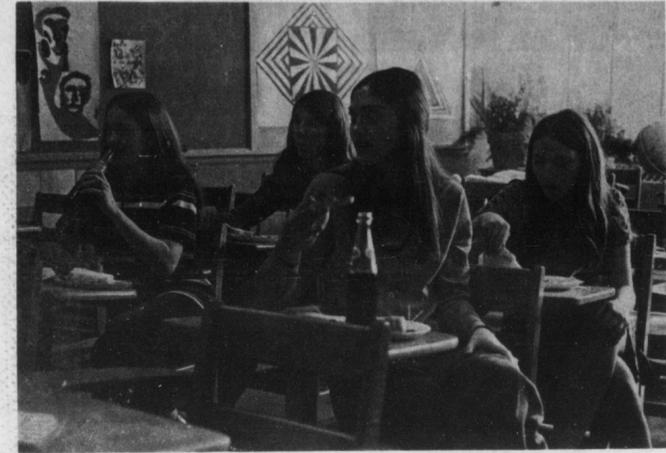
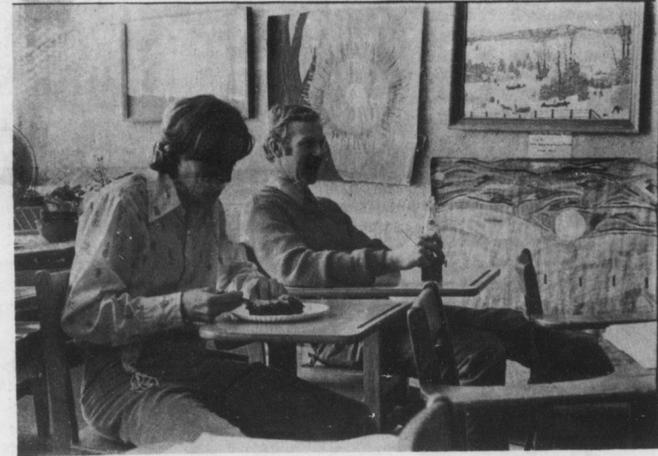




East Yancey Students Gather For An International Luncheon



EY Girls Enjoy A Different Kind Of Lunch



Joey Robertson And Mr. Sparks Finish The Leftovers

North Carolina Trellised Tomato Growers Association Meeting Held

By Allen I. McMurray
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The 3rd Annual meeting of the North Carolina Trellised Tomato Growers Association will meet in Asheville on Wednesday, February 16, 1972.

This meeting is open to all tomato growers and to interested people.

An added attraction this year will be displays by several companies. These will feature spraying equipment, harvesting aids, irrigation

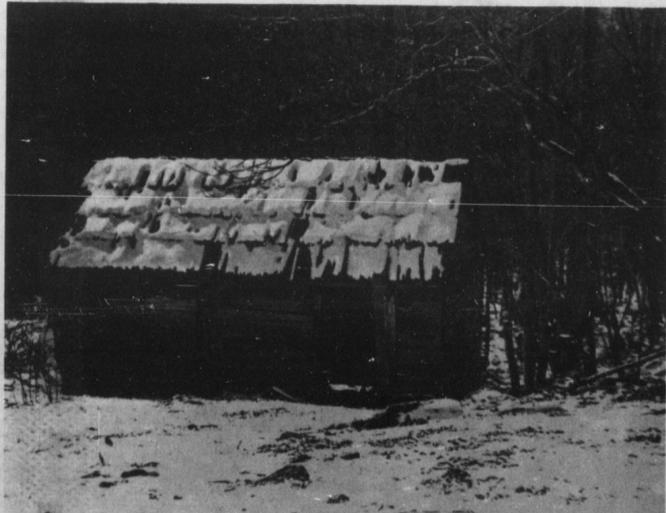
equipment and spray materials and fertilizers.

Registration for the all day meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, West in Asheville, Dr. H. F. "Cotton" Robinson from Purdue University will deliver the morning address.

Buffet lunch will be served, and the afternoon session will include Dr. Ralph McCracken, Assistant Director of Research at North Carolina State University, as

speaker, a business meeting, and a panel of specialists to discuss problems and answer questions from the audience.

All Trellised Tomato Growers in the area are invited to attend this meeting. Transportation will be available leaving from the courthouse in Burnsville at 8:00 a.m., or the county building in Bakersville at 8:00 a.m. Growers should call their county Extension Office if they would like to attend.



