

# Turnpike Gallery Is More Than A Shop

By NICHOLAS HANCOCK

The Turnpike Gallery on Main Street in Marshall is more than just another shop or store according to Joe Penland Jr., co-proprietor and third generation Penland to

operate a business on Main Street.

The Gallery, which opened on July 19, will sell art and handicrafts produced by Madison County and other area craftsmen, but in addi-

tion to the sale of the goods, local people will have the opportunity to see and learn how crafts are made here, Penland explained.

Crafts such as woodwork, pottery, weaving, ironwork and stained glass are currently on display at the Gallery. Homemade quilts as well as batik and soft sculpture are also featured. Soft sculpture is the term applied to figures such as butterflies or flowers made by sewing cloth in the desired pattern and stuffing the figures to create a three dimensional effect.

Penland said he plans to have different craftsmen spend some time in the shop in order to demonstrate their particular craft or trade.

"This is why we are not calling the Gallery a store," he said. "A gallery is a place where things are shown or demonstrated."

"It's something I've planned for 10 years, but up until now the opportunity wasn't right," Penland said of the unique gallery idea. "I do woodwork myself, and I have been able to meet a lot of local artist. We wanted to have a place for them to show off their wares."

The Turnpike Gallery will be accepting crafts from artists on a 20 percent consignment basis for the present time. And, this is a generous offer to craftsmen since most establishments charge 35 percent of the selling price, according to Penland.

"We want to give the craftsmen a break, and we want to make the crafts available to the general public," he said.

Penland attended the University of North Carolina at Asheville and Asheville - Biltmore Technical College where he studied woodworking. He said he has been in crafts for five years, and he has "made everything from dulcimers to kitchen cabinets."

His partner in the Turnpike Gallery is Amy Rabb who is originally from Chapel Hill, but has lived here for three years. Ms. Rabb graduated from Mars Hill College with a degree in art education. She met Penland through Penlands' wife while attending MHC. Their mutual interest in art and crafts led to their partnership in the gallery.

Ms. Rabb plans to teach art classes for children in the gallery shortly after school starts in the county. She also wants to start special interest classes at night for teenagers and adults, if there is enough interest in the community. Presently, she is doing her own artwork to sell in the gallery.



JOE PENLAND, JR. and Amy Rabb Turnpike Gallery. (Photos by Lewis Green)



MACRAME, weaving and soft sculpture are just some of the many crafts on display at Penland and Rabb's business.

## Thomas Myer Appointed

W. Baine Martin, president of Shadowline, Inc. has announced the appointment of Thomas G. Myer as plant manager of the Mars Hill plant effective July 30. He succeeds Kenneth Howell, who resigned to accept employment in Colorado.

Mr. Myer joined Shadowline Sept. 18, 1972, as a management trainee. He has served in the Boone and Morganton plants in various engineering and production capacities since that time.

He is a native of Asheville, and graduated from Mars Hill College in 1971 where he

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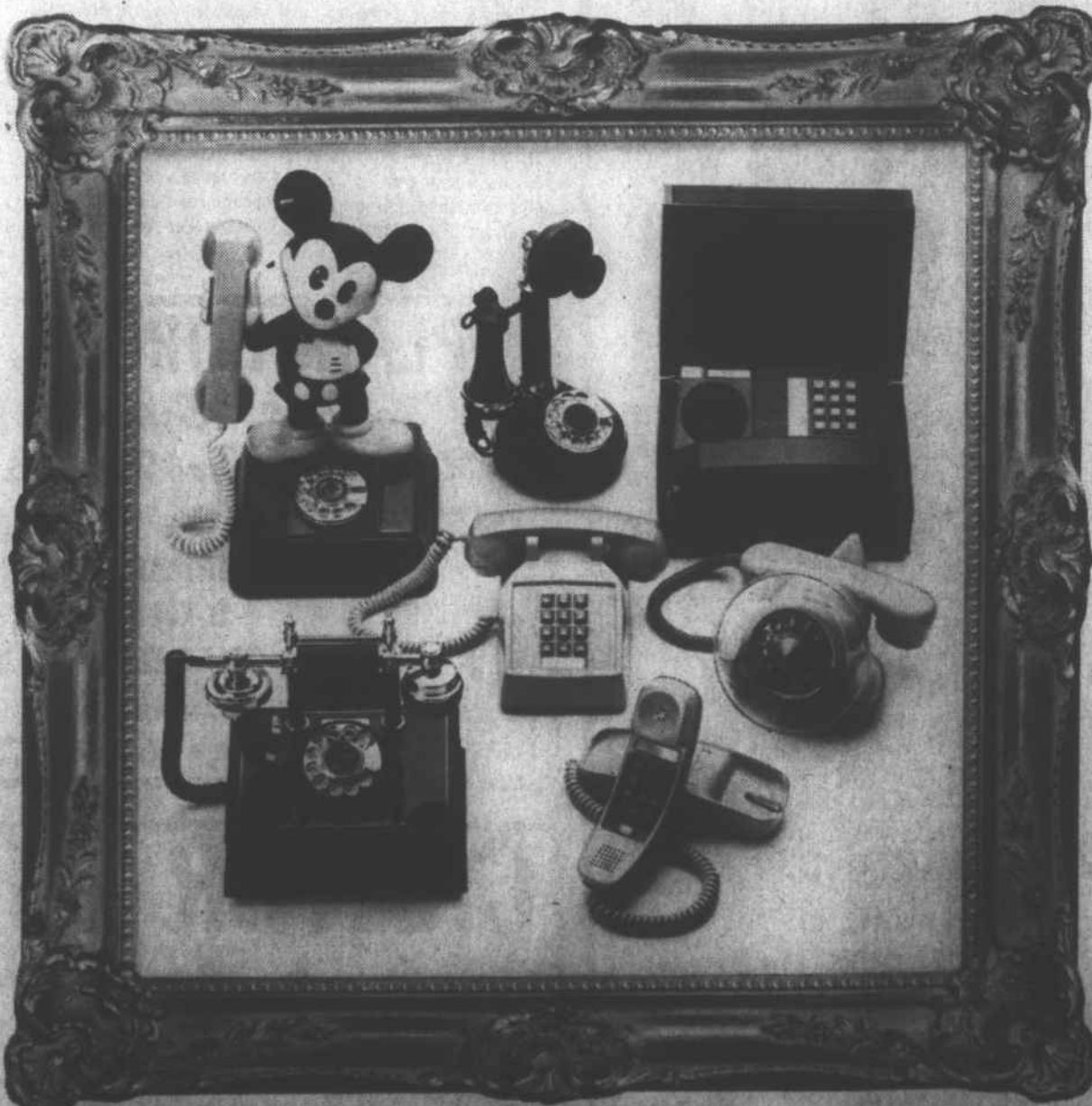
Robert E. Holey has been promoted to the position of location manager of Micro Switch's manufacturing operation in Mars Hill. He succeeds Thomas J. Bodvig, recently named director of manufacturing for the basic sensors/transducers unit of the Honeywell division in Freeport, Ill.

