

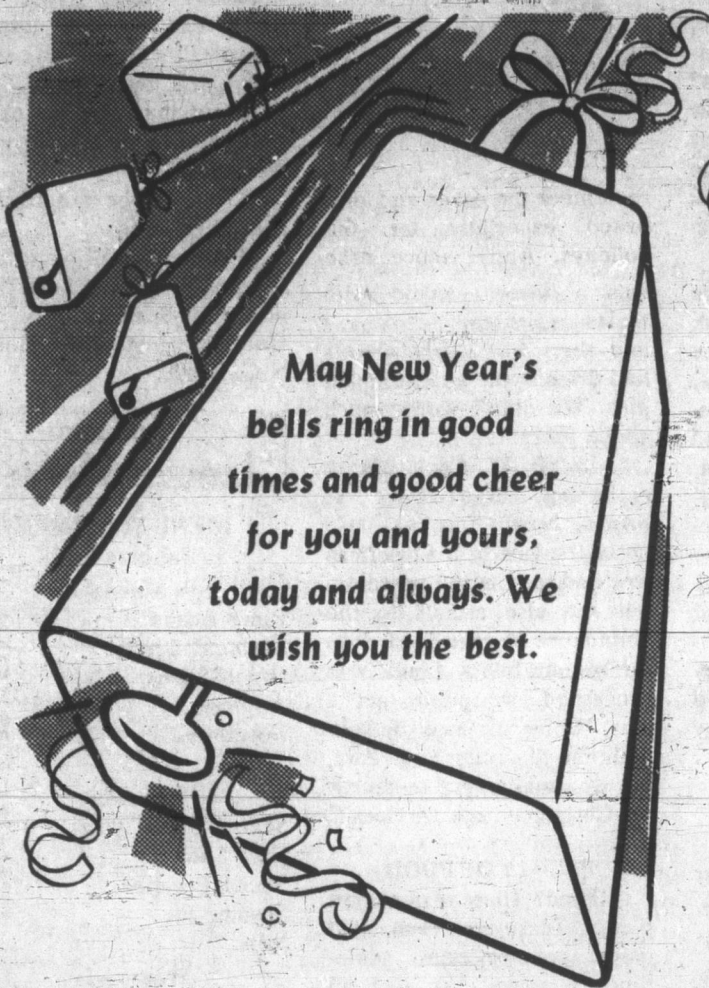
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Yancey Development Corp. To Sell Land

The Yancey County Development Corporation which for three years has been endeavoring to locate a new industry on a 30 acre site owned by the corporation, is abandoning the effort and offering its tract of land for sale.

The development corporation, organized by forty Yancey County citizens ten years ago to encourage the location of new industry in the county, recognizes that it can no longer finance the ownership of the tract in question. The 30.7 acre tract, located east of the Cane River High School, has long been recognized as one of the best

available industrial sites in Yancey County. It fronts on Highway 19 and extends to the Cane River, offering abundant water for fire protection and other industrial use.

The tract has frequently been referred to as the "Hanes Site", as the Winston Salem Company owned it for a number of years. The Hanes Company had purchased it in 1967 only after extensive search in the county, and after drilling had shown that it was suitable for the erection of a sizeable factory.

The local development corporation, sponsored by the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce, and organized without the profit motive, has been active in the effort to attract new industry to the county. When the Hanes Company abandoned plans to locate a factory in Yancey County, the development corporation purchased the site from them.

Since acquisition of the tract it has been shown to numerous industrial prospects, a number of whom were sent to look at it by the State Department of Natural and Economic Resources. Representatives of this State department have long viewed the site as having exceptional advantages for an industrial

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H & R Tax Service At True Value

Mr. Rodney Beauchamp announced that the H & R Block Tax Service will be available in the True Value Hardware Stores in Spruce Pine and Burnsville beginning Monday, January 6, 1975.

Mrs. Gay Holcombe will be tax consultant in the Spruce Pine office and Leonard Wiggins will be tax consultant in the Burnsville office.

Ben Floyd Named County Key Banker

To coordinate the agricultural activities of the N.C. Bankers' Association in this area, Ben G. Floyd has been named County Key Banker for Yancey County.

NCBA President Hugh L. McColl, Jr. has announced that Mr. Floyd will serve as County Key Banker during the next twelve months. He is Assistant Vice President of First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company in Burnsville.

For thirty years the NCBA has received national recognition for its far-reaching program of service to agriculture in North Carolina.

McColl called attention to the projects that are sponsored by the Association such as the Annual Agricultural Credit Conference which will be held in Raleigh, January 13-14, 1975, the two-week school at N.C. State University for young farmers who are provided scholarships given by their home community banks, and the co-sponsorship of the Land Judging Meet in the interest of soil conservation. He also said that the banks of North Carolina continue to be a major source of agricultural credit to farmers.



