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Juvenile Worker Cites County's Lack Of Recreation Facilities As Handicap

By Jody Higgins

Mike Higgins has been a juvenile worker with the Social Services Department for a little over two years, and in that time has, according to a fellow worker, shown dedication and sensitivity in working with and helping juveniles with problems, and is able to relate well to them.

As a worker in the Family and Children's Unit of the Social Services Dept., he handles 60 cases in addition to his male juvenile caseload. Marilyn Kunzweiler, who is also in this unit, handles female juvenile cases, but at present there is only one female juvenile on probation. Most juvenile offenders in Yancey County are boys.

Probation is the responsibility of the N. C. Department of Social Services, and as a probation officer, Mike works with juveniles (children under the age of 16) who have become delinquent and have appeared in

Juvenile Court before 24th District Judge J. Ray Braswell.

Although much of his work involves probation cases, his main interest is in finding ways to prevent delinquency.

"Actually," Mike explained, "all the work in Juvenile Services is preventive. Once a juvenile is placed on probation you try to prevent further delinquency. That's what probation is all about. The concept is not punitive, we are trying to help keep him from continuing this particular pattern of behavior."

Out of the cases he has handled over the past year that have gone to juvenile court, one juvenile is in a boys home; 2 are in training school; 16 are on probation and 14 individuals are under Department supervision by order of the court. Most of these cases involved truancy from school, petty acts of larceny, and drinking. Mike feels that there are not too many problems with drugs yet, but

drug abuse, he says, is beginning to be a problem here.

Mike feels strongly that at this stage in Yancey County prevention is the key to successfully curbing delinquency.

"It is a big part of the Juvenile Services to prevent youngsters from ending up in Juvenile Court," he explained.

He said that two of the most used methods in prevention are counseling services for the individual and the family, and group sessions conducted at the schools for juveniles on probation and for individuals who are headed for some type of delinquency. These individuals are referred to the Department by the schools or some other agency.

"We also enlist the help of and work closely with the Youth Service Center in Swannanoa which offers 10 Western North Carolina counties counseling in the prevention of delinquency."

Mike feels that some of the causes of acts of delinquency could be eliminated by fulfilling certain needs in the county. "There is a definite need for recreational facilities. I personally feel that boredom, or the lack of something to do or somewhere to go, can lead to acts of delinquency."

Mike explained that he has tried to organize sports activi-



Juvenile Worker Mike Higgins Discusses Case With District Judge Braswell

ties, making use of school facilities as well as activities outside of school for juveniles on probation or those in need of preventive services.

He feels that probably the most important need is vocational training and special education.

"Some juveniles are on pro-

batation because they break the compulsory school attendance law. I encourage them to stay in school, but sometimes the family doesn't put enough emphasis on education. Here we counsel with the family as well as the juvenile."

Lack of interest in school is

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No, It's Not A Christmas Tree!

Yancey County Sheriff Kermit Banks inspects the leaving of the largest Marijuana plant ever confiscated by our local law enforcement agencies. This plant was found growing in Yancey County last Wednesday, August 9, Sheriff Banks preferred not to name the exact location of the find. It is estimated that a Marijuana plant of this size would bring \$200 to \$400 on the drug market.

600 Junk Cars Released; Program Efficiency Is Noted

The junk car program is working very well in Yancey County. A visitor from one of the Federal agencies promoting local cleanup campaigns declared on a recent inspection of the area that Yancey County is setting a record in public

cooperation and efficiency in getting the program under way.

Signed releases authorizing the removal of cars have been coming in at a highly satisfactory rate. Keith Masters, supervisor of the program, reports that the removal of well over 600 Yancey County cars has been authorized. Of this total number 116 have already been hauled in to a collection point on Blue Rock Road.

Co-Chairmen Of Division

Carroll Pickens Rogers, Jr. and Peter C. Coletta have been named as Co-Chairmen of the Corporate Employees Division for the Blue Ridge Hospitals Development Fund Campaign.

Mr. Rogers is President of the Feldspar Corporation in Spruce Pine. A graduate of the University of North Carolina, Mr. Rogers is a director of the Pacific Tin Consolidated Corporation, The Feldspar Corporation, the Northwestern Bank and the Penland School.

