

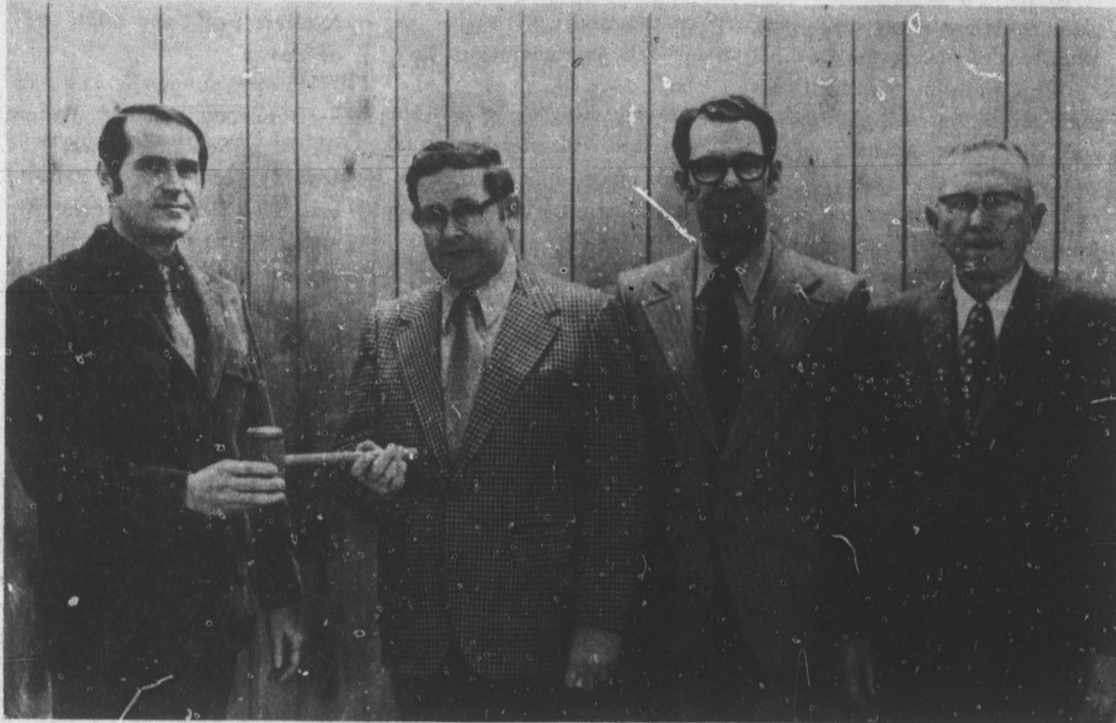
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New Men's Club Officers Installed

The Burnsville Men's Club held its annual Ladies Night Banquet Monday evening at the Community Building. New officers who will serve for the coming year were installed in a brief ceremony. The new club president is Carlisle Bledsoe, replacing Herb Allen; the new vice-president is Hazen Ledford, and the incoming secretary is Vernie Wilson. As part of the evening's activities, awards of appreciation were presented to Cara Cox, who served this year as Chairman of the United Fund, and to LuAnn Banks, the reigning Miss Maryland, who will represent the tri-county area in the Miss North Carolina Pageant in April. (Pictured left to right: Herb Allen, Carlisle Bledsoe, Hazen Ledford, Vernie Wilson)

Army Sergeant Kills Estranged Wife, Takes Own Life In Weekend Tragedy

A 36-year-old career Army sergeant killed his estranged wife at her parent's home Friday night, then took his own life with the .22 caliber rifle, according to Yancey County Sheriff Kermit Banks.

Banks said the husband, Sgt. Bobby Edward Hammonds of Ft. Jackson Army Base in Columbia, S.C., died at Memorial Mission Hospital about three hours after the shooting incident, which occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bradford of the Little Creek section about 7:30 p. m.

The soldier's wife, Mrs. Nina Jean Bradford Hammonds, 32, was apparently killed instantly by two shots fired from the rifle. The sheriff said the woman was hit once in the head and again in the chest.

Banks said he found the couple

lying together on the kitchen floor of the Bradford house. He said Hammonds had shot himself once in the forehead and then dropped to the side of his dead wife.

Banks said two of the Hammonds' four children-- Donna, 14 and Eddie Jr., 9--witnessed the shooting incident. He said Donna and Eddie Hammonds were sitting in the living room with their brother and sister, Steven, 7, and Kimberly, 5, when the shooting began.

Mrs. Hammonds' brother-in-law and sister, Bill and Joan Hicks, and their four children, were also in the living room when the shooting in the kitchen began, Banks said.

