

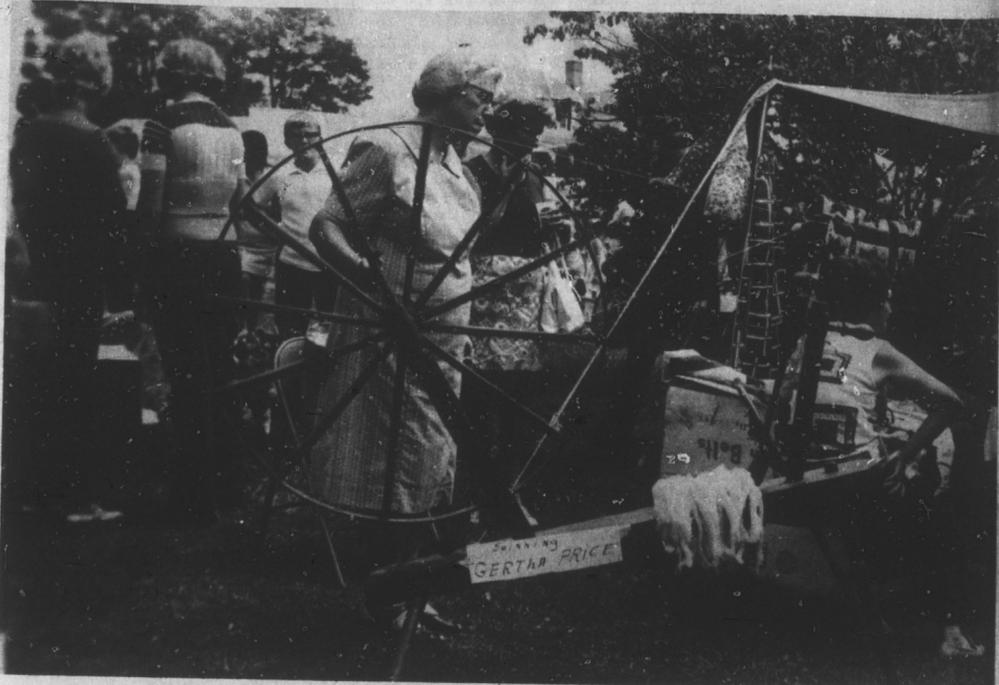
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## Special Picture Section In Next Week's Issue

Mountain Crafts exhibits such as the one above attracted thousands of visitors to the annual Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair and Youth Jamboree over the weekend. The Festival was a

record-breaking event this year, and a most enjoyable one. Watch for a special section of pictures in next week's edition of The Yancey Journal.

## Craftsmen Set Sales Records As Thousands Visit Festival

The Mt. Mitchell Crafts Festival, held on the town square last Friday and Saturday, was the best ever. More craftsmen displayed a higher quality of crafts than ever before, attendance set a new record and sales surpassed the highest previous year by over 50 per cent.

Ninety craftsmen from a five state area displayed and sold their crafts from booths, racks, tents and tables. The high quality of their wares clearly appealed to visitors, as evidenced by the record sales.

Demonstrations of the making of crafts appealed to many visitors, who for the first time, in many instances, saw how particular crafts were made.

At intervals throughout the two days lively entertainment of the kind traditional in the mountains was provided by individuals and groups. Winners of

the Yancey County Youth Jamboree held on Thursday and Friday nights at the East Yancey High School, made an outstanding contribution to the entertainment.

Appetites of the visitors for refreshment were well satisfied. The traditional chicken barbecue on Saturday, prepared by the expert chefs of the Chamber of Commerce, was up to the usual high standard set in previous years. Highly complimented were the hot dogs with sauerkraut and the chill dogs served by Ed Yuziuk on Friday.

The new arrangement of booths, placed this year along the outside edge of the square, and facing the street, proved very successful. Without this arrangement, the many craftsmen could not have been accommodated in the square.

The entire festival was an outstanding example of successful cooperation and hard work. From the volunteer barbecuers of chicken, breathing smoke and sweating in the heat, to the emcees struggling to provide lively entertainment, throughout both days the dedication of local citizens was

evident in their efforts to make the festival a success.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Journal is a letter from James Byrd who as director of the Festival, lists special thanks to many individuals and businesses in the area who made noteworthy contributions to the event. Incidentally, in the distribution of commendation, Byrd himself should not be overlooked for his great contribution to the success of the Fair.

## Candidate To Visit Yancey

Jim Hunt, candidate for lieutenant governor, will be in Yancey County on August 14, 1972, as a part of his 100-county "thank you" tour of the state.

Hunt, a Wilson attorney and economist, will be at the courthouse in Burnsville from 1:00 to 2:00 p. m.

J. A. Buchanan, Hunt's Democratic campaign manager, said the main purpose of the visit was to let the candidate meet and thank the voters here.

