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Candidate Bowles Meets Grady Bailey At Campaign Stop In Burnsville



Bowles Discusses The Issues

Bowles Brings Campaign To Yancey By Helicopter

By Jody Higgins
Democratic candidate for governor, Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles brought his campaign to Yancey County when he arrived in Burnsville last Friday afternoon by helicopter. The yellow and black helicopter landed near the Yancey County courthouse at 2:30 and left shortly after 3:00 p. m. Scheduled stops in several other western North Carolina towns that same afternoon made it necessary that the visit be brief. Clyde McIntosh, Bowles' campaign manager for Yancey County, was on hand to introduce the gubernatorial candidate to Mayor Jim Anglin.

In his friendly and informal style of campaigning, Mr. Bowles met and talked with friends and supporters who had gathered at the courthouse to welcome him.

He then climbed into the back of a pick-up truck and answered questions from the crowd concerning tax increases, roads, education, auto insurance, and the problems of disposing of junk automobiles.

Bowles stated that a tax increase will not be necessary to provide the new services and programs needed in North Carolina if "a lot of money that is being wasted" is utilized.

Concerning roads, Bowles said, "If I lived here in far western North Carolina, or for that matter down in far

eastern North Carolina, I would feel like I had been treated like a second class citizen when it came to a fair share of the secondary road money."

He then explained his plan for appointing a Highway Commissioner and Wildlife Commissioner for each county, rather than having one commissioner for several counties. Both of these jobs would be on a volunteer basis.

In answering a question about the junk cars that clutter the roadsides, Bowles said that the responsibility should be taken on at a local level. "I don't think the state can assume the responsibility any more for moving them around -- it's too expensive to talk about doing."

He suggested that major changes were needed in the field of auto insurance, and that "we need some type of limited no-fault insurance."

"When asked how his program will affect our county schools, Bowles said, "My number one interest, and the real reason I'm running for governor is because of an interest in something to raise the level of living for everybody, and I think the way to do it is through the school system."

Bowles proposes to do this with what he calls "career education" for the 80 out of 100 young people in the state who do not go on to four year schools. He feels that making it possible for this large number of young people to get good jobs will raise the per capita income of the state.

Sales Tax

Local 1% Sales and Use Tax collections by County were reported in a statement by G. A. Jones Jr., Commissioner, State Department of Revenue, recently. The report shows Yancey County collections for March, 1972 amounted to \$9,229.10. This report is issued on a monthly basis.

To Visit Here

Jim Gardner, Republican candidate for Governor, will be at the Amberjack Restaurant at 7:00 Friday morning. He will also be at the Courthouse at 9:00 a. m. Everyone is invited to be present to meet him.

Burnsville And Yancey County To Receive Governor's Award

Two years of intensive effort by the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce culminates tonight, April 20, by the award to Burnsville and the County of the coveted North Carolina Governor's Award.

This distinction is conferred in recognition of local efforts to promote economic development. The award will be made at the Chamber of Commerce annual dinner meeting to be held at 7:30 p. m. at the East Yancey High School. Al Calloway, chief of the State's Community and Industrial Services, will make the award.

Yancey County qualified

for the Governor's Award by preparing a community audit containing information needed by industrial prospects; publishing a promotional brochure and organizing an industrial development group.

Also, the community was required to have designated industrial sites and conduct a clean-up, fix-up campaign.

Begun in January, 1970, the Governor's Award program is one result of a promise by Governor Robert W. Scott to improve the economic growth of rural areas and small communities in North Carolina, Calloway said. Thus far, 56 communities have received the award.

Entry of Yancey County into the Governor's Award competition was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Bill Banks, supported by a hard working committee composed of members of the Chamber of Commerce board of directors, coordinated the program. A month ago, a team from the State Department of Natural and Economic Resources, visited the county to review the work

done toward qualifying for the award.

The value of the award to Yancey County lies in the fact that award winning communities receive priority in having industrial prospects referred to them by the State Industrial Development staff. One prospect for a factory site has already been brought out to look over the county since official notification that the award has been received.

Chamber-Commerce Dinner

The Yancey County Chamber of Commerce holds its annual meeting tonight, April 20 at 7:30 at the East Yancey High School. Informative exhibits showing progress and achievements in the county, prepared by several agencies, organizations and schools will be on display at the East Yancey gymnasium for one hour preceding the dinner.

