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Unemployment in Buncombe and Madison counties is declining, and the area work force is shrinking as "hard times" ease, according to a state statistical report on the two-county Asheville Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA). Unemployment dropped from 8.4 per cent in October, 1975, to 4.9 per cent in October, 1976, according to the report.

There were 6,500 unemployed persons looking for work in October, 1975, and only 3,700 in October, 1976, a drop of 2,800 persons, according to the statistics. But employment has risen by only 400 persons, from 70,900 in 1975 to 71,300 in October, 1976, the report states. And the SMSA work force has shrunk dropping from

77,400 in 1975 to 75,000 in October, 1976, the report says. The labor force is the number of people in an area who are employed or looking for work, according to state labor analyst Lee Ausley. "Last year was a hard time. Many people who don't normally work or look for work were out looking. Now they aren't," Ausley said. Many housewives, for

example, looked for work as their husband's hours were cut. Many of those women have gone back to full-time homemaking as their husbands' pay checks improved this year, Ausley said. Another example, he said, is students who left school to work and help their families, and are now back in school. "You don't count people who are not looking for work in your labor force figures," he said.

The report also said that the Asheville SMSA unemployment rate of 4.9 per cent compares favorably with the state rate of 6.1 per cent and the national adjusted rate of 7.2 per cent.

The report also states that there are 19,200 persons employed in the manufacturing of durable goods, 11,500 in the manufacturing of non-durable goods and 42,100 in non-manufacturing jobs that include real estate, construction, finance, insurance, utilities, trade, and government.

Government payrolls have shown the largest recent increase in employes among area employers with 300 more employes in October, 1976, than September, 1976.

The average manufacturing employe's wage was \$3.78 an hour in October, two cents more than it was in September and 24 cents more per hour than it was in January, 1976, according to the report.

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*Bob Miller*

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## Deaths & Funerals

### MRS. JOHN BURGESS

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Burgess, 84, of Old Toll Road, died Saturday, Dec. 25 in a Black Mountain hospital after a long illness.

A native of Henderson County, she had lived in Buncombe County for 45 years. She was the widow of John Burgess and a member of the Black Mountain First Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Lillie Dale Cavin Conner of Black Mountain; and several nieces and nephews. Services were held at 2 pm Monday in the chapel of Miller Funeral Home, Black Mountain. The Rev. Bill Guy officiated. Burial was in Mountain View Memorial Park.

### MRS. LUCILLE HERRINGTON

Word has been received of

the death of Mrs. Lucille Davis Herrington, 69, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a native of Asheville, who died Sunday, Dec. 19, in Cincinnati after a long illness.

She was a daughter of the late James and Lillie Davis. Surviving are the husband, Dick Herrington; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Thompson and Mrs. Lois Reece of Cincinnati; two sons, Charles of Cincinnati and James Davis of Knoxville, Tenn.; SEVEN SISTERS, Mrs. Lila Suttles of Arden, Mrs. Georgia Haynes of Black Mountain, Mrs. Ruby Davis and Mrs. Dorothy Allen of Asheville, Mrs. Lydia Lindsey and Mrs. Marie Merrell of Candler and Mrs. Ethel Nelson of Waynesville; and a brother, Grady Davis of Hendersonville.

Services and burial were held Wednesday, Dec. 22 in Cincinnati.

## Legal Notice

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Having qualified as Ancillary Administrator of the Estate of Elton Clement Cates, deceased, late of Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before June 16, 1977 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.  
This the 8th day of December, 1976.  
-s- Allen H. Wellons,  
Ancillary Administrator  
Estate of Elton Clement Cates, Deceased.  
Dec. 16, 23, 30; 1976 1-6, 1977  
No. 133

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Orpha E. Lovens, deceased, late of Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of June, 1977, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.  
This the 6th day of December, 1976.  
Natt T. Lovens, Jr.  
19 Birchwood Lane  
Asheville, N.C. 28805  
12-9, 16, 23, 30, 1976 pd.  
No. 130

