

New Pre-Fab Class At Burnsville

The much publicized inadequacy of the Burnsville Elementary School buildings will be shortly remedied for one class at that school. A new pre-fab building to house the kindergarten class has been contracted for, with completion assured before the close of the present school year.

At present the kindergarten class is housed in a cramped, uncomfortable basement room --one of the rooms the Burnsville PTA has claimed to be unfit for school use. The new classroom in the pre-fab will be much larger, and will have its own heating plant, and toilet facilities. The classroom is of such construction that it can be moved to another location if desired.

Buildings of this type are being used increasingly as classrooms in many schools, and the provision of ten or a dozen such rooms has been suggested as one possible solution for the Burnsville school problem.

The new building is being paid for under one of the Federal programs aiding education. Obtaining this new building is a further example of the success of the county's school authorities in taking advantage of the various Federal and State programs. The source of this

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Emergency Fund

An emergency loan fund for low income people is needed in the county. There is a group of citizens meeting together to find ways of making this fund a reality. Anyone interested in working on this project or finding other ways for the churches and social service agencies to work together is invited to the next group meeting. The meeting will be held March 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Burnsville.

CAP Meeting

A meeting will be held at Mountain Wilderness Thursday, March 18, to discuss the formation of a Civil Air Patrol Squadron in Yancey County. All interested persons are invited to attend. The meeting has been set for 7:30 p.m.



East Yancey's Lady Panthers Hold District 8 Championship Trophy Awarded Them

Congratulations Pantherettes

By Emie Howard

Last Thursday night, the Lady Panthers jumped to a 3 to 0 lead and never lost the lead to go ahead and win the District 8 Championship by a score of 35 to 29. Marcia Banks had the hot hand for East Yancey as she netted 10 points, Carol Young scored 9 points; Donna Parker, 7 points; Sharon Laws, 6 points; and Debbie Thomas added 3 more for the Lady Panthers. Susan Tolley was high scorer of the game with 12 points.

The Lady Panthers controlled most of the tempo of the game and did a great job of controlling the boards.

To get to the finals the Owen Warlassies defeated the Nebo Lady Bears by a score of 36 to 26. The underdog Lady Panthers turned back a tough Robbinsville team to gain a 43 to 35 win.

The Lady Panthers ended their regular season play with

a 17 - 3 record. The Lady Panthers haven't lost a game at home in the past 3 years. We are very proud of this record.

The three lone seniors, Donna Parker, Carol Young, and Marcia Banks averaged 13.4 points, 8.1 points and 11.1 points respectively on their way to the championship. But most outstanding was the team play of East Yancey. No one person carried the scoring burden and there was a young but aggressive bench backing up the starting six. Here is the starting six plus the other members of the East Yancey squad: Carol Young Donna Parker Marcia Banks Sharon Laws Pat Wallace Debbie Thomas

Other members include: Tina Geouge Sandy Ray Kathy Griffin Sheree Banks Luane Banks Nina Mathis Debbie Autrey Janice Laws Shelia Parker Vickie Slagle Renee Wilson Wanda Hollifield

And there is the one central figure behind the team; the coach. Miss Young came to East Yancey in 1969 and that same year led the Lady Panthers to the playoffs but were knocked out of the running by Hendersonville. This year Miss Young wanted to prove East Yancey had the strongest team in WNC and that she did. With her help and guidance, the Lady Panthers will be a threat in the years to come.

Last but not least, there's the team behind the team, the fans. Most experts say that the fans are at least worth 10 points to a team and last Thursday night the fans from East Yancey proved that they had the best basketball team and cheering section in Western North Carolina.

We would like to congratulate Miss Young and her Lady Panthers for their victory and "go get 'em Panthers!"

Hospital To Be A Joint Enterprise

By Bob Helmle

The formation of a combined Mitchell-Yancey Hospital, with facilities for patient care in each of the two counties, seems assured by action taken last Friday by the boards of directors of the Spruce Pine and Yancey Hospitals. After long exploration of the hospital needs in the two counties, it appears that the only practicable way to assure adequate facilities for medical care in both counties will be for the two to join forces.

This decision has been reached with the advice and counsel of leading North Carolina authorities on hospitals, who have been studying the needs of the two counties for well over a year. Participating in the joint meeting on Friday were Wm. Henderson, Executive Secretary of the N.C. Medical Care Commission, James Felts and Wm. McCall of the Duke Endowment, and Colonel Archer of the U. of N.C. Department of Hospital Administration.

The boards of the two hospitals voted unanimously to form a joint committee, with equal representation from both counties, to proceed with the formation of plans for the joint undertaking. Selected to represent Yancey County were: James Anglin, Chairman Yancey Hospital Board, Mack B. Ray, member, Yancey Hospital Board, Oscar Deyton, Chairman Yancey County Commissioners, Claude Vess, President, Yancey County Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. Garland Wampler, representing county physicians.

Prior to the development of plans by the joint committee, only a very tentative outline of the future hospital facilities can be given. A name has not been adopted, although "Mitchell-Yancey Hospital" seems likely, with a branch in each

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Turkey Supper

A Turkey Supper with all the trimmings will be held on Saturday, March 20, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Cane River High School. Adults \$1.50, Children under 12 years 75¢. Pete Hensley says for everyone to come! Proceeds go to the Lunchroom.

Henson Awarded Bronze Star

William J. Henson, recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal near Gia Ray, Vietnam, returned to Burnsville on Saturday, March 13, after having completed his 2 year tour of duty in the U.S. Army. Fourteen months of his Army time was spent in Vietnam.

He was presented the Bronze Star Medal for distinguishing himself through meritorious service in connection with military operations against hostile forces in Vietnam. The medal, adopted in 1944, recognizes out-

standing achievement.

Henson had also received the Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Cambodian Campaign Medal and Vietnamese Service Medal while in the service.

Henson, 20, achieved the rank of Army Specialist Four while serving as Combat Engineer in Company C, 8th Engineering Battalion of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile).

William Henson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Henson of Burnsville.



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