

Local CAP Aids Search

The Mountain Wilderness Composite CAP Squadron was alerted at 3:00 a. m. Monday morning, May 28, that a plane believed to be carrying Audie Murphy and several other persons on a flight from Atlanta to Roanoke, Virginia was down possibly in the Roan Mountain area.

When they received this information, members of the Yancey County unit of the Civil Air Patrol joined searchers from 28 units of the N. C. Wing of the CAP, including five other mountain-based units, in their first official air search and rescue mission since the unit was organized last month. The CAP searchers flew over 5,625 square miles of mostly rugged mountains Monday morning looking for the downed plane.

Pilots, observers and planes from the Asheville, Hendersonville, Haywood County, Mountain Wilderness (Burnsville and Spruce Pine) and Tri-Cities Squadrons and Group IV Headquarters flew over 100 hours and more than 30 sorties in the search. Lt. Col. Erwin Roberts of High Point, N. C. mission co-ordinator, said more than half the state's squadrons and groups participated.

The search ended when the wreckage of a chartered plane, a twin-engined Aero Commander (Cont'd on page 20)

Communities In Contest

Five Yancey County communities are among the 72 organized communities who have entered the 1971 Western North Carolina Community Development Program, according to Morris L. McGough, executive vice president of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council and Jack Krause of Union Mills, area chairman of the program.

The five Yancey communities are Arbuckle, Brush Creek, Jack's Creek, White Oak Creek, and Green Mountain.

The community development program, now in its 22nd year, is a program of competition among organized rural areas. Objective of the program is to encourage people to plan together and cooperate in building better communities in which to live. Each community develops and carries out improvements according to their (Cont'd on page 20)



PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT—Mrs. Robert Vance of Spruce Pine watches the children of the Yancey County Child Development Center play on a swing set donated by Women of The Moose, Chapter 1582, of which she is Senior Regent. This organization is an auxiliary of the Loyal Order of Moose, Spruce Pine Lodge. One of the objects of the organization is to foster aid in the community as the members see fit. The Spruce Pine Lodge, although made up in majority of Spruce Pine women, has shown an interest in the Child Development Center and made this contribution to assist this worthwhile enterprise.

Awards Presented To Senior Citizens At First Yancey Friendship Festival

One highlight at Yancey County's first Festival of Friendship was the presentation of awards to senior citizens who were outstanding in several areas. There were many nominations for each award, and choosing the recipients of the awards was a difficult task.

The oldest person award went to Mr. A. F. Hylemon of Swiss who is 100 years old. The oldest person present was Mrs. Harriet Ledford, 94, of Burnsville.

The couple married the longest was Mr. and Mrs. Jerome McCurry of Green Mountain who will celebrate their 68th anniversary in July. Mrs. Lona Price Honeycutt and her husband will be married 68 years in December.

Mrs. Marcia Higgins Phillips, who has a total of 129 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, won the most grandchildren award.

Dr. Winston Sargent was cited as being the senior citizen most active in helping the elderly and Mr. Robert Helmke won the award for being most active in community work.

Mrs. Maggie Blevins and Mr. Steve Ledford won the renewed friendship award. They saw each other at the Festival for the first time in 54 years.

The awards were small, gold hand-thrown pots made by Jim

and Kore McWhirter. They had the name of the award and the place and date of the Festival written on them, and were ornamented with a little mountain scene.

In addition to these awards, certificates of appreciation were given by the Department of Social Services to the Family Care Homes and Homes for the Aged in the county. They were received by Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Higgins and Mrs. Nancy King of Pleasant View Home, Mrs. Vernia Stanley of The

Stanley Home, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Erickson of Valley of the Moon Home, Mr. John Brinkley and Mrs. Savannah Owenby of the Free Will Baptist Home, and Mrs. Cecil Anglin and her staff of Sun Valley Home.

The success of Yancey County's first Festival of Friendship, even in spite of inclement weather, was due to the cooperation of many persons and agencies who contributed their energies in individual ways to the project. To those persons who helped by being buddies by providing transportation, by loaning their equipment, and by giving the Festival the time and moral support which was so necessary, the Department of Social Services wishes to say "thank you."

We also wish to thank the following merchants for the donations they gave to the project:

- The Amberjack Restaurant
 - Burnsville Supermarket
 - Chrisawn's Store of Celo
 - Circle Drive-In, Spruce Pine
 - City Drive-In Sandwich Shop
 - Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Spruce Pine
 - Dellinger-Silver Store
 - Hickey's Supermarket of Spruce Pine
 - Howell's Grocery, Newdale
 - Lacy Johnson's Store
 - L'il Smokey's Drive In
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Winners In Campaign

Roberts Chevrolet-Buick-Jeep, Inc. recently announced the winners for their May-June Sales Campaign. Winners of the prizes were as follows:

First Prize of \$100 was won by Shirley Yelton of Route 2, Burnsville.

Second Prize, which was a TV Set, was won by Dean Phillips of Route 1, Relief.

Third Prize was won by Monroe McIntosh of Route 3, Burnsville. It consisted of \$50.00 worth of groceries or a tape player.

Fire Claims Two Lives

Fire of an undetermined origin claimed two lives Wednesday, May 26 at 2:00 a. m. when the Chandler home at Ivy Gap, near the Yancey-Madison county line, was destroyed.

Burned to death was Ella Morrow Chandler, 82, and a son, Guss Chandler, 45. Four others in the home escaped unharmed.

The Burnsville volunteer fire department answered the alarm and assisted the Yancey County Ambulance Service in recovering the bodies.

Mrs. Ella Morrow Chandler was the wife of the late Lee Chandler who died in 1965. Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Arthur Robinson, Mrs. Ada Shepherd, Mrs. Joe Frank Fox, and Mrs. John Shook of Mars Hill Route 2; six sons, Nelson Chandler of Weaverville, Robert and Bill Chandler of Burnsville Route 3, Raymond and Paul Chandler of Mars Hill Route 2 and Fred Chandler of Highland Park, Mich.; 45 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren. Also a half-brother, Fred Morrow of Marshall.

Guss Chandler, 45, is survived by the wife, Dollie Cole Chandler; three daughters, Mrs. Fred Blankenship and Mrs. Earl Ponder of Mars Hill Route 2 and Mrs. Bill Lynch of Weaverville; 2 grandchildren. Also surviving are the four sisters and six brothers listed above.

Funeral services were held Friday at 2:30 p. m. at Ivy Gap Baptist Church. Rev. Ebb Jenkins, Rev. Bill Hensley, Rev. Alvin McPeters and Rev. Earl Cole officiated and burial was in the family cemetery.

Girls Haven Plans Made

By Randall Peacock

Where is Girls Haven at this time? Girls Haven stands an excellent chance of being started in eastern North Carolina. Why is this true? Yancey County has not taken the small steps necessary in helping to begin the establishment of Girls Haven. For instance, letters to all county ministers asking for assistance in locating several foster homes that could accept one or two girls each has not shown any results. Property prices, as well known, are beyond reasonable levels in Yancey County. However, several individuals are working diligently to locate a house (Cont'd on page 20)