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First Revenue Sharing Program Check Totals \$120,425 For Yancey County

Officials of Yancey County and Burnsville felt the impact of the Christmas spirit on the receipt last Monday of the first of a succession of sizeable checks which local governments are receiving under a five-year revenue sharing program of the Federal Government. The county received \$120,425, and Burnsville \$17,255.

In January, remittances from the U. S. Treasury of like amounts are promised, and thereafter quarterly checks at a somewhat increasing annual rate will be received for four years. The

amounts allocated to the various local governments is based on a complicated formula applied to census data, population, per capita income, and the tax burden borne by the community are taken in account.

Neither the county nor Burnsville have decided how the money will be spent. Wide latitude is given to local governments, but since both county and town are now operating under budgets already adopted for the present fiscal year, which ends next June, expenditures of the revenue sharing money may be withheld until the next fiscal year, starting July 1, 1973. None of the money may be spent without proper advance budgeting of the money.

The money may be used for a wide range of local governmental purposes, including law enforcement, environmental improvement, welfare, libraries,

and any legally authorized capital improvements. This last category may include school building construction.

The program depends heavily on publicity to give assurance that the money is well spent. Local governments must give full publicity regarding plans to spend the money, and then later on, how the money was actually spent. All this must be published in local newspapers and made available to all area news media.

Last week a group of governmental experts comprising a "State Revenue Sharing Committee" from Raleigh held a panel discussion on the program in Asheville. Attending from Yancey County were Chairman Oscar Deyton of the County Commissioners, together with County Tax Collector Boyd Laws, and Bob Helmle from the Burnsville Town Board.

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Pollard's Drug Store
Mr. and Mrs. Mack B. Ray
Dr. Garland Wampler
Dr. Melvin Webb

CENTURY CLUB (Contributors of \$100 to \$200)

Glen Morris (State Representative for Yancey County)
Riddle Fuel Company
Dr. W. A. Y. Sargent
Dr. Clyde Whisnant

Taylor To Visit Yancey During 17-County Tour

U. S. Rep. Roy A. Taylor of Black Mountain will be at the Yancey County Courthouse in Burnsville from 1:00 until 2:00 p. m. on Friday, December 15 to meet with constituents. Taylor, recently re-elected as representative of the 11th District for his eighth term, is making one of his regular tours of the entire district to learn the opinions of constituents, as well as listen to their problems, before the 93rd Congress opens in January.

Taylor said, "I intend to remain sensitive and responsive to the thinking of the people in the district, and there is no

better way of doing this than personal visits to the communities."

Taylor's district assistant, Tom L. Mallonee of Asheville, will accompany the congressman. Mallonee visits each town in the district about every six weeks.

Taylor said, "I am very happy to have an opportunity to express my appreciation to the citizens of Western North Carolina for their recent support and to listen to their opinions and suggestions."

He will be visiting towns and communities in the 17-county district through December 21.



Photos By Bill Wisnesky

Unauthorized Dumping in Yancey—Phone Call Could Help

N.C. Toll Free 'Pollution Help Line' Answers Great Environmental Need

By Betsy Warren
Filthy streams and dirty air taking away the pleasure of living in your community?

Hundreds of North Carolinians are mad enough to do something about it. They are reporting pollution violators to the State's "Pollution Help Line."

Officially one-year-old this November, response to Help Line has been tremendous according to Mrs. Jackie Wall of the Office of Water and Air Resources of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources. She has handled most of the 1,000 calls during Help Line's first year.

In order to report a pollution violation or nuisance or simply place an inquiry with the State, a citizen from anywhere in North Carolina need only dial 1-800-662-7308 toll free.

The first call on the new

phone came in the day after the number was announced.

An Eastern North Carolina lady was calling to ask for help in solving an air pollution problem. It seems smoke from the town's refuse dump had forced postponement of scheduled activities at a nearby school.

Mrs. Wall referred the complaint to the Air Quality Division which checked with the county manager and determined that the county landfill could be used to take care of the refuse that was causing the problem. The manufacturer dumping the product said he would be happy to use the landfill.

The Help Line had scored on its first test. Not all the cases have been handled so simply as the first one, Mrs. Wall said, but she believes the service has been effective.

She quoted an air quality field man on his appreciation for the Help Line: "It's like having a thousand eyes to help us locate points of pollution we might otherwise not know about."

We can't be everywhere all the time."

Many Tar Heels would be astonished to learn that their neighbors are telling on them. Reports are made frequently about illegal trash burning, cars emitting black smoke, and other day-to-day violations. To prevent "crank calls", the caller must give his name and address. He is also told that the subject of the call will be a matter of public record.

One lady was particularly disturbed that she had to "cause trouble" for her neighbor but her conscience would not let her remain silent any longer, she said. It seems her neighbor was dumping trash into a river near their home nearly every day.

