

## Girl Scout News Roundup

The Yancey Neighborhood Service Team consists of Mrs. James Anglin, Neighborhood Chairman; Mrs. Bruce Laws, Secretary; Troop Consultants -- Mrs. Garland Wampler and Mrs. R. L. McIntosh, Jr.; Mrs. Edgar Hunter, Jr., Troop Organizer; Theresa Coletta and Mrs. Ardell Sink, Publicity.

**GIRL SCOUT TROOPS 1974**  
Brownie Troop #86 meets on Mondays at 3:15 p.m. at Burns-ville Presbyterian Church. Leaders are Mrs. Jessie Woody and Mrs. Treva Williams.

Junior Troop #88 meets Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. at the Burns-ville Community Building. Leaders are Mrs. Don McGal-lard and Mrs. Albert Williams.

Junior Cadette Troop (for 6th grade girls only) meets Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. at Burns-ville Presbyterian Church. Leaders are Mrs. Mike Griffin and Mrs. Hill Stallings.

Cadette Troop #65 meets Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Charles Gillespie, Jr. Leaders are Mrs. Charles Gillespie, Jr., Mrs. Tom Chatman and Mrs. Dick Bailey.

Senior Troop #66 meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Yancey County Public Library. The leader is Mrs. Richard McIntosh.

During the month of November, Junior Troop #88 held an Investiture and Rededication Ceremony at which seven Junior Scouts were invested and eight girls rededicated themselves to the principles and ideals of Girl Scouting.

To help the Junior Scouts learn more about the numerous areas of dancing and folklore, Mrs. R. L. McIntosh, Jr. held a "Song & Dance Workshop" with these girls on November 20th.

Junior Troop #88 ended their

1973 Scouting activities by sponsoring a Skating Christmas Party with Brownie Troop #86.

"They call it that Good Ole Mountain Do." As most local Girl Scouts know, in July 1974 Pisgah Girl Scout Council will be hosting 66 visitors from across the United States and three foreign countries for a National Girl Scout event known as "A Good Ole Mountain Do." During the time these visitors will be visiting in the Pisgah Girl Scout Council, a day of picnicking is planned in the Yancey County area. Some of the other highlights of activities for this event include dancing at John C. Campbell Folk School (and maybe roasting a pig!) and storytelling visits from several of the students who wrote and researched The Foxfire Books.

For Girl Scout Week (March 9th - March 16th) this year, it will be a "do your own thing" affair. Troops are being asked to come up with their own ideas of meaningful activities to celebrate the 62nd birthday of Girl Scouting. Yancey's tentative "do your own thing" plans include a family night dinner for all Girl Scouts and their families to get together. Sounds delicious and like fun!

Support Girl Scouts. Buy Girl Scout cookies!

### Note Of Appreciation

On behalf of Jeanette Silvers King we would like to thank the Rescue Squad and all the others who searched for her. We appreciated the food, flowers and cards and the friends who visited during our time of sorrow.

--Mrs. Charlie Briggs

## Social Security Questions And Answers

By D.H. Butler  
Field Representative

Q. Because my son, who's 21, had worked for 2 years at low wages when he became severely disabled last year, he gets a small social security disability payment. Since I'm going to be 65 and retire within a couple of months, could my son get higher payments on my work record?

A. He may be able to. When you apply for retirement benefits, you can also apply for benefits for your disabled son. He will get the higher of the two benefits--either the monthly benefit based on his own work record or a monthly check based on your work record. You should also check at any social security office on the possibility of your son getting supplemental security income payments for people with little or no income and limited resources who are disabled, or 65 or over, or blind.

Q. Some of my neighbors have gotten a check from the new Supplemental Security Income Program. I didn't sign up. Is it too late?

A. No. It is not too late to file for Supplemental Security Income. If you are age 65 or blind or disabled and have limited income and resources, you may qualify at any time. However, you will not be eligible to receive payments for any month earlier than the one in which you file your claim.

Q. In January, I hired a woman who comes to the house twice a week and helps with the cooking and cleaning. When must I report her wages?

A. If you paid your household employee cash wages of \$50 or more in the January-February-March quarter, you must report her wages and send the social security contributions to the Internal Revenue Service by April 30. You can get a copy of the leaflet "Social Security and Your Household Employee" at any social security office for more complete information on this subject.

Q. I'm getting monthly social security checks on my husband's work record, and I'll be 65 in 5 months. When should I apply for Medicare?

A. If you want to enroll in both parts--hospital and medical insurance--you don't have to do anything. You'll automatically be covered under both parts of Medicare the month you become 65. You'll get information about both parts of

Medicare from social security a few months before the month your coverage starts. If you decide you don't want the medical insurance, you must complete the form you get from social security and return it.

Q. I am a widow and I have a home on 4 acres of land. The tax people say the house is worth \$15,000 and the land \$10,000. Social security says I can't qualify for the supple-

mental program because I have too much land. I'm saving this for my children and I can't understand why I cannot qualify for the new payment.

A. Under the Supplemental Security Program, there is a \$100.00 limit on things you own--your resources--which you could keep and qualify. Property, other than your house and the land you use as part of your yard, is counted as a re-

source which you could use for your support. The new Federal program does not require you to give up all the property you own in order to qualify, but it does require that what you own be worth no more than \$1500.00 for a person or \$2250.00 for a couple.

