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## Children's Workshop Scheduled

A fine opportunity for summer fun, which is also exciting and educational for children, will be available soon at the unique Music in the Mountains Children's Workshop.

Two classes are scheduled, one for first, second and third grades and another for fourth, fifth and sixth grades, each Monday and Thursday from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. beginning June 25 and running through the 19th of July. The classes will be held at the First Baptist Church, Burnsville. Registration day is Monday, June 25, 9:00 until 9:30 at the First Baptist Church. One child will be charged \$10.00 for the workshop... brothers and sisters of a full paying participant will be charged only \$2.00 each.

Instructors of the Children's Workshop, Susan and Tom Koch, emphasize that learning and enjoyment will be combined in the workshop to enhance each child's appreciation of music. The students will learn how much fun music can be, discover some of music's secrets, learn how instruments make sound, hear fine musicians play

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## Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair Planned

The 17th annual Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair, sponsored by the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce, is now being planned for August 3 and 4 on the Town Square, Burnsville. Craftsmen from Yancey, neighboring mountain counties, other sections of North Carolina, and other states will come to display, demonstrate, and sell their hand-made crafts in the two-day event which brings countless people to Burnsville. The Fair will open on Friday morning and will end late Saturday. There will be games, en-

tertainment, and refreshments. On Saturday, chicken barbecue will be sold to those in attendance at the Fair. The first weekend in August will be a big one in Burnsville. In addition to the Crafts Fair, the 6th annual Yancey Youth Jamboree, featuring traditional folk music, singing, and dancing and also sponsored by the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce, will open at East Yancey High School Auditorium on Thursday night, August 2, and will be presented again on Friday night, August 3.

## Wildlife Afield!

# New Concept In Camping

By Jim Dean

There was a time when camping was a fairly simple thing. You pitched a tent, cooked over a bed of glowing coals and spent very little time fooling with your gear. Camping was a way of feeling nature's pulse at close hand, and nobody paid much attention to the gear that made it possible.

Over the past decade this has changed. How you camp is now more important than why you camp. The whole concept has changed, and the camper is no longer a pure-minded Thoreau seeking escape from the ravages of civilization.

Perhaps it is an unfair judgment, but it seems that more of today's campers are interested in the social status conveyed by owning certain types of equipment than anything else.

The new ethic seems to be a sort of woodland "keeping up with the Joneses".

For instance, I took my family to a big campground this past weekend, and although I have always considered our equipment fairly sophisticated (we have a gas stove, lantern, tents, sleeping bags and cooler) I was amazed to find that most of our neighbors in the campground felt that we were really "roughing it."

By their standards, I suppose we were. The family next to us (maybe it was two families camping together) had at least \$30,000 worth of gear, and that is no exaggeration.

They had two trucks pulling

large fifth wheel campers which are more like mobile homes than anything else. They also had --I counted them-- eight motorcycles and trail bikes. Every member of the party, including the kids, had at least some form of two-wheel conveyance.

A later afternoon walk through the campgrounds revealed that this was not at all unusual. In fact, besides my family, only two other groups actually slept in tents. The rest had truck campers, fifth wheel campers, tent trailer campers, and a few even had full trailers. There were outboard motorboats, four-wheel drive vehicles and enough motorcycles to start a large cycle agency.

Needless to say, the experience of camping was not one of quiet appreciation of nature. A few years ago, one could sit around a campfire and hear the birds chirping and the creek bubbling. The only "noise" was the occasional sound of an ax splitting firewood or the distant laughter of children.

Now, from roughly five o'clock in the morning until midnight, all you can hear is the constant putt-putt-putting of two and four cycle engines. I should point out that, with few exceptions, those who used their motorized vehicles took considerable care to drive them as quietly as possible while in camp, but the sound of 30-40 motorcycles--even politely idling--is not conducive to calm nerves.

For the families who go camping to escape the bustle

of the city, there seems to be but one alternative. That is to camp in areas devoid of other campers, and finding such an area is no easy task.

Another solution might be to ban certain types of equipment--particularly cycles--in public campgrounds, but this is not likely because the majority of campers now use such equipment in their camping.

Perhaps the best solution for all concerned would be to impose a partial ban on the use of cycles, setting aside some campgrounds where they would be permitted and others where they would be banned, and enforcing those rules. Where rules presently exist, they are not enforced. Some campgrounds could even be set aside solely for tent campers.

Another problem caused by cycles--particularly in wilderness or semi-wilderness areas--is the serious erosion of trails and silting of streams caused by countless wheels. There is also evidence that wildlife is disturbed by cycles.

