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## 1973 United Fund Drive Gets Enthusiastic Support

Under the leadership of campaign chairman Hazen Ledford, the 1973 fund raising drive of the Yancey United Fund got off to an enthusiastic start at a kick-off breakfast held last Saturday at the Burnsville Methodist Church.

Faced with a budget goal of \$14,988, supporters of the united appeal attending the breakfast freely volunteered to perform the various campaign chores. In a matter of a half hour the basic organization for the drive was completed.

Evidencing the spirit of the occasion, those attending made pledges, which together with advanced contributions previously received, totaled \$3,150.

Ledford stated that this excellent start forecasts a quickly completed campaign. The aim is to end the drive before the 1st of November.

Announcement was made of a new feature to be introduced in this year's campaign. Con-

tributors are being invited, if they so desire to designate the way their gifts are to be distributed to the dozen agencies included in the budget. This, it is hoped, will satisfy any who may disagree with the budget committee's allocation of funds to the several agencies.

This designation may be simply made by entering a note on the card that accompanies the contribution or pledge. Any special requests thus made will be honored by the UF Treasurer, Mrs. Ruby Smith, when the final distribution of the campaign proceeds is made. Solicitors will have copies of the UF budget, and will be glad to accept special designations. Based on past UF experience, the great majority of contributors accept the distribution of funds adopted by the budget committee.

A forceful appeal was made at the breakfast for support of the united appeal way of raising money for the various community projects for which funds are solicited. It was suggested that the number of appeals could well be reduced if those being solicited would regularly urge that the agencies apply for inclusion in the UF budget.

All agencies receiving financial support through united appeals must make frank disclosures of their finances to the community budget committee. This procedure gives assurance to contributors that their donations are put to good use, and that the money is raised with a minimum of overhead expense.

The costs of running the Yancey UF are negligible, since all work is done by volunteers without compensation. The efficiency of the united appeal fund raising contrasts with the high overhead expense involved in much other charitable money raising.

## Awards Will Be Presented

Winners of the Community Beautification Contest of the 1973 Western North Carolina Community Development Program will be announced at a luncheon meeting on Thursday, September 27 at 12 noon at Bailey's Cafeteria, Tunnel Road Shopping Center, Asheville.

A total of 68 organized communities competed in the Beautification Contest this year and 15 county winners were judged in area competition last week. Jacks Creek represented Yancey County in the judging.

Purpose of the Beautification Contest, which is sponsored by the Western North Carolina Development Association and the Agricultural Extension Service, is to encourage communities to conduct organized clean-up programs and to recognize those doing the best jobs.

The presentation of awards on September 27 in the special community beautification program will be held in conjunction with a planning meeting of the area improvement program steering committee representing the 18 county area. All communities that were in the final judging are urged to have representatives at the meeting.



Young Vegetable Growers Pose With 2-Foot Cucumbers

## Lions Plan Activities

The Burnsville Lions Club is off to a fine start under the leadership of President Robert Thomas. At the first meeting in the new year the club adopted a budget of \$2800.00 and planned the projects and activities for the year.

The first event will be the annual picnic at Black Mountain Campground Thursday, September 27. A new member invitation will be extended at this meeting and each Lion that gets two new members will be entitled to a free trip to the N.C. State-Clemson Football game in Clemson, S.C. Saturday, October 27.

The Lions Radio Day which proved so successful last year is planned for the second week in November.

A new program will be initiated to honor the blind in the county January 24. This will be a ladies night program with agency and officials who work with the blind as guests.

Other activities scheduled are fruit cake sales, broom sales, Christmas baskets for the blind, and visits of the Blind Van and Glaucoma Clinic.

John McLain, Past President, has been appointed as Zone Chairman for Region 1, Zone 2 including Lions Clubs in Yancey, Mitchell and Avery. Ben Floyd has been elected treasurer to succeed Jack Gouge who is moving to Weaverville.

John Keever, District Governor of Lions District 31-B, former Vocational Agriculture teacher at East Yancey High School, will be paying his official visit to the Burnsville Club Thursday night, the 26th of October.

## Gospel Song Service Here

There will be a gospel song service at the Covey Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Green Mountain, N.C. Sunday night, September 23 at 7:30 p.m., according to pastor Rev. Holt Herrell. The "Higgins Quartet" from Burnsville, the "Rebels Creek Quartet" from Bakersville, the "Volunteer Quartet" from Erwin, Tenn., the "Harmonettes" from Johnson City, Tenn. and the "Happy Way Quartet" from Elk Park, N.C. are all scheduled to be there.

