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Gov. Announces Housing Grant

Governor Robert Scott announced today that Mr. Smith Bagley, President of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Inc. of Winston-Salem, has informed Joe E. Eagles, Executive Director of the North Carolina Housing Corporation, that the Foundation has made a grant to the Development Fund of the Corporation for \$120,000.

According to Scott, this grant makes it possible for the Corporation to assist local non-profit housing groups in the Appalachian area to put up matching funds to supplement the Federal no-interest loans avail-

able for planning projects. "Housing projects are planned on a regional basis," said Scott, "and it is our desire that all areas of our Appalachian Region share in these projects. Local initiation is still vital to assure success."

"We are also pleased that the area office of Housing and Urban Development in Greensboro has requested set aside funds for 1200 rent supplement units in the Appalachian area to assure the financial success of these units when they are built."

of federal, state and local cooperation, with foundation help to local groups to assure success," said Scott. "On behalf of the people of North Carolina, I am grateful to Mr. Bagley and the Board of Directors of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation for their generous support."

Eagles said this offers the opportunity for the Housing Corporation to make a significant step forward. Further grants could allow the Corporation to move through similar type programs into other areas of the State where the need for housing is just as great.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Please let me take this method to thank you and your staff for the excellent state and local coverage of Education news during the past school year. Our 2,000 schools experienced much less unrest and turmoil than in the past several terms. Very few school days were lost due to incidents. We have been very much aware that the news media of the state have spent more time and space in positively interpreting "what's going on in our schools" to their publics.

We have noticed an upward trend toward more positive attitudes concerning schools. We attribute this to the day to day activity of school administrators in communicating with citizens through the North Carolina news media. This has been accentuated by the emphasis placed on positive approaches to learning in individual schools and school systems. I strongly feel that the emphasis we have placed on communicating information, both from state and local school systems, is leading to a better understanding.

Please convey our grateful thanks to all members of your staff for their splendid cooperation during the past nine months.

Sincerely,
A. Craig Phillips

State Superintendent of Public Instruction



Dear Editor:

I was out of town when the meeting announcing the launching of the Blue Ridge Hospital System's drive for updated and expanded hospital facilities was held.

I was greatly impressed by the excellent potential bargain that will be obtained for the future of our area, and our people, through improving and expanding our present facilities.

I wish to point out to all concerned the extreme generosity of one of our leading citizens, Mr. Bradley E. Ragan Sr. Do you realize that he singly gave over more than half of the local funds necessary to be contributed for this \$5 million Medical Facility?

I have known this gentleman, Mr. Ragan, for 21 and a half years that it has been my pleasure to be a citizen here. I have attended many public and private meetings during this time, and have seen Mr. Ragan on many occasions demonstrate generosity and leadership in advancing worthwhile causes that have been of inestimable value in improving our area and helping us forge ahead.

We all owe him a great debt of personal gratitude, and I hope that we all will express it and demonstrate it to him.

Jack C. Horner, M.D., F.A.C.S.,
Spruce Pine, N.C. 28777



Dear Editor:

You have recently published articles solely dedicated to turning the people of Yancey County against the Union. You have published only the employers point of view along with other businessmen of Yancey County.

You said in your article that the Union was trying to get into Yancey County. This is entirely wrong. The workers asked the Union to come or it wouldn't be here. Plant workers of Yancey County are working too hard and are not receiving benefits that should come with the job. They should have a say-so in such matters as pay increases, retirement plans, vacation with pay, paid holidays and sick leave, etc.

So far the employees have received only benefits the employer has wished.

Workers of Yancey County are being taken for granted. They have finally realized this and are fed up with the treatment they are receiving. They are being over worked, under paid and have nothing to look forward to when they retire but backaches and rocking chairs.

Yours truly,
An employee of a local plant.



Dear Employee:

It is a policy of this newspaper not to publish unsigned letters, although we will withhold the writer's name on request. We are making an exception in this case, in order that "employees" may have their viewpoint expressed.

In last week's editorial we stated much the same points you have made, but are glad to have them re-emphasized. Our contention differs with yours only in that we feel Unions do not provide an answer. Our viewpoint does not come from industries and businessmen as you suggest, but from having been a Union member for more than 10 years.

We will be glad to add our voice to yours in the fight for better working conditions and more benefits for industrial employees in Yancey County.

The Publisher

Music In The Mountains

At the regular board meeting of Music in the Mountains, held Monday at the Amberjack Restaurant, plans were discussed for the opening of the Music in the Mountains concert series in Burnsville on Sunday, June 25 and the beginning of the music workshops on Monday, June 26.

The board also discussed the possibility of offering a Music in the Mountains program for children in Burnsville. The program, which is still in the planning stage, would be held twice weekly for children ages 8 - 12. An announcement will be made about the program when details are completed.

The financial aspect of Music in the Mountains was also discussed. The board expressed a hope for stronger support from local people interested in seeing the music program go on to a successful conclusion.

