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SCS Election Slated; Candidates Needed

Supervisors for the Yancey County Soil and Water Conservation District will be elected in the general election this fall. But as yet, no one has filed for the office.

Previously, the district supervisors were chosen in special elections held in December of each year. The district has five supervisors—three elected and two appointed.

Those interested in filing as a candidate for district supervisor must do so by noon Friday, September 13. The three candidates receiving the most votes will be elected—the two highest vote getters to four-year terms, the third highest to a two-year term.

Terms of office begin on the first Monday in December. The newly-elected supervisors will then recommend two additional supervisors to be appointed by the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Of these two appointments, one will serve four years and the other two years.

Supervisors serve without salary, although they do receive per diem expenses for attending 12 district meetings per year, two area meetings and one annual meeting of the State Association of Districts.

The Yancey County Soil and

Water Conservation District was established as a subdivision of state government in 1952, although law establishing criteria for setting up districts throughout the state was enacted in 1937. Most mountain counties were slow in organizing.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts are charged with the responsibility of formulating and carrying out a conservation program. The local district covers all land in the county, including the city.

Roberts Appointed Chairman

George W. Roberts, owner of Roberts-Corn Chevrolet - Buick in Burnsville, will serve as 1974-75 Yancey County Area Chairman for the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association. Announcement of his appointment was made today by NCADA President Carl L. Stewart of Winston Salem.

During his term, Mr. Roberts will act as liaison between new car and truck dealers in this area and the state and national dealer associations.

Five Yancey Youths Enter WNC Crops Competition

Twenty-one farm boys and girls in eight counties are participating in the 1974 Western North Carolina Horticultural Crops Contest, according to an announcement by Harry G. Silver of Asheville, Extension District Supervisor (IVA), contest chairman. Madison county leads with six entries, followed by Yancey County with five.

Purpose of the contest is to recognize the boys and girls in

the area with the most outstanding horticultural projects each year and to encourage interest in various horticultural crops.

The contest is sponsored by the Horticultural Crops Commission of the Western North Carolina Development Association in cooperation with the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service and vocational agriculture teachers.

This year for the first time the contest is being held in two sections; one for annual crops such as trellis tomatoes and another for perennials, such as apples, strawberries and shrubbery.

Cash awards of \$325 will be presented to the area winners at an awards program in December, with \$100 offered for first prize in both the annuals and perennials contest. Prize donors are Gerber Products Company, Pigeon Valley Tomato Farm, Canton; Francis and Wright, Inc., and Southern Agricultural Insecticides, Hendersonville; Barber Orchards, Waynesville and 3-D Farm, Fletcher. Orchard Gardens at Fletcher are sponsoring the prizes for perennials, including orchid plants for the runners-up.

This year's contestants, by counties are: Buncombe-Dale Lewis, Fletcher and David Warren, Candler; Burke-Laurence Beck, Morganton; Haywood-Janet Bryson, Waynesville and Tim Smart, Clyde; Henderson-David Carmichael, Flat Rock and John Neilsen, Hendersonville; Macon-Billy Stewart and Susan Cabe both of Franklin; Madison-Darlene Cutshall, Nancy Cutshall, Steve Cutshall, Kenneth E. Roberts and Billy Roberts, all of Marshall and Steven E. Burns, Jr. of Hot Springs; Transylvania-Tommy Hooper, Jr., Brevard; Yancey-Bobby Bennett and Ted Woodby, both of Burnsville together with Jeffery Alan Fox of Mars Hill; Steve Gortney, Bakersville; and Earl Grindstaff of Green Mountain in Yancey County.

The contestants will be judged on a detailed record book to be submitted this fall. All projects are presently being inspected by members of the judging committee. Members of this group are Dr. Tom Konsler, Chairman; Dr. Paul Shoemaker and Dr. Jim Shelton, all of the Mountain Horticultural Crops Research Station at Fletcher, along with Silver.



Fast-Pitch Softball Team In Tournament

Pictured above is the Fortner Insurance Agency Fast-Pitch Softball Team who are participating in the Yancey County Adult Softball League being held on the Micaville Elementary School ball field. The team finished the regular season undefeated, winning 18 games with no losses against some very tough competition. They are now participating in a post-season playoff tournament in Micaville and have won their first round game. Ten teams from the Mitchell-Yancey County area are participating in this double

elimination tournament. Two games a night are being played each night from Monday, August 26, through Wednesday, September 4, at which time a Championship Game will be played. If you enjoy good ball games, come over to Micaville and pull for your favorites during the week. Shown kneeling (left to right): Ossie Parker, Jerry Thomas, Randy Ollis, Frog Laws, Delmar Goins, Doc Young; standing (left to right): Gordon Banks, Wayne Jackson, Alan Black, Glenn Williams, Charlie Garden, Bobby Boone, Harry Anderson, Wilson Ray. [Not pictured, Dennis Hefner].



Louise Hughes

Taylor To Emcee Dinner

Congressman Roy A. Taylor, North Carolina's eleventh district representative from Black Mountain, will be the master of ceremonies at a "Salute to Robert Morgan" dinner at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville at 7:00 Saturday, August 24.

U.S. Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia will be the featured speaker. Byrd, a native of North Wilkesboro, is the Democratic Whip in the Senate. He will hold a press conference at the hotel prior to the dinner.

Robert Ingle, a prominent western North Carolina businessman, is the dinner chairman. This is one of a series of fund raising dinners being held across the state to raise money to pay Morgan's remaining primary debts and to finance his fall campaign.

Senator Byrd, a Senator for 16 years, serves on the committees of Appropriations, Judiciary, and Rules and Administration and is chairman of two Senate subcommittees, Transportation and Standing Rules of the Senate.

