

Vocational Education-HS

By Bob Helmle

The widespread publicity given to recent efforts to obtain a technical institute for the three-county area (Avery, Mitchell and Yancey) has amply demonstrated our great need for expanded vocational education.

At the same time it is well to remember that a new technical school, which we believe is fairly well assured, by no means fills the entire need for expansion of vocational education. Our high schools certainly need expanded programs in the practical vocational fields. Even when the technical institute is established unfortunately many of our young people may not take advantage of the opportunity to attend. For many, vocational education will be limited to their years in high school.

The recent survey of Yancey County schools made by the planners from the State Department of Public Instruction contained the strong recommendation of expanding the vocational education in our high schools. It recommended that the program should include industrial arts, business education, training for service industries, a skilled trades program, and homemaking and domestic service.

In justification of the expanded vocational education the planners from Raleigh pointed out the high proportion of Yancey County high school graduates who do not go to college. It is, of course, this large group who profit most from vocational education. From our graduating classes in the three years, 1966, 1967

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Entries Being Accepted For 1970 Miss Mayland Pageant

The 1970 Miss Mayland will be chosen from among many beautiful contestants at the Miss Mayland Pageant on July 30 and 31.

The Pageant, which will be held at Harris High School Auditorium, is sponsored by the Jaycees of each of the three counties of Mayland: Yancey County Jaycees, Spruce Pine Jaycees (Mitchell County) and Avery County Jaycees.

Miss Mayland 1970 will be a contestant in the 1971 Miss North Carolina Pageant to be held in Charlotte.



J. Johnson, Jim Anglin, Ruth Johnson, Paul Parks

Man Killed In Car Accident

An automobile accident took the life of one Yancey man and injured another when the car in which they were riding plunged down a 75 foot embankment last Sunday night.

Clifford Bradford, 45 years old, of Route 4, Burnsville was killed just after 9:00 p.m. on Little Creek Road in Yancey County. He was driving the car when the accident occurred.

Neilly Ledford, 58 years old, of Route 4, Burnsville sustained injuries in the crash and was treated and released.

Yancey Hospital.

Mr. Bradford's surviving relatives include his wife, Cecile Cooper Bradford; two sons, Daniel and Dennis Bradford of Route 4; eight sisters, Mrs. Rufus McIntosh of Route 4, Mrs. Elizabeth Peterson and Mrs. F. P. Phillips of Erwin, Tenn., Mrs. Gene White and Mrs. Gene Wilburn of Asheville, Mrs. Norman Green of Shelby, Mrs. Ned Barlow of Valdese and Mrs. Bill Bumgamer of Miami, Fla.; 3 brothers, Marvin and Ernest of Route 4 and Jack Bradford of Valdese. One grandchild also survives.

Woman's Club

The public is invited to attend the final meeting of the Woman's Club before the summer recess. Mrs. Ralph Jacks will show slides with a commentary on religious influence in literature.

The meeting will be held June 11, Thursday, at 8:00 p.m. in the Community Building. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Margaret Tyner, Mrs. Tessa Swink and Miss Annie Hassell.

Awards Given On GS Recognition Night

Awards and Certificates were presented on Girl Scout Recognition Night, Friday, June 5, to the many men and women who have contributed their help to the Girl Scout Program in Yancey County.

Mrs. Alma Holcombe, Yancey County Troop Organizer, made the presentations of a special gift to Mrs. W.A. Sargent, who has been a member of the Pisgah Council Board of Directors for many years, and certificates of appreciation to Mr. Burhoe, Girl Scout Financial Director for Yancey County, and Bill and Mary Hess who have helped with the Girl Scout floats for several years.

Miss Theresa Coletta presented Certificates of Appreciation to Edward Yuzyuk of The Yancey Record, and Ardell Sink and Stewart Thrower of Radio Station WKYK for helping the Girl Scouting Programs with Promotion and Publicity. Miss Coletta is Senior Girl Scout Advisor.

The Outgoing Neighborhood Chairman, Mrs. Doris Hunter, was given a piece of McWhirter pottery, designed and made especially for her. Specially-

Conference On Water System

By Bob Helmle

The Burnsville Town Board is hopeful that a conference held Tuesday afternoon with officials of the Farmers Home Administration will lead the way to financing needed improvements in the town's water system costing approximately \$335,000.

The conference followed shortly upon receipt of word from the State headquarters of the Farmers Home Administration that a loan to Burnsville of \$225,000 and a grant of \$10,000 had been tentatively approved by the Federal agency. An important condition, however, attaches to this financial assistance, in the requirement that the Appalachian Regional Commission agrees to make a grant to the town in the amount of \$100,900.

This last hurdle has not yet been passed, so at this time nothing definite can be announced. Town officials, however, are fairly confident that the required Appalachian pro-

gram money will be forthcoming.

If the hoped for financing materializes, the improvements will be paid for one-third by grant, and two-thirds by the FHA loan bearing interest at 5 per cent.

Attending the conference in addition to the town officials and Paul Laughrun and Wilbur Howard, FHA people from the local area, were James T. Johnson, State Director of FHA and Paul Parks, Chief of the Community Services Division for N.C. Also present was Mrs. Ruth Johnson, Director of the Mountain Scenic Economic Development Commission, who serves as liaison between the town and the Appalachian Commission.

The Burnsville Town Board has been seeking financial assistance with its much needed water improvements for over two years. Repeated disappointments have been encountered in the past, but the Board at last is optimistic that it is on the right track.

designed pottery by Cora McWhirter was also given to Mr. and Mrs. David Powers for their work as Girl Scout Cookie Coordinators for Yancey County.

Rosebud corsages were given to each Girl Scout Leader in recognition of their excellent work with the troops in Yancey. The leaders were introduced by Mrs. Mary Ann Wampler, Yancey County Troop

Consultant.

The new Yancey Neighborhood Chairman, Mrs. Carolyn Yuziuk, was introduced to the Girl Scout workers and leaders and Mrs. Tania Rollman, field advisor from the Pisgah Council in Asheville, was given special thanks for her efforts in behalf of Scouting in Yancey.

Refreshments of punch and Girl Scout cookies were served following the ceremonies.



Mrs. Alma Holcombe, Mrs. W.A. Sargent