

Yancey Showing Awareness Of Juvenile Vocational, Recreational Needs

(This is the second of three feature articles dealing with juvenile delinquency in Yancey County, and measures being taken to help young offenders and potential offenders.)

By Jody Higgins
Juvenile Services worker Mike Higgins believes that preventive work to keep youngsters out of juvenile court and to prevent those who have been there

from returning needs serious attention in Yancey County. There is an awareness of the needs here—more vocational training in the schools, recreational facilities, and the need

for more help in working with juveniles in trouble. Mike believes that most acts of delinquency are the manifestation of some problem at home or with the juvenile himself.

Although problems at home are usually the cause of delinquency, these acts of delinquency eventually become the problem of the community and the courts. Therefore, the community as well as the juvenile would benefit from preventive recreational and educational efforts aimed at juveniles with problems.

According to Mike, definite efforts are being made to do something about the lack of recreational facilities in this county, but in the area of vocational education, action is at a standstill.

A number of courses are offered in vocational and agricultural training in the high schools, but according to Superintendent of Schools Ed Hunter, the program is just not large enough.

"The vocational program, while it is very good, certainly is not accommodating 80% of the students we feel it should accommodate, but we cannot expand the vocational program. Until enlarged facilities are made available, the vocational department of the State Dept. of Public Instruction will not increase our vocational teacher allotment."

Mrs. Cara Cox, principal of Cane River High School, believes that expanded vocational programs are seriously needed in the high schools, and feels as Mike does, that vocational counseling should begin in elementary school.

Mrs. Cox, who has a masters degree in counseling, expressed this opinion. "By the time they reach high school, they have a set pattern. Attention and guidance earlier could have

stopped or solved a problem before it became a big one."

The problem of the lack of recreational facilities is presently being tackled by a group of concerned members of the community who are forming the Yancey County Recreation Commission.

Mike is pleased that something definite is being done about recreation. "The general community is becoming involved. The Yancey County Recreation Commission includes a number of interested individuals and groups."

The Commission, which met earlier this month, has planned another meeting for August 28 at the Community Building at which time Jack Frausen from the Western Area Office of the State Dept. of Local Affairs will discuss the acquisition and financing of recreational facilities. Some of the objectives of the commission include a public swimming pool, tennis and basketball courts, and a field for softball and other outdoor recreation.

Mike believes that more people in the community need to become involved in such projects and take a look at the problems the county is facing with juveniles who end up as delinquents often because they are victims of circumstance.

"Because a juvenile is in trouble," he explained, "he should not be labeled a criminal."

If a juvenile must go to court and is placed on probation, Mike feels that every effort should be made to prevent further delinquency and for

individuals who are potentials for trouble, preventive measures are a worthwhile investment.

"If people are interested," Mike commented, "then maybe we can find a solution to problems that cause delinquency. We have had some success through the Dept. of Social Services, and I hope that by getting the community involved in working with juvenile problems in general, we can be even more successful."

"If we had a full time worker, we could do more in the area of prevention. For example, I know of a case involving a young boy who needs almost constant attention, and I just don't have the time."

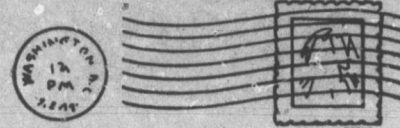
With his present caseload, which includes 60 cases in addition to his juvenile caseload, Mike devotes a great deal of his spare time working with individuals and families who need attention.

"Judge Braswell has the right idea by employing a full time person to coordinate volunteers to work with juveniles with problems," said Mike.

He was referring to an experimental program slated to begin in September, in which a salaried person will coordinate volunteers in Braswell's District, who are willing to give of themselves to juveniles who are in trouble.

Next week: The third and final article in this series will deal with 24th District Court Judge J. Ray Braswell, his concern for juveniles, and his plan to involve volunteers in juvenile work at a local level.

