

Bald Creek Festival Winners

The Bald Creek Elementary School and PTA had its Third Annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m. A large number of people attended and the festival was considered a success.

Judges for the costume and talent contests were Mrs. Jerry Storie, Mrs. Linda Edge and Mr. James Byrd. Winners of these events were as follows:

Contest-Della Sue Metcalf

Talent Contest-First Place went to Stephanie Horton; Second Place was won by Chester Crain; an Instrument Group composed of Patricia Banks, Robbie Morrow, Russell Robertson and Marty Phillips won Third Place; and Charles and Jayne Shepherd won Honorable Mention.

The King and Queen Contest was divided into two levels: Kindergarten through Third Grade and Fourth through Eight Grades. Michelle Ponder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ponder was chosen Queen in the First Division. A Kindergartener, Michelle's escort was the new King of the Harvest, Frankie Chandler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chandler, who was also a Kindergartener.

Lisa McCurry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woody Barger was Queen in the older group. She is in the Sixth Grade. Nathan Crain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fonzie Crain, was Harvest King, also from

the Sixth Grade.

Congratulations to the winners were extended by everyone, and sponsors of the festival wish to thank all those persons who helped to make it a fine success.

Merchants who contributed food or door prizes to the Bald Creek School include Bruce Laws for RC Company,

Second Win Of Season:

Panthers Defeat Mountaineers

The East Yancey Panthers hosted the Northwest Ashe Mountaineers Friday night at the Panther field and defeated them by a score of 19-12. After a scoreless first quarter Flanker Johnny Miller ran a reverse for 31 yards and a touchdown. Jeff Bailey kicked the extra point to give the Panthers a 7-0 lead.

In the second quarter Northwest came right back, however, intercepting a Gary Winters pass and ran it in from 35 yards out. The try for extra point failed, giving the Panthers a 7-6 halftime lead.

Late in the third quarter Gordon Silvers dropped on a Northwest fumble on Northwest's 1 footline and Quarterback Gary Winters sneaked it over. The extra point attempt failed and the Panthers held a 13-6 lead.

The Panther Defense, playing their best game of the year, held Northwest to a total of 9 yards rushing for the night. After Northwest failed to move the ball, East Yancey took over and when their drive stalled attempted a 35-yd field goal. The attempt was no good and Northwest took over.

East Yancey's Defense again held the Mountaineers and the Panthers, behind the running of Dennis Anders and Burl Huskins, marched down the field and scored with Anders scoring from 12 yards out to give the Panthers a 19-6 lead with 55 seconds left in the game. Anders and Huskins both ran the ball well with Anders gaining 126 yards and

Wesley McCurry for Waldensian Bakeries, Burnsville Super Market, Bi-Lo, Ingles, Valley View Shell, Wilkie Randolph Service Station, Dover Shell, L. B. Smith's Texaco, Johnson & Co., Bailey and Phillips Dry Wall, Proffitt's Store, 76 Service Station of Swiss, Ben Frank-

lin, Thread & Needle, Liberty Cash & Carry, Yancey Builders, Carolina Tire, Edwards Variety, Pollards Drug, Ruby's Flower & Gift, Town & Country Shoe Store, Banks Flower & Gift, Ray Brothers, Sears, Ginny Lisa, David's Ltd., Anglin & Westall, Maxwell Home Furnishings,

Blue Ridge Hardware, Burnsville Furn. & Hardware, Roberts-Corn Chevrolet, Joe Young Ford, True Value Hardware, Glen Raven, Yancey Journal, Yancey Barber & Styling Shop, C.C. Canipe with Burnsville Drive-In, Yancey Theater, Hilltop Restaurant, Ruby's Flowers by Vance.

Huskins 115. Northwest scored with 48 seconds left and attempted an onside kick which failed and the Panthers ran out the clock to preserve

their second win of the season against 7 losses.

The Panthers finish out their season at home next week against West Wilkes.

Game time has been moved up to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is urged to attend as this will be Parents Night for the players and their parents.

Pilgrims Missed The First Thanksgiving

Who celebrated the first Thanksgiving in America? It was not the Pilgrims but English settlers in Virginia more than a year before the Pilgrims set foot on Massachusetts' famous rock.

