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## Wins First Place In Competition



Steve McClure won first place in the 11-year-old class in the punt, pass and kick competition in the Mitchell County district held at Dayton Field in Spruce Pine Saturday.

The competition was sponsored by the Mineral City Ford Co. Spruce Pine and is a national competition sponsored by Ford Motor Co.

Steve won with a 204 point score and will go to the zone competition Saturday. He is in the sixth grade at Burnsville Elementary School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. McClure of Burnsville.

There were 12 entries in his age group.

Terry Childers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Childers, won third place in the 9 year-old competition.

This is a nationwide competition and the boys are judged on accuracy and distance.

## State Highway Approves Bridges

At their meeting in Hickory on October 3, 1968, the Highway Commission approved construction of three bridges in Yancey County across Cane River on 19-W. Work Order for this work will follow within six weeks or two months. At that time, with right of way being acquired, the State Maintenance Forces will begin building approaches to the bridges. The bridges will be built by contract and the contract is expected to be let in the spring of 1969.

It is understood that the location of the new bridges is such that the flow of traffic on the old bridges will not be interrupted during construction. Estimated time of construction 2 years under favorable conditions.

The above information furnished by the Division Office, Asheville, North Carolina.

## Railroad To Begin Operation Saturday

The Southern Appalachian Railroad anticipates operating their Engine Saturday, October 12, according to the owner, Mr. Edward Bernard. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard and children, Eddie and Earleen, of New Jersey moved to Burnsville in the early part of the spring. During this time they have been as busy as beavers getting the train ready for riding.

The locomotive was built for a construction project in South Carolina in 1917. During the 1920's it was sold to Brooklyn Eastern District Terminal Company where it was engaged as a waterfront switch engine. Mr. Bernard bought the engine in 1965 from this company, had it completely overhauled and brought it here. The engine is a 0-60 saddle tank locomotive, weighs approximately 63 1/4 tons, and is capable of pulling 3,000 ton. One of the cars was originally built as a coach and was later converted to electric power and then converted to a coach. Again it was built by the Pennsylvania Railroad and also used by them during 1916. The overall size of this car is 64 feet and 5 inches long and holds a capacity of 72 people. The second car was built by the Jersey Control Lines in 1915 and is a good example of the transition period of wood and steel cars; the outside being steel and the interior wood. This car is 72 feet long and holds a capacity of 75 people.

The train trip will begin at the Burnsville Depot and will carry a good, heavy load to Micaville and back. The trip is approximately 9 1/2 miles and takes roughly 1 1/4 hours. Future plans for the railroad is a train trip all the way to Kona.

Fares are: \$2.00 Adults and \$1.00 Children. Train tickets will be on sale at the Depot Saturday, October 12. Free rides for all service men in uniform. Train rides to begin at 1:00 p. m. and there will be 1 1/2 hour interval between trips.

## U.F. Kick-Off This Week

The United Fund Drive will kick off this week according to the UF president, E. L. Dillingham.

The proposed budget this year is \$8,814 and the organization members are going all the way to make the goal.

Team Captains are: Industry, Carroll Angel; Merchant Employees, Oscar Deyon; Government, James Ray; Professional, Dr. Garland Wampler; Trades, Herb Allen.

The purpose off the team captains is to coordinate the pur-

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## BOARD PASSES ORDER TO REINSTATE OLD REGISTRATION BOOKS

The Yancey County Board of Elections met Tuesday night and passed an order reinstating the old Yancey County registration books in order that the citizens of the county might be able to vote in the November general election and to enable any qualified voter to register in all precincts in the county. None of this effects the Burnsville precinct as the re-registration of this township was held before the May primary. Burnsville residents will be able to register any new voters as will the rest of the county on each Saturday, October 12, 19 and 26. Also voters in the Burnsville precinct who did not register before the May primary do so on these dates. The polling places in all county precincts will be open on these dates. Burnsville residents will register in the Burnsville Elementary School gymnasium instead of the courthouse.

This Board became the second county elections board recently to be served with a restraining order preventing the re-registration of voters.

Charles Gillespie, Chairman of the Board of Elections, said the order also instructed the board not to cancel the present registration of voters. But Gillespie said, the elections board had canceled the registration books three weeks ago in compliance with state elections laws. The cancellation was run as a legal notice in the Yancey Record on September 5, 12, and 19.

The restraining order was issued by Superior Court Judge Thad W. Bryson, Jr., and Plaintiffs were Willard Fox, Charles Bradford, Woodrow Tipton and U. B. Deyton. Bradford is a former Sheriff of Yancey County. Bill Atkins, County Attorney, was attorney for them.

Reasons calling for the new registration was to comply with state law requiring that all counties in North Carolina have loose-leaf registration by January 1, 1970. And second, to correct conditions leading to voting irregularities in the 1966 election.

