Answers To Your Questions About The Hospital System

Facts About Blue Ridge Hospital System

What is the purpose of the Blue Ridge Hospital System Development Fund?

This capital fund endeavor will provide residents of Mitchell, Yancey, and surrounding counties an opportunity to invest in the health care of their families and loved ones. Its purpose is to help finance expansion of the Spruce Pine Hospital and replacement of the Burnsville facility so the people of this area can rely upon THEIR OWN hospitals rather than those in distant communi-

What is the Campaign Goal? A challenge target of \$1 million has been established by the hospitals' Board of Trustees. What is the total cost of this urgent project?

Both the Marion, Virginia architectural and engineering

semi-private room. This study

the rate at Spruce Pine was as

low or lower on a comparable

basis than all but one area full

service hospital, and was only

one dollar per day higher than

that facility.

Spruce Pine Com.

Asheville Aston Park

firm of Echols-Sparger & Assoc. and the North Carolina Medical Care Commission have estimated the total cost of the vital endeavor between \$4.5 and \$5 million. This estimate is based on current construction and labor costs, however, so it is imperative that we move ahead quickly to avoid the spiraling effects of inflation.

What Funds will supplement those raised through public sub-

Bryson City Swain Co.

The study also indicated

that hospital rates in Charlotte

tially higher than these above.

with rates on a similar room

and Winston-Salem are substan-

Tryon St. Lukes

Marion General

Morganton, Grace

Public investment through the capital campaign will provide roughly 20% of the revenue needed. The remaining funds will be provided through a government Hill-Burton grant, the Appalachian Regional Commission, Duke Endowment and other interested grantors.

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

success in the current development campaign should help to maintain hospital rates close to the present level, since room charges would not have to reflect debt service, and that overhead charges per bed could be reduced as the total number

running almost \$75.00 per day in one hospital studied.

Mr. Carlisle indicated that of beds is increased.

DREAM

Last night I dreamed of a beautiful home,

other area full service hospitals Blowing Rock

showing the cost of the highest Boone Watauga Co.

also resulted in the finding that Sylva, C. J. Harris

Away out beyond the sea. A wonderously beautiful mansion prepared for my loved

\$32.00

44.00

one and me. It was built in a garden of roses,

The gate was standing ajar;

I thought I would enter my home and rest, for the way I had come was far.

My husband was standing at the little gate, He was the first of our family to go;

His face was bright with a holy light, his voice was sweet and low.

"Tince", he said, "Come and see our home,

The home He prepared, you know, It is filled with joy and peace and love, and there's never a thought of woe".

Then he took his songbook with a smile,

And sang more sweetly than ever before Then he sang again "The Old Rugged Cross", I had yearn-

ed to hear him sing once more.

Then I said "I must be going back To loved ones in their earthly home, "

He said, "Tell them I'll be keeping the house and watching until each one has come. "

(In memory of my beloved husband on Fathers Day--Mrs.

To These

MRS. DOLLIE HIGGINS

the Jacks Creek Community

died Friday morning at the

home of a son, Murphy Higgins

in Burnsville after a long ill-

ness. She was the widow of

Gus Higgins who died in 1938.

Surviving in addition to

Murphy Higgins are four other

sons, Joe, Lee and Luther H.

Higgins of Asheville and Shelby

Higgins of Newport News, Va.;

three daughters, Mrs. Jim Hens-

ley of Seratoga, New York, Mrs.

Clarence Hensley and Miss Mar-

gie Higgins of Mars Hill Rt. 2;

four sisters, Mrs. Laura Hens-

ley of Burnsville Rt. 1 and Mrs.

Lizzie Hensley of South Caro-

lina, Mrs. Myra Tipton and

Mrs. Minnie Silver of Flag Pond, Tennessee; one brother,

Joe Silver of Asheville; 25

grandchildren also survive.

grandchildren and several great

Funeral services were held

at 2:00 p. m. Sunday in the

chapel of Holcombe Brothers

Funeral Home, Rev. Richard

Buchanan and Rev. Frank Phillips officiated and burial was

in the Higgins Cemetery.

