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Survey Of Cafeteria Managers

A survey of over 1,500 school cafeteria managers in North Carolina has revealed that their salaries are generally low, that over half will be retiring within 15 years and that two-thirds of them feel the need for additional training.

The survey was conducted by Miss Mildred B. Davis, a faculty member in the School of Home Economics at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is director of a federally-funded project entitled "Operation Improvement-Child Nutrition Programs" which is focusing on increasing nutrition education and training for school food service personnel in the state.

The survey includes responses from 1,575 of the state's slightly over 2,000 school cafeteria managers.

A salient finding in the resulting data concerned the low salaries being paid to school food service managers in North Carolina. In her written report, Miss Davis summed it up this way: "Salaries are generally low and about one-third are working for less than a minimum wage for an eight-hour day, 40-hour week, for nine months."

In releasing the report, however, she pointed out that the survey was taken during the spring of 1973, and that since then—on May 1, 1974, coverage under the new federal minimum wage has been extended to school food service managers and workers. The hourly rate under the federal minimum wage as of May 1, is \$1.90 per hour, and on January 1, 1975, it will go up to \$2 per hour.

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Council Meeting Slated

A County Council of Community Development officers will be held Thursday night, June 27 at 8:00 p.m. in the Courthouse according to W.C. Bledsoe, County Extension Chairman.

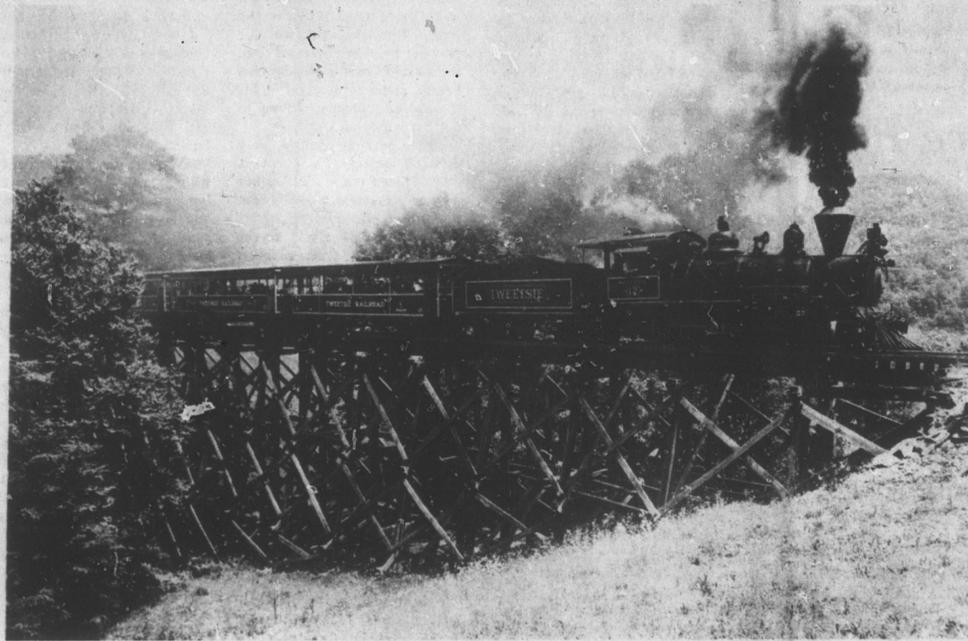
Organized Community activity is experiencing a surge in interest and participation. Four clubs have re-organized so far this year. Six Rural Clubs have entered the County Development Program, including Arbutle, Brush Creek, Green Mountain, Jacks Creek, Newdale and White Oak Creek. Five of these have entered the Western North Carolina Community Development Program. Much work is being done by these communities.

The council meeting on Thursday night is an important occasion, Bledsoe stated. This is the time when determinations are made on community judging, county banquet, prize money allocation, Leadership Awards nominations and many other business matters.

We are very proud of the record these fine communities are making this year. We would like to encourage several additional communities to organize, he concluded.

Lifesaving Course Set

American Red Cross Lifesaving Courses on both the Junior and Senior level will begin at Crestview Playground on Monday, July 8 at 5:30 p.m. Anyone interested in taking advantage of these classes may contact either Mrs. W. A. Banks or Sheree Banks at 682-2563 or 682-2447 for further information.



"Magic Mountain" Facelift Started At Tweetsie

Tweetsie Railroad began its 18th consecutive season on Saturday, June 8, with a new look as "Magic Mountain"—soon to be called "Gold Mine In The Sky"—is getting a major face lifting in keeping with the Old West theme of Tweetsie Junction. According to Spencer Robbins, general manager of Tweetsie, the "Magic Mountain" project will be done over a two year period with the castle and other existing structures being completed for this season and new structures being completed in time for the 1975 season.

