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## Letters To The Editor

#### Dear Editor,

I desire to congratulate the Tom of Burnsville and Yancey County on receiving the North Cablina Governor's Award, Also I congratulate the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce on its role in bringing the award to Yincey County.

Economic development is impirant to our Western North Carolina mountain counties, and it makes me feel good to see Yancey County receive this statewide recognition. With many good wishes, .

Sincerely, Ry A. Taylor House of Representatives, Vashington, D.C.

### Dear Editor:

Fourteen years ago I graduatedfrom college and began teaching school in Miami, Florids I went into the teaching profession with many bright dreams but these quickly faded as I tried to deal with belligerant, il mannered children; for at that time teachers were not allowed to administer discipline in the schools. After five discourging years, I moved to this area and entered another field.

The young people I taught arenow in the age group that is causing much of the trouble on or college campuses through out the country, and after many rears of coping with the school problems, the state of Florda has now realized the error made in not allowing teaches the authority they need to successfully operate an efficient cassroom; and discipline has been returned to the schools.

When I moved to this area an my children began attending school, I was glad to know that tachers and principals had the authority to discipline, and I wasproud to live in an area where parents stood behind school officils when their child was properly disciplined.

I have had children attending licaville Elementary School for six years and I would like to opress my appreciation to the Principal and teachers, not only it the school improvements which are too many to list and fc the knowledge my children have gained, but for the guidanc and discipline they have received when needed.

> Ms. Nancy S. Boone, ioute 2, Burnsville

#### Dear Editor:

I would like to congratulate hs. Dave Hilemon for the letter she wrote last week regarding Edward Kennedy. It was wonderful. I think there shald be more letters like that one.

nn Banks

## An Editorial:

## Milk Is Lelevant

Has milk become sua an accepted product that no one really pays attentin to it anymore? Is it something like the weather wich everyone talks about but no one does anything abut it? And yet, milk is releant. It fits today's "life style"

as one of nature's best poducts. Then why hasn't per capita consumption of mk kept pace with population growth?

## Jody Cox Is Chosen

Jody Cox, a student at Cane River High School, is one of one hundred high school stu dents from across the state selected to participate in a six weeks summer Leadership School jointly sponsored by the Department of Public Instruc tion and the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. The School will be held at Mars Hill College in Mars Hill from June 11 to July 12th.

According to Bryce Cummings, Director of the Leadership School, the program is de signed to develop potential leadership abilities in the students selected. Students will be involved in identifying and analyzing specific problems and concerns facing young people today.

# **Community Events**

The Burnsville Woman's Club will hold its regular meet ing on Thursday, June 8, at 8:00 p.m. at the Community Building. Mrs. Ernest Briggs will present a travelogue of her recent trip to Australia. She will supplement her talk with some filmstrips of Australia and New Zealand.

Hostesses for the occasion will be Mrs. Mary Margaret Deyton, Mrs. Mary Bledsoe, and Mrs. Miriam Jacks. The public is invited.

South Toe PTA will have a

Chicken Supper Saturday, June

10. Serving time will be from

4:30 to 7:30. For \$1.50 you

can have your choice of a

plain or Barbequed Chicken

By George Cheren

Supper!

Everybody come!

All Flashettes will meet on Tuesday, June 13 at 4:00 p.m. at Burnsville Elementary School.

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Yancey County Veterans

The Litter Buggets will show

movies at Pop's Acres this Sa-

turday and Sunday night, June

These movies are supplied

by our Yancey County Exten -

sion Service with the help of

Pat Guyer. H. M. Warner is

the sponsor for the Litter Bugger.

10 and 11 at 8:30 p. m.

Office will be closed June

12 through June 16.

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White Oak Creek Commu nity will hold its regular monthly meeting June 12, Monday night, at 7:30. All residents are urged to come. This meeting will plan for our 4th of July Parade, a talent show and our popular community picnic at the Harrison's Music Park.

Everybody come and help make this a big day. We will meet at Mary Jane Ballews and can sit under her cool trees if you come early enough!

# **RAD** Inspects-

(Cont'd from page 1) feet, and most had three bedrooms. The cost per square foot ranged from \$9 to \$13, excluding landscaping. : The interest rate charged on the financing varied depending on the income of the home builder,

It appeared evident from the tour that the program of FHA financed homes is filling an important need for people of mo derate to low incomes At the same time, it was pointed out that many people in Yancey County have insufficient income to afford these FHA financed homes.

Other government subsidized programs of low cost rental housing may be the answer to providing better housing for these people. Both the RAD Committee and the Yancey County Council are urging the consideration of such housing for the county.

ciety (with permission of the Hollywood (Fla.) Philatelist) Many collectors I have spoken to are not quite clear as to what precancels are or the purpose in using them. Just before the turn of the century, the postal authorities

Stamp Corner

were searching for a way to save time and labor in the handling of certain classes of mail. They hit upon the idea of issuing permits to large users of mail and issuing stamps to them in bulk, already canceled with the name of the city or town printed across each stamp. For this, users received a cheaper rate (since discontinued). The user in turn, affixed the stamp to his mail, bundled it and returned it to the post office for distribu tion.

(Guest Columnist: Norman Auld, Pres. Florida Precancel So-

Prior to this method, there was in use, a system of lines, bars or 'designs, without showing any city or town name. These are generally known as "precancel provisionals" and there remains a large field for research on these stamps, as the only way for identification lies in the fact that they must be found on cover to determine the place of origin. Many of them are known today but there is still more research to be done.

