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C. River Seeks To Extend 'Streak'; East Yancey To Play At Old Fort

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Cane River will seek to extend its "winning streak" to two and East Yancey goes after its seventh victory in a pair of high school football games Friday night.

Cane River faces rugged Cranberry in an Appalachian Conference game at Cranberry and East steps out of the conference for an interleague tussle at Old Fort. Both games are scheduled to begin at 8 p. m.

Coach Bruce Peterson's Cane River team registered its first victory after four losses when it beat Crossnore, 26-12, Thursday night (Oct. 10) on the Cranberry field.

East Yancey, coached by Bob Thomas, took over sole possession of the Appalachian lead Friday night (Oct. 11) with an assist from Cranberry. The Panthers defeated Bakersville, 27-22, to push their league mark to 5-0 (6-1 overall). Cranberry, meanwhile, whipped Spruce Pine, 21-12, to drop the Blue Devils' conference record to 4-1 and knock them from

a tie with East for the lead. Peterson scouted Cranberry in its game Friday and said "it is the quickest team I've seen in our conference." He said that Bill Tate, Cranberry tailback, "is perhaps one of the most complete football players in the western part of the state. He does everything and does it well."

The coach said that Cranberry (2-1 in conference, 4-1 overall) runs strictly from the single wing. "However, this won't be strange

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to us, as we saw it against Mars Hill," he added.

Thomas said that East had not had a chance to scout Old Fort, a member of the Skyline Conference, and that little was known about the team other than it has a 1-5 record.

"We do know that Old Fort was beaten by NCSB by two touchdowns, and that's the same margin that NCSB beat us," said the coach. "We certainly aren't expecting

an easy time." Thomas said that four starters were nursing minor injuries and possibly would see only limited action. "Our two big conference games (against Cranberry and Spruce Pine) are next and we certainly don't want to lose someone for those by playing them unnecessarily in an inter-conference game," he said.

The hurt players are quarterback Gordon Banks, halfback Bob Andersen, center Benson Tyner and defensive end Stan McMahan.

After Bakersville shocked a partisan East Yancey crowd by marching 75-yards with the opening kickoff for a touchdown, East came back on the passing of Banks to take a narrow halftime lead and then win it going away. The Panthers tied the score at 6-6 early in the second period as Banks pitched 21 yards to end Harold Bennett Jr. Banks' conversion attempt for the go ahead point was missed. Bakersville's earlier passing attempt for the extra point had been batted down.

East went ahead to stay the next time it got the ball, Anderson getting the touchdown on a twisting 33-yard run. Banks' kick was good this time, and it was the margin of difference at the half as Bakersville came back for another touchdown on a 46-yard pass from Bill Sparks to Alden Baker, but missed again on a pass for the extra point.

The Panthers duplicated Bakersville's feat of driving for a TD after the kickoff as they took the second half boot all the way. Banks hit Bennett, who made a diving catch in the end zone, for the final 15 yards and then converted for a 20-12 lead.

The defensive unit set East up for its final TD in the fourth period by blocking a Bakersville punt. Banks threw to fullback Norman Ray for the score on a play covering 18 yards, then kicked the extra point that forged the final margin.

The loss virtually eliminated Bakersville from the championship race with a 3-2 record. The Bulldogs are now 3-4 overall.

Cane River escaped the conference cellar with a second half scoring spurge that doomed winless Crossnore to its sixth loss, all in the conference.

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Dropout School Sign-up Set For Late In October

"Operation Second Chance" the pilot program for public school dropouts, will officially begin in Yancey County during the last week of October.

H. D. Justice, Superintendent of Yancey County Schools, announced Wednesday that officials of the Employment Security Commission in Spruce Pine will interview students and assign them to classes during a session to be conducted in the Yancey Courthouse in Burnsville. He said specific dates and times will be announced later.

The training will be offered to all males and females between 16 and 22 who have not completed their high school education. Average length of the courses will be 16 weeks (although some may run for 12 months) and students will be paid \$24 per week during training. The Yancey school system and the Employment Security Commission will make efforts to aid students in obtaining jobs as they complete their training.

Justice, who is helping administer the federal experimental program which is being conducted only in Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties, said:

"The Yancey County Board of Education is very anxious for every boy and girl in Yancey County that is not employed to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to train for a job. It is very important that those interested come in and sign up so that the program can be started soon. Those interested who desire more information are urged to contact the Superintendent's office."

Justice added that first consideration will be given to students who have dropped out of school before graduation. However, he said, those who have graduated and are interested in some type of training may also apply. Ten percent of the total participants in the program may be high school graduates.

Miss Grindstaff Named CR Homecoming Queen

Miss Brenda Grindstaff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Grindstaff of Rt. 1, Green Mountain, was crowned Homecoming queen at Cane River High School Friday (Oct. 4).

Miss Grindstaff, representing

one of three senior classes, was chosen over 15 other candidates. Principal Robert Peterson crowned the queen with the assistance of Miss Vaughnie King, the 1962 queen who is now a student at Mars Hill College.