Kiddie rides on the mountain are being replaced by rides and other activities which will fit the theme of a western mining town. Another feature to be added is an expanded picnic area and a themed playground for children. This year the price of admission to Tweetsie Railroad, Blowing Rock, N.C. is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children and covers all activities. The show at Tweetsie Palace will be of country and western variety, this year being performed by a local country and bluegrass group, The Linville River Boys. Tweetsie is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.



Land Of Oz Begins Fifth Season

The Land of Oz outdoor theme park opened at Beech Mountain, N.C. on Friday, June 21 for its fifth season. The park, themed from the famous L. Frank Baum story, The Wizard of Oz, offers visitors of all ages an opportunity to meet Dorothy, the Cowardly Lion, Scarecrow, Tinman and even the Wicked Witch. Oz literally encircles the pinnacle of 5,600 foot Beech Mountain and is reached by a chairlift ride up the mountain from Beech Tree Village. Over one million visitors have enjoyed the experience of visiting Oz since it opened in 1970 with features such as the Judy Garland Memorial Overlook, the Museum with original artifacts from MGM's Oz movie, an early Kansas farm where one goes through the "tornado" experience, the fabulous Yellow Brick Road where you meet all the characters, Emerald City where the Wizard is found, and a balloon ride. The Oz ticket office is open daily from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with the last Emerald City show at 5 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children 4-12. There is no charge for youngsters three and under. In a joint promotion with nearby Tweetsie Railroad and Grandfather Mountain, every family paying admission to any one of the three attractions receives a free child's pass to the other two.

Playhouse Crew Holds 'Picnic' Rehearsals

Burnsville again extended its "welcome back" to the Parkway Playhouse Staff and Company members as they arrived this past week to open the twenty-eighth season of the Playhouse.

Sunday afternoon was devoted to student interviews and class registration, followed by a hamburger cookout on the Playhouse patio. At a general Company meeting Sunday evening, Dr. David R. Batcheller, Director of Theatre at UNC-G, officially welcomed the 1974 Company. Managing Director C.F. "Pete" Raby then introduced the following staff members: Lauren K. Woods, Managing Director returning for his 12th season; Stan Dean, serving his second season as Associate Director and Company Manager; Larry Alford, a four-year veteran of Parkway, Associate Director and Director of Public Relations; Stephen Edelstein, Scene Designer, who is returning to Parkway where he worked as a student, lighting designer and technical director in the 1960's; Jim Fisher and Gloria Shott, Publicity Directors, both returning for their fourth season; Eric Olson, Technical Director for two seasons; Michael Castania, returning for his third year as Lighting Designer; D.R. Edwards, a newcomer to the Parkway staff from Beckley, West Virginia, who will be the Costumer for the productions; another newcomer, Leslie Knox, Scenic Assistant; Ellen Woods, Makeup Consultant, who has accompanied her husband south for the past twelve seasons and Barbara Olson, wife of Tech Director Eric Olson, who will manage the Playhouse Box Office for the second year.

Following the meeting, Lauren Woods, who will direct the 1974 season opener, **Tom Jones**, which will play July 3, 4, 5, and 6, and Stan Dean, Director of the following week's show, **Picnic**, held auditions for all Company members for the first two shows. First rehearsals began Monday night and technical crews started the construction of the **Tom Jones** set.

Over eighteen colleges and universities are represented at Parkway this year with numerous students from North Carolina and most of the states on the eastern seaboard. UNC-G, sponsoring institution of Parkway Playhouse, and Monmouth College in New Jersey are each represented by nine students and two staff members. Many of the student company are returning for a second and third season with the popular Playhouse. Students earn academic credit for their overall participation in the theatre and for class work offered in Acting, Directing and Scene Design and Makeup. The students, under the qualified staff's guidance, work in all phases of theatrical production at Parkway.

As in previous seasons, six productions will be presented this year: **Tom Jones**, the

adventurous 18th Century comedy classic; **Picnic**, a comedy-drama presented in tribute to its late playwright, William Inge; a new Broadway thriller, **Night Watch**, about a woman's fight to convince everyone that the horrible things she sees are really happening; **Ah, Wilderness!** by Eugene O'Neill, a warm and compassionate comedy about a New England family at the turn of the century; the classic farce, **Arsenic and Old Lace**, in which Aunt Abby and Aunt Martha are behaving very strangely—but wait until you meet Cousin Jonathan! **Arsenic and Old Lace** will play during the Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair. The final production of the 1974 season will be **My Fair Lady**, one of the most popular musicals of all times with the familiar songs "I've Grown Accustomed To Her Face", "The Rain In Spain", "Get Me To The Church On Time", and many others.