Tickets for the concerts,

which will be held Sundays at 3:30 at the Presbyterian Church, can be purchased at the Country Store or the Chamber of Commerce. Season tickets (for five concerts) are \$6.50 and may be used for Sunday afternoon concerts in Burnsville or Thursday evening concerts in Mars Hill.

Individual tickets will be \$1.50 for adults and \$.50 for students.

In addition to the regular concert series there will be two special performances. Folk singer and guitarist George Britton will be back again this year and as part of Music in the Mountains, will present a concert on the town square Tuesday evening, July 4 at 7:00.

Also on Friday, July 28 at 8:00 p.m., Mme. Ili Kraus will present a benefit recital at the First Baptist Church in Burnsville.



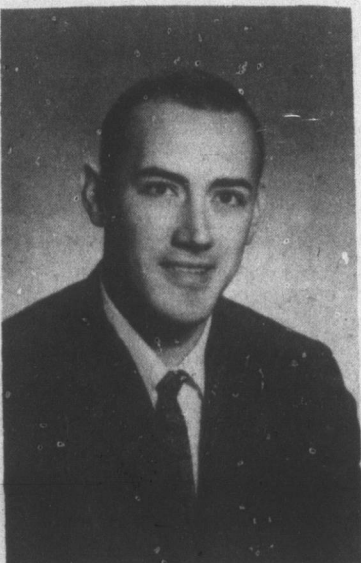
Rev. C. W. Britt

Britt Named New Pastor

Rev. C. W. Britt has assumed the duties as pastor of Bolen's Creek Baptist Church, Burnsville as of May 1st, 1972. Rev. Britt, a native of Murfreesboro, N.C., has for the past 20 years served in the United States Navy in various parts of the country, most recently in the Southern Maryland area. During the past five years he served with the Southern Baptist Missions in Maryland until they became strong enough to call a full time pastor.

Rev. Britt has attended Dallas Baptist College in Dallas, Texas and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas and will be entering Mars Hill College in the Fall.

Rev. Britt and wife Dorothy along with their four children will reside in the Bolen's Creek Baptist Parsonage in the Bolen's Creek Community.



Eugene Styles

Styles Gets Jaycee Award

At a recent Jaycees Awards Banquet in Titusville, Florida, Eugene Styles, a teacher of mathematics at Titusville High School, received the Jaycees Outstanding Young Educator Award.

Eugene is a graduate of East Yancey High School and Appalachian State University. He received his M.A. in Mathematics at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

Eugene is married to the former Sherrie Dellinger of Newdale and they have two children, Gina and Jon.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Jones of Route 2, Burnsville.

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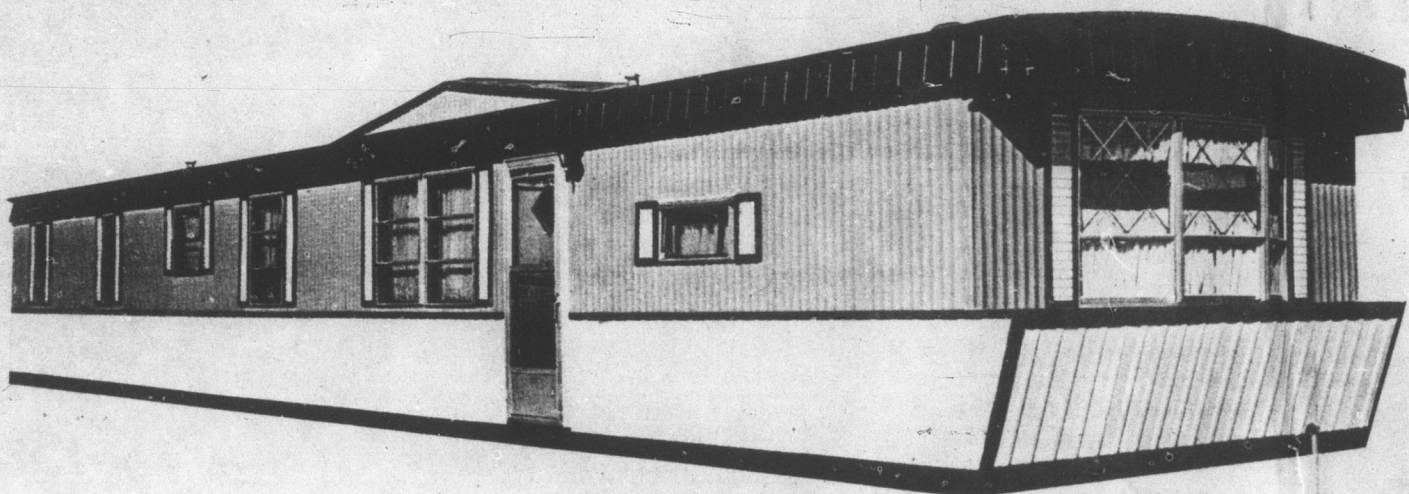
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