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Campaign Chairmen 'Sparkplug' UF Drive

Under the leadership of three campaign co-chairmen, an organization of volunteers is taking shape for an all-out drive to raise the \$17,960 goal set by the budget committee of the Yancey United Fund. The campaign is scheduled to start next Monday.

The three co-chairmen who will sparkplug the drive are Virginia Boone (Mrs. Brooks Boone), Romie Burns, and David McIntosh. All three are civic leaders with records of dynamic activity in Yancey community affairs. Mrs. Boone has been notable for her activity in the First Baptist Church, Burnsville.

Romie Burns, elected last

spring to the Yancey County Board of Education, has been an outstanding leader in promoting the highly successful Little League. His personal appeal to the budget committee of the Yancey United Fund last month resulted in the inclusion of this popular recreational activity in the budget for \$1,500.

David McIntosh, proprietor of David's Limited, on the Burnsville town square, has assumed a position of leadership in the Yancey County Jaycees, and other activities of the younger adults.

The campaign co-chairmen this year are making a special effort to get across to the people

of the county the importance of the work of the many agencies included in the budget, and the valuable benefits they confer on Yancey County. It is hoped that through recognition of the number of agencies, and the benefits of their work, the individual contributions will be larger than they have been heretofore. In view of the increased budget this year, greater generosity on the part of contributors will be required to attain the goal.

The budget committee, in adopting an increased budget, recognized that inflation had imposed a need for increased financial support of the participating agencies. It is hoped that many contributors will recognize that a day's pay will approximate a fair share of support.

As in previous years, an honor roll will be published from time to time during the campaign. This will be open to all individual contributors as well as to businesses and governmental offices.

In line with the practice followed by many other united appeals, advance contributions are already being solicited, before the formal opening of the drive. The aim is to get contributions from many of the larger supporters, so that the drive starts with momentum already built up.

So confident are the volunteer workers of achieving the budget goal, that they are already planning a victory dinner to celebrate the successful conclusion of the drive. In releasing this information the committee states that the cost of the dinner will not be at the expense of contributions to the fund. This stipulation is consistent with the tradition of the Yancey UF which is that campaign expenses are kept to an absolute minimum and all work done on a volunteer basis.



Car Demolished In Fatal Accident

Dennis Jerry Robinson, 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Robinson, of Route 5, Burnsville, died instantly in a one-car accident last Sunday at 9:30 p.m. According to Trooper J. P. Norton of the State Highway Patrol, Robinson was the driver and only occupant of the 1955 Chevrolet. He was traveling south on Hwy. 80 when he lost control of the car which ran off the right side of the

road and over an embankment, apparently striking a tree while in mid-air. The accident occurred approximately 13 miles south of Burnsville near Carolina Hemlock. Investigation showed the vehicle was apparently traveling at an excessive rate of speed, according to Trooper Norton. Robinson, a native of Yancey County, was discharged only two weeks ago from the U.S. Army.

Little League Football

On Thursday, August 29th, a meeting was held at Bald Creek Elementary School to form a Little League football conference among teams from Yancey and Madison Counties. This will be a seven-team conference with teams from Bald Creek, Micaville, Burnsville, Mars Hill, Marshall, Hot Springs, and Laurel. Each team will play all other teams once and a conference champion will be named on the basis of the team with the best won-lost record.

It was decided at the organizational meeting that rules to be adopted by the conference would be as follows: (1) quarters will be 8 minutes long; (2) half-times will be 15 minutes long; (3) when double-headers are played there will be 30 minutes between games; (4) the best possible officials will be hired for each game; (5) admission will be \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for students to all games whether it is a single game or a double or triple header; (6) a \$50.00 forfeit fee will be paid by any team not showing up for a game to the team they were supposed to play; (7) a Board of Commissioners will be appointed with one representative from each team.

The first game of the newly formed Madison-Yancey Football Conference will be played this Thursday night between Burnsville and Micaville at East Yancey at 7:30 p.m. This should be an exciting game between two evenly matched teams. The teams are all composed of 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

The following games have been scheduled in the Little League football conference:

September 14--Laurel vs Hot Springs at Laurel, 7:30 p.m. and Bald Creek vs Marshall at Cane River, 7:30 p.m.

September 21--Burnsville vs Laurel at Cane River, 6:00 p.m.; Bald Creek vs Micaville at Cane River, 8:00 p.m.; Mars Hill vs Marshall at Mars Hill, 7:30 p.m.

