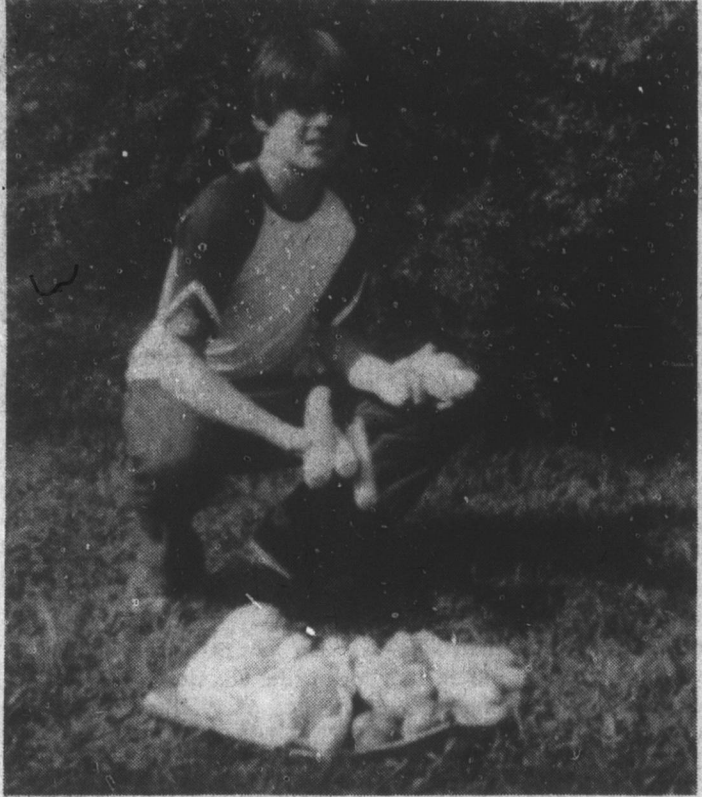




Angela Fender



Kenny Renfro



Lisa Young



Curtis Hudgins

Harvest Time

BY FAYE STORIE
Nutrition Aide, Ext. Service
The big pay-off for the Youth Gardeners who are enrolled in the Extension Nutrition Education Program is to reap the fruits from their "Vegetriton" Garden. Learn-

ing vegetable nutrition is a very important part of the project.

The youths participating in the project this year contribute food to the family table not only in quantity, but of higher quality. The vegetables—fresh, frozen or canned provide a year-round source of Vitamins C and A. They also provide several minerals, particularly calcium and iron.

The youths not only learn the value of good nutrition, but also how harvesting the vegetables at the right time

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Notice

A meeting will be held at the Yancey County Courthouse Thursday, September 22 at 7:30 for anyone interested in entering a team in the Yancey County Mens or Womens Volleyball League.

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R.R. Excursions

All Aboard!

Many children born in the 40's grew up with a fascination for trains nurtured by the great variety of toy trains and the once common commuter trains that panted and puffed long strings of coaches between suburbs and city centers.

Spruce Pine, N.C. resident Brian Westveer lived those years a half block from the Grand Trunk Western R.R. mainline near Detroit. The whistle of the 7:30 got him out of bed; the 7:45 called him to breakfast; the 8:00 tooted him out the door; the 8:15 roared by as he hiked to school; and, the 8:30 pronounced him "On Time" for classes. Evening trains kept him on time for chores and dinner and

brought his father from work.

As Brian grew, his basement railroad expanded into a maze of trestles, yards, and tunnels. Brian's later homes and teaching jobs in New York City and Detroit were all within sight or sound of trains. He admits the Clinchfield R.R. was a prime attraction for his new home located high above the loops.

What does a train lover do when he hears a rumor that the tracks of an historic railroad might be torn up? He leases it, restores it, insures it, and begins the restoration and preservation.

The railroad is the original narrow-gauge East Tennessee & Western North Carolina which ran from Johnson City,

Tn. to Boone, N.C. until floods in 1940 washed away the Boone-Linville tracks and highway competition in 1950 ended the narrow gauge operations between Cranberry, N.C. and Johnson City.

The area of most interest is the Doe River Gorge section between Hampton and Blevins. Here tracks run through a thousand foot deep gorge on a narrow shelf carved from solid granite. The only tunnels (5) are in this area. Brian had been told years ago that it would be far too costly to restore the bridges and tunnels, but professional railroader J.V. Cannon insisted Brian walk the tracks with him in July '77. No one rested until Brian got a lease, bought insurance, and set J.V. to work.

Within two weeks trains were running on a regular schedule through two of the tunnels and over the most dramatic sections of the track. Each day work continues for the exciting fall color excursions. Trips now average three hours including a picnic stopover at the bottom of the gorge.

