

'Honor America Day'

Singing And Fireworks To Mark July 4th

Yancey Countians have a rare opportunity to join in a good old fashioned Independence Day celebration this Saturday when George Britton, one of the country's foremost guitar players and folk singers, will appear on the townsquare in Burnsville to lead visitors and residents of this area in

singing patriotic songs and folk songs. The celebration will begin at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. Britton, classical and folk guitarist and singer of Philadelphia, Pa., head of the Britton Music Studios with an enrollment of around 300 students, has delighted audiences throughout the United States

for the past 25 years. He has been guest soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra in concerts at the famed "Academy Of Music" and the outdoor Amphitheatre, Robin Hood Dell.

In addition, he has recorded for the major motion picture studios, and has published Folk Mass and Ecumenical and Eco-

logical Services.

The Girl Scouts of Yancey County will be present in force for "Honor America Day" and an Honor Guard consisting of one senior girl scout and three Cadette scouts will present the American Flag at the beginning of the program.

After the group singing and

vocal and guitar solos by the master guitarist, a special treat has been planned for Yancey Countians and others who may attend the celebration. A gigantic fireworks display will bring the program to a fitting end.

Owners of The Yancey Record and Yancey County Country Store, Ed Yuziuk and Capt. George Downing, have contributed the fireworks for this Fourth of July celebration. The Burnsville Fire Department has generously volunteered to assist with the fireworks display and will also have their truck standing by on the square to guarantee a safe Fourth.

So bring a pillow or a blanket to the Village Green in Burnsville on Independence Day. The festivities will begin at 7:30 p. m. when the Yancey Girl Scout Honor Guard will present the American Flag.

Mr. Key, It Sure Does

Patriotism is not dead. In fact, if sales of the American Flag are any indication, it's on the rise.

Flag manufacturers around the country report increases of 40 to 70 per cent in sales of Old Glory in the last year. The demand has grown so fast, in fact, that manufacturers can't meet it.

William Spangler, an officer of Dettra Flag Co. of Oaks, Pa., put it this way: "Sales are up 60 per cent over last year. They could be up 100 per cent if we could supply 'em!"

Even the government is having trouble.

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Touring Youth Choir From First Baptist Church, Fordyce, Arkansas

Sacred Concert By Youth Choir

The Touring Youth Choir of the First Baptist Church of Fordyce, Arkansas, under the direction of Mrs. Cline D. Ellis, accompanied by Mrs. Jack Crowder, will sing a Sacred Concert in the First Baptist Church, Burnsville, N. C., Sunday night, July 5, at 8:00 in the sanctuary of the church.

Mrs. Ellis, the director, is the sister-in-law of Mrs. C. O. Ellis of Burnsville. Her husband, Rev. Cline Ellis, is pastor of First Baptist Church in Fordyce, Arkansas, and led in a series of

Revival services in the First Baptist Church here several years ago.

The choir is composed of Junior and Senior High School students. The program they will sing is a worship, evangelistic presentation which has been planned to touch and change the lives of those to whom they sing. These are dedicated Christian young people who sing to glorify the Lord and project Him through a message in music. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Notice

Governor Bob Scott has declared Independence Day, Saturday, July 4th, a Bank Holiday. The Northwest Bank in Burnsville will be closed on that day in honor of the occasion.

Old Printed Material Sought For ETSU Archives

Anyone who may have saved old books, ledgers, autograph books, journals, manuscript song books, hymn books, collections, and other related items of interest may now find that their efforts to preserve a part of their family's past will be appreciated by historians, folklorists, teachers and students.

These materials are being sought by Virginia David, assistant professor of English at East Tennessee State University, who has received a grant from the university's Research Advisory Council to collect old

printed materials that will be useful to scholarly research.

Some people are careful to preserve old books that have come down to them in the family but many owners may not be aware of their presence. These materials are increasingly being destroyed. They may be stored in the attics where they may be damaged by rats, insects or destroyed by fire. Even if they are discovered, the fragile papers are many times subject to the curious fingers of children.

Because of sentimental attachment, the owners some-

times will not share them with those who could use them in research. Even if the owner were willing to share them, the scholars would have no way of knowing about the books. So if an owner wants to keep his material but is willing to make it available to researchers, Mrs. David will make records describing the material and giving the name of the owner and place it on file in the archives at ETSU which will be open to the public and researchers.

Mrs. David says the archives already has a good collection of folklore songs and dialect

recordings.

One of the most interesting items already collected include a ledger kept by a Sgt. Slagle during the Civil War. It tells about the movements of troops of Company B of the Tennessee Cavalry and includes a roll of the names of men in the company. There is also a hand written song book that is over 200 years old.

Anyone who has an item to donate or a lead she could follow up, may write Mrs. David at East Tennessee State University or call her collect in Bristol, Tennessee, 764-8061.

White Oak Parade Set

The White Oak Creek Community Club will hold its annual Fourth of July Parade and Picnic again this year!

The younger members of the community, friends and relations are now planning costumes and floats for the parade.

They will gather at the upper end of White Oak at 10:30 a. m. The Parade is to start moving down toward Rte 80 at 11:00 a. m., turn around and return to the Ramsey residence. If your children or group would like to take part in the parade, please phone Kore McWhirter, 675-4559.

The adults are getting out their favorite recipes for the covered dish picnic. This will be held, as usual, on Mary Jane Ballew's lawn. (If you need information on this part, please phone Patricia Cooper 675-4271.) Mr. Carl Ericson and Jim McWhirter are in charge of the watermelon cutting.

Also planned is a scavenger hunt and soft ball game for the active ones. For the young in heart, there will be music and singing to join in with or just to enjoy.

We hope that all White Oak residents will come and bring their friends.