

May Tech Appoints Baucom Director

The Board of Trustees of Mayland Technical Institute approved the appointment of Mr. Donald C. Baucom as Director of Occupational Education at its meeting on Monday, October 30, 1972.

Mr. Baucom had been acting as Director of Occupational Education since September 18 while serving as an intern from the University of Tennessee.

Mr. Baucom has had experience in the public school system as a vocational teacher at Bowman High School in Bakersville and in the North Carolina Community College System as an instructor at Fayetteville

Technical Institute.

Mr. Baucom has completed his doctorate in vocational-technical administration with the exception of his dissertation.

He is a resident of Mitchell County and is married to Sondra Sullins Baucom and has one son, Chris, at Harris High School and two daughters, Carol and Chanon, at Gouge Elementary in Bakersville.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

We would appreciate your publishing a copy of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

Be it remembered that at a meeting of the Burnsville Men's Club held on October 3rd, 1972, the following proceeding was had:

A discussion was had as to the departure of Mr. Ned Jests from Burnsville by reason of his having retired.

The members of the Club expressed regret at losing Mr. Jests, former member of the Club.

Therefore, upon motion made, duly seconded and unanimously carried it was resolved:

1. That the Club express to Mr. Jests the appreciation of its members for his faithful service to the Club as its Secretary-Treasurer and in all activities of the Club;
2. That the membership of the Club express to Mr. Jests the hope that he will enjoy his retirement and that he will endeavor to visit in Burnsville at each opportunity available to him.
3. That copy of this resolution be sent to The Yancey Journal, a copy sent to Mr. Jests and a copy recorded in the minutes of the Burnsville Men's Club.

BURNSVILLE MEN'S CLUB
By Herbert Allen, President

Dear Editor:

I would publicly like to thank the many individuals who made phone calls and personally expressed approval of my letter to the editor last week regarding Yates Bailey, Chairman of the Social Services Board, and an employee of Profit's Store, Bald Creek. I found that many citizens of Bald Creek read the letter with much concern for the people being subjected to threats of checks (Welfare and Social Security) being terminated, low wages being paid in inflated groceries, and being told how to vote. Many individuals have already signed notarized affidavits regarding their relationship with Yates Bailey. Low-income and low-functioning people have the right to be free of harassment from self-serving individuals. A federal and state agency are studying the affidavits for proper disposition.

Several people have asked why nothing was said last week regarding John Powers (South Toe), the third Social Services Board member. Mr. Powers has the potential of becoming a positive factor if he will break from the influence of Mr. Bailey. I reiterate my gratitude to Mr. Bob Helme for his support and concern for individuals and the Social Service Agency.

One way to improve our political process in local affairs is by education and publicity as demonstrated by the excellent edition of The Yancey Journal last week. Thanks again to the many wonderful citizens of Yancey County. I hope we continue to see improvements in our schools and public agencies in the days ahead.

Sincerely,
Randall Peacock

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Students Tour MAY Tech

A group of 36 seniors from Cane River High School, accompanied by the Business Education teacher, Mrs. Elaine Boone, toured Mayland Technical Institute last Friday. The group toured the administrative offices, the Library, Learning Lab, the Auto Mechanics Department, and the Business Department, along with other classrooms and offices. Mrs. Flora B. Robertson, Director of Student Personnel, conducted the tour. Dr. O.M. Blake, Jr., president of Mayland Tech, spoke briefly to the group. A tour of the offices of Brad Ragan, Inc. was also arranged so that the group, primarily interested in Business Education, could observe various activities in office work, including computer operations.

FHA Employees At Two-Day Workshop

Employees of the Farmers Home Administration met at the Sheraton Hotel and Motor Inn at Asheville, North Carolina, for a two-day workshop on methods for implementing a greatly expanding Farmers Home Administration program. Attending the meeting from Yancey County were Paul Laughrum, District Supervisor; Wilbur G. Howard, County Supervisor; Naomi L. King, County Office Clerk; and W. Clyde Bailey, Construction Inspector.

State Director James T. Johnson addressed the meeting and praised the employees for making the North Carolina FHA program one of the largest programs in the nation. He stated that Farmers Home Administration

last year provided some 150 million dollars to farmers, rural residents and communities in North Carolina. Johnson said that Farmers Home Administration in North Carolina had the best overall program in the Nation. He cited several "firsts" for the State FHA, such as having the first solid waste disposal project in the nation, being first in total number of solid waste projects and having the largest dollar volume for rural housing loans of any state in the nation.