Letters To The Editor



Dear Editor:

The Yancey County Jaycees and Jaycettes would like to express their sincere appreciation to all the contestants who participated in the Miss Mayland Pageant and made it a success. To you and the Yancey Journal staff for the pictures and coverage of the Pageant we say thanks, and to Banks Flowers and Gifts and Flowers by Vance for the flowers donated; to Mr. Dick McIntosh at Hilltop Restaurant for providing meals for the judges; to Mr. and Mrs. James Fox for so graciously letting us use their home for interviewing the contestants; to Charlie Boone for lending his outstanding musical talent on the piano and organ. Thanks also to all the merchants who have been so generous in donations and supporting us and to all the citizens of Yancey County for coming out on Friday and Saturday nights to see the Pageant.

To all these people we would like to say Thank You... for helping make the 1973 Miss Mayland Pageant a success.
The Yancey County Jaycees and Jaycettes

Dear Editor:

The Board of Directors of Music in the Mountains is exceedingly grateful to The Yancey Journal and to the people of Yancey County for the interest and support that contributed so much to the success of the past season.

We are grateful to the Journal for informing the public about Music in the Mountains and the new cultural opportunities open to the area people and their families. And we thank the people of Yancey County for their contributions of time, effort, and money; for handling ticket sales, helping with the children's classes, making financial contributions, attending the concerts in increasing numbers, preparing and serving refreshments during concert intermissions, taking responsibility for the reception following the benefit recital by Mme. Lili Kraus, and for their enthusiasm and willingness to serve in other ways.

All of this help combined to make it possible for Music in the Mountains to begin classes introducing young children to music; to award scholarships that enabled some of the talented young people in our area to attend the music workshops at Mars Hill College; to attract professional musicians of recognized artistry to the program, and an increasing number of tourists as well as local people to the concerts; to secure a national grant to help in the development of the project.

This support has encouraged us to plan for the future an expanded program that, hopefully, will add greatly to the economic as well as the cultural development of our county and our people.

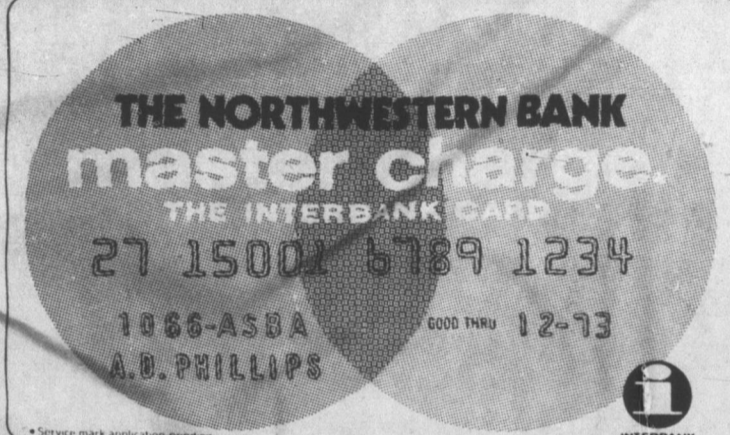
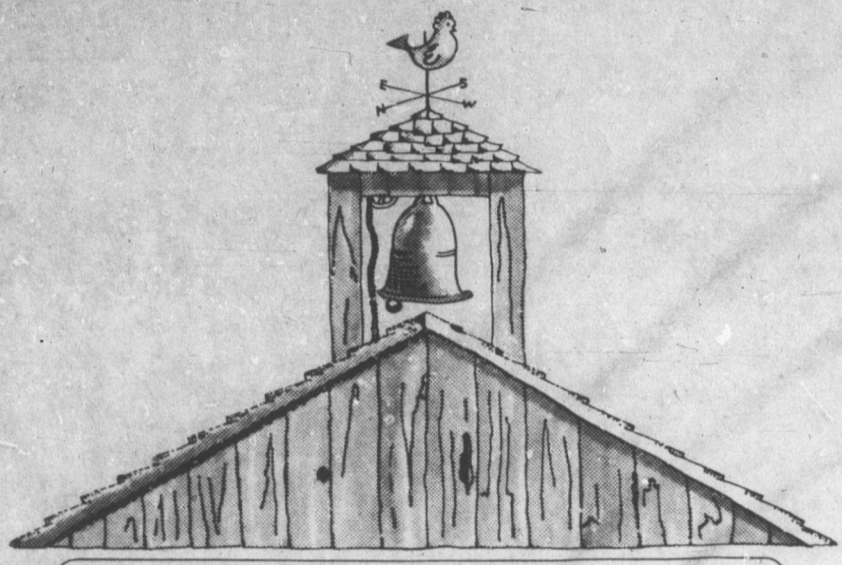
To all who have had a share in the progress of Music in the Mountains, we express our individual and collective thanks.