The two reasons given for the injunction were "The notice had only been published in The Yancey Record, a small weekly newspaper, published in Yancey County and having a circulation of 1250 in the entire county, that as a result thereof most of the citizens, residents and voters of Yancey County are unaware of the capricious attempt on the part of the Defendants and Board of Elections of Yancey County to cancel the existing registration."

"Yancey County is a rough, mountainous county with bad roads and bridges and without adequate telephone service . . . and voters in the above precincts

are rural people, many of whom are engaged in farming for a livelihood; October is one of the busiest times of the year for such farmers to harvest their crops. It is at this time of the year when such farmers are engaged in harvesting and caring for their burley tobacco, which is the chief money crop of said region. Most of the other citizens, residents and voters in the precincts hereinafter naming, work at industrial occupations far beyond the borders of Yancey County. . . . Defendants who are farmers would be unable to register without grave hardship because of their agricultural work . . . those working beyond the borders of Yancey would find it impossible in many instances to re-register prior to the general election of November 5, 1968."

Charles Gillespie, Chairman, said that in order to comply with the state law requiring installation of loose-leaf registration by 1970 it will be necessary for the legislature to pass a special act enabling Yancey County voters to hold a re-registration in 1969.

## Bloodmobile Collects 103 Pts.

The Yancey County Bloodmobile collected 103 pints of blood last Thursday, Oct. 3rd. The Red Cross reports that this is the first time since May, 1964 that Yancey County has reached its quota.

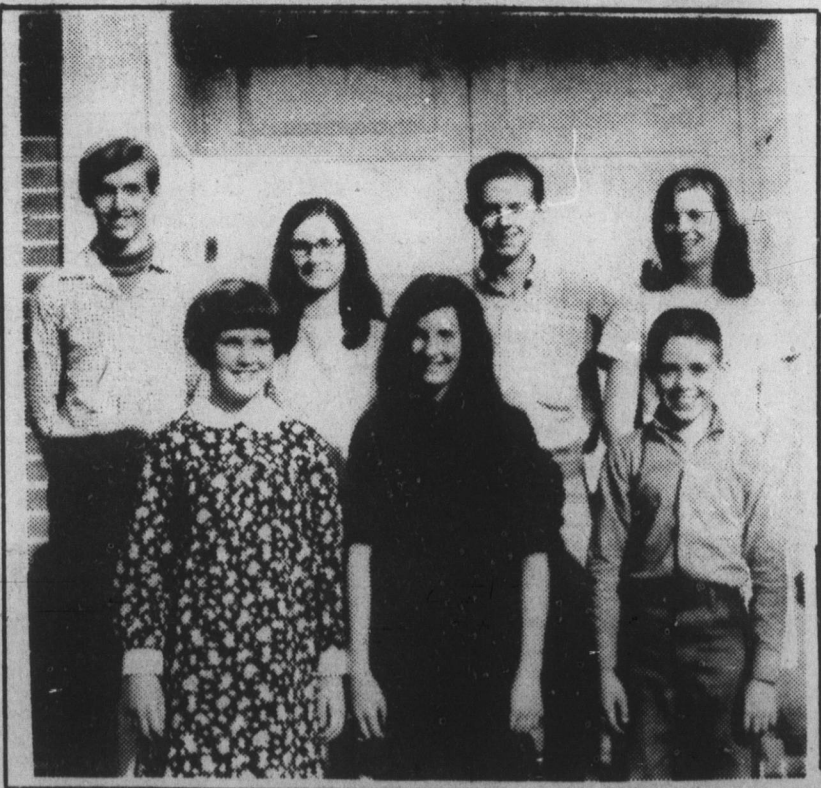
The Red Cross officials would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Melvin Webb, Dr. Sargent, Mrs. W. P. Honeycutt and Wanda Edwards, registered nurses on duty; the Women's Society of Higgins Methodist Church, in charge of the canteen; and all the citizens who helped to make this endeavor possible. Local Red Cross volunteers assisted the Red Cross staff. All the officials of the Red Cross would like to thank WKYK for furnishing records to Blood donors and also for a live coverage of all that went on at the armory.

Since the Red Cross Chapter is in the process of reorganizing and merging with Avery and Mitchell counties and has no blood chairman, Mr. Neil Hadley, National Field Representative; Mr. Robert Cooper, blood recruitment chairman; and Leon Pearce, administrator of area office, came to Burnsville and put up posters and acted as temporary chairman.

This merger will be known as the Mayland Chapter.

We Salute!  
4-H  
LEADERS  
MEMBERS  
PARENTS

## Officers Of County 4-H Council



Officers of the Yancey County 4-H Club Council are Ronnie Randolph, recreation leader, Ramseytown Club; Susan Wilson recreation leader, Pensacola 4-H Club; Vicki Whitson, president, Lower Jacks Creek Club;

Wanda Kay Young, Song leader, Arbuckle Club; Ronnie Byrd, vice president, Ramseytown Club; Marvin Hensley, song leader, Brush Creek Club and Kay Ogle, reporter, Lower Jacks Creek Club.