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Football League Honored

The committee of Mrs. Sam Styles, Mrs. Larry Howell, Mrs. Johnny McLain and Mrs. J. C. Banks put together a well-attended tribute to the Burnsville Tigers. A dinner for the Burnsville Little League Football team was provided by the parents and served by Acteens of the First Baptist Church, Burnsville.

At the team table each player found a miniature football player with his own face peering out of the helmet and his number on the jersey.

The cheerleaders had a table to themselves also, and the noise level from both tables indicated that both team and fans enjoyed themselves.

Rev. Patrick Hardy gave the invocation and Larry Howell introduced the evening's speaker, Joe Kruk, coach at East Yancey High School. Trophies were presented by Coaches Howell, Zullinger and Chereshkoff. The trophies went to Steve Penland, outstanding quarterback; Charlie Brown, outstanding halfback; Curtis Young, outstanding halfback; Ricky Tipton, outstanding end; Melvin Hensley, outstanding end; and Ricky Styles, outstanding guard.

It was noted that the team was "in the red" financially and any contributions to them will be greatly appreciated.

Sales Tax Collection Reported

Local 1% Sales and Use Tax collections were reported for the month of October, 1974 by the North Carolina Department of Revenue in Raleigh. The report is issued monthly and shows collections by each county.

Yancey County collected \$16,990.81 during October, which compares with just over \$20,000 collected by Mitchell County for the same month. Yancey's collection exceeded that of Madison County which amounted to \$15,606 for the same period and also exceeded the amount of \$16,265 collected by Avery County.

The quarterly summary of County Sales and Use Tax collections for the quarter ending September 30, 1974, showed Yancey County topping Madison County by a substantial amount, but trailing Mitchell and Avery Counties by about \$14 to \$15 thousand dollars for the three months.



Hi - 60
TEMPERATURE
FROM THE
UPPER PORCH
YANCEY COUNTY
COUNTRY STORE
Hi - 70°
Low - 28°

With Gratitude for Freedom...
We Honor Our Forefathers on

THANKSGIVING



PILGRIMS LANDING AT PLYMOUTH ROCK, DEC. 21, 1620

Post Office Policy Announced; Christmas Mail Deadlines Set

Burnsville Postmaster Phillip Banks today reminded customers that effective Sunday, November 17, the U.S. Postal Service discontinued delivering mail on which there is no postage.

Postmaster Banks said the

new policy was instituted because of the high costs being incurred by the Postal Service in its attempt to deliver such mail. Officials estimate that such costs total approximately \$18 million annually.

In announcing the new policy last month, Postmaster General E.T. Klassen said, "it is unfair to burden the vast majority of mailers with costs created by the few who mail without prepayment of postage."

MAIL TO BE RETURNED

After November 17, letters mailed without postage will be returned to sender if there is a return address, or to the dead letter office, instead of being delivered to the address as postage due mail as has been the custom. Postal officials will attempt to find the sender of unpaid mail and return it for a slight fee, if there is no return address.

MAILING DEADLINES

Postmaster Banks also announced suggested mailing dates for Christmas cards, letters and parcels. "We at the Burnsville Post Office can help make your holidays happier with your cooperation in mailing early and often and following wise mailing practices," he said. "This in turn will help us speed our work."

"Naturally we realize that someone could inadvertently forget to put a stamp on a letter or that a stamp could come off prior to cancellation, so we urge mailers to be sure to include a correct return address on their mail," Postmaster Banks said. December 10 is the sug-

gested mailing date for surface parcels; December 15 for cards and letters; and December 21 for air parcels. These dates should be observed, according to Banks, to be sure of the article reaching its destination in time for Christmas.

USE ZIP CODES

"We also would appreciate your careful attention to a few other points such as using ZIP Codes in addresses. It would help us tremendously

Loan For Yancey Is Approved

Congressman Roy A. Taylor announced Wednesday that the Farmers Home Administration has approved a loan of \$1,500,000 under the Rural Development program to Yancey County to build a vocational training center and high school.

