



Photo by Jody Higgins

AN EXTRA-EARLY SPRING?—The past few months of unseasonal weather is playing tricks on area ski resorts and on the plants and trees. Confused by the warm temperatures that have been predominate since heavy snowfall early in the winter, many trees and plants are budding for what they think is spring. The warm weather has successfully fooled the vegetation, but many growers fear these eager plants will be damaged when normal winter weather returns.

High School Students Plan Recreation Center, Lack Of Progress And Initiative Kills Enthusiasm

By Zoe Ann Kaulf
East Yancey and Cane River High Schools combined their Student Council members to discuss the possibility of a recreation center in Burnsville for its teens. It was agreed that both schools would work for this goal. Building plans, location or just what type recreation plans were not set at that meeting, but officials were elected and the students were ready to make the plans.

Some two months later, however, this idea has made no progress. When asked if the two schools had decided to call it quits or if the plans had just been forgotten, Jim Norris, East Yancey's student council president, said that as far as he knew, the plans were still in effect, just that no progress had been made. Tim Higgins, president of Cane River's student council, had the same thought.

The recreation center idea was enthusiastically received by TVA representative John B. Marius, who talked with Tim Higgins, Keith Webb and John Renfro

all of Cane River, along with businessmen of Burnsville who would give support to the students.

Cane River confronted East Yancey and asked if they would join them in

working for this goal. East Yancey seemed a little reluctant at first, but as talk started, enthusiasm grew and East Yancey was one hundred per cent for the idea.

This enthusiasm has died. A lot of the members have forgotten about the recreation center. No other meetings have been held. There seems to be a lack of communication between the two Council presidents as to how the situation stands. Cane River waits for East Yancey and vice versa. Mr. Marius was to be informed as to whether the schools were interested in the recreation center. This had not been done either.

Another meeting should be scheduled and enthusiasm worked up again. Instead of letting this enthusiasm die down again as it did before, do something towards this goal. It will have to be decided definitely whether a recreation center is wanted and if so, the students must work on it instead of waiting around.

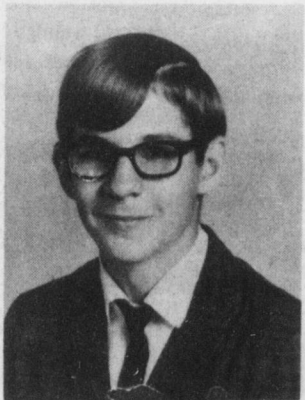
At the meeting, it was made clear that the center would be planned for the near future. If the plans are not followed through, a recreation center will not be possible.

Editor's Note

Readers of The Yancey Record and Mitchell Ledger have noticed a few issues of their newspaper, such as this one, in which the news from both counties has been printed in both papers. Our reason for doing this is usually due to scarcity of news, or ads, or both at certain times of the year—when we want to give our readers an interesting and informative newspaper anyway.

Although some subscribers who have friends and relatives in both counties have applauded these issues, it will not be possible to combine news on a regular basis as each county normally supplies us with more than enough news for their paper.

It is worthy of note, however, that the combined circulation of The Yancey Record and Mitchell Ledger totals more than 5,500—one of the largest weekly circulations in North Carolina!



