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## Touring Theatre Is Coming

Eight talented young performers have begun rehearsals for the second season of The Theatre for Young People Professional Touring Repertory Company at UNC at Greensboro. During the next three and one-half months the talented group will be bringing live theatre experiences to children throughout the state. An activity of the Department of Drama and Speech of the College of Arts and Sciences at UNC-G, the company will be touring Rumpelstiltskin and Tarheel Tales Theatre this season.

Rumpelstiltskin is a fully produced children's play with colorful costumes and scenery and an exciting adventure-filled plot. It is performed in auditoriums and offers young audiences the traditional magic theatre experience. Tarheel Tales Theatre on the other hand, is an involvement drama which is designed to be presented arena style in any open space. The play is being toured for its second season because of the success it enjoyed last year. Children enjoy the opportunity of having the actors within touch

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## Student Holiday At Easter

Students in Yancey County Schools will be given a three-day Easter holiday March 27-31. Schools will close at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26 for all students. Thursday and Friday will be work days for teachers with most of the day Thursday being devoted to work on grades and report cards. There will be a unit-wide NCAE meeting for all teachers on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at Bald Creek Elementary School.

Friday will be observed as "Parents Day" in all schools. Parents are invited to visit the schools between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to discuss their child's progress and to pick up report cards. Monday, March 31 will be a holiday for all school personnel including the central office. Classes will resume at 8:30 Tuesday morning, April 1.

## Buffet Luncheon

Special buffet luncheon will be served at Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 23 from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. Adults \$2.50, Children 10 years and under \$1.50. Everyone is invited!



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TEMPERATURE:  
FROM THE  
UPPER PORCH  
YANCEY COUNTY  
COUNTRY STORE  
72-58°  
Low 28°



Scene From Rumpelstiltskin Performance

## Little Theatre Plans Benefit Performance

The Burnsville Little Theatre, sponsored by the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, is planning a benefit performance for the Parkway Playhouse. This performance, which will help meet expenses due to vandalism to some of the Parkway Playhouse buildings, will be presented in the Parkway Playhouse on May 23 and 24.

In view of the fact that both Mitchell and Yancey County citizens enjoy the summer performances presented by the Parkway Playhouse, and that businesses in this area are assisted by the tourists which this summer theatre attracts, a joint cast is planned which will feature players from both Mitchell and Yancey County.

Dear Ruth, a comedy in two acts by Norma Krashna, is the play selected for this benefit performance and will be directed by Bill Wilson, the dramatist in residence at Mayland Technical Institute.

Dear Ruth, which was first

produced in 1544 and played for over a year in New York, was rated as one of the most popular comedy hits of modern times. The play calls for a cast of five men and five women. The story concerns a young girl who carries on a romantic correspondence with an overseas soldier, in her elder sister's name. When the youth returns, he of course makes up to the older sister, who is already engaged. Through a series of hilarious complications and plot twists, the play has a surprise ending for the audience.

Tryouts for Dear Ruth will be held in Yancey County on Monday, March 24 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church in Burnsville. Tryouts in Mitchell County will be held on Wednesday, March 26, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Spruce Pine Public Library in Spruce Pine. Anyone desiring more information about this play, and anyone wishing to work with any

aspect of this production is asked to contact Burnsville Little Theatre President, Theresa Coletta, at 682-2282 (evenings) or at 765-4673 (during the day).

## Safety Poster Contest

On Sunday, March 23, 1975 Yancey County will hold its first Traffic Safety Poster Contest. This contest will be held in the gymnasium of Cane River High School. There will be four judging grades: K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12. These posters will be judged on originality, neatness and how well it gets a safety slogan across to the public.

There will be three winners in each category, each receiving a trophy. Sponsors, who will present awards to winners at 3:00 p.m. Sunday after an hour-long open house which begins at 2:00 p.m., are Fortner Insurance Company for grades K-3, Nationwide Insurance Company for 4-6 grades, Roberts Chevrolet-Buick for grades 7-9 and Joe Young Ford for grades 10-12.

The public is invited to view the posters at Open House at Cane River High School gymnasium on March 23 and make your own judgement before the awards are given.

can't give blood.

The "Reader's Digest" had an article on "The Blood Scandal" recently and reported that these days a blood transfusion that's given to save a life can cause a death. "Because," the article went on, "though there are many reputable commercial blood banks, blood from commercial

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## Rummage Sale Continues

The firemen and the faithful women of the community have had a most successful first weekend rummage sale. This sale, sponsored by the Grassy Creek Volunteer Fire Department, will continue for two more weekends. On Friday and Saturday, March 21 and 22, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., the sale will again open. New items are coming in daily. If you came by and didn't find what you were looking for, come back...we have restocked our merchandise. If you have items you would like to donate, bring them to Woody's Chair Shop on the Marion Highway (just past the firehouse).

## County Projects Chosen For Federal Funds Application

A large number of Yancey County citizens turned out for the Public Hearings held in the Burnsville Courthouse on February 20 and 27 to indicate their concerns of problems and needs of the county and to give their support to an application to be submitted by the County Commissioners for Federal Assistance for helping to meet some of these needs.

