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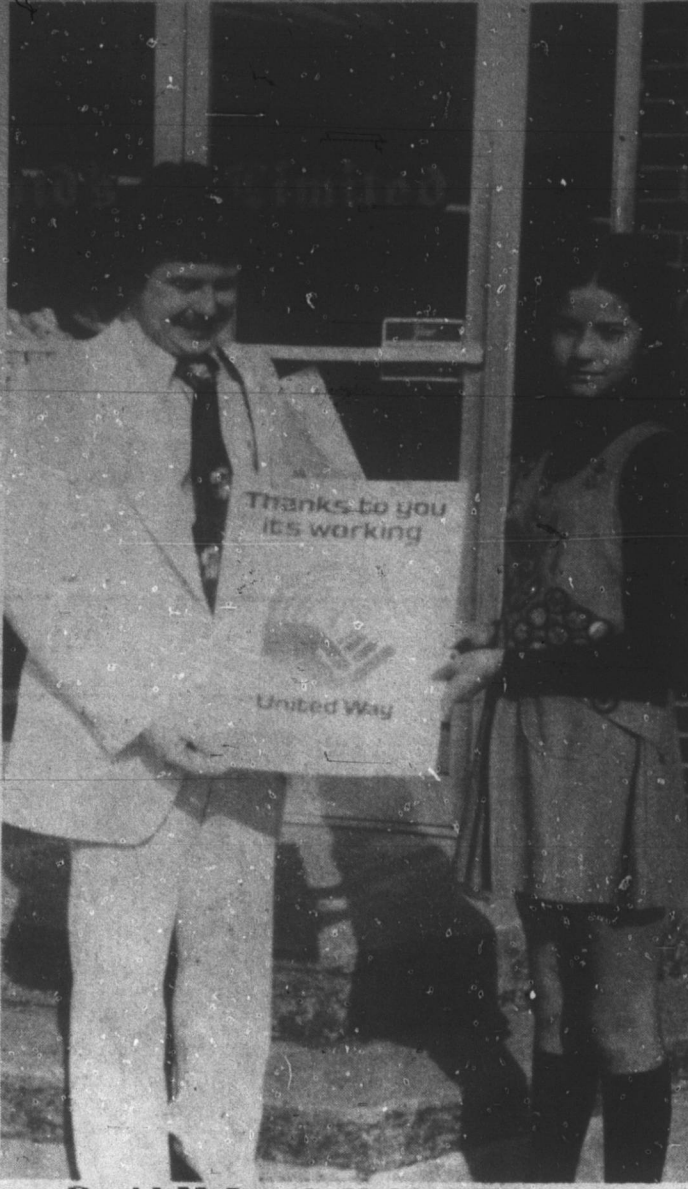
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## Girl Scouts Join United Way Drive

104 Girl Scouts and 26 adult volunteers in Yancey County discovered a world of difference in 1974 throughout their Scouting activities. And many countywide and individual troop activities made a difference in the community and in the lives of others.

Girls in all troops learned skills that enabled them to give community services such as adoption of a family, making and giving toys for Day Care children, entertaining Day Care children, taking Christmas Tree to Rest Home, working with Senior Citizens, and much more.

The Junior Troop donated money toward the fountain in the newly renovated square and secured a plaque for the fountain. Senior Girl Scouts worked with the Senior Citizens and others worked with the Social Services and Day Care Program. All of these activities made a difference to the many people with whom they worked.

The Girl Scouts have learned skills, needs, and the satisfaction of worthy service. At the same time they worked with adults who care and who

## Johnny Hensley Hensley's Entry Is Winner

Johnny G. Hensley, Yancey Agricultural Extension Agent, received notice recently that his entry in the Information Awards Program of NACAA was judged first place in North Carolina and best of show. Johnny's entry was a colored slide series and script called "Mountain Greenery" depicting native ornamental production in Yancey County. Johnny's entry represented North Carolina in the Southeastern Regional competition and was one of the winners at that level.

## UF Honors Donors

The 1975 United Way Drive will again specially honor donors who give these amounts to help their community:

Century Club—donations of \$100 up; Patrons—donations of \$200 to \$500; Sponsors—\$500 or more.



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**HEALTH NEWS**  
from Pollard Drug

### Hints for hay fever sufferers

If you're one of the 10 million Americans who annually face the ordeal of hay fever, the following hints should help you through a trouble-free Fall.

- 1—See a physician. He can prescribe medication to relieve many of your symptoms.
- 2—Don't drink alcohol — it tends to dilate blood vessels, as pollens do.
- 3—Avoid emotional upsets, over-exertion, drastic change in temperature, insecticides, and powdered soaps.
- 4—Don't smoke, cut flowers, paint, or go for a ride in the country.
- 5—Invest in one of the new highly-efficient electronic air cleaners. Dealers are located in most larger towns.

Safety First — If you see more than one physician, be sure each knows about all medicines you're taking.

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## Folk-Ways and Folk-Speech

Whatever happened to marble-playing? Ask the average adult this question and he'll look startled, scratch his head, and finally come out with, "Lord, don't ask me. I'll bet it's been fifteen or twenty years since I've seen anyone playing!"

