

# The Yancey Record

Established July, 1936

TRENA P. FOX, Editor & Publisher

THURMAN L. BROWN, Shop Manager

ARCHIE BALLEW, Photographer & Pressman

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY BY  
**YANCEY PUBLISHING Company**

Second Class Postage Paid at Burnsville, N. C.

THURSDAY, JAN. 20, 1965 NUMBER TWENTY-ONE

SUBSCRIPTION RATES \$2.50 PER YEAR



No, productions in the Parkway Playhouse are not being "pushed" now. The

good, warm summer is the time for that. However the dramatic snow hats worn by

the columns outside made an appealing sight after the current heavy snow.

## When There Is No Longer A Downtown Transit Workers Can Strike

Throughout this land there is concern for the future of downtown areas for shopping and work.

The tremendously high increase in the number of urban shopping centers has pulled business away from downtown. Offices are moving out.

There is hardly a town where civic leaders are not pondering the problem of revitalizing downtown to make it more attractive.

Customers are going where it is convenient to trade. Parking meters, lack of spaces for cars, are just two facets driving trade away. Transportation to and from downtown is important and it must be good and reliable and economical.

Downtowns must be made attractive. There must be better stores, better merchandizing for the shopper and better environment for offices.

Whether union leaders want to admit it or not, downtown New York has the same problem as Sparta, Wis.

or Charlotte, N. C. Shopping centers are everywhere. Commercial offices are moving to outlying areas. Once upon a time it was considered a necessity for a firm to have a Manhattan address for prestige reasons. This is no longer the case. It is common now to see a letterhead from a company which lists a suburban address, a small town on the outskirts of a big city.

Two newspaper strikes in New York did not help downtown merchants. Now comes the transit strike, costing merchants millions of dollars.

Undoubtedly, the transit strike is going to cause some company officials to take a look at re-locating in outlying areas in the future as a precautionary measure. They will seek employees living nearby.

New York transit workers might think it over. They may find few customers. Fewer train and bus schedules and fewer employees needed to operate the vehicles.

## WINTER HAS ARRIVED!

Those of us who may have wondered whether or not we were going to have any real winter, need wonder no longer. Winter arrived in full force early Saturday morning, with a snow measuring anywhere from 9 to 14' — carrying with it all the inconveniences such weather usually carries — such as slippery roads, stalled cars, frozen pipes, a few broken bones, perhaps a few sore muscles from shoveling, along with worry among some of us as to whether the fuel would hold out. The only ones really happy are the school children who are getting a long holiday, and the farmers who were beginning to fear a drought.

As usual the trusty highway department was on the job, and soon the main highways were clear, and not long thereafter the side roads were made passable.

More snow was forecast

for Tuesday, which proved false in this area at least, but we did wake up Wednesday morning to more of the same. However, the sun soon came out and snow stopped.

We are unable to get an official temperature reading for past few days, but understand it dropped to between 5 and 10 in some places.

It is hard to understand why those of us who as children remember nothing but a snow covered ground all winter long, should complain about a little snow. Back in those days too we were for the most part trying to keep warm by an open fire, with most of the heat going up the chimney, whereas now we sit in our comfortable centrally heated homes and fuss about a little weather — just going soft with easy living we suppose.

each plot. The three plots were sowed with Dymid immediately after setting to control weeds and grass.

Carle Rice, Chairman of the Yancey County Unit Test Demonstration Association, represented Yancey County demonstration farmers at the annual valley-wide meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Rice's trip was sponsored by the Yancey County Demonstration Farmer Association.

Four demonstration farms have been approved by the UTD Committee. They are Fred Hensley, Bald Mountain Community; Yates Deyton, Green Mountain Community; Floyd Hilemon, Swiss Community; and Thomas Ray, Cane River Community.

