

## Yancey Split Into Two Districts As "Politicians" Bill Passes Legislature

Like the "carpetbaggers" of old, partisan politics stalked across the landscape of Yancey County last week. Notwithstanding a magnificent effort by those citizens of the county who think in terms of "education without regard to party--only quality" the General Assembly passed a bill which would divide our county into two districts for purposes of electing our next Board of Education.

This bill provides, among other things, that those citizens of Yancey County who reside in South Toe, Pensacola, and Prices Creek Townships shall vote (and elect) one member of their area to serve on the Board of Education. They shall not have any vote toward electing (or defeating) any candidate who files in the rest of the county. Thus it is clear--South Toe, Pensacola, and Prices Creek versus the

rest of Yancey County.

At a time when unity in our school affairs is of paramount importance; at a time when we stand on the edge of voting (or defeating) a county-wide bond issue to build a new consolidated high school--the politicians have decreed: "We will divide your county-- we

will defeat your citizens who believe in a unified county-- we will divide and conquer!"

There was spirited debate in the General Assembly concerning this bill. According to the Asheville Citizen of July 8, 1971 and under the byline of Jay Hensley, veteran Asheville Citizen reporter, the

opposition Representative to this bill, Rep. Charles Taylor of Brevard "reminded the House that Yancey has had a turbulent political history over the years." "The Charlotte Observer, he said, conducted a vote fraud investigation during an election some 10 years ago, and turned up a man from

Yancey County 'who had voted more than one time'."

"Taylor didn't mention the man by name, but he was referring to Mark Bennett, former Yancey County Democratic Party chairman..." "That man is now a member of the Yancey County Board of Education."

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## Calendar Approved

Edgar Hunter has announced the following school calendar as approved by the Yancey County Board of Education for the first semester of the 1971-72 school term:

August 4, Principals begin work.

August 18, Teachers begin work.

August 20, Students report for registration (buses will operate but no lunches will be served since students will be returned home before noon.).

August 23, First day of school.

September 6, Labor Day --A Holiday.

October 5, District NCAE Meeting (No school).  
November 25-26, Thanksgiving Holidays.

December 22-28, Christmas Holidays.

January 10, End of First Semester.

## Men's Club Plans Picnic

The Burnsville Men's Club, together with members' wives and guests, will hold a picnic supper next Monday at seven o'clock on the grounds of the Community Building. The team of barbeque cooks who will prepare the main course of the meal will be the well known team of experts recruited from the agricultural workers of the county.

The annual picnic of the Men's Club is one of the outstanding social events held every summer in Yancey County. An entertaining program is being provided, and regular club business is being dispensed with. The affair is considered an excellent occasion for members to bring guests. The moderate price of \$1.25 per person was set in order to encourage a large turnout. Tickets may be obtained from Roy Ray, or other club officers.

In order to make the Men's Club efforts more effective, the club recognizes that membership need to be maintained at a broad level. It is the hope of the club officers that this coming social event will stimulate support for the club's useful activities.



Lauren K. Woods And Marilyn Knowles In "You Can't Take It With You"

## Madcap Comedy At Playhouse

By Theresa Coletta

A merry, mad comedy "You Can't Take It With You," recipient of the Pulitzer Prize (1937) as a Broadway laugh hit and the Academy Award (1938) as the most entertaining film of its year, is the third production now showing at the Parkway Playhouse. This gay, giddy

comedy about the irresistible Sycamore Family and their goofy diversions was written by the celebrated late comedy writers, George Kaufman and Moss Hart.

You will have to see the Sycamore Family in action to believe that their delightful insanity is for real! This mad-dening family is a completely uninhibited clan, manufacturing fireworks in the cellar, distributing leftwing propaganda in home-made candy, taking ballet lessons in the living room, operating printing presses and xylophones, turning plays out on a typewriter delivered by mistake, and various other unconventional hobbies pursued for the most part simultaneously.

The play's title refers to the sentiments of Grandpa Vanderhof, the daffy head of the Sycamore household, who believes that everybody should

relax and do whatever he wants to do since, "we can't take it with us." This loveable grandpa role is played by visiting guest artist, Mr. W. G. "Mutt" Burton of Reidsville, whom you will remember from last season's comedy "Never Too

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## Horse Show

The Mt. Mitchell Bridle and Saddle Club Annual Horse Show will be held July 24th, 1971 at 1:00 p.m., it was announced by Ralph Tomberlin of Burnsville, president of the club.

Master of Ceremonies for the event will be Mr. Lloyd Thompson from Asheville, and Judges are Mr. Tommy Wetzel of Cleveland, N.C. and Mr. J. C. Higgins of Roan Mtn, Tennessee. Mr. Ralph Brooks

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## Pageant Set

Tonight is the night that the preliminaries of the 1971 Miss Mayland will be held. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. tonight and tomorrow night, Friday, July 23rd. Twelve of the loveliest young ladies in the tri-county area are seeking the crown of Miss Mayland and the chance to represent this area in the Miss North Carolina Pageant in June of next year in Charlotte. In addition, a little Miss Mayland will be crowned.

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## New Technical Institute

A new technical institute to serve Yancey, Mitchell and Avery counties was approved by the State Board of Education Thursday, July 15. This institute will make the 55th school in the technical institute-community college system. The State Board approval is subject to the approval of Governor Bob Scott and the Advisory Budget Commission.

The technical institute will be established through contractual agreement made by the State Board and the boards of county commissioners in Yancey, Mitchell and Avery counties. The multi-county administrative area technical institute will be located in the vicinity of Spruce Pine and will be named MAY Technical Institute.