

Yancey Hospital And Spruce Pine Hospital Announce Merger-To Form New Corporation

After many months of meetings and negotiations the Yancey Hospital Board of Trustees and Spruce Pine Community Hospital Board of Trustees recommended that the Yancey Hospital be merged with the Spruce Pine Community Hospital and form a new corporation to be known as Blue Ridge Hospital System, Inc.

This merger officially took place on October 1, 1971. Officers for the corporation are Mr. Milton L. Burleson, President; Mr. James A. Anglin, Vice President; Mrs. Bonnie Ford, Secretary and Treasurer; Mr. Donald B. Carlisle, Administrator of the Spruce Pine Hospital was appointed Executive Director of the

new corporation.

In forming this merger the Boards determined that the National, State and Local trend in the delivery of hospital care is toward merger which is being encouraged by Government Agencies and Third Party Payors (Blue Cross-Blue Shield and other insurance agencies).

The Boards unananimously resolved that the merger of the two hospitals will enhance utilization of the existing facilities, will provide sounder basis for expansion, will conserve health care resources, will avoid costly duplication, will reduce cost of health care and will enable jointly to provide more comprehensive health care to their respective communities.

The joint Boards further accepted the guidelines and recommendations of the Medical Care Commission and Hospital Consultant to:

1. Replace the present facility in Burnsville with the construction of a new long term facility which would contain sufficient number of acute care beds and minimal emergency and out-patient facilities to serve the immediate needs of the community, and

2. Expand the Spruce Pine Community Hospital with fifty (50) additional acute care beds, modernize existing beds and expand ancillary and service departments to accommodate the additional beds and to eliminate duplication in proposed long term care facility.

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At NC State Open House

A group of East Yancey and Cane River students attended Open House at North Carolina State University at Raleigh, October 9-10.

The group left Yancey County at 6:00 a. m. and arrived in Raleigh at 12 noon. During the afternoon they toured the campus and saw the many science exhibits. That night they attended a football game between N. C. State and Wake Forest. On Sunday morning after a brief tour through Raleigh, the group started back and arrived here after 8 p. m.

Students attending from East Yancey were Sandy Ray, Carolyn Miller, Jeannie Miller, Russel Wilson, Mike Deyton, Bobby Bennett, Tony Allen, Duane Buchanan, Boyd Howell, Doyle Byrd, Dale Osborne, Robert Howard, Mark Bledsoe, Danny Bledsoe, Kenny Deyton, John Blair and Robert Westall.

Students from Cane River attending were Debbie Higgins, Nina Silvers, Kay Honeycutt, Mona Morrow, Janet Stone, Diane Ray, Tim Higgins, John Renfro, Dennis Whitson, Mike McCourry, Keith Webb, Vic Gardner, Ricky Peterson, Jody Cox, Bobby Adkins, Morris Hylemon and Bobby Dean Adkins. Chaperones attending were Mr. and Mrs. Wm C. Bledsoe and family, County Extension Chairman; Mr. and Mrs. John Blair and family, Agricultural Extension Agent; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny McLain, District Forest Ranger; Mr. Dean Hicks, science teacher; Mrs. Phyllis Bailey and Mr. Ronnie Proffitt, teachers

The students made the trip in the Cane River activity bus driven by Mr. Proffitt.



Students Travel To Raleigh On Activity Bus

"Teacher Of The Year" Chosen

Mrs. Pauline Hensley was chosen "Teacher of the Year" for Yancey County by a panel of judges on October 4, 1971.

Mrs. Hensley was born in the Jack's Creek Community of Yancey County. After graduating from Burnsville High School she attended Meredith College where she received her AB Degree.

Mrs. Hensley began her teaching career at Bald Creek High School and has taught here in the county since then except one year that she taught in Buncombe County.

Bloodmobile

The Bloodmobile will be at the Armory in Burnsville on Thursday, October 14, at 1:00 to 6:00 p. m.



Pauline Hensley

She is presently teaching Home Economics at Cane River High School.

Mrs. Hensley was chosen by her school to participate in the Teacher of the Year Program. Others who were chosen from their participa-

ting schools were Mrs. Mae Chrisawn, South Toe Elementary; Mrs. Enola Wilson from Burnsville Elementary; Mrs. Lillian Tomberlin, Bald Creek Elementary; Mrs. Shirley Edwards, Bee Log Elementary; Mrs. Jane Robinson, Mica-ville Elementary; Mr. Joe Higgins, East Yancey High School.

Mrs. Hensley will now move on to the NCAE-ACT District Competition which includes 13 western counties.

Horse Show

The Mt. Mitchell Bridle & Saddle Club will have their Fall Horse Show on October 16 at the Show Ring Lee Slagle Farm, 1 mile E. of Burnsville. Afternoon Show time is 1 p. m. Evening Show starts at 7 p. m.

Blue Devils Beat Panthers

By Robert Howard
The Harris High Blue Devils unleashed a very powerful offensive attack and they defeated the Panthers by a 63-0 score Friday night.

Halfback Hollifield opened the scoring with a 23-yard touchdown run. Snyder passed to Miller for the second Blue Devil score. Greene scored the third touchdown on a two-yard run to give Harris a 19-0 score at half-time.

Hollifield scored again on a 35-yard run. Terry McMahan scored on a nine-yard blast, and Greene tallied his second touchdown. Ledford, for Harris High, ended the scoring with a 25-yard field goal with 0.03 seconds remaining in the game.

East Yancey will travel to Edneyville on Friday, October 15th.