Mrs. Dollie Higgins, 83, of

M. D. Bailey, Green Mountain.)

serviceman do to get a VA mobile home loan?

A. Four things. Get a Cer tificate of Eligibility from the nearest VA regional office. Find a mobile home he likes range for rental or purchase of a private lender for a loan.

GI Bill. Am I allowed to change my program of studies?

veteran one change of program. One additional change may be approved if it is found though VA counseling that the proposed change is more suitable to the veteran's aptitudes, interest, and abilities.

A. VA will send your check to your bank for deposit it you submit a VA change of address form or a letter over your signature. You should also obtain from VA. One should be given to your bank as evidence of its right to receive and deposit the checks to your account, and the other should be retained by you.

Q. I'm a 74 year old veteran on VA pension rolls. Is i

A. It's true. You will r ceive information with your November pension check explain ing that pensioners 72 years old and older who have been on the rolls during two consecutive yrs. are exempt from filing the questionnaires.

the new revolution was betrayed and finally obliterated.

light and refreshing.

1 cup white flour

1/2 cup sugar

1 cup dates

1 cup warm water

1 tsp. soda

1 egg

BROWN DATE BREAD

1 cup graham or whole wheat

Combine dates, water and

egg in blender. Set aside. Sift

together the flours, sugar and

soda. Combine with date mix-

ture. Bake in greased, floured

loaf pan, at 350 degrees for

Such is the conclusion reached by the author, as he gives a colorful account of the changing scene in Cuba, from the gaiety and rejoicing in the first days of the revolution to the misery and sadness of the later years. Although disappointed that Castro has let them down, the masses still cling to him with a fervor beyond compre hension. Hope dies hard, and their idol, in their eyes at least, is above reproach.

From The Yancey Extension Homemakers

food news & cues

By Mrs. Mary Gillespie

summer time luncheon. The 1 hour. Fluffy strawberry pie is also

FLUFFY STRAWBERRY PIE This makes two pies. Have ready two baked or vanilla

water crusts.

1 lg. can evaporated milk 1 pint sweetened strawberries fresh or frozen

1 cup sugar 1 box strawberry gelatin

Chill milk. Put strawber ries, sugar and gelatin in the saucepan and bring to boil. Boil three minutes. Put in refrigerator until mixture begins to congeal. Whip milk stiff, Gracually fold congealed mixture into milk. Put in crust? and let chill well before serving. Garnish with sliced berries to serve.

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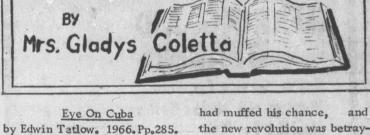
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time and you will find all the

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not fail to go by and see the

helpful material made avail-

able to you through your Yan-

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planning ideas, as well as home

planning and decorating mater-

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ial. All yours for the asking.

this week two recipes from the

food section of the Atlanta

This Brown Date Bread

spread with butter or cream

cheese along with Macaroni

Ham Salad would be a good

BOOK CORNER

Harcourt, Brace and World, Inc.

seemed in 1959 when he enter-

ed Havana during his first sim-

ple pilgrimage, in his love and

concern for the people! He

had become almost a god over-

night, and the resulting power

had not yet begun to corrupt

New York correspondent for

don, in his evaluation of the

Eye On Cuba.

The Daily Telegraph of Lon-

Cuban revolution in his book,

Although the aura of a Mes-

siah has never left Castro throph-

out the years, Mr. Tetlow ad-

mits that his halo is wearing

thin. The stumbling hero of

1959, with his wonderfully in-

tentioned but impractical plans,

perceived too late that his re-

volution was being stolen from

him. Khrushev had picked up

only because he intended to

use Cuba coldly and callously

as a military tool, and cared

Castro's tottering revolution

him. " So states Edwin Tetlow

'How like a Messiah Castro

New York.

