

SWANNANOA NEWS

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Yep, We Goofed!

Last week when we thought everyone at the News office would be taking the day off celebrating the New Year, of Jim thought he would take off also and feast on a steady diet of televised Bowl Games. Well, feast we did, both via TV and caloric intake. The News staff worked through and I wish I had also after the outcome of some of those dog-

Owen Going Great

The Warhorses of Owen High have been going great guns after a jittery beginning. The Warlassies aren't doing bad either. Looks real fitting to see Jake Hardin and Suzanne Reed leading both the Buncombe

and Blue Ridge Conferences in scoring. Keep it up, kids! Sure sorry to learn of Dean Brown's injuries. Hope he's back in there grabbing off those rebounds real soon. Don't despair, Coach, look at it this way; ol' Dean was practicing the "fast break". He just happened to straighten out one of those Blue Ridge curves with that side. Man, those pine trees are rough critters to tangle with.

W. O. W. Officers
During recent meetings held by the Woodmen of the World and Ladies Auxiliary of the W. O. W. organization, new officers for the coming year were elected. These officers will be installed at a supper meeting to be held at the Community Clubhouse during the latter part of January.

The men who will take office in Camp 970 are as follows: Past Commander, Louis Metcalf; Consul Commander, William Stephenson; Assistant Consul Commander, R. P. Ramsey; Adviser Lt., Floyd Morgan; Assistant Adviser Lt., Jay Hollifield; Banker, Charles English; Assistant Banker, Hubert Glass; Watchman, Hubert Patton; Assistant Watchman, Dick Riddle; Escort, Dean Summey; Assistant Escort, Russell Riddle; Sentry, Tommy Bright; Assistant Sentry, W. J. Wright and Secretary and Field Representative Joe Porches.

New Ladies Court officers of the W. O. W. who will also be installed are listed below: Empress, Mary Green; Matron, Annie Louise Riddle; Counsellor, Jean Ramsey; Hostess, Leave Morgan; Secretary, Tri-ly English; Stewardess, Dorcas Hollifield and Lady In Waiting, Virginia Metcalf.

Miss Shelley Connor was honored today (Thursday) with a birthday dinner at her home. Miss Connie Connor was recently honored on her birthday, January 5, with a dinner. The misses Connor invited friends to share in the celebrations. Quite a few Swannanoa residents spent the holidays in chilly Florida. Among those who have recently returned are: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Porcher, Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Russell and sons, Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Penley and family and Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Nugent of Summer Haven, Bee Tree.

Most of the Sunshine state vacationers admitted that it was a tad on the cool side. Some children in one of the families heard about the snow we had New Year's Eve and immediately wanted to hurry back to the mountains. I'm with you, kids, even if Hal Tribble can't locate No. 5 green in the snow.

Mrs. Fred Nichols is improving after undergoing surgery at St. Joseph's last week. Mrs. Grace Decker has shown amazing progress lately after being very seriously ill for so long. Others who were ill recently are: Mrs. E. V. Christ, Mrs. Bill Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davidson, L. V. Caloway, and H. E. McKinney.

Methodist News
The morning Circle of the Swannanoa Methodist Church met Tuesday morning in the home of Mrs. Philip Clark in Groveport. Mrs. Haywood Farr is chairman of the group. The Woman's Society of Christian service held a general meeting Tuesday night in the church.

First Presbyterian News
The afternoon and evening circles of the church met Monday as follows: Afternoon Circle No. 1 met with Mrs. Elmer Stephenson, Afternoon Circle No. 2 met at the home of Mrs. D. W. Harrison. Evening Circle No. 1 held its monthly meeting with Miss Mary Whiston and Evening Circle No. 2 met at Mrs. Sam Alexanders.

NEWS from the CRAGMONT COMMUNITY

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A number of folks from this area, Swannanoa, and Brookside, who received turkeys from Kearsfoot, Inc. and the Lions Club, food and fruit baskets from churches and other organizations wish to thank those individuals who so kindly remembered them during the holidays. Your thoughtfulness with gifts and cheer enabled many to have a Happy Christmas.