In the early days, local printers were hired. Metal and rubber hand devices were made to overprint the stamps in just about any way each city or town desired to show off its name. This resulted in many very beautiful precanceled types. The competition ran high until the postal authorities, more or less, standardized the type of overprinting to be used. This consisted of 2 lines or bars with the name of the city or town in-between. These were all made locally, thus the name "Local" was kept. The government then began producing what we call "Bureaus." They were overprinted at the same time that the stamps themselves were printed at the Government Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the larger users of precancels. Both Local and Bureau precancels are still used extensively today.

Can it be that peopl turn off products when they turn into habits? Or when they become blase about anything? For example, a market survey in Chicago following the intensive 3-day coverage of the Apollo 15 flight to the moon foud that only 1.6 percent of the people polled could reall the names of astronauts Worden, Irwin and Scot.

What should be done with a strait-laced product like milk that's tied tighty with social mores, conventions and institutions? Butress this fact with the "drink your milk" command of geerations of mothers and the industry faces a "goody goody gumshoes" problem harder to sell than fizz orfun or sin.

Is "being good for yo," the worst thing that can be said about a product?

And milk and milk poducts are good for people. In fact, they're necessary for the maintenance of a proper diet. It's difficult tongest the proper amounts of vitamins and minerals without consuming dairy foods.

Is milk in the same new with the churches, the family units and other istitutions such as "family meals" which are consideed "not relevant" and are changing or fading from the American scene?

Not on your life! Milk products do belong in our society. Note the lines for head and milk when people revert to "basics" during a snow storm. If man buys milk to fill his basic need then, how do we get him to use dairy products during a materialistic bonanza of competing products?

\* Simply by motivating hm to use milk because he'll be a better man for it, if he loes. After all, as American Dairy Association's "New Yoi" campaign says: If you're losing three billion cells a ninute, you certainly want to replace them with new, energetic cells. And that means milk. And that's why milk is relevant now, and tomorrow, too!

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What is the Blue Ridge Hospital System? ... The Blue Ridge Hospital

system is comprised of the pruce Pine Community Hospital and the Yancey County Hospital. Previously operated independently, the hospitals were merged under a combined Board of Trustees on Octo ber 1, 1971. They will soon operate as one unit; sharing facilities to reduce duplication of services, lower hospital cost, and provide more comprehen sive health care to area resi-

dents. The Spruce Pine facility will operate as a short term

Why are precancels so fascinating and why collect them? It is hard to name any one specific reason for their popularity, but, just as in topical collecting, there are unlimited ways and possibilities of collecting them that can hold one's interest for years. The writer was bitten by the bug some 20 years ago, and precancels are still his number one love in the field of philately.

If you are one who enjoys traveling, whether in actuality or in your imagination, you may find a great amount of enjoy ment by tracing out a trip of precancels on a map or investigating the peculiar name of a little town, with a desire to learn the origin of the name, its population, its products, etc. In this way, you can gain unlimited knowledge of the large metropolitan areas or the back-road, out-of-the-way places of our beloved country.

There are many branches to consider and much research yet to be done. With the advent of new and up-dated catalogs, hopefully to be published soon, one can branch out into a multitude of ways to collect precancels.

If a person wishes to collect just towns of a particular state or states, the new postal regulations allow one to write to any post office, state the regulation and obtain at face value, 10¢ of the denomination that are in use there. This can be an investment of as little as 10¢ plus a stamp-addressed envelope. You then have 9 copies left for trading or selling. Of course you may spend more for higher denominations, if you wish. Some of the post offices are not yet familiar with the new regulation, and you may meet with some opposition, but, on the whole, most are quite cooperative. If you go to a post office or write in, quote to them, Regulation 143. 261.

For stamp information, write Fidelity, Box 667, Burnsville, N.C. 28714 (c/o The Yancey Journal) ... or write George Cheren, 150 S.E. 2 Ave., Miami, Florida 33131.



## Michael Bryant 'Fish Story'

Michael Bryant, age 5, caught a six pound catfish on May 29. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bryant of Relift, N.C. The fish was caught in front of the home and was the biggest fish caught chis season.

#### Answers To Your Questions About The Hospital System **Blue Ridge Hospital** About Facts **/stem**

acute general hospital and provide basic support and supervision through its departments to

the planned Yancey County extended care facility in Burnsville. Physicians in each comm unity will have staff privi leges at both hospitals.

Who operates the Blue Ridge Hospital System? ....

The hospitals are voluntary, non-profit facilities, governed by a Board of Trustees com posed of civic-minded men and women who serve without pay and represent the hospitals' service area.

Who determined the need

for a campaign at this time?.. To determine the exact health care needs of people living in this area, studies and surveys were begun as early as 1966. Reports were submitted to the Board of Trustees by the Department of Hospital Administration at the University of North Carolina, City Planning and Architectural Associates from Chapel Hill, and, in 1971, by Dean E. Beamer, a Hospital Consultant from Marion, Va.

Results were conclusive. The

Blue Ridge Hospital System can no longer meet the demand for its services, and expansion and improvements are urgently needed NOW to provide for immediate and future health care needs. In the light of these findings, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to embark upon a capital campaign at this time.

Anyone desiring further information, call or write in care of this newspaper.