Fred Hensley will demonstrate the possibilities with vine-ripened tomatoes, showing how the crop will do when all the recommended practices are carried out; Yates Deyton will demonstrate the improvements that can be made on a general farm where beef cattle, tobacco and vegetables are the main enterprises; Thomas Ray will show how an improved feeding program and records on production will lower the cost of producing milk; Floyd Hilemon will show how planning and records will aid a dairyman in planning his dairy operation.

The Breece Morrow family of Banks Creek Community, members of the Unit Test Demonstration Association, started in 1960 with one cow and 48 acres of eroded land. With planning and hard work, they now have a 30-cow dairy and a total inventory of \$47,169.

In 1962 the family was assisted in planning by the Extension Service. Soil tests were made and a plan was drawn up that would conserve the soil and bring the maximum yields. TVA fertilizers were supplied that would meet the needs of the crops. In addition to TVA material, the commercial fertilizers were also included in the plans.

Pastures were seeded and improved until there are now 40 acres of improved orchard grass and clover pastures. Corn produced was 60 bushels per acre in 1960. In 1964, 12 acres of silage were pro-

(Continued on back page)

## Stay At Home, Big Shots!

Too many big shots have been taking the Viet Nam tour. They include Governors, Senators, Representatives and bigwigs in the federal government. The men who are fighting over there say they're just getting in the way.

There's hardly a day passes that the news cables don't tell a story or two about some VIPs who are going to Viet Nam to look around for a day or so and then come back here and toss a few brilliant sentences about how to win the war.

Incidentally one of the most useless junkets was one made recently by several Governors who also toured Japan. They were elected to administer to the needs of a state's affairs, not to take up time of soldiers in a far-off land.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D. Mass.), who was also on one of the junkets, asked an American official what was his biggest problem over there. He got a forth-

right answer, he did.

"To be blunt, sir, we have too many people coming out here. In the last 45 days, we've had 35 groups from the United States. Each demands the 25-cent tour. It takes up our time."

This is also the opinion of other high officers, as well as privates. These men are busy fighting a war. Yet they have to take time out to nurse a party of big shots. Time isn't the only thing. Equipment, needed perhaps in fighting, has to be used to haul the visitors around. Sleeping quarters that might better be used by tired fighting men are taken up. It isn't right!

The Defense Department in Washington seems to agree. It has now laid down rules forbidding its own officials, military or civilian, from junketing over there unless the trip is absolutely necessary.

Besides interfering with the fighting men, the trips are expensive to the taxpayers. Let's cut them out.

## Extension Narrative 1965

(Continued from last week)

Plans were made to employ two Horticultural Agents to assist growers with production and marketing of horticultural crops.

Can money be made by growing vine ripened tomatoes in Yancey County? Fred Hensley, Bald Mountain Community, thinks you can if you follow recommendations as to varieties, fertilization, spraying and other jobs recommended by the Extension Service.

Fred cooperated with the County Extension Office in conducting a fertility demonstration, using various rates of phosphorus, potash, and nitrogen. The season was very wet early and dry late, causing problems with early blight and growth cracks.

Hensley said, "A power sprayer and irrigation are necessary to successful growing of tomatoes, especially if the ground is a dry nature soil."

Hensley grew tomatoes at the rate of 1440 bushels per acre. These tomatoes, brought \$2.70 per bushel or a total of \$3900. Hensley says

that there is more work in growing tomatoes than tobacco as well as more money. Mr. Hensley has done a fine job with the demonstration.

The Yancey County Extension Office distributed approximately 30,000 Tennessee Beauty strawberry plants to growers. Several thousand extra plants were purchased individually, also.

This is one phase of how Yancey County farmers are starting to increase their income. This is also a part of the "Successful '65 Program" sponsored by the Extension Service.

Two thousand plants were given out to 4-H Club members to start a Strawberry Chain. The club members receiving 200 plants will each return three gallons of berries to the chain in 1966. These will be sold at auction to buy plants for other members.

Willard Wright cooperated with the Extension Office in conducting a fertility demonstration on strawberries. There were three plots each on fertilizer at different rates. Yields were kept on