Mr. Coletta is the Purchasing Agent for the Feldspar Corporation having graduated from North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering. An industrial representative for the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Coletta has served as the Industrial Chairman for the United Fund in Yancey County and has been a member of the Burnsville City Council for over ten years.

In their capacity as Co-Chairmen for the Corporate Employees Division, Mr. Rogers and Mr. Coletta will oversee the enlistment of key representatives from corporations and companies in the Mayland area which is served by the Blue Ridge Hospital System.

The collection of cars has been proceeding at the rate of better than six per day. With the large backlog of cars to be picked up, it is clear that many weeks of continuous work lie ahead. The program is further slowed down by the fact that the truck furnished by the TVA, under the agreement with that agency, must divide its time between two counties--Yancey and Mitchell.

In order for the program to work most efficiently, Masters is anxious to have no letup in the turning in of signed releases. For the collection of cars to proceed with the least lost motion, it is desirable to have many releases from each area. This enables the truck driver to familiarize himself with the neighborhood, and locate the cars most rapidly.

The competition for the two prizes--one of \$100, the other of \$50--is still wide open for community organizations and churches. So far, most releases have been turned in without designation of an organization competing for the prize money. For releases to count in the competition it is essential that the name of the competing organization be clearly shown on the face of the form.

Miss Mayland Pageant Scheduled For August 18, 19 At Parkway Playhouse

The Yancey County Jaycees and Jaycettes in cooperation with the Spruce Pine Jaycees and Avery County Jaycees, will present the 1972 Miss Mayland Pageant at Parkway Playhouse on Friday and Saturday nights, August 18 and 19, beginning at 8:00 p.m. each night.

The Yancey County Jaycees and Jaycettes have high hopes that this year's Pageant will be the best ever to be held in the Tri-County area.

The Yancey County Jaycettes, who were hosts of an informal tea for the contestants at the Community Building on July 21st, said that this year's Miss Mayland contestants were very enthusiastic and excited about the upcoming Pageant.

judged on poise, beauty, personality, and in evening gown.

Miss Melissa Thomas, the 1972 Miss Mayland, and Miss Lynn Vance, Little Miss Mayland 1972, will be on hand to perform and crown the two new queens.

Miss Heather Walker, Miss Hendersonville 1973 and Miss Tess Parker, Miss McDowell County 1972 will make personal appearances at our Beauty Pageant this year.

The Yancey County Jaycees, Spruce Pine Jaycees, and Avery County Jaycees are very proud of each girl who is entered in this Pageant. They ask that you support them and help to make our Pageant a great success.

Pictures and comments concerning each girl are included in this issue.

Barn Meeting Open To All

The Barn Meeting at High Pastures will continue through this week. A service is held every morning at 10:00. Prayer Meeting is held every afternoon at 4:00 and a service held every evening at 7:30 through Saturday evening, August 19.

Everyone who loves the Lord and wishes to fellowship or has a problem and needs prayer is invited to take part.

High Pastures Red Barn is located at the head of George's Fork Road near Burnsville.

Chamber Of Commerce Membership Drive Begins

Businesses and individuals in Yancey County will be afforded a convenient opportunity to become members of the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce on Thursday afternoon, August 17. Beginning with a kick-off luncheon at the Amberjack Restaurant, directors of the Chamber will call on business people and individuals to enlist their membership.

The Yancey County Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization made up of business and professional men and women and other citizens who strive to improve the economy and general living conditions in the county. The Chamber of Commerce is operated as an independent non-profit organization and is actually run by its membership through a board of directors elected at its annual dinner meeting.

Noteworthy among the Chamber's accomplishments is the designation of Burnsville and Yancey County as a Governor's Award area where this is one of some sixty areas in North Carolina whose names are kept before the business world as being eager to assist and help new businesses locate in the area.

Thousands of visitors are brought to the county annually through the Chamber's efforts in sponsoring the increasingly

popular and successful McMillan Crafts Fair and Youth Jam-boree. The Chamber has also been instrumental in the current junk-car removal program and works constantly on such projects as road improvement, beautification of town square, encouragement of youth and general betterment of the economy of the county.

During the enlistment campaign on Thursday afternoon, directors will be accepting the memberships and issuing certificates with dues in the Chamber being as follows: individual summer resident \$5.00; business with 3 or less employees \$15.00; 4 to 8 employees \$25.00; 9 and over employees \$35.00; professional \$25.00; Industrial: 0-10 employees \$25.00; 11-50 employees \$50.00; 51 and over employees \$100.00.

