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Asheville Youth

Arrested, Charged

A 17-year-old Asheville youth is in Yancey County jail charged with armed robbery. Sheriff Kermit Banks reported Thursday night, October Tenth.

Harry Eugene Godfrey was arrested and charged approximately 9:00 p.m. on October 10 on US 19E by Banks and Harold Bailey of the District Attorney's office.

Banks said Godfrey, of 1298 Old County Home Road, Asheville, is charged with the robbery at gunpoint of Rev. Burgess Shelton of Erwin, Tennessee on October 8.

Shelton told lawmen, Banks said, that he picked up Godfrey near Burnsville and had driven him toward Pensacola on NC 197. Allegedly Godfrey then pulled a gun on Rev. Shelton and forced him into an abandoned church at Concord near Pensacola. He

was robbed of \$22.00, a watch and a ring, and Shelton said he was then asked by Godfrey to lie down on the floor. Rev. Shelton said he resisted and Godfrey fled on foot dropping a .32 caliber revolver.

Godfrey was arrested after an intensive three-day search by the Sheriff's Department, Burnsville Police Department, the Highway Patrol and the State Bureau of Investigation.

Godfrey is being held in the Yancey County jail and his bond is set at \$20,000. A preliminary hearing is set for October 16 in District Court.

'Count The Children' Drive Set

The 1974 General Assembly of North Carolina ratified Senate Bill 1238, better known as the Equal Education Opportunities Act. This bill calls for equal educational opportunities for every child regardless of his handicap, no matter how severe it may be. And it calls for a census of "children with special needs" so that a plan for providing education and services can be drawn up.

In Yancey County, as in the other 99 counties of North Carolina a tremendously important "Registration census" is being conducted. This is a joint effort by the Department of Human Resources, the Department of Public Instruction and PPHC (Parents and Professionals for Handicapped Children). The census, aimed at counting all children in the state, county by county, who have special needs. Then plans can be drawn up at state level for providing the educational services needed.

Marilyn Kunzweiler of the Yancey County Department of Social Services has stated emphatically that "The registration is not a threat to any satisfactory program for children with special needs that is already in existence." She added that it is not "an effort to take a child from a situation in which he is developing and place him in a school or program where his needs will not be met." But Miss Kunzweiler stressed that it is an open, straightforward effort by parents, the

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Trout Booth At Fair

The Southern Appalachian Trout Growers Association will sponsor a booth at the North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh October 18 through 26. H. W. Higgins of Pensacola and L. G. Troxell of White Oak Creek, members of the association, will be in charge of this portion of the Food Section at the Fair and will serve smoked and deep fried trout filet dinners. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hicks will also be helping.

Mr. and Mrs. Troxell's sons are in charge of filleting the fish: Chris, Raymond, Tim and Andy.

Higgins said a variety of posters and pictures of Western North Carolina will be used in the booth to further advertise the mountain region.

The SATGA has a membership of 80 throughout WNC and neighboring trout-producing states.

UF Adds

Names To Honor Roll

The mercury on the United Way thermometers standing on the Burnsville square now stands well above the \$6,000 mark. According to campaign co-chairmen Virginia Boone, Romie Burns and David McIntosh things are going well in this, the twentieth annual community fund raising drive. They give credit both to the efforts of the many volunteer workers who are conducting the drive, and to the generous spirit displayed this year by contributors.

The two handsome signs on the town square carrying the United Fund thermometer were contributed by the Trades and Industry Department of the Cane River High School. The professional quality of these signs, which would be a credit to any commercial sign painter, is what Yancey County citizens have learned to associate with all the student work turned out by this school department.

Additional names have been added to the United Fund Honor Roll, shown below:

UF SPONSORS
(Contributors of \$500 or more)
Mohasco Mill
Mr. and Mrs. Mack B. Ray
Dr. Garland Wampler

UF PATRONS
(Contributors of \$200 to \$500)
Drs. David and Carolyn Cort
Bob Helme

Maxwell Home Furnishings
Northwestern Bank
Pollard's Drug Store
Dr. Fergus Pope
Styles & Co. & Styles Auto Supply

CENTURY CLUB
(Contributors of \$100 to \$200)
Burnsville Furn. & Hardware
Edward L. Greer
Johnson & Company
Hazen Ledford
Riddle Fuel Oil Company
Yancey Builders Supply

Glenn A. Morris (State Representative for Yancey County)
Dover R. Fouts

Notice

There will be a power interruption, weather permitting, on Sunday, October 20, 1974, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:40 a.m. which will affect the following areas: Burnsville, Cane River, Bald Creek, Pensacola. This interruption is necessary for maintenance work in the Burnsville Sub-Station.



