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## Cub Scouts Host Banquet, Exciting Pinewood Derby



Keith Manning (r.) is Winner, Davis Gillespie Takes 2nd

Cub Scout Pack 502 held its annual Blue and Gold Banquet and Pinewood Derby last Friday night, February 23. Over one hundred fifty boys, parents and Lions, sponsors of the Pack, attended. Mrs. Arnold Higgins headed the volunteers who prepared a delicious chicken dinner. Before dishes were cleared away to make ready for the race, Cubmaster Thom Koch presented awards earned by the Cubs. Included were about 20 awards to boys who have just begun scouting.

Charles Toms, the county's professional scouter, made a plea for additional leaders to work with the Pack's 45 boys. Especially needed are two men to assist with the 18 10-year-old cub scouts.

Excitement mounted as Mr. Doyce McClure, former Cubmaster and current institutional representative for the Pack gave instructions to derby contestants and spectators.

Pieces of wood and a few nails issued earlier to each cub

had been transformed into dazzling model race cars. The parent-son project culminated with the great race.

At times it seemed that neither parents nor boys would be able to contain themselves as barriers moved to the accompaniment of shrieks at each successive heat.

When the dust had settled after the final screams-- Keith Manning had secured First Place and Davis Gillespie held Second. They took home temporary trophies pursuant to the arrival of the "real ones".

Assistance for set-up and cleanup was gratefully appreciated by the Pack's leaders: Thom Koch, Cubmaster; Ethel Higgins, Den Chief; Susan Koch, Betty Young and Ed Yuziuk, Den Leaders.

What's next? A paper airplane race for parents and sons will continue the theme "Things That Go." This race will be part of the regular Pack meeting March 8 at 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. at Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church.



## Smokey Visits Yancey

Smokey the Bear has been in Yancey County in cooperation with the North Carolina Forest Service. Smokey was brought here to visit all first and second grade students in the area. While here, Smokey and Ranger Bacchus Hensley stopped by the Burnsville Fire Department to visit Fire Chief J. C. Styles and inspect the equipment used in fighting fires. Hensley said that this campaign is part of an effort to make local citizens aware of the damage caused to our forests each year by the careless use of fire.

## Post Office To Close Stations

It was announced Tuesday that due to an economy drive within the post office system, all rural stations in the United States that are not showing a profit will be closed.

Burnsville Postmaster Howard Young said that in Yancey County, the rural stations in Bald Creek, Pensacola, and Cane River will be closed by this move.

Young said that rural route delivery will be extended to these areas to compensate for the closing of these offices.

He added that the post office will give equal or better service to all postal patrons affected by this cut.

Young said that rural route carriers will sell money orders, accept and insure parcels, register and certify letters, and sell stamps--in other words all services will be available that were offered by the rural stations previously.

Young said that some people have expressed regret over loss of a local postmark, but added that this is all part of the new system. Mail is now marked U.S. Postal Service.

Post office officials have announced that the postal service must be on a self-supporting basis by 1984, and that to meet this obligation the post office must move more mail at less expense.

For anyone with complaints or questions concerning the new procedures, Young advised them to contact him at the Burnsville Post Office.

## Forest Service Supervisor Announces Recreation Passports Now Available

Del W. Thorsen, Supervisor of National Forests in North Carolina, has announced the availability of Golden Eagle and Golden Age Recreation Passports at the Supervisor's office located at 50 South French Broad Avenue in Asheville.

The Golden Eagle Passport sells for \$10.00 and allows the purchaser, and all those accompanying him to a single non-commercial vehicle, to enter certain areas of the National Park System where entrance fees are charged.

Thorsen said, "the Golden Eagle Passport will not be valid on National Forest Recreation Areas in North Carolina. Use of many National Forest areas is free. Others, which are more highly developed and offer more elaborate facilities for the forest visitor, require payment of special re-

creation use fees."

