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East Yancey FFA Winners In Tools & Materials Contest

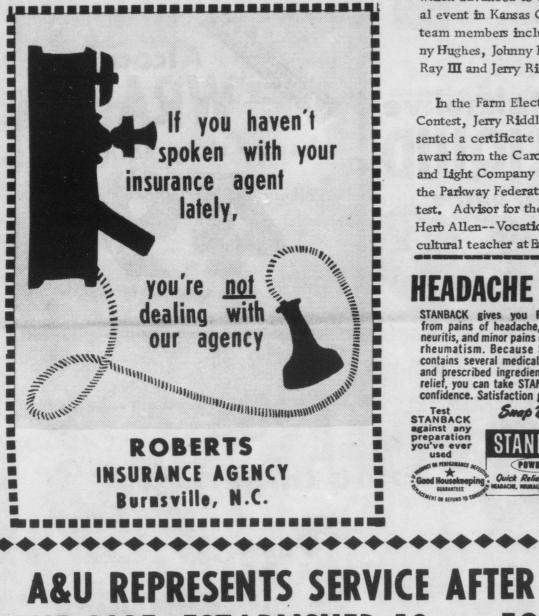
Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School at the Church of God, West Burnsville, will begin June 28 ending July 2. The school will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. each night.

will be the principal, heading a well-qualified teaching staff. All churches are welcome to

Theme for the school will be "Jesus speaks to our world"; participate in this Bible School Certificates and awards are to be given on Sunday, July 4.

and Reverend Kermit Kennedy



East Yancey **FFA Wins**

The East Yancey High School Chapter of Future Farmers of America emerged the winner over some 352 FFA chapters in the finals of the Tools and Materials Contest, held last week in Raleigh at the State FFA Convention. Members of the team included George Powers, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Powers of Celo; Maurice Presnell, son of Mrs. Myrtle Presnell of Newdale; Bob Decola, grandson of Mrs. Ruby Hall of Micaville; and Alan Carroll, son of Mrs. Saynelle Carroll of Windom.

The Dairy Judging Team finished a close second to winning Piedmont FFA Chapter which advanced to the national event in Kansas City. These team members included Danny Hughes, Johnny Blair, Dan Ray III and Jerry Riddle.

In the Farm Electrification Contest, Jerry Riddle was presented a certificate and \$30 award from the Carolina Power and Light Company for winning the Parkway Federation Contest. Advisor for the group is Herb Allen--Vocational Agricultural teacher at East Yancey.

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Dairy Judging Team Wins Second Place

Non-Graded Program Starts

Innovation is the word in educational circles today, as new ideas are constantly being tried in school systems everywhere. But the word, innovation, or what it means, is really not new in the Yancey County School System. Here, Superintendent Landrum Wilson, his staff, and a group of dedicated teachers have undertaken an innovative program at the Pensacola School.

The program is called "nongraded," which means that each child is being taught at his own level and proceeds through the curriculum at his own pace. When the program is fully developed, the children will no longer receive the standard grade card. In it's place, the child's parents will receive an evaluation of his work.

The non-graded concept is, in many ways, a revival of the old, one-room school, incorporating many tried and tested teaching methods, with new methods being constantly developed. In the non-graded program, students may be working on different studies at the same time in the same classroom. One student may be studying English, another math, another history, while the teacher is working with each of them.

Mrs. Orlena J. Anglin is serving as principal of the school and upon her shoulders falls not only the organization of the program, but teaching in it as well. Mrs. Anglin is high in her praise of the school staff. They are Una C. Maney who has students from kindergarten through the second grade. Mrs. Hettie H. Price teaches the third and fourth grades. Mrs. Melinda G. Turner is teacher for the fifth and sixth grades, and Mrs. Anglin teaches the seventh and eighth grades. There are also three aides that help carry out this program. These are Mrs. Doris Ann Whitener who serves with the Kindergarten children, Mrs. Gladys Byrd who is in the library, and Janhell Wilson who is teacher aide. Mrs. Anglin says of the oneyear-old program, "It is good, because it is getting us away from the old method of grading students by A, B, C, D, F." Superintendent Wilson agrees, noting that in this type of sit uation, a student really does not fail.

"This method, "Wilson said, "helps to develop a child's ego, and he should nevertaste defeat until he has a string of successes to fall back on." "The non-grade program is one of self-accomplishment," Wilson adds, "and allows child to work at any given thing until he can do it, thus strengthening his ego and ability to accomplish. "

Educators maintain environment has a lot to do with learning. That being the case, there should be a lot of learning going on in the next few years at Pensacola School.

This beautiful ninety- student school is located ten miles south of Burnsville in a valley surrounded by mountains and sparkling streams. The schoo! itself is hospital clean and is equipped with a neat, wellarranged lunchroom, library, and sickroom.

"It is a natural place for this program, " superintendent Wilson commented, "and it is going to give every child there a better chance to learn."

4-H Camp Held

4-H Camp was held June 7 through 12 at Schaub 4-H Camp near Waynesville, N. C. Thirty-one boys and girls attended the camp along with Mrs. Bunny Guyer, 4-H leader and Mr. Pat Guyer and Miss Carol Pyle, Extension Agents. We arrived Monday afternoon and returned Saturday morning. Within those days was a week packed with many learning experiences, much fun and delicious food. Various classes held during the morning hours included swimming, handicraft, recreation, wildlife, canoeing, and electric. Some of the nights ac tivities were a Scavenger Hunt, trip to Ghost Town, Talent Show and Banquet. This was a very worthwhile experience for all the boys and girls. We hope that other boys and girls will have an opportunity to participate more fully in the wide range of 4-H activities available to them.

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