

# Students To Work On Housing Survey

Three students from Appalachian State University will work as summer interns under the supervision of the directors of the two Local Development Districts in Region D this summer.

Region D was formed under Governor Scott's program of regionalization in May 1970, and includes the counties of Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey.

Two local Development Districts, formed under the Appalachian Regional Commission have been located in the Region since 1967. The Mountain Scenic office in Newland is Directed by Mrs. Ruth G. Johnson and the Blue Ridge office is in North Wilkesboro; Alfred Houston, Director.

Two interns, Jim Parsons of Lansing in Ashe County and Ken Nelson of Burnsville will be working in the area of housing. Ralph Ledford, originally from Hayesville in Clay County and now a resident of Boone, will work on compiling a Reconnaissance, or overall, survey of the Region.

Mr. Parsons and Mr. Nelson will be updating all surveys on housing needs in municipalities and in rural townships. They will also try to determine opinion of public officials and private citizens about the need for housing, and the methods that are preferred for getting a regionwide housing organization or a cooperating group of such organizations started.

Mr. Ledford will be com-

pleting all the studies or plans completed in the region by towns and counties in all areas, such as water, sewerage, disposal, land use, and recreation complexes.

By the end of the summer, the housing interns will have compiled the information needed to have a regionwide housing plan in operation within a year. The intern working on an overall regional plan will catalogue all studies and plans completed in the seven coun-

ties. His report will also show which of these plans have been carried out, or are in the process of being carried out; and, finally, which towns or counties need to have studies made or updated.

The summer internship program is sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Administration Youth Leadership Development Project in cooperation with North Carolina colleges and universities and local agencies.



Ken Nelson, Jimmy Parsons, Ralph Ledford (l. to r.)



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I Know An Old Lady, words by Rose Bonne, music by Alan Mills, & illustrations by Abner Graboff, was enjoyed by 25 "little people" this past Monday morning and afternoon at the 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. CHILDREN'S HOUR in the Yancey County Public Library. Miss Theresa Coletta followed this story-song ensemble with Anatole and The Cat by Eve Titus with pictures by Paul Galdone.

Those children attending the CHILDREN'S HOUR were: Colleen Kelly, Pam Mc Gal-laird, Chris Fender, Sherry Vance, Lisa Young, Myron Woody, Joe Woody, Juli Buchanan, Angie Hall, Shamón, Jeff and Angie Warren, Joyce and Peggy Shehan, Donna and Darrell Mitchell, Lou Ann and Steve Robinson, Carolyn and Billy Smith, Anna Cantrell, Angie Riddle, Phyllis Gilbert, Norma McCurry and Victor Kegley.

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