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## Special Events Slated

Plans for the Yancey County observance of Farm-City Week are virtually complete according to Clark Young, chairman of the committee in charge of the week-long event. Farm-City Week, which extends from November 18 through November 24, is an international observance aimed at promoting better understanding between farm and city residents. The local observance is under the sponsorship of the Lions Club, Mens Club, American Legion, the Chamber of Commerce, Woman's Club and Garden Club.

Here in Yancey County, Farm-City Week activities will include presentation of awards to individuals in the categories of agriculture, business, industry, homemaking and youth. These individuals will be recognized at the annual County Recognition Night, Monday, November 21, at the First Baptist Church of Burnsville.

This will be the twenty-third annual observance of Farm-City Week. Last year's observance, according to final reports received at headquarters, involved the active participation of more than 15,000 communities in the U.S. and Canada.

The National Farm-City Council is composed of representatives from more than 150 major farm organizations, industries, businesses, associations, governmental agencies, educational institutions, and church groups. A Presidential proclamation and a joint Congressional resolution have called for Farm-City Week observances each year since the inception of the event. Farm-City Week has won the Freedom Foundation's Distinguished Service Award which carries the same distinction in the community service field as does the famed "Oscar" in the motion picture industry and the "Emmy" in the TV field, and the Silver Anvil Award from the Public Relations Society of America for being the best community relations program of 1966.

## Vote On November 8

Referendum votes relative to two state bond issues—\$230 million for clean water and \$300 million for highway construction will be on the ballots in the election next Tuesday, November 8. The voting places will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on that date. The referendums are in addition to voting on five proposed amendments to the Constitution of North Carolina. These are all issues which were passed by the last General Assembly but must be approved by popular vote before they become effective.

Among the amendments the one attracting the most

publicity would allow a governor and lieutenant governor to seek a second term.

Authorizing of both bond issues will have certain advantages for Yancey County. Some of the highway construction money will end up in our county. The Clean Water act will provide state matching grants to assist in improving waste-water collection and treatment works, and public water supply systems. Such improvements will result in cleaner streams and adequate and safer water supplies.

Burnsville is in need of improving its water collection system to eliminate the

present serious problem of infiltration and inflow during periods of wet weather. Together with the county, the town has contracted with engineers to undertake the necessary planning to qualify for Federal grant aid to remedy the present problem. Passage of the Clean Water bond issue will assure material grant money to aid in this project.

Both the Highway bond issue and the Clean Water issue have the strong endorsement of the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

Sample ballots are available at the Board of Elections

office when open, and are posted on the door of the office at other times. Copies of the actual legislation may also be seen at the Elections office by anyone interested in reading the full bills.

South Toe precinct will also be voting on a tax levy for fire protection.

Also on November 8, voting to elect a Burnsville mayor and two aldermen will take place at the Town Hall. For mayor, Mark W. Bennett is running unopposed. Robert K. Helmle (the present mayor), W. Ralph Jacks, and James Robert Fox are running for position of alderman.

## Parkway Plans Bicycle Day

Blue Ridge Parkway Superintendent Gary Everhardt announced recently that on Sunday, November 12, the Parkway will be closed to all but bicycle traffic for another bike day, from U.S. 25 at Biltmore to N.C. 191 at the French Broad River, a distance of 5 miles, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

An alternate route for motor vehicle traffic around this section of the Parkway will be via U.S. 25 south to Skyland and N.C. 280 to N.C. 191 onto the Parkway at the French Broad River. Signs will be erected showing the detour route.

All bicycle enthusiasts are encouraged to come out for the opportunity of cycling on the Parkway without competition from motor vehicle traffic on this day. Limited parking is available. Participants and onlookers should contact the Park Rangers located at either terminus of the route for exact instructions.

Chief Ranger Howard Parr stated that Ranger patrol cars will make frequent patrols in

the closed area to assist in any emergencies or take care of any accidents that might occur.

Asheville Bikerways will again be sponsoring this event, and they encourage anyone interested in enjoying a traffic-free bike ride to participate in this once-a-year opportunity.

## Local Men Get Record 'Catch'

Five local men traveled to Southport October 22, where they went deep sea fishing with Captain Ernie Owens on his boat "The Gambler."

