

Double Features
 Wed-Fri-Sat. Nov. 27, 29, 30
 Sun-Mon-Tues. Dec. 1, 2, 3
 7:00
 Closed Thanksgiving Day

The Bears And I

Plus The Shaggy Dog

Paul And Michelle

Yancey Theatre
 Burnsville, N.C.

Postal Service Policies

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 State" and "Out of State" deliveries. And don't forget to use strong packaging materials when wrapping those Christmas parcels for mailing," added Banks.

CHRISTMAS STAMPS
 Two 10-cent traditional Christmas postage stamps are presently on sale at the Burnsville Post Office.

This year's Christmas Masterpiece stamp is based upon a detail from "The Perussis Altarpiece," a large oil painting which hangs in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Designer of the stamp is Bradbury Thompson of Riverside, Connecticut.

The second Christmas stamp is taken from an 1853 lithographic print, "The Road-Winter," by the firm Currier and Ives.

The stamp was designed by Stevan Dohanos of Westport, Connecticut. The design shows a man and a woman in a horsedrawn sleigh moving through a wintry landscape.

Folk-Ways and Folk-Speech

of SOUTHERN APPALACHIA
 with Rogers Whitener

Several responses to a recent Folk-Ways column on water witching have come our way, one of the early letters from Dr. Rupert Von Fox of Morganton, N.C. He indicates that he is a firm believer in this ancient method of finding water. A portion of his letter follows:

"Your recent column on water witching caught my fancy as I have found many good wells with this method. I use the following method and it has never failed:

1. Any green forked stick will work.
2. Always walk North and South across the vein of water.
3. The water veins run east and west 35 feet to 40 feet apart.
4. These streams of water are not fed by surface action.
5. I have shown many people how it's done over the years.
6. The thumb and wrist action play a big part in operation.
7. It is not magic or myth-but I cannot explain it all.
8. The only myth is connected with the hokis pokis of some who put an air of magic about the whole thing, such as a special type of limb, standing a certain way, holding your breath, chanting, etc."

Another water witching

commentary comes by way of a student who discovered the information in a mid-nineteenth century publication called **The Long Lost Friend: a Collection of Mysterious and Invaluable Arts and Remedies** and in this account the divine origin of the witching power is clearly seen. It extends to the discovery of metals as well:

"On the first night of Christmas, between eleven and twelve o'clock, break off from any tree a young twig of one year's growth, at the same time repeating the three highest names (Father, Son and Holy Ghost) while facing towards the sunrise.

"Whenever you apply the wand in searching for anything, apply it three times. The twig must be forked, and each end of the fork must be held in one hand so that the third and thickest part of it stands up. Don't hold it too tight.

"Strike the ground with the thickest end. That which you desire will appear immediately if there is any in the ground where you strike.

"The words to be spoken when the wand is thus applied are as follows: Archangel Gabriel, I conjure thee in the name of God the Almighty to tell me: Is there any water here or not? Do tell me!"

Other letters bearing items on water witching were a trifle long for use in this



Huskins Receives Award

At half-time of East Yancey's final home game against West Wilkes, the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation presented to Burl Huskins a trophy for his sportsmanship and competitive drive during the 1974 football season.

Burl, a senior at East Yancey was selected by a vote from his teammates and coaching staff for his dedication to the team and sportsmanship to other teams.

Everyone is proud to have a young man of his caliber on the Panther team this year. Congratulations to a fine competitor.

Yancey UF Adds Names To Roll

The Yancey United Fund campaign, now in progress, is well past the \$12,000 mark toward reaching its 1974 goal of \$17,960.

A number of names have been added to the UF Honor Roll since the last publication of the list of the specially generous contributors.

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Health Council Meeting

The Blue Ridge Health Council will hold a full board quarterly meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 1974 at Beam's Restaurant, Highway 19E, Spruce Pine, North Carolina.

Mr. Milo Bishop, Director of Planning of the Regional Health Council, will be the featured speaker. Mr. Bishop will report on the Regional Health Council's Planning Progress.

The meeting will also include an Executive Committee report on action taken on the following projects: a) Yancey County Primary Care; b) Home Care Project for Region D; c) Blowing Rock Emergency Radio Communications; d) Wilkes General Hospital Nuclear Medicine Center.

The meeting is open to the public.

Creative Preschool Book, Toy Fair Set

The Creative Preschool of Spruce Pine will be holding a book and toy fair the first weekend in December. They will offer for sale a wide variety of books for children up to age 10. For adults they will have books on gardening, crafts, home repairs and other subjects.

The toy section will feature mountain toys made by Donald Renfro of Asheville who was a participant in the Burnsville Arts and Crafts Fair. Mr. Renfro makes wooden toys including hill-billy cars, fire engines, trains, dancing dolls, climbing bears, and boats.

The parents of creative preschool children include several craftsmen who will be contributing their work to be sold at the fair. Other craft items will also be available.

