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From THE EDITOR'S DESK

We were honored to receive in the mail yesterday the following letter from Milton Weiss, prominent Floridian and president of Miami Beach Federal. We appreciate his interest and the efforts he has already made to promote a countywide clean-up campaign.

Every week the Yancey Record will print a picture of unsightly areas near us and will keep our readers informed about any progress being made.

Dear Mr. Yuziuk,

I am a five-year sometime summer resident of Burnsville.

For the last couple of years I have been "bugging" the Mayor about enacting some ordinances possibly tied-in with County and State law having to do with air, stream and land pollution, which I have seen on the increase in and around Burnsville since I first arrived there. I think some small progress is being made, but not enough and not fast enough. If the people of Burnsville and the surrounding area could only know what has happened in other once beautiful areas, they would hasten their efforts.

I congratulate you for the picture and story on the front page of your Thursday, June 19 edition.

I believe that one of the most important things that can be done for Burnsville and all

of Yancey County is for your paper, in consort with the radio station, Chamber of Commerce and town officials to carry on an active and consistent campaign until the desired results are obtained. Included in this should also be adequate zoning laws.

It is a disgrace to see abandoned cars all over the beautiful landscape of Yancey County and, if you take notice of the streams, you will see that they are full of all kinds of trash and garbage. The last time I was in Burnsville, which was approximately six weeks ago, I saw black smoke coming out of the Yancey High School (I wrote the Mayor about it).

This area is on the verge of tremendous growth. Unfortunately, with growth comes destruction. Let's not let it happen in Burnsville.

Sincerely yours,
Milton Weiss



Photo By Bob Robinson

Federal Official John Waters (L. Front) And Highway Inspection Tour Party

Top Gov Official To Seek Aid For Hwy Improvement

By Robert Helmle

A visit from John B. Waters, Jr., top Federal official of the Appalachian Regional Commission, provided an exceptional opportunity last Monday for showing at first hand the need for improvement of Highway 19 and 19E.

Waters, who was appointed three months ago by President Nixon to head the agency which is spending vast Federal Appropriations on highway improvement in Appalachia, made a close examination of our winding obsolete highway. Starting at Mars Hill, and continuing in Yancey, Mitchell and Avery counties, his party continued to the Tennessee line on 19E above Elk Park.

All the North Carolina people who participated in the inspection tour were much impressed by Water's understanding of the need of our mountain area for better roads. Equally impressive was this top Federal official's down-to-earth frankness about his problems in Wash-

ington, his sincerity and obvious intention to do his utmost to help Appalachia in the most practical way.

One member of the party, after talking to Waters at some length commented that it was quite unnecessary to 'sell' him on the need for the highway improvement. Waters, he said is able to state the case even better than the local people.

Waters is a native of Sevierville; so has grown up with close understanding of Appalachian problems. He stated that one of the big difficulties of his Federal job, is getting across to Congress and the Washington bureaucracy a better understanding of these mountain area problems. He said that he was giving consideration to holding Commission hearings down in this area, which would bring some of the Washington 'brass' down here where they could see at first hand, and benefit from contacts with the local citizens.

Following Waters' tour of the three N.C. counties, he was met

by representatives from Tennessee who are concerned about improving the termination of Highway 19E in their state. A large banquet was given for the distinguished visitor at Milligan College, at which he spoke of the work of the Appalachian Commission. About twenty Yancey County people attended this banquet, the guests of the Tennessee people.

This eventful visit of Waters was the result of a great promotional effort put forth by the N.C.-Tenn. Highway and Tourism Development Association, which is an organization with numerous Yancey County members, devoted specifically to promoting the improvement of U.S. 19 and 19E. Bill Wilkins is the present North Carolina chairman of this organization, and Mrs. Ruth Johnson the secretary.

Also participating in the promotion and planning was the Mountain Scenic Development Commission, of which Yancey County is a member.

Yancey County people who

accompanied Waters on his tour were James Ray, Bill Banks, Bob Helmle and Grace Banks. As the procession of cars passed through each county, representatives of that county rode with Waters. The party stopped for light refreshments at the Nuvray Inn and were the guests of Irene Coletta and the Robbins Brothers for lunch at Hounds Ears.

Wilson Will Head Schools

Mr. Landrum Wilson, former superintendent of Andrews City Schools, has been appointed the new superintendent of Public Schools in Yancey County. Mr. Wilson will assume office on July 1, 1969.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have four children, ten-year-old twins, a boy and a girl, a daughter seven years of age, and a son who is four years old. They will live in Burnsville, in the former Methodist parsonage.

Accident Fatal To Yancey Man

Woodrow Peterson, 57, died Monday afternoon in a local hospital following an accident at his home here. He had fallen into a plate glass window late Monday afternoon. Just minutes after his arrival at the Yancey Hospital he was pronounced dead.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Bennie Robinson Peterson, four daughters, Miss Cherri Peterson of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. R.D. Warren III of Vicksburg, and Miss Christine and Marsha Peters on both of the home; two sons, Larry and Steve Peterson, both of the home, three sisters; Mrs. Tommy McCurry of Burnsville; Mrs. Dixon Fain of Erwin, Tenn, and Mrs. Jack Hammon of Kings Mountain; two brothers, Gus of Burnsville and Dewey Peterson of Erwin; and two grandchildren.