



Rep. Messer, Chairman L. Faircloth, H. Holcombe, Rep. Ramsey, Commissioner Hawkins

Road Project Top Priority

Lauch Faircloth, Chairman of the North Carolina Highway Commission, pledged that "top priority" will be given to this area's road construction project - the link of highway from the Cane River bridge to the Madison County line - when the budget for the year beginning July 1st is set up.

Mr. Faircloth and District Commissioner Noville Hawkins were in Yancey County on an inspection tour on Wednesday, May 20, accompanied by State Representatives Liston B. Ram-

sey of Marshall, N. C. and Ernest Messer of Canton, N. C. who were instrumental in obtaining the approval for the present construction project.

Chairman Faircloth and Commissioner Hawkins seemed pleased with the progress being made by the contractor on the link under construction from West Burnsville to the Cane River bridge.

The "top priority" rating does not necessarily mean that this further link of the highway will be contracted during this coming year, but it does mean that the project has the approval of the Highway Commission and is slated for "first consideration" when the new budget

is drawn up. Harlan Holcombe of Burnsville accompanied the group as they viewed present highway construction and discussed future plans for this area. Having spoken with the Chairman and with several Commissioners, Mr. Holcombe is optimistic concerning our chances for completion of Hwy. 19E to the Madison County line in the near future.

Volunteers Oriented

The American Red Cross orientated thirty Red Cross Volunteers this past Saturday, the 23rd of May, at the Burnsville Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Lula Belle Wiseman, Chairman of the Mayland Chapter of the American Red Cross, and Mrs. W. P. Honeycutt presented to the thirty attending girls the regulations and procedures of Red Cross Volunteer etiquette. Assisting Mrs. Wiseman and Mrs. Honeycutt were Mrs. Geneva Earp of Spruce Pine and Miss Theresa Coletta of Burnsville.

Attending the Red Cross Volunteer Orientation Classes were girls from Spruce Pine, Bakersville, and many areas of Yancey County. Miss Theresa Coletta, Chairman for the Yancey Volunteers, will be responsible for coordinating the volunteer services which these girls will render throughout Yancey County.

Those girls orientated as American Red Cross Volunteers from Yancey County are as follows: Deborah Edwards, Jane Banks, Debbie Ballew, Patricia Hensley, Marie Maney, Virginia Silvers, Gail Crisp, Doris Ann Weatherman, Sharon Pressnell, Rosemary Kampf, Sharon Crisp, Donna Parker, Debbie Thomas, Daphne Styles, Pat Holcombe, Vickie Jones, Vicky Crowder, Debbie Carroll, Janice Hunter, Cathy Deyton, and Vickie Styles.



East Yancey Red Cross Volunteers



Cane River Red Cross Volunteers

Burnsville Kindergarten Graduation

Nineteen boys and girls from Burnsville Kindergarten participated in their commencement exercises last Thursday night, performing before an enthralled and enthusiastic audience of parents and friends.

The young graduates sang songs and recited poems, both individually and in concert, in a well organized program planned and directed by their teacher, Mrs. Jess Styles. The program showed clearly the self-discipline instilled in these children, remarkable in ones so young, as it proceeded flawlessly to the finish.

Mr. Ed Hunter, principal of Burnsville Elementary School, awarded the diplomas to the graduates and welcomed those who would be attending Burnsville Elementary in the fall.

Graduates included: Joy Bennett, Alecia Yelton, Linda Hess, Lisa Grindstaff, Jeffrey Yuziuk, Gregory Phillips, Barry McKinney, Vickie Hughes, Eric Hensley, Christine Deyton, Bobby Joe Young, Janice Higgins,

Tamara Price, Brenda Williams, David Styles and Kevin Laughrun. Marshalls Laura Holcombe, Tammy Jones and Landy Wilson took part in the graduation exercises but, due to their age, they will be attending kindergarten again next year.

Following the commencement exercises, Mrs. Jess Styles

was presented with a lovely permanent arrangement of leaves, grape clusters and fern in a statue-like vase, a token of thanks by the mothers of the kindergarten class.

Kindergarten graduation was held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church, Burnsville.



Burnsville Kindergarten Class Of '70

Memorial Day Is Poppy Day

"It's Poppy Time - U.S.A. and the American Legion Auxiliary will have representatives asking everyone to wear a Poppy on Memorial Day, Saturday, May 30.

The red flower is a gesture of remembrance for those who died in America's defense.

The basic purpose of Poppy Day is to offer the American public an opportunity to honor their war dead while donating funds to aid the disabled veterans and their families. This year, more than ever before, our country greatly needs the inspiration of the Poppy and all that it stands for! The flower that speaks of patriotic sacrifice. The memorial to the fallen hero will be a living tribute to their memory through the Rehabilitation and Child Welfare programs the dedicated Auxiliary members conduct.

Those who got their Poppy on the 23rd of May are asked to wear them on the 30th so that they will not be asked again.