

# THE YANCEY JOURNAL

Formerly The Yancey Record

VOL. 2, NO. 15

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1973

10¢

## First-Citizens Initiates New Interest Plan

First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company has initiated a new savings interest computation method which results in the highest savings interest paid by any bank in North Carolina on one and two year savings bonds.

Under the new program, First-Citizens 5 3/4 percent two year savings certificates have an annual effective yield of 6 percent. The 5 1/2 percent one year savings bonds now have a yield of 5.734 percent.

An added dimension of the new savings program is that the bonds can be purchased in \$100 minimums.

In announcing the new higher yield savings interest, L. R. Holding, president of First-Citizens Bank, said, "This action is in keeping with the bank's philosophy of always paying the highest interest allowed by law on savings."

Holding further stated that those already having 5 1/2 and 5 3/4 percent savings certificates with First-Citizens will also receive the benefits of the new method of interest calculations effective April 9, 1973.



Farm Family Of The Year

Although the family has always depended on farming for a livelihood, Mr. McKinney does supplement his farm income by off-farm employment, but farming is a family enterprise. Shown above receiving the award are family members Stella Carol, Loris Jean, Allen Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. McKinney. Wilbur C. Howard, Yancey County Supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration, presented the award.

The Wayne McKinney family of Green Mountain has been selected as the Farmers Home Administration Farm Family of the Year in Yancey County. The family was chosen in recognition of the financial progress, improvements made in farming enterprises and farm management, and home living since obtaining their first FHA loan in 1965. Also for the family participation in community and church activities.

## Carowinds Theme Park Open Weekends; Grand Opening Ceremony Set For June

The plans and dreams of nearly two decades burst forth into reality on Saturday, March 31, when the spectacular new Carowinds Theme Park opened its doors to the public. A heavy Springtime rainstorm greeted guests on that historic occasion but thousands of first day visitors splashed through the new 73-acre park, seeming to enjoy every minute of it. The gloomy Saturday was followed by a beautiful Sunday which drew guests from all over the Carolinas, and other from Florida, Michigan and even from Anchorage, Alaska.

The eventful opening marked the climax of 17 years of planning and building from an idea that began when Carowinds President E. Pat Hall visited Disneyland in 1956. Hall, the Charlotte-born developer who brought the concept for Carowinds to reality, said, "I have gotten much of the credit for the park, but our research shows more than three million men and women hours have been spent on this job. By myself, it would have taken 342 years, and I assure you I'm not that old."

Carowinds will be open on Saturdays and Sundays until June 2, when the park is to be open daily.

Following the Saturday-Sunday schedule in April and May, a Grand Opening ceremony, including the two state governors and several nationally-known celebrities, will be held June 2 in a second gala opening event.

The opening of Carowinds marks the beginning of a unique experience for several hundred young people who will be hosts and hostesses or live show performers in the park. More than 1,200 high school and college age young people will be employed during the 139-day season to welcome an estimated 1,500,000 guests to Carowinds.

And those guests are in for a form of family entertainment never before experienced in the Carolinas.

Live shows and thrilling rides abound throughout the park in seven sections, each designed to reflect a certain period in Carolina history. The more spectacular rides include a trip in a revolving skycabin to the top of the 340-foot Skytower, a ride over a waterfall on the Powder Keg Flume, the Goldrusher mine train which spins above and below four sections of the park, and the cruise on the 400-passenger stemwheeler, "The Carolina."

A unique double-decker Carousel in the park's Plantation Square section captivates young and old alike. The Carousel is an original from Germany, more than 100 years old, and is the only double-decker operating in the United States.

A colorful musical-variety

show is featured in Harmony Hall; young magicians put on an illusion-filled performance in the 1000-seat Magic Theatre. Troubadours and glue-grass music draw guests into the Elizabethan Theatre, and Ceremonial dances are a highlight of Indian Thicket while a Puppet Show runs continuously in the Queen's Colony and a traveling Medicine Man delights crowds in Country Crossroads.

Carowinds' one-price ticket (\$5.75 for adults, \$4.50 for children 12 and under, children 3 and under--free) buys all the entertainment in the park for the entire day. The monorail tour, in operation June 2, will cost 75 cents.

Carowinds is located on Interstate 77, midway between Charlotte, N.C. and Rock Hill, S.C.