Season tickets are available now at the Yancey County Country Store, the Nu-Way Inn, the Mt. Mitchell Motel and at the Parkway Playhouse Box Office. Reservations can be made by calling 682-6151.

Parkway Playhouse's twenty eighth season promises to be an exciting one—don't miss it!

Jamboree Plans Made

The annual Yancey Youth Jamboree, now in its seventh year, is scheduled for Thursday and Friday nights, August 1 and 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of East Yancey High School.

Following in the tradition of the past six years, the Jamboree will be made up of folk music, singing, and dancing by many of the students enrolled in the public schools of Yancey County. Featured will be Folk Song/Folk Ballad, Religious, Patriotic, Instrumental, Smooth Square, Folk Dancing, Clogging, and Bucking. Entries will be divided into two categories; Class I, which includes Kindergarten - Grade 6; and Class II, which includes Grades 7-12. More than 10 dance teams are to present their talents as they move across the dance platform to help make the two-night event a memorable occasion here in Yancey County.

Other plans for the Jamboree include bringing back in exhibition some grand champion winners from previous years. Also, it is hoped that another special attraction will be part of the program.

Judges for both nights will be selected from outside the county in an effort to make the judging fair and impartial. They will be chosen in the near future and will be announced later.

The Jamboree, held as part of the Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair, is sponsored by the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce, and begins on Thursday night before the Fair opens on Friday morning.

Democratic Convention

The Yancey County Democratic Convention will be held Saturday, June 29 at 2:00 p.m. in the Courthouse in Burnsville.

The purpose of the convention is to elect County Committeemen to serve for the next two years.

GI Bill Eligibility Extended 1-Month

Educational assistance checks for some 150,000 veterans whose G.I. Bill eligibility was extended by one month will reach them by late June or earlier, the Veterans Administration announced today.

On May 31, the day the G.I. education entitlement expired for veterans discharged between January 31, 1955 and July 1, 1966, the President signed PL 93-293 granting a 30 day extension to the eight years entitlement veterans normally have.

Long before the legislation was passed, the Veterans Administration accomplished all possible preliminary work for the speedy service in anticipation that some form of extension would be passed by Congress and approved by the President.

In addition to the May 31 law, a supplemental appropriation is needed to fund the increases, but speedy congressional action is expected on the President's request for the necessary funds.

The extension also allows 85,000 veterans pursuing correspondence courses during May to continue through June. The extra month of eligibility extends also to nearly 4 million other eligible veterans not currently training.

Commenting on the pay problem posed by the former May 31 deadline, VA officials explained: "most veterans re-

ceive educational assistance checks at the beginning of each month of training, but veterans who continued training after the deadline could not legally be paid for June training."

The new deadline, July 1, 1974, for veterans separated from service between Jan. 31, 1955 and July 1, 1966 applies only to school training it was pointed out. Veterans taking Farm Cooperative, Flight, Apprenticeship and On-Job training have until August 30, 1975 to complete training.

VA officials noted bills are pending in Congress to increase allowances, and to extend G.I. Bill eligibility from eight to ten years.

Boy Scouts Earn Award

Members of the Burnsville Boy Scout troop recently completed an 80 mile canoe trip on the New River. They entered the river north of Boone near Deep Gap, N.C. and were picked up five days later near Independence, Va. This trip entitled the boys to a 50 mile award issued by the Daniel Boone Council.

Persons making the trip were Mike Grindstaff, Doyle Bradford, Mike Bailey, Tim Thompson, Charles McLawhorn, Jimmy Wilson, Greg Edge, Greg Westall, Jerry Layell, Tom Carr, Chris Carr, Rocky Styles, Greg Presnell, and Gerald Styles. Adults making the trip were Dr. Garland Wampler, Blaine Ray, Johnny McLain and Clifford Peterson.

Crestview Opens

Crestview Playground will be opening to the public on Tuesday, July 2 at 11:00 a.m. Hours will be Tuesday through Saturday 11:00 to 6:00, Sunday 1:00 to 6:00, closed Mondays.



Maynard Booher

Special Service Here

Evangelist Maynard Booher will conduct a five day meeting at the Church of Christ, located on Old Green Mountain Road here in Burnsville. Rev. Booher preaches regularly for the Church of Christ in Frederick, Maryland. Services will start Monday night at 7:30 p.m. July 1 through Friday, July 6.

The Church of Christ invites the public to come and visit us during this meeting, and bring your Bibles and see if these things are so. There will be good singing and real Bible preaching, direct from the Holy Bible, the Word of God.

Bloodmobile

The Bloodmobile will be at the Armory Wednesday, June 26 from 1 to 6 p.m. The goal is 100 pints.



FROM THE UPPER PORCH
YANCEY COUNTY
COUNTRY STORE

Hrs - 79°
Lows - 45°