



Fair Exhibits Well Planned



Gary Silvers Shows Prize Stereo

Winners Awarded Cash Prizes For Their Outstanding Exhibits At Science Fair

Cane River High School held its Fifth Annual Science Fair beginning April 1, and there were numerous winners chosen from a field of outstanding projects. Theme of this 1970 Fair was "Learning Skills Today for Better Living Tomorrow". Those who missed seeing the well-planned exhibits and beautifully constructed pieces of furniture which were featured at the Science Fair, missed a lot. Hard work and much creative ability went into the displays and both the students and their teachers deserve recognition and acclaim for their efforts.

The departments that participated in the Fair were the Trades and Industry Department, Science Department and Home Economics Department. All of them presented projects for judging.

In the Trades and Industry Department, Sam Ball won first place, Gary Silvers won second place, John Banks won third place and Kenneth McCurry fourth place. In the Home Economics Department, the third, second, and first year students were judged separately. In the third year class Shirley Chandler was first place winner and Nancy Randolph won second place. In the second year class, the first place winner was Diane Buckner and Karen McCurry won second place. In the first year class, Audrey Renfro won first place and Sue Fox won second place. In the Science Department, Ronnie Randolph, Dennis Whitson and Larry Bennett won first place, while Keith Webb, Ricky Peterson and Vic Gardner took second place honors. Tim Higgins and Eugene Howell won third place. The Science Club

won first place in competition with the Beta Club and the Student Council.

The winners in the various categories will receive cash

prizes for their excellent projects, and a vote of thanks is extended to Glen Raven Mills for their help in awarding prizes to the winners.

Pre-School Clinic Held To Help Children 'Start Right'

If your child will be 6 years old on or before October fifteenth, 1970, he is eligible to start to school this fall. Now is the time to enroll him at Pre-School Clinic.

You can help your child get started right if you will bring him to the school on Pre-School Clinic Day and meet the teacher and nurse. Your child will have fun seeing the other children and we would like to get acquainted with you. It is necessary that the parent come with your child.

In order for your child to do his best in school he must be in good health. Therefore, you are requested to take your child to your family doctor for a complete physical examination so that if any defects are discovered, they may be corrected before school starts in the fall. DO NOT have this

physical done before Pre-School Clinic Day, as we will discuss this with you at that time.

The North Carolina State Law requires that every child entering into public school be immunized against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio and smallpox. You can get a record of his shots from your family doctor, or the Health Department. If he has not had the required immunizations, please take him to your family doctor, or come to the Health Department in Burnsville on any Monday morning.

We strongly urge that every child who has not had measles, or the measles immunization, have this protection as soon as possible. Measles vaccination, both German and regular, can be obtained at the Health Department on any Monday morning.

Each child must bring his birth certificate or a photostatic copy of it, to the clinic to confirm his birth date. This can be obtained from the office of the Register of Deeds.

The Schedule for Pre-School Clinics is as follows:

April 14	Micaville School
April 16	South Toe School
April 17	Bald Creek School
April 21	Bee Log School
April 24	Burnsville School
April 28	Peasacola School
April 29	Clearmont School

All pre-school clinics will begin at 9:30 a. m.

Young Is First

Joe C. Young of Young Auto Sales, Inc., along with his entire organization, has received a congratulatory telegram for being number one in car sales in Burnsville and Yancey County for 1969.

The telegram was sent by the Charlotte District Sales Office, Ford Division, Ford Motor Company and was signed by H. H. Edwards who is the District Sales Manager.

Alternative School Plan To Receive Consideration By Yancey School Board

By Bob Helmle

Significant progress during the past week can be reported toward developing a practical plan for the future of the Yancey County school system. What appears to be a carefully thought out alternative to the proposals of the Raleigh school planners has been thrown into the hopper for consideration by our school officials and other interested citizens.

This constitutes real progress, inasmuch as the Raleigh plan appears to many local citizens as incapable of realization. Its cost of \$3,225,000 appears too high for our modest resources, and in other respects it would leave many of our citizens dissatisfied. Grave doubts, accordingly, have been expressed that the people of the county in the foreseeable future would vote to authorize the necessary bond issues to finance the costly building program.

Supporters of the alternative plan declare that it would accomplish the main objectives aimed at by the Raleigh planners, and accomplish them much more rapidly, and at far less expense.

Below is the alternative plan in bare outline, as set forth by Wm. Hess, Librarian of the Avery-Mitchell-Yancey Regional Library, who lives in Yancey County:

1. Use of the approximately \$338,000 in money on deposit with the State to construct 10 additional rooms at either East Yancey High School or Cane River High School.

2. On completion of this project, immediate movement of students and teachers into whichever school has been selected thereby establishing a single county-wide high school with approximately 800 - 840 students.

3. At the same time, the immediate transfer of the students and teachers from the Burnsville Elementary School to whichever plant no longer is used as a high school thereby establishing grades 1 - 8 at such school and the closing of the Burnsville school.

4. Use of capital funds derived from taxes, and as available, to increase the room capacity of the 1 - 8 school to service the needs of all of

those pupils in the area of this elementary school; it being desirable to eventually have approximately 1/2 of all students in Yancey County attending 1 - 8 grades at this school.

5. If necessary, an eventual bond issue to construct a new 1 - 8 school in an area that cannot conveniently be served by the existing 1 - 8 school, and consideration at that time of possible kindergarten construction and/or locations.

The above outlined alternative plan, it is understood will receive consideration by the Yancey County School Board at their next regular meeting. It must be borne in mind that any plan developed locally must receive approval by the State school planners before building construction can start.

From the standpoint of parents in the area served by the Burnsville Elementary School the alternative plan has the advantage of getting rid of that obsolete school in short order, instead of several years in the future. It would thus save the county the heavy expense of remodeling the old buildings to meet the fire safety requirements and other standards required by the State Authorities.

School Superintendent Landrum Wilson states that careful, openminded consideration of all alternatives will help materially toward reaching the best practicable solution to our school problem. He is hopeful that from broad discussion a plan can be developed behind which the whole county can unite.



"Little People" don't forget that your Children's Hour programs will be held this Friday (April 10th) at 10:00 a. m. and at 3:00 p. m. in the Yancey Public Library.

The following Monday the Children's Hour resumes its regular schedules. Miss Theresa Coletta, Regional Children's Librarian, invites all pre-school children to attend.