

Yancey And Mitchell Countians Respond; Over \$4000 Contributed To Aid Family

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The citizens of Yancey and Mitchell Counties listened with their hearts to the awful story

of a fire in Newdale which demolished a home and decimated a family, and responded in their own wonderful and gen-

erous manner.
A raging fire took the lives of three children and destroyed the home of Charles Bailey

Jr. last Friday at 5:30 in the morning. All of the children were under five years of age. Bailey managed to save one

child, 5-year-old Sanford Bailey, but both he and his son were severely burned. The father was taken to the Spruce Pine Community Hospital in critical condition and Sanford was reported in poor condition at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville.

At this time Bailey is considered to be holding his own, although besides being badly burned he also suffered from smoke inhalation. Sanford is still in the Intensive Care facility at the Asheville hospital. Mrs. Bailey was treated for burns at the Asheville hospital last Friday and released.

A call went out from the Yancey County Department of Social Services for money, furniture, clothing and anything else that would help the family reestablish itself. In less than 5 days, more than \$4,000 has been received by the Social Service Department to aid the Bailey family. According to Randall Peacock, head of the Yancey Social Services, the money has come mostly from individual donations -- many from people who have had trouble themselves and who know the value of a helping hand.

Several stores in Yancey and Mitchell Counties have given substantial contributions and the employees at the Pam Manufacturing Company, both in Micaville and Spruce Pine, deserve special mention as they collected several hundred dollars among themselves.

"Enough furniture has been donated to furnish several houses," said Peacock, "and one man in Spruce Pine offered to furnish an entire house himself. No one was reluctant or even hesitant. Everyone seemed genuinely concerned about the family and wanted to do all they could to help! We are hoping to establish a kind of Emergency Furniture Supply for use in cases where people lose everything and need help to tide them over such as in this instance, Peacock added.

Money and items for the Bailey family may be sent to the Department of Social Services at Yancey County, or to Parsley's Grocery on U.S. 19 (Route 2, Burnsville).

Heart Sound Screening Program Termed Successful, Testing Scheduled For Completion Here In February

The School Heart Sound Screening Program, started in the Fall of 1969 and sponsored by the North Carolina Heart Association, has been completed in Mitchell and Watauga Counties with apparent success. Screening is scheduled for completion in Yancey County in February and Avery County in May, 1971. Dr. David L. Phillips, who specializes in cardiovascular diseases, is Medical Director and Dr. Thomas Nolen of Greensboro is the Pediatric Cardiologist. Volunteers, who do the initial screening, are trained by a Registered Nurse, Mrs. Annetta Buchanan, Mrs. Mary Wilson is the Project Coordinator.

The screening procedure is done in the following steps: 1. After receiving parental permission the initial screening is performed by volunteer technicians in each public school using a newly-developed heart sound screening machine called a Phonocardiocan. The

machine consists of small microphones attached to the chest which "listen to" the heart sounds, and is so computerized that it can recognize abnormal heart sounds and indicate any possible abnormality. 2. All students who show a possible abnormality or unsatisfactory testing or who have a history of a heart murmur are then examined at the school by the physician director by regular stethoscope examination. 3. Students who still seem to have an abnormality are examined by a well-trained Pediatric Cardiologist, Dr. Thomas Nolan. This is done at the school. Then, 4. Students who still demonstrate evidence of a possible abnormality are referred to the Pediatric Cardiology Clinic at North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, where further examinations, including x-rays and electrocardiograms are done and the final diagnosis and recommended treatment are established. The entire

above procedure is accomplished without cost to the child or parents. If further heart surgery or other expensive procedures are necessary, funds can usually be provided from the Crippled Children's Fund.

So far, 3000 students in Mitchell and 4200 students in Watauga County have been screened. Eleven in Mitchell and thirteen in Watauga were diagnosed as abnormal and all have been referred to Baptist Hospital. Sixteen of these examinations have been completed, demonstrating significant abnormalities in all sixteen cases. Three of these cases have undergone successful heart operations, with another scheduled in the next two weeks. The remaining eight cases are being processed through the necessary channels.

The same procedures will be carried out for Yancey and Avery Counties as soon as the heart screening is completed.

This is a pilot project fun-

ded by the North Carolina Regional Medical Program and is limited to Avery, Mitchell, Yancey and Watauga Counties with a similar program in Mecklenburg County. It includes specifically all children in the public schools from the first through twelfth grades and has also been extended to some pre-school Headstart programs. Pre-school children may have a heart problem and, if you are suspicious of an abnormality have your child checked by your doctor who will send him through the necessary channels. If an operation is indicated and you need financial assistance get in touch with your County Heart Fund President and secure an application for financial aid. It will be filed through the Heart Association at Chapel Hill where help can be obtained through the Crippled Children's Fund.