America's first Thanksgiving was celebrated at the site of Berkeley Plantation on the north bank of the James River—an obscured fact acknowledged by former Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson during their terms of office.

History records that on December 4, 1619, 39 settlers including Capt. John Woodleaf stepped from their small ship "Margaret" onto Virginia soil not far from what is now Richmond, the capital city. On that same day, the weary settlers completed instructions from the London Company which read, "Wee ordaine the day of our ships arrival at the place assigned for plantacon in the land of Virginia shall be yearly and perpetually kept holy as a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God."

That first Thanksgiving ceremony is re-enacted annually at the Berkeley Plantation, a magnificent Georgian mansion and working farm built in 1726 by the Harrison family which produced two Presidents. This year, the re-enactment will be held November 3, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets include the commemoration, colorful festivities and plantation tour.

As if to prepare herself for the historic occasion and season of thanksgiving, Virginia already is beginning to paint the state's Blue Ridge Mountains and Shenandoah



Settlers celebrate America's first Thanksgiving at Berkeley Plantation, Virginia.

Valley with striking shades of Fall colors for visitors to enjoy. Spurred by crisp Autumn breezes, the colorful process will reach its peak by late October as leaves turn to spectacular clusters of reds, oranges and yellows from the mountains to the Tidewater region.

Last year, millions of visitors enjoyed Virginia's exciting attractions, natural wonders and recreational pleasures. In addition to Berkeley, there are dozens of exquisite colonial homes and plantations including George Washington's Mount Vernon near historic Alexandria and Thomas Jefferson's home Monticello in Charlottesville. Famous attractions such as Jamestown and Colonial Williamsburg stand as brilliant

examples of fastidious restoration efforts which provide family entertainment and enlighten historical perspective.

Adding inspiration to the upcoming Bicentennial Celebration Virginia welcomes visitors to noted battlefields such as New Market and Yorktown. Providing further depth to the state's many recreational and entertainment facilities are beautiful Busch Gardens Visitor Center near Williamsburg and exciting Kings Dominion-Lion Country Safari outside of Richmond.

For more information on Virginia's vacation opportunities, write or call Virginia State Travel Service, Room A, 6 North Sixth Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219; (804) 777-4484.

Pre-Schoolers At Play Are Never Out Of Work

A case can be made that people 1½ through 5 have the best jobs around.

Think about it. No clocks to punch, no deadlines or performance standards to meet, no way to get fired. The youngest in that age bracket are too cute to be held to account; the oldest are almost as well fixed with the demands of first-grade school still to come; and all of them, the youngest and the oldest, can spend most of their waking hours at playtime occupations and jobs.

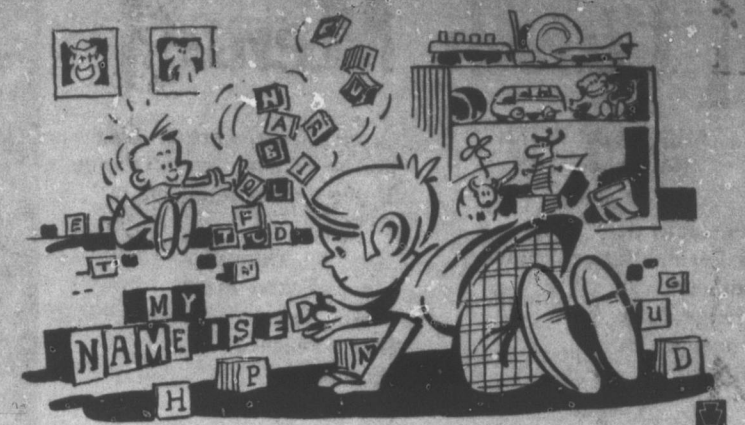
"Jobs? You gotta be kidding."

Nope, no kidding, because as any observant mother can tell you, and as child-development experts will confirm, kids at play, especially the 1½-5-year-olds, are seriously engaged in the work of their choice with the tools of their trade.

The "tools," of course, as you might guess, are toys, and about \$500 million worth are bought every year to insure that some 15 million toddlers and pre-schoolers are well equipped for their enjoyable, often educational daily labors.

That kind of sales popularity, according to the trade association, Toy Manufacturers of America, stems from the essential appeal of the toys and from the high visibility they have for the adult shopper, since most of the items have been on the scene for generations.