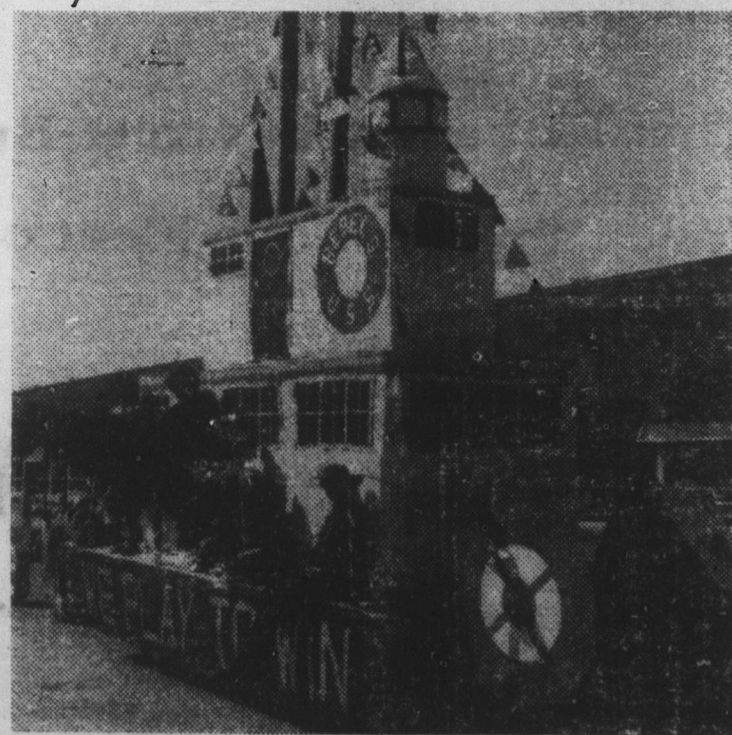
Selected as members of the queen's court were Marie Deyton, JoAnna Bailey, Linda Boone and Lois Doan.

Contestants representing various homerooms in addition to the queen and her court were: Ann Styles, Wilma Wilson, Nancy King, Barbara Evans, Pat Letterman, Mary Hope Blankenship, Sheila Woody, Peggy Watts, Susan Cooper, Sonya Bailey and Rita Silvers.

The senior class' cleverly-designed riverboat was winner of the float contest, with the freshmen's "Hootenanny" entry taking second place.

Judges were R. A. Radford, Adrian Buchanan and James Fox, Yancey County school officials.

The crowning of the queen took place prior to the football game between Mars Hill and Cane River (Mars Hill won, 26-7, and details were in last week's Record). The Mars Hill College band performed prior to the game and again at halftime.



THE SENIORS' FLOAT

Farmers' Night Prizes Total \$500

Prizes worth over \$500 will be awarded winning communities in the annual Yancey County Community Development Contest at the Farmer's Night and Community Awards Program Oct. 28.

The meeting, which is sponsored by the Burnsville Men's Club, will be held in the Burnsville Community Center with Congressman Roy A. Taylor as speaker.

Judges for the county contest will be J. B. Edwards, Industrial Education Center, Asheville; Miss Marie Scott, Home Econo-

mics Agent, Avery County; and Robert Love, County Extension Chairman from McDowell County. The communities will be judged Tuesday, October 22, and Wednesday, October 23.

Sponsors of the prizes are the United Fund, Northwestern Bank, French Broad Electric Membership Corporation and C. O. Ellis.

The Agricultural Workers Council in co-operation with the steering committee of the community clubs, is making arrangements for the meeting.

MRS. AUGUSTA HONEYCUTT
Mrs. Augusta Proffitt Honeycutt, 86, of Burnsville died Thursday in an Asheville hospital following a long illness.

She was a daughter of the late Milton Proffitt and Ann Anderson Proffitt, and was a lifelong resident of Yancey County.

She was the wife of the late M. C. Honeycutt, a longtime sheriff of Yancey County, and was an active member of Higgins Memorial Methodist Church in Burnsville for over 60 years.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10 a. m. in the Higgins Methodist Church. The Rev. Ray H. Hillard, pastor, will officiate along with Rev. Charles B. Trammell of Burnsville's First Baptist Church and the Rev. Robert Forward of Bakersville.

Mrs. Honeycutt is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Dover R.

Fluitt of Burnsville, Mrs. Fred G. Brummett of Bakersville, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Jones of Wilmington, two sons, Reece of Brooklyn, and Alden of Raleigh; three sisters, Mrs. W. H. Taylor of Bald Creek, Mrs. Fanny Swadley of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Vaughnie Miller of Johnson City; one brother, Fred Proffitt of Burnsville.

Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Active pallbearers will be Mack B., Phillip and James Ray, Leslie Hensley, Wesley Roberts, Cecil Higgins, Ike Laughrun and Charles Proffitt.

MRS. JANE HENSLEY
Mrs. Jane Hensley, 67, a native of Yancey County, died Thursday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Edna Taylor, in Weaverville.

