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United Fund Drive Is Near Half-Way Mark

The United Fund campaign in Yancey County has passed the half-way mark toward its budget goal of \$11,300, and the red column of mercury in the "thermometer" in the Burnsville square now stands just short of the \$6,000 figure.

In having reached the 50 per cent mark at this stage in the campaign, Yancey County is about in line with many other communities in North Carolina now conducting United Fund drives. Both Asheville and Hendersonville have reported that they just reached the half-way point in their drives.

The Campaign Committee, headed by Torrey Tyner, Chairman, has announced that the drive to raise funds for thirteen health, welfare, and character-building agencies which benefit Yancey County, will continue for an additional week. The Committee is still somewhat handicapped in reporting the total amount raised to date, by failure of some workers to report the progress made. The Committee is accordingly urging all workers to report promptly the amount of contributions received to Treasurer Harlon Holcombe in Burnsville. The Burnsville Woman's Club has accepted responsibility for the house-to-house canvass of Burnsville, and expect to get this job completed this week.

Cub Scout Parents To Meet Oct. 27

A meeting of great importance and interest to parents of 8, 9, and 10 year old boys will be held Thursday night, October 27, at 7:30 in the basement of the first Baptist Church, Burnsville. Howard Wright announces that this meeting will be the last of a series of three parents' meetings for the purpose of organizing Cub Scouts in Yancey County.

Mr. Wright emphasizes that it is imperative for those who wish their sons to be eligible to take part in the new Cub Scout program to attend this meeting, particularly if they have attended only one of the two previous meetings. A boy's parents must have attended at least two out of the three meetings in order for the boy to be eligible to join the Cub Scouts.

The main business to be handled at the Thursday night meeting is the obtaining of a charter and organizing the local Pack with the various Dens which will make up the Pack.

Local Persons Attend Meeting of Cancer Society

Mrs. R. T. Dent of Spruce Pine, and Mrs. S. T. Ray and Dr. C. F. McRae of Burnsville, attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Division of the American Cancer Society last Sunday and Monday in Charlotte. Mrs. Dent and Mrs. Ray are chairmen of the Mitchell and Yancey units, respectively, of the American Cancer Society; Dr. McRae is chairman of the executive committee of the Yancey unit, and was re-elected a director of the North Carolina Division. During the meeting he took part in a panel discussion on the service program of the Cancer Society, his assigned topic being, "Home Visitation and Volunteer Nursing."



WINS NOBEL PRIZE FOR MEDICINE — A Swedish research scientist, Prof. Axel Hugo Theorell, 52, was awarded the 1955 Nobel Prize for Medicine. Prof. Theorell won the coveted plaque and the cash prize of \$36,720 for his 20 years of research into the secrets of enzymes and in recent years his extensive research on the use of antibiotics in the fight against tuberculosis.

Merchants Announce Trade - At - Home Jubilee Plans

Beginning November 2, all the stores in Burnsville will remain open Wednesday afternoons, it was announced by the Yancey Merchants Association.

The Association also announced that the annual Christmas Trade - at - home Jubilee will start November 1. According to Mrs. L. G. Dayton, secretary of the Association, the merchants will give away about \$2,500 in prizes this year. The drawing will be different from last year's in that it will not be necessary to be present in order to win.

The drawing will be held Friday, December 23.

Two Yancey 4-H Members Win Fair Honors

Two hard-working young 4-H club members enjoyed the time of their lives at the State Fair in Raleigh last week and came back with a total of \$48 in prize money, plus two blue ribbons.

Ronnie and Loretta Robinson attended the fair with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byrle Robinson of Newdale, and exhibited two purebred Jersey heifers. The calves had previously placed first in the county and district 4-H calf shows.

Each calf won its owner a blue ribbon and \$18 in cash in its respective class. Ronnie's calf placed second in the junior class show and Loretta's third in the senior class show. Both won 6th place in the open show, which meant an additional \$6 cash prize apiece. This is believed to be the first time that any Yancey County lives have been entered in the State Fair.

Ronnie is 12 years old and in 7th grade, Loretta 10 years old and in 5th grade, both at the Micaville School.

Government Grader To Demonstrate Stripping and Sorting

A government grader will be in Yancey County November 3 and 4th to hold stripping and sorting demonstrations at the following places:

Hollis Honeycutt, Jacks Creek, Nov. 3, 9 a. m.; George Anglin, Bolens Creek, Nov. 3, 1:30 p. m.; H. D. Ray, Vixen, Nov. 3, 3:30 p. m.; Carmon Hensley, Cane River, Nov. 4, 9:00 a. m.

These demonstrations have been arranged where they have a place to get the tobacco in case, and a room with a bench and light recommended for grading.

If you would like to get the opinion of the grader on your work, bring 8 to 10 stalks of your tobacco in proper case along with you.