**STATE OF  
NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE  
ADMINISTRARRIX  
NOTICE**

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of William Samuel McNeil, Sr., late of Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned Administrator at P. O. Box 457, Skyland, North Carolina, on or before the 27th day of June, 1977, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.  
This the 14th day of December, 1976.  
Mary Ann Garren  
P. O. Box 457  
Skyland, North Carolina  
Dec. 23, 30; Jan. 6, 13, 1977  
no. 137

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Having qualified as Co-Executors of the estate of John Z. Russell, deceased, late of Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of June, 1977, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.  
This the 2nd day of December, 1976.  
Mrs. Julia Carolyn R. Edwards  
John E. Edwards  
548 Oakdale Rd.  
Charlotte, N.C. 28206  
12-9, 16, 23, 30, 1976 pd.  
No. 127

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Paul R. Reynolds, deceased, late of Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of May, 1977, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.  
This the 9th day of December, 1976.  
Lenora W. Reynolds,  
Box 403, Rt. 1  
Black Mountain, N.C.  
28711  
12-9, 16, 23, 30, 1976  
No. 128 pd.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Having qualified as Co-Executors of the estate of Alice Grant DeHart, deceased, late of Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of June, 1977, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.  
This the 14 day of December, 1976.  
William Homer DeHart & Alma DeHart McMahan  
Rt. 1  
Swannanoa, N.C.  
Dec. 16, 23, 30; Jan. 6, 1977  
No. 135

**EXECUTOR NOTICE**  
Having this day qualified as Executor of the Estate of Virginia Brown Hoyt, deceased, late of Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before six months from the date hereof, or else this Notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.  
This the 10th day of December, 1976.  
Samuel Browne Hoyt, Sr.  
Montreat, N.C. 28757  
Dec. 16, 23, 30, 1976; Jan. 6, 1977  
No. 134

**EXECUTOR NOTICE**  
Having this day qualified as Executor of the Estate of Mina B. Kerlee, deceased, late of Buncombe County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before six months from the date hereof, or else this Notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.  
This the 13th day of December, 1976.  
H. A. Kerlee  
Route 1, North Fork Road  
Black Mountain, N.C. 28711  
Dec. 23, 30, 1976; Jan. 6, 13, 1977  
No. 137

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## Police Report

The Black Mountain Police Department conducted 29 investigations last week. They also kept a strict look out for an escaped prisoner. One subject was apprehended and warrants served for worthless checks and abandonment.

The Police arrested 2 for public drunkenness, issued 4 warning citations, 4 speeding citations, 1 for DUI. They transported 1 to Detox. They assisted the SHP in a couple of instances also the BCSD.

They had 1 civil disturbance and 3 domestic disturbances. The following accidents were recorded: Laurel Circle - S. Laurel Circle - \$150 property damage - no injuries: W. State St. - Newbern Ave. - \$2,000 property damage - no injuries: E. Connally St. - Montreat Rd. - \$180 property damage - no injuries. Other minor accidents were (1) at E. State St. - Scotland Ave. (1) Richardson Blvd. - State St. (1) North west - East State.

## Fire Report

The Black Mountain Fire Dept. answered five calls the week of Dec. 21-25.  
Dec. 21 - 1:50 pm - Lot 22 Owenby Trailer Park - mobile home fire - owner, Herman Jones - cause, short in wiring - total loss - 2 trucks, 18 men.  
Dec. 21 - 9:46 pm - Lake Gap Rd. - house fire - 2 trucks - 22 men - minor damage.  
Dec. 23 - 6:28 pm - Tennessee Ave. - Montreat - brush fire - 1 truck, 17 men.  
Dec. 23 - 11:26 pm - Lake Eden Rd. - brush fire - 1 truck - 16 men.