Other participation for the development will be provided through funds from the State of North Carolina in the amount of \$1,141,200; the Appalachian Regional Commission in the amount of \$390,000 and \$1,238,200 from the applicant. The loan is to be repaid in 31 years at an interest rate of five percent.

Thanksgiving Service Nov. 27

Churches Unite In Annual Service

BY REV. RICHARD MURI

Approximately 350 years ago a small ship, the Mayflower, came in sight of land. It was the land of the New World. It was the land that promised new freedom to live and worship God as one's conscience dictated. It was our land that they came to.

The passengers on board were Puritans, a group of left wing protestant reformers. They were Pilgrims with a vision of making a "nation under God". They dreamed of a nation where people could worship God as He lead, without the threat of persecution. We have realized their dream.

The Pilgrims were courageous people. The land was cruel that first winter, yet they would not abandon their cause and go home. They were people of faith. A pilgrim would never say, "We made it through that terrible winter." Instead, he would state, "God brought us through!" They were people with grateful hearts.

Thanksgiving Day is a tradition that dates back to that first Fall in 1621 when the Pilgrims gathered together in a public service of thanksgiving and gave thanks to God for His love, His protection and the bountiful harvest He provided.

We, like those Pilgrims of old, have much to be thankful for. The Burnsville City churches are giving everyone an opportunity to gather together in a public service of thanksgiving-to worship and give thanks to God for His goodness to us. The annual Community Thanksgiving Service is set for Wednesday evening, November 27, at 7:30 p.m. It will be held at the Burnsville First Presbyterian Church, and a sermon on "The Spirit of Gratitude" will be presented by Rev. Muri, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Burnsville.

Assisting with the thanksgiving service will be Rev. Patrick Hardy, pastor of First Presbyterian Church; Rev. Ralph Jacks, former pastor Higgins Memorial United

Methodist Church; Rev. Don Sides, pastor Higgins Methodist Church and Father Michael Hoban, Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Charlie Boone, Minister of Music at First Baptist Church will direct combined choirs from the Burnsville churches, and Mrs. Sue Koch, Choir Director at Higgins Methodist Church will direct congregational singing.

This will be a truly ecumenical service. Everyone in Burnsville and throughout the county is invited to attend. Make your plans now to begin the Thanksgiving holiday in this traditional and reverent way.

Four Men Wounded In Fight

Four Yancey County men were wounded last Saturday, November 23, at approximately 4:00 p.m. in a disagreement which ended with the use of shotguns. The incident occurred in the Jacks Creek section of the county.

State Highway Patrol Trooper J. P. Norton and Chief Deputy Sheriff Erwin Higgins were called to the scene at approximately 7:30 p.m. They arrested Ray Bailey, age 65, of Route 1, Burnsville, and charged him with four counts of "Assault With a Deadly Weapon".

Lloyd Silvers, Turner Silvers, Ralph Blevins and Larry Silvers, three of whom were wounded by shotgun, pressed the charges. The wounded men were treated and released at Yancey Hospital.

Bailey had also been wounded by shotgun blast and was taken to Spruce Pine Community Hospital for surgery.

Bailey posted bond which was set at \$2,400 and a hearing is set in District court for December 4.

According to Sheriff Kermit Banks, investigation into the incident is continuing.

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Yancey Homemaker Tours Washington

The Yancey County Extension Homemakers Association recently sent their incoming County International Relations Chairman, Mrs. Ralph Jacks, on a Study Tour to Washington and New York City. Ninety-two delegates from various counties of North Carolina participated in the tour. The theme was "World Trade and its effect upon the decisions of the Homemaker in the Market Place." According to Mrs. Jacks, the trip proved to be exciting as well as educational with last minute changes being made constantly due to events happening in Washington and New York such as the bombing of the Pan American Building the day before and the arrival of Arafat in Washington. Speeches were given by the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Dr. Clayton Yentler, Mr. Green of Australia for FAO, and Mr. Sidney Schacter, Deputy Director of the World Trade Institute. Mrs. Jacks extended her appreciation to all Yancey County Homemakers who helped to make this trip possible. Pictured above, Mrs. Jacks [center] displays miniature United Nations and American flags.