They sailed approximately 25 miles offshore where they trolled most of the day for King Mackerel.

Their day proved successful with a catch of 12 King Mackerel averaging 22 lbs. each. Later in the evening they bottom fished for black bass. At the end of the day they came back with about 600 lbs. of mackerel and black bass.

Edwin Burleson, son of Tommy Burleson, both of Micaville won a savings bond for catching the biggest mackerel in the fishing tournament that weekend. The winning fish weighed 30 lbs.

Also along from Micaville were Skip Schlagenhauf from Burnsville, Danny Jones and Vernon Holland from Banner Elk. The men wish to express their thanks to Captain Ernie Owens for his extra effort and guidance on their trip.

## Dr. Horner Denies Rumors

In a recent interview, Dr. Jack Horner of Spruce Pine denied emphatically the rumors that he is thinking of retiring. "I feel fine," he stated. "My doctor says that my health is excellent. I am working every day in the office and at the hospital. I am taking no medicine, but staying on a cholesterol free diet and exercising daily. The rumors that I plan to retire are definitely in error. I am feeling better at the present time than I have felt in years."

Dr. Horner, an eminent Spruce Pine physician and surgeon, underwent open heart surgery in October of 1976. In speaking of this type of surgery, he stated the following: "A team of cardiac surgeons from Baylor College of Medicine said their work with coronary bypass surgery is having definite results. The Baylor surgeons said their studies have shown that of 1500 bypass surgery patients, 90 percent had survived beyond 5 years and 80 percent lived out their normal life expectancies while leading normal lives."

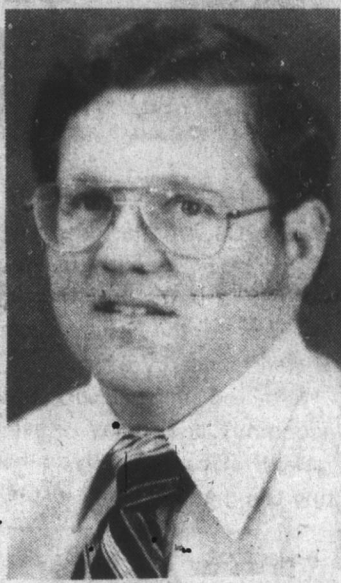
Dr. Horner is looking forward to many more years of active service in his specialty to the people of the Mayland area.

## Dentist Joins Practice

Dr. John R. Holmes, dental professor and researcher, has joined Dr. Higgins' practice at 108 Broad Street, near the new hospital, expansion in Spruce Pine.

Dr. Holmes leaves his position as dental professor from the University of Tennessee in Memphis. Innovations in dental instruction and dental laboratory techniques have made Dr. Holmes one of the leading dentists in Tennessee.

Cindy Holmes, wife of Dr. Holmes, is an operating room technician and is looking



Dr. John Holmes

forward to serving in her profession in the Spruce Pine area.

Dr. Higgins and Dr. Holmes will have an associate practice and this will allow them to expand dental care for their patients.

## Don't Forget!

Don't forget to attend Open House at the new Burnsville Health Care Facility on Saturday, November 5, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The new hospital is located on the Pensacola highway just south of the 19E intersection.

The Burnsville facility

opened its doors on Tuesday, November 1, for a four-day orientation of its staff. It will be open for patient care on Monday, November 7.

The public will be given a guided tour of the Burnsville Health Care Facility during Open House.

## What It's All About

## American Legion

Would you like to join the American Legion? How do you join? Just tell a member that you're interested. Or, visit the local post during their regularly scheduled meeting each 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building in Burnsville. Or, call Marvin L. Holland, Post Commander, at the Employment Security Commission in Spruce Pine, 765-7376. Or maybe you want to know first what the American Legion is all about. Here is the story:

The American Legion is, first of all, an organization of war-time veterans. Every member served honorable and on active duty during the recognized period of hostilities—World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam Era. With nearly 2,700,000 members organized in 16,000 posts, The American Legion is larger than all other veterans' organizations combined.