September 28--Bald Creek vs Laurel at Mars Hill, 6:00 p.m.; Mars Hill vs Micaville at Mars Hill, 8:00 p.m.; Hot Springs vs Marshall at Hot Springs, 7:30 p.m.

October 5--Marshall vs Micaville at Marshall, 6:00 p.m.; Burnsville vs Hot Springs at Marshall, 8:00 p.m.; Mars Hill vs Laurel at Laurel, 4:00 p.m.

October 12--Laurel vs Marshall at Marshall, 7:30 p.m.; Hot Springs vs Mars Hill at Hot Springs, 7:30 p.m.; Burnsville vs Bald Creek at Cane River, 7:30 p.m.

October 19--Laurel vs Micaville at Mars Hill, 6:00 p.m.; Burnsville vs Mars Hill at Mars Hill, 8:00 p.m.; Hot Springs vs Bald Creek at Hot Springs, 7:30 p.m.

October 26--Micaville vs Hot Springs at East Yancey, 4:00 p.m.; Burnsville vs Marshall at East Yancey, 6:00 p.m.; Bald Creek vs Mars Hill at East Yancey, 8:00 p.m.

Tour Stops In Yancey

On Thursday a tour group composed of farmers, agricultural leaders and research people visited farms in Burncombe, Madison, Yancey, Ashe and Alleghany counties. The stop in Yancey was to the farm of Grover and Warren Westall to see their Burley Handling System Project.

This project is aimed at developing ways to reduce the labor needs at harvest time to enable a farmer to handle harvesting and burning his crop of tobacco alone.

Eubanks Wins Again

Tony Eubanks, Future Farmers of America member at East Yancey High School recently won first place in a tri-state public speaking contest at the FFA/FHA Camp in Smithfield, Virginia. His topic was, "The Remarkable American Farmer."

Eubanks was in competition with state winners from South Carolina and Virginia. He will compete against three other tri-state winners in the Southern Region during the National FFA Convention to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, in October.

Each contestant must do research on the topic of the speech, must prepare a written manuscript to be given to the judges prior to delivery, and must deliver the six to eight-minute speech without notes.

After the speech is delivered, the contestant is then subjected to five minutes of questioning by the judges on any aspect of the speech topic.

Tony is the first tri-state winner from North Carolina since 1964.

GOP News

Yancey County Republicans officially opened Republican Headquarters on Saturday night, September 7, in the building formerly known as D & D Recreation Center, located behind Mohasco Industries.

There was a constant flow of candidates, guests and visitors who all enjoyed coffee and doughnuts and the decorations. Candidates on hand included Arnold Higgins, incumbent Clerk of Court; Earl Young, incumbent Member to the Board of County Commissioners; incumbent Sheriff Kermit Banks and candidate for election to the House of Representatives Dean Chrisawn.

Headquarters will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. until further notice. All are invited to drop by for a chat, a cup of coffee and answers to any questions that may arise about candidates, registration and so forth. Covered dish suppers will begin again shortly and notice will appear in this paper so be sure and watch for these planned activities.

Chamber Needs Money To Finance 'Facelift' Project

The town square "facelift" is progressing reasonably well, but according to a Chamber of Commerce spokesman, difficulties lie ahead if financial aid does not come soon. "So many people have been enthusiastic concerning this project," said Grace Banks, Chamber secretary, "that we believe contributions for the facelift will be forthcoming and are simply

taking second place to more pressing matters." Letters have been sent from many parts of the county congratulating the people of Yancey County for their efforts to preserve a special heritage--one of the few authentic town squares left in the country, she added.

But enthusiasm and encouragement do not pay the bills and financial support is sorely needed.

The Chamber reports that Phase I of the facelift is nearly finished. Most of the light fixtures are up and final shipment has arrived and will be put up this week. Cost of the lights was \$6,400. French Broad Electric Membership Corporation donated all labor for the electrical installation and work of the lights, and the Town of Burnsville contributed the labor to set up the posts, also free of charge. Yancey Builders Supply has donated several hundred dollars worth of wire and other items used in the lighting system.

"We are most grateful for the help of these business people," said Mrs. Banks. "Their donations of labor and supplies has been the one missing force in getting our facelift project off to a good start."

The Yancey County Chamber of Commerce has had to borrow the money to pay for the light fixtures, however, and this loan must be repaid before Phase II can begin.

