auxiliary are urged to attend.

For additional information call Commander Sherril Chrisawn 675-5692 or Sr. Vice Commander Sam Renfro 765-9556. For information on the Ladies DAV Auxiliary contact Mona Buchanan 765-9386.

Yancey County Highways

SHP: Highway Accidents

A one-car accident on Tuesday, January 30 at 11:55 a.m. occurred 15 miles northeast of Burnsville. Herbert Dahlin, 48, of Route 2, Burnsville was driving a 1973 Chevrolet down a steep hill and approached a curve. Driver was unable to make vehicle turn due to the icy road and went off the bank into the river. Damage was estimated at \$1,500. Trooper W.J. Stallings investigated.

A one-car accident on Wednesday, January 31, at 3:30 p.m. occurred on NC 197S. Charles Kesler, 25, of Route 6, Burnsville was driving a 1972 Opel S., slid on ice, traveled down an embankment and overturned in the river. Damage was estimated at \$1400. Trooper T.L. Rogers investigated.

Carson Honeycutt, 28, of Route 4, Burnsville was involved in a one car accident on Thursday, February 1, at 9:45 p.m. Honeycutt was driving a 1977 Datsun east on US 19W, came around a curve, lost control, went down an embankment, overturning, coming to rest in a creek. Damage was estimated at \$1800. Trooper N.C. Roura investigated.

A one-car accident on Saturday, February 3, at 10:50 a.m. occurred on Jacks Creek Road. Auburn Laws, 37, of Route 1, Burnsville was driving a 1972 Jeep south, came around a curve, skidded on ice, struck an embankment and overturned. One passenger, Alma Laws, 36, was taken to Dr. Hemphill's office. Damage was estimated at \$1,000. Trooper A.T. Morrison investigated.

A two-car accident on Saturday, February 3, at 12:00 p.m. occurred on NC 197 N. Norman Ledford, 42, of Bakersville was driving a 1974 Chev. north, crossed the center line, struck vehicle 2, traveled .5 mile, and struck a ditchbank. Bobby Hollman, 18, of Green Mountain was the operator of vehicle 2, a 1970 Chevrolet. Damage was estimated at \$2200 to the 1974 Chev. and \$1400 to the 1970 Chev. Norman Ledford was charged with D.U.I., reckless driving and hit and run. Trooper T.L. Rogers investigated.

Ricky Kates, 20, of Route 5, Burnsville was involved in an accident on Saturday, February 3, at 4:35 p.m. Kates was driving a 1968 Buick north on NC 80 S. Kates swerved to miss an unknown vehicle that backed onto roadway. Driver lost control, crossed centerline, over an embankment and struck a tree. Trooper T.L. Rogers investigated.

A two-car accident 10 miles north of Burnsville occurred on Saturday, February 3, at 4:45 p.m. A 1971 Pontiac was traveling west. Curtis Dayton, 17, of Route 1, Burnsville was driving a 1968 Dodge east. Vehicles were in a slight curve upon impact. Damage was

estimated at \$650 to the Dodge. Trooper T.L. Rogers investigated.

An accident on Sunday, February 4, at 2:35 a.m. occurred on NC 80 S. Douglas Webb, 26, of Route 5, Burnsville was driving a 1969 Buick, made two doughnuts in the road, headed north, struck a guardrail and a utility pole, breaking it in half. Damage was estimated at \$800 to the Buick and \$1200 to the guard rail, utility pole and mail box. Douglas Webb was charged with reckless driving. Trooper N.C. Roura investigated.

A one-car accident on Sunday, February 4 at 4:00 p.m. occurred on NC 197. Billy Hollifield was driving a 1963 Willis north, lost control,

traveled off right shoulder and struck a ditchbank. Damage was estimated at \$600. Billy Hollifield was charged with failing to report accident. Trooper T.L. Rogers investigated.

A two-car accident on Sunday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m. occurred 12 miles north of Burnsville. Maurice Buchanan, 23, of Spruce Pine was driving a 1977 GMC east in the center of the road and struck vehicle 2. Randy Peterson, 20, of Route 4, Burnsville was the operator of vehicle 2, a 1972 Dodge. Damage was estimated at \$900 to the GMC and \$1900 to the Dodge. Maurice Buchanan was charged with left of center, Randy Peterson was

charged with slick tires. Trooper T.L. Rogers investigated.

Correction!

According to a later report received about the 2-car accident occurring Wednesday, January 24, involving Larry Thomas and Melinda McCormick, the accident happened at 5:15 p.m. rather than 5:15 a.m. as stated. Larry Thomas, Route 5, Burnsville, driving a 1973 Chevrolet was apparently traveling north on US 19E. Melinda McCormick, Arden, N.C. was driving a 1978 VW south, and she skidded out of control and struck the Thomas vehicle.