Homemakers Tour Homes

More than fifty Yancey County Homemakers enjoyed a Home Furnishings Tour on Tuesday, October 8, right here in their own area. Homes visited included those made of logs in Byrd's Rhododendron Park, where the homemakers observed site selection and style of architecture. The Hazlett's retirement home, a rustic and modest home with bright colors and clever storage ideas, was seen on the tour. Also the Newell Oaks home in White Oak Creek--a new brick home designed for easy movement throughout the living areas--was observed and appreciated. The John Alessi residence in Celo was furnished with an outstanding collection of antique furniture in oak. In the Seven Mile Ridge section, the homemakers visited the elegant brick home of the Lawrence Kellys, who have taken full advantage of Yancey County's scenery with windows galore, and who included an art gallery in the interior. The Vandecar's reconstructed log house gave the visitors an opportunity to hear interesting history of original log buildings and the A-Frame home of the Warners showed a very attractive landscape planned for a sloping hillside. All in all, the homemakers had an enjoyable and informative-filled day. Pictured above are the homemakers observing a log home in Byrd's Rhododendron Park and on the deck of the Warner's A-Frame in White Oak Creek.



'Miss 7-Up' Visits Kindergarten

Micaville's Kindergarten had an unusual visitor on Thursday, October 10. "7-Up," a pet nanny goat belonging to Tanya and Todd Robinson, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Ronnie Robinson of Newdale, came to visit. She got her name from the white marking on her head. The kindergartners thoroughly enjoyed "7-Up's" visit.

Explosion And Fire Are Fatal To Yancey Youth

A 15-year-old Yancey County boy was fatally burned in a house fire in the Brush Creek section on Thursday morning, October 10.

The death of Michael Riddle, a 10th grade student at Cane River High School, came only about seven hours after his father, Clyde Riddle, had suffered a heart attack. Mrs. Riddle accompanied Mr. Riddle to Oteen VA Hospital where he was admitted for treatment and they were there when the fire broke out.

Thomas Storie, assistant chief of the Burnsville Volunteer Fire Department, said the fire started about 9:30 a.m. in the living room wood stove where Michael had apparently used some type of



Mike Riddle

fuel that exploded and engulfed the room in flames. The boy apparently tried to escape through the kitchen. Storie said the body was found in that area after the fire was contained.

The six-room, one story

Autograph Party At Country Store

An Autograph Party is "happening" at the Yancey County Country Store on Saturday, October 19 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

According to Capt. and Mrs. G. A. Downing, proprietors of the Country Store, no less than eight authors will be here for their "happening" to meet the people, and to discuss and autograph copies of their books.

Included in this special literary group will be Drs. Ina Van Noppen and John Van Noppen, authors of "Western North Carolina Since the Civil War" which has been hailed as "a proud, positive history of a proud and independent people..." The Van Noppens spent eight years of research in writing this book, which includes fine old prints and tintypes from early journals in its illustrations.

The Cooperative has endeavored to furnish power to its consumers at the lowest possible cost, and even with this increase the electrical service provided by French Broad EMC will be less than the average power cost in the surrounding areas.

John Beecher, well known poet who has been acclaimed as "an authentic American folk hero," by the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, and an "American Master, the best poet the South has ever produced," by the Louisville Courier-Journal And Times

News From Democrats

Last Thursday night, October 10, 1974, the Young Democrats of Yancey County sponsored a "Meet the Candidates Rally" at the Yancey County Democratic Headquarters. Guest speakers were the Democratic candidates of Yancey County.

Speaking to a crowd of approximately 200 people, Lamar Gudger, I. C. Crawford, and Glen Morris asked the Democrats of this county for their support in the November election. Speaking also were the party's local candidates who urged Democrats to vote in this coming election.

Free cake and coffee were served.

The next Young Democrat meeting is Monday, October 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Democratic Headquarters. Also slated for Monday, October 21 at 7:30 in the Democratic Headquarters is a Burnsville Township meeting for all interested Democrats. It will coincide with the Young Democrats meeting.

Mrs. Bonnie Shook, a veteran of 40 years teaching, Haywood County, was named top teacher.

Mrs. Nancy Coward of Jackson County, and Mrs. Thelma Wallin of Buncombe County also received recognition.

Selection was made from entries in seventeen Western North Carolina school units.