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Miss Melissa Thomas

## Melissa To Compete In Miss N.C. Pageant

Melissa Thomas, Miss Mayland left Burnsville on Sunday afternoon for Charlotte where she will compete with 15 other young ladies in the 1972 Miss North Carolina Pageant.

Melissa will participate in a preliminary competition on June 13, 14, 15 and 16. Final competition will begin Saturday night, June 17 at 8:30 p.m. This portion of the Pageant will be telecast statewide beginning at 10 p.m.

Friends and supporters are urged to send cards and letters to Melissa Thomas, Miss Mayland at Coliseum Motor Court, Charlotte, N.C., where she and her chaperone, Mrs. Linda Edge are staying during the Pageant.

Melissa, the 22-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Thomas of Micaville, attended East Yancey High School and is a graduate of Warren Wilson College. During the past year she taught drama, English, and special education at East Yancey.

This fall she plans to return to school and do graduate studies in child psychology at

Western Carolina. Melissa's plans are to eventually work with disturbed and problem children.

The preliminaries this week will include Evening Gown Competition, Talent Competition, and Swimsuit Competition. Friday night the preliminary winners will be announced and Final Competition will be held Saturday.

The material for the gown she will be wearing in the Evening Gown Competition was donated by Glen Raven Mills of Burnsville.

For her talent competition, Melissa will do a dramatic monologue, part of which she wrote herself.

All of the evenings performances will start at 7:30, except the finals on Saturday night which begin at 8:30 p.m. The pageant will be held in Ovens Auditorium in Charlotte.

In a report home Tuesday, Melissa said she was having a wonderful time at the pageant and had been showered with all kinds of gifts--ranging from roses to wranglers.

## FHA Reaches Goal; Funds Available

Yancey County farmers are spending more than ever if local borrowing from the Farmers Home Administration is an indicator, according to Wilbur G. Howard, County Supervisor.

North Carolina State Director, James T. Johnson, reported that FHA farm loans for the year had already passed \$44 million and over 5,000 loans were expected to be made thru June. Last year, the State

loaned \$26 million to 3,741 farmers.

Farm loans are available for operating type credit to finance farm machinery and equipment, livestock purchases, and for annual expenses such as fertilizer, seed, supplies and labor at 6 3/8 percent interest.

Also, there are funds for Farm Ownership long term loans to local farmers to buy farmland, develop farms and for other farm real estate purposes at 5% interest.

County Supervisor Howard reported that this is the first year in the agency's history that funds for all farm loan programs have been available throughout the entire year.

Some three years ago, the agency set a goal to adequately fund all farm loan programs on a year round basis. We are happy to report, said Howard, that this goal has been reached and Yancey County farmers can look forward to Farmers Home Administration supplying their farm credit needs whenever private credit is unavailable.

To illustrate this situation Howard reported that the agency not only has sufficient long term loans available, but just recently released \$37 million for operating loans for the month of June. All our farm loan programs are well funded and any farmer needing our services are urged to come in to our office at any time.

The local FHA office is located at Burnsville in the Citizens Bank Building.

## Offering Is For Students

North Carolina Baptist State Convention churches will receive offerings June 18 to underwrite scholarships for Baptist students attending any of the convention's seven colleges.

More than 14,000 students, the majority of them Baptists from North Carolina, attend the schools--Mars Hill, Meredith, Campbell, Chowan, Gardner Webb, Wingate and Wake Forest University--which comprise the largest private system of higher education in the state.

The Scholarship Offering, received annually on Father's Day, provides financial assistance for thousands of the Baptist students. In recent years the offering has totaled about \$150,000 annually.

Baptists entered the higher education field in the state in 1834 with the founding of Wake Forest College (now University), and since have added the other six schools to the system.

The seven institutions have educated most of the Baptist pastors and church staff members in North Carolina, as well as hundreds of Baptist home and foreign missionaries.

The colleges have as their purpose the providing of an education for all deserving students, regardless of race, religion or economic ability. The Scholarship Offering provides aid so that no qualified student is refused admission solely because of inability to pay.



Dairy Judging Team Places 2nd

The Dairy Judging Team of the East Yancey Chapter of Future Farmers of America placed 2nd in the 44th State Convention, held in Raleigh on June 8th. The team, consisting of (l. to r.) Mike Deyton, Larry Honeycutt, Danny Hughes and Dan Ray, was recognized on stage of Reynolds

Coliseum and presented a plaque for this achievement. In the Tools and Materials Contest, the East Yancey Shop team finished 9th and was presented a \$15 cash award. Members of this team were Kendall Robinson, David Whitson and Jimmy Young.

## House Fire At Fox's Creek Claims Life Of Yancey Man

Willie Hensley, 45, was burned to death at his home in the Fox's Creek community of Yancey County on Saturday at 2:30 a.m.

J. C. Hensley and Clayborn Ponder, brother and nephew of the deceased, escaped with minor burns.

The nephew, Clayborn Ponder, said he was awakened by

the fire. Two of the rooms were already engulfed in flames. He and J. C. Hensley attempted to get Willie Hensley out of the burning house, but failed because of the intense heat and smoke.

Surviving in addition to J. C. Hensley are four other brothers, Leslie of Drexel, N.C., Ward of Red Hill, Junior of Mars Hill Route 2, and Edward Hensley of Burnsville Route 3; four sisters, Mrs. Virgie McMahan and Mrs. Rass Wilson of Burnsville Route 3, Mrs. Raleigh Ponder and Mrs. Woodrow Hensley of Mars Hill Route 2.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2:30 p.m. in the Fox's Creek Baptist Church, Rev. Horace Honeycutt and Rev. Tommy Hensley officiated and burial was in the Fox's Creek Cemetery.



