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Farm And Business Leaders To Visit Dana Community

The Dana community of Henderson County, one of North Carolina's leading apple and vegetable growing areas, will be the scene of a special visit by community, farm and business leaders from all sections of Western North Carolina on Thursday afternoon, June 22nd.

The occasion will be annual tour of the top winners in the farm division of the Western North Carolina Community Development Program. Dana, a community of 150 families located 6 miles south of Hendersonville, won top honors in the area development program last year in competition with communities in 16 counties.

The Dana tour, which starts at their community center at 4:00 p. m. on the 22nd, is sponsored by the Asheville Agricultural Development Council in order that folks from the entire western area can see the "first hand results" of what the Community Development Program has meant to this rural community.

According to Frank H. Brown, Jr. of Cullowhee, president of the Agricultural Development Council, which sponsors the WNC Community Development Program in cooperation with the agricultural agencies, "The people of Dana have made an impressive record since they organized in this program in 1956. From their first place in a produce shed they can now point with pride to a fine community center completely paid for. We would like to invite all interested leaders to join us for this tour and see the outstanding youth and community facilities they have developed, along with the fine farm operations."

College Students Working In WAMY Summer Program

Eight local college students began working in Watauga county Monday to help low-income residents solve their problems and to help community groups work on local improvement projects.

The nine are part of a group of 36 local college students who will be working this summer in Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey counties this summer in the program sponsored by W.A.M.Y. Community Action.

The students spent all of last week at Camp Broadstone in Watauga County training for their summer's job. Thirty-two of the students attend Appalachian State Teachers College. Two attend Western Carolina College and two attend East Tennessee State College. All of

Dental Program Scheduled

A public health dental program for Head Start and regular school children in Avery and Mitchell counties has been scheduled to start this summer, according to the North Carolina State Board of Health.

The dental program is slated to begin before September 19, 1967, and to run for at least one year after it is started.

The State Board of Health will provide a dentist and equipment for the two counties. The dentist will examine all children in Head Start and regular school classes. He will provide treatments for those children whose parents cannot afford the services of a private dentist, and will refer other children to private dentists practicing in the counties.

Under the terms of a contract between the State Board of Health and W.A.M.Y. Community Action, W.A.M.Y. will guarantee the payment of \$17,000 to the state for the dental services. Avery and Mitchell counties will apply to the federal government for a total of \$8,000 for dental funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, and will reimburse this money to W.A.M.Y. if their applications are approved.

Dental services for Head Start children in Watauga county will be supplied by the public health dentist already serving the county. Private dentists will handle examinations and treatments of Head Start children in Yancey County.

Hill Receives Ph. D. Degree



Lemmuel L. Hill, 34, was the recipient of the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Physics and Mathematics at the seventy-eighth annual commencement of the Catholic University of America and the Conferring of Degrees on Sunday, June 4th, at 10:30 a. m., on the University Campus, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Hill served with the U. S. Navy in Electronics 1950-55. He earned his B. S. Degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y. in 1959.

Since 1959 Dr. Hill has been in the employ of the U. S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory with Aerophysics, and in the Graduate School of the Catholic University of America.

He is the son of Mrs. Mamie Hensley Hill and the late Dr. Hill of Bristol, Pa., and the grandson of Mrs. A. P. Hensley and Mrs. Gilbert Hill of the Swiss community.

Dr. Hill, with his wife, the former Miss Susan Kennedy of Zelenople, Pa., and three sons, Douglas, Lee and Barry, reside at 12307 Keel Turn, Bowie, Md.

Many of the students have worked in summer recreation and 4-H programs before, that have been sponsored by W.A.M.Y. They will work with adults this summer, according to Director Ernest Eppley, who believes that "people working together can organize and operate their own projects." "Our job", he said, "is not to run programs for people, but to help them learn how to do it themselves. We are using local college students because they know the area, and also because they are interested in improving this area so that it will be a better place to live when they graduate and go to work here."

The program is scheduled to run for 12 weeks. Yancey county students working in the program are: Miss Willie Dale Bradford, Billie Evelyn Duncan, Brenda Foxx, Rita Lynn Foxx, Gwen Harris, Katherine Hughes, Linda Hensley, and Gwen Young.

