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Board Submits Budget

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business, authorized employment of a temporary mechanic for the school maintenance garage. The adding of this man was the outcome of the recent disclosure in Judge J. E. Holshouser's court that defective school busses were carrying children in Yancey County.

Later in the morning the board of education met with the board of county commissioners to consider the 1971-72 school budget. This meeting was attended by nearly all of the same fifty citizens who had earlier crowded the school superintendent's office.

The proposed budget covering current expenses of the county's schools for the coming fiscal year is \$548,789, of which \$126,619 must come from local county funds-- an increase of about 10 per cent

Town Board

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leading to the board's decision is the town's major water system improvement project, now in "midstream". For five years the town's officials, recognizing the urgent need for expansion and improvement of the town's water system, have been planning and negotiating with Federal agencies, aiming at obtaining financial assistance for the project. Aid in the form of grants and loans is now assured from the FHA and the Appalachian Regional Commission, to finance a project estimated to cost \$330,000. The town's engineers have now completed their work to the point where active construction should start this summer.

The town board believe that their background of experience and planning work should prove invaluable in assuring prompt, economical completion of the project. Commissioners Colletta and Helme both served on the board during the construction of the town's sewage treatment system, and their experience with that Federally assisted project should be valuable during the comparable water facilities project.

over last year.

In addition to the current expense items in the budget, are substantial funds needed for capital improvements, notably \$36,000 for remodeling the Burnsville Elementary School. This is the amount needed to satisfy the State Fire Safety Requirements for the old building, condemned as a fire trap.

County Commission Chairman O. W. Deyton, after brief discussion of the proposed budget, stated that the county commissioners will do the best they can to provide the funds, but added that it will be very difficult to proceed without the one cent sales tax. He added that the demonstration of a lot of support for the sales tax would be helpful at this point.

Upon being asked by William Hess, President of the Burnsville P. T. A., whether a petition with about 2,000 names on it supporting the tax would help, Deyton replied that it would.

Boy Killed

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the trooper said. Jonathan Biggerstaff was thrown from the car when it struck the rock, Eitel said.

The car was demolished.

No charges were filed for the accident.

Funeral Services were held at 3:00 p. m. Sunday in Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church, where he was a member.

The Revs. Ralph Jacks, Don Elly, Harold McDonald and Joe Warner officiated and burial was in Grover Hunter Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ricky Bacon, Farron Silver, Jim Norris, Tony Allen, Darrell Boone, Ernie Howard and Jerry Clevenger.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Biggerstaff; two sisters, Misses Jeanie and Janice Biggerstaff and a brother, Joel Biggerstaff, all of the home; the paternal grandfather, B. E. Biggerstaff of Spruce Pine; and the maternal grandmother, Mrs. O. S. Evans of Bakersville.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

As of February 1 I had decided to let my subscription to the Yancey Record expire. I am now so glad that you have continued to send your fine publication even though I hadn't sent you my check.

I am following with much interest the issues that have arisen with the school board and the welfare director. I grew up in Yancey County and was not aware that the county had a welfare director until now.

My only regret about this whole situation is that it took "outsiders" to see situations that have existed for generations. Burnsville Elementary School was a disgrace thirty years ago and I'm sure that age hasn't improved it. No less than five years ago the county had on the payroll a man who didn't know how to dial a phone call--so it was no shock to me to read that a lot of horse shoe pitching had been going on down at the bus garage.

When I graduated from college with a degree in education the thought didn't occur to me to apply for a position in Yancey County. My family was on the wrong side politically, but that had little bearing on my decision. Why would I want to teach in a system so completely motivated by politics and narrow-minded individuals who knew nothing of teaching methods. I might have been so indiscriminate as to give an F to a family whose children always "made" A's.

It has been said that "good things come to those who wait"--Yancey County has waited and waited and it looks like the good things have finally come.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Alex Helms

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Dear Editor:

I want the best education possible for my children. I am concerned about the quality of education and the physical facilities that are now available to them. All the children of Yancey County deserve better schools. There are great areas of need in each of our schools. All of us should be interested in working together to improve them.

We should become involved and actively support those who want better schools in our county.

I feel that we are fortunate to have Landrum Wilson as Superintendent of our schools. He is a man well qualified for his job, and is serving all of the people of Yancey County. He is dedicated to his job, not partial to any school district, far-sighted and wants to see us progress toward better education.

He has accomplished much in the brief time he has served as Superintendent. Why should there be a question about his contract being renewed? A man who knows his job and is

serving well should be encouraged, given support, cooperation and kept in his position.

Mrs. Garland Wampler

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Dear Editor:

Being a newcomer to Burnsville I am sometimes confused by the actions of our Board of Education.

I am told the Board is now considering the question of rehiring Mr. Wilson, our Superintendent of Schools. Would I be naive to ask why there should even be any question whatsoever about rehiring a man with the qualifications he has and one who has sincerely endeavored to be objective. It also seems to me that the little progress made in our school system in many years has been made during Mr. Wilson's short time in office.

I cannot condone "politicizing" and personal interests of those in charge when it is quite obviously interfering with obtaining the best education possible for all the children of Yancey County.

Sincerely,
JoAnne H. Chatman

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Dear Editor:

Here is a way to get rid of those junk cars that are being deposited on private property and even in streams. The action to enforce this law is to

appear before a Magistrate who will issue a warrant of arrest which will be served by the Sheriff's Department. Let's clean up Yancey County! The law reads:

14-134.1. (Criminal Law) Depositing trash, garbage, etc. on lands of another or in river or stream.--It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or organization, corporation, or for the governing body, agents or employees of any municipal corporation or county to place, deposit, leave or cause to be placed, deposited or left, either temporarily or permanently, any trash, refuse, garbage, debris, litter, plastic material, scrapped vehicle or equipment, or waste materials of any kind upon the lands of another without first obtaining written consent of the owner thereof, or to deposit any of such materials in any river or stream. Provided it shall not be unlawful to deposit such materials upon a public dump maintained by a municipality or county.

A violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment of not more than six(6) months, or both, in the discretion of the court. "

That's the law..now let's put it to work for us.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Citizen

Easter Service

By Rev. Harold McDonald

"And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, Jesus steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem. "

That last great journey of Jesus to Jerusalem and the days immediately following his arrival make up one of the most incredible and fascinating stories of history. For Jesus, it was a time of encounter: encounter with sinners--the blind beggar and Zacchaeus in Jericho; with friends--Mary, Martha, and Lazarus in Bethany; with enemies--the scribes and Pharisees in Jerusalem.

Walk with Jesus up from Jericho to Jerusalem; tarry with him in the quiet lanes of Bethany; move with him through

the crowded streets of Jerusalem; linger with him in the secluded room on Mount Zion; pray with him in the sanctity of Gethsemane's Garden; agonize with him on Calvary's cruel cross; exult with him before the empty tomb.

"The Last Week of Christ" will be presented through slides at the Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday morning, April 11, to be held in the First Baptist Church at 7:00 a. m. Music will be provided by the combined choirs of the churches of Yancey County. Won't you begin the observance of this holy time by "rising up a great while before day" and entering into this quiet place to pray and worship?

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