The sheriff said there were apparently no prior warnings to the shooting which would have enabled the Hicks' to try

and prevent the incident. Banks said the couple had been separated for about two weeks and that Friday was their first time together since the separation. He said Hammonds had arrived Friday in Burnsville from Ft. Jackson on an apparent weekend pass.

Banks said Hammonds had been stationed at Ft. Bragg Army Post in North Carolina prior to his assignment as an X-ray technician at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina.

The Hammonds' four children were staying with their grandparents Saturday, according to Banks. Mr. and Mrs. Bradford were away from their house during the shooting incident Friday night.

Surviving the Hammonds are two daughters, Donna and (Cont'd on page 2)

Yancey Rates High Praise From Expo Officials; Local Entries Capture Over 25 Percent Of The Awards

By Jody Higgins
People of the Appalachian mountain region and especially of Yancey County, have displayed their artistic talents and at the same time demonstrated that the folk-culture of the mountains is still alive and kicking.

Appalachian Expo, an art contest sponsored by the Appalachian Consortium, solicited artistic response from people of all ages in this mountain region in various genres of creative work to help preserve the folk ways of the Appalachian mountain region.

Entries were accepted in categories of visual, written, and performing art. There were separate divisions for people under age 10, for those between ages 10 and 17, 18 and 59, and 60 and over. Amateurs and professionals were judged separately.

According to Margaret Rose Rives, associate director of the Consortium, Yancey County entrants overwhelmed those who have been working on the project in Boone for the past few months.

"Yancey as a county contributed more than any other group or area. We were very pleased with the Yancey turn out and with the local interest shown in

preserving the mountain culture. "In the performing arts category the Yancey entries stole the show," said Ms. Rives.

Local sponsors such as banks, schools, newspapers, radio stations, and civic groups in Western North Carolina, Eastern Tennessee, and Southwestern Virginia accepted entries and chose the best 10 for the final judging in Boone.

Contest entries were supposed to reflect two contest themes: "The role of proud and independent mountain people in today's world," and "The impact of urbanization of rural Southern Appalachia."

Out of the 217 awards for over \$1,500 in prize money, Yancey entries captured over one-fourth of the awards. The judges were nine representatives of different phases of the arts in this region.

In the Performing Arts Division (amateur) Yancey entries took five of the 12 cash prizes which were awarded as follows:

Age 10-17 1st Place, \$50.00, Yancey County Country Store Cloggers (sponsored by The Yancey Journal); 2nd Place in this age group, \$25.00, The Dayton Sisters of Green Mountain accompanied themselves



Watercolor Of Work Mule Ties For Fourth Place At Appalachian Consortium Expo

on autoharp and spoons while singing, "How Old Are You My Pretty Little Miss" and "Go Along Mule" (sponsored by Micaville School); 6th Place, winning \$3.00 was Tony Eubanks of Route 6, accompanying himself on the guitar and singing "Matterhorn" (sponsor was East Yancey High School.)

Under age 10 winners were 1st Place, \$10.00, Dayton Sisters of Green Mountain singing "Be-Oh-By-Oh-Bunting" (sponsor--Micaville School); 2nd Place, \$5.00, Raylene Fox of Rt. 3, performing an Indian Song and dance (sponsor--The Yancey Journal).

Visual Art Winners were as follows: Age 18-59, 2nd Place Tie, \$25.00, Brad Warstler of Franklin and formerly of Burnsville won with his photographs of elderly mountain people (sponsor--Yancey Journal); Age

10-17, a 3-way tie for 4th Place Belinda Black, Rt. 2, for a watercolor of a work mule (sponsor East Yancey High School). In the under age 10 category--2nd Place, \$5.00, Micaville Kindergarten Group Project watercolor and story (sponsor--Micaville School).

Written Art Winners: Age 10-17, 5th Place and \$5.00, Linda Edwards of Route 4 for a poem, "The House on the Hillside" (sponsor--Bald Creek School); Under-age-10, 2nd Place with \$5.00 was won by Rebecca Austin, Route 3, with a story "Mirror and the Chair" (sponsor was Bald Creek School).

Out of 180 additional \$1.00 prizes, Yancey County had 48 winners as follows:

Written Art--Joel Dayton, Performing Art--Barbara Dayton, Jeannie Dayton, Suzy Deyton (Cont'd on page 2)

East Yancey FFA Scores

In a Parkway Federation Land Judging Contest held at Mars Hill on Thursday, the East Yancey Future Farmers of America scored a win to advance to the State FFA Land Judging Meet, to be held at Franklin High School April 14.

A.C. Reynolds of Asneville was the Land Judging winner in another district contest, and the two schools should provide stiff competition at the State Meet. They will compete for \$750 in first place prize money.

