

Talent Abounds At Jamboree

To many people in Yancey County, around the first of August has come to mean the time for another Jamboree. Again, another Jamboree is to be staged in the traditional manner of a mountain folk festival, and the time this year is July 31st and August 1st, beginning each evening at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of East Yancey High School. The young people who take part in the event this year will bring the total number of performers in the eight-year-old program close to one thousand.

On Thursday evening when the curtains open, there will be music, singing, and dancing in a lively manner that will cause clapping and foot-tapping in the audience as the music sounds, the voices sing, and the dancers move in a rhythm that often defies description.

The program this year will be made up of three different classes. Class I will be Grades K-6, Class II will be made up of Grades 7-12, and Class III will include adults. Entries will be in the following categories: Folk Song/Folk Ballad, Religious, Patriotic, Instrumental, Smooth Square Dancing, Folk Dancing, and Buck Dancing. For the first time this year, the participants have chosen to be in

exhibition without judging, or in competition with judging. Grand Champion Trophies will be awarded, and trophies will be given to winners in each category of each class. Also, the Hughes Trophy, given by Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Hughes, Burnsville, will be given, one to the individual who scores the highest number of points for the most authentic folk song/folk ballad, and the other one to the group that has the highest number of points for the most authentic song in the same category. As has always been the custom, judging will be done by judges who live outside Yancey County.

Among the performers this year will be dance teams from the Mt. Mitchell Swingers, a local group of smooth-square dancers who graced the Jamboree with their talents last year. As in most any program, other highlights are being planned, but with the Jamboree directors, each performance is something of a highlight and is special because of the time involved and the effort made to present a talent which represents the person himself.

As has been said in past years regarding the Jamboree, "Come on out, pat your foot, and clap your hands as once again the lively and

entertaining young people and 'young adults' dance and sing down the moon".

Special highlights of the 1974 Jamboree included the appearance of Tina Banks, 1974 Junior Rhododendron Queen. Also, there were two dance teams, one in clogging and the other in folk, from Mitchell County. On Thursday evening, the Parkway Playhouse had a special part in the program. Another attraction was the Tom Koch Family with a Balalaiki Ensemble. When the trophies were awarded on Friday night, Grand Champion Winners in Class I were James and Leigh Ann Robinson, Micaville Elementary School. Class II Grand Champion Winners were Bobby and Ramona Angel, Cane River

High School. The Hughes Trophy for the Most Authentic Individual Folk Song/Folk Ballad was given to Bobby and Ramona Angel, Cane River High School. During the 1974-75 school year, Angelia Anglin, Pensacola Elementary School, was given the Mrs. Hubert Hayes Award for the Oldest Folk Song in the Jamboree in 1973 and 1974.

At the annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner in April of 1975, two three-hundred dollar Yancey Youth Jamboree Scholarships were awarded, one to Marsha Peterson, senior at Cane River, and the other one to Charles Dulaney, senior at East Yancey. These awards brought the total amount given through Yancey Youth Jamboree Scholarships to twenty-eight hundred.



Sculptress In Metal

Cecil Herring, Titusville, Florida, will be at the Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair for the first time this year. She is shown above with her metal sculpture, which she will be displaying during the two-day event. Cecil also does other metal work and jewelry in steel, bronze, copper, gold, and silver. Her work was included in a show of Florida craftsmen at the Ringling Museum in Sarasota and the Stephen Foster Memorial Show in 1975.

From Near And Far



Quilts And Needlework Displayed

Mary Brown and Susan Peterson have been part of the Crafts Fair since they came in 1971. Their quilts and other needle crafts are displayed in an unusual fashion. Notice the various patterns in the quilt designs. The two craftsmen are from over the mountain in Barnardsville and will be returning to the Mt. Mitchell Fair on August 1 and 2 again this year.

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