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**Dr. D.L. Phillips Examines Child With School Nurse
Heart Screening Program
Now Completed In Yancey**

By Bud Tally

The Heart Screening program in Yancey County is now completed as follows: All of the children in Yancey County have been screened, and Dr. D. L. Phillips, Physician Director of the Mitchell, Avery, Yancey and Watauga area, has examined the children indicated by the screening test. Children with positive or questionable findings will next be examined by Dr. Nolan, the Pediatric Cardiologist, and if indicated referred to the cardiac clinic at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, for further testing. After that, they will be scheduled for further treatment as required.

The following people were involved in the 4-County program:

Dr. D. L. Phillips, Physician Director; Mrs. Mary Wilson, Area Coordinator; Mrs. Annetta Buchanan, Nurse Instructor. From Yancey County were Mrs. Nellie Lewis, the Teacher of Health Occupations at East Yancey High School, who was in charge of screening at East Yancey High; Mrs. Nancy Shaw, School Nurse for Yancey County, who helped in entire program in County; Mrs. Lucille Piercy, Aide to Mrs. Nancy Shaw. In addition, there were many volunteers in each school district.

The following interview with Dr. D. L. Phillips will help to clarify this whole program:

Mr. Tally: Dr. Phillips, how do you rate the heart screening program from a standpoint of necessary action that should be taken all over the State and possibly all over the Country?

Dr. Phillips: I believe careful examination of every school child for abnormal heart sounds should be done as soon as possible everywhere. I think the method of accomplishing this used in our North Carolina Heart Association pilot project has demonstrated a high degree of effectiveness, efficiency and practicality. I believe it is the preferred present method of mass screening of children for heart disease. This project could be continued in the four Appalachian counties already involved by screening the first grade each year or the first four grades each four years. Mr. Tally:

Notice

Extra 'souvenir' copies of the 1971 Progress Edition of The Yancey Record are available at the Record office on the town square.

**FHA Grant And Loan
For Water System OK'd**

By Bob Helmlle

In a telephone call to Mayor James Anglin last Friday, Congressman Roy Taylor broke the news that the FHA grant and loan to help finance improvements in the Burnsville water system had been approved in Washington.

This financial assistance, long sought by the town officials, consists of a loan of \$225,600 at 5 per cent interest, and a grant of \$10,000. The grant is outright, and does not have to be repaid. The loan and grant from FHA together provide only part of the total cost of the water improvements. An additional \$100,000 is virtually assured, as a grant (not requiring repayment) from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Although official notice has not yet been received relative to this latter grant, assurances have been received from such trustworthy sources, that the Town Board has felt justified in proceeding with the engineering and other steps necessary to get work under way.

On this past Tuesday the Town Board met with FHA Supervisor, Wilbur Howard, and the Town's engineers to schedule the numerous steps to be taken preparatory to letting contracts. It appears now that construction may get under way by July, hopefully in time for the now 2,000,000 gallon reservoir to be built this summer. Construction of this prestressed concrete tank, an important part of the project, must be undertaken during the summer weather.

The entire project is estimated to cost about \$335,000. Major improvements, in addition to the new reservoir, will be made. These include reconstruction of the two intake dams on the headwaters of Bolens Creek, which are now in bad repair; reconditioning of the present treatment plant, and important improvements to the system of water lines in

the town. A second main line will be built to bring water down to town from the filter plant, which will provide insurance against interruption of water service, should the old line break.

The expansion of the water system will facilitate the placing of several new fire hydrants at strategic locations,

providing much improved fire protection in several sections of the town.

The Town Board, the FHA and the Town's engineers are now all pushing to get the construction work started as soon as practicable. The whole project is expected to take about a year to complete after construction starts.

**Body Of 37-Year-Old Man
Found In Yancey Saturday**

A Marion man was found frozen to death Saturday on a hillside in the Seven Mile Ridge section of Yancey County.

The body of Johnny Hollifield, 37, missing since January 30, was found near a country road by a 13-year-old boy, according to Yancey County Sheriff Kermit Banks. The Sheriff said there was no sign of foul play and that the death had been officially ruled as due to exposure.

Banks said Hollifield had not been reported missing to his office, but understood Hollifield's family had made in-

quiries concerning his whereabouts. The McDowell County Sheriff's Dept. also said no missing persons report was made there.

The body was found by Jerry Huskins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Huskins of Route 5, about 200 yards off rural unpaved rd. 1167 near the Yancey-Mitchell county line, according to the sheriff.

Banks said an autopsy was not performed, and the time of death could not be determined since the body had been preserved at the time of freezing.

The sheriff speculated that Hollifield, who had been visiting relatives in Yancey County, had taken a shortcut across a hill to reach the home of a sister, Mrs. A. B. McNeill of Route 5, when he found himself unable to continue.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hollifield, two sisters, Mrs. McNeill and Miss Hadie Hollifield of the home; two brothers, Cecil of Spruce Pine and Arthur Hollifield of Valdese; and a half-brother, Blanton McNeill of Cheraw, S. C.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2:00 p.m. in the Grassy Creek Baptist Church with the Rev. Ernest Wheelchel and Rev. Joe Pittman officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

**Players Make
All-Conference**

By Ernie Howard

Donna Parker scored 20 points and Sharon Laws added 10 points to lead the Lady Panthers to a 44 to 28 victory over the surprised Harris High girls. The Lady Panthers got into the finals with a 73 to 9 victory over the Bowman girls and the Harris High girls defeated Cane River 31 to 30 in a squeaker to enter the finals.

In the boys contest, Harris High turned back a Bulldog rally to win 64 to 52. Phillip Snyder scored 17 points for the

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