Points Can Cost \$\$\$

Driver license points can cost you your driver license! The Division of Motor Vehicles has assigned these points for driver violations.

5 POINTS
Passing a stopped school bus.

4 POINTS
Reckless driving
Hit-and-Run, Property Damage Only
Following too closely
Driving on wrong side of road
Illegal passing

3 POINTS
Running a stop sign
Speeding in excess of 55 mph
Failure to yield right-of-way
Running a red light
Driving without a license or license expired more than one year

2 POINTS
Failure to stop for siren
Driving through safety zone
Failure to maintain liability insurance
Failure to report an accident where report is required
Speeding in school zone in excess of posted school zone speed limit

1 POINT
All other moving violations

When a driver gets 4 points the Division of Motor Vehicles mails a warning letter; for 7 points, the Division may request him/her to attend a conference; the opportunity to attend Driver Improvement Clinic to remove 3 points from record can be given once only in 10 years.

For 12 points, the Division has the authority to suspend license. If a driver's license is suspended, the first time is for 60 days or less; a 2nd suspension can be for up to 6 months, and for 3 or more suspensions, a driver's license can be taken for up to a year.

Automobile insurance points can cost you money! The following automobile insurance points have been assigned by insurance companies:

12 POINTS
Manslaughter or negligent homicide

Prearranged highway racing
Hit-and-run, bodily injury or death

10 POINTS
Driving under the influence
Driving with blood-alcohol level greater than .10%

8 POINTS
Transporting illegal intoxicating liquor for sale
Highway racing

4 POINTS
Driving during revocation or suspension of license or registration

4 POINTS
Reckless driving
Hit-and-run, property damage only

5 Passing stopped school bus
6 Speeding in excess of 75 mph
2 POINTS
Illegal passing
speeding in excess of 55 mph (but less than 75 mph)

11 Following too closely
12 Chargeable accident resulting

in bodily injury, death, or property damage over \$200

1 POINT
All other moving violations
Chargeable accident under \$200, property damage only
Here is how your insurance points will affect your insurance rate:

(The sample cost shown is based on a basic rate of \$100 per year. Amount over that is based on number points.)

Points	% Rate	Cost
1	110%	\$110
2	140%	\$140
3	170%	\$170
4	200%	\$200
5	230%	\$230
6	270%	\$270
7	310%	\$310
8	350%	\$350
9	400%	\$400
10	450%	\$450
11	500%	\$500
12	550%	\$550

South Toe VFD

Answers Fire Calls

Wednesday, January 3 at 7:20 a.m. Report of house fire at Donald Harrison residence on Lower White Oak Creek Rd. Hot ashes put on the porch started nearby objects on fire. No damage to house.

Friday, January 19 at 11:40 p.m. House fire at Junior Wilson residence on Seven Mile Ridge. A severe ice storm was in progress at the time, the roads were coated with ice, making it difficult to even stand up. Firefighters had to smash ice off their cars just to open the door. Somehow Firefighter Robert Wilson got Engine 1 (Engine 1 is chained up most of the winter), equipped with chains, up the mountain. On arrival, 1/2 of the roof had fallen in and flames were coming out of most of the windows. Attempts to knock down the fire convinced Ass't. Chief Goldstein that the fire could not be controlled with only the motor on the truck, so firefighting efforts went to protecting ex-

posures. The house and contents were a total loss. A possible cause of the fire is a defective flue pipe on the oil furnace in the crawl space underneath the house.

The Wilson family was asleep at the time and was awakened by the sound of their smoke detector. All got out safely, but the fire was spreading so rapidly that they were unable to go back in to call the Fire Dept. Junior remembered the C.B. radio in his truck and contact was made and the Fire Dept. was called out.

It is clear to all involved that the smoke detector saved the lives of the Wilson family. Do you have one?

February 1 at 9:30 p.m. Medical emergency at residence of Mrs. Strickland on Colbert Creek. Fire Department EMT's gave oxygen until Yancey Ambulance arrived. Patient taken to Spruce Pine hospital by the ambulance service.

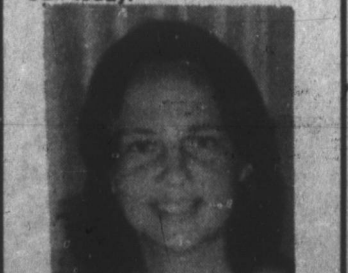
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Much of the tradition and ceremony has disappeared from the business of transferring real estate. You might enjoy learning how it used to be done in the old days.

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The buyer and seller would go upon the land in question and there, in the presence of witnesses, the seller would take a clod of turf and a twig from a tree and hand it over to the buyer as a symbol or token of the transfer.

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