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## Collisions Claim Lives

Roy Melvin Pitman, 57, of Spruce Pine was killed instantly in a one-vehicle accident at 4:10 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, August 8, on U.S. 19E near the Micaville turn-off.

According to one of the investigating officers, Trooper W. J. Stallings of the Highway Patrol, Pitman was traveling alone in a 1969 Chevrolet pickup truck when he attempted to pass another truck and met an on-coming vehicle. Stallings said that although Pitman had plenty of clearance to return to his lane, he apparently panicked, swerved sharply to the right, lost control and skidded on the grass for 64 feet. The vehicle overturned, throwing Pitman out, then overturned again, went 19 feet up an embankment, rolled back down landing on top of Pitman and killing him instantly.

Stallings and other investigating officers, Trooper A. T. Morrison and 1st Sgt. R. E. Pipes expressed the opinion that if the victim had been wearing a seat belt the death could probably have been avoided. Stallings added that badly worn tires contributed to the cause of the accident.

A Bumsville woman was pronounced dead on arrival at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville and a Madison County man was killed instantly following a head-on collision between two automobiles about 6:15 p.m. Monday on U.S. 25 four and a half miles north of Marshall, the State Highway Patrol reported.

A Charlotte mother and her two young children were seriously injured in the mishap.

Trooper C. D. Jenkins identified the dead as Geraldine Blank Ballew, 32, of Route 3, Bumsville and Charles Wayne Goforth, 39, of Route 3, Marshall. They were together in a 1967 Ford, headed north on the highway, with Goforth driving, the trooper said.

The Goforth car collided with a 1971 Cadillac operated by Mrs. Sally Nash Cook, 24, of Charlotte, southbound on the highway.

Mrs. Cook, Thomas Roy Cook, 2, and Kay Lynn Cook, 6, were admitted to Memorial Mission Hospital.

The investigation is continuing, Jenkins said.



## Ben Franklin Holds Grand Opening

Grand Opening ceremonies for the Ben Franklin Family Center store in Banks Family Square shopping center were held last Thursday morning. According to manager David Brown, some thirty thousand people shopped at the new modern Ben Franklin Store for the opening. Attending

the Thursday morning ribbon-cutting ceremonies were members of the Banks family and officials from the Ben Franklin Stores, as well as town and county officials which included Chamber of Commerce President Ardell Sink who presided over the ribbon cutting ceremonies.

## Grants Received Here For Special Educational Needs

Yancey County schools have received a grant of \$6,634.00 under Title I-Part C of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, according to State School Superintendent Craig Phillips. The Part C grants have been allocated in addition to each school's unit's 1973-74 ESEA Title I allotment and total \$1,288,311.00 for the state.

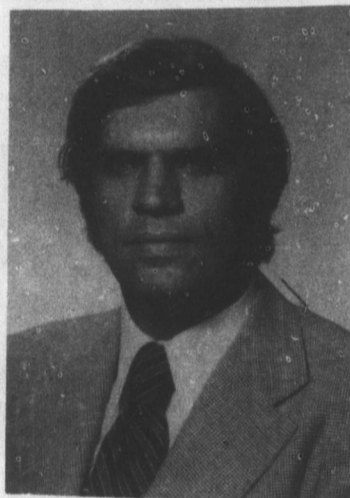
According to Harold Webb, Director of Compensatory Education for the State Education Agency, "Part C is more commonly referred to as the Urban and Rural program. To be eligible for an Urban and Rural grant, a school district must have 20 percent of its school-age population drawn from low-income families, or 5,000 such children who comprise five percent or more of the total school-age population."

"The grants are designed to meet the special educational

needs of schools having the highest concentration of children from low-income families," says Webb. "The funds are limited to preschool and elementary programs."

Webb noted that this is actually money appropriated for use during the 1973 fiscal year, but funds have arrived so late that they will be used during the 1973-74 school year. The Urban and Rural funds are handled separately from the bulk of ESEA Title I - Part A allocations which total \$56,260,988 for the State for the 1973-74 school year.

COUNTRY STORE  
Hi-Lo  
TEMPERATURE  
OF THE WEEK  
Hi - 80°  
Lo - 59°



Ronald Webb

## Webb Transfers To Bank Here

Ronald D. Webb has transferred to First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company's Bumsville Office, where he has management responsibilities in the personal loan department.

The Bumsville native moves from the bank's Lincolnton Office to assume his new position. In addition to his duties in the personal loan department, he will also have administrative responsibilities in the bank.

Webb has been associated with First-Citizens since 1972 and has held assignments with the bank in Hickory and Lincolnton. He attended Mars Hill and Wake Forest University, where he received his degree in History. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

## Yancey Health Dept.

Aug. 17 Fri.	Mental Health, Mr. Hutchison	10:00- 4:00
Aug. 21 Tues.	Nurse Screening	9:00-12:00
Aug. 21 Tues.	Maternal Nurse	1:00- 4:00
Aug. 22 Wed.	Orthopedic in Bumsville, Reg. before 11	
Aug. 23 Thurs.	Family Planning, Dr. Webb	8:30-12:00
Aug. 24 Fri.	Mental Health, Mr. Hutchison	10:00- 4:00
Aug. 27 Mon.	Child Health, Dr. Pope	11:30- 3:00
Aug. 28 Tues.	Nurse Screening	9:00-12:00
Aug. 31 Fri.	Mental Health, Mr. Hutchison	10:00- 4:00

General Clinic for Immunizations and other tests will be held every Monday morning from 8:00 to 11:30.

