

# Visitors Enjoy Crafts, Entertainment And Food At Festival



There is no question -- the Craft Festival held on the Blainsville town square this year was a great success. Any way you measure its achievement-- by attendance, volume of sales, or appreciative comments of visitors--it far surpassed the best previous year.

A community project of this sort, needless to say, doesn't just happen. An immense amount of work goes into planning, promotion and serving and entertaining the public. Far more people were involved in far more effort than most people would suppose.

Since the greater part of this work was contributed by unpaid volunteers, the Festival was a fine example of cooperative community effort. Yancey County can be proud of the project, and owes a debt of gratitude to the many who contributed to its success.

The Craft Festival, as well as the Youth Jamboree, which takes place the same week, are projects of the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce. But since, in final analysis, the Chamber is simply representative of the county's citizens--principally those concerned with improving the community-- it is fair to say that the Festival was the project of just us.

Anyone looking around at the Festival could see on every hand evidence of the broad community support. There were the three shifts of volunteers perspiring over the chicken barbecue, and the many women helping serve. There were the numerous entertainers contributing their time. And specially noteworthy was the sight of summer visitors pitching in for a hard day's work.

The Chamber makes some money from the Festival and the Youth Jamboree, all of which is put to good use in supporting projects for the county's betterment. The best way for citizens to show appreciation for the work of the Chamber is to join the organization. The annual membership drive is now underway.