All residents of Yancey County are welcome to come by and meet Hunt, Buchanan said. He added that he especially hoped supporters of all other candidates in the May primary would attend.

## Coordinator

Mountain Scenic Planning and Development Commission served as coordinator between local officials and TVA in planning the junk-car removal project in Yancey County. The Commission also helped to arrange for insurance of the vehicle.

Mrs. Mary Melton of Yancey County and W. R. Deal of Little Switzerland have been named to head the "Summer Residents' Division for the Blue Ridge Hospital System Development Campaign.

They will lead this division whose responsibility will be to contact those prospects of the area who make their homes here during the summer months. A unique situation is present in the Mayland area since it does have an unusually large number of people who make their second home, and who need for health services and health care facilities is just as great during the period they are in this area as when they are at their regular place of residence.

Mrs. Melton is a resident of the Cattail Creek area near Pinnacle. Not only has she maintained an active and close relationship with many of those who reside in the area only during the summer months, but also has many friends throughout the area who are residents the year round. A retired registered nurse, Mrs. Melton's background and her present relationship to the hospitals as a member of the Board of Trustees has made her very aware of the acute problem in health care facilities facing the two-county area.

Mrs. Melton has emphasized the fact that many, if not most, of the summer residents are retired or nearing retirement age, and their requirements for hospital facilities are normally greater than the general average of the population as a whole. The fact that many of those people may eventually become full time residents makes even greater the potential demand for both acute care and extended care units with the necessary supporting hospital departments.

## Newly Formed Commission Tackles Recreation Problem In Yancey

A public swimming pool, tennis and basketball courts, and field for softball and other outdoor recreation, will be the objectives of a Yancey County Recreation Commission, now in the process of being formed.

The Yancey County Council, at its meeting last week agreed to coordinate the efforts of interested individuals and community organizations working to obtain the recreation facilities.

The Jaycees, on August 21, will hold an open meeting at 8:00 p. m. at the Community Building to consider the recreation project. Guest speaker will be Jack H. Frauson from the Western Area Office of the State Department of Local Affairs. All interested citizens and representatives of church and other organizations are invited to attend.

This will be Frauson's second recent visit here to lend advice

and assistance regarding the acquisition of recreation facilities. He came first when Blaine Whitson of the Cane River School spoke to Congressman Roy A. Taylor at the spring graduation exercises regarding the County's great need for recreation. Taylor, shortly thereafter arranged for Frauson to meet with a group of interested Yancey citizens.

At this meeting the financing of recreation facilities was explained. Plenty of Federal grant money is available on a 50-50 matching basis. The burden of the 50 per cent local portion is lessened by the fact that "matching in kind" is possible. In a number of instances in other Carolina counties the local matching has been provided by public spirited citizens who donated land. Frauson presented slides to the group showing the excellent facilities obtained by

other western North Carolina counties under the grant program.

The Yancey County Council, in acting as a coordinator at the request of Blaine Whitson and other members of the recreation committee, is functioning as the Council was planned, to help promote any needed improvements for the county.

At the Council's August meeting held last week, several problems connected with county projects were reviewed, including the Blue Ridge Health

Council and the Eastern Appalachian Child Development Council. Claude Williams of the WAMY staff outlined proposals under consideration for providing improvements in nutrition and health care for the aged poor, and a project for providing emergency food and medical care. The work of the Children's Health Council was reviewed, and a motion passed for the Council to assume, as requested, the handling of \$2,300 available to finance the work of this council.

## CAP Hosts Air Cadets

The Mountain Wilderness Civil Air Patrol Squadron was host to eighteen International Air Cadets Monday, July 31. The group consisted of 6 girls and two lady escorts from Great Britain; nine boys and one escort from Norway.

These Cadets participated in the 1972 Civil Air Patrol International Air Cadet Exchange, visiting in addition to the Mountain Wilderness Squadron, other CAP squadrons in Wilmington, Greensboro, Winston Salem, High Point, Hendersonville and Charlotte.

The Cadets were entertained in the afternoon at Mt. Wilderness with horseback riding, swimming, paddle boat rides and flying. The highlight of the entertainment was acrobatic flying by 1st Lt. Taylor O. Teague and Miss Pauline Barrett of Great Britain and Bernt Friis Thommassen, escort and fighter pilot with the Norwegian Air Force.

An old fashion picnic dinner was prepared and served by the members of the Mountain Wilderness CAP and wives, followed by a square dance mountain style and Norwegian style with music by the Eubanks family.

Members of the CAP took the Air Cadets into their homes for the night, with a chance to become better acquainted. The Cadets left Tuesday morning for Hendersonville.

The Mountain Wilderness CAP squadron felt very honored to have been selected as one of the few host squadrons for this event.