## Surprise Party Held For Vegetable Growers Club

The Young Vegetable Growers Club, sponsored by Mary Lou Byrd Cowan in memory of her father, the late Tom Byrd, "weighed in" their vegetables the past week. Two foot long cucumbers were the special feature. Cabbage and pumpkins were also grown.

The cash prize winners were Derek Murphy (whose cucumber was 26 inches long), Sylvia Loftis, Patricia Ballev, Caroline Pritchard and Tammy Harrison, Lisa Fairchild, Patsy Pritchard and Randy Bartlett.

Also present at a party for the young vegetable growers, given by White Oak Creek Community Club, were Marty Cooper, Laura Kincheloe, Heide and

April Cope, Blair and Brian Rathbon.

Special surprise at the party was a birthday cake and homemade ice cream for Blair Rathbon. Brian Rathbon helped with freezing the ice cream.

Mothers of some of the children were also present and Faye Storie, representative of the county home demonstration service and also a member of the White Oak Creek Community, gave a demonstration of balanced diet.

Baked potatoes and cheese, slaw, baked beans, hotdogs, peanut butter cookies and lemonade were served for good, healthy appetites.



Deaver Lawton



Joe Watterson

## Churches Participate In World Mission Conference

Fifteen Southern Baptist Churches in the Yancey Association will participate in a World Missions Conference, October 13-19.

Missionaries representing the state, home and foreign missions will be speaking in various churches. This will provide a wonderful opportunity for the people of Yancey County to become better informed about missions around the world.

The following churches will be participating: Blue Rock, Bolen's Creek, Brown's Creek, First Burnsville, West Burnsville, Cane River, Elk Shoal, Fairview, Jack's Creek, Laurel Branch, Mount Pleasant, Pleasant Grove, Price's Creek, South Estate, and Young's Chapel.

You will have the opportunity to hear the following missionaries as well as many others: Mr. Deaver Lawton, missionary to Taiwan. He also served

Thailand and China. He has been under appointment by the Foreign Mission Board since 1935.

Joe V. Watterson, state missionary, is Director of Chaplaincy, Ministry Department of the S.C. Baptist Convention. He has served in this capacity since 1970. He is a retired Army Chaplain.

W. Parks McKittrick, home missionary, serves as a Chaplain at Whitten Village Hospital in Clinton, S.C. He assumed his position in 1964. A research dentist, Dr. McKittrick was also dean and professor at the Mississippi Baptist Seminary in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

If your church is not participating in the World Missions Conference, you are cordially invited to attend any of the participating churches to hear inspirational messages on the work Southern Baptists are doing.

## State Highway Commission Ruling Halts Effective Trash Removal Program Here

The State Highway Commission dealt a severe blow to Yancey County's "clean up" efforts with a recent ruling which has rendered the dumpster system of trash removal almost completely ineffective in this county.

All counties in North Carolina who presently operate or were contemplating operation of a bulk container system of trash removal, were notified last May of a unanimous ruling by the State Highway Commission to have all dumpsters removed from Highway rights-of-way by June 15. The dumpsters were labeled hazards to traffic safety.

The action came as an unwelcome surprise to Yancey County Commissioners who applied for and were granted a 90-day reprieve to the ruling in order to try and find a solution to the problem it would create here. They also held the futile hope that perhaps the Highway Commission would see the magnitude of trash disposal problems faced by rural areas and change or modify the order. The delayed deadline was forwarded to September 15, and last week, in compliance with the order, dumpsters were removed from specified locations.

According to Keith Masters, County Sanitarian, the ruling mainly affects dumpsters which had been on Highway 19E and 197N. "Unfortunately," stated Masters, "these dumpsters were by far the most advantageously placed and while they constituted only about 25% of Yancey County dumpsters, they handled almost 75% of the county refuse." Masters admitted that no solution has been found during these past months, and none is in sight.

County officials have tried to find private or county-owned property which would be suitable for dumpster locations, but have been completely unsuccessful. "We are at a dead end," said Masters, "and the tragic fact is not only that the Highway Commission has rendered our entire trash disposal system ineffective, but also that we had worked so hard this past year to make the dumpster system efficient. Our work has been meaningless in view of the present circumstances."

O. W. Deyton, Yancey County Commissioner, commented that communities may have to find adequate locations themselves for dumpster placement, since county officials have been unable to do so.

