State Animal Disease Laboratory Near Asheville Airport Now Open

Dr. T. B. Ryan, director of lisease diagnostic laboratories for the N. C. Department of Agriculture has announced the ening of the new Western Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. The facility, which was erected with state and local matching funds from fourteen western counties, is located on the grounds of the WNC Agriculture Center, adjacent to the Asheville Airport.

Dr. C. R. Border, who was in charge of the state's former laboratory Waynesville is director of the new animal disease facility. He is assisted by Dr. George Hunnicutt. The lab will be staffed by staff of technicians.

Dr. Rayan said.

However, he said the laboratory is primarily for the

said Dr. Border. "Our job is to perform a diagnosis and deterwe accept from farmers and Association.

Dr. Border stressed that 'This is a full service animals must be brought to the laboratory and will take all laboratory immediately after species, including cattle, horses, death. Diagnosis cannot be swine, chickens and even pets," preformed on decomposed animals and these will not be

accepted, he stated.

He said there will be no fee for diagnosis of diseases in food most of the services provided at the lab. However, there will be a charge for blood tests of chickens "We do not treat animals," and certain special tests.

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News From

Transylvania 4-H Clubs

FORESTRY CAMP

Ray Nicholson, Selica 4-H Club member, won third prize recently at the 4-H Forestry Camp near Ellerbe, North Carolina, according to William Huxster, Jr., North Carolina State Forestry Specialist. Ray's trip was sponsored by Southern Bell Telephone Company.

YOUTH LIVESTOCK EX-POSITION

The first annual youth livestock exposition will be held October 18-19 at the State Fair. This event FOOD AND FUN RETREAT will include the following: State

Steer Show, State Beef Heifer Show, State Livestock Judging Finals, and Educational events. The State Junior Beef Heifer Show is open to all exhibitors under 19 years old, and heifers must be born on or after Jaunuary 1, 1973 but no later than February 28, 1974. Heifers must be halter broken and entries are due September 2, 1974. Premiums are a total of \$3500.00 with breed champions getting \$30.00 and a banner. Classes will

the date of the show.

be based on age and announced

Thirty youngsters, age 9-14 attended a Nutrition Day Camp given by the Transylvania Extension Service at the Eastatoe Community Center August 7th. Mrs. Helen Meece and Mrs. Evelyn Owen helped conduct the Day Camp on good nutrition. Four classes were held: Nature Study, Food Craft, Food Recreation, and Fun with Food. Everyone also enjoyed the nutritious snacks that were served.

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