As mentioned in a previous article, the Town of Burnsville kicked off the facelift project with a donation of \$5,000. This money has been used to buy brick for the walks. The brick has been entirely paid for and installation of walks around and through the square awaits only the money necessary to pay for bricklayers who, of course, must be paid as the work progresses. The amount estimated for this work comprises about one-third of the amount necessary for the entire facelift project.

The Chamber of Commerce, in asking for financial support,

would like to remind each individual or organization that if they wish to donate a sum of money in memory of a loved one or as a special club project, the dozen or more park benches have yet to be purchased. An inscribed plaque to commemorate a person or group would be a thoughtful gesture and a meaningful addition to the concept of the town square as a heritage for this area and its people. A commemorative plaque could also be placed at the base of the drinking fountain which has yet to be purchased.

The Chamber would like to express their appreciation to those who have already contributed sums of money for the town square facelift project and also extends thanks to groups who are working in behalf of the project such as the Cattail Creek Homeowners Association which is making a special drive to all members for contributions.

Other individuals, groups, and businesses who have responded include: First Citizens Bank & Trust Co. Yancey Builders Supply Town of Burnsville Mohasco Industries Tri-County Concrete Burnsville Mens Club Earl Yancey Wix Building, Little Switzerland E.V. Garren Arnold Roberts Camp Celso Robert K. Helmle Burnsville Garden Club Peter and Carol Schwintzer Ernest Morgan Lambert Davis Roberts-Corn Chev-Buick Co.

GS Pocket Book Drive

The Senior Girl Scouts are having a pocketbook collection for the library at Western North Carolina Sanatorium at Black Mountain, N.C. This collection will be going on for two weeks. Drop points are Hilltop Restaurant, Fortner Insurance, Western Auto, and Yancey County Courthouse.

M. Claude Vess, Jr. Burnsville Hosiery Mills, Inc. George W. Roberts J. C. Styles W. Josh Banks Styles Automotive Supply Styles & Company Earl Young Grading Co. Ben G. Floyd III Loy W. Morrow Holcombe Brothers Funeral Howard A. Haney Herschel Holcombe Milton Weiss J. O. Shepherd The Yancey Journal Richard B. Plumer Ruby Clayton Virginia W. Sasek Harold P. Cowan

Marion By Pass Discussed

North Carolina Transportation Secretary Troy A. Doby and Deputy Secretary Isabel Holmes today met with a delegation from McDowell County to discuss a proposed Marion Bypass in McDowell County. Meeting with the Transportation officials were Joe Kaylor, Dean Chrisawn, Johnny Freshour, J.B. Walker and Gilbert Hollifield.

The Secretary said, "We hope to move this project up from a proposed status to active consideration by the Board of Transportation in the very near future, possibly in October." The meeting was held in the Transportation Secretary's office.

Dean Chrisawn of Yancey County, candidate for State Representative from Yancey and McDowell Counties, has stated that the proposed Marion Bypass would benefit Yancey County as well as McDowell in that it would provide easier access to Charlotte, Hickory, and other Piedmont cities. The bypass will tie in Interstate 40, State Hwy. 221, Hwy. 226 and U.S. 70 traffic and channel this traffic around Marion.



Yancey Farmers Honored At Banquet

Some of Yancey's Tobacco Research Cooperators were honored at a banquet at the Holiday Inn in Asheville on Wednesday night, September 4. Pictured above with F. A. Toss, Tobacco Specialist from the N.C. State University are: Jim Adkins, Lawrence Grindstaff, Warren Westall, Luther Ayers and Leroy Silvers. These Yancey farmers and others working with the Extension Service to help solve tobacco problems were especially recognized for their outstanding efforts.

The Extension-Research On Wheels program is a mass cooperative effort involving cooperating growers, county extension agents, the commercial pesticide industry, tobacco manufacturers, research and extension specialists. This cooperative effort provides a close working relationship and improves effectiveness of both

research and extension activities. Each group is important for successful operation and is responsible for specific functions. For example, the county extension agent locates test sites and provides supervision. The cooperating grower produces the crop for the test located on his farm. Members of the commercial industry provide supporting funds, materials and valuable suggestions. Technicians assigned to the program assist with treatment application and the various tasks of obtaining information [crop response, disease development and performance]. The Extension specialist plans the program and provides the leadership for all activities. Other members of the team also provide valuable assistance in their specific area of activity.