Most Americans have already seen the gorge. During the first week of operation, 20th Century Fox filmed the new CBS Dan'l series along the tracks. Much of the Dan'l footage on the CBS Fall Preview featured the Doe River Gorge at Pardee Point.

Brian and J.V. plan to restore as much of the railroad as practicable and to recreate for the passengers the excursions begun in 1881 by the E.T.&W.N.C. Passengers bring all their own refreshments and spend three hours in the secluded wilderness. Entrance to the gorge is by rail only through tunnels at both ends. The influence of the modern world is small.

Work has begun on all-weather cars for a Snowball Express after ice and snow create a crystal fairylane

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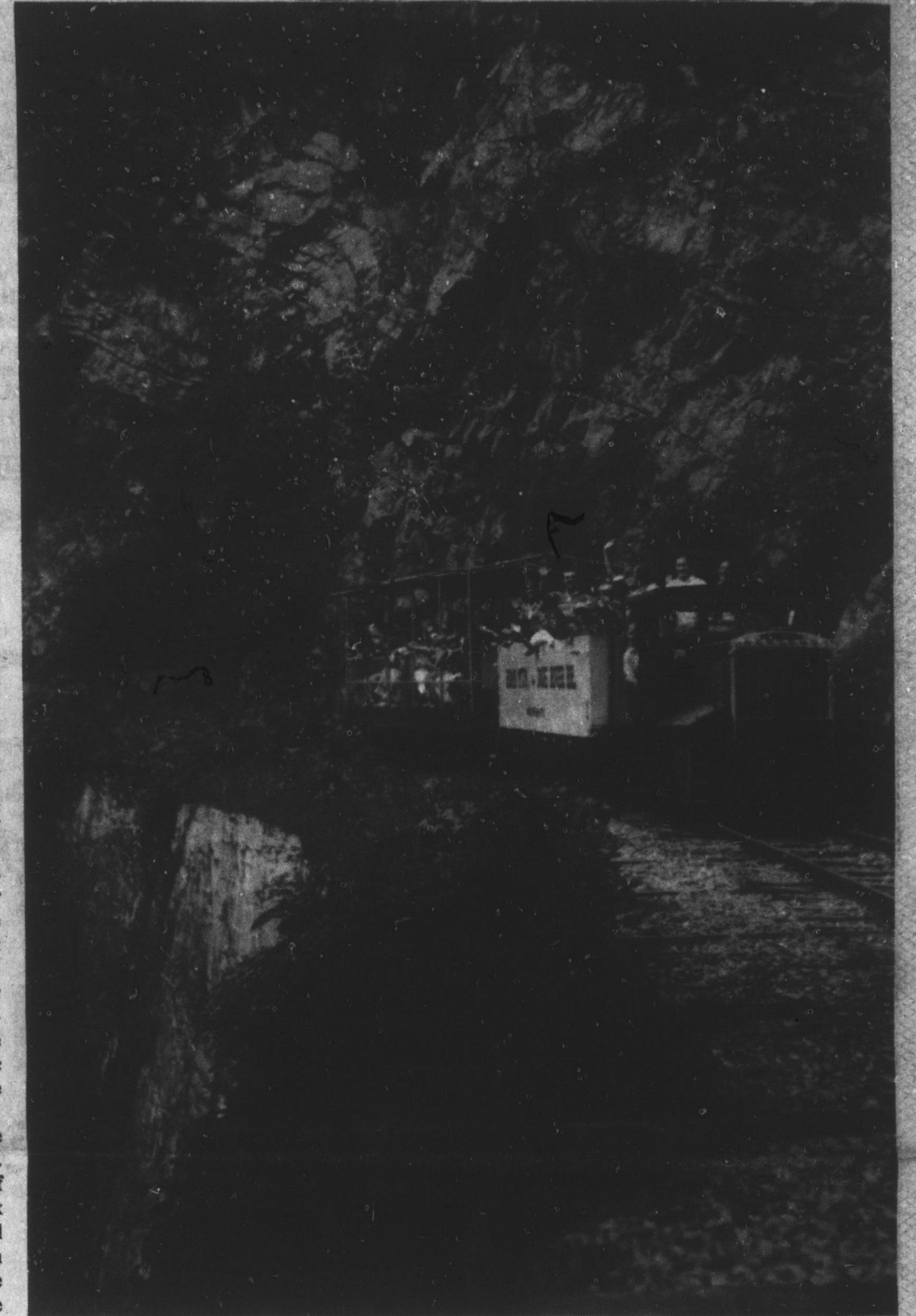


Photo by Brian Westveer

Train Goes Through Thousand Foot Deep Gorge

Photographer 'Special'

The Mayland Photography Club of Mitchell, Avery, and Yancey Counties is sponsoring a Photographers' special on the Roan Mountain & Doe River Railroad. At the peak of the color season, they will travel through the 1,000 foot deep Doe Gorge to film the colorful leaves, spectacular rock formations, waterfalls,

wildflowers, and the historic narrow gauge railroad itself.