Entertainment at the dinner will be provided by award winners from last years Yancey County Youth Jamboree.

The principal Chamber business for the meeting consists of the election of seven directors to replace directors whose terms have expired. A

feature of the evening will be the award of two scholarships to students from each high school. These four scholarships are each for \$200, and this is the third year the Chamber has made these awards.

In addition, a sportsman-ship trophy will be awarded to a student from each high school.

Snack Dinner

The youth of Higgins Memorial Methodist Church and Burnsville Presbyterian Church invite one and all to a Snack Dinner at the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church from 12 until 2 p. m. April 23rd.

Hot Dogs, Sloppy Joes, Salads, Beans, etc. will be served. Nothing over 25¢.

All proceeds from the Snack Dinner go for the Johnny Bigstaff Memorial Fund.

Come one--come all--eat well!

Music In The Mountains To Open Third Season

Summer in the mountains of Western North Carolina means, among many things, Music in the Mountains. This season will mark the third for an expanding learning-performing festival of superior chamber music and is another cultural "don't miss" in Yancey County and nearby Mars Hill.

The annual four weeks of instructional workshops in keyboard, woodwinds, and in stringed instruments on the Mars Hill campus will begin Monday, June 26, under the expert guidance of a staff of thirteen accomplished artists-in-residence. Students and amateur musicians, coming from many parts of the eastern United States, will have ample opportunity for sight-reading experience, ensemble coaching, and small group playing with others of equal ability, utilizing the excellent facilities of the College for living, learning, and practice. In addition, there will be a weekly series of lecture-demonstrations on the art of music making open to the general public.

Of particular interest to North Carolina residents this year will be a special scholarship fund granted to Music in the Mountains by the North Carolina Arts Council. "We are especially happy to be able to offer this help to promising young musicians within the State," said Frank Ell, Music Director, "as well as provide financial assistance, as in the past, to other participants regardless of residence."

The Sunday afternoon concert series in Burnsville will open June 25 and extend thru July 30, presenting the faculty, assisted by guests, in exciting performances of the world's great chamber music.

A special benefit recital by Mme. Lili Kraus, world famous pianist and Honorary Director of Music in the Mountains, will climax the season.

For the first time, a second series of weekly performances will be offered in the outdoor amphitheater of Mars Hill Col-

lege on Thursday evenings at 8:00 p. m. in collaboration with the College and its summer activities.

Music in the Mountains is a non-profit tax-exempt organization formed to add to the growing artistic opportunities in western North Carolina, and is directed by a board of local citizens.

Season tickets at minimal cost will be good for either series. Further details concerning individual performances can be obtained from Music in the Mountains, Burnsville, or by telephone 704-682-2578.



New Officers On Duke's Lap

The East Yancey and Cane River Beta Clubs returned home from their trip to Raleigh for the State Beta Club Convention on Sunday afternoon. While there, various meetings were attended, including a talent show and a dance. The North Carolina Museum of Art, the Museum of Natural History, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Old Salem, and Duke University were toured also. The East Yancey Beta Club has also elected officers for next year: Mitzi Presnell, president; Doyle Byrd, vice-president; Sherree Banks, secretary; and Sandra Norris, treasurer. The picture was taken of the new officers at Duke University on a statue of Washington Duke.

To Our Friends

We must again express our thanks to the people of Yancey County--ministers, businessmen, correspondents and many other citizens--for the tremendous support given to us and our publication, The Yancey Journal. Because of this support, our former corporate partner, Newton Jerue Babb of Community Newspapers, Inc. has sold back to us all interest in The Yancey Record.

Although we will continue with the name The Yancey Journal, to avoid confusion in accounting and bookkeeping matters, the office and all equipment and supplies of The Yancey Record are now free of corporate control and we are again publishing an independent newspaper serving Yancey County.

This mailing is the last one which will go to all boxholders in the County. We have over a thousand names on our subscription list thus far, including many from out of town, and the names continue to pour in. Within two to three weeks, we hope to have our subscribers back on record.

Please continue to call in your subscription claims to our office at 682-2120, or drop by the Yancey Record office to see us. If you have friends or relatives living out of town who were subscribing to The Yancey Record, let us know their names and addresses so we may mail their copies to them.