

## United Fund Campaign Starts Today

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The sixteenth annual drive of the Yancey United Fund started officially today, aiming to raise a budget goal of \$9,900 to support a score of health, welfare, and character-building agencies, all of which benefit Yancey County.

Under the chairmanship of Mack B. Ray, assisted by Vice-Chairmen Mrs. Pat Guyer and John Martin, an organization of volunteer workers has been assembled to conduct a whirlwind campaign during the next three weeks.

The campaign committee this year is making a special effort to get across to the citizens of the county the great benefits conferred on the community by the many agencies included in the budget. Chairman Ray hopes in this way to obtain an increase in the size of the average contribution. This, he feels, is not an unreasonable aim, in view of the importance and number of the agencies included in the United Fund budget.

Chiefly through increasing the size of contributions, the committee believes, can the goal be reached. It is hoped that many contributors will recognize that a day's pay will approximate their fair share of support.

The campaign committee is encouraged by interest already shown. Advance contributions have been received, and also inquiries about qualifying for the campaign honor roll. As previously announced, this will be open to all businesses and administrative offices with three or more employees. At-

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## Arrest Made On Drug Charges

Yancey County Sheriff's Department arrested a local man Sunday afternoon on drug charges according to Sheriff Kermit Banks. The arrest was made by Chief Deputy Erwin Higgins near Burnsville.

The man was charged with the sale of seconal, a barbiturate drug. Bond was set at \$500 pending hearing in District Court.

The man's name is being withheld pending further investigation.

## Disappointed Parents Talk With Board Chairman

# School Board Meeting Postponed

By Bill Hess

Approximately 50 concerned Yancey County citizens appeared last Friday night to hear the decision of the Yancey County

School Board on the vote to implement the state approved plan for our schools by authorizing the immediate construction of 10 rooms out at Cane

River, moving East Yancey out there and moving the Burnsville Elementary School students into East Yancey. This meeting, which the citizens

were told by the Board at their September meeting, would be open, was suddenly, by notice given a few days before the meeting, to be a "closed meeting". It turned out that even the "closed meeting" would not be held, for shortly after appearing everyone was informed that the meeting had been "postponed" to some future indefinite date.

Not to be denied at least a little information about what is going on with this state approved plan, Mr. E. Clevenger, Chairman of the Board, was contacted by phone and graciously agreed to come down and talk to those present. A long question and answer period took place, but of course, in the absence of any other Board members no action could take place. Mr. Clevenger did state to those present, however, that he would call a Board meeting for this Friday night, October 16, at 8:00 p.m. He also stated that interested citizens would be allowed to be present, but that the present rules of the Board did not allow any discussion from the floor or any presentation by anyone in attendance that had not previously made an appointment to speak within certain time limits.

Those present expressed deep

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## New School Programs Financed By Grants

By Bob Helmle

The Yancey County school authorities in recent months have been diligently practicing the new art of "grantsmanship"--a term used to describe the pursuit by local authorities of Federal and State grants to finance local projects. The success of our school people in these efforts has been considerable.

A recent survey of Yancey County schools discloses that several of the Federally aided programs are new, starting this school year, or were started

experimentally last year and are now expanded to all schools.

Several other subsidized programs were started back in the mid-1960's, but the largest number are either new, or started a year ago.

### Notice

The Yancey County Board of Education will hold a meeting Friday, October 16th in the Yancey County Courthouse. They will hear a delegation from Burnsville at that time.

The amount of the subsidy varies. Eight of the programs are financed 100 per cent by grant money. For others, the grant ranges from 50 per cent up, usually amounting to about 75 per cent. In these latter cases, the County puts up the balance not paid for by the Federal grant or State grant.

The programs cover a wide range of educational activity, and a bewildering variety of sources of grants under Federal and State legislation. Clearly considerable study and effort

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## Burns: A Name For 'Fighting' Men

Otway Burns IV, the great grandson of Captain Otway Burns, recently visited his brother, Major Romie Burns in Burnsville.

Otway Burns IV was born in Sarasota, Florida and visited with his family in Burnsville on numerous occasions during the 1930's. He entered the U.

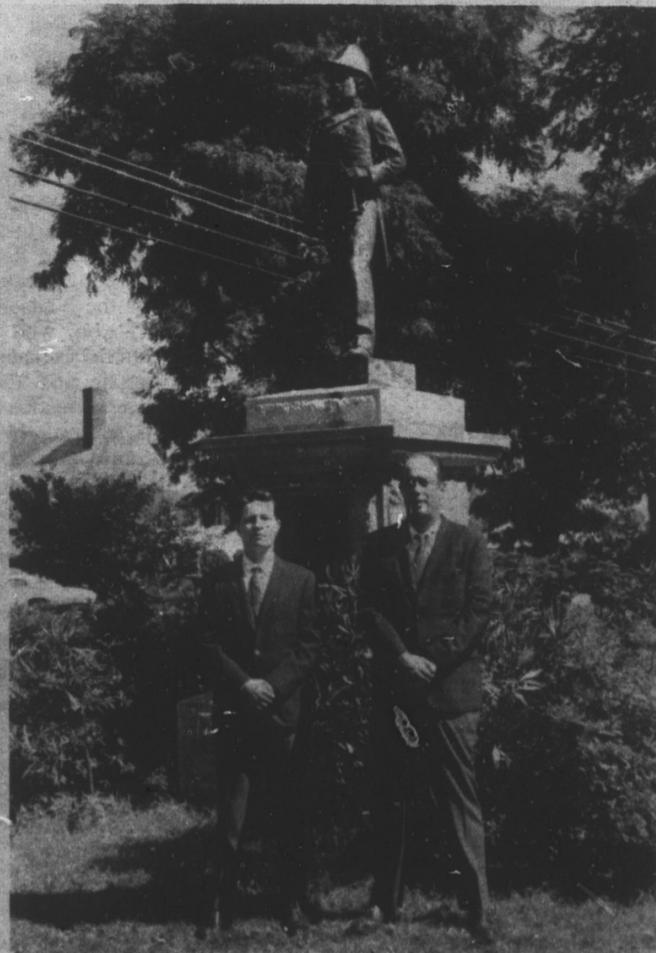
S. Army Corp of Combat Engineers in 1940 at the age of 16. A veteran of five years of service; three years and three months of it spent overseas in World War II. He took part in four invasion landings which included Africa, Sicily, Italy and Normandy on "D" Day and served in eight campaigns of battle.

Mr. Otway Burns is presently employed as District Manager of International Lead Co. for the states of Florida and Georgia. He resides in Jacksonville, Florida with his wife, Hazel and four children.

His brother, Major Romie Burns was graduated from Burnsville High School and Western Carolina University. Prior to entry into the US Air Force he taught and coached at Bald Creek High School. While in the United States Air Force he served as a fighter pilot, instructor fighter pilot, and professor of Air Science at the University of New York at Buffalo. Major Burns and his wife, Jo and four children live on Bennett Street in Burnsville.

Other great grandchildren of Captain Otway Burns are: Martha Armstrong Smith of Coronado, California; Owen Burns of San Francisco; Edwin

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Two Great-Grandsons Of Captain Otway Burns



CWO William Hicks

## Jaycee Meeting

The public is invited to attend the Jaycee Meeting October 19, 1970, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Building. Chief Warrant Officer W. E. Hicks is to be the guest speaker at this meeting.

Chief Warrant Officer William Hicks was born in High

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