And then: "I remember, though, when I was in grammar school we used to knuckle down at recess, lunch, or after school and play for keeps if a teacher wasn't around—or for fair if she was."

Benny Yates, a Boone native, recalls that in his youth every boy in his school had a small poke in which he carried a wide assortment of marbles suitable for any contest. "Pedabs, of course, were the most common. They were small, clay marbles that weren't worth much. The ones we really prized were glassies or steelies from which we chose our toys (taws) or shooters. I can remember spending whole afternoons bustin' up the hubs of car wheels to get the ball bearings out. You could trade one of the bearings as a sticker and get at least 15 glassies in exchange."

The favorite mountain version of marbles, according to Yates, was a circle game which involved drawing a ring on the ground and having all participants (usually no more than two or three) place an agreed number of marbles in the center of the ring.

The players then tossed at a lag line to determine the first shooter. The winner's first shot (from the edge of the circle) scattered the bunched marbles and the game was on.

If the shooter had knocked any of the marbles from the ring, he continued to shoot until he missed. Then the next shooter took over.

"A good shooter," says Yates, "would start with an edger (a marble near the edge of the ring) and work his way around the ring, using the same kind of English that a pool player uses to manipulate his ball. An expert could sometimes clean the ring at the first go-round. A real daddy rabbit might walk off with everybody's marbles before the day was over."

Unlike flatland children, mountain youngsters played marbles throughout the year, according to Yates. It all depended on the weather.

"On rainy days when I went to school at Valle Crucis, we went inside, drew a chalk circle on the floor, and played the same as outside. The only rub was that when I went home after school, the knees of my overalls were soaked black from floor oil. You talk about the faded denim clothes kids wear today—Lord, you should have seen my overalls when my mother got through bleaching them in strong lye soap. They'd put today's clothes to shame!"

Yates also noted another hazard of marble-playing, sore, bloody knuckles. "You were supposed to knuckle down when you shot, and in cold weather it didn't take much to start your knuckles bleeding, especially if you fudged a little (slid your hand forward) to get more force on the break. Fudging was, of course, illegal, but a lot of shooters got away with it."

Yates admits to having heard of other marble games played in the mountains—chase, holey, potsy—but says he played only the circle variety.

Why has the game of marbles died out? Obviously



it has been replaced by TV and a variety of other activities, but one wonders to what extent the loss is due to paved streets, sidewalks, and parking lots, plus the fact that the dirt yard and playground have been covered with grass, providing an impossible surface for the game.

If readers remember marble games of their youth or know where such games are played at the present, they are invited to share this information with Folk-Ways, Box 376, Boone, N.C. 28608.

## Carter To Attend Meeting

Oleata J. Carter, Assistant Cashier of First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company, Burnsville, will attend the Western North Carolina Group of the National Association of Bank Women's fall meeting this Thursday, September 25. The meeting will be held at the Downtowner East in Charlotte.

Membership in the National Association of Bank Women is open to women who hold executive and official positions in banks, trust companies, and savings banks.

The western group of NABW is composed of more than 150 members.

## Morgan Opens Office In Asheville

Senator Robert Morgan has opened a western North Carolina office in Asheville, with a three-person staff to handle constituents' problems and to offer direct contact with voters in that part of the state.

The office is located in Room 85 of the Federal Arcade Building and the staff there is composed of Lester Roark of Shelby, Morgan's Staff Director; Jack Abbott of Canton and Mrs. Beverly Calvin of Enka.

"During the campaign last year," Morgan said this week, "I promised that I would open an office to take care of the needs of the people in western North Carolina. I hope that the people will use it to good advantage."

Roark said the office will be open five days each week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For those wishing to get in touch with the office, he listed the telephone number as 254-8084 and the mailing address as Box 1371, Asheville, N.C. 28801.

## South Toe VFD Meets To Discuss Fire House

BY GERTRUDE RAMSEY  
The South Toe Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. had its monthly meeting on Monday night. The location for the Fire Station and plans for the fire house were discussed.

The President, James Burch, appointed a committee to lay out the plans for the building and to proceed immediately if possible with the construction before cold weather sets in.

Fire fighting gear has been purchased for six of our fire fighters from money in our treasury. More sets are needed to equip each of the fire fighters with the best possible protection and facilities for fighting a fire.

South Toe Volunteer Fire Department fire fighters have been taking intensive training each week. This week the training was at Brevard.

Mr. Ernest Ellis, Fire Chief at Woodfin, N.C., and his assistant chief, Mr. Jim Angel were guests of the meeting. Mr. Ellis is chief of a very large fire department. He gave many helpful suggestions and invited the group

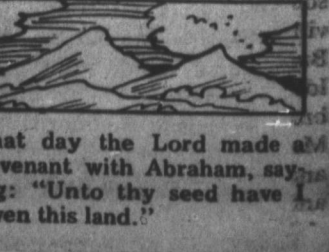
to come anytime to see their fire drill which they conduct once a week.

Every family in the whole South Toe Area is urged to come to meetings, to learn of the qualifications of being a voting member and to take an active part in this important and vital service in our South Toe Area.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at the South Toe School, October 20.

## Army News

David P. Carroll, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Carroll of Route 4, Burnsville, N.C., was promoted to Army Private First Class while serving as a rifleman in the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.



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