

Highway Accidents

(Editor's note: The information supplied in the accident report is taken directly from the State Highway Patrol report, and reflects the opinion and estimates of the Trooper Investigating the case.)

A '74 School bus was involved in a two-car accident that occurred Thursday, January 17, at 4:10 p.m. Melvin Keith Henson, 19, of Burnsville was driving the bus south along Clate Wheeler Rd. 1 mile south of Burnsville when he met David Hall, 32, of Route 2, Burnsville traveling north in a '76 Toyota. Henson stated that he had started around a curve when he saw Hall and pulled the bus as far to the right as possible. The left bumper of the bus struck the Toyota causing an estimated \$150 damage to the vehicle with \$5 damage to the bus. Hall stated that he had pulled the Toyota right as far as possible and that the bus had struck the bank causing it to slide into his vehicle. No charges were filed. Trooper W.A. Ward investigated.

A two car accident involving a parked vehicle took place Friday, January 18, in a private drive within Burnsville City Limits. The parked vehicle, a '73 Chevrolet truck belonging to Bruce Edwards of Route 1, Burnsville was struck in the front by a car driven by Carolyn Sue Medford, of Woodfin, N.C. Medford entered the parking lot in a '73 Ford, struck the Chevrolet which rolled down a steep bank, and left the scene to an unknown destination. Damages were estimated at \$200. Trooper R.L. Cooper investigated.

A one-car accident injuring two took place along US 19 8.1 miles south of Burnsville. Francis Michael Craver, 24, of Route 2, Burnsville was driving a '77 Toyota north along 19E Saturday, January 19 at 8:15 a.m. when he hit some ice in a curve and lost control of the vehicle which overturned down an embankment and into a creek. Two passengers, Kevin Whalen, 26, and mark Miller, 22, were taken to Burnsville Hospital. Damages were estimated at \$1400. Trooper C.R. Franklin investigated.

James Gregory Fender, 17, of Burnsville was the driver in a one-car accident that injured him and a passenger. Fender was driving a '76 Triumph north along Jacks Creek Rd. Sunday, Jan. 20, at 1:30 p.m. when he rounded a sharp curve and lost control of the vehicle. The Triumph ran off the left side of the road, crossed back over to run off the right shoulder where it continued on to strike a rock and a tree and then traveled 52 ft. down a cliff and came to rest in a creek. Fender and a passenger, Rhonda Doris Renfro, 17, of Jacks Creek were taken to Spruce Pine Hospital. Fender was charged with Exceeding the Safe Speed. Damage to the Triumph was estimated at \$3000. Trooper W.A. Ward investigated.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

(The Journal welcomes letters expressing all points of view. We occasionally condense letters when space is a problem. Letters must be signed, but the name of the writer is withheld on request. Anonymous letters are never published.)

Dear Editor:
More than 70 days have elapsed since the goons of Iran kidnapped our citizens in our own Embassy in that heathen nation. The most that has been done since such a nefarious act has been a few million condemnatory words and the expulsion of our correspondents from that benighted nation because the correspondents would not lie and distort the matter in favor of the thugs who are keeping our people imprisoned. Economic sanctions were a small step in the right direction but it has not gone far enough. At the rate we are going by sanctions, the American prisoners in the hands of the jackals of Iran and the crazy loon who sits upon the Peacock Throne will die from old age without ever being released or breathing the air of freedom.

We should bar the sale or transportation of everything to that heathen country. The sale of foods, medicines and every commodity whatever should be banned by our Government. The only thing we should send to Iran is our bombers and battleships. Drop enough bombs and lob enough shells into that God forsaken country that it will be so desolate that a buzzard flying over the country would be forced to carry its own rations on its journey.

If anyone who reads this Article has a friend or relative in the Teamster Union or the Longshoremen's Union, I suggest that you contact such person and ask that they urge their Unions to refuse to handle any article consigned to either Iran or Russia.

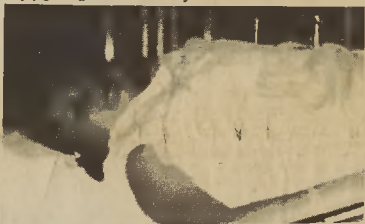
We heard last night over television that some of the vipers in Greenville, South Carolina, who face deportation, are planning to marry local American girls to prevent such.

