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Crafts Fair Edition



Chicken Is Finger-Lickin' Good!

Taste that chicken! Even the craftsmen take time to have a delicious treat during the second day of the Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair when barbecued chicken, cooked on an open grill, is served to fairgoers. A half chicken, plus the other tasty food make a filling and satisfying meal—one which causes people to

keep coming back for more from year to year. The 1975 Crafts Fair, in which a grand total of 170 craftsmen will participate, promises to be better than ever! The occasion is always a memorable one for young and old alike—if rather exhausting for the little tots. Pictured, [insert] one tot catches a quick nap.

Deneen Land Reclamation Restores Natural Beauty

BY CAROLYN YUZIUK

Deneen Mica Company recently finished mining a section of land fronting on Highway 19E at Newdale. Mining then began on the back side of the land, away from public view, and the old site was left with piles of "tailings" which rivaled the sand dunes near ocean highways in size, but had none of their appeal.

The unsightly wasteland did not remain for long, however. With reclamation of land a primary consideration of land-using industries, Deneen began, in February, 1975, to work with soil experts from the North Carolina State University Agricultural Extension Service.

Samples of tailings, the industry's name for what is left of mother earth after the mica is removed, were sent for careful analysis; and the agricultural experts, after much study, recommended a plan for seeding the area which was immediately carried out.

The physical job of reclamation was started on June 6 when Southern Seeding Company out of Greensboro, N.C. brought their trucks in to do the work. The job took ten days—and approximately ten days after that, the grass began to appear.

The passing motorists, the transformation was nothing short of miraculous. A soft green carpet of grass had been created in the place where a barren wasteland had been.

This particular reclamation project is not the first

environment-oriented job Deneen Mica Company has undertaken. Deneen was the first mica company in the tri-county area to remove tailings from the river, and the company has contributed tons of this "waste" earth for community projects. Two such projects were the filling in around Newdale Presbyterian Church for a parking lot, and building up the playground at Micaville Elementary School for a baseball field to be created.

According to Bill Wilkins, Vice President and General Manager of Deneen, these "fill-in" jobs are only available to civic organizations, not private individuals, as the company supplies the fill at the minimum cost of 25¢ a ton—50¢ a ton if the company fills the trucks. This is purely a community service.

Mica mining is a unique operation, according to Mr. Wilkins, and as such, the

industry has had an even more difficult time applying government pollution and reclamation standards to its operation than other industries.

"Unfortunately," said Wilkins, "there seem to be no experts to help with the problems created by indus-

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School News And Calendar

The 1975-76 school year will open with registration for all students on Friday, August 15 between 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. School will officially begin on Tuesday, August 19. This will be a full school day, and lunches will be served. Monday, September 1 will be observed as Labor Day Holiday. Students will also be given a holiday on October 7 while teachers attend a District Teachers' Meeting in Asheville. Thursday, October 23 will be a teacher work day (student holiday). Friday, October 24 will be observed as Parents' Day from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Schools will be closed for Thanksgiving Holidays November 27 and 28. Schools will close on December 19 for Christmas Holiday, and will reopen on December 29.

Students who did not attend Yancey County Schools last school year may pre-register at the school before August 15.



Hi - 80
TEMPERATURE
YANCEY COUNTY
COUNTRY STORE
Hi - 88°
Lo - 58°

Gospel Singer Jeanne Hahne Is Singing At High Pastures Meetings This Week

High Pastures has had meetings with special music since Sunday, July 27, and will continue through the rest of the week.

Beautiful Jeanne O'Dell Hahne, wife of James T. Hahne of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, a contralto gospel singer known throughout the United States will be singing, along with others who sing and play instruments. Jeanne has appeared on National TV and on Miami TV's Channels 7 and 10 for years. She has four stereo albums which feature her as soloist and also sings duets with Carole Prond, lyric soprano.

Her songs, full of joy and praise for the Lord, have been

heard at churches, civic groups, banquets and conventions all over the country; she has been featured at many revivals and retreats

Guests are requested to please bring their dish in by 5:45 p.m.

As always at High Pastures, Burnsville and nearby

vicinity folks are welcome. The retreat is located behind East Yancey High School at the head of George's Fork Road.

Yancey Railroad Offers Trainrides By Charter

For the first time in many years, the Yancey Railroad Company of Burnsville, North Carolina, is offering its 10 miles of scenic mountain railroad trackage as well as its equipment to clubs, fraternal organizations, and church groups on a closed charter basis. The line has two diesel locomotives, many bridges, and it follows the South Toe River for the six miles between Micaville and Kona where the little line crosses the confluence of the two Toe Rivers on high bridges. The trip is from Burnsville to Kona and return to Burnsville.

Several spots have been selected for stopping the train to allow the passengers to view the area and to make photographs. Of special interest to railfan groups, the

little Railroad has been featured in several publications of late, both national and area in scope.

A day's outing along the South Toe on a Railroad which enjoys life and wants to share itself with others complete with the colors of the fall leaves can be arranged by contacting the Yancey Railroad. These trips are available on weekends for charter groups under a very interesting fee arrangement. Trains, long an interest to many people, have a way of infecting those around them with a desire to see the scenery, and there is no better way than from a chartered train all your own. A cleared area is provided at Kona for picnics.



Florida's Governor Visits In Yancey

Florida's Governor Reuben Askew came to Yancey County last week for a well-deserved vacation with his wife, Donna, and two children, Angela and Kevin. The Governor, a Democrat, is a prime consideration for the vice-presidential post in next year's elections, and his name was even mentioned recently by Senator Mansfield in connection with the

Democratic Presidential Primary which to date has a bewildering assortment of possibilities as well as contenders. Governor Askew has been staying with friends in the Cattail Creek Community at Pensacola and is thoroughly enjoying the mountains of western North Carolina—as well as the brief respite from his arduous duties as Governor of Florida.

Bazaar, Bake Sale

The Spruce Pine Junior Woman's Club will have its 3rd Annual Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale on Saturday, August 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Burnsville Plaza Shopping Center.



Jeanne Hahne

and her singing reflects her warmth and vibrancy.

The public is invited to attend this event at High Pastures. A covered dish supper is slated for Wednesday, July 30 and also for Friday, August 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Open Aug. 2 Yancey County Farmers' Curb Market Permits 50¢

Saturdays 8 am - 7 pm

Wednesdays 1:15 - 7 pm

NW Bank Parking Lot

Homegrown Vegetables & Fruit

At License Tag Office

Only 34 Selling Spaces

Courtesy of Yancey County Country Store