



COMMUNITIES WIN AWARDS—Mrs. Bill Young, Arbutle, and Mr. Douglas Johnson, White Oak Creek, represent their communities in receiving awards at the 1971 Western North Carolina Community Development Program, Saturday, December 11, at Asheville City Auditorium. Arbutle Community received \$50.00 as honorable mention in the area contest and White Oak Creek Community received \$50.00 and fifth place in the Youth Division. Melvin Graham, brother of evangelist Billy Graham, was principal speaker.

Firm Disciplinary Action To Result From 2nd Serious School Bus Accident

As a result of the second serious school bus accident this year, school officials are making an all-out effort to eliminate all practices and conditions that might contribute to such accidents in the future. Edgar Hunter, Superintendent of schools has announced two areas of concentrated efforts. First will be that of careful driving by all bus drivers at all times. All drivers receive special training in safety practices before they are given a school bus drivers license. School officials and the highway patrol will be watching for any unsafe or careless driving by the drivers. Offenders will surrender their bus drivers license and lose their bus driving job, even if it becomes necessary to park a bus until new drivers can be trained. This has already happened at one time this year when a bus remained parked for two days while a new driver was being trained.

who has the responsibility of supervising bus transportation, has a legal right and a responsibility to refuse transportation to any student who disturbs the driver to the extent that he endangers the passengers. As of this date all principals are instructed to exercise this responsibility and to refuse transportation to any student, regardless of age, who continually disturbs on the bus. This can be done for an indefinite period of time. One practice that must be eliminated is that of passengers standing in the doorwell near the driver. School officials and the highway patrol will be watching for this, as well as other noise and commotion on the buses.

Principals will attempt not to load any bus to the extent that any students have to stand. This will be impossible in a few cases, however, until some re-scheduling can be done.

School officials invite responsible adults to report unsafe practices that they may observe, but only if the person making the report is willing to have his name used in the investigation. Reports based on "they said" cannot be accepted.

Most of the forty six bus drivers in the county are doing an outstanding job, but we cannot afford to have even one that is doing less than his very best toward safely transporting his student passengers.

Baptist Association Presents Program

Once again the Christmas Story will be presented by the Yancey County Baptist Association at First Baptist Church, Burnsville, on Friday evening, December 24, at 7:30 p.m.

The program will consist of a meditation period led by Miss Susan Hensley with Charlie Boone at the organ. Mrs. Gil Crouch, who portrays Mary, will present a lullaby as a part of the worship program at this time. Rev. Harold McDonald will lead the evening prayer.

Following the meditation period, there will be a time for carol singing by the congregation which will be concluded by a carol sung in

Spanish by Mrs. John Divers.

Testamones—"A Cherished Christmas Memory"—will be given by some of the youth in the Association. Following this the Rev. John Divers will present "Christmas Meditations."

The Christmas Story from Luke will be read as the Youth Choir, under the direction of Miss Linda Deyton, concludes the program by singing "Go Tell It On The Mountain" with Chris Miller and Charlie Boone as soloists.

Rev. and Mrs. Divers are missionaries to Argentina. Mrs. Divers is the former Mary Evelyn Hensley, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hensley of Bolens Creek. This will be the Divers' last visit to Yancey County until they have another furlough to the states. They plan to return to South America early in January.

The public is invited to join the churches and the youth of the Yancey Baptist Association on this Christmas Eve as the old, old story of Christmas will be told anew.

Mass Set For Spruce Pine

A joint Christmas dinner and party were held Sunday, December 12 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church here in Burnsville with members from St. Luciens, Spruce Pine and St. Patricia's Church in Linville attending. Santa presented the children with gifts.

It was announced that Midnight Mass will be held this year at St. Luciens Catholic Church in Spruce Pine, on Friday, December 24th. Regular services will be held Christmas Day at 9:00 a.m., Spruce Pine and 11:00 a.m. here in Burnsville.

Everyone is invited to attend.



May the Holy Babe inspire us toward a joyful and peaceful world

We would like to extend our heartfelt wishes for a Merry Christmas to all of our friends. Where ever you are—may your holiday be a happy one! —Carolyn and Ed Yuziuk

Letter To The Editor

Covered with blood and gasoline, my 9-year-old granddaughter was lifted unconscious from the wreckage of a school bus on Blue Rock Road this week. The nice 17 year old boy who was driving had made an error of judgment or was being pestered by the kids, and the bus rolled 300 feet down a steep hillside. One spark, and all the children would have burned to death.

Bus accidents with youthful drivers have been so common that there is a federal law forbidding the use of such drivers. North Carolina has begged exemption from this law on grounds of poverty.

Yet we have one of the lowest cigarette taxes in the nation. The convenience of smokers and the profits of the tobacco companies are apparently placed ahead of the safety of our children. It is time we woke up and put first things first!

Pending state aid, Yancey County can do as some neighboring counties have done—find other ways to economize. Ernest Morgan Celo

Sales And Use Tax Report

Local 1% Sales and Use Tax collections for November were reported in a recent statement by L. L. Clayton, Commissioner, North Carolina Department of Revenue.

The November report shows Yancey County comparing favorably to other counties in this area. November collections in Yancey County amounted to \$9,311,011. The amount collected in Mitchell County for the same period was \$14,065,344, and for Avery County the amount was \$13,339,688. Yancey County rose above Madison County's collection of just over \$8,000,000.

Notice

All French-Broad Electric Membership Corporation Offices will be closed Friday, December 24, through Monday, December 27, 1971 in observance of the Christmas Holidays.

Film Will Be Shown December 26

"Lost Generation", the latest release from World Wide Pictures, will be shown on Sunday, December 26th at the Bolens' Creek Baptist Church.

Filmed in Eastmancolor, "Lost Generation" utilizes multiple screen images and a probing documentary style to investigate attitudes on dissent, violence, the mood of American, and the answers that can be found by this generation as they face the decisions of life. The

opinions of both young and old, urban and rural, rich and poor, are brought to the screen as the camera focuses on people of various backgrounds throughout America. Location shots were filmed in Alaska, the Southern states, on the farms and in the small towns of mid-America, and in the dyke, Haight Ashbury hippie district of San Francisco.

The feature-length film, which includes special appearances by Billy Graham,

Art Linkletter, and Jack Webb, was described by one reviewer as a "moving film that calls on us to make a decision about how much we want to get involved in the troubles of our times. It is a relevant story that demands our immediate attention."

"Lost Generation" will be shown once at 2:00 p.m., with no admission charge. The public is cordially invited. A good will offering will be taken.

Presnell Is New Record Cartoonist

A recently added feature of *The Yancey Record* and *Mitchell Ledger* has been original cartoons created by James C. Presnell entitled "Jeff n' Angie" and "Genonimo".

James is a 1963 graduate of East Yancey High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos W. Presnell of Route 6, Burnsville. He is married to the former Ouida Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey

Johnson, Route 3, Balkensville and both work at Glen Raven. They have 2 children, Jeff who is age 7 and Angie, age 3.

According to James, who has always been interested in drawing, the antics of his own children furnish some of his ideas for the "Jeff n' Angie" strip. "Most cartoonists start as freelancers," he said, "selling by mail to magazines and then

going on to a syndicated strip."

"As far as I know," he added, "there are no specific requirements one has to have to become a cartoonist. Only that a person has to be able to put something on paper that will prove interesting to others."

We join Mr. Presnell's family and friends in wishing for him a successful future as a cartoonist.