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Yancey County Hails 4-H Club Week March 3-10

Toe River Tourney To Open At East Yancey

The Toe River Basketball Tournament will open at East Yancey High School Gym on March 8th. All high schools representing the three county area; Mitchell, Avery

EY Students To Take National Merit Test

20 students at East Yancey High School plan to take the 1962 National Merit Qualifying Test, Woodrow M. Anglin, principal, announced today. Arrangements are under the direction of Mrs. Joyce Howell.

The test will be administered by Miss Ethel Boone at the school at 9:00 a. m. Tuesday, March 6. All students who wish to be considered for Merit Scholarships to be awarded in 1963 must take the test at that time.

The qualifying test is a three-hour examination of educational development. The test is the first step in the eighth annual competition for four-year Merit Scholarships provided by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and by sponsoring corporations, foundations, associations, unions, and individuals.

The number of scholarships awarded in any year depends upon the extent of sponsor participation.

The test scores of students who are examined in March will be reported to their schools by May 15. The scores are used by class advisors in many high schools to help students make decisions about college attendance (and field of study).

Some 10,000 semifinalists, the highest scorers in each state, will be named early next fall.

An additional 25,000 students, selected on a national basis, receive letters of commendation for their high performance on this qualifying test. These students are considered for special awards made through the Merit Corporation.

Each semifinalist will be asked to take a second examination. Those who repeat their high performance will become finalists in the Merit Program. Winners of Merit Scholarships will be selected from the finalist group on the basis of school records and recommendations, test scores, extracurricular activities, leadership ability, and accomplishments outside the classroom. Each finalist is awarded a certificate of

and Yancey, will be entered.

The first game of the tournament will begin on Thursday evening at six o'clock with the Crossnore boys playing the Cane River Rebels; the second game beginning at seven-thirty pits the Spruce Pine girls against the Cane River girls; the third and final game of the evening at nine o'clock, the East Yancey boys will play the Bakersville boys.

The continuation of the tournament will be Friday and Saturday nights, with the championship games on Monday night, March 12.

The East Yancey basketball teams will wind up their 1961-62 season Friday night, March 2, by playing host to the Cranberry teams. The girls' game will get under way at 7:00 p. m. and the boys' game at 8:30 p. m.

EAST YANCEY GIRLS IN PLAY-OFF

The East Yancey girls, winners of the Western Division of the Skyline "A" Conference, will play Old Fort girls, winners of the Eastern Division, in the East Yancey gym, Tuesday, March 6, at 8:00 p. m.

Members of the East Yancey girls team include the following: Forwards; Nancy Howell, Ruth Jones, Gwyl Young, Juanita Sparks, Linda Hensley and Gail Sparks. Guards; Karen Blalock, Charlene Gibbs, Iris Schwintzer, Paula Brooks, Lavonne Murdoch, Betty Harris, and Ida Hughes.

There will be a junior varsity game at 7:00 p. m.

MEETING CHANGED

The March meeting of the Burnsville Woman's Club has been changed to Tuesday, March 13, due to the Tri-County Basketball Tournament.

The Club is sponsoring the High School Girls in a sewing fashion review as their program.

merit attesting to his outstanding performance.

The scholarship stipends are based on financial need. The minimum award is \$100 and the maximum is \$1500. The average stipend awarded to freshman Merit Scholars in 1961 was \$847. Each scholarship constitutes a form of educational insurance, since the stipend may be increased at any time if the student's financial situation changes during the four-year term of the scholarship.

Supplementary grants are usually made to the colleges that the Scholars attend.

4-H Clubs Undergo Change

4-H Club work in Yancey County is undergoing a revolution. This happens to be a peaceful revolution.

Extension Agents are working with 4-H Club members, local leaders and sponsoring groups in making the changeover from school clubs to Community 4-H Clubs. The present plans are to be out of the schools entirely by 1963.

The movement of 4-H Clubs back to the community will assist the school officials in their efforts to give more time to reading, writing and arithmetic, and at the same time allow more time for 4-H educational and recreational activities.

4-H Clubs are being organized over the county with the assistance of sponsoring groups such as community clubs and other organizations. The sponsoring group usually provides a meeting place and local leaders.

Clubs are already organized in Double Island, Brush Creek, Arbuckle and Newdale. These are sponsored by the Community Clubs. At Newdale, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Gibbs, former outstanding 4-H Club members, are serving as leaders. Other communities having clubs are Jacks Creek, Banks Creek, Pensacola.

Extension Agents will assist other groups in organizing a 4-H Club upon request.

E. L. Dillingham, County Agricultural Agent, said that the school people have cooperated 100 per cent with Extension workers in 4-H Club work and that the Extension Office would like to express appreciation for all the assistance received from school people.

Parkway Playhouse Announces Full Program

Gordon Bennett, Director of the Parkway Playhouse, and with the Drama Department of the University of Miami, has announced a full program at the Parkway Playhouse this summer.

