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East Yancey Students Describe Plans For New High School To Interested Onlooker

Record Voter Turnout Gives Overwhelming 'Yes' To \$1,500,000 School Bond Issue In Yancey

A record number of voters for a non-regular election turned out at the polls this past Tuesday and cast their ballots overwhelmingly in favor of a \$1,500,000 Bond Issue to build a new, centrally-located high school in Yancey County. The favorable vote has brought Yancey County to the threshold of a new educational era.

Voter response to the Bond Issue hinged mainly upon whether Yancey Countians would believe factual information given out by the County Commissioners showing that a tax increase would not be necessary for paying off the School

Bonds. According to the Commissioners, money coming from other sources, which they named in their statements as Revenue Sharing Funds, the Appalachian Regional Commission Funds, 1963 State Bond Issue and Revenue from the One Cent Sales Tax, is sufficient for the educational facilities outlined. Apparently voters took the Commissioners at their word, and plans for the new high school will fast become a reality.

Of the total 2,833 voters who turned out to cast their ballots in this crucial school bond issue, 2,073 voted for the bond

and only 760 voted against. In some precincts, the voting was close, but in most, the bond issue carried by an overwhelming margin.

Precinct totals on the Bond Issue were as follows:

	For	Against
Brush Creek	62	16
Burnsville	342	101
Cane River	116	58
Crabtree	312	110
Green Mountain	123	106
Egypt	67	76
Jacks Creek	100	124
Pensacola	135	6
Prices Creek	88	39
Ramseytown	50	44
South Toe	178	80

By consolidating the present two high schools into a single facility, students will be offered almost double the number of courses now being offered. Some new courses will be aimed at preparing the students adequately for college, others will train students in varied vocational programs which suit their ability and interests. Enrichment programs in the fields of music, including band and art, would also be part of the curriculum.

In addition to giving the go-ahead to building a new high school, Yancey Countians are looking forward to having

existing elementary school facilities renovated, as was outlined in the plans of the present school board.

The long-range plan of the Board of Education provides for Kindergarten through sixth grades to attend their local community schools. Seventh and eighth graders will attend the present Cane River and East Yancey Schools and career guidance counseling will begin at this level to familiarize students with the different fields of work and help them decide which course of study best suits their interests and abilities.

Winners Of 4-H Talent Show And Dress Revue Selected; To Participate In 4-H Activity Day

The Yancey County 4-H Talent Show and Dress Revue was held Friday, May 18, at Bald Creek Elementary School. A nice evening of entertainment was enjoyed by 4-H'ers and their parents and friends.

Marvin Hensley, 4-H County Council President, was master of ceremonies for the evening, with other council officers taking part in the program also.

Competing with seven other groups, three top winners were selected in the Talent Show. The Newdale 4-H Club presented a skit which tied for second place with a song-and-dance presentation by Lisa Deyton from the Green Mountain Club. Victor Adkins from the Bee Log 4-H Club won first place when he sang "Danny Boy". Also participating in the talent show were David Carroll and Dwayne Carroll, Bald Creek 4-H Club; Brenda Wilson, Bee Log 4-H Club; Lisa Thomas, Martha Edge and Janice McGee, Newdale 4-H Club; Tommy Hensley, Green Mountain 4-H Club; Teresa Young, Newdale 4-H Club; a group presentation by the Bald Creek Club; and a group presentation by the Bee Log Club. Judges for the talent show were Mrs. Lynn Carter and Mr. Charles Aldridge.

Dress Revue participants competed on three different levels: Winning first place in the Apron Division was Pam Crowder, Newdale Club; Lisa Deyton, Green Mountain Club, won first place in the Junior Division. Janet Treadway from the Bee Log Club won first place in

the Senior Division. Other participants were: Teresa Young, Newdale Club; Sheila Gouge, Newdale Club; Martha Edge, Newdale Club; Doris Ann McGee, Newdale Club; Melinda Treadway, Bee Log; Dail Chaney, Bee Log; Diana Troup, Green Mountain Club;

and Gail Chaney, Bee Log Club. Judges for the Dress Revue were Mrs. Charles Aldridge and Mrs. B. B. Wilson.

The three top talent winners and the winner of the Senior Dress Revue Division will participate in the District 4-H Day in Spruce Pine on June 14th.

Deadline Announced For Post-Korean Veterans GI Bill Education Benefits

May 31, 1974 is a crucial date for most Post-Korean veterans who haven't started using their GI Bill education benefits.

