



Scoutmaster McLain Congratulates Ernie Howard As Parents Look On

Burnsville Boy Scout Troop Holds Investiture Ceremony

Boy Scout Troop #502, Burnsville, N. C. had its first Court of Honor and Tenderfoot Investiture Ceremony on January 21, 1971, at Higgins Memorial Methodist Church. The Scout Troop was organized early this winter and consists of 30 active boys. The Investiture Ceremony was held to honor 14 scouts who had attained the rank of Tenderfoot. The boys were presented with badges of rank and neckerchiefs. Each boy presented his mother with a pin of the Tenderfoot rank. Boys achieving the rank of Tenderfoot

were Tony Byrd, Mike Sink, Mike Moore, Kenny Shade, Wade McCurry, Mike Bailey, Alan Presnell, Donny Laws, Tim Thompson, Greg Wilson, Robert Pitman, Jimmy Wilson, Jeff Harding and Todd Bailey.

A Court of Honor was held to present Scout Ernie Howard with the rank of Life Scout. This is an extremely high rank which very few scouts attain. The badge of rank was presented by Superintendent Landrum Wilson. Ernie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Howard of Burnsville. Mrs. Howard was presented a mother's pin.

Other Scouts receiving awards were John Blair-4 years Service Star; Ernie Howard-4 years Service Star and 2 merit badges; Kenny Deyton-3 years Service Star and 1 merit badge; Randy Thomas-2 years Service Star.

The Troop was also presented an American flag that was flown over the White House. The flag was obtained through the office of Congressman Roy A. Taylor.

About 60 parents and friends attended the ceremony. They were served refreshments and given demonstrations by the Scouts following the ceremony.



Scouts Plan Paper Drive

The Burnsville Boy Scouts will begin pickup of old newspapers and coat hangers on February 6. The purpose of the project is to raise money to purchase much needed equipment for the Troop.

The Troop asks that everyone start saving their old newspapers, magazines, and coat hangers for this purpose.

The time and dates will be published when pickup will be made for various parts of the town.



Boy Scout Hike

By Todd Bailey

On Saturday, January 23, the Boy Scout Troop #502 went on a 5-mile hike into Linville Gorge. At the bottom of the Gorge they cooked lunch.

The troop was accompanied by leaders John McLain and Forrest McCall and the Reverend Harold McDonald.

Reps. Ramsey And Messer Sponsor Bill To Help Finance Establishment Of Tri County Technical Institute

By Bob Helmle

An important step toward establishment of the proposed technical institute to serve the three counties, Yancey, Mitchell and Avery, is being taken in the session of the General Assembly now getting underway in Raleigh. Representative Liston Ramsey has sent word that he and Representative Ernest Messer are jointly

sponsoring a bill to help finance the establishment of the school.

The proposed bill appropriates \$100,000 for each of the two fiscal years beginning July 1, 1971. This is the estimated amount that will be needed from State funds to get the school started.

The State Board of Education approved the request of the three counties for a technical school a year ago. This approval was one of the major hurdles to overcome in obtaining the institute in this area. Based on precedent of previous sessions of the General Assembly this backing by the State school authorities gives virtual assurance that the appropriation will be voted.

The Mountain Scenic Planning and Development Commission, of which Bill Wilkins is chairman, deserves credit for carrying the major part of the load in preparing the application and otherwise promoting the project. For more than two years interested citizens have been working toward establishing the much needed school.

Financing of the operating expense of a technical institute comes from three sources. Roughly 60 per cent comes from the State, 20 per cent from student fees and 20 per cent from the local counties.

The commissioners of the 3 counties involved in this proposal have all agreed that the local funds will be forthcoming.

Financing of the school building should receive major assistance from the Federal Appalachian program.

Panel Discussion Set On 'Role Of The Church'

On Sunday, January 31, at 6:30 p. m., in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church of Burnsville, Mr. Randall Peacock, Mr. Dover R. Fouts, Mr.

Wilbur Howard, Dr. Fergus Pope, Judge J. Ray Braswell, Sheriff Kermit Banks, Rev. Don Elly and Miss Wanda Edwards will participate in a panel discussion dealing with the role of the Church in making our community a better place to live.

The discussion will consider the functions and nature of social agencies in the community and will seek to discover ways in which the Church can add her influence to the helping ministry. Possibilities for cooperation and understanding between the Church and other helping professions will be considered.

This program is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

PTA Features Special Film

The East Yancey PTA will meet in the school library on Monday, February 1, at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Vernie Wilson will be in charge of the program.

Mrs. Wilson attended a seminar on Drug Abuse at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill this past summer and will present some highlights of that study course. She attended under the sponsorship of the Yancey County Board of Education.

Included in her program will be a showing of the film entitled "Marijuana".

All parents and other interested persons are urged to attend this important presentation which should clarify many questions on the use of marijuana or other drugs.

March Of Dimes Gospel Sing

The annual Gospel Sing for the March of Dimes will be held at the Asheville City Auditorium on Saturday, January 30, 1971 at 7:30 p. m. There will be no admission charge, but an opportunity will be provided for those who wish to make a contribution.

All singers and all who are working on the project are donating their time. All proceeds from the Gospel Sing will go to the Buncombe County March of Dimes.

The March of Dimes works to treat birth defects. They also work to prevent birth defects. Help them work toward a healthy birthright for every baby.

C. E. Bailey is Chairman of arrangements. E. J. Ball and Frank Reed are Masters of Ceremonies.

All singing groups are invited to participate.

Notice

The Extension Homemakers County Council will meet on Thursday, January 28, 1:30 p. m. in the County Extension Office. Mrs. Jess Lawhern, County President, will be in charge. All Extension Homemakers Club officers are expected to attend.