WINTER RETURNS—With last weeks' snow, scenes such as this one were common in the area, and made people aware of the fact that it is still winter in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

Seniors Stage Dinner

Photos and Story
by Jody Higgins

Tuesday, the halls of East Yancey High School were filled with the aroma of fine cooking. The aroma came from the classroom of Mrs. Kate Zuber, where she and her 4th period senior geography class held an International Dinner.

The students worked hard to prepare foods from other countries to broaden their knowledge of international cuisine and of the different places they are studying in geography class this year.

The luncheon consisted of salami, pizza, taco pie, shrimp with butter sauce, assorted cheeses, smoked clams, goose liver, beef and pork fondue, french bread, German chocolate cake, figs and other international foods.

While Mrs. Zuber and her class were enjoying their lunch, another East Yancey teacher, Mr. Kenny Sparks, was attracted to the classroom by the aroma of good food. After filling his plate a third time, Mr. Sparks said the food was "De-scrumptious", and suggested that the class have another international luncheon next year. After eating most of the leftovers, Mr. Sparks was said to have complained, "I can't believe I ate that whole thing."

Employers At Meeting

Yancey County employees were invited to a meeting Tuesday, February 1, at the courthouse in Burnsville. The meeting was organized for the benefit of employers, but items discussed could benefit the total community.

The first speaker was Mr. Ned A. Thompson, Industrial Representative for Gerber Products Co. Mr. Thompson introduced a Child Care proposal whereby an industry can provide a building plus upkeep and Gerber will provide a Comprehensive - Educational Day Care Center. For a price comparable to baby sitting fees in the area, mothers could send their children to a center with a well-balanced program and trained supervision. According to Mr. Thompson, he would recommend that a town such as Burnsville combine the efforts of industry and community.

The second speaker was Mr. Paul English, Director of Adult Education for the Mayland Technical Institute. Mr. English presented the group with a list of curriculum Mayland Tech can provide for industry employees. The two courses he elaborated on were Supervisory Development Training and Multimedia Training on Health and Safety.

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Yancey Coordinating Council Wins Unanimous Vote For Incorporation

Major strides were taken last Friday at a meeting at the county level of effecting a Yancey County Council for the coordinating of the numerous proposals, projects and programs continually under consideration for the betterment of Yancey County.

After considerable discussion, a voice vote unanimously approved a motion to proceed with the formation and incorporation of the proposed county council. No one voted against the motion. About 30 people attended the meeting at which Rev. Don Ely served as chairman. All those who participated in the discussion favored the new council.

Bob Helmle based his support of the council on the fact that it would provide better control by Yancey citizens of the many projects and programs which so importantly affect the county. The present vague regionalism favored by the Raleigh and Washington Bu-

reaucrats, he said, was tending to deprive citizens at the county level of effective control.

At present, he stated, Yancey County is involved in at least eleven regional agencies, some of whose functions overlap. With this complex situation involving duplication of effort, failure of communication, jealousy between the agencies, and failure of local board members to attend meetings and thus depriving themselves of effective control, there exists an important need for a coordinating council. A council can give assurance that Yancey County's needs are not overlooked.

Reverend Paul Woodall, who has been outstanding in Avery County community affairs, reviewed the reasons Avery has undertaken

the incorporation of a council similar to the one proposed in Yancey. He spoke with feeling of the complexity of the many agencies, the interminable succession of meetings, and the frequent failure of communication. His endorsement of county councils as a step toward simplification, efficiency and better control at the local level, was wholehearted.

Woodall answered some of the criticism leveled at the county council idea. Critics have charged that it is a step toward relinquishing control to "outsiders". Quite the opposite is true, he said. The idea of councils is to keep a reasonable measure of control at the grass-roots level, and curb the growing control by "outside" bureaucrats.

FBE Announces Massive Improvement Plan

French Broad Electric Membership Corporation today announced an electric system improvement plan totaling more than \$1.8 million. French Broad EMC presently serves more than 15,300 families, businesses and industries in five counties of Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee, and is the major electric utility in the area north of Asheville to Erwin and Newport, Tennessee.

This large investment in new electric facilities will be required to continue to provide increasing service to the present member-owners, and to extend service to over 1500 new members expected during the next two years. Some of the larger electric loads already under construction which the electric cooperative will serve include the new Madison County Shopping Plaza, the Marshall Housing Authority and the new Madison County Consolidated High School. These are all in Marshall and are all total electric projects. The expansion of Mohasco Industries at Burnsville, plus a rapidly expanding overall economic base in Yancey County will require the cooperative to invest large sums over the next few months.

