

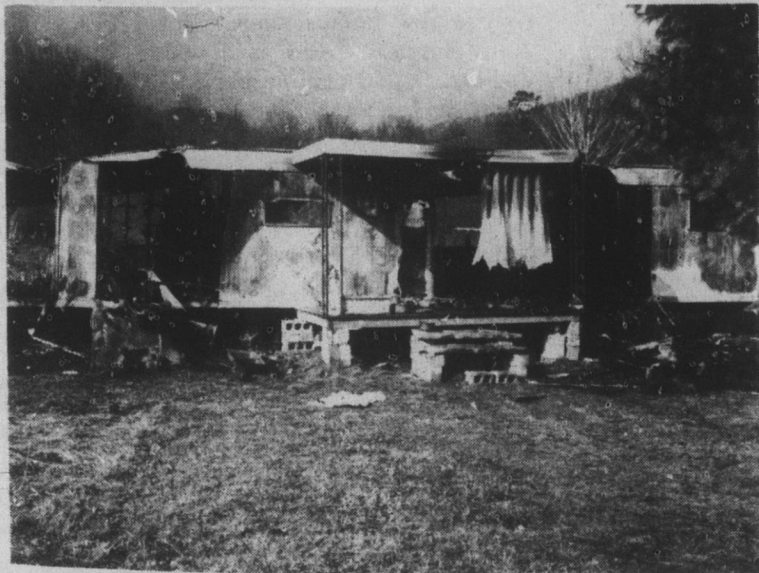
# THE YANCEY RECORD

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House Trailer After Fire

## Furnace Blast Causes Sudden Fire- Total Destruction Of Trailer Home

A fire destroyed the trailer home of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Gurley at 8:30 a. m. on November 10th.

According to Mrs. Doris Gurley, she was sitting on a couch in the living area with her children close by when the furnace door blew open and flames started shooting out. She hurried her four

children out the door and in a matter of minutes, by the time a neighbor got to the trailer, the blaze was uncontrollable. The trailer is located on Highway 80 in Celo.

Mr. Gurley, who is in the construction business and is now working at Grandfather Mountain, was at work at the time of the fire. Mrs. Gurley, who was at home at the time with her four daughters; Judy, 11 years old; Lisa, 5 years old; Tresia, 4 years old; and Marinda, 6 months

old, escaped any injury as did her girls.

The Gurley's lost all of their belongings which were in the trailer, and the trailer itself was a total loss.

Presently, the family is staying with Mr. Gurley's father, Mr. Paul Gurley, in his home at Route 5 in Celo.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to the gifts of clothing and other necessities being collected, can do so by leaving them at Fred Huskins Esso Station in Celo.

## 'Operation Santa Claus' Offers An Opportunity To Share At Christmas

Reverend Donald Elly, Chairman of "Operation Santa Claus" in this area, has announced the following chairmen of the committees which will spearhead this worthwhile project: Social Chairman, Mrs. Louella Honeycutt; Mental Health, James W. Riddle; Co-chairmen, Yancey County Jaycees.

"Operation Santa Claus" is the annual effort of the North Carolina Mental Health Association

to make sure that every one of the several thousand patients in North Carolina mental institutions will have some appropriate gifts this Christmas. Last year, "Operation Santa Claus" produced some 45,000 gifts to bring Christmas Cheer to North Carolina's mental patients. North Carolina Mental Health Association leaders are shooting for as many or more gifts this year.

Each local Mental Health

Association across the state is directing the project in its own area. Residents of those areas are urged to participate in the various gift-collection programs set by the local Association.

Residents of areas where there is no local Mental Health Association are urged to set up their own gift-collection programs through church groups, schools, or civic organizations.

The gifts may be delivered either to the nearest Mental Health Association or Clinic, or to the Director of Volunteer Services at the Regional State Hospital or Center for the Retarded.

December 14th is the deadline for gifts to be delivered to the proper places so that gifts can be selected for the individual patient. Gifts should be new and unwrapped, but wrapping paper should be included with your gifts.

Children's toys for any age are needed, such as balls, dolls, educational toys, records, games and sturdy cars and trucks.

Individual gifts could be shirts, sweaters, belts, handkerchiefs, purses, lipstick and shaving products, etc.

Larger gifts for the wards in general could be washers and dryers (needed by Broughton Hospital), sewing machines, hair dryers, pianos, popcorn poppers or recreation equipment such as fishing supplies.

There are 15,000 patients and students in the state hospitals and centers for the retarded in North Carolina. In contributing to "Operation Santa Claus" everyone has an opportunity to share their Christmas with someone.



Mary Selene Duncan

## Rhododendron Queen Will Ride In Parade

Miss Mary Selene Duncan, from Laurel Hill, North Carolina will appear in the 1969 Christmas Parade sponsored by the Yancey County Jaycees.

Miss Duncan was crowned Miss 1970 Rhododendron Queen this past summer atop the world's largest natural rhododendron gardens on Roan Mountain.

Miss Duncan has traveled many miles selling our beautiful state to everyone she comes in contact with.

Miss Duncan will arrive in Burnsville on December 6, 1969 around noon at the Mountain View Motel. She will ride in the parade which starts at 2:00 p. m. Saturday afternoon December 6, 1969.

## Briggs And McGuire Join Staff

The Yancey Record staff is happy to have two new additions to our work force, Miss Patsy Briggs and Mr. Jerry McGuire.

Miss Briggs, who is our Office Manager, has been with us for several weeks now and was pinch-hitting for a time selling advertisement. She is 18 years old, a 1969 graduate of Cane River High School, and lives with her parents in the Cane River Community. In her job she handles the subscription and news departments. She also adds considerable

charm and sparkle to an otherwise dreary man's enterprise.

Mr. Jerry McGuire, our Advertising Manager, was educated in Avery County School and attended Palmer College in Augusta, Georgia. He formerly worked as sales manager for Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Company in Augusta, Ga. Jerry is 27 years old, married to the former Marilyn Overstreet of Davisboro, Ga., and is the father of two boys, Clint age 3 and Stephen age 1. He presently resides on Main St. below the town square.



Patsy Briggs



Jerry McGuire