The most frequent calls to Help Line are concerned with industries which emit large amounts of smoke and offensive odors, dump raw sewage into streams, health worries, burning eyes, nose, throat and breathing problems; and auto-

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Silent Symbols Of Man's Unconcern For Environment

Music Appreciation Group To Attend Special Concert

The newly-formed Music Appreciation Group here will attend the special presentation for the Christmas season of Handel's "Messiah" at the United Methodist Church in Spruce Pine on Sunday, December 17, 3:00 p. m. Some of the singers who will be performing at the concert are from Yancey County.

Dr. Lee Beall will conduct the choir and Patricia La Bach will be at the organ for the "Messiah", and it is felt that this will be one of the most moving experiences for this Christmas. The public is invited to attend.

The first meeting of the Music Appreciation Group, held in November, was at the Burnsville Presbyterian Church and was attended by about twenty-five people. Frank Ell, direc-

tor of Music in the Mountains, spoke to the group on the beginnings of music, the components of a piece of classical music, and music as an art. Mr. Ell stressed the fact that in order to fully appreciate music, one should know something about the composer, the time in which he lived and his other works.

The Music Appreciation Group also briefly discussed the religious significance of classical music and the fact that classical music is not only used in special church services, cantatas, and in mass, but also is the basis or origin of many well-known church hymns.

The Group will hear more on the subject of classical music as it pertains to the religious music of our times when Marilyn Keiser, organist at the All Souls Episcopal Church in Asheville, speaks on this subject at the Music Appreciation Group meeting January 2nd. The Group meetings, to be held on the 2nd day of each month, are open to all interested people. The January 2nd meeting will be at 8:00 p. m. in the First Baptist Church, Burnsville.

Honorable Mention

The Town of Burnsville and Arbutle community each received honorable mention awards of \$50 at the 23rd Annual Awards Luncheon for the Western North Carolina Community Development Program on Saturday, December 9th in Asheville.

Congressman Roy A. Taylor presented the Community leadership awards and Dr. J. E. Legates, Dean of the School of Agriculture, spoke to the group. Awards to the communities were presented by Mr. Jack Krause of Union Mills, chairman of the WNC Community Development Program.

White Oak Creek community also received honorable mention in the Youth Program Awards.

Woman's Club Meeting Set

The regular meeting of the Burnsville Woman's Club will be held on Thursday, December 14, at 8:00 p. m. at the Community Building. The program will focus on The Meaning of Christmas, with Mrs. May Young serving as program leader. Hostesses will be Mrs. James Ray, Mrs. E. L. Dillingham and Mrs. George Roberts.

Strout Will Open Here

Strout Realty, Inc. will open a branch office in Burnsville, it was announced this week. The large number of prospective buyers who have indicated an interest in this area was a prime reason for establishing this office.

Mr. John G. Humphrey of Mills River, N. C. will be the branch manager, according to information received from the Company's Home Office.

Mr. Humphrey, a recent graduate of Oklahoma State University, was formerly associated with the Mills River Office of Strout Realty which is operated by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Humphrey. In addition to his prior sales experience, Mr. Humphrey has recently completed the Real Estate course at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute.

Strout Realty, Inc. has over 600 offices throughout the U. S. selling all types of real estate. The new office is located on the Burnsville Bypass, U. S. 19E, next to Roberts Chevrolet and across from the Bank Family Square.

East Yancey Panthers Continue Good Season

By Robert Howard
Friday, December 1 the East Yancey Panthers played host to the Yellow Jackets of Edneyville. In the J. V. game, J. Bailey and E. Wooten both had 8 points, while L. Laughter had 14 points and J. Pryor scored 8 to lead the Yellow Jackets to a 50-27 win over East Yancey.

In the girls game, the Yellow Jackets stung the Panthers by a 44 to 29 win.

Tuesday, December 5 the Panthers hosted the Rebels of Cane River for a big conference game. In an overtime event, J. Biggestaff hit 13 points while J. Hughes hit 12 to win over the Rebels 59 to 55. J. Young and S. Holcombe had 22 and 16 points respectively for Rebels.

In a close game the Lady Panthers show the Rebels how

to play aggressive ball to win by a score of 38 to 34. K. Griffin led East Yancey with 13, while T. Geouge and J. Laws had 8 apiece. For the Rebels L. Doan had 16 points and D. Garland had 7.

For the Junior Varsity, E. Thomas scored 10 while J. Bailey had 12 for the Panthers to win over the Rebels by a score of 49 to 42. For the Rebels, K. Jobe had 17 points, L. Pryor and G. Peterson had 8 apiece.

On Tuesday, November 21, the East Yancey Junior Varsity

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Notice

The 1973 License Tags will not go on sale until the first of January, 1973.



WAMY Hosts Christmas Party

Friday, December 8 was a happy day for many pre-school children and their parents. The children and parents from Seven Mile Ridge, Crabtree, Halls Chapel and Arbutle gathered for this occasion made possible by the W. A. M. Y. Outreach Worker in that area. Activities included a Christmas story by Suzanna Jones from the Health Department, and a film, "Curl Up Small" shown by Brad Warstler of W. A. M. Y. Lunch was provided for those attending. The meeting place was Arbutle Community Building.