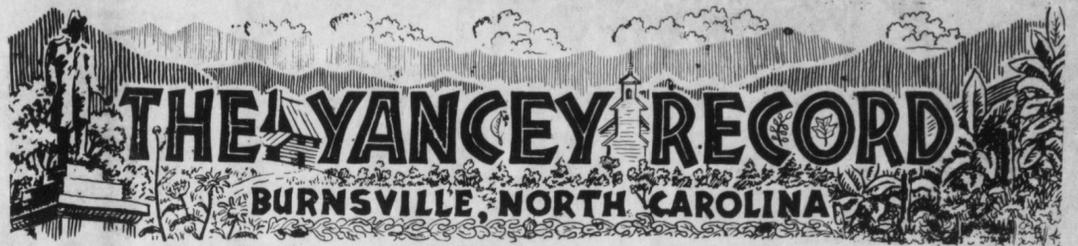


# Happy New Year Everyone!



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Photos by Jody Higgins



Pre-School Children Enjoy Christmas Party Given By Social Services, The Health Dept., And Head Start

## Interagency Christmas Party Held For Children By Social Services, Health Dept. And Head Start

By Jody Higgins  
Last Thursday, December 23rd, Social Services, the Health Department, and Head Start held an interagency Christmas Party at the Pensacola Methodist Church. The party was given for children in that area who might not have been able to come into town for the gathering.

Services; Bonnie Mc Curry, Health Service; True Elliott, WAMY; Lorene Greene, Head Start Director; Jerry Mann helped Santa!

The group wishes to thank the Pensacola Methodist

Church for the use of their Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Hall complete with kitchen facilities is part of the recently completed building program by the Pensacola Church.

On Wednesday, the Social Services Department gave a Christmas Party for children attending the Child Development Center. About 25 other children from this area attended the party.

## Swine Inspection Requirement Lifted

The thirty children and ten adults in attendance were visited by Santa Claus, who gave the children toys. Suzanne Jones presented a flannel-gram story about Santa coming to the Mountains for Christmas. The children sang Christmas carols for their parents and were then served refreshments by the Social Services, Health Department and Head-Start workers.

By Wm. C. Bledsoe  
Extension Chairman James A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, has issued a proclamation that effective January 1, 1972, the requirement for on the farm inspection of swine is lifted.

The requirement that swine moving from farm-to-farm be inspected was imposed some time ago to combat spread of hog cholera in the state. This change in no way alters other emergency hog cholera regulations.

The N. C. Graded feeder pig sale Association has begun a swine farm inspection

program for continuation of quality feeder pig offerings. This farm inspection is required only for producers selling on the graded feeder pig sales. This activity has no connection with the N. C.

Department of Agriculture Cholera regulations. Anyone who might have questions regarding these changes, please contact the Yancey County Extension Office.

## Yancey Jaycees Active During Holiday Season

The Yancey County Jaycees with the cooperation of a few local merchants are sponsoring a Fireworks Display on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1971, to begin around 9:30 p. m.

The Display will take place on the property directly above the railroad depot. The site was chosen so that you can park somewhere in the surrounding area and view the display from your car.

The Yancey County Jaycees would like to express appreciation to Mrs. Madlyn Bryant for the use of her property and also appreciation to the following merchants:

The Yancey Record, Ray Brothers Food Center, Dr. Allen Maddox, Amberjack Restaurant, Rubys Flowers by Vance, WKYK Radio, Country Store, Roberts Chevrolet-Buick, Carolina Tire, Styles & Company, Burnsville Super Market, Chamber of Commerce.

President Daniel Buchanan and Donald Banks of the Yancey County Jaycees spent most of Friday afternoon, December 17, erecting the 50 foot cross on the fire tower on Phillips Knob.

The Yancey County Jaycees would like to express appreciation to Mr. Craig English and his Forest Service group for permitting us to display this cross on the tower. Also we appreciate the Town of Burnsville letting us use the string of lights.

The Yancey County Jaycees took on this project hoping that we could add a little cheer and happiness to your Christmas season. We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and wish you all a Happy New Year.

## Panthers Win Two Of Three

By Robert Howard, Charles Robinson  
In the last game before the Christmas holidays, the Panthers won two of the three games played against Bakersville.

Darrell Boone and Jimmy Norris led the scoring for East Yancey. Boone had 33 very big points, while Norris had 10. Miller, Ledford and Craig of Bakersville had 14, 10 and 10 points respectively. Kathy Griffin and Shelia Parker led the scoring for the Lady Panthers. Griffin had 12, while Parker scored 10. Harrell was the high scorer for Bakersville with 8 points. Miller and Boone had 6 and 4 points respectively.

East Yancey lost the J. V. game by a score of 62-54. East Yancey will play Mars Hill on January 4 at East Yancey.

The Yancey County Jaycees will sponsor a Gospel Singing for James Beaver on January 9 at Cane River High School. There will be no admission charge, but a good-will offering will be taken.

Performing groups will be the Glory Bound Quartet, Trailways Quartet, Joyfulaires, Peak Family, Rainbow Quartet, Rebels Creek Quartet, Bee Log Quartet, Happy Echoes, Maple Ridge Quartet, Thomas Brothers Quartet, Ivy Gap Singers, Getsemene Quartet, and the Good News Singers.

Everyone is invited to attend.