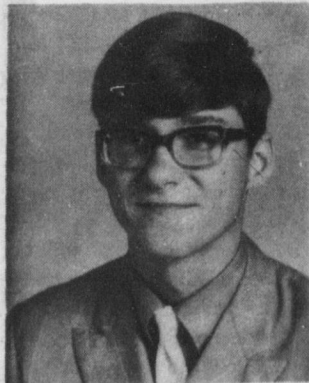
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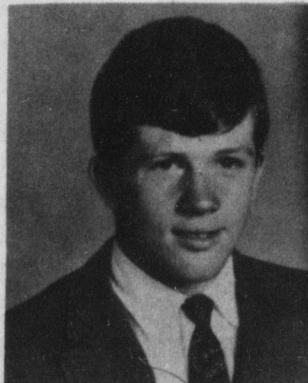
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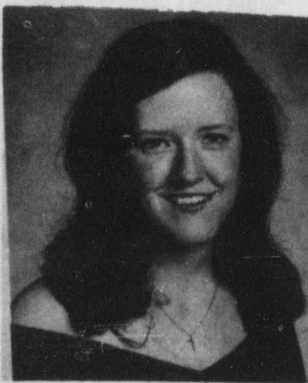
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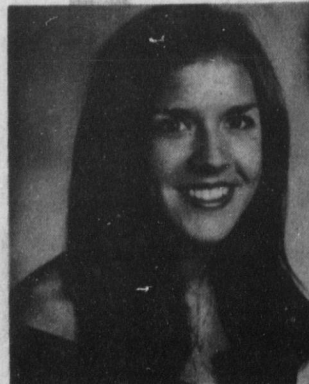
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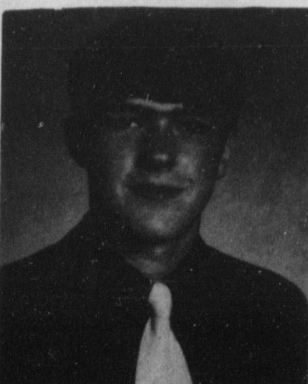
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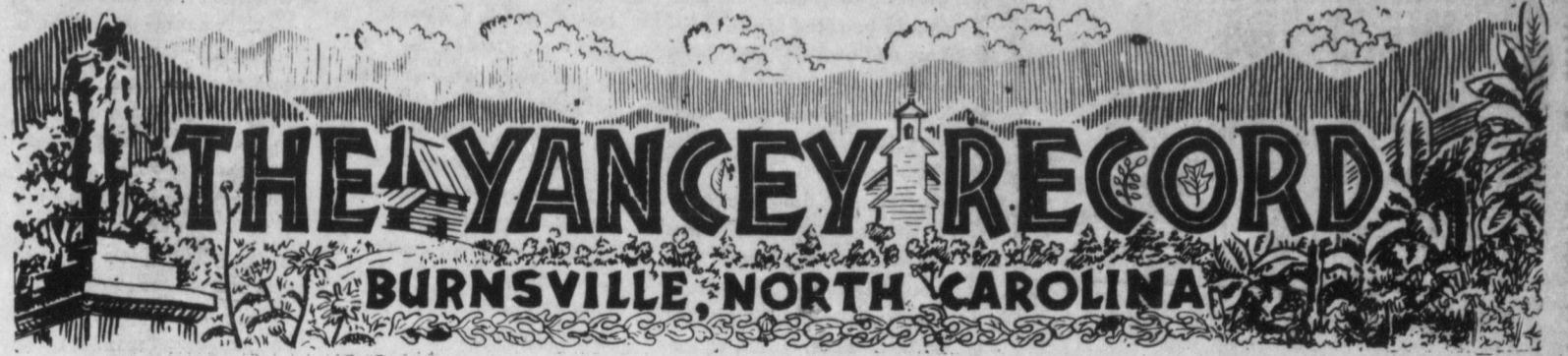


Sheree Banks



Jerry Laws

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS AT EAST YANCEY—Eight seniors at East Yancey High School have been nominated for the 1972 Outstanding Teenagers of America Awards program. They include John Blair, Charles Boone, Dwight Higgins, Ernie Howard, Boyd Howell, Jimmy Norris, Janice Hunter, and Catherine Deyton. They have distinguished themselves by leadership in community or school services, extracurricular activities, scholarship or sports. Charles Boone, Ernie Howard and Janice Hunter and Catherine Deyton have been chosen to participate in the semifinals. Three juniors at East Yancey were also nominated for the awards program. They are Debbie Thomas, Sheree Banks and Jerry Laws.



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Holshouser To Speak At GOP Dinner Rally

James E. Holshouser, Republican candidate for Governor, will be the featured speaker at a GOP dinner and rally to be held January 29, at 8:00 p. m. at Cane River High School.

Yancey County Republican Chairman, Steve Boone, announced this week that

Holshouser and his wife, Pat, plan to be at both the rally and dinner.

Holshouser has served four terms as a State Representative from Mitchell, Avery, and Watauga Counties and was State Republican Party Chairman from 1966 through 1971.

Tickets for the January 29 dinner are five dollars each and can be obtained by contacting Mr. or Mrs. Steve Boone.



James Holshouser

There will be a meeting of the Republican Executive Committee on Thursday night, January 13, at the Courthouse. This meeting is very important. All interested people are urged to attend.

IRS Tax Booklet Is Now On Sale At Post Office

A booklet that gives information on how to fill out Federal tax returns will be sold at the Postal Service facilities in the area. Postmaster Paul Buck announced today.

"Your Federal Income Tax" was written by the Internal Revenue Service and contains many examples to illustrate how the tax law applies to actual situations. A special feature of the booklet is the sample, filled-in return, Form 1040, keyed to pages where explanations can

be found for each entry on the return.

