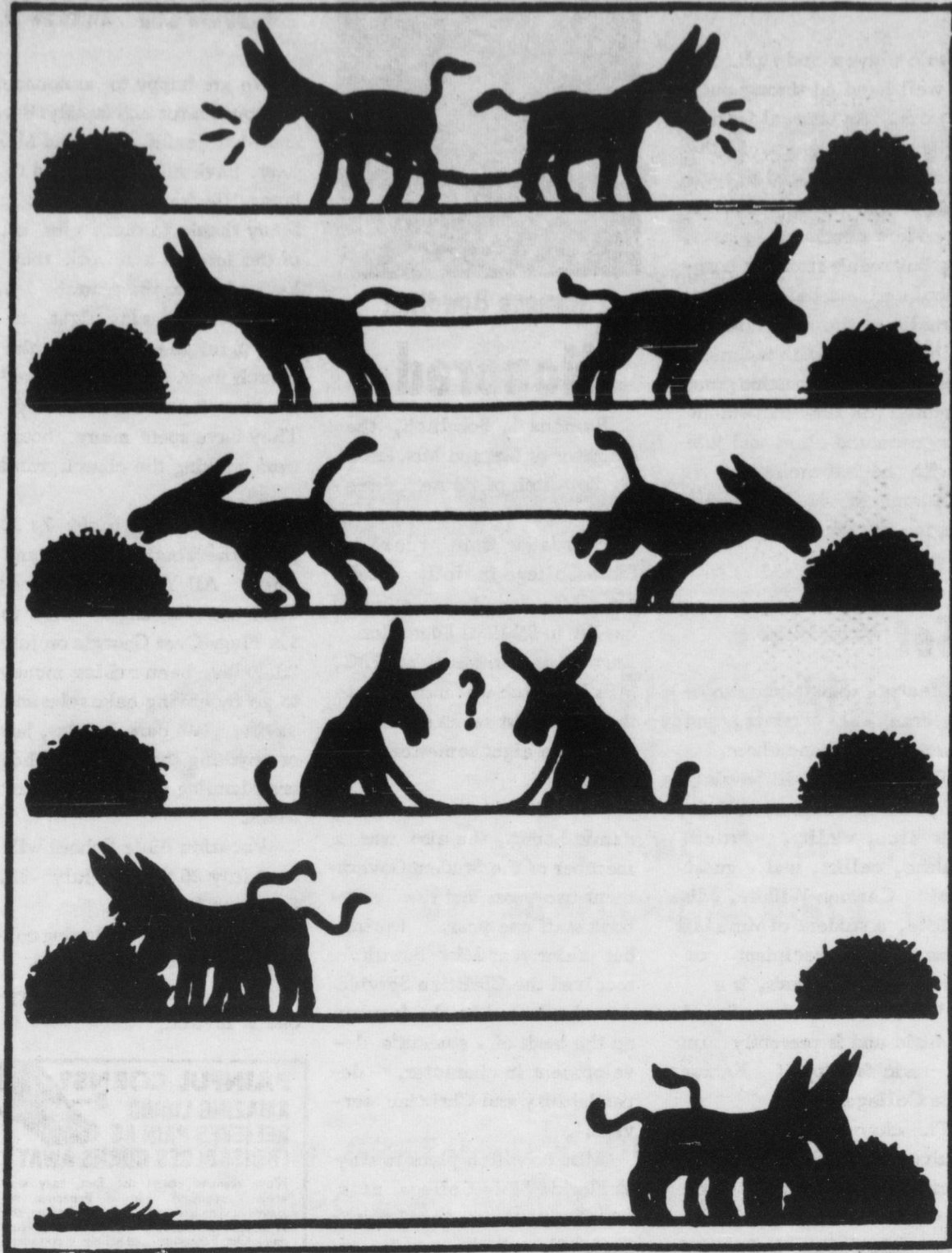


AN EDITORIAL WITHOUT WORDS



Yancey Youth Jamboree

The annual Yancey Youth Jamboree had its beginnings in the spring of 1968 when the idea was presented to the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce and was received quite

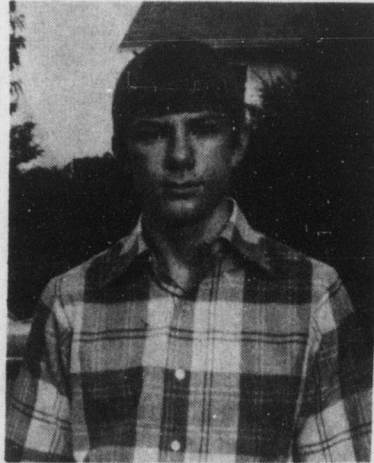
favorably. Later, a group of interested people met and plans were made for the first Yancey Youth Jamboree to be held on August 8, 1968, in conjunction with the Mt. Mitch-

ell Crafts Festival. An audition was held in early August of that year. There were a large number of performers for the one-night program at East Yancey High School, and it was realized that the mountain tradition of folk music, singing, and dancing should be carried on from year to year through the Yancey County young people enrolled in the public schools.