## Students On Dean's List

Academic honors at Western Carolina University have been conferred upon 9 students from Yancey County, according to an announcement by Dr. W. Newton Turner, vice president for academic affairs.

Students from Yancey County are: Mark Bennett Jr.; James W. Hoover, Rt. 5; Larry V. Hughes, Rt. 1; Teresa A. McMahan, Rt. 2; Sharon D. Smith, Route 5; Forrest R. Westall, Route 5; Janet C. Wilson, Rt. 2, all of Burnsville; Kenneth M. Hughes of Micaville; Dennis L. Howell of Newdale.

Students on the dean's list must earn a quality point ratio of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 on a regular quarter's work of not less than twelve quarter hours.

## Bear Hunters' Help Asked To Insure Black Bears Survival

By Jim Dean  
In the desolate eastern swamps and in the high mountains in the west, the black bear is fighting for survival in North Carolina—with a little help from his friends.

The black bear has been in trouble in North Carolina for some time, mostly because his old haunts are being replaced by everything from parking lots to housing developments. In the east, swamp drainage and clear-cutting has ruined huge tracts of land where bears previously lived.

Actually, there are still quite a few bears left in North Carolina, particularly in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and other large, near wilderness areas in the west. In the coastal plain, bears are not uncommon in many areas, but their future has been looking rather bleak.

Faced with the possibility that the black bear might become extinct—or at least endangered—in North Carolina, the Wildlife Resources Commission took some major steps last spring to insure that this state will always have a good population of bears.

The project, an ambitious one, involved establishing some 26 bear sanctuaries, primarily in the east and west, where no bear hunting would be allowed. These sanctuaries are listed in the current 1971-1972 Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

The ban on bear hunting in the sanctuaries will help insure that breeding stocks are maintained and perhaps

even increased so that the bear population will not continue to decline.

The sanctuaries, which average about 50,000 acres each, are located in parts of the Wildlife Commission's new "Game Lands" which were recently increased by approximately a million acres—bringing the total of lands in the "Game Lands" program to about two million acres. Much of this new land is in the state's four National Forests. Other large private owners are also cooperating by offering large tracts of land to the bear sanctuary program.

These private companies have been very cooperative in helping us with this program," says Sid Baynes, a wildlife biologist. "I've been working with Georgia Pacific Corporation and Reigel Paper, and they have been a big help in making some of their land available and getting it mapped. Other large companies are also cooperating by offering land for use as bear sanctuaries."

Wildlife Commission personnel are currently in the process of marking the boundaries of the new bear sanctuaries. "We are progressing quite well," says Stuart Critcher, assistant chief of the Division of Game, "but we don't know how soon we'll finish, hopefully within a few weeks."

Although no bears may be killed in the bear sanctuaries, hunters may continue to hunt for other species of game.

The Wildlife Commission

also has other irons in the fire to save the bears. This past legislature tightened up regulations regarding crop depredation by bears. In the past, when a bear got into a corn field or bee hives, he could be hunted and killed regardless of whether the hunting season was open. Now, new laws have been enacted which will restrict this practice. A state-wide study of bears and their habits is also underway to find other ways to help the state's bear population.

This is where the state's bear hunters can be a big help.

"We're checking reproductive organs, stomach contents, teeth, size, age, weight and other factors," says Baynes. "Some hunters are already helping us with these collections, but we could use more help. When a hunter kills a bear, if he would call a Wildlife Protector or Wildlife Biologist in his area, we would hurry out and check the bear. The things we check will not hurt the bear or his hide, and he can still be mounted or his pelt preserved."

Bear hunting is still legal on areas off the bear sanctuaries, but now the bears have a place where they are protected. This should be good news to hunters because it will mean that North Carolina will have bears to hunt—and also as part of a priceless heritage—for the future.

After all, if there are no bears, there will be no bear hunters.

## 1972 License Plate Sale Begins With New Year; Application Cards Necessary To Obtain Plates

The application cards necessary for obtaining 1972 license plates were placed in the mail on December 20 and 21. Department of Motor Vehicles officials expect this huge mailing, estimated at more than 3,500,000 cards, to be delivered by January 1.

The 1972 Blue and White plates will go on sale throughout the State on January 4. The 1971 plates expire December 31 and their use beyond that date is permissible only if they are duly registered by the Department to the vehicle on which display is made. Owners who have their vehicles properly registered by the Department have through February 15 to obtain new plates.

Surrounding area residents may obtain plates at License Plate Office on the Burnsville Town Square, operated by the Yancey Merchants

Association. Office hours will be from 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. except Wednesday and Saturday 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon.

The local license agent, Mrs. Grace Banks, points out that "to renew a plate you must have a renewal card" and cautions against the misplacing of it when it is received. She also asks you to open the envelope, read the instructions and complete the application according to instructions before presenting it for a new plate. This will expedite issuance and keep lines from forming.

The Department of Motor Vehicles has made arrangements with the Post Office in Burnsville, Micaville and Green Mountain to turn over to the local license office renewal cards which the Post Office has been unable to deliver. Anyone failing to re-

ceive an application card may possibly find it at the local license office. "It will take from ten days to two weeks to get application card from the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh," says Mrs. Banks, and she suggests that those who have not received an application apply to her office as early as possible so that there will be

time to get one out of Raleigh if she does not have it. Motor vehicle owners who have not received their license application cards by January 1st should notify the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh. "It will take you from ten days to two weeks to get one and you should, therefore, act promptly," says Mrs. Banks.

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