

Wives Club Sponsored

By Ashton Chapman

One of the hardest aspects of military service is the separation of the military men from their families, according to Miss Jo Woody, Executive Secretary of the Mayland Chapter, American National Red Cross. "The hardship imposed upon these wives by a separation such as this receives very little attention," she says.

In the interest of making this separation a little easier the Mayland Chapter of the Red Cross is sponsoring the formation of a Service Wives Club for women who are unable to accompany their husbands on their tours of military duty. The purpose of the proposed club is to provide the service wives an opportunity to meet one another and discuss mutual problems and ideas.

The Mayland Chapter is conducting a survey to determine the number of service wives in Mitchell, Avery and Yancey Counties interested in joining the club. Anyone interested is invited to phone Miss Jo Woody (765-2422) or Mrs. Betty Lantz, Service to Military Families (765-4052 or 765-2206).

Highway 19 To Be Improved

The State Highway Commission will call for bids to improve US Highway 19 between Burnsville and Cane River.

Area Highway Commissioner Noville C. Hawkins and Representatives Liston Ramsey and Ernest Messer issued the joint announcement after conferring in Raleigh with State Highway Chairman Mr. Lauch Faircloth.

After the bids are opened in February, the contracts can be signed in March and work on the project, which will cost about one million dollars, can be started. Hawkins said that the present Highway Commission will allocate funds from the additional gasoline tax voted by the last General Assembly to pay for the Yancey County Project.



Santa To Visit Library

On Monday morning, December 22nd at 10:00a. m. in the Yancey County Public Library, Santa Claus will visit the Children's Hour.

This event has been greatly anticipated by the children who have been preparing for Santa's visit during the past weeks at the Children's Hour. During these past weeks the children have made Christmas decorations, trimmed a Christmas tree and written a letter to Santa Claus inviting him to attend their Christmas Party.

The children of the Children's Hour invite any pre-school or kindergarten children to attend their very special Christmas Party with Santa!

Churches To Hold Special Services And Carol Sing

The churches in and around Burnsville have planned special Christmas music and Christmas get-togethers along with or instead of their regular worship service. They invite everyone to add the true Christmas Spirit to this Holy and Joyous Season by attending the church of their choice. Following are some of the special Christmas services to be held:

At the First Presbyterian Church in Burnsville, the choir will present special music for Christmas at this Sunday's Morning Worship Service.

At the Estatoa Presbyterian Church the Christmas Program "What Christmas Means" will be held on December 21 at 7:00 p. m. There will be a Candle Light Service to be led by the Pastor, Reverend Bert Styles.

The Sacred Heart Catholic Church here in Burnsville will hold a Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Father Kellapher will be in charge of the service.

The Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church and the First Presbyterian Church met in a joint worship service last Sunday night at which a program of Christmas Music was presented by the East Yancey High School Chorus. This coming Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p. m. the choir of Higgins Memorial will present a special Christmas Cantata. The Sunday School children are going to have a Christmas program at 7:00 p. m. Sunday evening in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Last Sunday the First Baptist Church in Burnsville had a Cantata entitled "The Christ Child" presented by the adult choir. This Sunday the Junior and Youth Choirs will present a Christmas Cantata at 7:30 p. m., taking the place of the regular worship service. Rev. McDonald also announced that a congregational Carol Sing was held in place of the regular prayer meeting last night, led by the choir. The church deacons and their wives were invited to the pastorium for an informal "coffee hour" and fellowship following the Wednesday evening service. On Friday, there will be a Christmas party for the children, parents and workers in the Primary Department at 7:30p. m.

Finally, there will be an Associational Carol Sing at the First Baptist Church for members of all congregations of all denominations. It will be held on Christmas Eve and everyone is urged to attend this special service of this joyous Christmas season.

Yancey Man Arrested

One Yancey County resident was arrested on December 11th following a raid by Federal ATU officers and Yancey County Sheriff Department.

Tilden Zack Fender of the Bald Mountain Community was arrested by Chief Investigator Phillip C. McGuire and Sheriff Kermit Banks. He was charged in a Federal warrant for possession of non-tax paid whiskey.

The case is now pending U.S. Federal District Court in May.

Cadette Girl Scouts Host Women's Club And Give Christmas Party For Children

The Cadette Girl Scout Troop #65 visited the Western North Carolina Child Care Center at Morganton, North Carolina on Saturday, December 13.

The young scouts gave a Christmas party for children at the Center and presented them with more than 40 gifts. They played games and sang Christmas Carols with the children and Connie Hensley recited a humorous Poem.

This worthwhile project, which brought a touch of Christmas joy to the youngsters at the Child Care Center, was planned and carried out by the twenty-nine girls in the Cadette Girl Scout Troop whose leaders are Mrs. Earl Young and Mrs. Charles Gillespie, Jr. Chaperoning this party were Mrs. Young and Mrs. Bernie King.

Among the Scouts who attended the party were:

Diane Allen, Robbie Brown,

Debbie Butner, Susan Edge, Vickie Edge, Connie Hensley, Jan Hensley, Ruthie Jarrett, Katie King, Susie Laughrun, Tommie Lovelace, Juliaena Young.

The Girl Scout Cadettes from this same troop, Troop #65, entertained and hosted the Senior Women's Club on Thursday, December 11, at the Community Building.

As a hospitality project, the Girl Scouts decorated, arranged the hall, prepared refreshments and presented a

Christmas program to members of the Senior Women's Club, their acting sponsor. The program consisted of traditional carols, modern popular Christmas songs, appropriate Biblical scripture, and a humorous reading. The scripture was read by Christine Miller, and the reading was given by Connie Hensley.

The girls in Troop 65 are gladdening many hearts in this Christmas season and may they continue to do so in the coming year.

Christmas Fair Held

The South Toe Elementary School Christmas Fair was considered a great success by all that took part. The Rector family, White Oak Creek Baptist Church, South Toe Girl Scouts, Arthur Morgan School, White Oak Community Club - each had a booth. Many people contributed to the F. T. A. booth

and the school's kitchen staff served refreshments. The Celo Friends Meeting contributed \$25.

The total amount of sales came to \$141.40 of which \$102.60 was contributed to the F. T. A. for improvements to be made on the school to make it eligible for accreditation.