New High School Would Relieve Grade School Congestion

This is a continuation of the article appearing last week on this page telling of the report made by a special committee which investigated Yancey County schools on behalf of the State Department of Education.

"The sites at all five of the union school centers are inadequate for building expansion that would be required for high school needs. As a matter of fact most of them do not meet present day standards for elementary schools. No building additions should therefore be placed on these sites except that which is necessary to meet elementary school needs."

Reorganization of the county school system was recommended by the committee. Elementary schools would be retained at the present five union school centers. Double Island and Prices Creek would be absorbed by the nearest larger elementary schools as soon as they have room to accommodate additional pupils. Two new high schools would be established, one west and one east of Burnsville. The school in the west would serve Bald Creek, Bee Log, Clearmont and the area W. of Burnsville. The one in the east would accommodate pupils from the town of Burnsville and Micaville High School.

Buildings and facilities in line with this plan of organization were recommended by the committee. The Clearmont, Micaville, and Bald Creek schools and the Burnsville High School would be renovated and modernized for an elementary program. No expenditure of funds was recommended for Burnsville Elementary School except that which is necessary for the protection of the health and safety of children; it should be abandoned and replaced by a new building. The Burnsville Negro School, the committee declared, should also be abandoned and a new building constructed on a new site.

The committee recommended two new high school plants as mentioned above, each adequate for a minimum of 400 pupils, with provision for agriculture, home economics, business education, science, library, physical education and assembly.

Clearmont P T A Plans Meeting

Mrs. Craig Woody, president of the Clearmont Parent-Teacher Association, announce an important meeting of the PTA on Thursday, October 27, 7:30 at the school. A special speaker will address the group on the school bond issue. There will be a contest among the rooms, on the number of parents present.

DR. McRAE RE-ELECTED TO EXECUTIVE BOARD OF BOY SCOUT COUNCIL

Dr. C. F. McRae has been re-elected to the executive board of the Daniel Boone Council, Boy Scouts of America. The Council area includes fourteen Western North Carolina counties, and has its headquarters in Asheville. Forrest B. Gardner, of Hendersonville, is the 1955 president; W. C. Hennessee, of Sylva, has been elected president for 1956.

School Bond Would Not Increase Taxes

Yancey county's total bonded indebtedness, including State loan or Literary Fund, is \$633,913.99. The County now has on hand in the Sinking Fund enough money to pay \$40,000.00 of bonds which will reduce the bonded indebtedness to \$593,913.99. Is there any reason to be afraid of this amount of bonded indebtedness when the bonded indebtedness in 1940 was almost 2 1/2 times this amount or \$1,223,298.98?

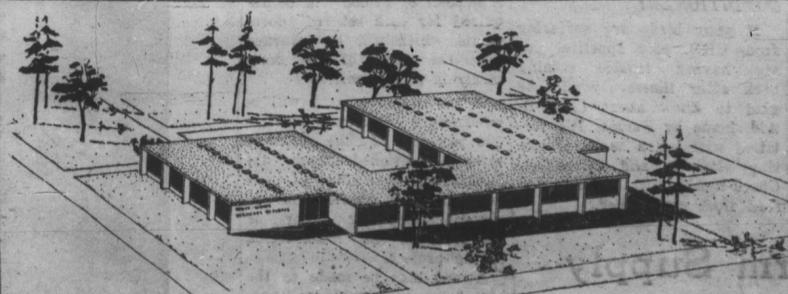
The Local Government Commission of North Carolina has prepared a plan of payment of the County's indebtedness by adding the amount of present indebtedness and the proposed \$300,000.00 in bonds so that all bonds would mature in 1955-56 with the last annual payment being \$8,300.00. Under this plan there would be no increase in the tax rate and as the valuation of property increases with new construction in the County, within two (2) years the County should be able to reduce the tax rate. The proposed interest rate under this Plan would not exceed 3 3/4 per cent and the largest amount for any one year the County would be required to pay under the Local Government Commission's Plan would be approximately \$74,000.00 and each year thereafter the amount would decrease.

This is probably the last opportunity for many years to come to provide schools for the children who do not have the right to vote.

Governor Hodges recently stated "that in so far as the last \$25 million of State Bonds is concerned, a formula of distribution will definitely take into consideration the willingness and action on the part of cities and counties in voting their own bond issues and in helping themselves."

If Yancey County citizens do not vote for the school bond issue, then they need not expect much consideration when the last \$25 million of State Bonds is distributed. Without the County can put up \$300,000.00, the hope for adequate school buildings seems to be out of the question.

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Above is an architect's conception of a new school building for Yancey County. The firm of Breeze, Holland and Rivier and D. M. Sholes architects and engineer submitted this general plan whether the county selects one or two high schools. The plan, they state is so adaptable that it can be used in either case.

Well, What Do You Know?

