

### Veterans Assistance To 6,100

The Veterans Administration reported today that some 6,100 wives and widows of veterans and servicemen are taking advantage of educational assistance.

W. R. Phillips, Manager of the Winston-Salem VA Regional Office, said that more than half of the veterans and widows became eligible for benefits under the law when it became effective December 1, 1968.

The law makes educational assistance available to wives or widows of veterans with service-connected total and permanent disabilities, and widows of veterans or servicemen who die of service-connected causes.

Also eligible are wives or widows of veterans who die of non-service-connected causes while totally and permanently disabled. In addition, the law covers children of such veterans and servicemen.

Phillips also reported that one trainee in six was under 25 years of age when she entered training.

He added that more than half of the wives and widow trainees, about 54 percent, pursued their education in college, while about one in 12, just over 8 percent, studied in graduate schools.

Almost half of the college trainees, 48 percent, were enrolled on a part-time basis, while just over 85 percent of those studying below college level did so on a full-time basis, Phillips said.

Phillips urged persons interested in applying for such benefits to contact their nearest Regional VA Office.

### Squad Reports Busy Months

Cleveland County Rescue Squad reported busy months in January and February.

In January the crew took a total of 62 trips and hours spent on duty and trips amounted to 725 with a total of 947 miles traveled. They made two blood relays, seven out-of-town trips and answered 11 wreck calls.

In February hours spent on duty and trips accounted for 671 hours with a total of 898 miles traveled. Volunteers were called to nine wreck scenes and took five out-of-town trips and made three blood relays.

Second Lt. Charles Peterson is reporter.

### SP/5 W. L. Mauney Receives Medal

LONG BINH, VIETNAM (AHT-NC) — Specialist Five William L. Mauney Jr., 23, whose father lives at 704 W. Mountain St., Kings Mountain, received the Army Commendation Medal while serving with the 57th Signal Company near Long Binh, Vietnam.

Spec. 5 Mauney earned the award for meritorious service as a general communications section repairman in the company.

The specialist, whose wife, Glenda lives on Route 3, Angier, entered the Army in January 1968, completed basic training at Ft. Bragg, N. C., and was stationed at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., prior to his arrival in Vietnam last February.

He is a 1966 graduate of Carolina Military Academy in Maxton.

### Gardening Tips Are Offered

By ARTHUR BILTCLIFFE

According to the zodiac and moon, beginning March 8 to the 15th is the best days for pruning and transplanting.

The 18th is picked as the day to mow lawns to kill onions, dandelion and other lawn weeds. Also the best day to cut out honeysuckle, briar plants, poison oak and ivy, and other plants you wish to abolish. The 19th is the next best day but not as good. The 20th is the last day for this line of death dealing situations.

Muscadine and grapes should be pruned by now. If you haven't been sure not to touch them on the 18-19 and 20th.

This is the last chance to prune rose bushes before the leaves appear.

Once the leaves are on the bushes it's too hard to see all the correct places that should be cut.

March is also the last month to plant rose bushes because the drier season will be before roots can spread to the hard soil that holds the natural ground "water table" water.

The best time to plant trees and bushes is in the fall when the first big rains come back into our vicinity. Lessons coming up will be about water and how to use it; fertilizers, when to pick fruit, when to mow the lawn and why, also about possible tornadoes and other weather information that is important to all of us.

### Employees Are Defined By IRS

Greensboro — IRS Director, J. E. Wall, reported today that there is an apparent wide-spread misunderstanding, especially among painting contractors, as to who is and who is not to be regarded as employees by such contractors for federal income and Social Security tax withholding purposes.

He stated that the practice by painting contractors seems to be to treat employees as sub-contractors, thereby circumventing the tax withholding requirement.

Wall cited the tax law in such cases by stating that every individual who performs services subject to the will and control of the employer, both as to what shall be done and how it shall be done, is an employee for the purposes of tax withholding, and that, in such cases, the employer is required to withhold and submit to IRS such taxes reported on Form 941.

Wall also stated that it does not matter that the employer permits the employee considerable discretion and freedom of action, so long as the employer has the legal right to control the method and the result of the services.

