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Yancey United Fund Ends Short Of \$17,960 Goal

The Yancey United Fund is in the process of closing out its 1974 campaign, somewhat short of its \$17,960 goal, but gratified that the total funds raised are almost the same as in the best previous United Way campaign in Yancey County.

Mrs. Ruby Smith, Treasurer of the UF, reports that approximately \$14,500 has been raised, which is better than 81 percent of the goal. It now appears that the county budget committee was over-optimistic at setting the goal at nearly 18 thousand dollars. This figure was three thousand above the highest amount previously raised. In view of the receding economic conditions, this was apparently too much to be attained.

At the same time, satisfaction is felt that the dozen agencies depending on the campaign are receiving the same support they received in the best previous year.

The three campaign co-chairmen, Virginia Boone, Romie Burns, and David McIntosh express appreciation for the hard work and generous amount of time contributed by the team of volunteer workers. The entire county, in fact, owes the co-chairmen, the other workers, and the many generous

contributors a vote of thanks. Through their effort and generosity the county is made a better place in which to live.

In accordance with the practice of the UF in Yancey, the drive has been conducted entirely by unpaid volunteers, and the costs held to an absolute minimum. This year the only expenses incurred were for stationery and other campaign supplies, totaling well under \$100. This is close to a record for conducting a fund-raising campaign.

Below is published the 1974 Honor Roll, to date. When the campaign is finally wound up, additional names may be added.

UF SPONSORS

(contributors of \$500 or more)
Mohasco Mill
Mr. and Mrs. Mack B. Ray
Dr. Garland Wampler
Banco Lumber Company

UF PATRONS

(contributors of \$200 to \$500)
Drs. David and Carolyn Cort
Bob Helmle
Maxwell Home Furnishings
Northwestern Bank
Pollards Drug Store
Dr. Fergus Pope
Styles & Co. & Styles Auto Supply
First Citizens Bank
Deyton Farm Supply
American Thread Company
Blue Bell Company

Diamond Mica Company

CENTURY CLUB
(contributors of \$100 to \$200)
Burnsville Furn. & Hardware
Edward L. Greer
Johnson & Company
Hazen Ledford
Riddle Fuel Oil Company
Yancey Builders Supply
John Martin
Dr. W.A.Y. Sargent
French Broad Electric
Fortner Insurance Agency
Glenn A. Morris (State Rep. for Yancey)
Dover R. Fouts
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Koch
Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home
Mr. and Mrs. G.D. Bailey
Mrs. B.R. Penland
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Young
Dr. R.K. Ransom
Joe Young Ford
Milton Weiss
Mary Melton
P. C. Coletta

Mayland Tech ABE Program Expands

The Adult Basic Education (ABE) Program at Mayland Technical Institute continued its success through Fall quarter by enrolling 170 students. Some of these students earned their high school equivalency and others advanced in grade level. Classes were held throughout Avery, Mitchell and Yancey counties in schools, homes, courthouses, prisons, churches, and other locations.

So far this quarter over 100 students have enrolled in ABE classes. Despite the problem of limited funds, more students are expected to enroll into expanded classes. Part of this expansion plan will be aided by a "YOU CAN" campaign. YOU CAN denoted that in the ABE Program, YOU CAN learn to read and write better, YOU CAN learn to stretch your paycheck, YOU CAN increase job opportunities, and YOU CAN increase personal job satisfaction. Letters requesting support of the YOU CAN campaign have been sent to businesses, industries, and other agencies.

Special emphasis is being placed on recruiting students in the on-going classes. At present classes are being conducted in the following locations-Avery County: Elk Park Elementary School on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday nights; Avery County Learning Center (located at Crossnore School Inc.) on Tuesday and Thursday nights starting the first week in February. Mitchell County: Spruce Pine (basement of WAMY building), on Monday 8:00 to 2:00; Tipton Hill (effort is being made to start a class at Mrs. Edith Griffith's residence.) Yancey County: Burnsville Courthouse, Room 3, Friday from 9:00 to 3:00; Lower Pig Pen, Mrs. Gertrude Hensley's building) on Tuesday nights 5:30 to 9:30; South Toe Elementary School on Tuesday and Thursday nights 7:00 to 9:00; Ramseytown on Monday and Friday nights 6:30 to 9:30, and Bald Creek Elementary School on Tuesday and Thursday nights 7:00 to 10:00.



Great Grandson Remembers

Mr. Owen Burns of San Francisco, California, the oldest great-grandson of Captain Otway Burns, during his second visit to Burnsville since 1926 recalls that it was his uncle, Walter F. Burns of New York who gave the monument to Yancey County in 1909. His late sister, Mrs. Waltona Burns Manion, unveiled the statue during the dedication ceremonies. Last week Mr. Burns spent several days with his brother, Major Romie Burns, youngest great-grandson of Captain Otway Burns.

