



Daniel Taradash, Academy Awards President, Relaxes With Friends In Yancey County

'Academy Awards' President Enjoys Vacation In Yancey

By Carolyn Yuziuk

"This area would be a great location for a movie--a spectacular background," said Dan Taradash, whose face is familiar to millions of Americans who watched the 1971 Academy Awards program on TV recently. Taradash, as president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, opened and closed the Awards program.

On a visit to Yancey County last week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Weiss at their home near Burnsville, Taradash and his wife, Madeleine, enjoyed the mountain scenery. "A beautiful place to write," he remarked, "I could really learn to relax here." Apparently relaxation does not come easily to this man who

recently won the 1971 Valentine Davies Award "for bringing dignity and honor to writers everywhere". He is enjoying his brief vacation, though not

without a typewriter to keep his ideas flowing.

A warm and friendly person, Daniel Taradash is modest (Cont'd on page 24)

Hospital Consolidation Set

Milton E. Bursleson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees Spruce Pine Community Hospital, Inc. and James A. Anglin, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Yancey Hospital, Inc. jointly announced today plans to consolidate Spruce Pine and Yancey hospitals into the Blue Ridge Hospital System, Inc. effective June 1.

They said the consolidation will provide greater utilization of existing facilities, provide

a sounder basis for future expansion, reduce costly duplication of facilities and services, (Cont'd on page 24)

Piano Recital

Mrs. Garrett D. Bailey will present her piano pupils in recital Monday evening, the thirty-first of May, at seven o'clock, in the First Baptist Church of Burnsville.

Bluegrass Festival Planned To Aid Volunteer Fire Dept.

A Blue Grass Festival will be held starting Friday, May 28 at 6:00 p.m. at Mountain Wilderness, Pensacola, N.C. with proceeds going for the Volunteer Fire Department for Pensacola Community.

Bill Banks and Ron Eubanks will be M.C.'s on both days, and the featured attraction on Friday will be an Amateur Band Contest which will last until 12 midnight. First place winner will receive \$100.00; the band winning second place will receive \$50.00. Judges for the contest are Joe Derry

of W.K.Y.K. in Burnsville, Scott Johnson and Merl Davis of W.T.O.E. in Spruce Pine, Fred Brown of W.W.N.C. in Asheville and Dean Shields of W.B.R.M. in Marshall, N.C.

Competing in the Amateur Band Contest will be the following:

1. Barbara and the Happy Valley Boys, Old Fort, N.C.
2. Jenny Vance and The Linville River Boys, Crossnore.
3. Hot Springs Ramblers, Hot Springs, N.C.
4. Virginia and The Lazy

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Jim And Jesse From The "Grand Ole Opry" To Perform

Festival Of Friendship Was Huge Success; 300 Attend

Despite the gloomy skies and periodic showers, Yancey County's first Festival of Friendship was a huge success. Over 300 persons turned out for the festivities, demonstrations and food.

With Mr. Harvey Carver as Master of Ceremonies, many of the people present entertained themselves with old timey fiddling and singing. Also the Yancey County Country Store

Cloggers and the "Reflections" provided entertainment for one and all.

Though not being able to use the Town Square was disappointing, the hospitality of the First Baptist Church made this affair a great success. To all who gave time and energy the Yancey County Department of Social Services says thank you.

Bloodmobile

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Armory on Wednesday, June 2 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Everyone is urged to come and give a pint of blood.

Notice

French Broad Electric Offices will be closed Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day. (Y-M)



Festival Of Friendship Attended By Large Crowd Of Senior Citizens And Friends