Proceeds of the event will be used to buy equipment for the school. The fair will open Friday, December 6 at 2:00 p.m. and run until 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. It will be held in the Creative Preschool section of the Trinity Episcopal Church.

Hunters Warned: Use Camps

Hunters in Yancey and Mitchell counties are advised to use designated hunt camps while camping on National Forest Lands during the upcoming deer hunting season.

There are three designated hunt camps in the South Toe area. They are Black Mountain Campground, the Camp Alice Trail Shelter on Mt. Mitchell and the Victor Tract located west of the Blue Ridge Parkway at the first road north of Buck Creek Gap on State Road 1165.

There are four hunt camps in the Flat Top Area: Flat Top House Site, Flat Top Hunt Camp, Spivey Gap Recreation Area, and Harmiller Gap. Access to all of these areas by U.S. 19W.

There are three hunt camps at Indian Grave Gap located north of Poplar on State Road 1323.

Hunters must camp in designated hunt camps. Failure to do so will result in a violation notice. This is for the protection of the hunter and the natural resources. All hunt camps are signed and maps may be obtained from any store where wildlife shields are displayed.

Mt. Wilderness Civil Air Patrol will meet every Monday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain Wilderness Office, Pensacola, N.C. Anyone interested in joining this group will be welcome to attend any Monday night meeting. All visitors are welcome.

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H. Miller Writes A Book

For more than half a century Harvey J. Miller has been writing the news and stories from Pigeon Roost, which is a little community in the hills of Mitchell County, N.C., from where his items have been picked up and carried in newspapers and magazines all over the United States.

He first began writing as a lad of about twelve for the Johnson City Tenn. Staff News which led on to a career of being a regular news correspondent for many different papers including the Watauga Democrat in Boone, and another weekly paper published in Burnsville. But now he only writes regularly for three different papers: The Mitchell Ledger in Bakersville, the Tri-County News, and Erwin Record in Tennessee.

His dream of getting a book printed is now about to be fulfilled, for a soft paperback edition of his book called "Pigeon Roost News" is scheduled to arrive December 11. It contains news and stories which were printed during the last 40 years, and also contains many pictures to illustrate what he is writing about.

The book is edited by Brooks Elliot Wigginton, the editor of Foxfire I and Foxfire II, which have already sold over a million copies.

Harvey's book, called **Pigeon Roost News** will make an appropriate Christmas present. If you would like an advance copy or copies of it, send \$3.35 to Harvey J. Miller, Route 1, Box 293, Green Mountain, N.C. 28740. This sum includes tax and postage.

Note Of Appreciation

We would like to express our thanks and sincere appreciation to the many people, churches and businesses for their gifts of money, food, clothing and household items given to us when our home and belongings were destroyed by fire on October 12.

We would also like to thank all the people who helped with the work of cleaning up and getting our mobile home set up so quickly for us to move into.

A special thanks to Wesley Tallent for providing us with a place to live during this time. We also thank the Burnsville Fire Department for their help.

Words cannot express our appreciation of the kindness shown by so many people.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller

Little Theatre Play Was Great Success

More than three hundred fifty people attended the highly successful production of "Blithe Spirit" which was presented by the Burnsville Little Theatre Group on Saturday night at Micaville Elementary School. This delightful comedy by Noel Coward proved to be a wise choice for the group's first play, bringing in approximately \$400 for the new library which is to benefit from the proceeds.

The frequent and spontaneous applause by an appreciative audience augured well for future performances as those who came to see this production will surely be awaiting the next one.

Teresa Coletta, Committee Coordinator, expressed her appreciation to the entire off-stage staff, and invited interested persons to join the Burnsville Little Theater Group.

"One act performances by members of the group are in the offing during the winter," said Miss Coletta. "These performances will be free and will hopefully stimulate interest in the Burnsville Little Theatre by members of the community. They will also help performers to develop acting skills at the same time."

According to Miss Coletta, another big play is planned for the spring of 1975.

Added To Red Cross Gallon Club

Recent additions to the Red Cross Gallon Club from Yancey County are as follows:

Duarad Robinson has qualified for membership in the "Three Gallon" group and Wayne E. Tipton has been elevated to the "Two Gallon" circle.

New members of the "One Gallon" group are Arthur T. Morrison, Kenneth Ray, Homer Robinson and Mrs. Dorothy C. Smith.

Congratulations are extended to each of these faithful blood donors.

The next visit to Burnsville by the Bloodmobile will be December 18, 1974. Red Cross workers and volunteers call this visit a "wonderful way to truly share the spirit of Christmas; giving a pint of blood to help others--and maybe yourself--to live."

Plan now to donate blood on December 18 and be assured of a happy Christmas.

Board Members Named

The Yancey County Heart Organization of the North Carolina Heart Association has announced its present Board of Directors: Hazen Ledford, President; Mrs. Phyllis Bailey, Fund-Raising Chairman; Mrs. Carmela Woodruff, Public Information Chairman; Mrs. Earl Young, Secretary and Miss Wanda Robertson, Treasurer.

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