Holey is a native of Toledo, Ohio. He graduated from the University of Toledo (BSME) in 1950 and joined Micro Switch in Freeport in 1952 as a methods engineer. He became supervisor of methods engineering in 1957 and supervisor of design services in 1960. In 1965 he was named manager for a new line of commercial lighted pushbuttons. From 1977 until his present assignment he has served as operations superintendent for commercial products.

Holey is a veteran of WW II and the author of several articles on geometric dimensioning, cost estimating, nomography and value engineering.



EDDIE FOX, 21 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fox of Mars Hill, received the Outstanding Fireman Award for 1980 at the 9th Annual Mars Hill Fire Department Auto Show held July 26 and 27. Fox won the award in 1979. He is the only Mars Hill fireman to have won the award twice.

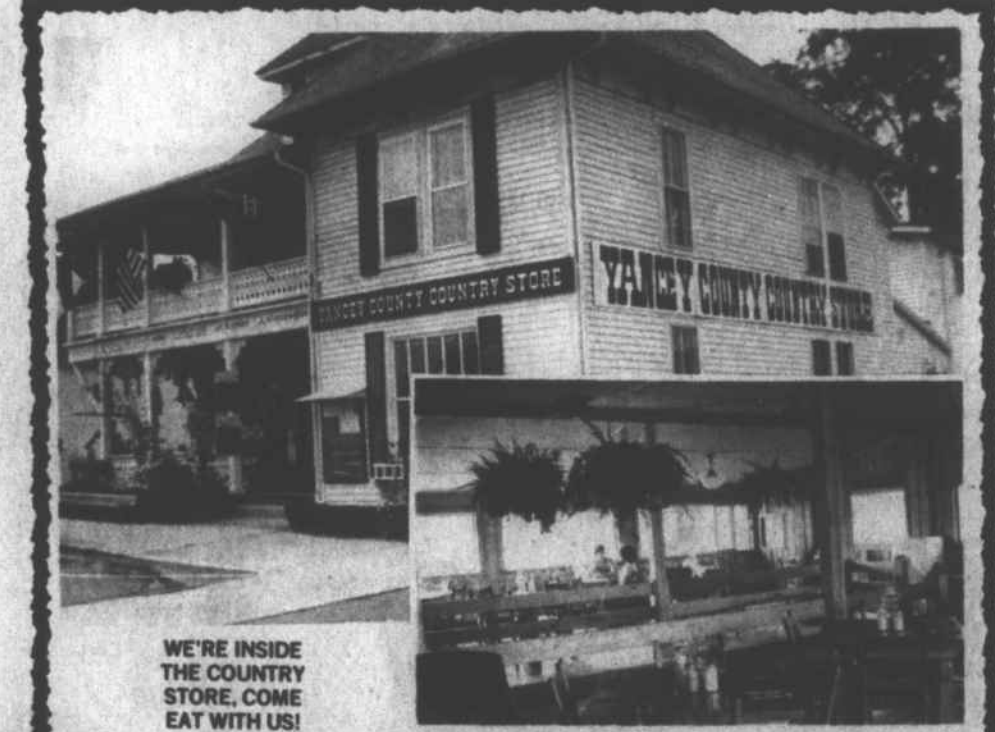


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