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Dr. Fergus Pope Will Interview Patients For 1974 March Of Dimes Telerama

Local National Foundation officials predict that the 1974 March of Dimes Telerama will be one of the most entertaining and successful in the twelve year history of locally produced shows.

Telerama officials feel fortunate to have again this year Dr. Fergus Pope, a pediatrician with a very impressive background, who will interview patients. Dr. Pope received a BA degree from Colgate University and MB and BS degrees from St. Bartholemew's Hospital Medical College at the University of London. His residency in Pediatrics was completed at the Mayo Clinic.

Dr. Pope is the Medical Director of the Head Start and Health Start programs for Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties in North Carolina and was affiliated with Appalachian State University as Director of Community and Regional Services, Office of Institutional Research and Development. He gave up this position to work as a full time physician in order to qualify for an Appalachian government grant, which will finance a Primary Care Clinic as a part of the Blue Ridge Hospital System. Dr. Pope expects to open this clinic on March 4th in Burnsville, N.C.

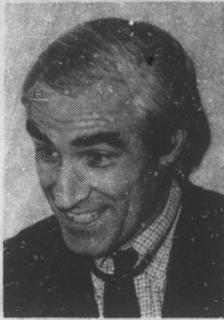
In addition to being technical advisor, narrator and author of narration for the film "The Living Work of Albert Schweitzer", Dr. Pope was also the consultant to the government of Biafra for the coordination of American relief to children. This doctor, who is so dedicated to public health work, holds a pediatric clinic in his home on Saturdays.

Official statistics from the 1973 Telerama show a total of \$54,456 pledged to help with the continuing fight against birth defects. The local share of Telerama funds is used for patient care; for treatment of birth defects and polio patients; 20 or more birth defect patients have received the necessary treatment during the past year because of the generosity of contributors from this area to the March of Dimes. It is also used for educational purposes; for distribution of films and literature to schools and doctors offices concerning prenatal care, drugs, and related medical problems. A portion of the funds are used to help support the 100 Birth Defects

Treatment Centers in operation across the nation; plus a network of research centers including the Salk Institute in La Jolla, California.

Local funds have also been used to purchase equipment for the nursery at Bristol Memorial Hospital as well as the Speech and Hearing Clinic in Bristol. In September, a fetal

monitor was given to the Bristol Memorial Hospital by the Sullivan County Chapter of the March of Dimes. This machine should substantially reduce the infant mortality and birth defects. In fact, it was used on 45 or 50 patients during the last three months to screen for possible complications at birth.



Dr. Fergus Pope

Men At Correctional Unit Complete GED Test After MAY Tech Classes

A feat that had been tried but never successfully completed was celebrated on Thursday, December 20, at the Yancey

County Correctional Unit. The exciting event was the completion of the GED High School Equivalency Examination by

four inmates. The GED Exam tests the students ability in

mathematics, English grammar and literature, science and social studies. An average score of 45 on each subject or a total of 225 points must be made in order to pass the test. The GED Exam is based on national test norms and research shows that for every one-hundred high school graduates, one third cannot successfully pass the exam. Inmates who passed the test were Clifford Harshaw, Fred Crawford, Gary Mecimore, and Ronnie Armstrong.

Adult Basic Education classes were started at the correctional unit in the early 1960's with Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute. In October, 1972, Mayland Technical Institute began to offer classes and in March, 1973, things really began to happen after the assignment of Mr. Anderson as captain of the unit. Mr. Anderson brought with him a feeling of responsibility to help provide the opportunity for inmates to better themselves and has helped to make the efforts of Mayland Tech personnel become a reality.

Mayland Tech's teachers responsible for the successful instructional program provided to the inmates are Mr. James Byrd, Mr. Kenneth Nelson, and Mr. Walton Angel. Mr. Byrd and Mr. Nelson have enrolled 69 students in their adult basic education classes on Monday and Thursday evenings. Mr. Angel teaches the GED high school equivalency class Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.



Johnny Hensley

Appointed Ass't Agent

Mr. Johnny Hensley has been appointed Assistant Agricultural Extension Agent in Yancey County according to a joint announcement by the N.C. Extension Service and the Yancey Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Hensley, a native of Madison County, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Hensley. He and his wife, Linda, have one daughter, Amanda.

Mr. Hensley is recipient of the WNC Horticultural Crops Scholarship to attend N.C. State University where he graduated recently with a BS in Horticulture. While in school he served as an officer in both the Agriculture Life Council and The Horticulture Club. He is presently a member of the WNC Horticulture Crops Commission.

Yancey United Fund Campaign Closes; Goal Of \$14,988 Will Be Reached

The Yancey United Fund announces the closing of its 1973 fund raising campaign, confident that the final accounting of the drive results will show that the budget goal of \$14,988 has been attained. Mrs. Ruby Smith, the Fund treasurer has received definite reports of contributions totaling 98 per cent of the goal. Always at the close of a campaign there are promised contributions slow to arrive, and this year these late gifts should bring the total to 100 per cent.

In recognition of the successful outcome of the campaign, a victory breakfast for the volunteer workers who conducted the drive is being planned for the 20th of January, to be held at the Methodist Church in Burnsville. The breakfast will be

provided jointly by the Northwestern Bank and the men of the Methodist Church.