It is likely that many areas will be closed to off-road motorized travel--some are now. No one would argue that trail bikes and cycles are fun to ride, but the rapidly growing sport of riding them in wilderness areas needs some looking into.

One thing is certain. Camping has changed. Whether those changes are good or not depends upon how you look at it. I, for one, think something wonderful is rapidly being lost.

## Statewide School Bond Issue Termed Crucial; State School Superintendent Urges Support

"North Carolina voters will make a momentous decision on the future of their public schools this fall when they decide the fate of a \$300 million statewide bond issue," according to State School Superintendent Craig Phillips. "The decision will have a direct influence on Tar Heel children for generations to come," Dr. Phillips added in urging support for the School Bond Issue.

The \$300 million school construction bond issue, to be voted on November 6, was authorized by the 1973 General Assembly. The money would be used to build new schools and to enlarge and renovate existing facilities.

If the bond issue is approved, allocations will be made to each of the state's 152 school systems on the basis of its 1971-72 average daily membership. The allocations will range from \$182,393 for Tryon to over \$20 million in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. "In short, the money

will go where the students are," said Dr. Phillips.

Each school unit would submit plans for their building projects to the State Board of Education for approval. The schools would receive technical assistance in surveying their needs and planning the improvements from the Department of Public

Instruction's Division of School Planning.

"This bond issue will make possible better facilities, classrooms, lunchrooms, media centers, gymnasiums, and auditoriums for children all over North Carolina," said Superintendent Craig Phillips.

"This is the biggest and the

most important school bond issue North Carolina has had,"

he emphasized. There have been three other statewide bond issues since World War II, one in 1949 for \$50 million, one in 1953 for \$50 million, and one in 1963 for \$100 million. "We have more children now and we are further behind than we were when the earlier bond issues were approved," said Dr. Phillips. "We need to catch up and now we have that chance."

## Community Events

Contrary to rumors that are circulating, there are no plans to begin Yancey County Schools early this year, according to Edgar Hunter, Superintendent. The rumor probably began as a result of the fuel shortage and predictions that schools might have to close during the winter months because of a lack of fuel. Although a definite date for opening school will not be set until later this month, present plans are to begin about August 20, Hunter said.

The Church of God of Prophecy, Meadow Road, Burnsville will begin a Revival on Sunday night, June 10th at 7:30 with Rev. R. D. Langley from Canton. Pastor David Russell invites the public. There will be special singing every night.

The Yancey County Chamber of Commerce is preparing a new Accommodation Brochure that will be inserted in the regular brochure. Anyone who would like an ad in the brochure please call the Chamber of Commerce at 682-2312. The deadline for ads is June 12th.

The board of directors of the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce will hold their regular monthly meeting this Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall in Burnsville. Plans and new projects will be outlined at this meeting by J. Ardell Sink, newly elected president of the local Chamber. It is also expected that plans will be finalized for this year's Craft Festival.

The Avery-Mitchell-Yancey Regional Library bookmobile will be visiting the following persons or residences on the Seven Mile Ridge run in Yancey County on Thursday, June 14, 1973:

George Hall, Linda McKinney, Mrs. James Hoover, Angela Robinson, Clara Lee Chrisawn, Mrs. Grace Blalock, Carolyn Miller, Violet Ray, Cora Byrd, Maxie Bugin, Westall's Grocery, C. A. Hollifield, Margaret Gouge, Pearl Thomas.

Anyone else who lives close to these people and who wishes to have bookmobile service, please contact Mrs. Barbara Dupkoski after 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wed. or Thursday at 765-4673.

## Gortney Is 4-H Representative

Steve Gortney has been chosen the 4-H representative from Yancey County to participate in the 19th annual 4-H Forestry Camp at Camp Millstone near Rockingham.