Mohasco Lay-off Adds 132 To Unemployed

A spokesman for Burnsville Mill of Mohasco Industries affirmed Tuesday that the mill had closed down for one week, January 20 through

24. Repairs are being done on major machinery during this time. Mohasco will reopen on Monday, January 27 with approximately two-thirds of its normal work force.

It was stated that 132 employees have been laid off for an indefinite period of time, the market fluctuation being the determining factor. Glen Raven Mill, which started a four-day work week in December, has continued in this manner for about six weeks, and a spokesman stated that no Glen Raven employees have been laid off.

School Water Treated

The Yancey County Board of Education in cooperation with the Dental Health Division of the North Carolina Board of Health has begun fluoridation of the water system in the following schools: Bald Creek, Bee Log, Clearmont, Micaville, Pensacola and South Toe. Burnsville School is not eligible for this program, since its water is supplied by a municipal water system. Based on results of surveys in other schools across North Carolina where these systems have been in force for some time, this should reduce tooth decay by 20-30% for children in these schools.

Free School Lunches

Free lunches are available for students in the Yancey County Schools whose parents have been affected by recent unemployment. Edgar Hunter, school superintendent, states that parents who qualify for this assistance should contact the school principal for an application blank for free or reduced priced lunches.

Spectacular Offer:

Subscription Drive

The Yancey Journal has set the first two weeks in February for a huge circulation drive, during which an effort will be made to contact virtually every family in Yancey County and offer them an opportunity to subscribe to the Journal at an "inflation-fighting" rate of \$3--the price of a 1-year subscription during the 1960's.

Beginning February 1, all students at East Yancey and Cane River High Schools, taking a copy of the Journal for non-subscribers, will be selling subscriptions throughout Yancey County. A one-year subscription, presently costing \$5, will sell for \$3 and the student will keep \$1 from each new or renewed subscription he sells. This money will go toward a class project

which will be specified in next week's paper.

Out-of-county rates will be reduced from the present \$7 per year down to \$6 per year during the drive, with students keeping \$2 from every new or renewed subscription.

We must emphasize that an absolute deadline for this campaign is Sunday, February 16. No new or renewed subscriptions will be accepted at these low prices after that date. If you are not contacted by a student as the deadline draws near, you may mail your money directly to The Yancey Journal, Burnsville, or bring it by our office on the town square by Friday, February 14. (We are closed Saturday and Sunday.) A mail-in subscription must be in our post office box when

our mail is picked up early Monday morning. For subscriptions received in this manner, The Yancey Journal will still donate the \$1 or \$2 from each and divide the sum equally between the two high schools when the drive ends.

The Yancey County Board of Education, in approving the fund-raising project for student participation, set a time limit of two weeks. Students will pick up their newspapers and receipt pads on Friday, January 31, and begin the campaign in earnest that weekend.

As an added incentive for the students, a bonus of \$5 will be given to every student who obtains 10 or more new subscribers for the Journal. (For this bonus, renewals do not count.) In addition, a special "surprise" bonus will be given to one student from either high school who sells the most subscriptions. The bonus will be determined by the number of subscriptions sold.

Students and principals at Cane River and East Yancey High Schools are looking forward to obtaining funds for class projects through this circulation drive. If you plan to subscribe or renew your present subscription to The Yancey Journal, contact a member of either student body during the first two weeks in February. They will be glad to have the money for their project; we will be happy to have your subscription.

Three In Custody After Busy Weekend

On Sunday, January 12, 1975 two persons hid inside Ingles Supermarket, Burnsville, at the 10:00 p.m. closing time and remained undetected by store employees.

According to Yancey Sheriff Kermit Banks, after the store was closed, the duo apparently tried to open the safe at Ingles. The dials were torn off and pins were pulled out of hinges, but the attempt to open the safe door was unsuccessful. Theft of cartons of cigarettes and record albums amounting to approximately \$1000 was discovered early Monday morning when store employees arrived to open the store for business.

On the same night, Li'l Smokey's Drive In on Main Street, Burnsville, was broken into. The thieves got about

\$8.00 in change, two walkie-talkies, a radio, wristwatch and calculator. This robbery was also discovered Monday morning when employees came to work.

Again the same night, keys to a 1969 Plymouth were taken in a break-in at East End Motor Company, Burnsville. The automobile was gone and presumed stolen.

On receiving reports of the robberies on Monday morning, Sheriff Banks put a stolen car bulletin out nationwide. He received a call on Monday night from the Texas State Police, reporting that the car had been apprehended by the Arkansas Highway Patrol near Texarkana and chased approximately 35 miles into Texas where it was stopped.