## Holy Week Services Slated Throughout Tri-County Area

Simultaneous Holy Week services will be held daily April 16-20 at 12:10 p.m. The twenty minute services will focus upon the "I am" statements from John's Gospel. They will include special music and a five minute devotional message by a Mayland area minister. The services are planned by the Mayland Ministerial Alliance for all persons of the Tri-Counties.

In Bakersville the United Methodist Church will host the daily worship with one of the following ministers speaking each day: Robert A. Johnson, Russell Burson, Maurice Gilliam, Ernest Wilson and Grever C. Graham. Spruce Pine congregations will gather at Trinity Episcopal Church where Richard Morgan, Nat Brittain, Phillip Nordstrom, Elton Strickland and Ralph Jacks will bring the devotional messages.

In Bumsville the daily meet-

ings will be at Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church with William Hyers, Eldin Wells, Elton Strickland, Hugh Borders, and Richard Morgan speaking in turn.

## School Calendar

The calendar for Yancey County Schools for the remainder of the school year has been announced by Edgar Hunter, Superintendent.

An Easter Holiday will be observed and all schools will be closed on Monday, April 23. Graduation date for high school seniors has been set for Saturday, May 26. Classes for all other students will end on Thursday morning, May 31. Teachers will work through June 4.

## C of C Expects Capacity Crowd

Advance ticket sale forecasts a capacity attendance at the annual dinner meeting of the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce to be held on Friday evening this week, April 13, at East Yancey High School. This yearly meeting is both a social and informative affair.

Between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. exhibits will be on display in the school gymnasium, showing accomplishments and progress in the county. These exhibits, which for a number of years have been a feature of the annual Chamber meeting, are being prepared by several agencies, schools and other organizations.

According to the program

committee, the exhibits this year promise to be more extensive than heretofore. Directors of the Chamber plan to be in attendance during this hour before dinner to welcome guests and answer questions regarding the Chamber activities.

The program following the dinner, which will be served at 7:00 o'clock, will combine both business and entertainment. Election of five new directors of the Chamber will take place, to succeed those whose terms expire. The three-year terms of Chamber directors are staggered, and five new directors are elected each year. The directors whose terms have ended are Ray Miller, Charles Gillespie,

Ardell Sink, Bob Helmle and Franklin Woody.

Claude Vess, chairman of the Yancey County School Board, will make a report on the school situation. A further feature of the evening will be the award of two scholarships to students from each high school. These scholarships, which are each for \$200 are to defray college tuition expense. This is the fourth year the Chamber has made these awards.

Also on the program is the award of a sportsmanship trophy to a student from each high school. Dinner music will be provided by Renee Buchanan and Billy Gouge.

## Supervisor Is Employed

The Yancey County Board of Education announced the recent employment of Mr. James Simmons as transportation supervisor for Yancey County School Bus Transportation System.

Mr. Simmons is a graduate of Micaville High School and the Nashville Auto-Diesel College. After a year with Ballew Motors in Marion he was employed by the McDowell County Board of Education for nine years where he gained valuable experience in school bus transportation. He was then employed by the Haywood County Board of Education as Transportation Supervisor for three years, where he developed an outstanding reputation in his work there.

Mr. Simmons and his wife, the former Grace Gibbs are both natives of the county and have recently moved to the Celu area. They have two daughters.

## Community Events

A sale of products made by North Carolina blind persons will be held April 16 through April 21 in Bumsville, according to John McLain, President of the Bumsville Lions Club.

The Mobile Unit will be parked in the Bumsville Plaza Shopping Center in front of Ingles Supermarket.

All persons are invited to come out and see the wide selection of articles. There will be no obligation to buy. The proceeds from any articles sold will go towards the Association for Aid to the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

There will be a benefit Gospel Singing at the Beech Glen School, located on old highway 19 near Mass Hill, Sunday, April 15th at 2:00 p.m. There will be no admission charge. A free will offering will be taken for the Ralph Angel family. Featured on this program will be: Mount Bethel Youth Choir of Jupiter, N.C.; Revelation Quartet of Sylva, N.C.; Sun Light Quartet of Spruce Pine, N.C.; Joyfulaires Quartet of Alexander, N.C.; King Family of Candler, N.C. and the Dodson Trio of Fairview, North Carolina.