Yancey School Registration To Begin; Teachers Announced For Current Year

The Yancey County Schools will be open for registration of students on Monday morning, August 21 from 8:30 to 11:00 o'clock, according to an announcement from the superintendent of schools.

Tuesday, August 22, will

be a full day of school with lunches being served.

Kindergartens in all elementary schools will not open to receive students until September 11.

All schools will be closed on September 4 for Labor Day.

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The Yancey County Public Schools Teacher List for the 1972 School Year was released this week for publication by Ed Hunter, Superintendent of Schools. The list includes the following names:

Bald Creek Elementary
Charles R. Proffitt, Principal
Virginia P. Bailey
Madge Carter
Nancy E. Fox
Lola Ann Hensley
H. D. Justice
Eloise S. McIntosh
Ila P. McInturf
Sara W. Proffitt
Lucy Randolph
Billie M. Ray
Doris Tomberlin
Lillian S. Tomberlin

Bea Log Elementary
Wade Holloway, Principal
Shirley W. Edwards
Lena Fagan
Louetta R. Harris
Jack McIntosh
Garry Pate
Irene H. Penland
Virginia Phillips
Sheila P. Ramsey

Burnsville Elementary
Larry Howell, Principal
Lois Anglin
Orlena J. Anglin
Janet P. Banks
Madlyn L. Bailey
Nelle V. Bailey
Mary Bledsoe
Mary Buchanan
Mary Byrd
Venita Gail Deyton
Kate Evans
Vernell H. Evans
Jeannette Fox
Ruth Hensley
Sara W. Hensley
Mildred W. Hunter
Thomas B. Koch

Carletta Pittman
Maglee Ray
Robert David Thomas
Enola P. Wilson
Zula C. Wilson
Ollie S. Young

Cane River High School
Cara Cox, Principal
William W. Angel
Elaine Boone
Jack Buckner
Horace Cox
Ben Deyton
Charles Hawkins
Flay Hensley
Terrell J. Hensley
Pauline B. Hensley
Irma M. Higgins
Nelle Lewis
Lloyd I. Phillips
J. T. Randolph
Terrill Ray
Judith Sparks
Mary P. Swann
Jane W. Thomas
Blaine Whitson
Patricia Whitson

East Yancey High
Woodrow M. Anglin, Principal
Herbert D. Allen
Gordon Banks
Coy F. Bailey
Harold Bennett
Nona Kate Deyton
Amelia Fortner
Gwendolyn Harris
Betty Harvel
Wilhelmina Hensley
Dean Hicks
Joseph Higgins
Louise Hughes
Kenneth Hunter
Eurl Maney
Thomas D. McIntosh
Dorothy Ray
Billy M. Sparks
Kenny Sparks
Elizabeth Westall
Kate Zuver

Clearmont Elementary
Paula Mae Higgins, Principal
Betty Deyton
Caroline Deyton
Lloyd Deyton
Joyce T. Fox
Thelma J. Howell
Opha S. Hylemon
Ruth Rice
Edward D. Wilson
Lucy Y. Wilson

Micaville Elementary
Boyd C. Deyton, Principal
Elizabeth F. Bennett
Peggy Diane Capps
Hazel S. Dellinger
Billie Joe M. Deyton
Clarence Deyton
Helen Deyton
U. B. Deyton
Exam Lewis
Jane E. Robinson
Helen Silver
Margaret Thomas
Evelyn M. Wilson
Maphie Wilson
Phillip W. Young

Pensacola Elementary
Roy Lee Anglin, Principal
Margaret Ferguson
Sandra Fox
Una C. Maney
Hettie H. Price

South Toe Elementary
Bernie F. Deyton, Principal
Clara B. Byrd
James C. Byrd
Mae H. Chrisawn
Thanna Davis
Billie Joe P. Deyton
Richard H. Howell
Carolyn Livingston
Kenneth Nelson
Barbara Young

UNIT WIDE
Edgar Hunter, Superintendent
Ethel Boone, Supervisor
Charlie M. Hensley, ESE A
Title I Coordinator
Margaret Griffith, Homelbound

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