## Licensed As Saleswoman

Mrs. Bob (Wanda) Proffitt, Office Manager of Cy Jordan Realty, has now been licensed as a Salesman. Her previous duties as office manager are now expanded to include those of a full time Sales Associate.

Whether buying or selling, Wanda will welcome real estate inquiries from her friends and acquaintances.

Cy Jordan Realty, Realtor, with Cy Jordan, Broker, and Captain George Downing and Wanda Proffitt, Sales Associate, place at public disposal, real estate knowledge and skills acquired over 50 years of experience.

Professional services offered include appraisal, management, counseling, subdivisions, development, finance, real estate brokerage, construction, plan and design service.



Wanda Proffitt

## FHA Loans Help Farm And Non-Farm Families Meet Operating, Housing Needs

Wilbur Howard, Farmer's Home Administration County Supervisor, expressed concern recently over the fact that people in Yancey County are not taking advantage of the numerous loans available to farm and non-farm families through the Farmers Home Administration.

"We have five types of loans available with low interest rates and easy re-payment plans, and I can't understand why people are not taking advantage of these credit avenues to have comfortable homes to live in and to improve their farming operations," Howard said.

The five FHA loans Howard referred to are Home Ownership Loans, Farm Operating Loans, loans for Non-Farm Enterprises, Farm Ownership Loans and Recreation Facilities Loans. "We also have a youth loan program," Howard added. "The FHA is the only place that I know of where young people can acquire loans."

To illustrate this point, Howard gave the example of a loan made to 12-year-old Janet Smith to grow 1200 pounds of burley tobacco. Janet, who attends Bald Creek School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lenville Smith of Possum Trot.

Howard offered these descriptions of the five major types of loans available through FHA: **Home Ownership Loans** may be used to build, improve, repair or rehabilitate rural homes and related facilities, farm service buildings, and waste disposal systems, and to provide water for household and farm use. The emphasis in Home Ownership Loans is on new construction. Homes may be built on individual tracts or in subdivisions. Funds also can be used to modernize homes as well as to enlarge or remodel farm service buildings. Borrowers may buy an existing house and lot or buy a site on which to build a home. Under certain conditions, funds may be used to refinance debts on a home.

**Farm Operating Loans** accompanied by technical management assistance to people to operate family farms are tailored to the borrower's needs. The FHA county supervisor helps the borrower analyze his problems, and plan how these resources, plus those obtained by the loans, may best be used.

**Nonfarm Enterprises Loans** are made to family farmers and ranchers and gives technical and management assistance for development and operation of nonfarm enterprises to supplement farm income. The enterprise must be located or headquartered on the borrower's farm.

**Farm Ownership Loans** accompanied by technical management assistance are offered to applicants who will operate not larger than family farms. These loans may be used to buy or enlarge farms, to construct, improve, or repair the farm homes and farm service buildings and to make general improvements on the land.

A farm loan program for **Recreation Facilities** is to assist eligible farmers in boost-



## FHA Loan Enabled Janet To Grow Tobacco

ing their incomes by converting all or portions of their farms and ranches to income-producing outdoor recreation enterprises.

County supervisor Howard added that each person applying for credit gets equal consideration without regard to race, color, creed, sex or national origin, however, applications of eligible veterans are given preference.

Pamphlets explaining the

different types of FHA government loans may be obtained at the Farmers Home Administration office in the old Northwestern Bank building or further information may be obtained by calling 682-2319.

Howard urged everyone interested in finding out how to take advantage of the loans available through the FHA to farm and non-farm families to contact the FHA office or any other Federal or State office.



Hazen Ledford

## Governor Appoints Ledford To WCU Board Of Trustees

Governor James Holshouser recently appointed Hazen Ledford as a member of the Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University for a four-year term beginning July 1, 1973. Confirmation was given by President William Friday of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in a letter dated July 31, 1973.

Mr. Ledford is a native of Mitchell County but now resides in Yancey County. He is executive vice president of the Northwestern Bank in Bumsville. He is currently president of the

Bumsville Merchant's Association, vice president of the Bumsville Men's Club, former member of the Board of Education, member of the Masonic Lodge, and member of the U.S. Club.

Also, in the month of July, Mr. C. W. Deyton announced that Mr. Ledford was appointed by the Yancey County Board of Commissioners to an eight-year term on the Board of Trustees of Mayland Technical Institute, which is a three-county venture including Yancey, Mitchell, and Avery counties.



Driver's Side Of Pitman Truck After Fatal Accident Near Micaville