In the spring of 1969, the Jamboree was scheduled for two nights because of the large number of participants. The event was given for the second time at East Yancey in August. After the second year, it was decided to give a two hundred dollar scholarship to a worthy senior at each of the 2 county high schools. This gave added purpose to the Jamboree in its effort to help the young people display their talents and further their education.

In the summer of 1970, the Jamboree was presented with well over one hundred performers. This last spring, at the annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner, the second two scholarship awards were given.

Now, in the fourth year of being an attraction to local residents, visitors, and people of the surrounding areas; the Jamboree has become an established part of the Mt. Mitchell Crafts Festival which brings hundreds of people to the Town Square in Burnsville each year in August.



Larry Hall

At Seminar

Miss Ethel Boone of Burnsville will attend a special seminar for directors of In-Service Education training programs for staff development July 25 - August 7, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Boone is supervisor of the Yancey County Schools, in Burnsville.

The two week seminar will bring together 30 educators from selected North Carolina school districts who are being assigned in-service responsibility. It is a joint project of the State Department of Public Instruction and the UNC School of Education.

4-H Congress Delegate

Larry Hall of Green Mountain will join some 210 other boys and girls at the 25th Annual 4-H Electric Congress at the Timme Plaza Motor Inn, Wilmington, July 12-14.

During the 3-day conference the delegates will listen to project reports, view electric demonstrations and exhibits, tour the USS North Carolina Battleship, and will visit Wrightsville Beach. The highlight of the Congress is the selection of a state winner and eight territorial winners and eight territorial runners-up in the 4-H electric project.

The 4-H Electric Congress is sponsored by Carolina Power and Light Co., Duke Power Co., Nantahala Power and Light Co., Virginia Electric and Power Co., and the Westinghouse Educational Foundation, in cooperation with the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service.

Editorially Speaking

By Carolyn Yuzuk

Yancey County citizens deserve to have a voice in their county government, and they cannot have a voice, to express either approval or opposition, if they have no knowledge of the issues pondered by the handful of men who seek to make the rules by which we are governed.

The most recent example of the perfidy of certain politicians in Yancey County is a bill which was submitted to the State Legislature less than two weeks ago which would divide our county into two districts. This bill has passed the Senate, and if it passes the House these few politicians will have their heyday, for it will mean that they will still be able to control much of the voting in Yancey. The politicians who attempt to manipulate the county and its people to their advantage are, of course, only a handful as stated before--but without opposition, these men can impede progress, disunite the county, alter laws to suit themselves, and otherwise wreak havoc on an unknowing citizenry.

Very significant is the fact that the bill was introduced at a time when Yancey County has finally won the right to elect the next school board. Also very significant is the fact that the bill was introduced during the last hectic days of the legislative session--days in which such bills can be passed quickly and without adequate research.

According to Senator Lamar Gudger, who rarely appears in Yancey County, and who introduced this bill, it was presented to him by Edd Wilson and Bill Atkins as representing the will of the majority of the county residents. Who are these two people who can make such an incredible representation! Who in this county even knew about this bill? The fact that Mr. Gudger made no attempt to verify the bill's "popularity" should be remembered when election time comes again.

There are men in Yancey County who would like to keep us in the "Dark Ages" of politics, a time when a few people decide what is best for the many. That era must and will end as the people of this county keep abreast of the news and decide for themselves whether their best interests are being served.

Community Competition

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make an extra special effort to clean up and beautify the roadsides and make more attractive communities in which to live.

A long and impressive list of results have been compiled by the rural communities since the start of the contest. Abandoned and junk cars have been hauled off by the score, sanitary landfills have been created, roadside parks and picnic areas installed, attractive entrance signs and uniform mailboxes erected and roadside trash barrels have been put out.

Winners will be selected by a judging team in each county in August and these will be judged in area competition with all other county winners of the western area by September 15. Prizes will be \$150 first prize, sponsored by the ADOA Corp., Biltmore; \$100 second prize, by Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Asheville; \$50 third prize by Ivey's of Asheville and four \$25 honorable mention prizes by Gerber Products Company and Asheville Federal Savings & Loan Association.

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