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## Preventive Dentistry

Appalachian Regional Commission has awarded Region D of North Carolina a \$115,300 grant to implement a Preventive Dentistry Education Program. Region D includes Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey Counties. Local matching funds amount to only \$686.00 per county for the entire year.

The goal of the Preventive Dentistry Program is to develop and implement a Dental Health Education Program for 100% of the 5th grade students of the seven county area and this goal has now been attained. There is a trained Dental Health Educator in each fifth-grade classroom one day per week.

The course content includes different aspects of Dental Health and proper brushing-flossing techniques. Each child will receive a kit which includes brush, floss, toothpaste, etc. The educational program is designed to increase the dental awareness and improve the practice of the student in preventive dental technique. Included is discussion of modern concepts of dental disease, its control, and the theory behind prevention and methods of preventive maintenance.

There is a total population of 139,364 in this area covered by the project. Approximately 14,000 of this group attend school grades one through eight and are in dire need of improved dental care and education. The seven counties have a total of 24 dentists in active private practice. The ratio of dentists



Mary Rivers

to population is as high as one to 49,571 in Ashe County and 8,134 in Alleghany County. The area's average is one dentist to 5,085 people. This compares with the national ratio of 2,000 people per dentist.

The Dental Health Educator assigned Yancey County is Mrs. Mary Rivers. Mrs. Rivers graduated from Concord College in Athens, W. Virginia with a B.S. in Education, majoring in health and physical education. She worked toward a Master's Degree at West Virginia University. Mrs. Rivers is married to Harold J. Rivers who is assistant district ranger on Toecane District of Pisgah National Forest and they have one son, Bryan, who is in kindergarten.

The program is governed by a Dental Advisory Board made up of three people from each county. Dr. R. K. Ransom is the Yancey County Chairman and serves along with dentists from each of the other six counties. Appalachian State University is the grantee.



## Cloggers Win North American Clog Championship

The Yancey County Country Store Cloggers of Burnsville were chosen the North America Pre-Teen Clogging Champions last weekend at the Festival of Champions held at Fontana Village Resort in North Carolina. The Festival of Champions was held October 20, 21, 22, and featured Championship dancers from numerous parts of North America--including the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

The Country Store Cloggers have won numerous trophies for their colorful mountain style of clog. Raylene Fox, a member of the group received a special Achievement Trophy for her individual performance. The trophy was sponsored by the Yancey County Country Store. Mrs. Nancy Fox is director.

## Music Appreciation Group First Program Scheduled Featuring Frank Ell As Guest Speaker, Clarinetist

A Music Appreciation Group was formed recently for the purpose of contributing to the music knowledge of interested persons, and therefore contributing to their appreciation of music.

The first meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2 at 8:00 p. m. at the 1st Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. The group will meet each month thereafter at an announced date and time.

The program promises to be of interest to everyone-- those who do not play a musical instrument but like to listen to music, those who do play and want to know more about the history of music, how it began, the composers, what to listen for, etc., and those who have not had musical opportunities but are eager to be exposed to music.

The Music Appreciation Group is open to everyone. Frank Ell, Director of Music in the Mountains during its last season in Burnsville, with extensive experience in music festivals here and abroad, will be the guest speaker for the first session. He will also perform on the clarinet, demonstrating various techniques.

Mrs. Susanna Jones, who is program coordinator for the Group, will introduce each session. Herself a cellist, she works with the Yancey County Health Department.

At each meeting of the Music Appreciation Group a musician will talk about a particular aspect of music or a particular composer, illustrating by performing and with recorded music. This program represents a new phase in the development of Music in the Mountains, which will open its fourth season with a concert on Sunday, June 24th, 1973. It began in 1970 in Burnsville and has grown into a popular series of concerts in Burnsville, an additional evening series of concerts in Mass Hill, and will be further expanded this year. In 1972 the NC Arts Council made it possible for Music in the Mountains to grant scholarships to talented young music students living in North Carolina. Also in 1972 a new program for children "Introduction to Music" was added.

Registration and the viewing of exhibits will be held from 11:00 until 12:00 noon. The educational exhibits will portray the Home Economic program emphasis for the past year. A special feature will be that of Christmas Ideas (Items) on display. A covered dish luncheon will be held, after which a fashion show will be presented, with members from the different clubs modeling garments they have either made or co-ordinated with accessories.

Following this, leadership awards will be presented by Mrs. Mary Margaret Deyton, Home Economist. Installation of the County Council Officers for the coming club year will complete the meeting.

All members are urged to attend.

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## Students To Sell Subscriptions

A county-wide circulation drive which begins this week for The Yancey Journal will serve a dual purpose, as high school students from Cane River and East Yancey are selling the subscriptions to help finance various school activities. The students will keep \$1.00 from each one sold, and The Yancey Journal will offer a bonus to the student from each school who sells the most subscriptions. Pictured above are Marie Maney, Dianne Banks, Miti Presnell, and Connie Hensley--the students picked up receipt books Tuesday for the big drive.

## Yancey United Fund Drive Lacks Leadership; Emergency Meeting Set

The Yancey County United Fund has so far this fall been unable to organize for its annual fund-raising campaign. The reason, as explained at the Burnsville Men's Club meeting last Monday night is the inability of the board of directors to enlist a team of campaign workers, including a campaign chairman to conduct the drive.