Mrs. Hensley, a daughter of the late John and Hannah Webb Wilson, had made her home in Yancey throughout her life until two months ago when she began residing with her daughter in Weaverville.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. The Rev. E. J. Hall and the Rev. George Burchette will officiate. Burial will be in the Tomberlin Cemetery.

Survivors in addition to Mrs. Taylor are another daughter, Mrs. Robie Wilson of Rt. 3, Burnsville; three sons, Tilman, Glenn and Ralph, all of Rt. 3, Burnsville; two sisters, Mrs. Charlotte Hylemon of White Pine, Tenn., and Mrs. Della Williams of Johnson City, Tenn.; a brother, Carl Wilson of Rt. 4, Burnsville; and 10 grandchildren.

C. LESTER BAILEY
C. Lester Bailey, 78, of Burnsville, Rt. 1, retired farmer and lumberman, died Wednesday morning in Yancey hospital following a brief illness.

Mr. Bailey was a lifelong resident of Yancey County, a son of Baccus and Jane Wilhite Bailey. He was chairman of the board of deacons of the Jacks Creek Baptist Church.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Margaret Griffith Bailey; three daughters, Mrs. Ruby Briggs of Thomasville, Mrs. Stanley Riddle of Las Vegas, Nev., and Mrs. Nelson Woody of Burnsville, Rt. 1.

Mrs. Horton, Eldest Resident, Is Dead At 101

Mrs. Edmonia Horton, Yancey County's oldest known resident, died Thursday morning at her home in the Paint Gap Community. She was 101.

She had been in failing health for the past few months, after enjoying what she called "excellent health" for her first 100 years. Mrs. Horton celebrated her last birthday on Jan. 4. She was confined to her bed in the residence she shared with Mrs. Annice Maney, a granddaughter, but was still able to cheerily greet friends and neighbors who called.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday in the Paint Gap Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Walter Penland will officiate. Burial will be in the Horton Family Cemetery.

Mrs. Horton spent her entire life in the Paint Gap Community. She was born just eight months after the siege at Fort Sumter, S. C., started the War Between the States. She was the daughter of

Nathan and Elizabeth Stewart Horton.

Mrs. Horton vividly recalled the influx of the "carpet baggers" into the South in the chaotic years following the war.

She married William Horton on May 9, 1897. They had three children—Frederic, Alvin and Estell—all now deceased. Her husband died in the 73rd year of their marriage, only two years short of the extremely infrequent diamond anniversary.

Mrs. Horton is survived by six grandchildren. In addition to Annice Maney they are Lee Maney and MaRa Maney Robinson, both of Rt. 3, Burnsville; Grace Maney Spires, Atlanta; Mary Alice Maney, Black Mountain; and Margaret Maney Clarke, San Bernardino, Calif.

And also by eight great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

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Also a son, Rosta Bailey of Burnsville Rt. 1; a sister, Mrs. Harve Silver of Jonesboro, Tenn.; a brother, Mack Bailey of Burnsville Rt. 1; nine grandchildren and eight grand-children.

Services will be held 2 p. m. Friday at Jacks Creek Baptist Church. The Rev. Howard Buchanan and the Rev. A. Z. Jamerson will officiate.

Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be grandsons, Donald Woody, Phillip, Ronnie and Richard Bailey, Randolph, Riddle, Max Fox, Billy McCurry, John Anderson and Robert Higgins Jr.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the board of deacons of the church. The body will remain in the chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home until taken to the church to lie in state 30 minutes prior to the services.

D. H. BRINKLEY
D. Hulon Brinkley, 71, of Rt. 2, died in an Asheville hospital Oct. 9 after a brief illness.

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Bond Issue Election Postponed For Month

Legal entanglements have forced postponement of Yancey County's Courthouse-Jail bond issue election. County attorney Bill Atkins said Thursday that the election, originally scheduled for Nov. 5, had been delayed until the first week in December.

Atkins said that certain notices which must be filed with bond attorneys had been misplaced and that these must be on file with the attorneys 20 days prior to the election.

"The county Commissioners will meet at a date to be announced and set a time for the election," Atkins said.

Registration for the election will begin Nov. 9 and continue through Nov. 29, excluding Sundays. Those persons already registered for General Elections are not required to register again. Challenge day will be Nov. 30.

The federal government has offered to pay two-thirds of the construction expenses of a new combination courthouse and jail to replace the 55-year-old structures now in use.

In the bond issue vote, voters will be asked to approve issuance of bonds in the amount of \$250,000 to cover the county's share of construction costs and to purchase the building site and the equipment necessary for the proposed new building.

County officials say that the construction of the new building is a "must."

County agencies now located in the present courthouse (left) pressed for space, since many of the records they must keep are permanent, and some of those agencies located in rented buildings are also cramped.

In addition, the jail has time and again been condemned by state inspectors, and the likelihood exists that it will shortly be closed, necessitating the transportation and lodging of prisoners in a jail in an adjoining county.

(Editor's Note: The notice of a special election on Page Two is null and void, and will be replaced by a revised notice in a future issue of The Record.)



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BRENDA GRINDSTAFF