Sincerely,
Harry Abrahamson (for the Board of Directors of Music in the Mountains)

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EY Football Season Starts

By Robert Howard
For the East Yancey football squad, Coach Bill Sparks said that there was a very poor pre-season turnout. On the first day of school there were 17 new members, most of them varsity players.

"We now have approximately forty-seven prospective J. V. and varsity players," said the coach. "We have depth and are looking forward to a real fine season."

The first East Yancey game to be played away from the home field is with Owen High School August 25 at 8:00 p.m. This is a non-conference game.

The coaching staff and members of the East Yancey football teams feel that this is the year that East Yancey will again pull out in front where it belongs.

"We also feel that no conference game is beyond our reach," said Coach Sparks.

"We, the coaches, feel that we have not only a fine varsity but also a fine J. V. team, with an eight-game schedule."

Coach Sparks concluded by saying that the teams need the support of the community. The school, as well as the athletic program, can be boosted by active participation and attendance at both J. V. and Varsity games.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Cane River Booster Club will meet Tuesday, August 29th, 7:30 p.m. Everyone interested, please attend.

Mr. Jack Frausen will be in room 3 at the Yancey County Courthouse on Monday night, August 28, to discuss plans for a recreational program here in Yancey County. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Choral Society Concert

The Spruce Pine Choral Society will present A SUMMERTHING on Saturday, August 26, 8:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Burnsville, and on Sunday, August 27, 3:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Spruce Pine. Included in the concert is *The Music Man*, *Oliver*, *Schubert's Mass in C*, and Handel's "Hallelujah, Amen" from *Judas Maccabaeus*.

Featured Spruce Pine soloists are Brenda Sparks, Stella Gilliam, Dot Coulter, Marcheta Pendley, Sopranos; Diane Pritchard, Alto; Oscar Coulter, Jr., Tenor; and John Burson, Bass. Burnsville soloists are Thomas Koch, Sr., Tenor; and Charlie Boone, Bass.

Accompanying the Schubert Mass will be a string ensemble consisting of Karen Pieper, Lillian Johnson, Alvera Martin, Violins; and William Samardak, Jr., Viola. Mrs. Volhammie Johnson is the accompanist.

The Choral Society is under the direction of Dr. Lee McBall, a resident of Bakersville, who is professor of music and university organist at Winston-Salem State University and Director of Music at the United Methodist Church, Spruce Pine.

CHURCHES

Ivy Gap Baptist Church—is having their Homecoming August 27th. The Rev. Grady Shepard will be speaker, and there will be singing throughout the day. Everyone is invited to attend.

There will be a special song service at the Covey Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Green Mountain, N.C., Sunday night, August 27 at 7:30 p.m. according to pastor Rev. Holt Herrell.

The "Good News Quartet" from Kingsport, Tenn.; the "Dayton Trio" from Burnsville will be there and more groups are expected. Everyone is invited to attend this service.

Thanks
The family of Mr. Ernest McIntosh wish to express their deepest appreciation for the sympathy and kindness shown during their recent bereavement.

JESSE HELMS: A CITIZEN-SENATOR

"Jesse Helms is not one of your backslapping, hand-wringing, affable garden variety political office seekers." — *Virginian Pilot* 7/2/72

Dr. Daniel M. Lotz, the former UNC basketball star and son-in-law of evangelist Billy Graham, recently wrote about Jesse Helms that he had devoted a lifetime of witnessing his faith in America—"and not by words alone."

Jesse Helms, Dr. Lotz pointed out, was the prime mover in establishing Camp Willow Run, a youth camp for Christ in Littleton. The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge has given him two awards. The Southern Baptist Convention honored him this year with its Abe Lincoln Award because of his work for crippled children.

Jesse Helms is that kind of man. Working. Doing. Getting things done, not just talking about the problem.
All his life, Jesse Helms has worked to make things better than he found them. We need a man like that in Washington. As Dr. Lotz put it: "A man with the Christian strengths possessed by Jesse Helms is the kind of man we need to elect and support."

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