This contest is sponsored by the N.C. Bankers' Association and Carolina Power and Light Co. in cooperation with the N.C. Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Soil Conservation Service, N.C. Department of Public Instruction and N.C. Agricultural Extension Service.

East Yancey team members are George Powers, Larry McMahan, Tony Eubanks, Ronnie Wilson and Rex Geouge.

Herb Allen is instructor for the East Yancey team.

Big Game Set

The big basketball game of the year is scheduled for Friday night, March 30 at 8 p. m. in the East Yancey High School gymnasium. All Stars featuring such greats as Bill Spade, Dean Hicks, Harold Bennett, Bob Thomas, Blaine Whitson, Art Hawkins, and many other stars from Micaville, Cane River, and East Yancey play the World famous Harlem Stars from Los Angeles, California.

The Harlem All-Stars have such greats as the One Arm Wonder Baid Baid and Big Daddy Batiste.

Don't miss a lot of laughs and a lot of basketball talent.

Community Events

The Rural Area Development Council will have a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 1973, 3:30 p. m. in the County Commissioners room in the Courthouse in Burnsville.

Please be prepared to offer the information requested of you at the meeting of February 27. Your attendance is important.

The East Yancey PTA will meet at 7:30 Monday, April 2. Everyone is urged to attend this meeting as new officers will be elected.

Mrs. Nancy Blankenship will be showing slides of a recent trip to the Holy Land at the Elk Shoal Union Church, Route 4, Burnsville Wednesday night, April 4, at 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Gospelaire Trio of Johnson City, Tennessee will be at the Ivy Gap Baptist Church on Sunday night, April 1 at 6:30. Everyone is invited to come.

The Middle Fork Independent Baptist Church is having a Gospel Singing on Saturday night, March 31st at 7:30. All singers and the public are cordially invited to attend and take part. This church is located 4 miles North of Mars Hill on U. S. Hwy. 19 (Burnsville Highway). Ed Ball is emcee.

The Pensacola Volunteer Fire Department will have a special meeting Wednesday night, March 28 at 7:30 p. m. at Mountain Wilderness Park. All community members are urged to attend.

In protest at the rising cost of groceries, especially meat, the Burnsville Woman's Club would like to go on record to the effect that it's members have unanimously decided to boycott meat, and refuse to purchase meat and all its by-products during the entire week of April 1-8, 1973.



Burnsville Boy Scouts Erect Bridge

Boy Scouts from Troop 502, Burnsville, erected a camping display on the Town Square this past Saturday. The boys built a rope bridge that spanned about 60 feet between two

of the large locust trees. The Scouts, as well as a number of the other kids, enjoyed crossing the bridge, and despite some spills and mishaps, a good time was had by all.

Yancey Health Dept.

April 2 (Mon.)	Child Health, Dr. Pope	12:00- 3:30
April 3 (Tues.)	Nurse Screening	9:00-12:00
April 3 (Tues.)	Maternal Nurse, Miss Kingham	1:00- 4:00
April 4 (Wed.)	Eye Clinic, Dr. Powell by appointment	
April 5 (Thurs.)	Mental Health, Dr. Byron	10:00- 3:00
April 6 (Fri.)	Mental Health, Mr. Hutchison	10:00- 3:00
April 10 (Tues.)	Nurse Screening	9:00-12:00
April 11 (Wed.)	Chest Clinic in Bakersville	
April 12 (Thurs.)	Family Planning, Dr. Webb	8:30-12:00
April 13 (Fri.)	Mental Health, Mr. Hutchison	10:00- 3:00
April 16 (Mon.)	Child Health, Dr. Pope	12:00- 3:00
April 17 (Tues.)	Nurse Screening	9:00-12:00
April 17 (Tues.)	Maternal Nurse, Miss Kingham	1:00- 4:00
April 19 (Thurs.)	X-Ray	10:00-11:00
April 20 (Fri.)	Mental Health, Mr. Hutchison	10:00- 3:00
April 23 (Mon.)	Holiday! Health Dept. Closed!	
April 24 (Tues.)	Nurse Screening	9:00-12:00
April 25 (Wed.)	Orthopedic Clinic in Bakersville. Register before 11:00.	
April 26 (Thurs.)	Family Planning, Dr. Webb	8:30-12:00
April 27 (Fri.)	Mental Health, Mr. Hutchison	10:00- 3:00

The Clinic for Immunization and General tests is held every Monday morning from 8:00 to 11:30.

Sales And Use Tax Report

Local 1% Sales and Use Tax collections by county were reported by the Commissioner of the State Department of Revenue, for the month of February

Yancey County collections amounted to more than \$10,000.00 for that month, which compares to the \$13,000.00 collected by Mitchell County