The train will leave 19E just south of Hampton at 10:00 on Sunday, October 2. The early hour will provide direct sunlight on the west wall of the canyon on the way up the gorge. Sunlight will be best on the east wall on the return run at 1:00.

Photographers will have

many photo stops en route and will picnic at the bottom of the gorge. Bring all your own refreshments and wide angle and close-up lenses. Instructors will help everyone get great photos.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Write: Photographers' Special, Box 444, Spruce Pine, N.C. 28777. Phone 705-765-7242.

Yancey Highway Accident Report

An accident on Monday, September 12, at 3:15 p.m. occurred on NC 197 three miles north of Burnsville.

Samuel Jones, 49, of Hickory was driving a 1972 Chevrolet north and met a vehicle traveling south and stopped in the right lane to talk to the driver.

Charles Laws, 65, of Relief was driving a 1972 Ford truck north and came around a left hand curve and down a steep grade. Laws realized vehicle 1 was parked and applied brakes and collided with the rear of vehicle 1. Damage was estimated at \$800 to the Chevrolet and \$800 to the Ford.

Jones was charged with improper parking. Trooper A.T. Morrison investigated.

An accident on Friday, September 16 at 7:15 a.m. involved two vehicles. The accident occurred in the Brush Creek area.

Bobby Hollman, 17 of Green Mountain was driving a 1970 Chevrolet west on a narrow dirt road in a hard rain and entered a blind left hand curve. Approx. two-thirds of the way through the curve Hollman met Jimmie Hughes, 54, of Green Mountain. Hughes was driving a 1967 Chevrolet Station Wagon. The two vehicles collided.

Damage was estimated at

\$200 to the Hollman Chevrolet and \$300 to the Hughes Chevrolet. Trooper W.J. Stallings investigated.

A one-car accident on US 19E involved Darick Bradford, 20, of Route 4, Burnsville. The accident occurred on Saturday, Sept. 17, at 10:50 p.m.

Bradford was driving a 1955 Chevrolet north and attempted to make a left turn when the left front wheel came off his vehicle. He lost control of the car and it overturned, coming to rest on its top.

Bradford and a passenger, Van Thomas, 30, of route 4, Burnsville were taken to Yancey Hospital. One other passenger was not injured.

Damage was estimated at \$500. Bradford was charged with unsafe tires. Trooper A.T. Morrison investigated.

Cattlemen Supper Set

The Yancey County Cattlemen's Association plans a supper and meeting October 4th at 6:30 p.m. Cane River Middle School.

County Cattlemen Association members are inviting all Beef Cattle producers and Dairymen of Yancey to attend. Following the supper sponsored by "Ralgro" there will be a program on Beef Cattle Production.

Correction

In last week's Yancey Journal, the estimated fire protection tax for South Toe Township was incorrectly printed as "6.5% per \$100". The CORRECT estimated tax is "six and one half cents (6.5c) per \$100." The Fire Dept. apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.



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Masons Honor Masters

Members of Burnsville Masonic Lodge No. 717 honored the past masters of the lodge with a "Special" Past Masters Night, Thursday evening, September 15, 1977. Master Lee Thompson presented Past Masters Aprons to the following members: Harlon Holcombe, John Olen Shepherd, Robert Lee Rhinehart, Woodrow Ballew, Edgar B. Hensley, Homer T. Price, Herschel Holcombe, Howard Nelson, J.C. Styles, John R. Dale, Carter Thomas, Henry Paul Branton, Terrell L. Wilson, Richard D. Wilson. Members receiving aprons not in attendance were Jerry Holcombe and Lawrence Wilson.



An Emergent Communications of Burnsville Lodge No. 717 will be held Thursday evening, September 22, 1977 for conferring the 1st degree.



Needlepoint Display At Library

Currently on display at the Yancey County Public Library is an exhibit of needlepoint designed and worked by Patti McCall, wife of Dr. Forrest McCall of Burnsville. The McCalls have two daughters, Patricia, a first grader; and Schell E., two years old. The McCalls are members of the Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church. Patti is a Cadette Girl Scout Leader, a member of the Happy Homemakers Extension Club and the newly organized Junior Woman's Club. Mrs. McCall is a new

board member on the Toe River Arts Council and a member of PEO sisterhood.

When asked about the particular display at the library, Patti explained, "I have been designing needlepoint for about six years. It's my tranquilizer!" The exhibit will continue through October 1. Library hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Monday through Thursday 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.