Blue Bell Gives Service Awards

On Friday, December 20, Blue Bell, Inc. presented nine employees with Service Pins. Two Blue Bell employees, Billie Tomberlin and Ruby Campbell, were awarded Ten Year Service Pins; the seven other employees were awarded Five Year Service Pins. Pictured left to right (first row): Doris Wilson, Grace Silvers, Viola Miller, Ruby Campbell (second row): Maude Murphy, Mary Rose Silvers, Margie Higgins, Patricia Thomas and Billie Tomberlin.

Forty employees at Blue Bell, Inc. received their Five Year Service Pins last year, November, 1973. They include Bernice Autrey, Shirley Ayers, Louise Bishop, Gertrude Boone, Ruby

Campbell, Alma Cook, Carrie Fox, Vera Gouge, Alma Greene, Lena Howell, Betty Jean Laws, Mildred McKinney, Dale Melton, Fred Boyd, Carl Harding, June Knight, Lewis Duncan, Ester Hensley, Georgia Burleson, Louise Hughes, Lillian Parker, Lillie Parsley, Kathleen Pluta, Janie Silver, Marilyn Wilson, Vada Woody, Nina Robinson, Shirley Tolley, Mae Hughes, Janette Kates, Edith Letterman, Janette McMahan, Margie Bolick, Sammy Miller, Marcella Hughes, Nell McGee, Henrietta Tomberlin, Morris Huskins, Susie Wilson and Hazel Thomas. Blue Bell, Inc. is proud of the long service records of these employees.

Blood Donors Give 'Most Important Gift'

BY ASHTON CHAPMAN

When the bloodmobile from the Asheville Red Cross Blood Center made its scheduled visit to the Armory in Burnsville on Wednesday, December 18, under sponsorship of the Yancey County Rescue Squad, a total of 82 men and women presented themselves to make a gift of their life-saving blood, according to Earl Van Horn of Spruce Pine and Altamont, Chapter Chairman of the Mayland Red Cross Chapter, which serves Yancey, Mitch-

ell and Avery Counties.

Mr. Van Horn and all other Chapter officers extend thanks to each of these persons who, on the week before Christmas, volunteered to give one of the most important gifts it is possible for any person to make. Blood donated to the American Red Cross has been the means of saving thousands upon thousands of American lives which might otherwise have been lost.

Twelve of the persons who donated blood on December 18 were making their first donation. Mr. Van Horn said he hoped that each one of these men and women will be "repeaters" and offer blood again during future visits of the bloodmobile. A total of 69 pints was donated; 13 of the 82 who offered blood had to be declined at this time for medical reasons. Thirteen of the pints donated were given to replace blood which had already been used by Yancey County patients while they were in local hospitals or elsewhere.

Thanks are also extended, not only to members of the Yancey County Rescue Squad but to everyone who volunteered to help make the bloodmobile visit successful. Without these local volunteers the bloodmobile visits would not be possible.

Report Of Sales Tax Collections

Report of local one percent Sale and Use Tax collections by county has been received for the month of November, 1974. The report, sent by the North Carolina Department of Revenue in Raleigh, shows Yancey County collections amounted to \$16,268.45 for November. This compares with Avery County collections of just over \$17,000 and exceeds Madison County collections for November of \$13,532.29. Mitchell County collections for the same period were just over \$23,000.00.



Junior Scouts Make Gifts

The Junior Girl Scout Troop 88 joined Santa Claus to help the children at Yancey Head Start celebrate Christmas at their family supper on Friday, December 20. While Santa talked with the children, the Girl Scouts presented them with gifts of stuffed toys. The toys were made by the girls, who have been busy recently working on the Toymaker Badge for this special project. The Troop leaders are Mrs. Albert Williams, Mrs. Jerry Wheeler and Mrs. John Blair.



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Music In The Mountains:

Program Had Music For Everyone

Saturday night, December 28, at the Presbyterian Church, Music in the Mountains presented its first annual holiday program. The varied program had something for every kind of musical taste.

Beginning with the Koch group of Thom, Susan, Billy and Tommy and their balalaikas, the Russian folk songs were different than folk songs heard later by the Deyton

Family. The Deyton's performance was in their well-known style.

Miss Rosalynne Jacks sang a portion of her senior recital last spring. She was accompanied by Eve Lynn Reeve. Rosalynne is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. Ralph Jacks of Burnsville.

The Huskins girls sang several songs as a group and Emily also sang a solo. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Huskins.

Billy Gouge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gouge, played an Intermezzo on the piano and was then joined by Mrs. Charles (Susannah) Jones and her son, Amos, for a piano, cello, violin trio.

Ruth Pope accompanied by Eve Lynn Reeve was last on the printed program. A treat was in store for the audience as Mme. Lili Kraus played. Her beginning selection followed the theme of the

evening being "Folk Songs" by Bela Bartok. Mme. Lili expressed her pleasure at the vast amount of talent being developed in Yancey County and that other than herself all the people are local residents. She concluded the program with Mozart's "Turkish March."

Refreshments were served following the program and gave everyone a chance to meet the performers.