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## Accident Claims Life Of Yancey Man

A 62-year-old Burnsville tractor-trailer driver died enroute to the Haywood County Hospital early Sunday morning, following a one-vehicle accident on I-40 near the White Oak Road. Highway Patrolman R.L. Pendergrass said the accident happened at 5:40 a.m. Sunday about nine-tenths of a mile west of White Oak, when Edgar Mark Ledford was driving his rig east on the Interstate. Pendergrass said the rig ran onto the right shoulder in a slight

left-hand bend of the road. He said there was no apparent cause for the rig going out of control, and that the driver might have gone to sleep at the wheel. The truck struck the guardrail and overturned onto its right side, then skidded down the shoulder several yards on the rail. Ledford's right arm was severed in the accident and he had a head injury. He died enroute to the hospital. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$1,200.

Mountaineer Photo by Metcalf

## EMC Spokesman Warns Of Energy Control By Major Oil Companies; Urges Unified Action

The general manager of North Carolina's statewide association of rural electric cooperatives said Saturday that these consumer-owned, local businesses render a major utility service in North Carolina, providing electric power to one-third of the state's population. Robert N. Cleveland, executive vice president and general manager of N.C. Electric Membership Corporation, said the 28 electric cooperatives in North Carolina "have a total investment in the state of \$250 million and employ 1,500 people. As a result, we have a sizable contribution to make to the state of North Carolina."

Cleveland was the featured

speaker at the 1974 Annual Meeting of French Broad Electric Membership Corporation, headquartered in Marshall. The EMC serves more than 16,000 consumer-members in Madison, Buncombe, Yancey, Mitchell, and Unicoi (Tenn) counties.

The speaker told the gathering that electricity accounts for about 25 percent of all energy in the country at present, but is expected to rise to 50 percent by the year 2,000.

In discussing the various forms of raw energy available for conversion to electric power, Cleveland pointed out that coal is one of the most important sources of energy for electricity in the U.S., with untapped

supply sufficient to meet the nation's needs for 300 or 400 years.

"Unfortunately, a lot of coal is not where the population is, but is out in Colorado and Wyoming, and the greatest need for electricity is on the east and west coasts. We can build generating plants, but we have to build a national grid system for this country to move electricity from one place to another and this is going to take five or six years to develop."

Cleveland said the federal government made a big mistake when it allowed the major oil companies in this country to buy up the coal reserves. Currently,

he added, 15 major oil companies own 55 percent of the coal reserves and 70 percent of known privately owned uranium reserves.

"This means that all of the known energy in this country is controlled by these 15 companies." In calling for the cooperatives and their consumer members to join together to make their voices heard in the governmental circles, the EMC official said "Let your Congressmen and legislators know how you feel." "And if they don't listen, tell them again at the ballot box. That's the language politicians understand."



## Burnsville Third Graders Visit Journal

Approximately sixty students from Burnsville Elementary School's three third-grade classes visited THE YANCEY JOURNAL on Friday, April 26, accompanied by their teachers: Mrs. Billie Jo Deyton, Miss Madelyn Bailey and Mrs. Linda Campbell. The students showed an interest in everything to do with newspaper printing, and all of them enjoyed the trip and learned a lot. Students visiting the JOURNAL included Mary Banks, Mike Black, Donald Braithwaite, Andy Brown, Lisa Edwards, Edwin Fortner, Tim Fox, Susan Freeman, Randy Griggs, Garry Honeycutt, Victor Kegley, Vanessa King, Sherry McCanness, Tom Maxwell, David Peterson, Janet Ray, Vickie Shepherd, Greg Shepard, Carolyn Smith, Tina Wilson, Myron Woody, Maria Dellinger, Ricky

Woodby, Jackie Robinson, William Angel, Marc Buchanan, Chris Erazo, Terry Hall, Louie Hughes, Kenneth McMahan, Timothy Russell, William Kent Woody, Jullanna Buchanan, Karen Byrd, Cindy Lou Edwards, Lisa Harris, Debra Hill, Laura Holcombe, Tammy Lottahall, Sharon McClure, Judy Moss, Theresa Presnell, Toyee Silvers, Rebecca Tallent, Ruth Ann Young, Kim Yuziuk, Wyatt Shade, Patricia Hughes, Debra Hill, Jimmy McCourry, Vivian Gregory, Sharon Yuziuk, Lisa Shepherd, Regina Pitman, Darrin Honeycutt, Lisa Young, Darrin Byrd, Jimmy Ray, Jeff Presnell, Kevin Mercer, Russell Roland, Thommy Koch, Jack Evans, Laura Williamson.

## 4-H Shows Scheduled

The Yancey County 4-H Talent Show is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 10 in the Cane River High School Gym. 4-H'ers will be competing for blue ribbons and a chance to attend and participate in the District 4-H Talent Show. Winners of the District Show will be invited to perform at the State Talent Show in Raleigh during the 4-H Club Congress. All 4-H'ers are encouraged to participate. Everyone is invited to attend.

The newly organized Western District 4-H and Youth Horse Show is scheduled for Saturday, May 25, in Waynesville, N.C. This is the first year for a District Horse Show and we are hoping Yancey County can be well represented. If you are 9 years old but were less than 19 years by January 1, 1974, you may participate. District winners will be invited to compete in the State Horse Show in Raleigh. To be eligible for the State Show, your horse should be owned by you, your parents, brother, sister, or legal guardian. However, the horse may be owned by another person if the horse is in your possession and under your care for at least 90 days prior to the State Show.