I received a number of calls last week from some of our white friends in and around Black Mountain, expressing concern about Lester Stepp. One lady said that she had seen him daily for the last 10 or 12 years pass her house in the mornings. She wondered if he was sick. Others wanted to know if he was on vacation. I can certainly see why folks miss Lester. There's just no one to fill his shoes when he's not around. However we are happy to know that he is feeling much better and hopes to see all of you soon.

Mrs. Mary Stepp, Mrs. Faye Johnson, Tom Daugherty, and The Daugherty celebrated birthdays this week. Mr. and Mrs. William Hamilton were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, and Mrs. Essie Mae Douglass are on the sick list this week. Mr. and Mrs. George Hamilton were Sunday guests of the Walter Simmon's.

Rev. Mark Hooper returned this week to the Veterans Hospital for further treatment. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carver, Mrs. Beulah McCain, and Betty were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jones.

Robert Austin left on Saturday past to accept a position as Social Worker at the Letch Worth Village Institution in Theills, N. Y. Mr. Austin is the husband of the former Miss Iva Gragg, and was employed by the Buncombe County Welfare Dept. for the past year.

Deacon Charlie Brown announced on Sunday that Pastor Roy W. G. Boyce is progressing nicely after undergoing surgery several days ago in Boiling Springs, N. C. La Mont Baxter of Washington, D. C., spent two weeks with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilkins.

Miss Billie Jean Canady of Ala., spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller. Miss Ruth Logan of Old Fort was Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Logan.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bradley of Great Lakes, Ill., spent several days with their grandmother, Mrs. Norah Rutherford. Mrs. Jessie Sherill and son Keith were absent from church services on Sunday due to illness. Mrs. Ruth Washington became the bride of James Thompson last Wednesday in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Burgess, Mrs. Watkins, and Rev. Durant of the Hill Street Baptist Church in Asheville were guests at the Mills Chapel church on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Daugherty and son Craig spent Sunday afternoon in Asheville with relatives. Charlie Brown and Albert Harper attended the 2nd quarterly Union Meeting at the Trierdstone Baptist church in Asheville last Thursday. Reports from the meeting will be given on Sunday morning.

300 GI loans made as of August 31, 1961. Of this number 2,048,040 have been repaid in full. Q—I am a disabled Korean veteran. I would like to enter college at the end of the current semester. May I get some suggestions or advice from VA? A—Yes, if you are interested in enrolling for the spring semester, you should contact your nearest VA office immediately. If you are eligible for training, you will have access to professionally trained and experienced counselors who will assist you in the selection of an occupational goal that is suitable to your interests, aptitudes and abilities.

Look Who's Here!
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Boone Melton of Black Mountain announce the birth of a son on Jan. 7 in Memorial Mission hospital.

Lindsey Speaks To Rotarians On Division Work
Charles D. Lindsey, inspector of Division of Auto Licenses and Theft gave a very interesting talk to Rotarians at their weekly meeting on Monday, telling of the history of his division. This was the earliest division of law enforcement in North Carolina, organized in 1924. The department is responsible for ten weight stations now. Lindsey is in the fifth district which covers 29 counties all in WNC with a total of five inspectors.

The division had a total of 3310 auto thefts recorded in 1961, 3090 of which were recovered. He informed the men that the reason for the extremely high penalty imposed on overloaded trucks by his department was for the protection of the public and to preserve the roads.

