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Chamber Drive For Town Facelift

The Yancey County Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the facelift of the Burnsville town square, are pushing that project to completion as rapidly as weather permits. Contributing to the rejuvenation of the downtown area, the contractors undertaking the renovation of the old courthouse have moved in to start on that major town improvement.

At the same time the remodeling of the old bank building for housing the Yancey County Library on the square is getting underway. With the completion of these three outstanding improvements, Burnsville will be given an exciting new look.

At the November meeting of the board of the Chamber

of Commerce, it was voted unanimously to push ahead with the facelift, even though the financing of the project has not as yet been completely provided for. At this meeting Mayor Anglin announced that the Town is increasing its contribution by \$1,000 from the previously committed \$5,000.

The Chamber is undertaking a major drive to complete the financing, and as a first step is sending to all Chamber members an appeal for support. The Journal is reproducing the letter elsewhere in this issue as it includes information about the project and because contributions are hopefully expected from readers who are not presently members of the Chamber.

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Dear Chamber of Commerce Member:

When the "facelift" of the Burnsville square is completed, together with the renovation, now in progress, of the old courthouse and the building to house the county library, Yancey County will have a truly outstanding county seat. Burnsville cannot fail to be recognized as the most attractive small town in western North Carolina.

These improvements will benefit the entire county, stimulating business generally and tourism in particular. They will enhance property values and make the county more attractive for the location of new industry. All this in addition to providing us a better place in which to live.

Your Chamber of Commerce is proud of its role in having "spark-plugged" the facelift—an effort that has extended over three years. Now, on the home stretch, we are engaged in the job of raising the funds urgently needed to complete the project. Both the town and county governments are helping, but because of their undertakings—the new high school and the renovation of the old courthouse and library—their ability to contribute is severely limited.

Generous support has already been given: the Town of Burnsville has contributed \$6,000 and the County \$2,500; the French Broad Electric and Westco have cooperated wonderfully, incurring heavy expense in placing their cables underground; and numerous businesses and individuals have already contributed. Noteworthy, is the fact that the county's summer residents have been outstanding in their generosity. But considerably more money is needed; so your Chamber is sending out this appeal to its members.

Contributing to the facelift is consistent with the long history of the Burnsville square, which was originally a donation to the county by John [Yellowjacket] Bailey. The descendants of Otway Burns donated the handsome monument to their illustrious ancestor. And all through the years individuals and community clubs have contributed to the planting and other maintenance of the square.

We are fortunate to have the fine square; so let's maintain the tradition of contributing to its improvement. Checks for the project, payable to the Chamber, are tax deductible.

YANCEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Community Thanksgiving Service Is Planned

The annual Community Thanksgiving Service is set for Wednesday evening, November 27, 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Burnsville. Rev. Richard Muri will present a sermon on "The Spirit Of Gratitude".

Assisting with the program, in addition to Rev. Muri, are Rev. Pat Hardy, Rev. Ralph Jecks, Rev. Don Sides, and Father Michael Hoban. Charlie Boone will direct combined choirs from

the Burnsville churches and Mrs. Sue Koch will direct congregational singing.

Make your plans now to begin this holiday by attending this special service.

Burnsville Festival On Friday

The Harvest Festival at Burnsville Elementary, which was postponed last Friday due to snow, has been rescheduled for this coming Friday,

November 22. Plan to attend and bring a friend. Two highlights of the Festival are the White Elephant Sale and Baked Goods Sale, both of which follow the performances by students.

Remember! The Burnsville Elementary School Harvest Festival on Friday, November 22 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Spaghetti Supper Set

On Saturday, November 22, South Toe School will have a Spaghetti Supper. Everyone is invited to come. The proceeds will be for new library books. The price per plate is \$1.50, (75¢ for preschoolers). The plate will have spaghetti, green beans, cole slaw, homemade hot rolls, dessert, coffee and tea. Serving time will be from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.



Eagle Scouts Donny Laws, Tim Thompson, Jeff Harding With Dr. Evans

Four Boys With Eagle Rank:

Yancey Scouts Honored

Scouts, cubs, explorers, parents and other scout enthusiasts from throughout the Toe River Valley District came to Lees-McRae College campus Saturday for the annual Scout Day and Leadership Recognition Dinner. The Toe River Valley District of boy scouting has currently 20 active scout units and includes Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties.

A full day of activities had been planned with scouts and families attending the Lees-McRae College-Potomac State football game, cubs competing in the Pinewood Derby with their homemade racing cars, scouts and explorers being introduced to Philmont Explorer Ranch in New Mexico where many of them plan to camp this next summer, and the many

activities of the Banquet.

A sumptuous feast of hot dogs and hamburgers and trimmings had been prepared in the MacDonald Cafeteria of Lees-McRae with plenty of seconds.

Highlight of the evening was the recognition of the four Eagle Scouts of Troop 502, Burnsville, Johnny McLain, Scoutmaster. This outstanding troop is sponsored by the Burnsville Methodist and Baptist Churches.

The newly elected District Chairman for 1975, Dr. Garland E. Wampler was introduced by Mr. Mike Griffin, an active scouter of the District. Dr. Wampler succeeds H.C. Evans, Jr., President of Lees McRae College, who has served as Boy Scout District Chairman of the Toe River Valley

District for the past two years.