A horseman's meeting date will be announced later. If you desire further information concerning the District Horse Show please come by the Extension Office or call 682-2113.

## Band Concert Here Next Tuesday

Mr. Bob Ingram of Mitchell County is bringing a group of his best players to Yancey County to demonstrate the varied kinds of music that can be played by band. This is the 6th in a series of classes sponsored by Music in the Mountains and will be held in the First Baptist Church, Burnsville on Tuesday, May 7, at 8:00 p.m. There is no charge.

The students will give a sampling of contemporary modern, symphonic, traditional marching, and a jazz number, "Git It On," and Mr. Ingram will speak briefly about his thoughts and goals in working with bands. His philosophy about the scope of a musical band is reflected in his own career, for not only does he play several instruments, but he has done everything from playing jazz trumpet with Buddy Rich's band to playing French horn with the North Carolina Symphony.

Mr. Ingram played with the Navy Band while he was in service, and this gave him valuable experience in developing the school bands in Concord and Charlotte which earned such enviable reputations. Not least of his priorities is his interest in religious music, and he returns to Concord every weekend to direct his church choir there.

At present Mr. Ingram has 185 students learning band instruments in Mitchell County. Yancey County also has a budding band program under Mrs. Lisa Mauney. Already there are 60 players in Burnsville, Micaville, and Bald Creek

Schools. This group has worked up five numbers for performance and can be heard at Bald Creek School on May 6, at 7:30 p.m.

We believe that all who are interested in the band program of our two counties will welcome the chance to hear Mr. Ingram and his students on May 7.

## ASCS And FEO Team Up To Assure Fuel For Farmers

"Yancey County farmers who have been unable to find fuel for agricultural production through regular channels may contact this office," said Mr. Edd Holcombe, Executive Director of the Yancey County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

"ASCS and the Federal Energy Office will operate a triple-decker back-up system for farmers with fuel problems which cannot be resolved with procedures already available.

The first back-up solves problems quickly and simply. When a farmer comes to the office and reports that his distributor cannot supply fuel, ASCS will attempt to locate a fuel source.

"We will use the second back-up only when we cannot locate fuel locally," Mr. Holcombe continued. "In back-up two, ASCS will contact either the State Energy Office or the Regional FEO in Atlanta. The determination of which office will be contacted is dependent upon the type of problem and where it can best be resolved. The office contacted will then aid in obtaining the necessary fuel for agricultural production. FEO has set up special 'phone

numbers at its regional offices for use in solving agricultural fuel problems.

"The third back-up phase provides quick communications with FEO through the National Office," said Mr. Holcombe. In certain serious situations the county office will call the National FEO in Washington, D.C. From there, the information is forwarded to the Regional FEO by the opening of business the next day. The Regional FEO then has the responsibility to resolve the farm fuel problem.

## Whisnant For Galifianakis

Dr. Clyde Whisnant has joined the Nick Galifianakis for U.S. Senate campaign as county manager in Yancey County.

Dr. Whisnant is a dentist and a member of several dental societies.

His family includes his wife Ruth and daughter, Lela.

About the Galifianakis campaign, Dr. Whisnant said, "I have known Nick for some time now and think he is one of the most brilliant and honest men in the South."

## Featured In Magazine

A five-page article on Yancey County and Burnsville is featured in the latest (May, 1974) edition of *Gold Coast Pictorial*, a magazine published in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida which boasts a nationwide circulation.

In "Town With A Past", by Margaret Walker, this County and its people are depicted in such a warm and nostalgic fashion that one Burnsville resident was prompted to remark, "If I didn't already live here, I'd move to Yancey County!"

The article has eleven pictures (we counted them) of various landmarks such as the Town Square, Johnson & Co. (including his pot-bellied stove), a view of the mountains, Otway Burns and Nu Wray Inn, and the Country Store.

This is the newest article on Yancey County and one of the best. Ms. Walker and Peggy Shook, who took the pictures, fell in love with the mountains and the friendly people they met, and wrote an article with depth and feeling.

If you wish to buy a copy of this issue of *Gold Coast Pictorial*, order it now through the Yancey County Country Store, Burnsville, Phone 682-3779. The cost is \$1.00 per issue.



## Country Music Time At Maxwell

The Toe River Valley Boys performed last Saturday at Banks Family Square Shopping Center to an enthusiastic audience. Sponsored by Maxwell Home Furnishings to help celebrate a Closeout Sale, the group played the best in Country and Folk music. WKYK was on hand with a remote broadcast of the festivities. Larry Lewis of Route 3, Burnsville, won the special prize given by Maxwell's—a Gallon Jar of \$1 bills! Last, but by no means least, Tommy Fox delighted onlookers with a terrific Clogging demonstration (see picture). The Toe River Valley Boys—and the sale at Maxwell—were a resounding success.



## Drama Club To Present Play

The Cane River Drama Club will be presenting Edgar Lee Master's *SPOON RIVER ANTHOLOGY* at Bald Creek School Auditorium on Tuesday, April 30, and Thursday, May 2. Performance will begin at 8:00 p.m. Admission will be contributions to the Cane River Drama Club Program. Money from this performance will be used for future performances.