In recognition of the misfortune to the county of abandoning the UF the Men's Club voted to hold an emergency meeting next Monday night at the Community Building to undertake, once again to form a campaign organization. Representatives of all civic organizations in the county and of the agencies benefitted by the UF are being invited.

If the UF does not conduct its drive this year, the county is going to be faced with the necessity of having several separate fund-raising campaigns. The total time and effort involved will far exceed that of holding a single UF drive, and the load on contributors will be less fairly distributed. Some worthy and much needed activities, unable to raise money, will probably be forced to discontinue.

An explanation for the difficulty experienced in getting the UF organized was given at the Men's Club. During the seventeen years the local UF has operated, the burden of conducting the drives has fallen on a relatively small group of the county's public spirited citizens. Understandably, many of this group feel they have done their duty by the UF, and that the load should, in fairness, be shifted to other shoulders. Campaign

## Youth Weekend Sponsored Here

A Youth Renewal Weekend, sponsored by the United Youth of Higgins Memorial Methodist Church and Burnsville Presbyterian Church, will be held on October 28 and 29. Leaders Mike Hupp and Charles Toney will be in charge with Youth Witness Teams representing Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist Churches of Erwin, Tenn.

The schedule calls for a Rap Session at 10:00 a. m. Saturday, with singing by the Erwin Team at Higgins Methodist Church. From 2 to 4 p. m. there will be singing and witnessing at Town Square in Burnsville, followed by a barbecue at 6:00 p. m. in the State Highway Patrol Parking Lot. Free to all youth.

Music and sharing at Higgins Church will begin at 7:00 p. m. and another Rap Session at 8 o'clock at Higgins.

Sunday, from 8:30 to 9:30 a. m. will be an Inter-Church Youth Service at the Presbyterian Church, Burnsville.

Youth of Yancey County is invited to come listen, share, sing, eat and learn about Christ. It's all free as His love!

chairmen, in particular, have been difficult to enlist.

A budget for this year's campaign has already been adopted by the UF directors. More than a dozen worthy activities are included, among them are 4-H Clubs, Orthopedic Clinic, Red Cross, Boy

Girl Scouts, Mental Health, Community Development, Read Diseases and Blind and Sight Conservation.

All interested citizens are invited to the meeting next Monday night, which will be at 7:00 p. m. at the Community Building.



Richard Banks and Jeff Hardin Receive Award

## Scouts Receive Awards At Annual Court Of Honor

Last Tuesday night, October 10, the Burnsville Scout Troop held a court of honor at the Black Mountain Campground. Following a pot-luck meal the ceremony was held in the Dark Hollow Amphitheatre.

Richard Banks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Banks, received the Life Scout Award. The award was presented by Mr. Woodrow Anglin, principal of East Yancey High School. This was the highest award presented at the Court of Honor.

Jeff Hardin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hardin received the Star Scout Award. The award was presented by Dr. Garland Wampler. Jeff is a student at Burnsville Elementary School and has been very active in Scouting for the past 2 years.

Jimmy Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wilson; Danny Laws, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Laws; and Mike Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Moore, received their First Class Award. These awards were presented by Johnny McLain, the Scoutmaster for Troop 502.

There were eight new scouts receiving the Tenderfoot Award. These scouts were Robert Proffitt, Dan Maxwell, Chris Carr, Greg Presnell, Jimmy Steele, Hal McDonald, and Ricky Riddle. These boys received their awards in a candlelight investiture ceremony.

The following scouts received the 50-mile patch which is awarded for completion of either 50 miles by canoe or hiking. Kenny Deyton received a patch for both canoeing and hiking this past summer. Other scouts receiving this award were Gerald Styles; Jeff Bailey, Emie Howard, Eddie Thomas, Larry Banks, Mark Bledsoe, Danny Bledsoe, Tim Thompson, Tom Carr, Jeff Hardin, Richard Banks and Jimmy Wilson.

Scouts receiving the mile swim patch were Tim Thompson, Greg Silvers and Tom Carr.

Scouts receiving the Paul Bunyan conservation award were Gerald Styles, Eddie Thompson, Mike Grindstaff, Doyle Bradford and Steve Parsley.

Scouts receiving merit badges were Danny Laws, theatre, safety, animal industry, Reading and Scholarship; Mike Grindstaff, Leatherwork, woodcarving, basketry, home repairs and animal industry; Jimmy Wilson, Conservation of natural resources and forestry; Doyle Bradford, animal industry, leatherwork, home repair, woodcarving, basketry and scholarship; Richard Banks, reading, safety, swimming, life saving, archery and first aid; Jeff Bailey, conservation of natural resources and wildlife management; Mark Bledsoe, rowing, archery and scout lifeguard; Jeff Hardin, conservation of natural resources and swimming; Gerald Styles, conservation of natural resources and canoeing; Mike Moore, animal industry; and Eddie Thomas, home repair, scholarship and riflery.

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All copy for the Yancey Journal must be turned in by 5p.m. Monday. Urgent, last minute items must be in by 12 noon on Tuesday.  
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All classified advertising must be paid in advance.  
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All display ads must be in by 5p.m. on Monday.