They're almost always made of wood or plastic; they're simply designed and brightly colored; they're easy for small



hands to manipulate and play (work) with; and they tie in cleverly with the strong impulses of the very young to experiment, imitate and pretend.

Alphabet blocks fit that last description particularly well: The toddler of 1½ builds and topples towers; the pre-schooler of 4 or 5 makes letter arrangements.

Blocks in general, of course, whether they be plain or illustrated cubes, or cylinders, or other geometric shapes, are classic pre-school toys, along with:

Push and pull toys, with satisfying noise built in; conventional-face or funny-face clocks; talk-back phones; squeeze toys; small roly polys that bounce back up when smacked down; semi-realistic cars, trucks, boats and planes; train sets (child-powered); stacking or nesting toys (rings, open-top boxes, cups and discs); take-apart toys; inlay

puzzles with about a dozen pieces; peg-and-hammer pounding boards; elementary construction sets; counting frames or abacuses; jack-in-the-boxes; character banks; and figure-and-building sets (like farms, firehouses, schools, and airports).

Side by side with these familiar and traditional playthings in the pre-school section of today's toy departments are some that invite "What will they think of next?" comments.

A few apply the principle of programming, so that the right action (such as turning a lever correctly) brings the desired result (the pop-up of a cartoon character), for example. Others link pictures and sounds to words. Turn the dial to COW, see Bossy's picture, pull the string and hear... "M-o-o-o."

Laugh and learn, with every day a holiday. Those kids really have it made.

Burnsville School Needs 'Elephants'

Burnsville Elementary School will hold its annual Harvest Festival on Friday, November 15, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50c for students and children.

The classes and students will perform in a Variety Show, exhibiting their talents for your entertainment.

Besides the entertainment there will be games, food, fortune tellers and a "White Elephant" Sale. (As white elephants are rather difficult to handle, eat too much, require extensive space for display, etc. we are seeking a different type of article.)

Seriously, anyone who wishes to donate usable, workable articles to our school effort please contact Mrs. Marjorie Carr. If you don't need it or can't use it, our type of "white elephants" might just be what someone else can use.

"Many hands make light work" so planners and workers for the Harvest Festival will be glad to have any help whether your child or children attend Burnsville Elementary or not. They emphasize that it is a good occasion to join in a community project, enjoy the effort put forth by the students and teachers, and just be neighborly. They welcome your support.

East Yancey Player Of The Week

Marty Johnson has been chosen as East Yancey's Player of the Week for his performance against Northwest Ashe Friday night. Marty was a standout on defense making numerous tackles and intercepting two key passes.

Marty is a junior linebacker and continued to play exceptional football although he was playing with an injury.

Other players to be cited for their Friday night performance are Dennis Anders and Burl Huskins, both of whom gained over 100 yards rushing and Gordon Silvers who played fine defense and set up East Yancey's second touchdown with a fumble recovery on the 1-foot-line.

East Yancey is proud of these fine football players.

Youthful Runaways Increase

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The number of North Carolina children running away from their homes to other states has increased by 196 percent since 1971. Most of these ran to Florida.

During fiscal year 1973-74, there were 220 runaway children under 18 years of age returned to North Carolina from other states. At the same time this state returned 198 children to other states.

These figures, however, only represent those cases receiving services through the Interstate Compact on Juveniles.

All 50 states and the District of Columbia now are members of the Interstate Compact on Juveniles. Under provisions of the compact services are provided to non-delinquent runaways, delinquent runaways, juveniles on probation, and juveniles on conditional releases or parole.

Because of variations in state laws, a person who is a juvenile in one state may not be so considered in another. The compact meets this problem by applying the law of the state from which the juvenile originally comes. If he is a juvenile under its law, he is a juvenile to all compact member states.

The formal or informal method may be used to return a runaway youth. The informal method of return is used when the runaway is willing to return to his state of residence. With the informal method the juvenile may show his responsibility in making a decision by signing a consent for voluntary return. The formal method of return involves the issuance of a formal requisition through the juvenile court. This method is used when the runaway refuses to return.

North Carolina assumes the costs of its runaways if the parent or legal custodian is financially unable to reimburse all or part of the cost of transportation.

Parents of runaway children needing help should contact the juvenile court in the county where they live.

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