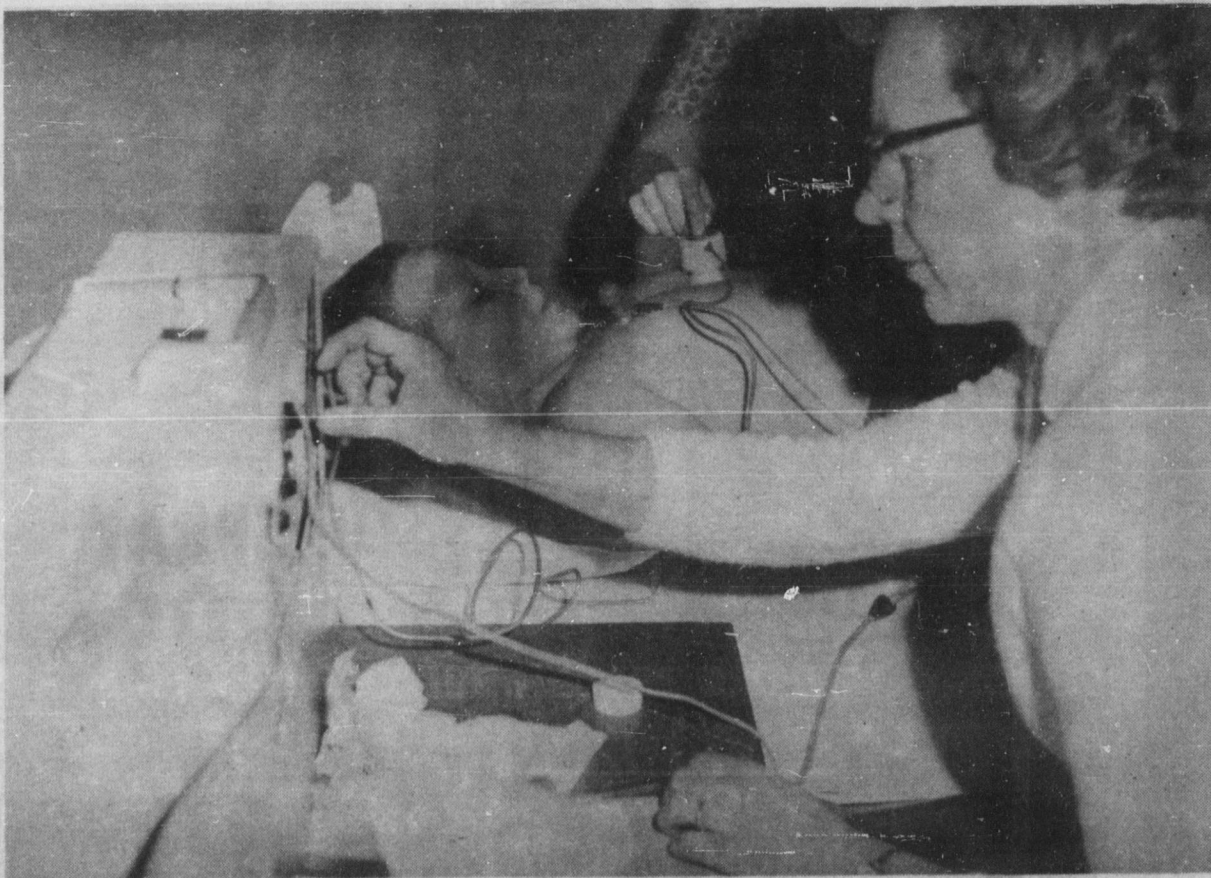
We will keep you informed as the Heart Screening Program proceeds.

Boy Scout Parent Night

On January 19 at 7:30 p. m., Boy Scout Troop No. 502 will have parents night and an investiture ceremony in the Troop Room at Higgins Memorial Methodist Church. Scouts who have passed their Tenderfoot requirements will receive patches of rank and neckerchiefs. The mother of each new Tenderfoot will receive a pin.

An American flag which has been flown over the White House will be presented to the newly organized Troop, courtesy of Congressman Roy A. Taylor.

The Scouts will also have displays and will demonstrate the various skills they have learned. All parents and friends are invited to attend.



Volunteers Give Heart Screening Test To Young Student