



Sheriff Kermit Banks, Luke Atkinson

## GOP Candidate Tours Yancey Gets Local View On Issues

Luke Atkinson, Republican candidate for the 11th Congressional District, toured Yancey County last Friday accompanied by local sheriff, Kermit Banks.

Atkinson, who owns a furniture store in Asheville and is a member of the Asheville City Council, also talked with businessmen and farmers in Yancey in an effort to see what issues concern them and get their viewpoint.

Following the tour, Atkinson met for lunch at the Amberjack Restaurant with several interested citizens and discussed his own views.

He was interviewed by Radio Station WKYK later Friday afternoon.

Visitors from Asheville at the luncheon were Dan Eller, Jay Hensley and Doris Foster. Also present was Bill Powell, a Mars Hill Pharmacist who is North Carolina State Senator

## Cane River Team Wins

Cane River High traveled to Boones Creek Friday night and came home with a 6-0 victory.

Gerald Pate scored the decisive touchdown in the third quarter on an end sweep.

Johnny Westall, Jimmy Crain and Bobby Buchanan were outstanding on defense for the "Rebels". Cane River will play host to Bakersville this Friday night.

# Voters Favor Bond Issue 139-8 In Special Election

Burnsville voted overwhelmingly in a special election on Tuesday to authorize a bond issue of \$230,000 to raise the town's portion of the cost of enlarging and improving its water system. The vote was 139 to 8 in favor of the proposal when the ballots were in.

With less than six per cent of the voters in opposition, the election was a strong vote of confidence for the Town Board, in recognition of their efforts to obtain financial assistance under the various Federal grant programs.

The need for improving the town's water system has been so widely recognized that the only question facing the town has been how much financial Town Board, after working on the matter for several years believes that the present project is the most favorable that Burnsville is likely to get.

Only about a quarter of the town's registered voters participated in this election. This small turnout was a reflection of the complete lack of expressed opposition to the bond issue. Many eligible voters felt that with the outcome a foregone conclusion, there was no point in going to the polls.

The money obtained from the bond issue will be added to \$110,000 which will come from Federal grants made by the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Farmers Home Administration. The Town's engineers who are now at work on the plant design have given assurance that the bond issue will provide ample funds to complete the project. They are hopeful, in fact, that the entire authorized issue will not be needed, and that an issue of something less than \$200,000 will suffice.

The Farmers Home Administration has agreed to purchase the bonds at a more favorable rate of interest than the town could obtain by selling the bonds to private investors through the usual channels. In view of the high interest rate prevailing, this constitutes an important advantage to the town.

The start of construction is still uncertain. Detailed engineering must first be completed, after which the plans must be submitted for Federal approval. The final steps will be the obtaining of bids and the letting of contracts.

## Man Killed In Accident

William Dean Briggs, 23, of Burnsville Route 1, was fatally injured in a one-car accident on N. C. 197 about three miles north of Burnsville early Sunday.

State Trooper A. T. Canipe, who investigated the accident, said a physician estimated that Briggs died about 2 a. m. on Sunday.

The trooper said the car was rounding a left-hand curve when it ran off the right side, through a barbed wire fence and down an embankment, and overturned in a field. It appeared that Briggs had been thrown out of the car through the rear window of the coupe he was occupying. Briggs was alone in the car at the time of the accident.

Briggs' body and the wreck-  
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## Panthers Still Undefeated

The undefeated Panthers of East Yancey High ran into a determined Marshall team on Friday night which held them to but one score--a five yard scamper by quarterback Kenneth Winters in the third quarter--but it was enough for an 8-0 victory.

The night's only score started with a 61-yard run to the Tornadoes five yard line by Panther halfback Randy Banks at the start of the third quarter. Winters then took the ball over.

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## Burnsville PTA Commends Wilson, Thanks Clevenger In 1st Meeting Of School Year

Burnsville Elementary PTA held its first meeting of this school year on Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m. The major to-

pic of unfinished business discussed was the school building issue. Mr. Bill Hess, President of the Burnsville PTA, reviewed

steps taken during the summer vacation to close the Burnsville school, apparently to no avail. He read aloud three telegrams which he had just sent. The Telegrams went to Dr. A. Craig Phillips, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Senator Sam Ervin; and Governor and Mrs. Robert Scott, asking their help in closing down the "Burnsville Elementary School Firetrap".

A resolution was passed to have the PTA secretary write a letter to I. E. Clevenger, the chairman of the Yancey County Board of Education, thanking him for his personal support of Burnsville Elementary School PTA endeavors.

A second resolution was passed to be sent to Yancey County Board of Education...

(1) requesting them to give public notice in advance of all School Board meetings and (2) Commending Landrum Wilson, School Superintendent for instituting and supporting centralized purchasing for the school lunchrooms and a county-wide lunchroom manager.

## Burnsville Woman To Be In Awards Publication

The Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church announced today that Mrs. Mary Ann Wampler has been selected to appear in the 1970 edition of "Outstanding Young Women of America". Nominated earlier this year, she has been chosen for the awards publication on the basis of her achievements.

Now in its sixth year, the Outstanding Young Women of America program, designed to recognize the abilities of women between the ages of 21 and 35, was conceived by the leaders of the nation's major women's organizations. This program recognizes those young women who contribute to the betterment of their communities, professions, and country.

Serving on the program's Board of Advisors are the national presidents of women's clubs, headed by Mrs. Dexter Otis Arnold, Honorary President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Each year over 6,000 young women are nominated as Outstanding Young Women of America by leading women's organizations, college alumni  
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## Notice

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