



SCHOOL DAYS—Children arriving at Burnsville Elementary School for the start of another school year last Friday were pleasantly surprised—but their parents were elated—to see the improvements. Not only were there two new modular units, air conditioned and self contained (one shown above), which will serve as classrooms for many students, but the ancient "upper building" of Burnsville Elementary is bright with a brand-new coat of plaster and paint, new modern lighting fixtures and numerous other renovations. Ed Hunter, new Yancey County Superintendent of Schools, invites all interested people to visit Burnsville Elementary and view this fine example of "money well spent."

MAY Technical Institute Chartered; Regular Courses In Planning Stage

By O. V. Tally

We now have a charter for a Mitchell-Avery-Yancey Technical Institute. The writer has been getting a considerable number of calls as to when we will be prepared to take students. By January 1 we hope to have adult education programs and the number of programs will be based on the people who are interested.

In the meantime, continue with the McDowell Technical Institute and other institutes that are now giving adult education programs through the Fall quarter. For what is available in adult education, contact Mrs. Shabe Humphries at the WAMY organization in Spruce Pine, telephone 765-9626. She can direct you to where present courses are held

and what other courses could be generated if enough people desire them. She is cooperating very closely with the McDowell Institute and will continue to cooperate with their Institute when we get going. Regular daytime, full-time technical institute courses, one year and two year, will start as soon as space is available. The building will be located conveniently and adjacent to the City of Spruce Pine, equidistance from the far reaches of Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties, and will be available in approximately two years.

We will keep you informed through the newspapers. So, if you are interested in taking a technical institute program on the one or two-year basis, apply to the unit nearest you. All these technical institutes are part of the overall forty technical institutes that are now in being in North Carolina. They are not competitive institutions except each will try to help train and educate as many people as possible for a better job and career.

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School Bus Accident Sends Nine Children To Hospital

A near-tragic accident hospitalized four Yancey County school children on the first day of the school year. Friday morning, August 20th, at 7:35 a.m., the school bus headed for Bald Creek School went over an embankment on Indian Creek Road, turned over and landed on its side in Indian Creek, 7 1/2 miles west of Burnsville.

Driver of the bus was 16-year-old Steven Richard Buckner of Route 3, Burnsville.

Nine children were taken to Yancey Hospital and treated. Admitted to the hospital

with injuries were Bennie Dean Maney-18, Joe D. Austin-12, Larry Dean Robinson-13, and Garrett Robinson-14. Treated and released were Chris Robinson-7, Wanda Austin-16, Rebecca Lynn Austin-8, Tommy Maney-9, and Cynthia Ellen England-11.

According to State Highway Patrolman Ted Canipe who investigated the accident, the driver of the bus apparently lost control on a slight curve, which resulted in the accident. Buckner was charged with driving left of center.

Yancey United Fund Budget Set; Drive To Begin Soon

The annual community chore of getting organized for the fall fund raising campaign of the Yancey United Fund is well under way. Officers were elected for the coming year, a budget adopted, and plans made for starting the drive.

The budget committee held a long session last Thursday at which requests from all agencies desiring to be included in the united appeal were reviewed. The budget finally adopted is shown elsewhere in this issue of the Yancey Record.

The budget is the largest in the seventeen years that our united fund has operated in the county; but, as the committee pointed out, the increase is no more than can be accounted for by the general inflation that has occurred during the period. A committee spokesman has expressed the assurance that a painstaking job was done, taking into account for every item the benefit to be derived by the county. By far the greater part of the money raised will be spent within the county, and the rest will be returned by indirect benefits.

In the main, the budget is similar to that of recent years, although a strikingly larger amount has been included for Boy Scouts. The explanation for this increase rests on definite plans for a major increase in scouting in Yancey County. Burlington Mills has made a large grant to assist in a great expansion of scouting throughout the State, and Yancey County is being called on to increase its support on a matching basis.

The motivation back of the Burlington Mills grant is understood to be the recognition that

Scouting is one of the most effective ways to combat the widespread alienation of youth, as evidenced by the hippy movement. Scouting, furthermore, is believed to be effective in providing for the development of future community leaders.

The Boy Scout Council has broad committed themselves to broad expansion of their activities. A professional Scout leader will be located in the Avery-Mitchell-Yancey area, and there is a good likelihood that he will make his residence in Yancey County. Definite assurance was given the budget committee that within a year there will be scout troops serving all areas of the county with at least 200 active scouts. The aim is to expand this activity to include 30 percent of the 1,000 boys in the county in the Boy Scout age.

Most of the items in the budget are fairly self-explanatory, although a few may need clarification. The N.C. United "Package" includes Yancey County's fair share of support for a group of agencies financed jointly by all united funds in the State. Among these are the USO which serves those in military service with recreation and other benefits, the principal child adoption agency in the State, a Florence Crittenden Home, and medical research at Bowman Grey and Duke. From all these and several others, Yancey County receives benefits.

Serving on the budget committee of the United Fund this year were Mack B. Ray, Dr. Garland Wampler, Ruby Smith, Charles Gillespie, Don Elly, Roy Ray, Ardell Sink, John Martin, Pat Guyer, Randall Peacock, Claude Vess and Bob Helmlé.

4-H Clubs	\$ 760
Community Development	400
Orthopedic Clinic	300
Red Cross	3,000
Boy Scouts	3,500
Girl Scouts	2,000
Dread Diseases	200
Yancey County Library	400
Blind & Sight Conservation	200
Yancey Hospital	100
Yancey County Mental Health	1,200
Revolving Loan Fund for Aging, Disabled and Low-income families	400
Child Development Center	200
N.C. United "Package" Administration	1,290
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TOTAL...	\$14,150