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## THREE YANCEY FIRMS RECEIVE SAFETY AWARDS

Last Friday night an awards banquet sponsored by Western Carolina Industries was held at the Greek Community Center in Asheville. Three firms from Yancey County were represented and received awards, they were the Burnsville Hosiery Mills, Penland Hardwood Lumber Company, and Glen Raven Mills, Inc.

In order to qualify for this award, which is offered annually by the N. C. Department of Labor, an establishment must do one of these three things: (1) By reducing the plant's lost time injury frequency rate by 40% for the year; (2) By having an accident free or perfect safety record for the year; (3) By maintaining a rate of 50 percent or more below the state wide rate for their particular industry.

Glen Raven Mills qualified on all three conditions. They have operated for five consecutive years without a lost time or disabling injury. This amounts to almost 2.5 million man hours. Only five firms of the 226 W. N. C. firms receiving the award qualified for the fifth year. Two qualified for the sixth year. Featured speakers at the banquet were Rep. Roy A. Taylor and Mr. Frank Crane, N. C. Commissioner of Labor. Representative Taylor noted that the record established by the firms represented at the affair established safety records that were only one fourth of the state average and one sixth of the rate for the nation as a whole. Commissioner Crane spoke of Western North Carolina as being the "mother lode of safety", the first safety council was organized here and others throughout the state emanated from it. "You set the pace," he said, "and now you are setting the record."

Industries can compensate individuals for the loss of an arm or leg, but they cannot replace

the personal loss suffered by the victim. The best contribution that can be made is the prevention of such loss in the first place. This these three Yancey County firms have done.

### James C. Byrd Receives Scholarship

James Calvin Byrd has been selected by the Awards and Scholarship Committee of the North Carolina Association of School Librarians as recipient of the N.C.A.S.A. scholarship for the amount of \$500.00. The award is to be used for educational improvement in the field of Library Science.

Mr. Byrd is a native of Bakersville, North Carolina, and presently lives in Burnsville, North Carolina. He received his B. S. degree at Berry College, Berry, Georgia, and has attended Western Carolina University at Cullowhee, North Carolina. He has been employed by the Yancey County School system for five years and is currently teacher-librarian in the South Toe River School of Burnsville.

**Don't Forget  
To Vote  
Saturday**

### Northwestern Bank Names Anglin To Board

At a meeting in Hickory last Thursday, James A. Anglin was named to the Board of Directors of The Northwestern Bank to fill the vacancy left by the recent resignation of B. B. Penland. Anglin, who is mayor of Burnsville and a merchant here, was also named to the Local Board of Directors, along with James W. Ray and Edgar F. Hunter, Jr.

The three new members were recommended by the local members here at a recent meeting. Until the new appointments, the Local Board of Directors of the bank here was composed of five members. The board will now have eight members.

Mr. Penland, who was on the main Board of Directors of the Northwestern Bank, has been a member of the local directors since the bank began operations here in 1937. He will remain active on the local board.

Other members of the local bank board are J. G. Edge, Reece McIntosh, Robert Presnell and Joe Young.

Mr. McIntosh was recently named as chairman.

At the meeting in Hickory, Edwin Duncan, Sr., president of The Northwestern chain, told the directors that since March 31, 1967, the bank's deposits have increased more than 19 percent, or an increase of more than \$56 million.

The Northwestern Bank now has 83 offices in 53 communities in Western and Piedmont North Carolina.

## PRIMARY ELECTION SATURDAY, POLLS WILL OPEN AT 6.30

In Yancey County Saturday, as in other North Carolina counties, both Democrat and Republican voters will go to the polls to determine who will run for office in the November General Election.

Polls will open for the Primary Election at 6:30 a. m. and will close at 6:30 p. m., according to Elections Chairman Charles B. Gillespie, Jr.

For Burnsville precinct, the courthouse is the polling place. Regular polling places will be used in the other precincts of the county.

Voters will be voting as follows: For 47th District, House of Representatives (vote for two), Democrats, J. Yates Bailey, Ernest B. Messer, Liston B. Ramsey. No Republicans running.

United States Senator (vote for one), Democrats, Fred G. Brummitt, Sam J. Erwin, John T. Galhings, Sr., Charles Pratt; Republicans (vote for one), Robert Vance Somers, Edwin W. Tenney, Jr., J. L. Zimmerman.

State Senator, 31st District (vote for two), Republican, Bruce Briggs, R. T. Dent, Jesse L. Ledbetter. No Democrat running.

Governor (vote for one), Democrat, Reginald A. Hawkins, Robert W. Scott, J. Melville Broughton, Jr. Republican, Jack L. Stickley, James C. Gardner. Lt. Governor (vote for one),

Democrat, Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., Frank M. Matlock, H. Pat Taylor, Jr. Republican, Trosper Noland Combs, Don H. Garren.

For State Treasurer (vote for one), Democrat, Sneed High, Edwin Gill. No Republican running.

Attorney General (vote for one), Democrat, Robert Gan, Thomas Wade Bruton. Republican running.

Commissioner of Labor (vote for one), Democrat, John Wardell, Jr., Frank Crane. No Republican running.

Commissioner of Insurance (vote for one), Democrat, George A. Belk, Fred Bennett, John S. Whitley, Edwin S. Lanier. Republican, Carl W. Rice, Everett L. Peterson.

Superintendent of Public Instruction (vote for one), Democrat, William D. Harrell, Raymond A. Stone, Wendell W. Smiley, Everett Miller, Craig Phillips. No Republican running.

Judge Court of Appeals (vote for one), Democrat, Kidd Brewer, Raymond B. Mallard; (vote for one), Walter B. Holton, Naomi E. Morris.

Member of Congress 11th District (vote for one), Republican, W. Scott Harvey, Robert W. Daughtridge.

Court Judge 24th District (vote for two), Republican, J. E. Holshouser, Sr., J. Ray Braswell, Wood Hall Young.

## DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE TO BEGIN HERE MONDAY NIGHT

An 8-hour Defensive Driving Course, sponsored by the Driver Education and Accident Records Division of the N. C. Dept. of Motor Vehicles, will begin Monday night, May 6, from 7:30 to 9:30 at Higgins Memorial Methodist Church. The course will continue each Monday night through May, at the same place, same hours, and at no cost except your time. The course will be taught by J. M. Bennes of Asheville and Bob Thomas of Burnsville.

The object of the course is to teach experienced drivers to improve their driving habits, and to make them more aware of accident prevention on their part, as well as their fellow traveler. A well known fact is that it is the good drivers who have the most accidents. Statistics show that in the next 12 months one out of five good drivers

will be involved in an accident, and for most of those drivers it will be their first accident. So a good driving record is no guarantee against accidents in the future.

Instructors for the Defensive Driving Courses are trained and certified by the National Safety Council. They are volunteers and serve without pay. Instructors are provided with a wide assortment of teaching aids that make sessions lively and interesting.

The graduates of the course will be issued Certificates of Completion which will be recorded on their driving record in Raleigh.

You may think you are a fine driver and don't need this instruction. We invite you to sign up for this course and find out just how much you need to learn — or unlearn, as the case may be.