Did you know that the Persian scum who are enrolled in our schools are being supported to a great extent from taxes paid by you to our Government? Ask our Senators and Members of the US House of Representatives. Ask Health, Education and Welfare. Do you wish to continue supporting such vipers? Let us amend our Immigration Laws by changing the formula. We should enact a law providing for the forfeiture of American citizenship of any American marrying a person from another nation who has not been naturalized. Senators Helms and Morgan and Representative Gudger are entitled to hear your view on these matters of such grave importance. I suggest that you inform Messrs. Helms, Morgan and Guder as to your views in this matter.

Very truly yours,
Bill Atkins

Dear Editor:

I am going to the Shriners' Hospital in Greenville, S.C. I am back to have to have another operation and I would love for everyone to pray for me and write to me. How I enjoy getting a letter from anyone.



I am Angela Whisnant, daughter of Rita Hughes and David Whisnant. Everyone down here needs your prayers. I am enclosing a picture of me and my address is Shriners Hospital, Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville, S.C. My home address is Route 9, Box 537, Morganton, N.C. 28655.

I want to thank everyone who has written to me and prayed for me and a special thanks to the Burnsville Hospital and Health Care Facility.
Love,
Angela Whisnant

Dear Editor:

Last Tuesday, January 15, was the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King. He was a great negro leader, and he was a Christian man. He was for the poor blacks and the poor whites alike and he wanted everybody to love each other.

In his speech one day Martin Luther King said we will have peace with our God one of these days. I hope one of these days the people in the world will see the promised land like our great leader said. Martin Luther King was a dreamer, but he wasn't a sleeper. He was awake to all the bitter things people said about him. He just talked to God and God let him see the promised land.

I think our blacks ought to honor his birthday and always remember how far he brought them to be free and to stand up for their rights and to learn to love each other and to help each other.

Mrs. Charlotte Barnett

Dear Editor:

I attended a Mayland Tech extension course in Bible Basics, taught by Frances Radford. If you are interested in an informational and inspirational class in Bible, I recommend you attend her next class.
Lois Anglin

Your Pharmacist at Pollards Drug Says

Your Pharmacist
Charles Gillespie, Jr.

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Each may be delivered alone, or in combination. Albeit, there is a growing skepticism within the FDA toward multi-ingredient products and the marketing of such. Over 300 such products are now being marketed. Is there any wonder patients need a personal pharmacist to help them deal in this complex world of drugs? I hope you'll choose us for your personal pharmacy!

The Dependable Drug Store
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1980 OFFICERS Patti Coe, left, secretary-treasurer, Charles Hodshon Jr., president, Jack Allen, director, and Barry

Weaver, director, were installed by the Mitchell-Yancey Board of Realtors at their January meeting.

Realtors' Board Installs New Officers At Meeting

The Yancey-Mitchell Board of Realtors held their installation meeting on January 14, 1980, at Tyner's Dipper and Deli with a covered dish dinner.

Realtor Charles Baskerville, Vice-President of Region 7, installed the 1980 officers as follows: Charles Hodshon, Jr., president; Benson Tyner, vice president; Patti Coe,

secretary/treasurer. Directors installed were Larry McKinney, Benson Tyner, Jack Allen and Barry Weaver. Realtor Baskerville commended the Yancey-Mitchell Board of Realtors for their outstanding achievements and accomplishments during their founding year. The Board received first place awards from NCAR in their Private Property Week and Make America Better projects. They also received recognition for their contribution to RPAC.

President Charles Hodshon Jr. presented outgoing president Wanda J. Proffitt, a plaque from the Board in appreciation of her leadership during their founding year.

NF Corp. Reports Earnings

Northwestern Financial Corporation earned \$11.7 million in 1979 before securities transactions and a gain on the sale of a subsidiary, an increase of 3.2 percent over the \$11.3 million earned in 1978. On a per share basis, earnings were \$2.26 in 1979 and \$2.20 in 1978. According to Northern chairman Ben T. Craig, 1979 earnings were reduced by \$1 million or \$1.19 per share as a result of the recently announced tentative settlement of Northwestern's long-standing Federal income tax matter. "Prior to this charge," Craig said, "our 1979 earnings before securities transactions and a gain on the sale of a subsidiary totaled \$12.7 million or \$2.45 per share, which was 12.1 percent above 1978."

Fourth quarter earnings before securities transactions were \$2.4 million or \$4.7 per share in 1979, down from \$3.2 million or \$6.1 per share in the final three months of 1978. Prior to the tax settlement, 1979 fourth quarter earnings were \$3.4 million or \$6.6 per share, a gain of 9.2 percent from a year earlier.

