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New Sign For Chamber

A new sign for the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce was placed on the building on March 7th at its new location on the South side of the Burnsville Town Square. The sign was made by the Trade and Industrial Education Department of Cane River High School, under the direction of Jack Buckner and Flay Hensley.

Schools To Get Funds

Yancey County Schools will receive a total of \$6,556.00 in previously impounded federal funds for occupational education programs. These funds are part of almost \$1.5 million allocated to North Carolina schools in 1972-73, but impounded by President Nixon.

Every school unit in the State will receive money for equipment, materials, and professional development of occupational education programs. The school unit must reserve a portion of this money to pay for local participation in the following three state-sponsored institutes: one or more teachers to attend a middle grades exploration certification workshop; one or more persons to attend a vocational guidance counselor workshop; and a chairman of a local occupational advisory committee and local director/planner to attend a three-day local advisory committee chairman workshop.



Successful 'Open House' Held

Tours were conducted of the doctor's office facilities and refreshments were enjoyed at a highly successful "Open House" held last Sunday, March 10. The affair was sponsored by Mrs. Janet Banks, Mrs. Betty Young, Mrs. Ginny Banks, Mrs. Billie Marie Ray and Mrs. Julia Ray at the new office building in Banks Family Square Shopping Center.

New Social Security Law

A new law which would affect 5,300 disabled people in North Carolina is under consideration in Congress, according to A. Glenn Moore, Manager of the Asheville Social Security Office.

"The bill, which was passed by the House of Representatives March 5, would prevent an April 1 cutoff in Supplemental Security Income payments to people who started getting disability payments from the State after June 1973," he explained.

"Under the original law, which was passed in 1972, we would have continued payments to everyone who has been getting disability payments from the State in December," Mr. Moore said.

"But a change made on December 31--after the first month's checks were already in the mail--requires us to make

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Chamber Of Commerce Plans Highway Improvement Push

The Board of Directors of Yancey County Chamber of Commerce met at First-Citizens Bank and Trust Company at 8:00 p. m. on March 7th. President J. Ardell Sink presided with almost full attendance of directors.

Many items of business appeared on the agenda and were handled with much enthusiasm on the part of the directors.

William Hess, temporary chairman of the Yancey County Bicentennial Committee, attended the meeting and reported the organizational progress of his committee which is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

The directors passed a resolution requesting the upgrading and completion of the section of Highway 19 between Cane River bridge and the Madison

County line. Letters and telephone calls are being made almost daily to the Governor and the Highway Commissioners in an all out effort to get this section of highway improved.

The Medical Search Committee reported that prospects are good for additional physicians and a dental surgeon to locate in Yancey County in the near future.

The "face-lifting" project in Burnsville is moving forward rapidly and soon the building previously occupied by the Chamber of Commerce will be removed from its present location to make room for improvements on the Town Square.

Plans are being made for the Annual-Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting to be held in April and committees

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Farewell Dinner Honors Good Friends

Rev. and Mrs. Harold McDonald were feted with a gift, cards, and many good wishes at a dinner held at Beams Restaurant on Monday night, March 11. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Holcombe, Dr. and Mrs. Garland Wampler, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hensley, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Young, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Ardell Sink and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Yuzuk. Next Sunday will be the last service for Rev. McDonald as minister of First Baptist Church here, as he moves to a new ministry at First Baptist Church of Albemarle, N.C.

Girl Scout News Roundup

Girl Scout Week 1974, the 9th through the 16th of March, marks the 62nd anniversary of the founding of Girl Scouting. The observance of Girl Scout Week commemorates the establishment of Girl Scouts in the United States when Juliette Gordon Low held the first troop meeting in her home in Savannah, Georgia, in 1912, thereby initiating the Girl Scout movement which has reputedly influenced the lives of 33 million people.

Numerous localized events are planned by various Yancey Girl Scout troops as they prepare for this special week. Observance of Girl Scout Week began with Brownies, Girl Scouts, their scout leaders and

members of the Yancey Neighborhood Service Team attending a joint worship service at the First Presbyterian Church of Burnsville on Sunday, March 10th. Miss Karen McIntosh of Senior Troop #66 delivered to the congregation a resume of Girl Scout activities in Yancey County.

During the week, a Girl Scout display can be seen in the window of Ye Old Fabric Shoppe. This exhibit is prepared by Cadette Troop #65.

On Friday, March 15th, at 6:30 p. m. in the social room of the Burnsville Methodist Church, a Girl Scout family night cover dish supper will climax the week's activities. All troops will be participating

in the planning and hosting of this event. A film, "Give Her Love," a yearly report on the activities of the Pisgah Girl Scout Council, is scheduled as part of the evening's entertainment planned by the troops for their families and friends.

The purpose of Girl Scouting is beautifully expressed in the words of Cathy Chapin: Together, hand in hand With open hearts We seek reality; As a girl in search of truth Flies among the clouds, Looking into ourselves, To one another, and to the Great Spirit We have found real life here Among our sister scouts.



New Board Members Sworn In

Madeline Bryant, Assistant Clerk of Court, officiated at the swearing in of Janice Boone and Luther Ayers to the Yancey County Board of Elections. According to a Republican spokesman this is the first time in 72 years that there has been a Republican majority on the local Board of Elections. The State Board of Elections which was sworn in last November, also had a Republican majority for the first time in modern history. Mrs. Boone was elected chairman of the board at a meeting following the ceremony.

Good Quality Hardwood Is 'Nearest Thing To Gold'

(Information taken from an article in The Christian Science Monitor, Wednesday, March 6, 1974, written by Peter Tonge.)

In some parts of the United States walnut rustlers prowl, lured on by the soaring price of this fine hardwood. A farmer recently cut down an old black walnut tree at his home in the Seattle District of Washington. Then, because the felled timber was the "nearest thing to gold" he'd ever see lying around his front garden, he quickly camouflaged the logs with pine boughs and set off to find a buyer. Nowadays, this is deemed a wise precaution, as the demand for quality hardwoods is soaring.

Remember! Friday, March 15, is the deadline for obtaining your 1974 license plates.

As with the walnut, many of the fine hardwoods are fast becoming a priceless commodity. While hardwood growth in the U.S. exceeds annual demand by 25 percent, the quality of much of the acreage leaves much to be desired. Too many trees competing in an overcrowded environment appears to be the problem.

Plastic substitutes, almost perfectly imitating the beauty and texture of wood, relieved the scarcity of good hardwood in the past. But the public, more discriminating now, rejects the plastic substitutes and wants the "real thing." The shortage of petroleum, from which plastic is derived, can only make the situation worse.

Hardwoods are used for floors and fittings of houses for kitchen cabinets, sporting goods, musical instruments, Hard

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Girl Scouts To Print Paper

Girl Scouts in Troop #65 in Yancey County are going to print a "newspaper" of Girl Scout News and Burnsville School News. The name of the paper will be Tiger Express. The girls will be taking orders from the school kids and papers will be sold at 5¢ each. All profit will be for the Girl Scouts, and girls involved in this endeavor will be printing to earn their Reporter Badge. Troop #65 includes Mary Ann Black, Debbie Ray, Lavenia Peterson and Marie King. Patrol leader is Jean McIntosh, Assistant Patrol leader is Dayna Aldridge. Shown above, the girls inspect the newspaper makeup of The Yancey Journal at the office in Burnsville.