The Black Youth Group from Lincoln Park Community will present a variety show at the First Baptist Church, Bumsville. The show will be held Saturday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

This should be an exciting and unusual evening of entertainment. There will be no admission charge, but donations will be accepted. Proceeds will go to the building fund of the AME Zion Church. The public is cordially invited.

The Bumsville Woman's Club will meet on Thursday, April 12, at 8:00 p.m., at the Community Building. The program leader is Mrs. Carlyle Bledsoe, who will present a program on Conservation, entitled "The Forest Under The Trees." The hostesses are Mrs. Ralph Jacks, Mrs. Francis Muratori, and Mrs. P. C. Coletta. The public is invited.

Mitchell and Yancey County Presbyterian Men (also ladies night) meeting will be at the First Presbyterian Church in Spruce Pine, N.C. on Monday, April 16. Supper by the Ladies of the Church at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Charles Gibboney.

All men and ladies are welcome to attend.

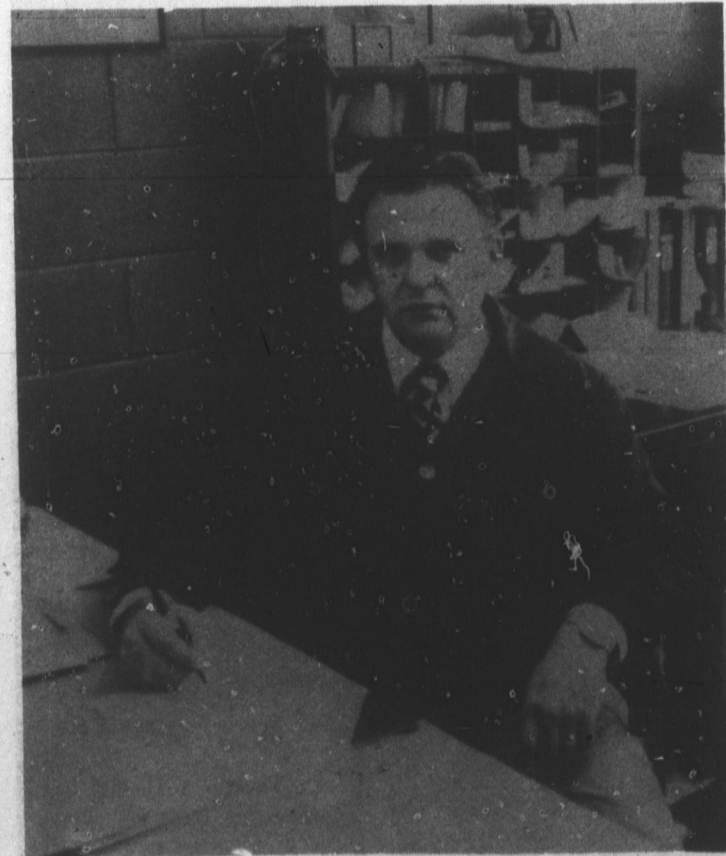
The Church of God located at West Bumsville will join in a simultaneous revival effort involving approximately 10,000 congregations around the world beginning April 15th and continuing through April 22nd, 1973.

Pastor Kermit Kennedy explained that for the first time in its history, the Church of God, in a worldwide thrust, will call upon approximately 10,000 churches in some ninety countries of the world to unite in a concentrated revival effort.

According to Pastor Kermit Kennedy, Evangelist Eddie Sapp, a dynamic speaker widely known and respected for his distinctive preaching style, will be the featured speaker.

Special music will be provided by both the regular church musicians and others.

Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening.



Young Is Official Postmaster

After serving six months as Officer in Charge, Howard Young is official Postmaster for the Bumsville Post Office. Young came here from Bakersville after serving eight years as Postmaster there. He also served as rural carrier at Joppa, Maryland. Young is married to the former Marietta Clagg of Welch, West Virginia, who teaches at Harris Elementary School in Spruce Pine. They have two sons, Randy & Tommy.



Li'l Smokeys Damaged By Blaze

The Bumsville Fire Department answered a call at 11:40 Monday night to Li'l Smokey Drive-In Restaurant on East Main Street in Bumsville. According to Fire Chief J. C. Styles, the Fire Department was well organized and brought the blaze under control by 12:30 a.m. The cause of the fire was said to be an exhaust fan over the hood of the grill. Damages were estimated at 50 per-cent, mostly to the interior of the building. Damages to the contents were estimated at 75-80 per-cent.