The Golden Age Passport, issued free to persons 62 years of age or older upon proof of age, affords the same entry privileges as the Golden Eagle Passport. In addition, the Golden Age Passport holder receives a 50% discount on all Federal Recreation Use Fees such as those charged at designated National Forest Recreation Areas in North Carolina, Thorsen said, "this means the normal daily rates of \$2.00 per vehicle for camping and \$1.00 per vehicle for other users would be reduced by half for holders of the Golden Age Passport." Picnicking at National Forest Areas which include sites or units developed exclusively for picnic use will be free this year, Thorsen reported. A listing of designated fee areas and their opening dates will be released at a later date.

The Golden Age Passports

will be available at all ten District Ranger Offices in North Carolina and both the Golden Age and Golden Eagle will be available at all Class I and II Post Offices across the Nation. The passports are issued on an annual basis and will be valid from January 1 to December 31, 1973.

## Newdale Fire Department To Present Country Music Show

The Newdale Volunteer Fire Department is bringing back to Burnsville the "Carolina Country Time" show with Dave Craig, from WSPA-TV. The show will be on Saturday night, March 3, at 7:30 at the East Yancey School Gym.

Appearing on the show will be Mike Loftis and the "Southern Country", with Far-

ren Silvers, Richard Banks and Buster Blevins. Virginia and the Lazy River Boys, the Country Masters, and the Royal Quartet will also appear.

If you missed the show in January, come out and enjoy an evening of the best in country, bluegrass and Gospel music. This is a clean family show for everyone.



Excited Cub Scouts Urge On Their Favorite Cars



Scout Officials Start Cars Down Long Track Where Judges Wait The Outcome

## Payne Assumes Post As VA Representative

On Thursday, February 15, 1973, Bill Payne assumed the duties of Veterans Employment Representative in the Spruce Pine office of the N.C. Employment Security Commission, according to Davis M. Nichols, office manager. He replaces Mr. John E. Murdock, Jr., who was recently promoted to the position of manager of the Hendersonville ESC office.

Mr. Payne, originally from Cleveland County, served in the U.S. Air Force for 4 years during the Korean conflict. For the past seven years he was a resident of Marion, N.C., and comes to the ESC with a background of fifteen years management experience in the finance field. He is married and has three children, the oldest of which served in the U.S. Navy and was wounded in Vietnam.

The two youngest children, Dana, 16 year old son, and Bunn, 12 year old daughter, are still attending school in Lexington, N.C. Mr. Payne is presently looking for a local residence so that his family can join him as soon as possible.

As the local Veterans Employment Representative, Mr. Payne will be involved in all phases of the employment services, but his primary responsibilities will be assisting veterans in finding suitable employment. Other duties will include advice, counseling and referral to appropriate agencies for any other type of veterans' assistance or benefits.

"I am extremely pleased with my new job," said Payne, "and look forward to working with veterans, employers and local organizations."

## \*\*\*\* Sports Scenes \*\*\*\*

By Robert Howard Saturday night at Polk Central the coaches of the Blue Ridge Tournament voted on the Conference players of the 1972-73 school year.

The players receiving All-Tournament Awards from East Yancey were: J. V.--Eddie Thomas at Guard and Jeff Bailey at Forward; Girls--Sheree Banks at Guard; Varsity--Larry Honycutt at Forward.

The Conference positions for East Yancey are: J. V.--3rd, Girls--4th, and Varsity boys--3rd. The Lady Panthers received the Sportsmanship Trophy for the 1973 year.

The first Cane River Invitational Tournament will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday night, March 1, 2 and 3 at the Cane River Gym.

First, second and third place trophies will be given to the

winner's teams. An All-Tournament team will be chosen and will receive a trophy. Seven outstanding players will be chosen as All-Tournament players.

The preliminary games will be played Thursday night, with Red Oak versus Jack Daniels at 6:30, Spruce Pine versus Joe Howell at 8:00 and Bakersville versus East Yancey at 9:30 p.m.

Friday night at 6:45, the winner of the Spruce Pine-Joe Howell game will play the winner of the Bakersville-East Yancey game. Beginning at 8:30, the winner of the Red Oak-Jack Daniels game will play Cane River.

Saturday night the game for the third place trophy will be played at 6:45 and the Championship game for first and second place will begin at 8:30.

Entrance fee money from these games will be used to pay for the trophies awarded.