Dec. 25 - 5:26 am - 119 Carolina Hgts. - upholstery shop - 2 trucks - 18 men - minor damage.  
**BUNCOMBE COUNTY  
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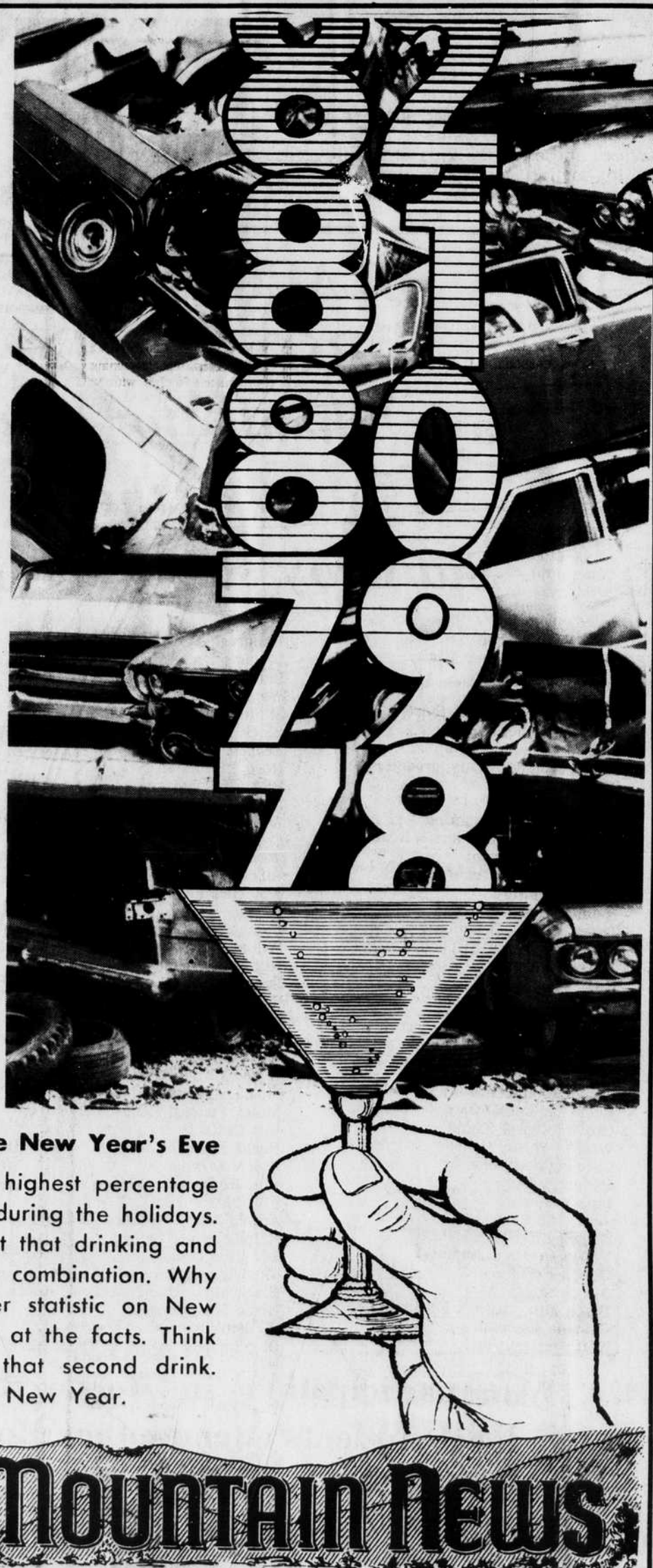
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**If You Drink and Drive New Year's Eve**  
It's no accident that the highest percentage of road tragedies occur during the holidays. It's a fact. It's also a fact that drinking and driving can be a deadly combination. Why chance becoming another statistic on New Year's eve? Take a look at the facts. Think twice before you have that second drink. And have a safe, happy New Year.

**BLACK MOUNTAIN NEWS**