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High School Students Receive Sportsmanship Awards

## Chamber Of Commerce Dinner

# New Industry Coming; Awards Given

Yancey County is going to get a new industry - a 50,000-square-foot plant in the Bowditch community near Mica-ville.

Announcement was made Thursday night at the annual dinner meeting of the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce at East Yancey High School.

The company is Hickory Springs Manufacturing Co. Inc., a 26-year-old firm with major manufacturing complexes in Hickory and Fort Smith, Ark., and nine full-service warehouses in the Southeast and Southwest.

R. R. Simmons, vice president of manufacturing, said

Thursday night: "The major objective of the Mica-ville plant will be to manufacture mattress units for the bedding industry. The plant will have an initial requirement of 60 employees.

Simmons said construction of the fire-proof plant should begin later this month, with an

expected completion date in December. He said the plant would be free of pollution.

He said Charles Randolph and Loy McCurry, both from Yancey County, will be mattress department supervisors of the Mica-ville plant. Charles, his wife Melba, and their two children are living in Burns-

ville. After studying Mechanical Engineering for two years at Le Tourneau College and Liberal Arts for another year at Milligan College, he has completed many supervisory development courses during the past three years. Charles has been a department supervisor for the past four years at Collins and Aikman.

Loy McCurry, his wife Louise, and their two children are also living in Burnsville. After spending two years in the Navy, and completing one year of study at the University of North Carolina, Loy has about thirteen years of management experience with Burnsville Mill and Penland Hardwood Company.

The plant will open a training center for employees at the Young Auto Sales Building on Main Street, Burnsville, in August or September, Simmons said.

Simmons listed five reasons for selecting the Mica-ville-Burnsville-Spruce Pine area: "Available employes, available land, available railroad, good industrial climate and very cooperative community!"

Another Hickory Springs official attending the Chamber of Commerce meeting was C. N. Mason, general manager, metal division.

Chamber of Commerce president G. D. Bailey presided at the meeting, which was attended by 150 persons.

## Scholarships And Sportsmanship Awards Presented

The Yancey County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Meeting, held last Thursday night, was a huge success in terms of attendance and enthusiastic interest in business at hand. The many tables provided with place settings for the dinner, proved to be inadequate for the crowd who turned out for the event, and additional places were set to accommodate the overflow.

Following an excellent dinner, and dessert of strawberry shortcake, G. D. Bailey, president of the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce, began the meeting by recognizing many guests from out of town and newcomers who were present.

One of the highlights of the evening was the awarding of two scholarships by the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce Youth Task Force. Claude Vess presented the \$200 scho-

larships to Teresa Peterson and Gary Lee Shuford.

Teresa Kathleen Peterson, a straight "A" student at Cane River High School, plans to attend Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa. She is the daughter of Mrs. Lester Peterson and the late Mr. Peterson.

Shuford, who plans to major in Business Administration at Western Carolina University, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shuford of White Oak Rd. He is a senior at East Yancey High School.

The scholarship fund is made possible by the annual

## 1,400 Children Vaccinated

The Yancey County Health Department is pleased to announce that some 1400 children in the ages of one through eleven years of age were given the German measles (Rubella) vaccine on Monday, May 4th at the various schools throughout the county. For those children who have not received the vaccine, it will be available any Monday morning at the Health Center in Burnsville.

In carrying out a massive campaign such as this, it takes

much cooperation and volunteer hours. Those to whom we express our appreciation are: Diane Dachlet and Barb Arrell, VISTA Volunteers, Mrs. Garland Wampler, Mrs. Alan McKinney, Mrs. Landrum Wilson, Mrs. Charlie Hensley, the Jaycees, the Jaycettes, Burnsville PTA, W. A. M. Y. personnel, and those who so generously helped finance the publicity in The Yancey Record.