Q. I'm 16 and as far as I know I've never had a social security number. When I applied for one the other day, I was told it will be several weeks before I get it. Why?

A. All applications for social security numbers are now being screened against social security central files in Baltimore, Maryland, to make sure a second number is not issued to the same person.

## Plant This Spring Where You Hunt In The Fall

Mr. Landowner! Mr. Sportsman! Do you want more game? Better hunting? Then plant in the spring where you hunt in the fall.

Perhaps the most important factors which limit the wildlife populations are food and cover. Many modern-day agricultural methods are resulting in a drastic reduction of natural wildlife food and cover. "Clean farming" methods may be dealing our wildlife populations a more serious blow than many of us realize.

Realizing the need for supplemental plantings of wildlife food and cover, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission is making available to landowners and sportsmen a variety of such planting materials, free of charge, on a first come, first served basis.

Planting materials available include:

1. Shrub lespedeza seedlings for use in field borders, old pant beds, or in open pine woods.
  2. Perennial seed mixture for use in providing a permanent wildlife food supply in "odd corners" and other places where the planting will not be grazed or tamed.
  3. Annual seed mixture for use in small patches near cover.
- The above-mentioned planting materials offer excellent food and cover for wildlife. Applications for these materials may be obtained by contacting Soil Conservation Service or Agricultural Extension Service personnel, Wildlife Protectors, or the District Wildlife Biologist in this area who is John M. Collins, Route 7, Box 627, Morganton, N.C. 28655.
- Remember--to assure an abundance of wildlife for ourselves and future generations--plant in the spring where you hunt in the fall!



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## BOOK CORNER

BY Mrs. Gladys Coletta

The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman, by Ernest J. Gaines, 1971, Pp. 244, The Dial Press, N. Y.

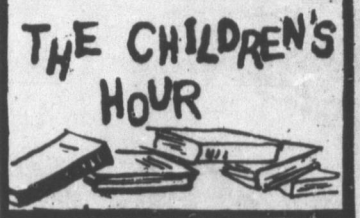
She lived through slavery. The Civil War. The Civil Rights Movement. She lived to be 110. Yet she never lived at all--except as a typical slave of the Old South. A purely fictitious character. Such is the story of Jane Pittman, as told by Edward J. Gaines in The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman.

"Go down, Moses, 'way down in Egypt land, Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go." Old Pharaoh in this case is the white man of yesterday (the Civil War), and also, the white man of today (the Civil Rights Movement.) Moses is typified by Abraham Lincoln with the first emancipation proclamation, and also, by Martin Luther King, who died for the negro's second freedom. In between were leaders of lesser stature to inspire the negro onward.

Miss Jane was one of the lesser leaders, working humbly behind the scenes to free her race. Her life spans a century of change that unfolds her griefs, triumphs, and above all, her enduring courage. The author first depicts Jane as a slave girl of nineteen years on a Southern plantation, forced to serve water on the same day during the Civil War to both retreating Confederate troops and attacking Union soldiers. From there he takes her through the war years, the period of Reconstruction, her additional life on the plantation, and her participation in the birth of the

Civil Rights Movement. Through it all Jane remained a bulwark of strength to support those who faltered.

Made recently into a show for television, this novel will long be remembered. After watching and hearing Jane with her rasping voice, poor eyesight, and shuffling gait at the age of 110, the viewer is ready to agree with Milton who wrote "They also serve who only stand and wait."



Frederick, a film for children adapted from the book written and illustrated by Leo Lionni, was shown to 19 "little people" this past Monday and Tuesday at the CHILDREN'S HOUR programs held in the Yancey County Public Library. Following this film, the children were read the story, *Tubby Turtle*, written by Helen Wing with illustrations by Helen Adler. Following this story, the children participated in a turtle craft project.

Those children attending the CHILDREN'S HOUR programs were Jerry Rose, Eddie Rose, Randy Rose, Michael and David Lane, Jesse Silvers, Theresa Silvers, Cathy Shepherd, Royce Chrisawn, Audrey Gillespie, Kevin McCalliard, Angie Penland, Alison Floyd, Stephanie Laws, Brandy Kaye Hemphill, Brent Howell, Tracy Chandler, Kenny Chatman, Cary Turman.

## Yancey Health Dept.

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| Feb. 12, Tuesday   | Child Health, Dr. Pope                        | 8:30 - 3:30                  |
| Feb. 14, Thursday  | Family Planning Clinic, Dr. Webb              | 8:30 - 12:00                 |
|                    | Maternal Nurse Clinic, Miss Kingham           | 4:30 - 7:00                  |
| Feb. 18, Monday    | Immunization Clinic                           | 8:30 - 11:30                 |
| Feb. 19, Tuesday   | Nurse Screening, Maternal Nurse, Miss Kingham | 8:30 - 11:30<br>12:30 - 3:30 |
| Feb. 25, Monday    | Immunization Clinic, Nurse Screening          | 8:30 - 11:30<br>1:00 - 3:00  |
| Feb. 26, Tuesday   | Child Health, Dr. Pope                        | 8:30 - 3:30                  |
| Feb. 27, Wednesday | Orthopedic Clinic, Dr. Galloway               | 8:30 - 10:00                 |
| Feb. 28, Thursday  | Family Planning Clinic, Dr. Webb              | 8:30 - 12:00                 |
|                    | Maternal Nurse, Miss Kingham                  | 4:30 - 7:00                  |

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