Tournal.

and freezing methods, meal

VA Questions And Answers

O. What must a veteran or

which meets VA standards. Ara mobile home lot. Apply to

Q. I'm in school under the

A. Yes. VA allows each

Q. What can I do about my compensation check since plan to travel this summer and will not have a forwarding ad-

two power of attorney forms

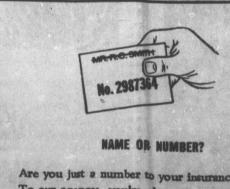
true, as I have heard, that I will not receive an income questionnaire this November?



MONTGOMERY WARD & CO

If this tranquil scene looks like a Norman Rockwell painting, that's because it is. The famous artist of Americana brushed this setting in 1925 when Montgomery Ward, now celebrating its 100th birthday, was only a 'youthful' 53 years old.





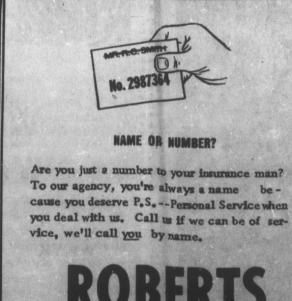
Helps Shrink Swelling Of Hemorrhoidal Tissues

caused by inflammation Doctors have found a medication that in many cases gives prompt, temporary relief from pain and burning itch in hemorrhoidal tissues. Then it actually helps shrink swelling of these tissues caused by inflammation.

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Donald Carlisle, Executive Director of the Blue Ridge Hospital System has released the results of a study made recent ly by the North Carolina Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

The study of hospital charges was compared to that in other area hospitals as well as statewide averages for charges in identical categories.

The results showed that the average charge per stay was lower in every comparison at the Spruce Pine Hospital than the state-wide averages.

Blue Cross Patients... State Average Charge per Stay was \$455, 42. Spruce Pine Average was \$377.72.

Medicaid Patients State Av. Charge Per Stay was \$686.38; Spruce Pine Average was \$469. Medicare Patients State

Average Charge Per Stay was

\$657.03; Spruce Pine Average

was \$552.79. The study was forwarded to the Spruce Pine Hospital by Ted A. Graham, Manager, Utilization Review Department for the North Carolina Blue Cross

and Blue Sheild.

The study also pointed out that the length of stay at the Spruce Pine Hospital is 5. 1days compared to 7. 19 days for the State of North Carolina and 7. 22 days for the nation as a whole.

Comparative room rates were also made available for

Stamp Corner

By George Cheren Excellent reproductions of many portraits and paintings used as the basis of U.S. Stamps are available at nominal cost in postcard and assorted sizes; from the Smithsonian Institute, the National Gallery, and other museums and art galleries.

The stamp collection of the U.S. is kept in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., and may be viewed by visitors.

The American Philatelic Society, with over 25,000 members, is raising funds for a permanent Philatelic Museum. The Cardinal Spellman collection forms the basis of a Museum named after him.

"Postage stamps of the U.S.", is available from the U.S.

Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. This illustra-

ted and highly informative 250 page loose leaf edition, costs

\$2.00. This column will try to answer your questions.

Literally hundreds of thousands of stamps of the world are available at 1¢ and 2¢ each in good condition.

Auction sales of stamps are a great source for buying individual stamps, envelopes, collections and philatelic ma terial generally. Some are called "Mail Auctions". Bids are received by mail and the item goes to the highest bidders. Many times, but by no means always, the highest bid is lowered by the dealer, to a price slightly above the second highest bid. Anyone using this method of acquiring stamps, should know his dealer, for some are more reliable than others.

Stamps cancelled by the P.O. Department are called 'Pre-Cancels". Usually the name of the city or town is printed across the stamp. Christmas stamps have been pre-cancelled for the past two years on an experimental basis.

Pre-cancels are used today, but have been available in large quantities only. Now these stamps are available in small quantities for collectors in many more Post Offices.

Since many philatelists collect these stamps, and some try to get them from as many different cities and towns as possible; pre-cancels from small towns and Post Offices become desirable. Those interested might inquire if the stamps are available at their own local Post Office. These stamps offer an opportunity for swapping among the many members of local and national pre-cancel societies. Caution is needed, and, as usual, plate # blocks offer the best opportunity.

For stamp information write "Fidelity", Box 667, Yancey Journal, Burnsville, N.C. 28714.