If the State Highway Commission had worked at the local level with people who know the magnitude of trash disposal problems in rural areas, a solution might have been reached that could satisfy both. Officials here are particularly incensed over the fact that many junk cars were parked on the very same rights-of-way which are denied for dumpster use and these "traffic safety hazards" were allowed to remain until the county itself found the means to take them away this past year.

When a county landfill was created at Booneford, the ground work was laid for the dumpster system which would give Yancey County the most modern trash disposal method possible

for this area at this time. It took a lot of effort, quite a bit of money, and a great deal of community support, but the dumpsters were well on their way to alleviating the trash disposal problem in Yancey County.

How many plastic milk jugs have been kept out of our rivers and streams, how many cans and bottles have been thrown in a dumpster instead of on roadsides, how much assorted trash and garbage has been neatly dispatched to our landfill rather than covering our landscape, no one can know for sure. But from the looks of the dumpsters this past year which were constantly filled to overflowing, defying the best attempts of the County Sanitation Department to keep them emptied, people will elect to keep their county clean if given a means to do so.

In some locations where heavily used dumpsters have been

removed, people still stop their cars, look around, and not understanding--leave their bags of refuse. The large containers are no longer there--but where else can the trash be taken. Where should people go--what can they do now.

County officials noted that the RAD (Rural Area Development) Committee has written to the Governor about the dumpster situation. Sanitarian Keith Masters said, "Neither the Health Department nor the county is responsible for removal of the dumpsters, therefore please address all complaints or correspondence on this matter to the State Highway Commission or the governor."

How unfortunate, how tragic that the State Highway Commission took such a drastic step without pausing to consult the people it would affect--or to consider the consequences to rural areas of North Carolina.



## Communities Win Contest

Roadside judging of Yancey Communities took place last week. Judges saw evidence of much work and effort on the part of communities to beautify the roadsides through their community. Pictured are the judges, Mr. John Martin, Mrs. E. L. Briggs and Mr. Edd Holcombe examining a roadside planting of dahlias with Mr. John Ramsey in the White Oak Creek Community. Also pictured are members of the Jacks Creek Community which won first place in the local competition and will represent Yancey County in Area judging: Mrs. Bruce Bailey, Mrs. Harmie Briggs, Mrs. W.P. Honeycutt. With them are judges Mrs. O.A. Gregory, Mr. Henry Nichols and Sgt. Charles H. Long. County placings included Green Mountain, 3rd place and White Oak Creek, 2nd place.



## Church To Give Answers

Do the big problems facing the human race have a deeper meaning than most people realize? Does the Bible really foretell vast changes that will affect all mankind in the near future?

Jehovah's Witnesses all over the world in 208 countries in their "Divine Victory" International Assemblies are planning in this month of September to

personally distribute one hundred and thirty million free illustrated four page tracts giving the Bible answers to these vital questions.

The Burnsville Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses state they are making sure that their territory of Yancey County will be thoroughly covered during the last ten days of this month of September.

## New NW Bank Gold Account

The Northwestern Bank is now introducing Gold Account, the newest trend in personal banking. Gold Account is a complete package of ten personal banking services for a single \$3 monthly fee. The service includes free checking accounts with no minimum balance, free wallet-style, personalized checks as well as a Gold Account card which the customer may present at any Northwestern Office and cash his personal Northwestern check up to \$100 without delay. The Gold Account also entitles the customer to a free personal size safe deposit box, and all fees on Traveler's Checks and Cashier's Checks will be waived. A Gold Account customer will receive a Master Charge Card with Cash Reserve which is overdraft protection, and a reduced rate on personal installment loans over \$1,000. Also included in Gold Account is Personal Income Tax Preparation for Federal and North Carolina State returns, including any or all of the following: wages and salaries, itemized deductions, interest income, dividend income, capital gains or losses on sale of stock, and sale of personal residence. North Carolina Intangible Tax returns will also be included. The customer will receive a \$3 gift deposit if he signs up for automatic transfer of \$10 or more per month to any Northwestern savings account from his personal Northwestern checking account, or if he opens a new savings account with \$50 or more.

This Gold Account service packages the ten personal banking services that most customers use with a \$3 monthly fee which is automatically charged to his checking account. The Northwestern Bank is the first bank in North Carolina to offer such a complete package of personal banking services.

## Notice

The Driver's License Office will be closed Friday, September 28 and Monday, October 1.