A ruling as to whether an individual is an independent contractor or employee may be obtained by applying to the IRS. Forms SS-8 concerning the matter are available at the IRS office in Greensboro located at 320 South Ashe Street, 27401.

#### ON DEAN'S LIST

Richard Etheridge, Kings Mountain freshman at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was listed on the dean's list for the recent semester. He is son of Mrs. Dorothy P. Etheridge and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hunter Patterson, all of Kings Mountain.

#### BAPTIST TOPIC

Rev. James Wilder will use the sermon topic, "The Sin of Judas" at Sunday morning worship services at 11 o'clock at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

#### SERMON TOPIC

"The Sin of the Disciples" will be the sermon topic of the Rev. James Wilder at Sunday evening worship service at 5:30 at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

### 'Good News' Rehearsals Set

The first full rehearsal for the Good News Singers of America, a choral group of 150 young people from the Cleveland County and Charlotte-Mecklenburg areas, was held at the Junior high school in Shelby on Sunday, March 8.

This group, under the direction of Van H. Ramsey, Minister of Music of Shelby's First Baptist church, is one of six groups in the United States chosen for a concert tour of Russia in 1970. Other rehearsals are scheduled for April 12, June 14, 21, 28, July 12, 19, and 26.

Some of the selections that the group will sing are Hanson's "The One Hundred Fiftieth Psalm", Mozart's "Regina Coeli", Prentice's "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley", Frank's "The Impossible Dream", Warrington's "What the World Needs Now Is Love", Hayward's "Up, Up and Away", and Schubert's "The Omnipotence." Also, they will sing in Russian Sveskinov's "Bird of Youth."

Cynthia Alaxendar, Jack Bell, Leon Ross, and Linda Ross are the

### G-W Comedy Opens March 11

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C. — The Imaginary Invalid, Moliere's classic comedy about a hypochondriac who thinks he is dying will be performed in the Opera House Theatre on the Gardner-Webb College campus by the Theatre Arts Department March 11-14 at 8 o'clock each evening.

Directed by Dr. Charles W. Cox, Chairman of the Division of Fine Arts, with set design and technical direction by Terry Hayes, the family comedy will feature Brenda Creeby of Shelby and Bill Murphy of Davidson in the leading roles. Both students are junior drama majors.

Written three hundred years ago, the comedy originally starred its author in the leading role.

Kings Mountain high school students selected, by audition, to make the tour. The cost per student is approximately \$1,000. Currently, \$600 has been contributed to this fund. Any contribution by individuals or groups will be welcome.

and the great writer was stricken during a performance of the play, dying a few hours later.

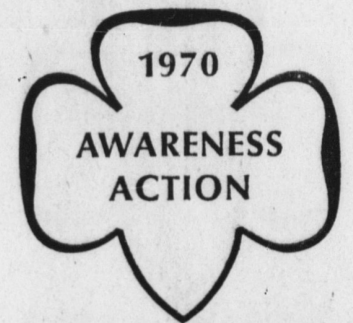
Other members of the cast are: Kathie Loveland, a sophomore from Hendersonville, N. C.; Neal Ann Webb, a junior from Waynesville, N. C.; Tom Greene, a sophomore from Rutherfordton, N. C.; Jim Scott, a freshman from Salisbury, N. C.; Bill Neely, a junior from Spartanburg, S. C.; William Stubbs, a freshman from Shelby, N. C.; Clara Eggleston, a freshman from Richmond, Virginia; Ron Zedick, a sophomore from Dillon, S. C.; Charlie Roberts, a sophomore from Piedmont, S. C.; Steve Hunter, a freshman from Virginia Beach, Virginia; Dr. Phil D. Perrin, Professor of Music at Gardner-Webb; and Steve

Wray, a freshman from Clover, S. C.

Wanda Haynes, a freshman from Boiling Springs, is assistant to the director. Stage manager is Clara Eggleston a freshman from Richmond, Virginia.

The box office will be open

beginning Monday, March 9 from 10 to 5 o'clock daily and from 10 to show time on performance nights. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and 75c for students. All seats are reserved and tickets may be arranged by calling 434-7381.



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