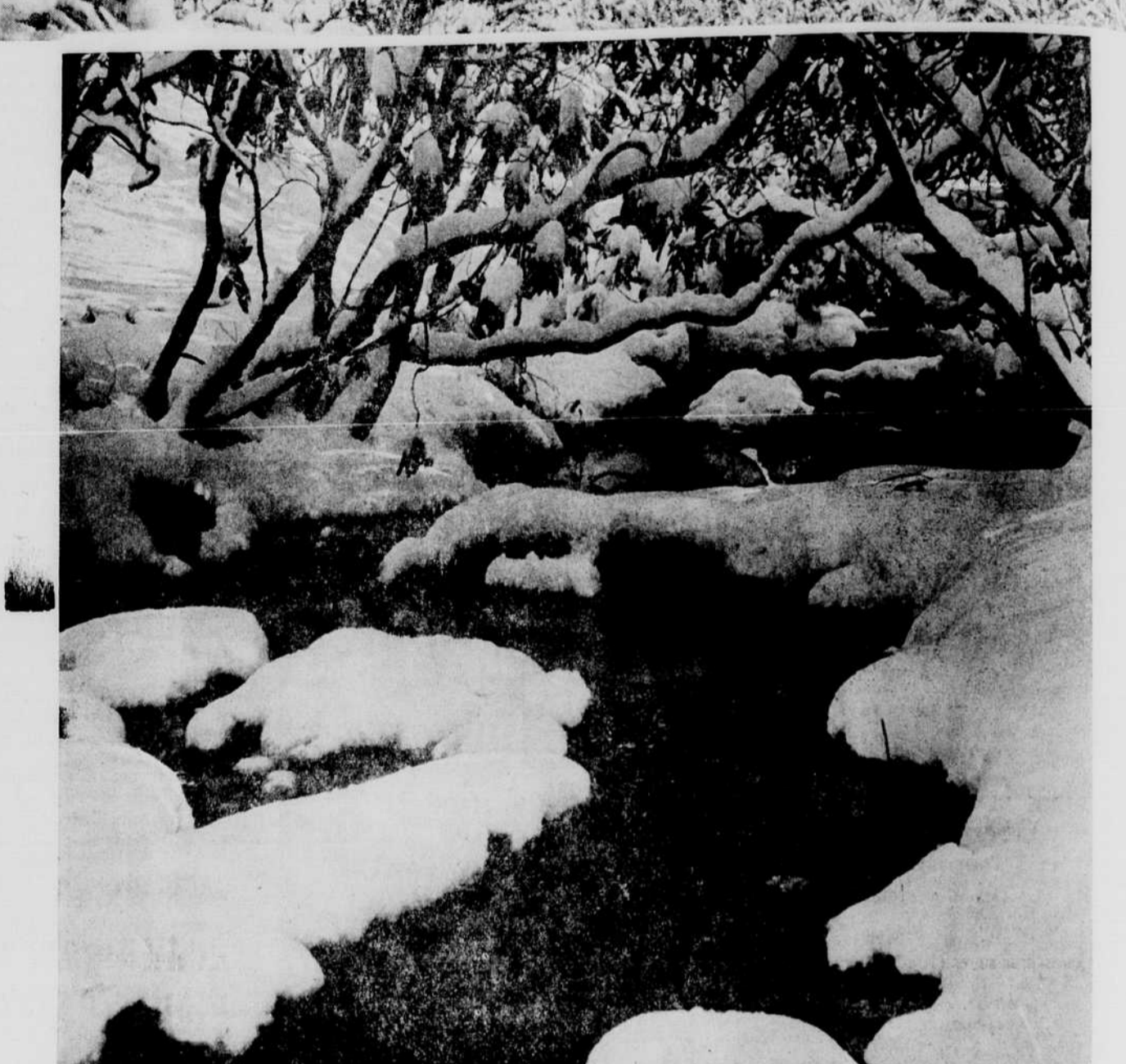
The new laws covering the licensing of motor vehicles were also explained, pointing out that the two big changes are that the plate is issued this year to the owner instead of to the vehicle as it has been in the past and the license will be retained even if the vehicle is sold. There will also be no dealer's licenses as in the past, a new car owner will purchase his own license on presentation of his F.S.I.

Mr. Lindsey suggested that it would be wise for everyone to acquaint himself with the new laws and that all car owners should at all times carry their registration card to.

TRACTORS AREN'T TOYS. Keep the keys and save the kids.

