

## Budget Cut Shuts Down Rec. Areas

All recreation areas in the National Forests in North Carolina are closed as of February 1 until June 6, 1970, Forest Supervisor Peter J. Hanlon announced today.

Forest Supervisor Hanlon said that all the developed recreation areas on the Pisgah, Nantahala, Uwharrie and Croatan National Forests are affected. This includes 501 picnic units and 767 camping units.

Primitive or undeveloped camping will be permitted. The users should remember to leave their camps cleaner than they found it. This will insure our being able to leave the primitive areas open.

Hanlon said the Forest began feeling the budget pinch last July when appropriations for recreation clean-up and maintenance were reduced.

A second cut in funds took place in January. The second resulted in the necessity to close all recreation areas until June 6.

Recreation Areas affected on the Toecane Ranger District are:

Carolina Hemlocks, Black Mountain, Bald Mountain, Roan Mountain.

## Groundhog Prediction

There's a good chance, according to several authorities, that due to the somewhat overcast weather the groundhog did not see his shadow last Monday, February 2nd. Hopefully, this means that we will have an early spring.

Tradition holds that the groundhog, that famous weather prophet, comes out of his burrow on that fateful day and if he sees his shadow he will jump back in and stay six more weeks. For that same six weeks, we humans will have to endure harsh winter weather.

If it's cloudy, and he does not see his shadow, the groundhog will come out and spring will come soon.

If predictions seem rather non-authoritative and a bit inaccurate, this could be because no one really knows just what the groundhog does see. No one, that is, except the groundhog.

# A Question Of Recreation- Where Is The Golf Course?

By Carolyn Yuziuk

Where is the Golf Course? We've heard the question more than once. It isn't just an idle query from summer visitors, although many of them bring golf clubs along on their vacations; it is voiced also by Yancey Countians who would like to see this wholesome form of recreation within walking distance on a crisp autumn day or a bright summer morning.

Golf is popular with young and old alike. In the past de-

cade, many women have adopted the sport wholeheartedly, and young people have found it to be a stimulating and exacting game, not at all the "older generation" sport they once assumed it was.

In the years past, golfers were an exclusive sort, usually the moneyed, country club type. This image has faded, however, and now golfing is an up-and-coming recreation for people in moderate income brackets too.

So we repeat, "Where is the Golf Course?" Yancey County Jaycees have given the matter some serious thought. "We agree that it would be a great idea to have a golf course here," says Jerry Holcombe, the Jaycee president. He added that the Jaycees don't really know how to get started in developing the idea. "We are open for suggestions," he said. A discussion was held at the last Jaycee meeting as to whether any low-interest government

loans for recreational facilities might be available or advisable.

There have been occasional summer visitors who have looked into the idea of developing a golf course in Yancey. One Florida man actually went so far as to pick out two places in which a golf course could be feasible. Approximately 150 acres of fairly level land is needed for an 18-hole course, he said, and he had found a very likely location. Apparently he thought better of the idea, because nothing came of it.

The Jaycees, after discussing the matter with the local citizenry were pleasantly surprised to find that there are enough interested golfers who live in and around Burnsville to keep a golf course busy. In addition to them, the summer visitors who like a game of golf would add to the number, and the potential summer visitors, who are always on the lookout for a golfing vacation mecca, could very well crowd the course. What a happy thought!

So let's be thinking about a golf course. Hopefully, in the foreseeable future, we can answer the question, "Where is the Golf Course?" with: "Just down the road and turn right, you can't miss it!"

## Local Boy In Pop-Rock Group

Steve Griffith of Burnsville is now a featured singer of The Cardigans, noted Pop-Rock Group from the Spruce Pine area. Ralph "Dempsey" Sul-lins, Jr., manager of the group, describes Griffith as a "fine vocalist and entertainer".

The Cardigans are now in their 4th year and have just completed playing for dances each Saturday night at The Seven Devils Ski Resort in Boone, N.C. During a dance at the Seven Devils, a color TV promotion film was taken of the Cardigans. The film will be featured in a three minute segment of a 30 minute documentary of the Seven Devils, to be shown on nationwide Television next fall.

The Cardigans will be appearing at The Pines in Asheville later this month.

### A Fish Story

"Tight lines and good fishing," says one TV sports commentator in ending his Florida fishing news report. And his words proved prophetic, for two Yancey men who tried their luck at Lake Okeechobee in central Florida last week. Eddie Joyner and Bob Pollard caught 21 Bass weighing 1 to 7 pounds each. And they have the picture to prove it!

## Destroyed By Blaze

At approximately 7:00 p. m. last Saturday night the home of Vince Higgins was completely destroyed by a fire of unknown origin. The home was located in the Pensacola community.

An alarm was called in to the Burnsville Fire Department, according to Fire Chief, Bob Hilliard, but when the Fire Truck arrived at the road leading to the residence, the men were told that the home was already completely burned down. Nothing was salvaged from the ruins.

No injuries were reported, said Chief Hilliard.

As with any disaster, the victims have lost all possessions including clothing and household goods. Anything in the line of household necessities will be appreciated as would the contributions of mens pants, size 34; shirts, size 15 or 16; ladies clothing size 12 or 14, or anything else thought of.

Items can be left with Ruby Clayton at the Banks Building in Burnsville.

## Adult Class

The W. A. M. Y. Office in Burnsville announces that enrollment will be held on Monday evening, February 9, at 6:30 p. m. for a Sewing Class. The class, which is for adults 18 years old and older, will be held at the Cane River High School.

## Yancey County Health Dept

February Schedule of Events

- February 9 -General Immunization Clinic 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. German measles vaccine is now available at no charge.
- February 11 -Chest Clinic with Dr. Hess at Bakersville. Appointment only.
- February 16 -Child Health Clinic with Dr. Pope. Registration from 9:00 a. m. on. No one admitted after 1:00 p. m. Please call to make appointment.
- February 18 -Family Planning Clinic with Dr. Sargent. Register at 8:30 a. m.
- February 19 -X-ray Clinic 9 a. m. to 12 noon. No appointment necessary.
- February 23 -General Immunization Clinic 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
- February 24 -Special Eye Clinic with Dr. Frye. By appointment only.
- February 25 -Orthopedic Clinic at Burnsville with Dr. Galloway. No appointment necessary. Register before 11 a. m.