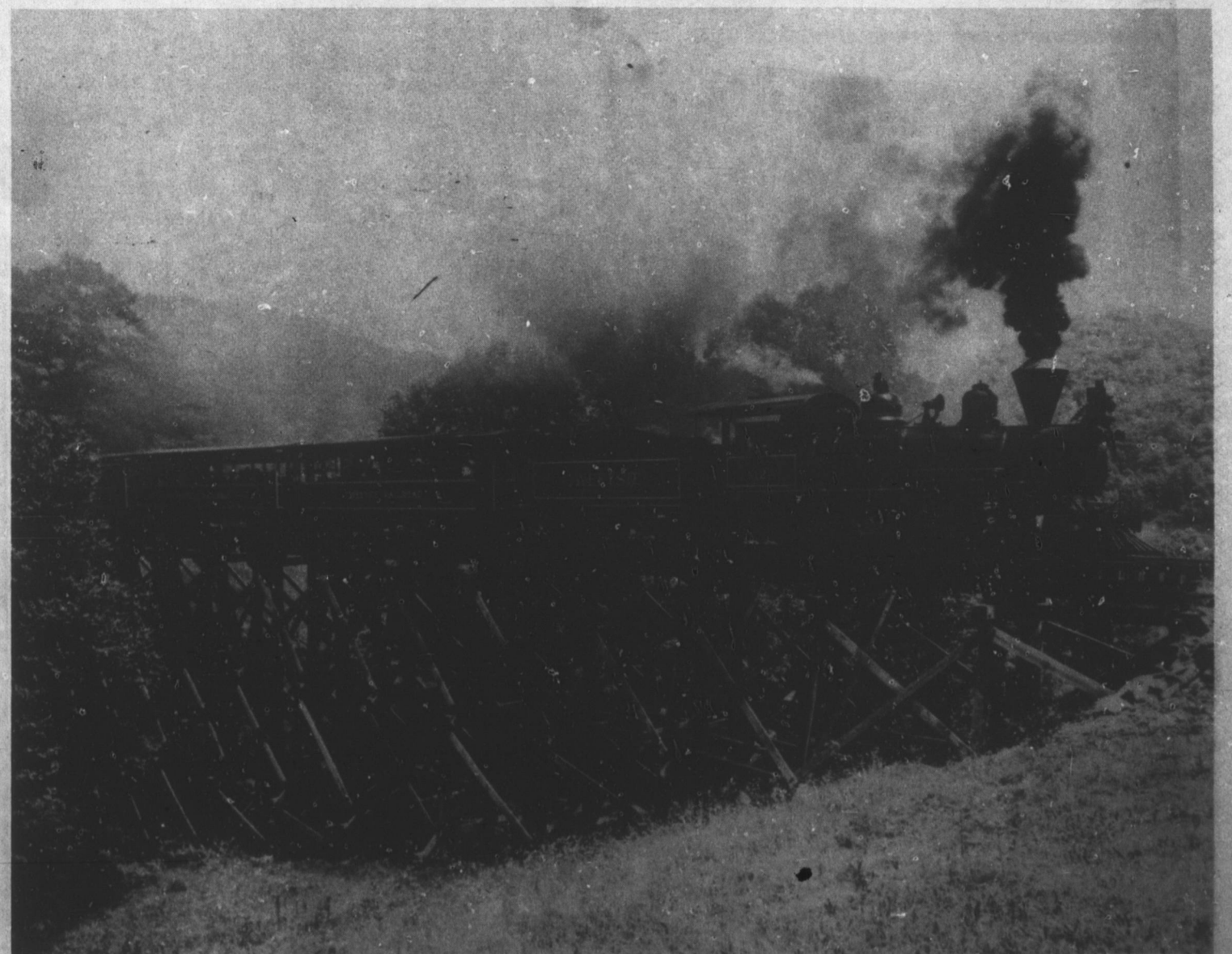
The son of Mr. and Mrs. Brown Gortney of Route 1, Green Mountain, Steve is one of almost a hundred boys--each chosen to represent his county as a 4-H Club Forestry Leader.

Both Southern Bell and the Agricultural Extension Service at North Carolina State University sponsor this program which is geared to the development of leadership and knowledge in forestry.

Special activities conducted at the camp for young foresters include the planting of and caring for trees, the identification of trees, the proper cutting of forest for timber purposes, the safe use of forestry equipment and the study of fire fighting techniques.

## COUNTRY STORE

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## Tweetsie Railroad Opened Saturday

Tweetsie Railroad, North Carolina's original "theme park" began its 17th season of entertaining the traveling public on Saturday, June 2. The old west park built around a narrow gauge railroad with antique steam engines and open-air passenger cars, first opened to the public in the summer of 1957 at its present location on U.S. Highways 221-321 between Blowing Rock and Boone. Close to three million persons have taken the now-famous three mile train

ride complete with outlaw attack and Indian raid in the sixteen years since opening. Tweetsie also features a live show at the Tweetsie Palace and a chair lift ride up Magic Mountain and a complete amusement park with a dozen traditional amusement park rides. Tweetsie Junction, where every traveler begins and ends his visit, is a complete western town with general store, newspaper office, western shop, blacksmith shop, gift and refreshment shops and depot.

## Public Notice

The tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1973 of Yancey County was on June 4, 1973 presented to the County Board of Commissioners, and is available for public inspection in the office of Register of Deeds clerk to the board. A public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. Monday, July 2, 1973 in the Commissioners Room, Yancey County Courthouse, at which time any persons who wish to be heard on the budget may appear.

--O. W. Dayton, Chairman  
County Commissioners