"Financial reporting procedures provide that the amount of the tentative tax settlement be recorded as an expense in the fourth quarter of 1979," Craig said. "However, in evaluating Northwestern's 1979 financial performance, we feel it is important to look at earnings before this charge, since the settlement relates to tax matters dating back a number of years."

Net income for 1979 totaled \$13.3 million or \$2.57 per share, up from \$11.2 million or \$2.17 per share in 1978. The 1979 amount includes an after tax gain of \$1.8 million or \$3.35 per share realized on the sale of Northwestern Security Life Insurance Company in January 1979. Fourth quarter net income was \$2.3 million or \$4.4 per share in 1979, down from \$3.1 million or \$6.1 per share in the final quarter of 1978.

Prior to the tax settlement The Northwestern Bank earned \$12.1 million before securities transactions in 1979, or 14.5 percent more than in 1978. Combined net earnings of Northwestern's consumer finance, mortgage banking and factoring subsidiaries totaled \$432,000 for 1979, down from \$495,000 in the prior year. This decline resulted from sharply lower consumer finance net earnings in 1979, partially offset by improved profitability of the factoring subsidiary.

Total deposits at the end of 1979 were \$1.409 billion

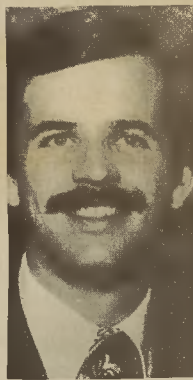
Lyerly Files For District Judgeship

Roy Alexander (Alec) Lyerly, Newland attorney, has filed as a candidate for the Republican Party nomination for District Court Judge for the 24th Judicial District for the May 6 Republican Primary. He seeks to be nominated to the seat presently held by Judge J. Ray Braswell who will retire at the end of his present term. The Twenty-Fourth Judicial District includes Avery, Madison, Mitchell, Watauga and Yancey Counties.

Lyerly is a native of Banner Elk, North Carolina. He is the son of Carlyne Banner Lyerly and the late R.A. Lyerly of Banner Elk, and the grandson of Mrs. Eva Lowe Banner and the late Robert O. Banner of Banner Elk, and the grandson of Mrs. Beulah Cline Lyerly of Winston-Salem and the late Rev. Samuel Badger Lyerly. He is married to the former Brenda Elaine Smith, and has one son, Keir.

Very active in Republican Party politics at both national, state and local levels, he served two elected terms as State Treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Federation of Young Republicans, a former precinct chairman and member of the Avery County Republican Executive Committee, and former Chairman of the Avery County Young Republicans and District Director of the Eleventh Congressional District.

He received his education in the public schools of Avery County and Lees-McRae College. He holds a B.S. in Political Science from Appalachian State University and his Doctor of Laws degree from South Texas, Houston, Texas. Lyerly taught in the Avery County public school system prior to going to law school, and taught in the



ALEC LYERLY

public schools of Houston, Texas, while attending law school there. He was the 1971 Honor Teacher from A.S.U. at Avery County High School. He has been an instructor at Mayland Technical Institute. Lyerly is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Texas, the Houston Bar Association, the North Carolina Bar and the North Carolina Bar Association. He is also a member of the Association of Trial Lawyers. He is a member of the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association and a member of the American Lawyers Association.

He is the immediate past president of the Avery County Chamber of Commerce, and a member of its Executive Board. He is also on the Board of Trustees for Crossnore School, Inc., and a member of the Executive and Finance Committees for Crossnore School, Inc. He was named as an Outstanding Young American Man for 1979. He is a Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite.

Before returning to Avery County in 1975 he was with the Houston Legal Foundation. He has been a partner in the law firm of Johnson and Lyerly, Newland, since 1976.

East Yancey Class Of 1970 Plans Reunion

The graduating class of 1970 of East Yancey High School is planning a reunion. All members of this class who are interested please meet at Higgins Memorial Methodist Church on Saturday, January 26, at 2 p.m.

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Real Estate
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RANCH OR TWO-STORY?

The two basic structures of single family homes are the ranch and the two-story home. They both have their pros and cons and the ultimate decision normally rests with the individual's style of living and needs.

A ranch is appealing since living is all on one floor and there are no steps to climb. However, a ranch has disadvantages as well. A one-story house takes up more space on its lot and it has greater foundation cost per square foot of interior living space.

You can get the same interior size on half the amount of foundation in a two-story home.

Construction cost per square foot is reduced to a minimum in a two-story house. Despite this cost-saving factor, the national trend has been and still is strongly toward one-story homes. Homeowners don't seem to like climbing stairs. Remember though, climbing stairs is said to be good for your heart, and so is more house for less construction cost.

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