

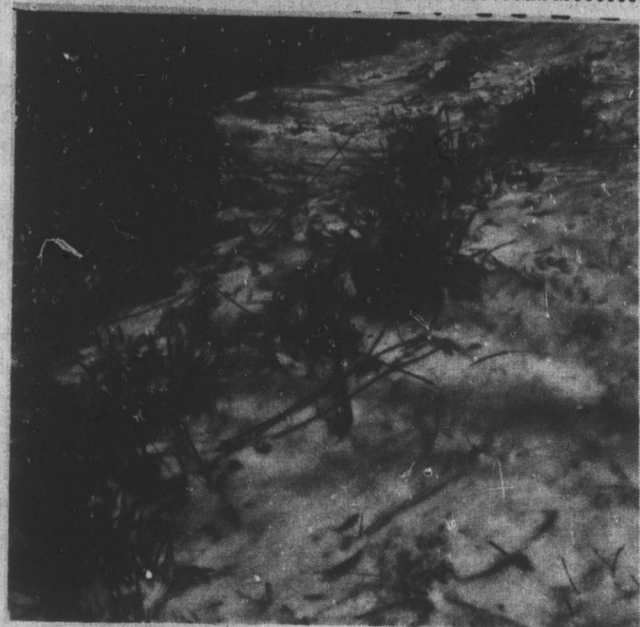
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Daffodils Blossom In The Snow

Daffodils 'n Snow

"It'll turn cold again before the spring," predicted Yancey County old-timers. Sure enough, just when the first harbingers of spring had appeared, the weather changed suddenly. Caught between winter and spring, the lovely daffodils blossom in the snow.

Science Fair Theme Is 'Learning Skills Today For Better Living Tomorrow'

Cane River High School will present its fifth annual Science Fair April 1, 2, and 3. The theme of the Fair will be "Learning Skills Today for Better Living Tomorrow." The Fair is to be open to the public April 1 from 7:30 p. m. to 10:00 p. m. and will continue through April 2 and 3.

Three departments will participate in the Fair, and there will be cash prizes given to the first, second, and third place winners in each department. The departments that will participate are Trades and Industry, Science, and Home

Economics.

The Trades and Industry Department has chosen the following theme: "Prepare Youth to Accept the Challenge of This Industrial Era." This challenge can be accomplished by those that are unafraid to use their hands as well as their minds and by the desire to achieve competence in responsible and rewarding skilled careers.

The students in T & I will display a variety of individual projects constructed during this year. These projects will range from a trivet to a hutch cabinet. The theme of the Science

Department is "Be A Scientific Citizen by Learning Skills In: 1. Conservation, 2. Electricity, 3. Mechanics, and 4. Anatomy." The Science Department will have various projects dealing with conservation of our natural resources, electric motors, batteries, simple though complex machines and on the structure of plants and animals.

The Home Economics Department chose as their theme, "Beat the Money Squeeze Through Home Economics." The exhibit will give money saving ideas for better home living using ones talent and creative ability.

The following clubs will also participate: Beta Club, Student Council, and Science Club.

The Beta Club is preparing information to display an exhibit on the three greatest domestic problems of the world today - drugs, inflation, and pollution. They plan to try to display it in such a way as to make one visualize the dangers and ill effects.

The Science Club will be doing their project on the history of the development of motors. They will start with simple levers and pulleys and trace the development up through the various types of motors to the atomic powered motors.

Planners Recommend One High School For Yancey

By Robert Helmle
The school planning experts from the State school headquarters in Raleigh presented their eagerly awaited survey of Yan-

cey County schools last Thursday before an audience of over 200 deeply interested citizens.

The planners' recommendations, if carried out, will make

far reaching changes in the county's school system. At the same time it was made clear that these recommendations are in no way compulsory, and that the final decision regarding their adoption rests with the Yancey County School Board.

As the planners view the long-range future, Yancey County should have a single, entirely new high school serving grades 9 through 12. Our two existing high schools should be converted to serve grades 5 through 8 for the entire county. The primary grades, including kindergarten, which the planners confidently expect to be included shortly in the State's educational program should be served from three new schools, one of which would be in the Burnsville area.

The Raleigh planners recognize that all these long-range developments are a considerable distance in the future. The construction program involved would cost about \$3,200,000 at present building costs, and this money is now simply not in sight. Accordingly, the planners recommend taking a first step which they call the interim plan. This would consist of adding classrooms to our two present high schools, and moving all the 7th and 8th graders to these two schools, which would then serve grades 7 thru 12.

This interim plan would cost about \$600,000 for the enlargement of the two high schools, an amount the planners see no reason to believe the county could comfortably stand, particularly since the \$338,000 from the 1963 school bond election, which belongs to Yancey County, is lying untouched, and could presumably be used to finance, in major part, this interim plan.

In the lively question period, (cont'd on page 3)

Annual Ladies' Night Held By Burnsville Men's Club

The Burnsville Men's Club annual Ladies' Night Banquet, to be held next Monday night at 6:30 p. m. at the Community Building promises to be an outstanding community affair of the winter season. An ex-

cellent speaker, Kays Gary, long a newspaper columnist, will speak on western North Carolina's greatest asset, our beautiful environment, and its potential for development of tourism and recreation.

The Ladies' Night is also the occasion for installation of officers for the coming year. Mack B. Ray is the new president, succeeding Jim Gardner; Bob Helmle, the new vice president follows Roy Ray and Ned Jests follows Dr. Paul Fall as secretary-treasurer. Dover R. Fouts, as on numerous previous occasions, will preside over the installation of the new slate.

The program committee, of which Don Burhoe is chairman, feels fortunate in having obtained Gary as speaker. His daily column in the Charlotte Observer over a long period of years has gained him wide recognition. Western North Carolina has long had a special appeal for him, dating back to his student days at Mars Hill College. This attitude has been reflected in his columns urging readers to "go west", meaning western North Carolina. A year ago he was happy to follow his own advice in accepting the position as Director of Public Relations for the Carolina Caribbean Company at Beech Mtn.

Gospel Singing

The Wincom Methodist Church will have a Gospel Singing this coming Sunday afternoon, March 22, at 2:00 p. m.

The Gospel Notes Quartet of Asheville, The Peace-Maker's Quartet of Asheville, The Shining Light Quartet of Burnsville, The Nick's Creek Trio of Old Fort and many other singers are to be there.

Everyone is welcome.

Senator Ted Dent Announces His Candidacy For Re-election

State Senator Ted Dent of Asheville announced today that he will seek re-election to a third term in the 1971 North Carolina General Assembly.

Senator Dent is a Republican who served as Vice Chairman of Rules and on the committees of Conservation and Development and Higher Education which approved Asheville Biltmore College becoming a part of the University of North Carolina system during the 1969 session.

During the 1967 session,

Dent served on a special three man subcommittee of Conservation and Development and did extensive work in writing North Carolina's Air and Water Pollution Control Act.

Senator Dent is a native of Spruce Pine and serves as President of Diamond Mica Company which has business interests in Mitchell and Yancey Counties. He was recently appointed by Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor to serve as one of three Senate Members to the Citizens Advisory Committee on the General Assembly.

An Apology

.. Goes to the men of Newdale Fire Department. Their prompt response has been instrumental in putting out several fires in this area, but due to erroneous fact-finding they received no mention in The Yancey Record.