

# Registration Compulsory

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 who have lottery numbers at or below the Administrative Processing Number will be reclassified into a class available for military service, unless they submit information to their local boards which would qualify them for a deferment or an exemption." McCachren added that all registrants who remain in a class available for service will be subject to induction during the year they reach age 20, provided inductions are resumed.  
 "If a registrant in a class available for service is not in-

ducted during the year he reaches age 20--his year of prime vulnerability--he will be placed in a lower category of vulnerability for induction, and reclassified into I-H"  
 McCachren stated that 18-year-old young men in Yancey County who have not registered yet may do so with the individuals at the places, indicated below:  
 Jewel McIntosh, Veterans Service Office, Courthouse, Burnsville, N.C.; or Area Office No. 3, 16 Federal Bldg., Asheville, N.C.

# Folk Ways and Folk Speech

of SOUTHERN APPALACHIA with Rogers Whitener



Send your suggestions for column material to Rogers Whitener, Box 376, Boone, N. C. 28607.

This column and columnist had a birthday of sorts this week, celebrating a year's existence in the pages of a goodly number of Southern Appalachia newspapers.  
 And it was observed in fine style, thanks to friends and associates, who arranged an old fashioned gathering which took on the mixed trappings of family reunion, company picnic and political pow-wow.  
 It all started at Mast's Store

in Valle Crucis, North Carolina, one of the few remaining authentic country predecessors to the modern department store. Around its huge double-bellied stove, which mightily strives to heat the sprawling edifice, our party gathered to munch hoop cheese, pickles and crackers. We then fanned out to explore the vast recesses of the store, later to regroup and watch an exhibition of flatfoot dancing by Willard Watson, a mountain man pushing seventy who can still outstep a college coed on the dance floor.

Stage two began when by car pool the group snaked its way from Mast's down a valley road, across a low water bridge, and up a twisting lane, more trail than road. Soft with new rain, the road featured numerous intersecting, unbridged streams and called for wagon or buggy conveyances rather than the heavy gas-guzzlers driven by some members of the group.

Eventually two out-buildings made of hand-hewn logs loomed through the mist, then a small frame house with smoke coming from its chimney. On the porch our hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Snyder, waved a greeting. Even from our cars we caught the mouthwatering aroma of fried chicken and country ham wafting through the open door.

Leaving our cars we went into a living room heated by a cast iron stove and thence into the kitchen to see a table groaning with platters of ham and gravy, fried chicken, country-style green beans and corn, freshly baked biscuits, and an assortment of desserts, including strawberries, shortcake, and carrot cake.

The serious business of mountain eating was soon underway, as we filled our plates and searched for elbow room on the front and back porches, down

by the springhouse, and along the banks of a rocky creek flowing through the back yard. No worry about garbage, for, as if by magic, assorted dogs materialized from the nearby woods to vie for ham bones and the drumsticks.

Afterwards it was back to the living room and another session with Willard, alternately plucking a banjo, demonstrating his moving-parts wooden folk toys, and spinning mountain yarns and mountain philosophy. All in all it was a good time, a happy time, but one which left most of us thoughtful, even moody, for deep down we knew that we had been forced to artificially recreate scenes from a day largely gone by.

We wondered whether changes in our mountains might eliminate even the sites of our gathering by the time another Folk Ways birthday rolls around. Well, mountain folk have always been known as stubborn and independent. Let's hold on to the image by fighting to preserve and remember if not to relive our Appalachian heritage.

My thanks to all who helped celebrate the occasion. Hope to see you next year!



Homemakers Workshop

The Jacks Creek Homemakers Club conducted a basket workshop Thursday, January 10, at the home of Mrs. Donald Woody. The workshop was taught by Mr. John Blair, Agricultural Extension Agent. Attending the workshop were Mrs. Harmie Briggs, Mrs. Louella Honeycutt, Mrs. Margaret Proffitt, Sue Silvers, Ruby Fox and Mrs. Donald Woody.

## Rescue Squad Seeks Contributions

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 issued by the Red Cross for each of these cars.

The Squad meets on the first and third Tuesday nights of the month. The public is invited to attend these meetings in the courtroom of the Yancey County Courthouse, to learn what the Squad is attempting to accomplish.

Right now they need to raise funds for an ambulance and other equipment, so they can properly make quick responses to calls they receive for help. A prompt response to aid a victim of a heart attack or other condition or to help persons who have sustained serious accidents, often means the saving of a life, or lives.

To date, the Squad has raised about \$1,850.00 of this

amount. \$350 was proceeds from a country music show and dance sponsored by the Squad at the Burnsville Elementary School last September. A total of \$1,300 has been donated by concerned individuals, organizations and industries. In addition to making a substantial cash donation, Blue Bell, Inc. has offered to give 24 uniforms with the Squad name embroidered on them.

It is understood that Radio Station WKYK has agreed to donate to the Squad the pro-

ceeds from all the "commercials" the Squad members sell to be broadcast on a date to be announced later.

Meanwhile every interested individual, club or other organization or industry who have not already done so, are urged to make liberal contributions to the Squad's ambulance and equipment fund. All such contributions to this fund are tax exempt. Simply address your letter, enclosing check, to the Yancey County Rescue Squad, Burnsville, N.C. 28714.

## Jaycee Week Proclaimed

WHEREAS, the civic bodies and service organizations of our community and the departments of the local government recognize the great service rendered to this community by the Yancey County Jaycees, and;

WHEREAS, The United States Jaycees and its affiliated state and local organizations have set aside the week of January 20-26, 1974 to observe the founding of the Jaycees, and;

WHEREAS, this organization of young men has contributed materially to the betterment of this community throughout the year,

THEREFORE, I, James Anglin, Mayor of the Town of Burnsville, do hereby proclaim the week of January 20-26, 1974 as JAYCEE WEEK and urge all citizens of our community to give full regard to the past services of the Yancey County Jaycees.

This the 21 day of January, 1974.

Jim Anglin

## Rep. Taylor

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 of NC at Asheville. He is a graduate of Candler High School, UNC at Asheville and Maryville College in Tennessee. He studied law under the late NC Assistant Attorney General Claude L. Love of Asheville and was admitted to the bar in 1936. He is married to the former Evelyn Reeves of Leicester. They have a son and a daughter and two grandchildren.

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.  
 On January 27 the message will be "How Does God's Spirit Operate Today?" by J. Ironside.

## \$100 Prize For Naming High School

The Yancey County Board of Education is asking for suggestions for naming the new high school. Persons interested should submit their suggestions to the Superintendent's office. A cash prize of \$100, sponsored by The Yancey Journal, WKYK, First Citizens Bank and Northwestern Bank, will be awarded to the person or group

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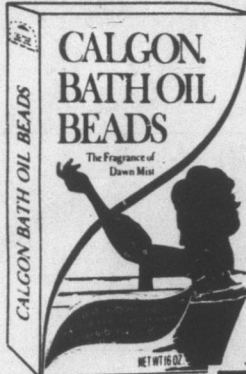
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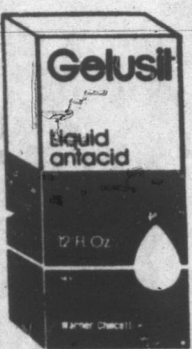
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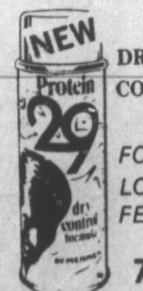
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