### IT'S WELL KNOWN

Ask the man on the street what he knows about The American Legion and the chances are he will mention two things. First, he knows that The American Legion protects the rights of veterans. If a veteran is not getting a square shake, The American Legion is the organization that will do something about it. Second, the man on the street thinks of The American Legion as a patriotic organization.

But The American Legion is a lot more than a patriotic organization that helps veterans. Within a very broad national framework, each post conducts its own programs and activities. Some programs, such as youth base-

ball, Boys State and others, tie in directly with a national program. Others are purely local, and you will find Legionnaires taking an active part in all kinds of community projects.

The veteran who joins The American Legion will automatically be widening his circle of acquaintances and will have the opportunity of forming lasting friendships. The typical American Legion Post is a friendly place. There is no rank in the Legion. All members are equal.

### MANY ACTIVITIES

Although posts sponsor programs of service to others, there are also many social and recreational activities for members. These range all the way from pitch-in dinners and picnics for the whole family to dances and formal parties. As a Legionnaire, you will be a welcome guest in American Legion Posts all over the country and in many foreign lands.

Service to others is the real reason for the existence of the Legion. All American Legion Posts have service officers—members trained in the laws and regulations pertaining to benefits for disabled veterans, hospitalization, re-adjustment rights of recently discharged veterans, benefits for older veterans and the dependents of deceased veterans. Post service officers, who are volun-

teers, are backed up by paid, full-time state and national service officers. These highly trained experts are ready to help the post service officer on technical matters of all kinds and, on request, will prosecute appeals to higher levels of government.

### HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE

The new member of The American Legion will find many chances to take part in and support programs of tremendous value to youth. Boys State and Boys Nation. The National High School Oratorical Contest. Boy Scouts and Boys Clubs. American Legion Baseball. American Education Week. Direct cash aid for children of veterans. Scholarships. Support of needed Federal and state legislation for children and youth. Activation of community projects to meet specific local needs. Through such programs Legionnaires help young people to prepare for responsible citizenship.

The Nation looks to The American Legion to take the lead in observing patriotic holidays such as Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Independence Day. Through literally hundreds of uniformed musical and marching organizations, the Legion contributes greatly to patriotic pageantry.

### ITS VOICE IS HEARD

Legion membership gives

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## Methodist Mission Scheduled

A Lay Witness Mission is scheduled for the weekend of November 11-13. It has been planned by the three churches on the Newdale United Methodist Charge.

Christian lay men and women from other areas will come and share their faith and Gospel.

All interested persons are invited to come and be a part of this Christian awakening; beginning with a fellowship supper on Friday evening, November 11, at 6 o'clock at the Newdale United Methodist Church.

## Boosters Meeting Set

There will be a meeting of the Mountain Heritage Booster Club on Monday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mtn. Heritage cafeteria. All you sports-minded people come out, and join us. We are hoping to have Mrs. Cara Cox as our guest.

## Murder Trial May Go To Jury Soon

In the trial of Phillip Eugene "Phil" Turpin, 18, of California, and Lonzo M. "Jack" Crews Jr., 22, of Dresden, Tennessee, both charged with first degree murder in the shooting deaths of Yancey County men Tommy Norton and Benny Hudgins, the jury is expected to begin deliberations for a verdict some time this week.

The bodies of Norton and Hudgins were found on June

15 by Madison County Sheriff Ponder and Deputy Frank Ogle after the men had been reported missing. The two Burnsville men had been on fishing trip and were allegedly lured by a 13-year-old boy to a remote camping site off Big Laurel Rock Quarry Road in Madison County where they were killed.

The murder trial has been underway in Marshall since the Monday, the 24th of October.



YANCEY COUNTY COUNTRY STORE

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## 4-H Exhibit At Library

A 4-H exhibit will be on display in the library until November 12th. Items in the exhibit were made by 4-H'ers in the county. Those contributing were: Joey and Tim Jenner, Jeff Haines, and Eugene Hamey. Also in the exhibit are some of the projects available to 4-H members and some materials available for 4-H leaders. The county 4-H flag and a picture of the tapestry square are also on display. Anyone can be a 4-H member regardless of race, color, or national origin. Contact the Yancey County Agricultural Extension Office at 682-6186 if you are interested.

The Yancey Library is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

