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LETTER TO PARENTS

The following letter addressed to the parents of all East Yancey High School students has been received in the RECORD office. The letter is of such importance to the parents, we feel that it should be published exactly as written. In order to stress the importance of this meeting to the parents, the letter will appear in next week's issue as well as this issue.

Dear Parent:

February 7th is the date of your next East Yancey PTA meeting. If you have any interest in your school, now is the time to show it. We ask as many of you as possibly can to come Monday evening at 7:30. A lot of hard work has been done to get the school ready for accredi-

tation.

Mrs. W. E. Harvell, chairman of the Steering Committee, will give the introduction. The following faculty members will report on what has been done in each field: Mrs. Mack Ray, School and Community; Mrs. Don Westall, Philosophy and Objectives; Mr. Vernie Wilson, Program of Study-Curriculum; Mrs. Edgar Hensley, Student Activities; Mr. Ken Damkins, Science and Math. The program will conclude with a summary by Mr. Anglin.

The teachers need to feel your interest and support by seeing you present at this meeting.

Executive Committee
Don Burhoe, President

Go To College, Play Football And Become Rich

The football season is drawing to a close. A few more pro games and the curtain will be dropped on the current season, and it is just as well, perhaps, before the professional clubs run out of money with which to buy college stars.

Last year when Joe Namath, of Alabama, signed with the New York Jets for somewhere in the neighborhood of \$400,000, eyebrows of college professors and students working for an academic degree must have been raised faster than an express elevator.

This year the going price, according to the sports pages, is even higher. Tommy Nobi, of Texas, is reputed to have signed for a fantastic sum of several hundred thousand—more than Namath got. Others are reportedly getting anywhere from \$500,000 upward, some more some less. The clubs are cagey in saying what they paid.

While it is agreed the contracts, actually, may not call for the extremely high figures reported, because of certain qualifying clauses, the headlines are nevertheless telling stories of riches to be made on the gridiron. And more power to the gridiron heroes for getting the best contracts possible. One can hardly blame them.

But just the same, it does seem a little ridiculous that a boy goes to college to get an education and play football for football's sake, winds up with a half million-dollar contract, while a lad pores over books day and night for

five years to become a pharmacist, or eats hamburgers for 10 years to become a doctor, merely gets a diploma and still has to work like mad to accumulate a few dollars in the bank during a lifetime.

Next year the football club owners may come down to level ground.

The Silly Stage

Some of this civil rights business is verging on just plain silliness.

Look what happened in Pittsburgh the other day.

A new parking garage used colored strips to designate each floor and labeled the colored strips with English, German, French and Spanish words for respective colors. One word "negro", which is Spanish for black, was used to denote the floor of that color.

Along came the United Negro Protest Committee. It said the Spanish word was offensive and demanded its removal.

It was pointed out by the management.

Next along came the Congress of Racial Equality. No, it said, the word was not offensive.

The organization said put the word back. It was reinstated.

It all sounds downright silly, doesn't it?

IT NEVER FAILS



Extension Narrative 1965



(Continued from last week)

The major improvement has been in land improvement and in the increase in food production.

Bakers Short Course

Jerry Howell, young commercial vegetable grower, represented Yancey County at the short course in modern farming. Jerry is president of the Arbuckle Community Club and is a member of the Unit Test Demonstration Program.

Burley Tobacco

Warren Westall of the Prices Creek Community feels that it pays to let tobacco mature before harvesting.

Westall used the 21 variety of burley tobacco. The tobacco was allowed to stand in the field until it was yellowing in the top of the plant. The tobacco was cut before the bottom leaves were lost.

Due to a dry season in parts of the county, burley yields will be off about one-fourth to one-third. However, Westall thinks that tobacco planted early and on land that is not too dry, will yield around 2000 pounds per acre even during a dry season like this year.

Dove Atkins and Jack Hensley of the Ramseytown Community had one of the most uniform and promising tobacco crops in the area. They followed recommendations of applying 4-8-12 fertilizer and 20 per cent super phosphate at planting time. No nitrogen was used as sidedressing. The No. 21 variety was used. The tobacco on this farm is rotated every two to three years.

The committee for the tobacco referendum was composed of E. L. Dillingham, Chairman, Mack E. Ray, Vice-Chairman; and Hubert Justice, Secretary.

Yancey County burley tobacco growers led the voting in the referendum with a total of 4799 for and 27 against.

Four tobacco demonstrations were carried out in 1965.

The reduction in acreage will amount to approximat-

ely 100 acres. Plans are being made with growers and businessmen to replace this loss of income by additional income from livestock, fruits and crops.

Burley tobacco growers produced 108881 acres of tobacco on 1829 farms this year. The allotments averaged around .5 of an acre. The tobacco should average around 62c, bringing a total of around \$1,520,000.

Sixty-one allotments failed to get planted for lack of labor or other reasons. This failure to get out 20 acres resulted in a reduction of 46,713 pounds or a loss to the county agricultural income of \$28,962.00.

Community Development

Newdale community was declared over-all winner in Community Development. First prize was \$150. Newdale Club was also first place winner in the Youth Division, winning a cash award of \$75.

Other winners were: Double Island — 2nd place — \$100; Micaville — 3rd place \$80 and 2nd place in the Youth division \$50; Arbuckle — 4th place \$60; Mine Fork — 5th place, \$25; Mine Fork also county winner in the Roadside Improvement Contest, \$25; Brush Creek — 6th place, \$25 — and winner in the Farm Division; Rocky Springs was winner of an honorable mention, \$10.

The County Steering Committee is composed of George King, Mack Ray, Alice Hopson, Mrs. Andrew Johnson and Mrs. O. W. Deyton.

County Extension Agents are cooperating with other agencies in an effort to increase income possibilities, especially with families under the \$3000 figure.

Dillingham said that the production of vegetables and shrubbery and small fruits are well adapted to the Yancey County area. The outlook is very favorable for marketing these products.

Brush Creek Community Club held its annual rabbit supper this year with 75 people present. Brush Creek is the oldest community club.

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MORRISTOWN, ILL., NEWS: "Peace on Earth—Good Will to Men—the angels sang at the birth of Christ. How disappointed our Master must be with we humans. The world, so full of greed, crime, hate, cheating, killing. The ten commandments 'Gone down the drain.' How far we have strayed from His plan. We cannot lay the blame at any one person's door. It is universal. Christmas has become Xmas. The meaning lost to many in this troubled old world. If we all could live the meaning of Christmas a' year round the Master would be pleased with His plan on sending His only son into the world to bring Peace on Earth—Good Will Toward Men."

PARSHALL, N. D., RECORD: "In the old days when someone was in need, no one would think of going over and saying, 'Here I want to give you this', instead they would say, 'I don't need this right now, bring back when you get through' . . . If this same idea was used today in giving millions to other countries, I am sure the image of the 'Great America' would be uplifted greatly in our foreign country transactions. . . The art of giving is the ability to help a man and not hurt his pride, not just giving to give because we have so much."

HARMONY, MINN., NEWS: "I think LBJ drove a poor bargain with Castro. In other words he goofed. I don't know just how many refugees we are supposed to absorb but I think we should have insisted on reciprocity. If we were allowed to export to Cuba one home grown communist for every refugee coming over here it would have helped a lot."

CIRBALLIS, ORE., GAZETTE-TIMES: "Somewhere along the line we have trouble distinguishing between the inherent American right to protest the action of our government and outright treason."