That's the date their benefits expire, and H. W. Johnson, Director of the Winston Salem Veterans Administration Regional office points out that unless they begin training soon, they could lose part or all of their benefits.

The deadline reminder applies to Post-Korean veterans discharged from the military service between January 31, 1955 and June 1, 1966. Benefits for these veterans were not authorized until enactment of the current GI Bill on June 1, 1966; thus, they must com-

plete training within eight years of release or by the May 31, 1974 deadline, whichever is later.

The deadline does not apply to veterans interested in flight training, apprenticeship and on-job and farm cooperative training, however. These particular veterans have until August 30, 1975, or eight years after discharge, whichever is later, to complete their training. This is because these training programs were not available until October, 1967, Johnson explained.

More than two million veterans are expected to train under the GI Bill during the current fiscal year. Enrollment in October totaled 1.2 million, 17 percent higher than October a year ago.

Johnson said increases recently in training allowances will encourage more persons to enter VA training programs, and enable many already training to continue their programs.

New rates start at \$220 monthly for single trainees going to school full time under the GI Bill. Those with one dependent get \$261 monthly; those with two dependents, \$298, and they receive \$18 for each additional dependent.

Rates for GI Bill apprenticeship and other on-job training begin at \$160 monthly for single trainees. Those with one dependent receive \$179 monthly; those with two dependents, \$196, plus \$8 for each additional dependent.

Eligible wives, widows and children going to school full

time under VA's Dependents' Educational Assistance Program are now entitled to \$220 monthly.

Johnson urged eligible persons to contact any of its offices, or local representatives of veterans service organizations.

Workshop Set At MAY Tech

A Laubach Literacy Workshop will be held at the Spruce Pine United Methodist Church under the GI Bill during the current fiscal year. Enrollment in October totaled 1.2 million, 17 percent higher than October a year ago.

The purpose of the workshop is to train volunteer tutors to teach adults to read and write. These tutors do not have to be professional teachers. The Laubach approach emphasizes the use of volunteer tutors on an "each one teach one" basis, using highly structured primes and easy-to-read follow-up literature. A tutor must attend a twelve hour workshop in order to earn the Laubach Literacy Certificate.

If you are interested in attending the workshop, please phone Mrs. Hembree at 765-7351 or write her in care of Mayland Technical Institute.



New Jaycee And Jaycette Officers Installed

An Installation ceremony for new Yancey County Jaycee and Jaycette officers was conducted at the annual Jaycee Banquet held at Nu Wray Inn on Saturday night, May 19th. New Jaycee officers include (L to R.) front row: Larry Riddle, President; Don Whitson, Treasurer; Gene Higgins, Parliamentarian; John Shepherd, Vice President and Area Vice President Roger Carpenter. Back row: Elaine Whitson, Secretary; Roger Shepherd, Editor; Charlie Hensley, State Director; Jerry Holcombe, Local Director and Tom Storie,

Past President. Jaycette officers are (pictured L to R.): Mrs. Tom Storie, Outgoing President; Mrs. Gene Higgins, Vice President; Mrs. Jap Phillips, President; Mrs. John Shepherd, Secretary. Guests at the Banquet and Installation included: Mrs. and Mrs. O. W. Deyton, Mr. and Mrs. Ardell Sink, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Yuziuk and LuAnne Banks, Miss Mayland. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Mr. Yuziuk and Mr. Sink, representing the news media, for their cooperation with the Jaycees and Jaycettes in local projects.



Community Events

The Yancey County Girl Scout Court of Awards will be held on Sunday, May 27 at the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church, Burnsville, beginning at 2:00 p. m.

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There will be a meeting of the 1973 Clean Sweep Committee on Friday, May 25 at 3:00 p. m. in the Courtroom of the Yancey County Courthouse. This will be the second planning session.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss proposed clean-up projects for the county. Anyone interested in arranging a clean-up project for their club, group or community should make plans to attend.

A Gospel Song Service will be held at Brummitts Creek Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, May 27th at 2 p. m.

These singers and others are expected: The Rebels Creek Quartet, The King Family, The SouthSide Quartet and Trio, The Silvers Chapel Quartet.

Ed Ball is in charge of the service. Everyone is welcome.

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There will be a special song service at the Covey Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Green Mountain, N. C. Sunday night, May 27 at 7:30 p. m. according to pastor Rev. Holt Herrell. Some outstanding groups in the south are scheduled to be there. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.