Great Interest Shown In School Board Election Bill

An exceptional wave of support has been expressed in Yancey County favoring the bill before the legislature in Raleigh which provides for the election of school boards by the people.

In a matter of three days 1,875 signatures of qualified voters in the county have been signed to a petition favoring the election of the Yancey County school board. The same petition expresses opposition to exempting Yancey County from any state-wide legislation which may provide for such popular election of school boards.

The petition has been forwarded to our Democratic Representative in Raleigh, Mr. Ernest Messer, who is strongly supporting the bill. Also forwarded to Raleigh have been the resolutions favoring the bill passed by our County Board of Commissioners, the Yancey County Board of Elections, and the Town Board of Burnsville.

It is also reliably reported that the elected representatives of Yancey County and the chairmen of the several committees involved have been bombarded with letters from the county favoring the change.

Old observers of the political scene in Yancey County state they cannot recall in recent years any political matter which has raised such broad and emphatic support from the people of the county.

Those supervising the circulation of the petition were themselves surprised at the success of the undertaking, since the number of solicitors was small, and the whole county was not covered. The ease with which this large number of signatures was obtained, they believe, testifies to the strong sentiment existing in favor of the changed method of electing school boards.

Micaville Scout Troop Holds Court

Boy Scout Troop 509 of Micaville held a Troop Court of Honor and Parent's Night Thursday June 8th. Several scouts advanced in rank. They were: Rodney Bailey, tenderfoot; Roscoe Bailey, Jimmy Robinson and Rodney Hughes, second class; and John Griffith, life. Merit badges were presented to Douglas Hensley, pioneering; John Griffith, cooking; Steve Hall, first aid; Gerald Blalock, first aid; Larry Hall, reading and cooking; Danny Wilson, basketry; Neil McCurry, basketry; and Kenneth Hughes, painting and basketry.

The troop went camping on Friday, June 9th, to Briar Bottom in the Mount Mitchell Game Refuge, accompanied by Scout Master, Max Hughes and Troop Committeeman, Ben Gouge. Also camping with them was Eugene Hensley who led them on a hike Saturday morning to Little Lost Cove. The boys enjoyed very much having Mr. Hensley with them.

On May 30th, the Micaville Cub Scouts had a pack meeting and Parent's Night.

Three boys received wolf awards. They were: Ronald Wyatt, Tom Griffith and Mike Bailey. One boy, Gregory Robinson, received the Bear Award.

Ronald Wyatt was presented a gold arrow point and a silver arrow point.

Mike Bailey and Tom Griffith were presented gold arrow points.

The Cub Scouts went camping on June 2nd. Cub Master, Gerald B. Wyatt and his family; Den Chiefs, Gerald Blalock, Roscoe Bailey and Kenneth Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Max Hughes and Gary accompanied the cubs camping.

Mt. Mitchell Scout Camp to Start Monday

Beehives of activity would be the most fitting description of Girl Scout Day Camp Directors' homes at this time. Twenty Day Camps are scheduled for the 16 Western N. C. counties included in the Pisgah Girl Scout Council.

Mt. Mitchell Day Camp will open Monday, the 19th, at 9:00 a. m. on the grounds of Mt. Mitchell Camp for Girls. Mrs. George Hicks of Rt. 5, Burnsville, is Director; Mrs. D. H. Carmichael, Registrar, has reported that 60 Girl Scouts and children of staff registered during the May 1-15 registration period.

Girl Scouts have the opportunity to learn more about nature and themselves in the Day Camp Program.

Those attending will have opportunity to choose from various activities; Camp crafts and skills; nature lore, hiking, and other things young girls like to do.

Volunteer directors are used in all Day Camps as is the staff. Serving on the administrative staff with Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Carmichael are Mrs. James Hoover, Assistant Director; Mrs. Earl Young, Business Manager; and Mrs. Garland Wampler, Health Supervisor.

Instructors and unit leaders include: Mrs. Bill Hess, Mrs. Janet Banks, Mrs. Jack Edge, Mrs. Willard Crowder, Mrs. W. E. McKinney, Mrs. Evelyn Wilson.

Senior Girl Scouts from Burnsville Troop No. 66 will assist the unit leaders.

Mrs. Hicks reminds all Girl Scouts who will be attending Day Camp to refer to the Day Camp Brochure for a list of "What to bring to Day Camp."