The 160-page booklet is on sale now and costs 75¢ a copy.

"By selling this booklet at postal facilities in the Burnsville area we are offering a convenient service to our customers," Postmaster Buck said. "We are participating in a nationwide program to make the tax booklet available to the public in 15,000 postal facilities."

Another popular IRS publication, "Tax Guide For Small Business" will also be sold for 75¢ a copy at the Asheville Post Office.

This publication answers many questions businessmen have about Federal income, excise and employment taxes and also contains a 1972 tax calendar with due dates for various tax and information returns and payments.

Micaville PTA

The Micaville PTA will meet Monday, January 17 at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Fergus Pope will show slides about their life and work with Dr. Albert Schweitzer in Africa. Interested parents are urged to attend.

Tax Help!

FIRST: Dial your long distance access number... THEN: Dial 800-822-8800.... The person who answers will be a Taxpayer Assistant in Greensboro who will help you with any federal tax problem you have. AND: The phone call costs you nothing!

Notice

All York Rite Masons in the tri-county area are invited to attend its regular meeting Friday night, January 14, at the Masonic Temple in Asheville. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m. followed by a regular meeting of the Chapter Council and Commandery at 7:30.

Women's Club To Meet

The Burnsville Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting at 8:00 p. m. Thursday, January 13, at the Community Building. Hostesses will be Mrs. Ernest Briggs and Mrs. James Ray. Mrs. Donald Westall will be the speaker for the evening. She will discuss her recent trip abroad, supplementing her talk with slides, readings, and materials appropriate to the travelogue.

The public is invited.



VANDALISM IN BURNSVILLE—Last Friday night vandals left their mark on several establishments in Burnsville, two of which were churches. Three of the main spotlights on the grounds of First Baptist Church were broken off at the base, the steel casings broken although the bulbs themselves were undamaged. The church sign at Higgins Memorial Methodist Church had its glass housing broken and the board itself splintered. Vandals apparently then continued down the street, breaking a plate glass window at Burnsville Veterinary Clinic before ending up at Burnsville Elementary School where they also broke windows. The vandalism was not discovered until morning, and the Yancey Sheriff's Department is investigating the incident.

Northwestern Financial Corporation Reports Net Earnings For 1971

The unaudited, combined net earnings of Northwestern Financial Corporation for the year 1971 were \$6,574,345 or \$2.17 per share. This compares with \$5,278,618 or \$1.74 per share for the year 1970, an increase of 24.71 per cent or 43 cents per share.

The Northwestern Bank, the principal subsidiary of Northwestern Financial Corporation, contributed the major part of the earnings for the Corporation. Total deposits of the Bank on December 31, 1971, were \$631,400,317, an increase over 1970 of 23.13 per cent or \$118,612,559. Loans increased \$94,214,101 or 26.59 per cent. Total assets of the Bank increased from \$582,877,079 to \$710,050,026 or 21.82 per cent.

Northwestern Security Life Insurance Company reported continued expansion in sales. Insurance in force increased 68 per cent as against 39 per cent in 1970. This necessitated an increase in reserves of \$14,000,000. Notwithstanding this increase in reserves, Northwestern Security Life showed approximately the same profit as it did in 1970.

In 1971 First Atlantic Corporation increased its business very materially. The

Corporation was fortunate in selling its loans at the high rates of interest prevalent in the first part of 1971 and as a result showed a substantial increase in profits.

M & J Financial Corpora-

tion increased its volume of business and due to a lower cost of money reversed the decrease in profits noted in our report of December 31, 1970. Profits increased from \$266,000 to \$352,000.

Chamber Of Commerce Plans Events For New Year

The Board of Directors of the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce met at the Town Hall at 7:30 p. m. January 6th with president Claude Vess presiding. Twelve members attended.

Plans were made by this group to carry out several events of civic interest to the county. Committees were named to work out details in connection with the Annual Dinner Meeting to be held in the spring.

Plans are already under way for the Annual Craft Fair on the Square early in

August, as well as for bringing other attractions to the town and county.

Members of the Board also plan to look into the possibility of bringing about a "Face Lifting" project for the Town of Burnsville.

The Yancey County Chamber of Commerce is an active group of citizens working together to make our beautiful Yancey County an even better place in which to live. They invite your participation in county affairs. Won't you join them?

High - Low TEMPERATURE
UPPER PORCH
COUNTRY STORE
High - 66
Low - 16