Community Development grants are provided for under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The program is designed to provide assistance to eligible counties and communities for improving living conditions including Housing, Community Centers, Senior Citizens, Fire Protection Services and Facilities, Water and Sewer Facilities, Recreational Facilities, Housing Renovation and other community improvement projects. North Carolina has been allocated \$208 million under this Act for the next three years and has set aside \$11.8 million dollars in what is known as discretionary funds for FY 75-76. These are the funds which Yancey County is eligible to apply for after public hearings have been held and the people given an opportunity to participate in the development process of the application to be submitted requesting project funds.

The deadline for submitting a pre-application, e.g., a letter of intent to apply for funds is March 20, 1975. The final application must be submitted by May 20, 1975.

Projects which were presented and approved by the people without dissent or opposition at the hearing were as follows for the first year of the program:

- Countywide Housing Project; including water, sewer and bath facilities to improve present housing conditions. \$250,000
- County Recreation Project \$78,000
- Fire Protection Services; So. Toe Volunteer Fire Dept. \$40,000
- Newdale Volunteer Fire Department. \$20,000
- Community Center Improvement and Facilities Project. \$50,000

Senior Citizens Facilities and Services. \$170,000

The total first year request for funds would be approximately \$608,000 depending upon a closer cost estimate of these projects as each project is developed by the people in the communities.

As Mr. O.W. Deyton,

Chairman of the County Commissioners, stated at the conclusion of the hearings the work to prepare the necessary application was just beginning and it would be up to the people of the communities to get together and help provide the statements of need and justification upon which the

counties application would rest. Once the people have done their part in expressing clearly their needs and justifying the project of their choice, it becomes the responsibility of local government to prepare and forward the counties application to the proper authority.

## Senior Citizens Outreach Effort Develops 'Hotline'

BY WORTH CROW  
Attention Yancey County Senior Citizens!

--Is finding transportation to the doctor or store a problem for you?

--Do you have trouble finding help with cutting firewood, making home repairs?

--Do you sometimes wonder who or what agency to call for help with your special problem?

--Do you have other needs and concerns, but don't know where to turn for help?

In the future, you will know what the SCORE is. SCORE (Senior Citizen Outreach Effort) wants to help you to broaden your horizons and to answer your needs. Whatever your problem or need, you will be able to get immediate guidance and help by calling one phone number. Courteous volunteer workers will answer your call and put you in touch with people or agencies that can best satisfy your needs.

WHAT IS SCORE?  
SCORE, which stands for Senior Citizen Outreach Effort, is a communication/ac-

tion program designed to help meet the needs of the Senior Citizens of Yancey County by placing Senior Citizens with needs or concerns directly in touch with people or service agencies that can meet those needs or concerns.

HOW DID SCORE DEVELOP  
SCORE developed from ideas shared by a group of Yancey County citizens coming together to gain better understandings of the special needs of their elderly citizens. This group, now known as the Yancey County Committee on Aging, is three months old and chaired by Rev. Don Turman.

HOW WILL SCORE WORK?  
Through the operation of a telephone hotline nerve center, one telephone number will be advertised and available for Yancey Senior Citizens countywide to call. By calling that one phone number, Senior Citizens can obtain immediate guidance and direction for their need or concern. Trained and courteous phone workers will answer all calls (ultimately day or night), will help identify the need or problem

of the elderly person calling and will put that caller directly in touch with the individual, public or private service agency that can best supply the caller's need.

No longer will Mr. or Ms. Senior Citizen have to worry about how, where and when to find help for a problem, needs or concerns--who to call, where to call, when to call. One phone call, any time, will give them the direction, guidance and assurance that is needed.

WILL SCORE BE MORE?  
In the beginning, SCORE will basically be a communication/action program providing a telephone hotline service. Ultimately expressed, SCORE may include much more--(1) A Transportation System; (2) A Senior Citizen Center Complex providing activity workshops and meeting spaces, a Craft Outlet, a Food Co-Op, "on campus" living clusters, communication hotline nerve center; and (3) Satellite Community Centers.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?  
You will be learning more

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## Bald Mountain Community School Formed By Parents

Bald Mountain Community School has been open since November and is located on lower Bald Mtn. Road 1 mile from Highway 19W. The small nursery school was formed by a group of parents of pre-school children in the area. It is open from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Monday,

Wednesday and Friday. The school is operated by Mrs. J. Thurston and Ruth Webb, both mothers of 2-year-old girls.

Mrs. Thurston, director, has a B.A. degree in early childhood education. She is presently enrolled in the St. Nicholas Montessori teacher

training correspondence course. Ruth Webb, co-teacher, has a B.A. degree in English and teaching experience with Head Start Program. Both graduated from college in Florida and have been residents of Yancey County since 1971.

Parents in Cane River area saw the need for a nursery school in the area, and have worked since last August to equip the early learning center as a creative activity environment for young children to develop social skills, manual and visual coordination. Sand play, painting with poster paints, clay and plenty of paper are available for free expression. The children are fully supervised through all activities, though they are given opportunity for self-direction and free choice of materials. Language development and number awareness are encouraged. Outdoor play is directed toward a sensitivity for the natural environment, appreciation of physical coordination and group play.

The school now has an enrollment of 7 children ranging from two through 5 years, and will be limited to fifteen children. Parents with pre-school children who are interested in participation for their children in this program may call Mrs. Thurston at 682-6733 after 6 p.m. or come by and visit the school on school days.



Pre-Schoolers Learn At Community School