The development of the Wolf Laurel project near Mars Hill, but covering a several thousand acre tract in Madison, Yancey and Unicoi Counties, will require the cooperative to continue to provide rapidly expanding electric service in this region.

From the northern suburbs of Asheville throughout the entire service area of French Broad EMC, the electric service requirements of the member-owners is growing at a record pace. The overall electric system-wide load of the cooperative will grow by at least 33% in the next two years. Hundreds of miles of new lines will have to be constructed, many of these completely underground. Service will continue to be increased to all members of the cooperative in every area of the system. Several hundred thousand dollars will be invested in more and better equipment to increase the regulation of voltage and provide sectionalizing to reduce the effects of storm damage to electric service.

French Broad EMC is proud of the record of electric power service made during 1971. The number of member hours without electric service was one of the lowest in the entire nation.

A part of the cooperative's new system improvement plan includes modernization of office facilities in Marshall and Burnsville in 1972 and in Bakersville in 1973, to provide better service to the members and the public.

Even though the Cooperative serves a geographic region with a low per capita income, and low per member electric usage, and less than half the revenue per dollar invested in plant than the private power companies, French Broad EMC still provides electric service at LOWER rates in all classes of service than other power companies, from minimum billing to the largest industrial accounts.

The credit for the success of the past for French Broad EMC must be given to the directors elected from the members, and the members themselves, who over thirty years ago banded together out of necessity to form an electric service system.

The management of the Cooperative today is pleased to announce the planned expansion of the Cooperative's service and operations by better than \$1.8 million. This will enable the Cooperative to continue to provide for tomorrow the needs of the member-owners of French Broad Electric Membership Corporation.

Anti-Smoking Forces Launch New Attack

By Senator B. Everett Jordan (D-NC)

WASHINGTON--Anti-smoking forces in the government and on Capitol Hill have launched a new attack on the tobacco industry.

And this time they are broadening their target to include users as well as manufacturers and advertisers of tobacco products.

The assault was opened last week in hearings staged by the Senate Commerce Consumer Subcommittee, chaired by Senator Frank Moss of Utah, a long-time foe of the leaf industry, with an immediate indication that the goal will be an imposition of further restrictions on the tobacco trade.

The proposal being used as a focal point for the hearings is a bill (S. 1454) which would give the Federal Trade Commission authority to set arbitrary cigarette quality standards.

Even before the hearings opened, however, chairman Moss made it clear he has other targets in mind as well.

One would be the consideration of legislation restricting smoking in public places and on interstate transportation facilities.

Another would be an effort to expand the Cigarette Smoking Act of 1969 to include little cigars such as the R. J. Reynolds new Winchester brand.

And, finally, the plan would call for additional pressure on the broadcast industry to increase the number of anti-smoking commercials despite the ban on radio and television advertising of cigarettes.

I consider these proposals unwarranted, excessive and a serious threat to North Carolina's agricultural and industrial economy and to the broadcast industry in the state.

For that reason I expressed my strong opposition to them in testimony before the subcommittee on the first day of the hearings and will continue to oppose them with all the resources at my command. In closing my testimony I warned against adoption of hasty, ill-conceived measures that could irreparably damage a major industry and its people.

Candidates File For School Board, County Commission

Democrats Troy G. Boone and Clarence Wheeler have filed as candidates for the Board of Commissioners of Yancey County, subject to the forthcoming primary.

Filing as candidates for the Yancey County Board of Education, subject to the Democratic Primary, are Ralph Silver, Carter Thomas, Albert Edwards and Mark W. Bennett from District 2.

Claude Vess has filed as candidate for the Board of Education subject to the Re-

publican Primary, from District 1.

Another Democratic candidate for the School Board, William Hess, filed last week, issuing a nine-point plan to make clear his position on vital issues.

Woman's Club Meeting Set

The Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, February 10 at 8:00 p.m. at the Community Building. Mrs. Ernest Briggs will be the program leader for the evening. Hostesses will be Mrs. Margaret Tyner, Mrs. Tessa Swink and Miss Annie Hassell.

The public is invited.

Notice

Yancey County Board of Education will meet Friday night at 7:30 at the Superintendent's office.



BURNSVILLE DRIVE-IN NOW OPEN—Joe Crisp, owner-operator of Burnsville's newest eating place, announces hours from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays and from 12:30 until 9 p.m. on Sundays. Serving Dinner Specials. Short Orders, Plate Lunches, and Sandwiches. Curb Service is available. Phone 682-6168.