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Girls Haven Becoming A Reality

Girls Haven is on its way to becoming a reality. This past weekend a group of interested citizens from Burnsville met with people from around the state to discuss Girls Haven. Appropriately, the meeting was held at Boy's Home in Lake Waccamaw. The entire group could see in the family style cottages on the beautiful lake site and in the gentlemanly young men living there the value of the dedication and many months of hard work that built Boy's Home. Luckily for Girls Haven, some of the people who made Boy's Home a success will be working in the new Girls Haven.

The plan for Girls Haven is not completed yet, so it has not been decided whether it will have a campus like Boy's Home or be developed on a "satellite" plan where counties all around the state have individual private homes licensed as Girls Haven.

No matter which plan is decided on, only the widespread support in time and in money that built Boy's Home can do the same for Girls Haven. Several fund raising projects and many, many more meetings will be necessary. You may be contacted to give in some way. Consider, before you answer, how far reaching your act of generosity could be.

The next meeting for Girls Haven will be held in Burnsville with people from throughout the state in attendance. This session, January 30th at 10:00 will include potential board members and interested citizens. The place has not been decided upon, however, it will be open to the public and you are encouraged to attend.

Candlelight Church Service

The youth of the First Presbyterian, First Baptist, and Higgins Memorial Methodist Churches will present a Christmas Candlelight Service at the First Presbyterian Church on December 23rd at 7:30 p.m. The program was written and planned by the youth; and you are cordially invited to share and worship with them.

Busing Of Children Termed 'Last Resort' School Board, Commissioners Meet

By Bob Helmle
The unwelcome possibility next fall of having to bus children now attending the Burnsville elementary school out to the other elementary schools in the county, emerged from discussions at the school board meetings held last Friday and Monday nights.

This possibility may occur as an unhappy last resort if the

necessary financing cannot be found for providing safe classrooms at the Burnsville school. The State insurance authorities at Raleigh are insistent that fire safe accommodations must be provided if the old school building is to be occupied next year.

This, among many other matters relating to the acute Yancey County school situa-

tion was discussed at the two meetings. The first was an open meeting of the school board attended by some forty interested citizens. It was a New England type town meeting at which everyone was welcome to "sound off" with questions, criticisms, recommendations and proposals.

There was much "sounding off". School board members

and Superintendent Landrum Wilson valiantly attempted to answer questions and to respond to proposals. It developed that since purse strings are held by the County Commissioners, improved communication between school board and the commissioners has become essential, if our problems are to be solved.

The second meeting, held Monday night, was an informal joint meeting of the two boards. Attorneys of the school board and the Commissioners attended as well as some dozen interested citizens. This joint meeting was productive of much clarification of problems as well as the defining of limitations to possible solutions. As always in Yancey County matters, the financial limitations loomed large.

The atmosphere was entirely amicable. All suggestions received open minded consideration. Chairman Oscar Deyton said "We'll give every proposal fair consideration -- we'll rule nothing out." Following this meeting Chairman Lum Clevenger stated that never in his experience had the two boards sat down together to consider problems in this mutually friendly and fair minded way.

Prior to these meetings many people apparently believed that the threat to close the old Burnsville school was mere bluff, and that it would not really be carried out. Now, however, it seems generally recognized that the threat is positive and serious--communications received by Superintendent Wilson from Raleigh make that clear. Possible courses of action to provide continuance of the Burnsville school were considered at length.

One possibility is the purchase or rental of mobile classrooms. A second possibility is to make the required repairs in the old school so that occupation of the first floor of the building can be continued. It was agreed that better cost figures for the alternatives are required for making a decision.

Wm. Hess, president of the Burnsville PTA made a considered appeal to the County

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Mrs. Santa Claus Hears Christmas Wishes From Children At 'Children's Hour'

Children's Hour Christmas Party

From Baby-Go-Bye - Bye Dolls, to Teddy Bears, a chemistry set (!), and "lots of nice surprises, please," fifty "little people" gave their Christmas lists and requests to Mrs. Santa Claus at the CHILDREN'S HOUR Christmas party this past Monday morning.

Mrs. Santa Claus arrived around 10:00 a. m. at the Yancey County Public Library. The eagerly waiting children took their turns rocking in Mrs. Santa Claus's lap as they talked with her about Mr. Santa Claus, Santa's elves, and what they hope to find in the Christmas stocking on Christmas morning.

Assisting Miss Theresa Colletta with the Christmas party were Mrs. Betty Bacon, Mrs. Mary Young, and Mrs. Mary Hess. Assisting Mrs. Santa

Claus with "goodies" from her kitchen were the Yancey County Jaycettes.

Those children attending the Christmas party were children

from Mrs. Nellie Style's Kindergarten, the Yancey County Child Development Center, and children from throughout Yancey County.

Tobacco Production Contest Being Held Now In Yancey

The County Agriculture Extension office has announced that a Burley Tobacco Production Contest is being held. The purpose of the contest is to increase awareness by producers of the best burley production practices. Entry forms may be picked up at the County Extension office, the ASC office, or any of the following Sponsors:

Dellinger & Silver, Deyton Farm Supply, J.F. Robinson Johnson & Co., Miller & Son,

and Q. C. Whitson.

Each and every burley grower in Yancey County is eligible to enter this contest. According to Wm. C. Bledsoe, County Extension Chairman, the contest begins now, and will end February 2, 1971.

The winners will receive prize money and recognition. The outstanding producers will be entered in Area competition and attend a meeting where a state winner will be announced.