Mr. Bennett stated that they hope to be able to present the first play of the season by the week-end of the 4th of July, which will be earlier than in previous years.

Lester Moore of Rutgers University will be back this year along with Miss Annetta Wood, director of the old school of Drama at Rutgers. Fred Koch of the University of Miami will also be back.

Agricultural Groups To Meet In Burnsville

This is getting to be a very popular convention city, according to E. E. Dillingham, County Agricultural Agent.

Friday of this week, approximately 35 Extension Agents will come to town for an all-day leadership training session on 4-H and Community Club organization. The meeting will be held beginning at 9:30 a. m. in the Fifth Carpet Company Cafeteria. Agents from Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania and Yancey will be in attendance, along with District Agents and State College Departments of Rural Sociology and 4-H Club personnel.

The group will be served lunch by one of the Methodist Church circles.

Other meetings planned for Burnsville in the near future include a farm management meeting March 2, Agricultural Forum (Continued on back page)

County's Young Men To Hear Jaycees

The possibility of organizing a Junior Chamber of Commerce in Yancey County will be aired at an open meeting which has been scheduled by the Marion Jaycees and State Jaycee Vice President Bill Suttle for 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, March 6, at the Burnsville Town Hall.

According to Suttle, the meeting was set at the request of several young men of Yancey County who have expressed an interest in forming a Junior Chamber unit here.

Suttle further reports that many young men, already contacted, will be present for the meeting. One of them, State Highway Patrolman Arnold Rector of Burnsville, will provide additional information concerning the meeting to other interested young men.

At this briefing meeting, Marion Jaycees will explain various phases of their operation, community and membership benefits resulting from Junior Chamber operations and Junior Chamber membership requirements. A question and answer session will close the session, and there will be no obligation to join the group placed on those attending.

The Marion Jaycees have been instrumental in organizing Junior Chamber groups in both Mitchell and Avery County. In addition to these, Suttle has taken part this year in the formation of new clubs in Old Fort, Granite Falls and Ashe County.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is a civic service organization whose membership is open to all young men between the ages of 21 and 35, inclusive.

Purpose of the world-wide organization is the improvement of the communities in which units are located and personal development of its members; both objectives being accomplished through a wide variety of project activities chosen by individual local chapters.

Junior Chamber chapters are located in more than 3,900 communities in the United States, with more than 160 of these being in North Carolina, and have a total membership of over 200,000. Internationally, Jaycee chapters exist in over 88 countries and territories.

Jaycees in this country have their own headquarters in Tulsa, Oklahoma, a memorial in honor

PTA Group To Hold Discussion

It is hoped that members from all the organized Parent-Teacher Association's in the county will attend the discussion groups planned for March 5 and 20, 7:30 p. m., at East Yancey High School and Burnsville Elementary respectively. These are regular meeting dates.

The topics for discussion will be based on the interests of the parents and teachers as expressed through the check lists distributed and marked at recent meetings.

The March 5 meeting at East Yancey will consider the theme "How can I prepare my child to live in today's world?" Five discussion groups will consider different aspects of this theme.

This promises to be a rich experience for all who attend and share their concerns and ideas.

For any P. T. A. to reach the goals for standardization, six members should attend a group such as this. If you belong to two P. T. A.'s your attendance can count for both.

These two meetings have been planned by a committee representing East Yancey High, Burnsville Elementary and South Toe River Schools; but this is a special invitation to the members of all other P. T. A.'s in the county to use this opportunity to meet this particular standardization goal.

Bailey Named Chairman of 11th District Rep.

Garrett D. Bailey, Burnsville Attorney, was elected district chairman of the 11th District Republicans at their convention in Waynesville Saturday. He succeeds Dan Judd of Asheville. Mrs. A. H. Eller of Hayesville was reelected vice chairman and Bruce Hawkins of Bryson City was named secretary. Robert Presnell and B. R. Pelland were named as members of the state executive committee from Yancey County.

The Eleventh District Republicans held their district convention in Waynesville on Saturday, February 24.

of World War II dead — built at a cost of over \$300,000 from contribution received from Jaycees throughout the Nation. The North Carolina Jaycees are headquarters in their own offices in High Point and have grown this year from about 6,300 to well over 8,000 members.

County 4-H Highlights In 1961

The Yancey County 4-H Achievement Night was held in March, 1961. Mr. W. F. Algory, Manager of J. C. Roney Company of Asheville, was the main speaker. For the second time, 4-H Club members had exhibits at Achievement Night.

In March, six 4-H Club members submitted 7 long-time records to be judged in the Western 4-H Club district. Four received blue ribbons and one received a red ribbon and two received white.

In April, the annual 4-H Talent Show was held at the Burnsville school gymnasium. 130 4-H'ers participated in the event. The three best numbers represented Yancey County at the District Talent Show.