DON'T GO "OUT" WITH THE OLD YEAR

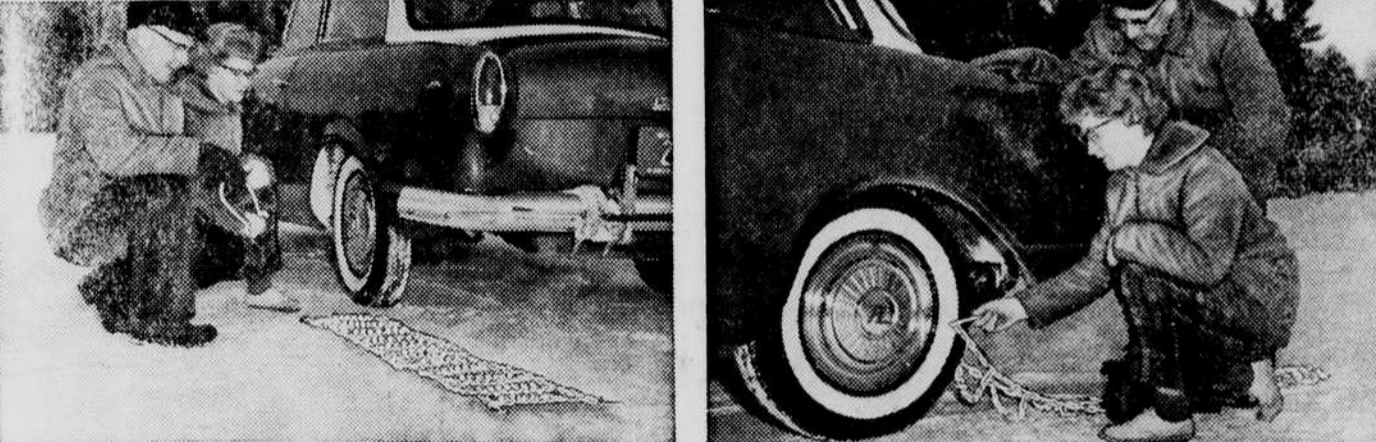
DRIVE SAFELY THIS CHRISTMAS



These are more snow scenes made in and around Black Mountain, during a heavy snow years ago.

HERE IS EASIEST WAY TO PUT ON TIRE CHAINS

It can be done in six minutes, and without a jack!



1. W. B. (Walt) Lashar, Jr., chairman of National Safety Council test committee, shows Marion Olund, Clintonville, Wis., the first step. Spread chains on the ground to remove tangles. Reinforced chains are best, and the projecting teeth or cleats should be up.



3. It is wise to gather the cross chains up close in back of the tire on some cars, so chains won't catch on back of fender when car is moved forward to encircle the rear wheels.



5. Marion has now learned how to put on a pair of tire chains in six minutes, the easy way. She is seen showing Joan Klemp, Clintonville, the final step—fastening simple outside hook.

6. Lashar congratulates the girls on their aptitude and reads them Council's tips for safe winter driving, one of which is "always carry reinforced chains and use them for severe snow or ice conditions to help avoid traffic blockades and accidents."

STATE COLLEGE, PA.—Prof. A. E. Neyhart of The Pennsylvania State University and educational consultant to the AAA, recently advised all high school driver training teachers to include "how more self-reliance, and some would teach their parents in this old fashioned virtue. It would help reduce dangerous traffic troubles such as occurred when chainless vehicles blocked snowplows, and even fire trucks, in Boston and hundreds of other cities last winter." Above photos illustrate the easiest method. Don't be a traffic blocker.

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Telephone Talk
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RECENT YEARS have seen a very rapid expansion in telephone systems throughout the world. A decade ago, some 57 percent of all telephones in the world were in the United States. Today, due to the rapid rate of gain in the rest of the world, our proportion has receded to 52 per cent.

SO OFTEN TODAY we refer to data of this type only from the standpoint of percentages, however to me it is far more helpful to see the actual numbers involved that account for any given per cent figure. With this in mind I hope you will find the following information of some interest.

TOTAL TELEPHONES -
ENTIRE WORLD 141,700,000
UNITED STATES 74,342,000

Total telephones for other countries range from the high figure in the United States to the low of 3 (total telephones) located on the Virgin Islands (UK)

HAVE YOU EVER wondered who talks the most over the telephone? According to our information the statistics regarding the average conversation per person per day (for entire year) are as follows:
CANADA 528
UNITED STATES 520

Averages for the rest of the world ranged from 349 in Sweden to an extreme low in Nigeria, Africa where there are 41, 661 total telephones in service.

TOTAL TELEPHONES PER 100 population -
UNITED STATES 40.80
MONACO 39.00

Due to the limitation of the space in this column it is obvious that at least for today enough has been said. Possibly in the near future, we might again note some significant data in THE WORLD'S TELEPHONES, 1961.

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