As a youth he was active in the Boy Scouts in High Point, N.C. and earned the Bronze, Gold and Silver Palms following the Eagle Rank. Also he was awarded the God and Country Award in the year 1948 at Calvary Methodist Church in High Point. Presently he continues to be active as Troop Committee Chairman in the local Boy Scout Troop 502.

Dr. Wampler said in part: "I want to commend each person for the work you are doing in scouting. As we ponder, what is the purpose of Boy Scouts and find its purpose to be promoting through cooperation and thru other agencies the abilities of boys to do things for themselves and for others; to teach them patriotism, cour-

age, self reliance and kindred virtues. In achieving this purpose, emphasis is placed upon its educational program in the scout oath, promise and law, in character development, citizenship training, mental and physical fitness." Dr. Wampler congratulated the 1974 District leadership and promised hard work for scouting in 1975.

Prescott Is Controller At Asheville Federal

William O. Prescott has joined Asheville Federal Savings as controller, according to an announcement made by James M. Westall, president.

Prior to joining Asheville Federal Savings, Prescott was with Burroughs Corporation for 19 years, most recently as selected account representative. Since 1969, Prescott has been with Burroughs' Asheville office.

Prescott is a 1954 graduate of Georgia State University in business administration.

He is married to the former Mary Mann of Con-

verse, Georgia, a teacher at T.C. Roberson High School. The couple has three children, Mary Margaret, a student at Asheville Country Day; Pat, a student at Randolph-Macon College; and Neal, who lives in Richmond, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Prescott and daughter Mary Margaret reside in Asheville.

Prescott assumed duties as controller of Asheville Federal Savings on November 18.

Asheville Federal Savings, established in 1936, has offices in Mars Hill, Black Mountain and Asheville.



William Prescott

Yancey Theatre To Feature Family Films For Holiday

To get in the spirit of the Holiday Season, Ben Mandala of the Yancey Theater on Main Street, Burnsville has placed emphasis on family entertainment. Coming up for Thanksgiving, beginning Wednesday, November 27, Mr. Mandala has a picture the whole family can enjoy. A Walt Disney double feature "The Bears & I" will be running with the hilarious comedy "The Shaggy Dog", starring Fred McMurray.

Management of Yancey Theater feels that Thanksgiving is a time parents and children can share together and get together. And with this in mind, they offer an evening of relaxation for parents and children alike.

Mr. Mandala, theater manager, announced the cessation of Saturday Matinees, giving as his reason lack of parental support. "Westerns, comedies and serials I felt could have kept the children content while mothers did

grocery shopping, etc." he said. He is still contemplating Saturday matinees and would be happy to hear from parents if they have comments or suggestions to offer.

Mandala would also like to hear from people concerning the policy he has been trying to follow of showing mostly "family" movies. "I want to show what most Yancey Countians will come to see," he stated. But your support is needed for the continuation of this type of entertainment."

Cort Opens Practice In Area



Dr. David Cort

Dr. David Cort has recently joined the Spruce Pine Community Hospital Medical Staff. He has set up practice in Spruce Pine with Dr. David Larson, on Hospital Drive. Dr. Cort is an internal medicine specialist, having completed a two year residency in Internal Medicine at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, in 1974.

Dr. Cort was born in Washington, D.C. but has made his home in Asheville since 1955. He is a graduate of A.C. Reynolds High, 1962. He received his A.A. degree from Brevard College and his B.S. at Wheaton College. In 1970 Dr. Cort received his M.D. at Bowman Gray School of Medicine, doing his Internal Medicine internship, residency in pediatrics and OB-GYN at N.C. Baptist Hospital, Winston Salem; then went on to MCV for his residency.

During his high school and college years Dr. Cort participated in varsity basketball and baseball. He met and married his wife, Carolyn, during their medical training. Mrs. Cort is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Ray of Burnsville and she will begin a pediatric practice in Burnsville within the next few weeks. They have one daughter, 15-months old.

Dr. Cort is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, the National Board of Medical Examiners, and a

member of the Christian Medical Society.

Beside his practice, Dr. Cort will participate as one of the part time physicians with the Rural Health Clinic in Bakersville.

Dr. Cort states that all through school his intention was to settle in the mountains of Western North Carolina, "this is the best place in the world", he thinks. Here he will find ample facilities for his favorite hobbies of hunting, fishing, horseback riding and hiking.

The Doctors Cort have been welcomed to this area with appreciation for their decision to set up their practice and raise their family here.

VA Office To Close

The Veterans Office will be closed November 25 through 29.



"Blithe Spirit" Set For Saturday

Good theatrical entertainment is in store for those who attend the performance of "Blithe Spirit", by Noel Coward on Saturday, November 23 at 8:00 p.m. at Micaville Elementary School. The cast is working ardently to do justice to this delightful comedy, under the capable direction of Mrs. Jack Kelly. The theme of the play revolves around the disruptive entry of a deceased wife's mischievous spirit into the life of a comfortably remarried man. The formerly placid household encounters many changes and hilarious and surprising events ensue. Pictured above is the cast of "Blithe Spirit" in rehearsal: Phyllis Downing (on the floor), and left to right, Ronnie Webb, Betty Bacon, Iva Nell Buckner, Dean Hlcks, Theresa Coletta and Alden Hansen.

The new library will benefit from proceeds of the play. Tickets are obtainable at local stores or at the door—\$2.00 for adults; \$1.00 for pre-high school age children.