

Annual MHA Dinner May 5



Blaze Damages Buildings In Higgins Community

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had its beginning several years ago under the guidance and leadership of Mrs. Luella Honeycutt, who really gave birth to the present Association, which was chartered three years ago with Rev. Don Ely as its president. The main function of the Association is to work with the emotionally disturbed in the county and to carry on a follow-up program with persons released from Broughton or other mental institutions. In addition it encourages those needing psychiatric care to visit the Mental Health Clinic which is held at the Health Department twice monthly -- once with a qualified psychiatrist and twice monthly with a social psychiatric worker. The psychiatrist examines the patient and prescribes the proper drugs, and in some instances suggests hospitalization. The social worker counsels with patients and family members. Drug prescriptions are taken to local pharmacies where they are filled at wholesale cost, plus prescription charge, thereby saving the patient a considerable amount of money.

The Yancey County Association works closely with State and National Health programs, and is one of 46 such county associations in the state -- it being one of a very few in the Western part of the state.

The Association is made up of 21 Board members and a number of interested members. It also has the wholehearted support and endorsement of the County Commissioners.

Before you have read this far we hope you have become interested enough to ask, "What can I do to help". Here is your answer in part: Become an active and supportive member of the Association. A membership drive is being launched during this month. Show your concern by joining up. Seek out and encourage anyone in your community needing such help as the Clinic has to offer to come to the Clinic, and if they do not have transportation get out your car and bring them. In this way you may help in preventing someone entering Broughton or some other mental institution. You know the old adage, "A stitch in time

saves nine". Volunteer your services in transporting patients to the Clinic. Help serve refreshments at the Clinic. Help with the picnic which the Association gives annually for patients in Broughton and Western Carolina Center. Interest your Home Economics Club or other interested organizations in making curtains for Broughton. Write your representatives about the state of the mental hospitals in our state. Come to the monthly Board meetings held at Amberjack Restaurant the second Monday in every Month. Come to the annual dinner this Friday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m. and enjoy some good fellowship, become informed, and enjoy a wonderful dinner served by the ladies of Burnsville Presbyterian Church. If you plan to come to the dinner, you should act promptly by calling 682-2693 or 682-3112 for reservations. Inform yourself on what this little-known organization is doing for the betterment of the citizens in your county.

Funds For MDT Project

North Carolina received more than \$430,000 in federal funds last quarter for Manpower Development Training projects.

Added to this amount was \$44,000 in state funds, according to Robert G. Smith, supervisor, Manpower Development Training, Department of Community Colleges.

These monies supported training programs administered by technical institutes and community colleges for 543 North Carolinians classified as unemployed or underemployed.

Locally, Mayland Technical Institute in cooperation with the Employment Security Commission conducted MDTA class in Small Garden Vegetables consisting of 19 persons who will produce tomatoes and other small garden vegetables on a commercial basis.

Among the training projects conducted elsewhere were automobile repair, bricklaying, typing and cosmetology.

VICA Clubs Launch Drive

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last week at which more than a thousand dollars was raised for the Girls Haven building fund.

The VICA Clubs--the name stands for Vocational Industrial Clubs of America--is a national youth organization for vocational and industrial education students, with chapters in high schools throughout the country. Influencing the decision to launch the fund raising project for Girls Haven was a talk by Charles B. Dunn, Director of the North Carolina SBL. He praised the work of Boys Home at Lake Waccamaw, and emphasized the need for a comparable home for girls.

Speaking in a similar vein, Judge Edwin S. Preston, Juvenile Court Judge of Raleigh, and a member of Girls Haven Board of Directors, stressed the

often unfortunate outcome of committing juveniles to correctional training schools, who should not be sent there. Too often juveniles with no record of delinquency have been committed to these institutions for

the simple but tragic reason that there has been no other place to send them. Girls Haven, in providing a wholesome home for such girls, he declared, is designed to fill a major need.



For Lieutenant Governor

Margaret Harper X

REMEMBER When you vote for the Board of Education on Saturday, May 6, you are voting for the educational and vocational future of the children of Yancey County.

Think about it!



BILL HESS.

CANDIDATE, DISTRICT II, DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Last Wednesday at 2 p.m. firemen from the Burnsville Volunteer Fire Department were called to the Higgins Community, but were unable to extinguish a blaze that caused heavy damage and loss to buildings owned by Max Higgins, Sr.

A two-story concrete block building containing \$15,000 worth of farm machinery and feed was completely destroyed. A house, located a few feet from the concrete structure was saved, but received heavy damage to the end near the burning building. Higgins

son, Max Jr., lives in the house. Higgins estimated damage to the house, the destruction of the storage building and the equipment and feeds at \$30,000 to \$40,000. He said that the fire was discovered when his daughter

in-law smelled smoke and went out to investigate. Fuel and diesel oil stored in the building caused it to burn rapidly. When firemen arrived they fought the blaze for over an hour, but it was too late to save the structure.

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