Dick Bailey



Taylor Teague

## Bailey, Teague Appointed Co-Chairmen Of Campaign

It was announced today by Milton Burlison, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Blue Ridge Hospital System, and James Anglin, Vice Chairman of the Board, the appointment of the Co-Chairmen for the Hospital Development Fund Campaign.

Appointed are Taylor O.

Teague of Spruce Pine and Garrett Dixon Bailey of Burnsville.

Mr. Teague, a Certified Public Accountant, is married and has one son. He is a graduate of The McCallie School, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mr. Teague is a past President of Spruce Pine Kiwanis Club and at the present time is President of Spruce Pine Merchants Association. Mr. and Mrs. Teague live at Deer Park Lake Estates and are members of the Spruce Pine Methodist Church.

Mr. Bailey is married and has a son and daughter. He is a graduate of Berea College and the Wake Forest University Law School. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Burnsville, being Chairman of the Finance Committee and past Chairman of the Deacons. He is presently a General Board Member of the Baptist State Convention.

A member of the North Carolina Bar Association, he is also a Director and past President of the Yancey Chamber of Commerce and past President and Zone Chairman of the Lions Club.

Mr. Teague and Mr. Bailey will head up the program to raise \$1,000,000 for the new and expanded facilities including a new 60 bed Extended Care Facility at Burnsville and a 50 bed addition to the hospital in Spruce Pine.

## Privilege License Renewal

Penalty on Schedule B (Privilege) licenses for the tax year beginning July 1, 1972 will start accruing after July 3, 1972.

Mr. Thurman Leatherwood, Revenue Collector, urges taxpayers who are liable for State privilege licenses to procure them before July 1, 1972.

According to Mr. Leatherwood, timely applications for

licenses, together with the correct remittance, should be mailed to the North Carolina Department of Revenue, Raleigh, North Carolina or submitted to the local State Revenue office. He advises that the penalty for failure to comply will be 5% for each delinquent month, or fraction thereof.

## Three 4-H'ers From Yancey County At Resource Conference In Fontana

"You are already leaders today." You will have even more responsibility in the future to use the region's resources efficiently while preserving the environment. Those remarks were made by TVA Assistant General Manager, H.N. Stroud to about 250 4-H Club members this week.

The 4-H'ers are in Fontana Village, North Carolina, studying the resources of the Tennessee River Valley region. They are participating in the 17th

Annual Regional Resource Development Conference. Mr. Stroud presented the opening remarks.

Among the delegates to the Conference at Fontana Village are three from Yancey County: Ellen Blair, Roger Fox and Vicki Styles. They were accompanied by John Blair, Extension Agent. They studied the responsibility of the human resource in using natural resources wisely.

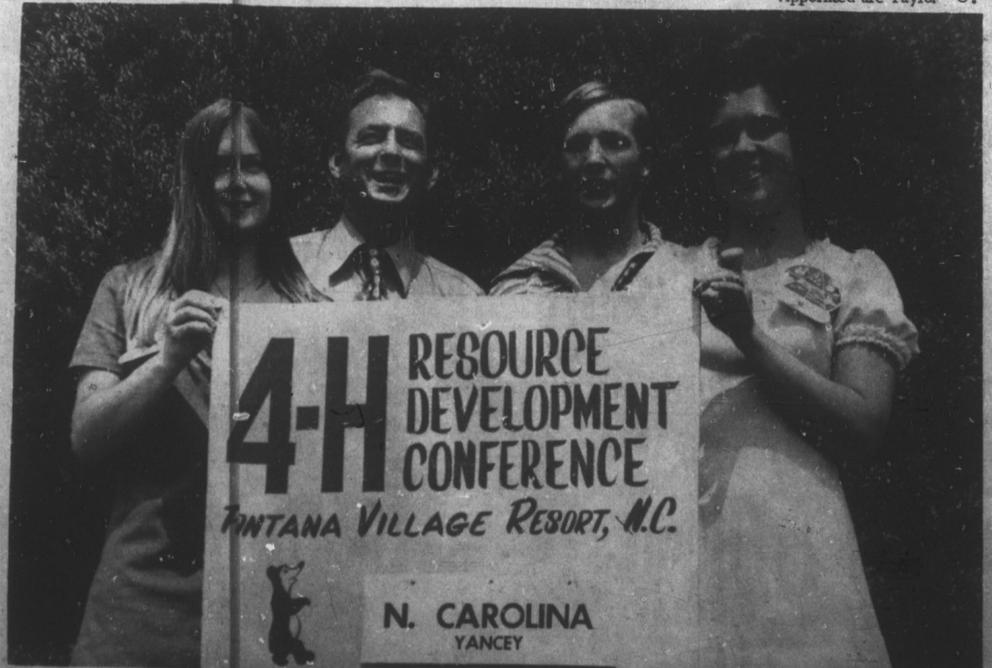
The natural setting of Fontana Resort Village in the Great Smokey Mountains provides a living laboratory for the youth to study resources. The workshop sessions are being conducted by specialists from Valley state universities. The young people were selected to attend the meeting on the quality of their leadership and activities.

"Dawn of Our Day" is the

theme of this year's conference and sets the stage for intensive study of the region's natural resources--soils, minerals, human, atmosphere, water, forests, and wildlife. The 4-H'ers are exploring the relationship and responsibility of the human resource in using and conserving the other resources.

The schedule is permitting time for the youth to enjoy Fontana's recreational facilities and the benefits of the Great Smokey Mountain wilderness.

The resource conference is sponsored by the Association of Test-Demonstration Farm Families, the Extension Services of the land-grant universities in the 7 valley states, and the Tennessee Valley Authority. States involved are Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.



Yancey County 4-H'ers Ellen Blair, Roger Fox And Vicki Styles With Extension Agent John Blair

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