Johnson compared the agency's program over the last three years and said that in 1969 FHA loaned 65 million dollars in North Carolina. In 1970, it increased to 81 million dollars.

In 1971, it went to 123 million dollars and in 1972, to a record 150 million dollars for North Carolina. This year's programs are projected to exceed 180 million dollars or triple that of three years ago. These services have provided thousands of North Carolinians decent homes, improved rural communities by providing central water and sewer systems and assisting rural areas in cleaning up the countryside by providing county-wide waste disposal systems to some 50 North Carolina counties. In addition, thousands of farmers received financial assistance for real estate and operating type loans in a farm loan program that doubled over the three year period.

Johnson pointed out that these increases have been made with only a slight increase in personnel and praised the employees for their increased production and efficiency.

Employees received information on new lending authorities provided FHA by the new Rural Development Act which extends FHA services for essential community facilities, broadens the rural housing program, provides loans to young farmers or rural youths, and authorizes Farmers Home Administration to make business and industrial loans in places up to 50,000 population.

Johnson said that existing and new authorities now give the agency the opportunity to provide financial assistance to the total rural sector in administration efforts to make rural development a reality and is expected to double the present volume over the next few years.

Cox Is UF Chairman

(Cont'd from page 1) raising for the numerous separate campaigns in the County. Competitive fund raising by school children had been regularly employed in a number of campaigns. The interference with education, and the burden on teachers was recognized as detrimental to the schools, and both teachers and school officials wholeheartedly supported the UF when it was formed.

This will be the second time in its history that a person from the Yancey County Schools has served as campaign chairman. One previous year, Edgar Hunter, then principal of Burnsville Elementary School, served in this capacity.

Cara W. Cox, wife of Horace H. Cox of Route 1, Relief, earned her B.S. Degree at E.T.S.U. in 1955 and her M.A. Degree from the same school in 1970. She is currently enrolled in graduate classes at A.S.U. in Boone. She taught in the public schools of Yancey County from 1955 until last year when she became principal of Cane River High School. She is a member of the Big Creek Free Will Baptist Church where she has served as Sunday School Teacher of the Young Adult Class.

In addition to her impressive accomplishments in the field of education, Mrs. Cox is mother of three. The Coxes' daughter, Janet, a graduate of E.T.S.U., Johnson City, is now living in Atlanta and is enrolled in Georgia State University to begin graduate work winter quarter. Their son, Jody, is a senior at Cane River and their youngest daughter is a third grader at Bee Log Elementary School.

The threat of abandoning the UF this year brought out a good attendance to the emergency meeting called by the Burnsville Men's Club. The group made up of representatives of the several community clubs, showed a determination not to give up the UF. It was recognized that if the UF failed

to organize, the county would be faced with the necessity of having several separate fund raising drives. Among the activities supported by the UF are the 4-H Clubs, orthopedic clinic, Red Cross, Boy and Girl Scouts, Mental Health, Community Development, and aid for the blind, and sight conservation.

Phone Service For Schools

Edgar F. Hunter, Superintendent of Yancey County Schools, has announced that a telephone answering service has been installed and will be in use from November 1 to April 1 this year.

This service is primarily for spreading the word about cancelling school during bad weather but will also be available to schools for other announcements, such as announcing ball games, PTA meetings, etc.

As soon as it can be determined on a given morning that road conditions make it necessary to cancel school for the day, a message will be recorded to announce this decision. Normally this will be done by 6:00 a.m. This message can be received by dialing 682-6505.

Parents and students are requested to use this line so that other phone lines can be open for contacting principals and bus drivers. Radio station WKYK and the Mohasco Weather Line will also be used.

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Student Drive For U.N.I.C.E.F.

The students from Arthur Morgan School in Celco collected \$84 for U.N.I.C.E.F. on Halloween night.

Isa Cheren was organizer and chairman of the drive and the whole Arthur Morgan student body participated in this special drive for the United Nations Children's Fund.

The school would like to extend their appreciation for the generous contributions received from people of the South Toe area.

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