

## Letter To The Editor

We have had children in the Yancey County school system for the past thirteen years, and have been waiting (not very patiently, sometimes) for something to be done to update our physical facilities and improve teacher-selec tion methods. The only real improvement I have seen (other than regular mainten ance) in buildings is that done at Burnsville Elementary last year. The PTA there, under Mr. Hess' chairmanship, kept insisting to all involved state agencies that something must be done until the board of education was forced to comply. I understand that in the last year Cane River Highhas made several improvements in administration and implementation of programs which is to be commended by all

We do have some excellent teachers and principals in our schools, as well as several average ones, but there have been a few years when I felt at least one of my childrens' full year was wasted. It seems a pity that many good teachers were not able to get or keep a job unless he or she was affiliated with and supported the "correct" politi cal party. I have been a registered Democrat since I became of voting age, but I do not believe politics should be considered in any way where our schools are concerned. I have always tried to vote for the man or woman rather than the party.

I would like to urge all parents and other interested citizens who want a wellrounded academic and athletic program to vote in the

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with sound education and vocational or professional backgrounds who are capable of making and carrying through decisions which will determine whether our children keep up with those in other counties. drop out of school, or keep marking time until they can leave Yancey County. Also, I would like to ask all the young men and women who are recent graduates of Cane River and East Yancey to make sure they are registered and eligible to vote in the primaries and elections. I know most of them have strong feelings of loyalty to their own school, but, at the same time, they must realize that in order to have a high school of the caliber of those in surrounding counties something must be done SOON toward starting a consolidated high

upcoming primaries for men

school here. I have known several of the candidates for the Board of Education for quite a few years and know them to be capable, intelligent, welleducated men. Others, in both 'parties, I am sure have some or all of these qualifi cations who are running in the primaries. I hope we can all let our judgement and conscience be our guides in choosing the best men avail able for our next school board.

Yours sincerely, Eileen (Mrs. Jack) Biggerstaff

## Couple Married

Miss Judy Diane Cooper and Daniel Lee Wheeler were married March 23 at the home of Rev. Biss McMahan at Micaville, N.C. Rev. McMahan performed the ceremony.

Miss Cooper is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Cooper of Green Mountain, N.C.

Mr. Wheeler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wheeler, Route 1, Burnsville.

The couple plans to reside at Route 1, Burnsville, N.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Laughrun and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Briggs entertained Mrs. Kate McCurry with a tea honoring her on her birthday on Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Laughrun. Guests included Dr. and Mrs. Gus Laurhrun, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Laughmin, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Laughrun and family, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Laughrun and Mrs. Ferrell Hughes of Asheville.

Miss Maray Greenmore and Darrell Durham, students at the University of Georgia at Athens, Ga., were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jock Hensley.

Mrs. H. E. King of Johnson City, Tenn. visited her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Laughrun last

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Boone a son, Daniel, at Memorial Mission Hospital on March 15.

The ladies at the Newdale Presbyterian Church entertained with a Stork Shower honoring Mrs. Kathy Frady last Monday night. Mrs. Frady has just returned from Germany where she has been with her husband who is stationed with the Army at Frankfurt, Germany. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dellinger.

Mrs. Hattie Clevenger has entered a hospital in Kingsport, Tenn. for treatment.

Roger Shepherd, Cleve Piercy, Faron Silvers and Richard Banks spent last weekend with the Rev. and Mrs. Calvin Smith and family in Abbeville, S.C.

Mr. and Mrs. David Boone have moved into their new home in Persacola, N.C.

HERE AND THERE

In Burnsville

BY MRS. BRUCE WESTALL

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Mrs. George W. Roberts has returned home after spending last week with her mother, Mrs. Lester Lamb of Ingold, N.C.

Mrs. George King of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. George Gowan and family of Charlotte, N.C., and Mr. and Mrs. Joe King and family of Spartanburg, S.C. spent the weekend at their summer home here.

Mrs. W. E. Burrus of Mt. Airy, N. C. visited her daughter, Mrs. Garland Wampler and family over the weekend. Also a sister, Miss Sara Burrus.

Miss Helen Walker of Asheboro, N.C. was the weekend guest of Miss Gwen Harris.

Mrs. Briscoe Randolph of Marion visited her sister, Mrs. Earl Deyton for the weekend.

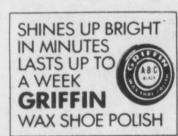
Mr. and Mr. Ellis Gunderson and Karla of Sterling, Va. spent the weekend with Mrs. Gunderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCurry. Mr. Gunderson returned home, while his wife and daughter will visit for two weeks.

Miss Diane Styles, a student at ASU-Boone, spent the weekend with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Kivitte Styles.

Mrs. Lou Russo of Charlotte visited her mother over the weekend, Mrs. Howard Barbee. Mrs. Barbee returned home with her for Easter holidays.

Captain and Mrs. George Downing just returned from a two week trip to New York to visit Captain Downing's brother, Colonel Paul Downing who has been ill. En route, they saw daughter, Paddy at Leesburg, Va., and old friends in Washington and Va. Beach. While in New York they visited gift shows and found many new items forthe Country Store.

Paddy Downing expects to return to Burnsville Thursday night and leave Saturday noon for a brief Eastern visit. The Downings daughter, Elizabeth Dyer's birthday will be celebrated while Paddy is home.



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