

Mother And Son Injured In Near Disaster When Car And Train Collide

Miraculously, only two injuries resulted from a collision between a 1965 model Dodge and the Southern Appalachian Railroad Train when the car struck the train and was knocked 45 feet before the train could stop.

The car, which held 5 passengers, was totally demolished, although damage to the train was slight.

According to the report from State Highway Trooper, Robert Jones, who investigated the accident, Mrs. Jean Fox Briggs of Route 3, Candler, North Carolina, was traveling east on U.S. Highway 19 with her 5-year-old son and three other passengers in her car. She stated that she didn't see the train until it was too late to stop. Trooper Jones reported that the left front fender of the car struck the right front side of the train engine and

the car was knocked 45 feet away.

The collision took place at Bill Allen Branch Road, east of Burnsville, at 4:45 p.m. on Friday, August 8. Mrs. Briggs, who was driving, sustained a concussion and was taken to a local hospital along with her son who had a gash on his head and a badly cut mouth.

No charges were filed by the State Highway Patrol.

Edward John Bernard owns the steam train "Old No. 15" which is authentically restored to its original 50-year condition and runs its scenic route from Burnsville to Kona Junction and back. People are urged to be more cautious at the Railroad Crossings to avoid tragedy. When a driver sees the train coming so slowly, he sometimes thinks he can beat it to the crossing... a race that could mean his life!

Playhouse Climaxes Season With Carousel

By Carolyn Yuziuk

The Parkway Playhouse climaxed the season's productions last night with a truly memorable performance of CAROUSEL. The musical, written by Rodgers and Hammerstein, is well known for its beautiful music - such favorites as "You'll Never Walk Alone", "If I Loved You" and "June is Bustin' Out

All Over" were derived from this masterpiece... A show which tells of the joys and sorrows of some young people on the New England Coast.

Engrossed completely in the show from beginning to end, I marvelled at the professional performances rendered by the cast.

Susan Tucker as Julie Jordan,
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Performers Riding Carousel

Bridle And Saddle Club Horse Show Scheduled

By George Downing

Farrell Hughes will show "Warren's Perfection" August 16th at The Mt. Mitchell Bridle and Saddle Club Horse Show. This is a promising 4 year old Tennessee Walking Horse Stallion who has had his share of the Ribbons this year. Ridden and trained by Mr.

Hughes' son, Warren Hughes, he was a winner and Reserve Champion at the Burnsville Show last spring.. Also a winner at Black Mountain Show and Reserve Champion at the Waynesville Show.

Young Warren shows promise of becoming a top Trainer and Rider and will gain valuable

experience when he takes "Perfection" to the Great Walking Horse Show "The Celebration" at Shelbyville, Tennessee, later this year. We think it is great to have a Yancey County owned horse in that Show of Shows!

The Mt. Mitchell Saddle and Bridle Club this year has changed it's Fall Show date to August 16th. This new date is to allow summer residents a chance to show their horses.

Oak Crest School will again be the scene of the show which will have 35 classes of outstanding horses as follows:

AFTERNOON SHOW

1. Lead Line, 6 yrs & under
2. Pleasure Ponies 46 in. & under
3. Root Race
4. Appaloosa Western Pleasure
5. English Pleasure-16 & under
6. Halter Class 2 yrs. & under
7. Western Pleasure-16 & under
8. Rocking Class
9. Open English Pleasure
10. Ladies Western Pleasure
11. Pick-Up Race
12. Open Western Pleasure
13. Amateur 3-Gaited
14. Western Equitation
15. Barrel Race
16. Open 5 Gaited
17. Saddle Seat Equitation
18. Open Walking Horses
19. Saddle Club Members Pleasure

EVENING SHOW

20. Halter Class-Stallions
21. 3 Gaited Ponies-Open
22. Amateur Walking Horses
23. Barrel Race Champ
24. Open W. Pleasure Champ
25. 2 Yr. Walking Horses
26. Open Eng. Pleasure Champ
27. Rocking Class Champ
28. Pick Up Race Champ
29. Ladies-Any Tack
30. Western Working Champ
31. Junior Walking Horses
32. Coco Cola Race
33. Championship 3 Gaited
34. 5 Gaited Championship
35. Walking Horse Championship

Lee Slagle heads the Show Committee and is assisted by John Banks, Emmett Phillips, Phillip Styles and Dan Wilson.

The Hon. Phin Horton will judge and Veterinarians will be our own Drs. Allen and Jeanette Mattox.

Gate Prizes of Savings Bond tickets may be purchased throughout the Town.

Afternoon Classes start at 1:00 p.m. and the evening classes at 7:30 p.m.



Warren Hughes On 'Warren's Perfection'

Deadline For Yancey Voter Re-Registration Approaches

Saturday, August 16, is the final day during the present re-registration period for Yancey County voters--except those of the Burnsville Township--to register to vote.

This present registration period was made possible by the 1969 General Assembly for the benefit of voters not yet registered under the new loose leaf registration system. Voters of the Burnsville Township registered under this system in the spring of 1968.

Voters living in the Cane River, Egypt, Ramseytown, Green Mountain, Jack's Creek, Brush Creek, Crabtree, South Toe, Pensacola, and Price's Creek Townships should register with their own township registrar or in the Courthouse in Burnsville on or before August 16. The township registrars will be in the polling places all day on Saturday, August 16. A registrar is in the Courthouse from 9:00 a.m. un-

til 4:30 p.m. each day through Friday, August 15, for the convenience of those voters who can go to the Courthouse more easily than to their own township registrar on Saturday.

This new registration began on July 26. Since that time approximately 500 voters have registered. It is hoped that those who can do so will register now. Everyone must register under the new system to be eligible to vote on the local option sales tax increase in November.

Since Yancey County has approximately 6000 voters and only approximately 1500 have registered (1000 in the Burnsville Township last spring plus 500 during the present registration period) it is obvious that a large number will have to register immediately before the election in November if they fail to do so now. It will be easier on the registrars if those who can will register now.