



Governor Robert Scott (l.) and Dr. George Hyatt Jr., Extension Service Director, discuss "Impact '76"

Yancey Extension Staff To Reveal Special 'Impact '76' Plan At Countywide Meeting Jan. 31

By Wm. C. Bledsoe
Extension Director, George Hyatt, Jr., announced Thursday, January 13th, a long range plan for development of the state's key natural and human resources. It is called Impact '76. The news conference was held in Raleigh and was carried live on station WKYC.

Governor Bob Scott hailed the program and said, "It reflects thoroughness, imagination and much citizen involvement, which are all necessary ingredients in any successful program." The Yancey County Extension Staff will reveal the Yancey County Impact '76 plan in a program for the public January 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse.

The program outlines the goals in agriculture, forestry, family living, youth development and community resource development. It also gives major attention to the environment and to the extension service's role in helping disadvantaged citizens. Hyatt said that although there have been two other such long-range programs over the past decade, "Impact '76 tends to emphasize people and internal adjustments in agriculture while earlier programs tended to emphasize gross farm income, which has increased about \$500

million over the past decade." Hyatt said, "...our real measures of progress over the next five years might be how well our farm people adjust to such challenges as urbanization, tobacco mechanization, environmental concerns, low net profits, overproduction, changing markets, competition for labor, 'engineered' foods and inefficient production units." He said the extension service would move vigorously to make 4-H type programs available to all

citizens, rural or urban. The goal, he said, is to double 4-H participation by 1976. Concerning environmental protection, Hyatt said, "You'll hear extension workers talk more about pest management and less about just pesticides. You will see us emphasize water management instead of just drainage and irrigation. You will hear us stress sound land use above just production and development. You will hear us emphasize proper waste disposal as the first step in

poultry and livestock production." Scott told the extension officials, "North Carolina needs the progress which you say is attainable under Impact '76. Therefore I challenge you to make the goals that you have set forth a reality." The governor said he is delighted that attention to the environment, to the state's disadvantaged citizens, to young people and to rural development are included in the program.

Yancey Has This Year's First Case Of Hong Kong Flu In The State

North Carolina's first diagnosed case of Hong Kong flu is from Yancey County said Dr. John MacCormack, chief of the communicable disease section of the State Board of Health, last Friday, January 14th. The case was diagnosed from a blood sample sent to the health board laboratory in Raleigh and was the first case of Hong Kong flu to be confirmed in North Carolina.

Dr. MacCormack said that in light of this documented case, the Hong Kong strain is "probably the cause of the flu-like illness we're seeing across the state."

Reports of a flu-like illness began to filter into the state health board offices last week. Most of the reports were sent from Robeson, Orange, Durham and Guilford counties.

The state board of health **Men's Club Will Meet**

The Burnsville Men's Club will hold its January meeting next Monday at 7:30 at the Community Building. The ladies of the Newdale Methodist Church who have won a well deserved reputation for the excellence of the meals they have provided the club, will serve the supper.

The program for the evening will be provided by John McLain, relative to the Boy Scout activities in Yancey County.

The Men's Club has been promoting a number of projects and activities for improving life in Yancey County. President Mack E. Ray has announced the following committee chairmen for this promotional work: County-wide sanitary land fill (garbage program) W. C. Bledsoe; Yancey United Fund-Dr. Garland Wampler; Schools-O. W. Deyton; Scouting-John McLain; Community Club Work-Patrick Guyer; Recreation for the county-Jim Gardner; Girls Haven-Randall Pascock; Membership-Herbert Allen; New Hospital-Vemie Wilson.

laboratory is continuing to look at specimens sent from those counties, Dr. MacCormack said. Reports of the flu have not been received from other counties, he added, but since reporting of the flu is voluntary this does not indicate that other counties have not been hit by the bug.

According to Dr. Garland Wampler, who has treated a few cases of Hong Kong flu in Yancey County recently, symptoms are much like those of any kind of flu. But, he adds, complications are

usually more severe. Symptoms include chills, high fever, headache, generalized aching of the whole body. In general, if you stay in bed, take aspirin or other medication for temperature and drink plenty of fluids, your recovery will be uneventful. It is not necessary to call a doctor unless you have complications or some other condition which would warrant it. Hong Kong flu is hardest on older people who may have a pre-existing condition to complicate matters.

Construction Underway On Town Water System

At long last, after more than four years of planning and negotiating, construction work on the \$470,000 project of improving the Burnsville water system is under way. A heavy bulldozer started last Monday to prepare the site on the waterworks hill overlooking the town for the building of a new two million gallon reservoir.

At a pre-construction conference held last Friday, attended by town officials, contractors, engineers and a representative of the FHA, the go-ahead signal was given. The Brown Construction Company of Concord whose bid won the major part of the contract, agreed to start work at once. The laying of new water lines will begin next month.

The contractors have 270 days under the contracts to complete the job, which places the deadline for completion in October. According to the work schedules they have drawn up, the construction should be finished a month or more earlier than this.

The contractors expect to do all the work of placing new facilities in service, and rebuilding or remodeling old facilities with no more than a few brief interruptions of the town's water service. They give assurance that at no time will the town's citizens be

handicapped in maintaining the usual frequency of their baths or other domestic use of water. Insofar as practicable, notice will be given in advance of any interruptions of service.

During the town's recent disastrous fire, town officials and fire chiefs were for a time uncomfortably uncertain as to how well the town's water supply would hold out. Seven fire hoses delivering water under high pressure consume a great amount of water. Happily, the water supply held out very well. At the same time, the new improvements to the water system now being started will provide the town with a far larger and more certain water supply for meeting any possible future fire emergencies.

