

FHA And Land Bank Will Join Forces With Loans

Plans for the Farmers Home Administration and Federal Land Bank to join forces in supplying long term real estate financing needed by farm families were outlined for Yancey County in a meeting last week.

State, district, and county staff members of Farmers Home Administration met at the Sheraton Inn, Asheville, North Carolina with a group of Federal Land Bank officials from Columbia, South Carolina, and their Land Bank and Production Credit Association representatives in Western North Carolina.

The two groups headed by Farmers Home Administration State Director, James T. Johnson, and Federal Land Bank of Columbia and Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Columbia President, Robert A. Darr, discussed a Memorandum of Understanding on procedures for processing loan applications from the same borrower.

Their working arrangement will carry out an agreement signed recently in Washington, D. C., by National Farmers Home Administration Administrator, James V. Smith, and Governor E. A. Jencke of the Farm Credit Administration on cooperation in lending between the two agencies.

The plan provides for the agencies to make simultaneous

World Day Of Prayer

The celebration of World Day of Prayer, sponsored by Church Women United, will be observed Friday, March 5, at 7:30, at the Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church. This service is being sponsored by the women of Higgins Memorial Methodist Church, the First Baptist Church, and the First Presbyterian Church.

World Day of Prayer is celebrated in more than 8,000 communities and 155 countries. Unite with Christians around the world celebrating the New Life in Christ.

We urge all people to attend. An offering will be received to be used for Intercontinental Mission with special emphasis on those efforts to proclaim the Gospel - such as the expanding ministries in our National Parks.

Farmers Home Administration farm ownership loans and long term real estate loans to the same borrower with each loan secured by the same property. The Land Bank will hold first mortgage on the farm, Farmers Home Administration subordinating its mortgage to the Land Bank lien.

"By simultaneously serving different elements of the farmers' financing requirements," Johnson and Darr said in a joint statement here today, "our two agencies can help assure more capable, diligent small farm families an opportunity to work their way to success on their own farms.

We will be able to serve
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Girls Haven Board Meets

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Girls Haven, Inc. which took place in Charlotte last Saturday, members were informed that Girls Haven has received its license to solicit funds. The license comes from the State Department of Social Services which had checked out Girls Haven thoroughly before taking this step.

According to Randall Peacock, one of the Board members, they are now ready to receive their "Buck-A-Month" pledges from concerned citizens throughout the state. "In addition," he said, "we are now set up to receive contributions made in lieu of sending flowers 'In Sympathy' to a bereaved family. Specially designed cards will be sent to the bereaved acknowledging the contribution made in memory of their loved one.

Foster Homes are set up and ready to receive children now. Officials of Girls Haven are waiting to receive all applications before making the decision as to which child could better benefit by the type of care offered.

The Board Meeting, termed the "best to date", was attended by fourteen of the twenty two members serving. Attending from Yancey County were Mack Ray, Chairman of the Executive Committee; Robert Helmle and Dr. Garland Wampler, also on the Executive Committee; Reverend Don Elly and Randall Peacock.

Yancey's Official 1970 Census Figures Released By Bureau Of Census

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Yancey County's official population in the 1970 Census was 12,629, down 9.8 percent from the 1960 figure of 14,008, the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce, reports.

The official population of the state was 5,082,059, up 11.5 percent from the 1960 population count, which was 4,556,155.

The 1970 Census counted 12,379 white persons in Yancey County, 98.0 percent of the total; 236 Negroes, and 14 persons of other races. In 1960, 99.0 percent of the population was white.

The Census showed 1,014 children under 5 years; 3,041 in ages 5 through 17; 7,082 people 18 through 64; and of those 65 and older, 1,492. The population 14 years and over included 6,472 married people, 811 who were widowed, 188 divorced, and 2,099 who were never married.

Yancey County's 1970 population was classified as 100 percent rural.

There were 3,859 households,

Plaza To Be Built

The construction of a large shopping center of eight to ten stores, with Ingles Supermarket as its main building, has already begun on the Burnsville By-Pass at Highway 197, according to authoritative sources.

Developer and promoter of this project is Harry Giezantner, who has also developed several other shopping centers in Western North Carolina including the one in Weaverville.

The Burnsville Plaza is the name by which the complex will be known. It is expected to serve the needs of all surrounding communities in this area.

The Ingles Supermarket building will be 15,000 square feet. Mr. Giezantner declined to comment on what other stores will be included in the Plaza at this time.

Construction started Tuesday and building is expected to be completed in about three months. June 1st was given as the completion date.

with 12,494 persons, including 421 one-person households. In addition 135 persons were living in group quarters.

The 1970 Census counted 4,550 housing units in Yancey County, 2,985 of them occupied by owners, 884 occupied by tenants, and 681 vacant. These included vacant units for seasonal use. The proportion occupied by owners in 1970 was 65.6 percent, compared with 69.0 percent, 1960.

Among year-round dwelling units there were 4,017 single family homes, 124 housing units in multi-unit buildings, and 260 mobile homes or trailers. The percentage of occupied units with more than one person per room was 11.4, compared with 20.9 in 1960. Of all the occupied housing units, 2,676 had piped water, toilet and bath, while 1,193 lacked some or all plumbing.

The median value of owner-occupied houses in Yancey Co.

was \$9,000, compared with \$5,700 in 1960. The median rent paid by tenants in 1970 was less than \$30 per month, compared with \$28 in 1960. Half were over and half below the median figures.

These results are from two 1970 Census Advance Reports for the State: PC (V2), General population characteristics, and HC (VI), General housing characteristics. The reports which contain additional 1970 Census data for the State and various areas within it, may be purchased at nominal prices from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402, or from offices of the U. S. Department of Commerce in major cities.

Further reports giving more extensive statistics on the characteristics of the population & housing will be published in future months as the 1970 Census results are tabulated.

Heart Survey Efforts Pay, Sixteen Students Referred

A total of 2,600 students in Yancey County were screened in a massive effort to detect heart defects in children, during the Heart Sounds Screening Program just completed in Yancey County. The program, which involved nine County schools, was started in September, 1970.

Of the 2,600 students who were screened, over 1,000 were rescreened, up to 3 or 4 times, in an effort to obtain a satisfactory reading. Of these, 290 were referred to Dr. D. L. Phillips of Spruce Pine, Physician Director of the program.

Twenty eight students were referred, finally, to Dr. Thomas B. Nolan of Greensboro, Consulting Cardiologist and of these, sixteen will be referred for advanced diagnostic testing to the Pediatric Cardiology Center of North Carolina, at the N. C. Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. This number compares with just eleven from Mitchell County and thirteen from Watauga County who were referred for the advanced testing.

According to the North Ca-

rolina Heart Association, approximately 30 out of every 10,000 American youngsters suffer unsuspected heart disease. Heart defects often remain hidden because most abnormal heart sounds are so subtle they can be detected only by a specialist. It would be an impossible task for the relatively small number of trained physicians to examine all school children.

Through extensive research and testing, a technique has been developed to listen to the sounds of the heart accurately and quickly through the use of a computer known as a Phonocardiogram. A physician is the only one who can diagnose a child's heart sounds and all children found with sounds outside the normal limits were examined by a physician.

Mrs. Eloise Briggs, speaking for herself as Chairman of the Yancey County Heart Screening Project and also speaking for the North Carolina Heart Association, would like to express appreciation to all the volunteer workers in Yancey County who helped to make

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