Campaign chairman Hazen Ledford expresses his appreciation for the hard work and generous amount of time contributed by the team of volunteer workers. In particular the effort of Mack B. Ray and Dr. Garland Wampler contributed importantly to the success of the drive. Although hesitant to single out individuals for mention, in view of the broad participation in the campaign, Ledford has, nevertheless expressed particular appreciation for the generous support given by the Grade A dairy men of the county.

This has been the nineteenth consecutive campaign of the Yancey United Fund, the organization having been started in

1955. The drive just being completed had the largest budget goal and raised the largest amount in the Fund's history.

In accordance with the practice of the UF in Yancey, the drive has been conducted entirely by unpaid volunteers, and the costs held to an absolute minimum. This year the only expenses incurred were for stationery and other campaign supplies totaling well under \$100. This is believed to be close to a record for conducting a fund-raising campaign.

The final publication of the 1973 UF Honor Roll is made in this issue of the Journal. New names have been added since the last previous publication.

UF PATRONS
(contributors of \$300 or more)
Northwestern Bank
Dr. Garland Wampler
Mohasco Mill
Glen Raven Mill
American Thread Company

UF PATRONS
(contributors of \$200)
First Citizens Bank
Dr. Melvin W. Webb
Mr. and Mrs. Mack B. Ray
Pollard's Drug Store
Bob Helmle
Banco Lumber Co.
Diamond Mica Co.

CENTURY CLUB
(contributors of \$100 to \$200)
Glenn A. Morris (State Rep. for Yancey County)
Burnsville Hosiery Mill
The Country Store
Styles & Company Automotive Supply
Dr. Fergus Pope
Deyton Farm Supply
Yancey Builders
Burnsville Fum. & Hdw.
G. D. Bailey
Holcombe Brothers
Hazen Ledford

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Martin
Dr. W. A. Y. Sargent
Mrs. B. R. Penland
Milton Weiss
Dr. E. R. Ohle
Roberts & Com and Roberts Insurance
Students of Cane River High School
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Young
Mt. Mitchell Industries
Riddle Fuel Oil Co.
Burnsville Veterinary Clinic,
Dr. Alan E. Jannette Maddox
Carolina Tire Company
Maxwell Furniture Company
Senator and Mrs. Jack Gordon of Miami, Florida

BUSINESS & OFFICES where all employees have made contributions, and **SCHOOLS** where all teachers have contributed:
Yancey County Department of Social Services
Yancey County Child Development Center
Yancey County Health Dept.
Cane River High School,
Farmers Home Administration Office

The newly elected county and community committee took office January 1, 1974.

The Burnsville Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses announces a free Bible lecture every Sunday morning, 9:30 a. m. at their Kingdom Hall on old Burnsville Hwy. (by WKYK) by a qualified minister of the Watchtower Bible & Tract Society.

This week's lecture by R. Simons on the subject: Reaching and Retaining Maturity.



Don Whitson

Whitson Is Promoted

Don Whitson of Route 1, Burnsville has been promoted to District Manager and Supervisor of the Burnsville, Marshall and Spruce Pine Army Stores.

Don, who has been the manager of the Burnsville Army Store since it opened in May of 1972, is a local resident of Yancey County. He is married to the former Jean Cooper and they have two sons, Jeff, 9 years of age, attends Burnsville Elementary, and Chris, a three-year-old. Don is the current Treasurer of the Yancey County Jaycees and he and his family attend Riverside Baptist Church.

Don's present duties as manager of the Burnsville Army Store will be assumed by David Thomas of Burnsville.

The Spruce Pine Store will open around March 1st and it will be the 10th store in the chain. The chain's headquarters is in Asheville, N.C. and was founded by Jack Feingold, President of Carolina Enterprises of Asheville.

Red Cross First Aid

A series of three Red Cross standard first aid courses will be conducted at the headquarters of the Mayland Red Cross Chapter in the basement of Trinity Episcopal Church, Spruce Pine.

The first course started Monday, January 7, and will continue through Friday, Jan. 11, from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. each evening. Arnold Swann and James Buchanan are instructors. The course is sponsored by mining industries of Mitchell, Avery and Yancey Counties including the Feldspar Corporation, Diamond Mica Co. and others.

The next course will be conducted from Monday, Jan. 14 through Friday, Jan. 18 from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m., and is also sponsored by various mining industries. Bill Hall will be the instructor.

Still another course will be given on Saturday, Jan. 19 from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. for employees of the Western Olive Co., with Arnold Swann and James Buchanan, instructors.

Complaint Notice Issued

The Textile Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO announced today that as a result of charges filed by the Union against Glen Raven Mills, Inc. here an official complaint notice has been issued by an agency of the U. S. Government against the Company.

Yancey Graphics Handles Commercial Printing Jobs

Yancey Graphics, Inc., a locally owned and operated commercial printing firm recently opened in Burnsville.