The car was occupied by Joseph Carroll Riddle and one juvenile whose name is withheld. Another juvenile was arrested later in connection with the robberies. The persons were brought back to Yancey County and charged with three counts of Breaking and Entering, Larceny, Auto Larceny, and attempted Safe Burglary.

The case will be brought to court at the next regular session on February 5, according to Sheriff Banks.

Bank To Pay Quarterly Dividends

First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company will begin paying common stock dividends on a quarterly basis starting in April.

A common stock dividend of \$1.25 per share will be paid on April 2, 1975, to shareholders of record March 10, 1975.

This is the same amount per share paid to shareholders on the last semi-annual dividend, which was paid January 2, 1975.

Announcement of the change was made by R. P. Holding, Jr., chairman of the board, following approval by the bank's board of directors at the January meeting.

Interest Rate Drops

A Farmers Home Administration spokesman has announced that effective Tuesday, January 21, FHA interest rates which previously had been set at 9%, have gone down to 8 1/2%.



Who TEMPERATURE FROM THE UPPER PORCH YANCEY COUNTY COUNTRY STORE 72-56° 60-12°

South Toe Fire Dept Meetings

The South Toe Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. will hold two very important meetings at the South Toe School, Thursday, January 23 and Thursday, January 30, both at 7:00 p.m. Election of officers will be held on January 30. All interested persons will be very welcome.

Theatre Group Begins Rehearsals

At the January 20 meeting of the Burnsville Little Theatre, the members voted unanimously to support a benefit play to be given in May for the Parkway Playhouse. The Burnsville Little Theatre President, Theresa Coletta, was given authority to continue investigating the feasibility of such a play which would include a joint cast of players from the Burnsville-Spruce Pine area. Definite plans for such a benefit performance are to be decided at a February meeting of the Burnsville Little Theatre.

The Burnsville Little Theatre will begin rehearsals for a one-act drama, *Early Frost*, on Monday evening, January 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Burnsville Presbyterian Church. Rehearsals for *Early Frost* (which calls for five women) are open to the public. Anyone interested is invited to attend the January 27 meeting. *Early Frost* will be presented, upon requested booking, to interested civic and community clubs for a nominal fee by the Burnsville Little Theatre. Any interested civic or community club is requested to contact Theresa Coletta for a booking date (evenings only) effective February 17.

The Burnsville Little Theatre meeting adjourned with the President, Theresa Coletta, requesting that the members write their N.C. State Representative Glenn Morris, requesting his support for state funding for the Parkway Playhouse.

French Broad EMC Raises Rates 39%

French Broad Electric Membership Corporation will place into effect a rate increase for electrical energy consumed by its members effective on bills rendered February 1, 1975. French Broad Electric Membership Corporation had been receiving wholesale power from Carolina Power & Light Company under a wholesale power contract arrangement which expired the first of January 1975.

As appeared in *The Asheville Times* on Tuesday, July 2, 1974, Carolina Power & Light Company initiated a 64% rate hike for its electric cooperative customers to be placed into effect commencing with the expiration of the contract at the end of December 1974. Due to the tremendous impact of this wholesale rate increase, the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation is forced to raise its rates approximately 39% with the Cooperative absorbing a considerable portion of this increase so as to relieve financial hardship upon its consumers as much as possible.

Under the new contract, Carolina Power & Light Company will also place into effect a fuel adjustment clause on purchased power and this has been sanctioned by the Federal Power Commission as a flow through charge for the increase in cost of fuels used in the production of electricity. The fuel adjustment is based upon a calculation of what amount of electricity can be generated from an amount of coal or diesel fuel and being these two commodities have risen tremendously in cost and the price has not stabilized, this factor will vary from month to month. This charge being passed on to French Broad Electric Membership Corporation as a flow through adjustment leaves the Cooperative with no other choice

but to pass the fuel clause adjustment in addition to the rate adjustment to its consumers.

French Broad Electric Membership Corporation will endeavor as always to furnish its consumers with reliable and dependable electrical service at the most reasonable and equitable competitive cost. This is the first major rate adjustment to be placed upon the consumers of French Broad Electric Membership Corporation since 1966.

Energy Meeting Tonight

The January meeting of Carolinians for Safe Energy takes place Thursday, January 23, in the Humanities Lecture Hall, UNC-Asheville, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

The program features a film, "The Nuclear Dilemma" which is on loan from Duke University, presenting the pro and con of nuclear power plants.

With Carolina Power & Light Company planning to build a nuclear power plant only 7 miles North West of Asheville, the citizens of Western North Carolina need all the information they can get about the dangers inherent in nuclear power plants.

Carolinians for Safe Energy, a group of local concerned citizens, work to fill this need for information. They also collect signatures on a nationwide petition drive for a nuclear moratorium, a drive which has already exceeded 135,000 signatures. Anyone interested in more information or in signing a petition may contact Mrs. John G. Thomas, Route 5, Burnsville.