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Students Host Christmas Party

Christmas came early this year for a group of local children, thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Kate Zver's government class and art and music class at East Yancey High School. The "big people" at East Yancey provided the Christmas tree, music, refreshments and made the decorations for the enjoyment of the "little people." Santa Claus surprised everyone by coming to the party and presenting the children with toys.



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In the spirit of the Wise
Men who sought the Infant
Jesus, let us seek the
true meaning of Christmas
now, during this holy
season, and throughout
the days to come.



We would like to extend Season's Greetings to our friends.
Wherever you are—may your holiday be a happy one!
—Ed and Carolyn Yuzuk



Winning Name Drawn At Ingles

Robert Hughes of Route 2, Burnsville had the honor of pulling the winning ticket out of a shopping bag held by Harold Grogan, manager of Ingles Supermarket. The event was the climax of the Yancey County Jaycee Shopping Spree, sponsored by the Jaycees and by Ingles of Burnsville, which will culminate in the lucky winner getting all the groceries she can pick up in a 5 minute dash down the aisles at Ingles. The winner, Grace Ball of Route 1, Burnsville, will have her free spree at the super market at 8:00 p. m. Wednesday, December 20, 1972 -- just in time for Christmas Dinner!

Dr. Pope Gives Presentation On Regional Health Care

A program about a March of Dimes sponsored program in seven Northwestern North Carolina counties to improve the quality of pregnancy among disadvantaged women in Appalachia was presented last weekend at the National Foundation March of Dimes' annual National Volunteer Leadership Conference held in New York.

Making the presentation were four members of the program, which is being administered by Appalachian State University: Dr. Fergus Pope, director of the Division of Community and Regional Services; Mrs. Mary Reichle, director of a local March of Dimes maternal and child health project and Jane and Bill Findlay of Durham

who were interns in Pope's field program last summer.

Preparation of the program began in mid-October when a National Foundation film crew came to Yancey and Mitchell counties to work with Pope in filming three families who have been assisted by public health department and March of Dimes programs. The 20-minute film was premiered at the meeting and will become part of the March of Dimes film library.

Pope's topic was the present state of health care to the disadvantaged in Region D (Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey counties), which he described

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Appalachian Consortium Sponsors Arts Contest For All Ages, All Categories

The Appalachian Consortium has a new idea for helping preserve the heritage of the Southern Appalachian mountain people.

It's the Appalachian Art Exposition, Appalachian Expo for short, an arts competition designed to let every child and adult in Western North Carolina and East Tennessee show their feelings about their past.

The consortium is offering some \$1,500 in cash prizes for entries in visual art (anything from crayon drawings and wood carvings to still photography and movies), written art (personal prose to mini-drama scripts) and performing art (live or recorded story telling, music and dancing.)

The entries will be judged primarily on how well they re-

fect Expo's themes: "The role of proud and independent mountain people in today's world" and "The impact of urbanization on rural Southern Appalachia."

There are categories in the Expo for professionals and for amateurs with separate divisions for ages 10 and under, 10

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Yancey Schools Help Pollution Fight; Dumpsters Placed, Furnaces Converted

Yancey County Schools are attempting to do their share in solving the universal problem of pollution. In addition to the

Scouts Need Used Uniforms

A new cub scout troop has been formed and uniforms are urgently needed. If you have old uniforms and would either like to donate or sell them, bring them by Laughrun Heating and Sheet Metal. Please have all uniforms sized and priced when you bring them by.

instructional program through which an attempt is being made to formulate the proper habits and attitudes among students, two steps have been taken to eliminate pollution in and around the school buildings. Through the cooperation of the local health department, dumpsters have recently been placed at all schools in the county, except Burnsville which has city garbage pick-up. This has solved the problem of burning trash at the schools and has eliminated the garbage problem, which has been a big problem

in past years.

The second step taken has been to eliminate coal burning furnaces which has been a big contributor to air pollution during the winter months. According to Edgar Hunter, Superintendent, eight of the eleven furnaces have already been converted to oil burners and the remaining three are scheduled to be converted at the end of the current heating season. Hunter said he believed we would be among the first counties in the state to have completed both programs.



Morning Blaze Destroys Home

The Burnsville Fire Department answered a call around 9:30 Monday morning from the home of Jack Honeycutt in Green Mountain. Members of the Honeycutt family reported that they first noticed the fire in the upper part of the house around 8:30 and tried to extinguish it themselves before calling for help. After fighting the fire for approximately one hour, the fire department reported the house an 80 percent loss. The Honeycutts managed to remove most of their furniture before the house was engulfed in smoke and flames.