Any CAP Cadet has the opportunity to be selected for the International Cadet Exchange Program which is carried out each year, with several foreign countries participating.

The Mountain Wilderness Civil Air Patrol Squadron extends an invitation to any boy or girl from 13 to 18 years of age, interested in Aviation, Aero Space and many other benefits offered through this program, to get in touch with their squadron at 652-3244.



Earl Robertson

## Ranger Retires

Anson County Forest Ranger Earl E. Robertson, a native of Yancey County, officially retired from that position on the 31st of July, 1972 after 25 years of service.

He began his work with the North Carolina Forest Service in 1947 as a smokechaser at the Ansonville Forest Fire Lookout Tower. Under his leadership Anson County has made outstanding advancements in forest conservation, good forest management practices, and forest fire protection.

Robertson was honored at a retirement dinner on June 22nd by the N.C. Forest Service, District Three, at the American Legion Club at West End in Moore County.

He was presented an engraved wristwatch by fellow workers in the N.C. Forest Service at that time.

Mr. Robertson said that he and Mrs. Robertson will continue to live in Ansonville township, but he does expect to spend quite a bit of time at his other home near Burnsville in Yancey County.

Jim Pippin, District Forester, said "It will seem strange not to see Earl in his ranger truck traveling the roads of Anson County, carrying out his forest conservation duties.

"As he passes the thousands of trees he helped plant, he can see the results of his labors to conserve the forest resources of Anson County.

Robertson grew up and attended school in Yancey County. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Robertson, deceased, of Pinnacle.

## Melton And Deal To Head Hospital Drive's Summer Residents Division

Mr. Deal, who is a retired engineer, but still active as Postmaster of Little Switzerland, is also very aware of the impact the summer residents have on the area as he sees the greatly increased use of his post office during the warm months. Also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital System, Mr. Deal has pointed out that in his particular area, many of the residents live in McDowell County, and they too use the local hospital facilities and need local medical practitioners.

The overall cost of the projected new additions and buildings for the hospital system has been estimated at 5 million dollars, and both the Co-Chairmen of this division have emphasized the bargain that could come to the people of the area, both full time and part-time residents.

With the anticipations of about 4 million dollars of the

total cost from other interested grantors outside the immediate area, the people here are being asked to provide directly only one dollar out of each five dollars of the total program cost.

In addition, with the generous gift early in the campaign by Mr. Brad Ragan, the return to the remainder of the community will be the equivalent of ten dollars in new and improved health care facilities serving all residents of the Mayland area, for each dollar they personally invest for their own protection.

It has been emphasized that the other funds are not automatic, and not assured until the local people declare their support for the program and first supply their share of the total funds needed. Only then will the other agencies consider making their investments in this program for all the people in the hospital's service area.

## Medical Staff Gives Pledge

Seven members of the Medical Staff of the Blue Ridge Hospital System have pledged a total of \$26,075 to the hospitals' fund for the construction, expansion and modernization of vital services for the people of the Mayland area, according to Taylor O. Teague and Garrett D. Bailey, campaign co-chairmen.

The Blue Ridge Hospital System, which is a dual member-

ship of the Spruce Pine Hospital and Yancey Hospital, is engaged in an extensive capital funds program to secure a minimum of \$1,000,000 to help finance much needed expansion.

Previously, the Trustees pledged \$51,645, and the Hospital Employees subscribed the amount of \$38,158, making a total of \$115,878 pledged by the hospitals' official family.

## Organic Health Club To Meet

The first meeting of the Organic Health Club will be held Friday, August 11 at 7:30 p. m. at the Methodist Church in Burnsville (side door).

If you cannot come at this time, but are interested in the subject, please mail a note

to be read at the meeting ( to Box 202, Burnsville) telling us what times you will be free for meetings. Please also include mention of your concerns and suggestions. At this meeting, we will have a thorough discussion of all ideas presented.

## Superintendent At Meeting

One hundred forty of North Carolina's public school superintendents attended a four-day conference in Wilmington last week.

The conference, a semi-annual affair, is planned and conducted by State School Superintendent, Craig Phillips and representatives from the various agencies in the department of public instruction. Representatives from related agencies also participated.

Those attending were briefed on a variety of subjects such as Federal Programs, Vocational Education, Teacher Tenure, School Planning, Bussing Problems, etc.

Among those attending the conference was Edgar Hunter, Superintendent of Yancey County Schools.

## Board Alters Schedule

The Yancey Board of Elections will change its schedule beginning next Monday, August 14th. The office in Room 8 of the courthouse will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings only. The telephone number is 682-3950.

If anyone has any difficulty in getting registered, please call the office or contact Mrs. Ohle at home (675-4122) on other days.

Registration for new voters will close October 9th.