



Farm-City Week Is Proclaimed

WHEREAS the prosperity and well-being of this community are dependent upon cooperation between all people of our society: rural and urban, and

WHEREAS the complexities of individual problems and the divergence of activities make it easy to forget our interdependence, and

WHEREAS each group must understand the other if our American way of life is to endure, and

WHEREAS Farm-City Week provides an unparalleled opportunity for farm and city people to become re-acquainted,

I, THEREFORE, Jim Anglin, Mayor of the City of Burnsville, do hereby proclaim the period of November 21 through November 27 to be Farm-City Week; and I do further call upon all citizens of this community to participate in the observance of a successful Farm-City Week in Burnsville.

Done at the City of Burnsville, this 20th day of November, 1969.

Jim Anglin, Mayor of the City of Burnsville.

A committee under the direction of Arney Fox is drawing up plans for Yancey County participation in Farm-City Week, November 21-27. Mr. Fox, who is chairman of the committee and cashier of the Northwestern Bank in Burnsville, said the local observances of Farm-City Week will be tied in with state and national observances.

The event, which will come to a close on Thanksgiving Day, is observed nationwide in an effort to help create a better understanding between rural and urban people.

The theme for this year is "Tomorrow's Food and Fiber--Everybody's Business."

Some of the activities being planned for Yancey County include Radio Programs, Special Newspaper Releases and Participation of Farm People in the Nickels For Know How Program and Referendum Nov. 25.

Yancey County farm families are being urged to mark Nov. 25 as a special date on

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Zoning Ordinance Adopted With Several Changes In Provisions

After three stormy public hearings held during the past month the Town Board of Burnsville has unanimously adopted a zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations governing the town.

As a result of strenuous objections raised at the hearings to some of the provisions contained in the original draft of the zoning ordinance, the Town Board made important changes to meet the objections. The

professional planners in this matter of zoning express their disappointment at the changes adopted by the Town Board as follows:

"Originally the Town had considered taking jurisdiction in regard to zoning, over a one-mile band extending beyond the town limits. Although such action has been authorized by the State legislature, and has been taken by numerous towns in Western North Carolina, this

provision was abandoned. As a result the zoning ordinance will apply only within the town limits.

"A second controversial provision was the zoning to be applied to the 19E by-pass through town. At the advice of all professional planners who have studied Burnsville, the draft of the ordinance proposed to limit business development on the by-pass by zoning the south side for residence. This

provision, too, was abandoned following strenuous objections by property owners who would be affected. The by-pass is now zoned for business on both sides throughout its length.

"The Town Board now believes that, having made these two important changes, the remaining provisions of the ordinance are not controversial. Copies of the two new ordinances are being printed, and will shortly be available at the Town Hall, together with maps showing the boundaries of the several zones.

"Although the professional planners express disappointment at the changes adopted by the Town Board, they recognize the compromises must be made, and have concurred with the changes. At the same time they feel that the very large area zoned for business, including both sides of the by-pass, as well as practically all of Main Street, create some hazard to the most desirable future development of Burnsville. Under the ordinance as adopted, approximately nine miles of street frontage (counting both sides of the streets) has been zoned for business. This is grossly excessive by recognized planning standards, and the area is now eighty percent unoccupied by business. This amount of frontage would readily accommodate all the business of a city many times the size of Burnsville, and most of the area will probably remain unoccupied for some generations to come."

In preparing the ordinances, the Town Planning Board, of which David Powers served as chairman, had the professional assistance of the Western North Carolina Regional Planning Commission, and during the later stages of the work, the assistance of the newly formed Division of Community Planning of the State. The preparation of these ordinances is part of a "package" of planning work being obtained by the Town with financial assistance from the Federal Government amounting to 75 percent. Other parts of the "package" are mapping, an economic study, and the preparation of a thoroughfare plan. All these steps are necessary to qualify the town for important future Federal grants and loans.

United Effort Necessary To Keep NC Free From Air And Water Pollution

By Carolyn Yuziuk
North Carolinians are fortunate to live in an area where prevention can be a key word in the matter of air and water pollution. Western North Carolina, in particular, having few huge metropolitan areas or large-scale industrial complexes, offers its inhabitants air that is so far fairly free of smog. We also have waterways; rivers, streams and

lakes, which are relatively free of contaminants.

The unfortunate reality we must face is that we already have to use the words "relatively free" and "fairly free". Nevertheless, we who live in Western North Carolina still have a chance to erase these qualifying words. With determination and no small amount of effort, we can restore our sparkling waters and

clear air to a natural purity unequalled anywhere in our country.

The very fact that we do have the power to bring pollution to a standstill in our area and reverse the damage which has already been done, should spur us to a gigantic united effort against this terrible enemy of our health and our heritage.

One thing is mandatory... One thing is primary to this effort. Each citizen of every community, in any occupation or income bracket, must attack pollution as an individual. Only then can we, collectively, attack pollution as a community effort and finally, as a state effort.

We cannot stop pollution in New York City. We cannot stop pollution in Los Angeles. Someone must make the herculean effort it will take in these cities and others like them. The United States is already spending billions of dollars in this monumental task. Everyone harbors the secret fear that the task is futile, that it may be too late.

But North Carolinians can no longer sit back and think of how much better off we are than others in other parts of the country. In our own state, in our own area, we have the makings of pollution. Pollution of our waters, perhaps, is first offender, as many homeowners consider a stream on or near their property as their personal waste disposal into which they can throw carcasses and sewage or trash as the occasion arises.

Air pollution is becoming a close runner up. Industries (Cont'd on page 13)

Yancey 'Fightingest County' Says Judge

Reprinted from the Asheville Citizen
The judge recalled the case of Alvin York, the fabled sergeant who didn't believe in war but became a one-man Army in spite of himself.

The youth from Yancey County could become such a man, it seemed, and the veteran jurist struggled with the

decision he knew he must make.

John Murphy Jr. was charged in U.S. District Court with refusing induction into the armed services. And testimony indicated he had even threatened to revoke his citizenship if forced to serve.

Murphy, who lives in the Celio section of Yancey County with his father, a Baptist minister, and his mother, told Judge Wilson Warlick Friday that he is not a member of any church.

But he is a conscientious objector, he said, "by nature," and would refuse to serve in any capacity connected with the military.

"There are no conscientious objectors in Yancey County -- that's one of the fightingest counties in the world," the judge said.

Murphy, 22, wasn't entirely convinced but he was willing to be different.

Judge Warlick sentenced him to two years in prison.

Youth Groups Hold Supper

There will be a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday night, November 23rd from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church.

The Supper is being held by the Presbyterian and Methodist Youth groups and the price will be \$1.50 for adults and 75¢ for children under 12.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this Spaghetti Supper for a pleasant evening