

## Occupational Education Week Proclaimed, Local High Schools' Participation Noted

Governor Bob Scott has proclaimed the week of February 8-14, 1970, as North Carolina Occupational Education Week. The term "occupational education" includes all courses taught in school to assist students in finding a place in the world of work.

Yancey County has several occupational programs in its public schools. Some of these programs have been in effect

for a number of years, while others have been only recently innovated.

Occupational students commit themselves to service -- service to school, community, and country. They know that tomorrow will be better than today only if they willingly work and prepare themselves for their roles as adults. Hard work and a concern for self-development distinguish their

participation in school and community life.

A new occupational program in Yancey County is Comprehensive Occupational Education under the direction of Larry Howell. In this program the juniors and seniors at East Yancey and Cane River attend school in the morning and work on jobs in the afternoon. The students learn the theory of their job in the classroom and

get practical experience and training in the afternoon. At the present students are working as dental assistants, auto body repairmen, secretaries, warehouse servicemen, textile twist-ers, bobbin boy, and floral designer and nurses aid.

The East Yancey Occupational Agriculture department was established in 1959, and has grown to an enrollment of 87 members.

Some of the achievements for this year include the winning of the Burley Tobacco Judging Contest held at the State Fair, and a picture and write-up in the North Carolina Future Farmers Magazine pertaining to the winning of the State 1969 Tool Identification Contest.

This year, the senior boys have taken on a building project which includes block laying, framing and finishing a two-room and garage addition. The second year boys have completed a course in mechanics of small engines and are beginning a unit in wood work. The freshmen are studying soils which will be followed by Electric Arc Welding in the spring.

The following vocational courses are offered at Cane River High School; 1. Introduction to Trades and Industries, 2. Bricklaying, 3. Carpentry, and 4. Cabinetmaking.

Introduction to Trades and Industries is to acquaint the student with the various occupations that are available and to help him in deciding what occupation he wishes to pursue. This course is taught by Dwayne Penland, who also teaches the boys bricklaying.

Carpentry, Cabinetmaking, and Bricklaying have a three fold purpose in addition to the related work that is associated with each trade. 1. Each trade is to acquaint the student with and develop skills in the sales, use, care, fitting, and maintenance of hand and power tools. 2. Each trade is designed to see how well a student can perform on individual basis. 3. The students are given the opportunity to perform as a group on production basis, it also gives the practical training. The on-the job training that is essential for employment. Carpentry and Cabinetmaking are taught by Jack Buckner.

This year the students begin a Live Project, which is the building of a 1680 square foot house. This project will take two years.

### Announcement

Dr. Fergus Pope, pediatrician from Spruce Pine, will be the guest speaker at Burnsville Elementary P. T. A. meeting. The meeting will be held next Tuesday night, February 17th.

## Flu Epidemic Widespread In Yancey; Hospital Bars Visitors And Doctors Offer Sage Advice

By Carolyn Yuziuk

Many Yancey Countians have succumbed to the flu virus this winter, and the picture looks bleak for the rest of February at least.

According to Landrum Wilson, Superintendent of Schools in Yancey, a record 13% of the total student enrollment was out of school on February 9th, with flu being the main causative factor. Bald Creek had the highest incidence of illness with 31% of its students out. In addition, the flu bug has taken its toll of the teachers, although no figures were readily available.

Yancey County Public Health Nurse Miss Wanda Edwards, who spoke with Dr. McCormick, head of the communicable disease division of

the State Board of Health, reports that he indicated the picture here is repeated all over North Carolina. Flu is widespread throughout the state with many people hospitalized from complications.

Yancey Hospital is adopting a No Visitors policy again this year in the hope of keeping patients and visitors from communicating the disease to one another. Mrs. Katherine B. Anglin, Hospital Administrator, reports quite a few patients in - and several staff nurses out - with the flu virus. Most flu victims, however, do not need to be hospitalized except in severe cases, or if a complication arises.

Says Dr. W. A. Y. Sargent, "The best rules to follow are these: Go to bed and stay there for three days and three nights, drink plenty of fluids and don't eat much. Take Aspirin or other mild analgesic for pain and aches if necessary."

Dr. Melvin Webb echoes his advice for treatment and adds: "The present epidemic is very similar to flu in every respect. Onset is sudden with aching all over, high fever, severe sore throat, aching in chest, and in some cases, nausea. Other virus diseases may be present at the same time, which accounts for attacks of diarrhea and other symptoms. The best way to avoid getting the flu is to avoid

contact with other persons and avoid groups as much as possible. Do not return to work before 7 to 10 days after onset of the disease."

"It is advisable for elderly people or those who have other diseases to have a yearly booster dose of flu vaccine," said Dr. Webb, "and this inoculation should be given in the fall rather than in the winter when the flu virus starts 'going around.'" "Generally speaking," he continued, "it is not necessary to have a doctor in attendance. It is advisable, however, to see a doctor if symptoms persist for longer than four days, or if a person's condition rapidly becomes worse."

## Republicans Name Local Candidates And Officers Of Executive Committee

By Trena Fox  
Political Reporter

The Yancey County Republican Convention met Saturday at the courthouse in Burnsville and named local candidates and officers of the executive committee.

Endorsed as candidates in Yancey County were Kermit Banks, incumbent, for sheriff of Yancey County. Banks was appointed to complete the unexpired term of his father, Donald Banks, who died in office.

Other candidates endorsed were Arnold Higgins for clerk of superior court; Dr. Melvin Webb for coroner; Earl Young and Wayne Young for county

commissioners (Earl Young is incumbent); Luther Banks was endorsed as chairman, board of county commissioners.

Steve Boone was reappointed as chairman of the executive committee; Mrs. Boone, vice chairman; Mrs. Earl Young, secretary; and Luther Ayers, reappointed as treasurer.

Representatives to the State Republican convention in Winston Salem in March were:

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Chrisawn, Mr. and Mrs. Boone, Mr. and Mrs. Banks, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Young, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Young, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Ellis, Mrs. Dot Austin and Mrs. Arney Fox.



Kermit Banks

## \$100 Presented By Jaycettes

At the February monthly meeting, Mrs. Jerry Holcomb, President of the Yancey County Jaycettes, presented a check for \$100.00 to Miss Wanda Edwards, Public Health Nurse. The money is to be used for the Mental Health Program in Yancey County. Miss Edwards gave a very interesting program on the different phases of work being done by the Mental Health Association in Yancey County. Miss Edwards also stressed the need for money and public service.

New Jaycette officers will be elected at the March 5th meeting. All members are urged to be present.