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Garden Program Planned

Efforts are being made to organize a gardening program throughout the county to help families who need assistance in planting and raising a garden this spring. The types of assistance being planned by the county office of the Community Action Agency in cooperation with the Yancey County Council is preparation of soil, garden seeds, fertilizer, insecticides and blight control and technical advice in planting and caring for garden vegetables.

The purpose of the project is to enable individuals and families who need this kind of assistance to plant and raise a vegetable garden this coming season.

In order to provide assistance to those who may need help the project must be carried out with the help and cooperation of local community groups throughout the county. Therefore, those communities interested in participating in the program are requested to contact the Community Action Office at 682-2610 as soon as possible.

Youth Night Slated

By popular demand the Covey Rock Free Will Baptist Church in Green Mountain is having another Youth. It is set for Friday night, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. The Mount Bethel Youth Choir will be there from Asheville; also other youth groups in our own area.

Everyone is welcome to attend this service, especially all young people. Rev. Albert Edwards is pastor of Covey Rock.

'Music In Schools Day' Set

School children all over the nation will begin their day March 13 by singing "This Land Is Your Land" in recognition of the first national "Music In Our Schools Day."

"Music In Our Schools Day" is being sponsored by the 62,000-member Music Educators National Conference, an organization of music teachers from schools, colleges, and universities all over the nation. Although it is sponsored by music educators, "Music In Our Schools Day" is an effort to bring the entire community together in recognition of the millions of young people who make music, listen to music, and learn about music through music education. It provides music educators an opportunity to communicate the purposes and processes of music education, as well as to demonstrate results.

Through open house demonstrations, concerts, exhibits, posters, and many other activities, music teachers will highlight outstanding school music classes, performing organizations, and interdisciplinary activities.

In support of the effort in North Carolina, the State Board of Education is expected to adopt a resolution at its March meeting affirming its continued support of music education as an integral part of the education process.



"In Like A Lion, Out Like A Lamb"

The March "Lion" roared in after midnight last Sunday night and laid a thick blanket of snow over Yancey County by Monday morning to the glee of school children who had a free day, and the consternation of parents who had other plans in mind. The snowscapes pictured delighted us with their beauty,

even while we wondered how we could navigate the highways. March weather, unpredictable as usual, warmed up Monday night to the high 30's and on Tuesday the sky was sunny, the weather warm and gentle--"lamblike" we should say. As to what's yet to come--Mother Nature herself probably doesn't know yet.



Outlook Is Brighter For Operation Of Playhouse

The outlook for continued operation of the Parkway Playhouse this coming summer, which until recently appeared seriously threatened, has taken a happy turn for the better, and now appears bright.

Determined efforts are being made by the local board of directors to overcome the financial bind of the 28-year-old summer theater operation. Encouraging offers of assistance have been made by the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce, the Burnsville Little Theater, and other organizations and individuals.

The recent disclosure of the difficult plight of the Playhouse caught Yancey County by surprise. For the past few years, since the University of North Carolina at Greensboro took over the direction of the theater, the general impression has been that the operation was flourishing. The recent financial difficulty has stemmed from several sources.

The 1974 season, when all the returns were in, proved to

be a financial disappointment, with a loss of about \$2,700. Inflation increased the costs of the season above the budget; the decline in tourism in the mountains had hurt ticket sales, and a falling off in student registrations had reduced tuition revenue. On top of all this, senseless vandalism on the part of delinquent juveniles, inflicted extensive damage to the facilities that will be expensive to repair.

At a well attended meeting of the Board of Directors on March 1, a spirit of determined optimism prevailed. Several sources of needed funds were reported to be in prospect. State Representative Glenn Morris has introduced an appropriation bill in the General Assembly requesting \$25,000 for the Playhouse. Co-signers of this bill are Liston Ramsey and Ernest Messer, who are lending support. In view of the tight money situation in Raleigh this year, the fate of this bill is uncertain, but it is hoped that some part, at

least, of the appropriation may be approved. This money from the State would be earmarked for much needed permanent improvements to the facilities, and in any event, would probably come too late to be of great help this coming season.

Ms. Theresa Coletta, representing the Burnsville



Little Theater reported to the Board plans of that group to give one or two benefit performances this spring, with revenues going to the Playhouse.

Dr. John Jellicorse, Head of the Drama and Speech Department of UNC-G, reported on a variety of assistance that the University will happily render. A professional group presenting childrens plays will be sent to Yancey County in early April for benefit performances. Lauren and Ellen Woods, long popular with the Playhouse audiences, have volunteered to come to the Playhouse in the spring to give a benefit performance of "I Do, I Do".