According to owners Jody Higgins, Archie Ballew, and Joel Robertson, Yancey Graphics can handle most of the printing needs of Burnsville and Yancey County. They print everything from brochures to business forms. Including all kinds of statements, letterhead envelopes, and handbills, to name only a few items.

Yancey Graphics is located on West Main Street in the basement of the Professional Building across from Yancey Hospital. The idea of a printing shop for Yancey County is not new.

For several years commercial printing has been available at various times through the years and most recently through the newspaper. Archie Ballew, once associated with the Yancey Record, did commercial printing and more recently, Ed Yuziuk, publisher-editor of the Yancey Journal operated a job printing shop for a while, but found that commercial printing combined with newspaper publishing was too time consuming.

Yuziuk encouraged and has offered his assistance in the es- (Cont'd on page 2)

Named ASCS Committeemen

Mr. J. W. Tomberlin and Mr. Niram Phillips were named to the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee by delegates to the ASC county convention held December 13 in the ASCS office. Mr. Tomberlin was elected to a three year term and Mr. Phillips to a one year term.

The delegates also elected Howard Riddle and Donald Buckner as first and second alternates to the committee.

The vacancies were filled by farmer-delegates who are newly-elected ASC community committeemen for 1974. The county committee is responsible for local administration of government farm programs. Community committeemen assist the county committee in farm programs administration and help keep farmers informed of program provisions.

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Republican Meeting Here

Yancey County Republican meeting will be held at the Courthouse Friday, January 11, at 7:00 p. m. All Republicans and interested people are welcome to attend. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss a dinner, candidates, and other business.



Richardo Checchia

Fellowship Student Here

Richardo Checchia, International Fellowship Exchange Student from Sao Paulo, Brazil arrived in Burnsville on Christmas Eve. He will spend 3 1/2 months in Yancey County and return to Sao Paulo. He is 16 years old, is interested in American ways, customs, history. He is very interested in sports, particularly tennis.

Richardo is attending school at East Yancey and meets classes as do other students. One other student from Mexico will participate in the exchange by coming to Yancey. Two East Yancey students will be leaving soon for Colombia and Venezuela.

New Courses At MAY Tech

Mayland Technical Institute will sponsor a Nursing Assistant's class at Spruce Pine Community Hospital beginning Thursday, January 17th at 2:00 p. m. The classes will run from 2:00 p. m. until 4:00 p. m. and will be held in the conference room of the hospital. This course will cover basic nursing techniques. There will be a \$2.00 registration fee for this course. All people who are interested, are invited to attend.

On Tuesday, January 15th, there will be a class for Fire Service Instructors to begin on campus at 7:00 p. m. This course will be held strictly for members of various fire departments with a minimum of four years experience. It is recommended for persons interested in teaching fire service classes for various fire departments. Certification will be necessary and will be given at the end of the class to persons who have satisfactorily completed the 30 hour course. Mr. Robert Young will be the instructor with Mr. Johnny Baker, Fire Service Consultant for the Western District assisting.

An Income Tax class will begin on Monday, January 21, at 7:00 p. m. Mr. Kenny Poate will be the instructor. Income tax forms and date will be available at the class. Persons interested in this class should be present for registration at 7:00 p. m. Monday, January 20th. There will be a \$2.00 registration fee for this class.

Music Appreciation Class To Hear Program Of Songs

The Music Appreciation Class of Music in the Mountains will meet on Tuesday evening, January 15th, at 8:00 p. m. in the First Baptist Church of Burnsville to hear Ruth Pope and Eve Lynne Reeve present a program of songs by Mozart, Schubert, Brahms, Hugo Wolf, and Richard Strauss.

Those who attended the Schubert evening last year will remember it as a truly memorable musical event. On that occasion, the audience was swelled to some 80 persons attracted by friendship to the participants, but the audience came away with a profound sense of excitement at having heard a beautifully matched

team in a highly talented performance. Mrs. Pope of Celo Farm and Miss Reeve of Burnsville were persuaded to go on and give a wonderful "introduction to classical music" program in all of the Yancey County Schools last spring and this fall. Those who heard them in 1973 have been waiting for another chance to enjoy their performance of more beautiful songs. Those who missed hearing them last year have asked repeatedly that another evening be scheduled this year.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear the vocal perfection of Mozart and many lovely songs from the Romantic literature. All are welcome!

File Notice Of Candidacy

The Board of Elections has received notice of candidacy from two people so far, both subject to the Democratic Primary on May 7, 1974.

R. B. Deyton of Green Mountain has filed for the office of Sheriff, and Troy Boone of Micalville for member of the board of County Commissioners.

Anyone else wishing to file has until February 25th at 12:00 noon to do so. The filing fee, by law, is one percent of the annual salary for Sheriff and Clerk of Court, \$10 for County Commissioner and \$5 for the Board of Education.

Womans Club Meeting Set

The Burnsville Woman's Club will hold its first meeting of the 1974 year on Thursday, January 10, at 8:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. P. C. Coletta. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. John Martin and Mrs. Donald Westall. The program will consist of a panel discussion entitled *The Emerging Woman*. The panelists are Mrs. L. D. Deyton, Mrs. Francis Muratori, Mrs. Ernest Briggs and Mrs. Joe Young.