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Governor Bob Scott Does Justice To A Juicy Slice Of Watermelon On The Town Square

## Winners In Yancey Youth Jamboree

By Bob Helmle

In the rush of preparation for Governor Scott's visit, the Yancey Record failed last week to report on the results of the two-day Youth Jamboree held at the East Yancey High School on August 6 and 7. Here are the award winners:

Grand Champion, Class I,

Raylene Fox; Grand Champion, Class II, Wanda Hollifield.

Both of these winners were competing in the singing of folk songs and folk ballads.

Other cup winners in folk and ballad singing were Doris Deyton and the quartet composed of Bobby Angel, Donnie Laws, Greg Bryant and Doug

Vance.

In Smooth Square Dance the winners were the teams from South Toe and Clearmont.

In clogging square dancing the cups were won by the Burnsville Elementary and the Burnsville Country Store teams.

In folk dancing, Mrs. Deyton (Cont'd on page 5)



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Trophy Winners And Participants In The Yancey Youth Jamboree

## Town Turns Out To Meet Gov. And Eat Watermelon

By Bob Helmle

Governor Bob Scott's visit to Yancey County on last Monday and Tuesday was a triumph of mountain hospitality in its best informal tradition.

The Governor enjoyed it; his charming wife enjoyed it, his gracious mother enjoyed it. They all said so publicly and repeatedly, and with obvious sincerity. And the large number of our citizens who gathered on the square for the watermelon cutting, and the hand shaking and shoulder rubbing showed every evidence of enjoying it too.

Bob Scott's zest in meeting people is something to see, as the photographs contained in this issue of the Yancey Record so clearly show. But the Governor's trip was no mere sight-seeing and hand shaking trip. As he explained, he wants to see at first hand what's going on--to learn of the problems and what's being done about them. Clearly he went away with a greatly improved knowledge of Yancey County.

Both the Governor and his wife inspected the antiquated Burnsville elementary school, condemned for a generation as hazardous and unfit for school occupancy. In addition to the county's difficult school problem, they recognized the seriousness of the county's population loss, and considered the problems of getting a new hospital.

The Governor's party arrived at the Nu-Wray shortly before supper on Monday. Included in the party were the Governor's wife, Jessie Rae Scott; also our State representatives Liston Ramsey and Ernest Messer, as well as a contingent from the State Highway Patrol. The Governor's mother was already staying at the Nu-Wray.

Bob Scott set the tone of informality for the evening by discarding his jacket. Following supper he joined the festive

watermelon party on the square, where for two hours he chatted and shook hands with the hundreds who were present. Entertainment was provided by the winners of the recent annual Youth Jamboree--dance teams, instrumentalists and singers.

The Governor, in brief remarks from the dance platform explained his purpose in coming here for this visit. He said he recognizes an important need for visiting around and seeing at first hand what is happening in the State. Mrs. Scott followed with an expression of pleasure at participation in the visit. Then the Governor's mother, who is physically a small lady, delighted the crowd by calling attention to the disparity in size between herself and her bulky son. The Governor, she explained, simply ate more than she did.

On Tuesday morning the Governor's tour took him to the courthouse for chats in the several offices. Inspection of the new Northwestern Bank building, the Yancey County Country Store, and the new Baptist Church followed. At the Yancey Record office he chatted with some of the local pupils from Painting in the Mountains, and was photographed with them looking

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## Gov's Mother Reminisces

As told to Ed Yuziuk

During her son's visit to Burnsville, Mrs. Kerr Scott, wife of a former Governor of North Carolina and mother of the present one, reminisced about her own days on the "campaign trail" with her husband. She expressed admiration for her daughter-in-law, who has, in her words, "fulfilled a difficult double role of the wife of the Governor of North Carolina and the mother of five active, growing children."

This charming and gracious lady, during a brief visit to The Yancey Record, gave a mother's view of the early years of her son's political career and of his wife, the former Jessie Ray Osborne, as follows:

"A native of Fayetteville, N.C., classmate of Robert Scott at Alexander Wilson High School in Alamance County,

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## Summer's Over, School Begins

School officially starts for Yancey County students on Friday, August 21st when they must report for a half-day session. School buses will pick students up at their regular time and will return them after school lets out at 11:30 a. m.