Various other actions to help the Playhouse finances were reviewed at the Board meeting. Increases in tuition and ticket prices were voted, and plans laid for increasing pre-season ticket sales. Mark Bennett, Chairman of the Playhouse Board, reported that a bill with good likelihood of passing, has been intro-

duced.

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Men Convicted Of Game Law Violation

Two men were convicted in Superior Court here last week of "possession of a deer without visible antlers" and are serving time in the county jail.

49-year-old Carson Mitchell of Yancey County and 24-year-old Eddie Buchanan of Mitchell County were apprehended by State Wildlife Protector T.E. Shankle because of a tip he received from a concerned hunter. The men were found guilty in District Court in Yancey County on Wednesday, February 5, by Judge Braswell and were ordered to pay a fine of \$30 and \$16 additional for cost of action.

Mitchell and Buchanan appealed the judgement and appeared in Superior Court, Burnsville, on March 3 and 4, where a twelve-person jury found the men guilty of the charge of possession of a deer

without visible antlers. Judge Harry Martin sentenced the men to be confined in the Yancey County jail for a period of 18 days.

"Deer hunting season was open at the time of the offense," said Shankle, "but it is illegal to kill, or have in your possession, a deer without visible antlers. Antlerless deer, including does, cannot be killed at all except during Archery season, and only on Game Lands in Yancey County," he added.

The Wildlife Resources Commission encourages hunters and other citizens to report game law violations and Shankle indicated that if it were not for the timely tip given him by the hunter, the two would not have been apprehended. "It's everybody's concern to help protect wildlife for future generations," he stated.

WNC Sierra Club Makes Second Hike Attempt

On Saturday, March 15th, a second attempt will be made by the Western North Carolina Group of the Sierra Club to reach the Green River Narrows by an alternate route. The previous try was thwarted by impenetrable laurel thickets. The hike should take 5-6 hours, mostly strenuous and probably with some bushwacking in order to

reach the Cascades. Participants are requested to bring their lunch. Non-members desiring to participate please contact the leader. First group will leave the Shell Station on Rt. 64E near I26 at 9:10 a.m. to meet those at the Saluda exit for I26 at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Bruce E. Byers, Box 350, Forest City, N.C. 28043, phone 245-4744.

Girl Scouts Honor Leader And Celebrate GS Week

Sixty-three years ago, on March 12, 1912, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. was founded. From 18 girls in Savannah, Georgia in 1912, Girl Scouting has grown to more than 3.3 million girl and adult members in 1975.

To highlight this year's Girl Scout Week, March 9-15, Girl Scouts across the country invite all citizens to celebrate the Girl Scout theme, "Grow With Us." Girl Scouts ask all citizens to work in partnership with them as they prepare for leadership roles, as they work with handicapped people, senior citizens, the migrant community, and hundreds of other cooperative community service projects.

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Mrs. Gene Woody strongly believes in Girl Scouting. Next to the church, she sees Girl Scouting as the most influential organization in training a young girl to become a good citizen.

Mrs. Woody has been the Brownie Scout Troop Leader of Brownie Troop #86 for four

years, and she loves working with these seven and eight year old girls. According to Mrs. Woody, being an efficient Brownie Leader is not an easy undertaking if one does the job well. Mrs. Woody spends many hours every week planning and co-ordinating the activities for her Brownie Scouts. One of the most frustrating things to Mrs. Woody is the lack of parental interest and cooperation from the parents of her Brownies. Some parents feel that Girl Scout leaders are paid volunteers, but Mrs. Woody pays to belong to Girl

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David Pharr

Special Gospel Meeting

Mr. David Pharr of Rock Hill, S.C. will speak in a series of special evangelistic services at the Burnsville Church of Christ March 16-19. The public is invited.

Mr. Pharr is a native of Wilkesboro, N.C. Now in his twelfth year with the Church of Christ in Rock Hill, he previously served churches in West Virginia and Ohio. He engages in several evangelistic meetings each year.

The schedule for the special services in Burnsville is 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday; 7:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

Mr. Joe D. Collins is the local minister.



Mrs. Gene Woody

Scouts; she pays to be a volunteer Girl Scout Leader so that she can freely give her time and her service to girls in her community. The only "pay" Mrs. Woody receives is the personal satisfaction of seeing her Brownie Scouts accomplish meaningful goals.

When asked to summarize her feelings about her in-

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