Scouts At Campout

On January 8, Boy Scout Troop 502 went on an overnight campout on Seven Mile Ridge. The troop hiked in from Busick to an old farm house on top of the ridge.

The first afternoon the boys constructed two signal towers and the next morning each patrol was assigned objects that had to be located by use of contour maps of the area.

Phone Companies Seek Statewide Rate Increase

The Western Carolina and Westco Telephone Companies on January 14, 1972 asked the North Carolina Utilities Commission for the company's first statewide general rate increase since 1964.

The telephone company's proposed schedule of rates calls for increasing the average monthly charges for basic service by approximately 33%. Increases likewise would apply for some optional and miscellaneous services and other services which vary with usage. The amount of these increases would depend on the type of service or equipment and usage.

The new schedule of rates would become effective af-

ter February. L. T. Moore, president in charge of the company's North Carolina operations, pointed out that the company's last statewide general increase in rates occurred eight years ago.

"There have been changes in some of the rates for our services during this time -- some up, some down -- but the net result is that at the end of 1971 overall telephone rates had gone down since 1964."

"While some telephone rates for local and long distance service in North Carolina were going down, the cost of living has been rising at a more accelerated rate," Moore stated.

"Our record of price performance is one which few, if any, businesses in North Carolina can match," he continued. "But we have reached the time when it is no longer possible to absorb the impact of inflation on our operations and achieve an earnings level which will support the new capital commitments required to meet service demands. A regulated utility is subject to the same economic facts of life with which every business is faced. It is unrealistic to expect any business -- regulated or unregulated -- to provide a level of service in keeping with 1972 standards at a price which is below the level of 1964, eight years ago."

If the company's earnings permit, Moore indicated, Westco and Westco plan to spend nearly \$22 million in North Carolina over the next three years for the construction of new telephone facilities. Moore pointed out that much of this money would flow into the local economy in the form of new jobs and payrolls, payments for local materials and supplies, and in state and local taxes.

Westco and Westco service approximately 52,000 telephones in North Carolina and are affiliates of the Continental Telephone System.

Meeting Held

The Women's Society of Faith Fellowship Church, Newdale, N.C. held its first meeting on Thursday, January 13, 1972 at 7:30 p.m.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Nancy Boone; Youth Assistant, Miss Kimberly McKinney; Vice President, Mrs. Florence Woody; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Melba Randolph; Program Chairman, Mrs. Frances Wyatt.

Plans were discussed for the coming year. Refreshments were served and the fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Project TELL was originated by the Young Bankers Division in 1963 and is rapidly gaining recognition for its contributions to the improvement of economic literacy among the young people of North Carolina. A Project TELL representative has been appointed for each of the state's one hundred counties.



Arney Fox

Fox Heads Project

Arney C. Fox, Cashier of Northwestern Bank, has been named by the Young Bankers Division of the North Carolina Bankers Association to coordinate the activities of Project TELL (Teach Economic Literacy Lectures) in Yancey County. Project TELL is the primary public service effort of the Young Bankers Division.

The statewide program was developed by the Young Bankers Division in cooperation with the State Department of Public Instruction. Project TELL makes available the experience of young bankers as resource people for classroom lectures on economic subjects. It is designed to supplement economic education programs offered through the public school system.

Each county representative is provided a kit of approved classroom lectures on economic related subjects, but flexibility of presentation is one of the chief assets of the program.

"We encourage all of our representatives to work closely with the teachers and try to deal with whatever economic related subject they feel will be most helpful as a supplement to the courses they are teaching," said J. Curtis Hendrix of Greenville, president of the Young Bankers Division.

Lightning Strikes Home; Blasts Hole In Ceiling

The home of Mr. Brown Gortney of the Green Mountain Community suffered severe damage last Thursday evening during a storm.

Lightning apparently struck the flue, demolishing it in the attic, throwing block and tile through the ceiling in

the living and dining area. Damage in the living room was from blocks thrown down through the ceiling, and from lightning entering the room by way of antenna wire.

The blast demolished most of the glass in an antique show case, with several

valuable antique stems destroyed. Damaged also from the blast were two windows blown out in the living room.

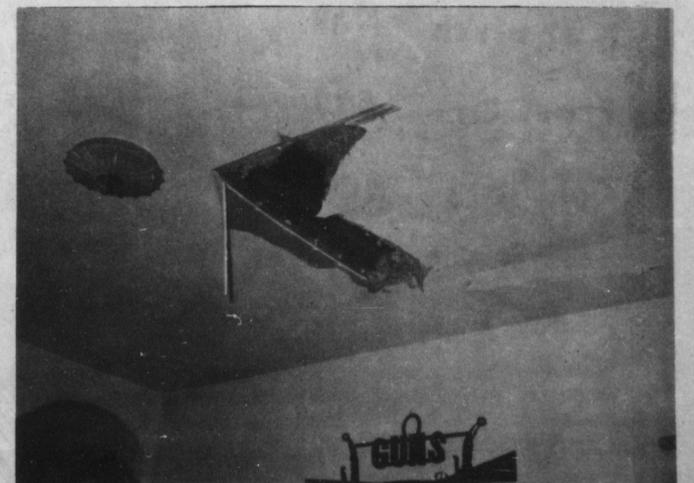
Five persons were in the house at the time of the incident, but no one was injured.



Concrete Blocks And Debris Litter Living Room After Home Struck By Lightning



Force Of Lightning Blast Shattered Glass And Splintered Wood Of Cabinet



Hole In Ceiling Was Made By Concrete Blocks Blasted Through By Lightning



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UPPER PORCH
COUNTRY STORE
High-66
Low-4

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...help prevent birth defects
give
to the March of Dimes