

## Yancey Businessmen Take Close Look At Agriculture

By Bob Helmle

A group of more than twenty local businessmen took a close look at agriculture in Yancey County last Wednesday under the guidance of staff members of the County Extension Office. The purpose of the tour was to create a better understanding of the economics, the problems and opportunities of farming in the county.

The tour was a feature of Farm-City Week, an annual event sponsored by the Department of Agriculture, Kiwanis International and numerous farm organizations. Its purpose is to provide communications and better understanding between urban and rural people.

The places visited on the tour included a tomato demonstration plot of J. C. Parker at Newdale, Francis Anglin's dairy near the Cane River School, Ralph Edward's research plot on Price's Creek, and the tomato packing plant of the Yancey County Producers Association.

At each stop informative talks were given relative to the projects, with particular regard to the economic impact on the county, and possible opportunity for expanding the farm activity. Those participating in the tour expressed themselves as having gained a far better understanding of the county's farm problems and opportunities.

Among highlights brought out were the magnitude of the county's dairy industry--milk sales from 35 Grade A dairies bring in more than \$1,100,000

### Grants OK'd

Congressman Roy A. Taylor announced today the approval of grants totaling \$367,580 from the Department of Labor for four Manpower projects in North Carolina's 11th Congressional District.

The projects include Western Carolina Community Action, Hendersonville, \$54,390 for 73 enrollees; Macon County Board of Education, Franklin, \$40,960 for 55 enrollees; Polk County Board of Education, Columbus, \$40,970 for 55 enrollees; and W. A. M. Y. Community Action, Inc., Boone, \$231,260 for 152 enrollees.

The Manpower projects will provide opportunities for boys and girls from poverty level families in North Carolina through the Neighborhood Youth Corps program.

a year (two thirds the income from tobacco). Although the number of dairies has declined, the increase in size of herds has more than offset this decline. The one dairy visited on the tour, with 60 cows, produces enough milk to supply all the people of Burnsville.

The possibility for expanding tomato growing, still laboring under the handicap of last year's disappointing results, was viewed as fairly promising. Very satisfactory results are being obtained this year by many growers, under prevailing prices for the crop.

The economics of tomato growing in the county points to the great need for expanded acreage, to enable our packing plant to operate more efficiently. Instead of this year's 42 acres, the need is for more than 100 acres. The packing plant could easily serve more than 200 acres.

Those who led the discussions at the several stops on the tour were W. C. Bledsoe, Extension Chairman; John Blair, Agricultural Extension Agent for TVA programs; Allen McMurray, Assistant Agricultural Agent; and Hugh Pate, Horticultural Aide. Arney Fox and William Bledsoe served as co-chairman of the committee arranging the tour.

### New Bank Approved

First Citizens Bank & Trust Company received approval on September 22, from the State Banking Commission to open a bank in Burnsville.

Final authorization must come from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, which has received First-Citizen's Burnsville application.

At the meeting of the Commission, a group of business and civic leaders from Burnsville appeared in support of First-Citizens effort to establish a bank in the Yancey County community.

Proposed location for the First-Citizens Office is in the Burnsville Plaza Shopping Center.

First Citizens' management supervising the bank's application for the Burnsville Office were S. A. Hughes, senior vice president and the regional supervisor, and George Chumbley, assistant vice president. Both men are based in the bank's Asheville Office.



Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Sells

## Elizabeth Morgan Dies, Founder Of AM School

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Morgan, 61, founder of the Arthur Morgan School at Celo, former publisher, concert singer and violist with the Asheville Symphony, died Sunday after an illness of two years. She lived in Celo, in Yancey County.

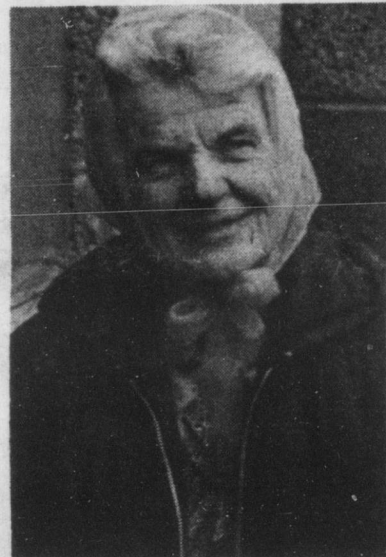
Mrs. Morgan was a native of Wenatchee, Washington and was educated at Antioch College at Yellow Springs, Ohio, and Miami University at Oxford, Ohio. She was active in civic organizations in Ohio, and was editor and co-publisher of the Yellow Springs News before she came to North Carolina. She also ran unsuccessfully for congressman-at-large from Ohio on the Socialistic ticket in 1940, and edited a book of labor songs some years ago.

Mrs. Morgan came to Celo in 1953, where she was

### Men's Club Meeting Held

A program appropriate to Farm-City Week now being observed in Yancey County was presented at the Burnsville Men's Club meeting on Monday night. The speaker of the evening, William Bledsoe, County Extension Chairman, described the purpose of Farm-City Week as the creation of better understanding between town and country people through exchange of information and ideas.

A major part of his talk dealt with the problems and opportunities of agriculture in Yancey County, and an explanation of its impact on our economy. He illustrated his talk with slides showing various aspects of farm life in Yancey County.



Elizabeth Morgan

a partner in Camp Celo and founder of the Celo Work Camp and Arthur Morgan School, and helped found Music in the Mountains in Yancey County.

For some years she played viola in the Asheville Symphony Orchestra, and was a concert soprano vocalist.

Surviving are the husband, Ernest Morgan; a daughter, Mrs. Douglas Shroeder of Celo; two sons, Arthur and Lee Morgan of Yellow Springs, Ohio; and six grandchildren.

Private burial was held in the Celo Friends Meeting Cemetery and a memorial service was held at 3 p. m. Wednesday at the Arthur Morgan School.

The family has requested that no flowers be sent, but suggested that memorial contributions may be made to the school.

### Horse Show

The Mt. Mitchell Bridle & Saddle Club Fall Show will be held Saturday, October 2. Afternoon show starts at 1 p. m. Evening show starts at 7 p. m.

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## Missionaries Hold Study

The Reverend and Mrs. Ernest Sells, missionaries in Africa for 42 years, will launch a four night study of Africa at Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 3 at 5 p. m. Their presentation will be by word and picture.

The Reverend and Mrs. Sells are on a pre-retirement furlough at Lake Junaluska, N. C., following a three year term at Old Umtali, Rhodesia, where he has served as Director of the Conference Historical Research and Methodist Archives.

During the years of service he was for 22 years a District Superintendent of churches and schools as well as pastor. Other responsibilities included Secretary of the Conference and National Ecumenical Organizations, Director of films and audio visual services, a school principal and administrative assistant to the bishop. Along with his Conference work he has served on the National Committee of the Rhodesiana (Historical) Society. His personal recreation was found through the Rotary Club of which he was an immediate past President for Umtali.

Mrs. Sells, in addition to her home responsibilities, has served as National Secretary of the Woman's World Day of Prayer, and in Home Craft work has taught nutrition and preparation of foods in Umtali and Old Umtali. In 1964 she published a book on Home Craft courses, entitled "Cooking Can Be Fun". Three editions have been printed.

### Century Club

Firms and individuals contributing \$100 or more to the Yancey United Fund in 1971 are as follows:

- Ben Franklin Store
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