In May, a Queen and King of Health Improvement were selected and crowned from practically every club in the county. The county 4-H Dress Revue and Health Pageant was held at the Burnsville school in June. The fashion show was presented to a court of Kings and Queens of Health Improvement. The Junior King and Queen received a free trip to camp. The Senior King and Queen represented Yancey County in the State Health Pageant held during State 4-H Club Week in Raleigh. The Junior Dress Revue winner, Alethe Nordstrom, won a free trip to camp. The Senior Dress Revue winner, Mary Sue Grindstaff, won a free trip to 4-H Club Week.

District Demonstration Day was held in June at Clyde A. Erwin High School in Buncombe County. There were 85 club members, parents and leaders attending from the county. Demonstrations were given in the following fields: Electric, forestry, chicken Barbene, wildlife, dairy foods, fruit and vegetable use, and sewing. Winning county 4-H talent numbers competed with winners from other Western N. C. counties. Basil McDougald was runner-up in forestry demonstration.

A 2c Bailey With Strategic Missile Squadron

A 2c Ronnie E. Bailey of Burnsville RFD 1 has completed a 22 week tech school at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., and a two week school at Sheperd Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Airman Bailey is now stationed at Offutt AFB in Omaha, Neb., with the 549 Strategic Missile Squadron. This squadron supports the "D" series Atlas Missile.

He entered the Air Force in January, 1961. His wife, Shirley Young Bailey, lives at RFD 2, Burnsville. She plans to join her husband at a later date.

Airman Bailey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rotha Bailey of Rt. 1.

Five Yancey County 4-H'ers attended 4-H Club Week in Raleigh. Oscar Fender, Jr. and Donna McDougald represented Yancey County in the State Health Pageant.

In August, 38 club members and 2 leaders attend 4-H Junior 4-H Camp at Swannanoa. Tommy Adkins and Ramona Bowditch were chosen outstanding campers.

The county Dairy Show was held on Monday, August 7. A total of 18 animals in three breeds were shown by 18 boys and girls. The next day, August 8, three club members showed 5 animals in the W. N. C. District Dairy Show at Enka. Viann Duncan won the Jersey fitting and showmanship for the third year in a row.

Dilda Fender was Yancey County's delegate to Forestry Camp at Millstone.

The annual cook-out for 4-H Community Clubs was held at the Carlie Rice farm in August. Also in August, Oscar Fender was Yancey County's representative at Electric Congress and Wildlife Camp.

Arbuckle and Banks Creek communities led the way in the organization of community 4-H Clubs.

In September, a farm tour of the Pig Chain members was held. Three of the Pig Chain members received blue ribbons and two received red ribbons.

In October, the Yancey County Tobacco Judging Team entered competition at the State Fair.

In November, two Yancey County 4-H'ers entered the W. N. C. Fat Stock Show and Sale at Enka.

In December, the western N. C. Tobacco Show and Sale was held in Asheville. Seven Yancey County 4-H'ers entered this show. Eddie Edwards won third place in the show. Eugene Styles won fourth place and Keith Styles won sixth place.

This has been a good year in 4-H, but we can make next year better if we try. We should strive to make the best better because - remember, the world tomorrow depends on what we, the youth, do today. Congratulations go to all 4-H'ers for outstanding work in 1961.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO 4-H CLUB MEMBERS:

Greetings and good wishes on your forthcoming observance of National 4-H Club Week. You deserve congratulations for the fine record you have achieved in your program stressing the four-fold development of Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. In 4-H you develop mentally as well as physically, benefiting from the guidance of parents and public-spirited leaders. You also contribute to a more responsible and competent citizenship -- which is today's greatest challenge to young people.

I would commend you, especially for your constructive and worthwhile efforts in learning to live and work cooperatively with others. Your promotion of goodwill and friendly association with other people, and your ever-enlarging circles of friendship, will help bring about better and happier relations at home and abroad.

Already you have built bridges of understanding to more than 50 other lands with 4-H or parallel organizations, and I trust your program will continue to grow and expand. May each of you influence other boys and girls, other young men and women, to join you in learning, living, and serving through 4-H.

John F. Kennedy



PASSING OF THE GAVEL — Pictured above is Col. Raymond F. Rickard, outgoing Vice President of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, passing the President's Gavel to the Chamber's 1962 President, Clarence E. Briggs, at the Chamber's Eighth Annual Installation Ceremonies at the Penn Dax Motor Motel, 2 miles south of Alexandria, Virginia, observing the action are Ernest S. Corse, a past president and master of ceremonies for the installation, and Mrs. Briggs. Mr. Briggs is affiliated with the Alexandria Office of Virginia Electric and Power and has a history of community service thru-out Northern Virginia, and prior to coming to Alexandria in January 1950, in West Point, Virginia and Burnsville, North Carolina, his home town, where he served as Mayor in 1943-44.