Ten Counties Have Higher Tax Rates Than Yancey



SHOCKED BY TRIPLE SLAYING—Too stunned to talk, parents of slain Robert Peterson, 13, sit in the County Morgue with mixed emotions. The populous of Chicago has been aroused by the vicious slaying of the Peterson boy and his two companions, John Schnessler, 13, and his brother Anton, 11. The bodies of the three boys were found nude and battered in a muddy ditch in a forest preserve area about 15 miles from Chicago.

LOOK OUT FOR GAME WARDEN, THE WOODS IS FULL OF 'EM

The state's wildlife protectors—153 of them—have received orders to "crack down" on hunting violations with special emphasis on nimrods who go hunting without licenses. Walter Anderson, Chief of the Wildlife Resources Commission's Wildlife Protection Division, said that hunting or fishing without proper license is by far the most frequent violation of the fishing and hunting rules. Anderson said that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, more than 4,000 persons were prosecuted for hunting or fishing without having a proper license, almost two-thirds of total violations. Incidence of violations has been high thus far in the season.

"We have 143 seasoned wildlife protectors in the field to enforce the law," Anderson said. "They are equipped with patrol cars, a patrol plane, patrol boats, and 2-way short-wave radio communication. In addition, we are adding ten of the 23 recent graduates of the wildlife protection training school at the Institute of Government, U. N. C., Chapel Hill, to the staff."

"Although emphasis will be placed on persons hunting or fishing without license, such violations as unplugged shotguns, exceeding bag limits, and out-of-season hunting will not be overlooked. Copies of

the official regulations have been distributed to license dealers throughout the state and are available to license buyers. No one will be excused for failure to be informed of the law."

Hospital Reports 5 Births This Week

The Yancey Hospital reports a continued high birthrate for Yancey County. Five births were reported for this week. Last week the hospital reported seven births. The births for this week include a son, Gary Lee, born Oct. 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Fox of Burnsville; a daughter, Joyce Ann, born Oct. 20 to Mr. and Mrs. William Landon Rathburn of Star Route; a son, Darrel Lynn, born Oct. 22 to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bailey of Rt. 2 a daughter, Tyanna, born Oct. 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Bis-Ray of Cane River; and a son Charles Barry, born Oct. 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Julian Cornwell of Burnsville.

Other admissions include W. C. Ramsey, Harry Bowen, Sandra Fox, and Georgia Styles, all of Burnsville; Donald Boone and Kenneth Boone, both of Rt. 2; Lela Doan of Rt. 1; Elidabeth Johnson and Clara Jones, both of Micaville; Blake Styles of Hamrick and Nina Winters of Kingsport, Tenn.

The tax rate for Yancey County is \$1.80. This is neither one of the state's low rates nor is it one of the highest. According to the University of North Carolina's News Letter, published in Chapel Hill March 30, 1955, there are ten counties in North Carolina that have a higher tax rate than Yancey. These ten counties are Polk with a rate of \$2.10; Columbus with 1.90; Craven, 2.00; Jones, 2.05; Greene, 2.50; and Ash, 2.10.

In addition to these ten counties that exceed Yancey County's tax rate there are several that equal our rate. These counties, according to the university's news letter, are Carteret, Brunswick, Hyde and Avery.

The same chart showed Yancey County as having a per capita evaluation of \$523 as compared with Forsyth's per capita of \$3,654. According to the chart, all rates of 1.80 and over occurred in counties with per capita evaluations of under \$1000. The total assessed evaluation of Yancey County was given as \$8,520,884.

Micaville P T A Plans Festival

A Fall Festival will be sponsored by the Micaville PTA at the school Thursday night, October 27, at 7:30, according to Mrs. Jack Young, president. The main feature of the program will be a movie, of interest both to children and adults. Other attractions include a food stand, fortune telling, fish pool, house of horrors.

Proceeds from the entertainment will be used for the benefit of the Micaville school. Chairman of the planning committee is Mrs. Joe Petree, with a large number of other persons also working on the preparations. The public is cordially invited.

H D and 4-H Plan Achievement Night

The combined 4-H and Home Demonstration Club Achievement night will be held at the Duplan cafeteria at 6:30 Friday, October 28, according to Miss Sue Nottingham, county home agent.

Achievements of clubs or members will be demonstrated by exhibits showing accomplishments of the year. There will also be a style show. The 4-H Club members will be in charge of recreation.

Two Yancey Students At Berea College

The Berea College Registrar announced today that there are two students from Yancey County enrolled at Berea College (Ky.) for the first semester.

They are listed as: David Y. Gillespie, son of C. B. Gillespie of Burnsville; and Phillip Thomas, son of Lowe Thomas of Burnsville.

Berea College is an independent co-educational institution located in east central Kentucky with an enrollment of approximately 1,500. The College maintains three educational curriculums: Foundation, High School, and School of Nursing.