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Computer Aid For Consumer

The computer and consumer have been joined in the holy bonds of money saving by a calculating device made available by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

It's called "The Comparison Shopper" by which madam housewife can quickly determine the cost per ounce of any pre-packaged item in the store by thereby dialing the number of ounces to the cost of the package. The answer appears in a little window on the outer wheel.

"The Comparison Shopper is a clever little calculator that fits nicely in a wallet or pocket book," commented Agriculture Commissioner James A. Graham. "And if the home budget watcher uses it, she can tell right off what her cost per ounce is. She can make quick comparisons of competitive items in shopping and thereby save money."

To get your "Comparison Shopper" write: Commissioner James A. Graham, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 27647, Raleigh, N. C. 27611.



Girls in Action II of the First Baptist Church exchanged gifts with the children from Yancey County Child Development Center at a Christmas Party given by the GA's on December 22. The children had made gifts for the occasion and enjoyed sharing in the gift-giving. The party was part of a continuing project in which the GA's and children of the CDC get together at various special occasions during the year. Each GA is "big sister" to two of the children at the Center.

Warm December Deals Blow To Ski Areas; Mountain Weather Prophets Read Signs

BLOWING ROCK --An uncanny, warm December has dealt a setback to ski areas in the state, but mountain weather prophets take the signs to mean that the winter cold will be as late departing as it is in arriving.

Temperature records compiled at Appalachian Ski Mountain for the first three weeks of December show an average daytime high of 51.6 degrees, 14.1 degrees warmer than last year.

The mercury has dipped low enough to allow man-made snow operations eight times this month. The corresponding time period last year provided 20 nights cold enough to make snow.

Changes are in the making, though, according to some of the native weather seers here who base their predictions on everything from nightcrawlers to the numbers of buds on the rhododendron.

"It's been a very disappointing winter so far--about like it was in '64, cold for one week and then warm for two weeks," said Abb Hayes, a native of Blowing Rock and one of the revered weather forecasters. He is Operations Manager at Ski Mountain.

"But," he believes, "you always figure to have a certain amount of winter up here. It's

Yancey Youth Found Dead, Girl Unconscious In Car

A Yancey County youth was found dead and a young woman found unconscious in a parked car on the Crabtree Road in Mitchell County early Sunday morning.

The youth was identified as Gary Dean Huskins, 19, of Burnsville Route 5, and the young woman as Miss Fleeta Sue Winters, 20, of Spruce Pine Route 1.

The couple was found by Miss Winters' father, Bobby Winters, who had gone to look for her when she failed to arrive home at her usual time. Winters drove around for some

time, finally located the car, took the victims to the hospital and called the Sheriff's Department, according to Mitchell County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jack Youris.

Huskins was pronounced dead on arrival at Spruce Pine Community Hospital. Miss Winters was admitted to the hospital in critical condition.

The deputy said when he examined the car he found the ignition still on, the engine stopped, and the gasoline gauge registering empty.

Dr. Fergus Pope, medical examiner, ruled death was accidental and due to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Miss Winters, he said, was slowly regaining consciousness Sunday night.

The Huskins youth attended East Yancey High School and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Huskins of Burnsville.

Surviving in addition to the parents are three sisters, Mrs. Sanford Dale of Old Fort, and Mrs. Phillip Gouge and Mrs. Joe Gurley, both of Burnsville, and five brothers, Herman of Lenoir, and Alfred, Roy, Ray, and Larry, all of Burnsville.

Services were held at 2:00 p. m. Monday in Fairview Baptist Church. Revs. Lloyd Glenn and Edward Blevins officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Panthers Will Host Nebo In All-Out Basketball Game

By Ernie Howard
Saturday night, January 2, the East Yancey Panthers will host Nebo at East Yancey. Nebo is 12-1 with its only loss at the hands of Dallas. East Yancey is 2-6 and 1-1 in the conference.

Coach Banks expects an all-out, good game by the Panthers. East Yancey is coming

from a depressing defeat to Spruce Pine.

According to Coach Banks, "Nebo is a well balanced, good sized and high scoring team."

So come out and enjoy a good high school basketball game. Remember, the game will be played January 2, Saturday night.



Tim Gillespie of Route 2, Burnsville was the happy winner of the "Biggest Christmas Stocking Of All" on Wednesday, December 23. The huge stocking was given as a prize by Burnsville Super Market.