Before he was elected Senator, he was a member of the United States House of Representatives for six years.

Officials in charge of the affair said that invitations have been sent to individuals, and tickets have been placed on sale in 24 western North Carolina counties.

Louise Hughes Is Teacher Of The Year

Mrs. Louise P. Hughes, home economics teacher at East Yancey High School, has been selected as Yancey County Teacher of the Year. She will be a candidate in the competition for North Carolina's Teacher of the Year for 1975.

Mrs. Hughes is a native of Yancey County and is married to Max K. Hughes. They have two sons, Kenneth, a 1974 honor graduate at Western Carolina, and Gary, a student at Micaville Elementary. Mrs. Hughes herself is a graduate of Berea College, Berea, Kentucky and has taught in the Yancey County schools for the past twenty-seven years.

During this time Mrs. Hughes has received a number of honors. Two high school yearbooks have been dedicated to her. In 1972 and again in 1974 she was selected for the Outstanding Secondary Educators Award. During the past five years, she has had four district winners in the sewing contest sponsored by the Federation of Women's Clubs. One of these winners also won the state sewing contest. She is an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society and has been a member of NCAE for the past twenty-seven years.

In addition to her outstanding teaching career, Mrs. Hughes has been very active in community and church work. For the past twenty-four years she taught the adult Sunday School class at Micaville Presbyterian Church and has been active in other areas of church work. She has been an active member of both the East Yancey

Dance Set At East Yancey

There will be a dance at the East Yancey Gym on Friday, August 30 from 9 o'clock until 12:30. The dance is sponsored by the cheerleaders. Music will be provided by Indigo Springs.

Westco Proposal Vetoed By Union

The Communication Workers of America Union Local No. 3673 rejected the Western Carolina-Westco Telephone Companies most recent wage and benefit proposal by a vote of 155 to 141, it was announced today by company spokesman, Turner Rogers.

The package included a two year contract consisting of wage increases of 12.5 percent the first year and 10 percent the second. Some of the fringe benefits were the elimination of monthly hospitalization insurance premiums, five weeks vacation after twenty years of service, one additional holiday per year for a total of nine and contract retroactive effective date of July 1, 1974. The former contract expired June 5.

Rogers stated the Company's opinion that this third proposed contract which was rejected by the Union membership following their negotiating committee's recommendation for acceptance, now leaves the Company no alternative except to indicate that the work stoppage may be of a considerably longer duration than was hoped for. We are now reviewing our work force requirements, he said, and will be initiating additional steps to bolster those areas where we have not totally kept up with customer requests, such as, the installation of supplemental services such as extension telephones, etc. Primary emphasis, since the work stoppage began on July 29, has been the timely restoral or repairs of service, he continued, but in recognizing our customers needs, we are moving to reduce installation delays now. He said, the Company is prepared to

supplement its work force to where day-to-day operations will be near or at normal levels.

When asked what the next step is, he stated, as always to provide our customers with good dependable telephone service but if you mean the labor negotiations, we are always willing, as they have been, to talk more and that's what we are doing.

Masons To Make History At Meeting

The Scottish Rite Bodies of Freemasonry of Asheville will be host to all Masons in the Yancey, Mitchell, and Avery Counties area at a dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 31, 1974 at Brown's Fish Camp, Bakersville, N.C. This is located on Highway 226 about one-half mile south of Bakersville. All Masons of any and all degrees are welcome to attend.

Then on Saturday, October 5, and Saturday, October 12, Masonic history will be made in Bakersville. The Asheville Scottish Rite Bodies will conduct a two Saturday reunion when the degrees 4th through 32nd will be conferred on a class of candidates at The Bakersville Masonic Lodge Hall. This will be the first time that any of these degrees have ever been conferred in North Carolina in the area north of Asheville. The Asheville group will bring two truck loads of equipment and experienced degree teams will be present to portray the degrees.



Communities Judged For Roadside Beautification

Roadside beautification efforts of six Yancey Communities were viewed by judges last week. "The judges had a difficult job," commented W. C. Bledsoe, County Extension Chairman. "Communities have worked real hard this year". The close competition of community efforts is exhibited by the fact that there was a three-way tie for second place. White Oak Creek set the pace by winning First Place with clean up campaigns, "Litter Buggies" sign and mail box improvements. They will represent Yancey County in area roadside beautification competition September 11-13.

A three-way tie for second place was captured by Newdale, Brush Creek and Jack's Creek with widely varied activities. Newdale took judges to their newly cleared and leveled ball field where plans include picnic tables in the park-like surrounding area and, eventually, a community swimming pool; Brush Creek bent their efforts toward beautifying the roadsides with flowers and painting scores of mailboxes; and Jack's Creek Community Club spokesmen (pictured above with judges) were duly proud of their roadside park and picnic table for the convenience of visitors and residents alike.

Third and fourth places were awarded to Green Mountain and Arbutle respectively. Serving as judges were Mrs. Edward Yuzluk, Mrs. E. L. Briggs and Rev. Ralph Jacks. They commented especially on the progress of Yancey County in beautification efforts. The most obvious improvements are in junk car removal and stream and roadside clean-up.

The community roadside beautification is part of the Community Development Program effort. Sponsorship has been provided by United Fund, The Northwestern Bank, the French Broad Electric. Additional contributions this year include: First Citizens Bank, The Yancey Journal, Radio WKYK, Carolina Power and Light, Glen Raven, and others.



Black Beary And Black Beard

Mildred the Bear's granddaughter at Grandfather Mountain has been named Black Beary in a contest that had nearly a thousand names submitted. Holding Black Beary in a picture made earlier this year is Grandfather Mountain Manager Jim Morton, who has a little hair on his chin, too. Maybe that is the reason that Jim and the cub are such good friends.