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Ben Floyd Named UF Chairman

Ben Floyd has accepted the chairmanship of the Yancey United Way campaign which will be conducted this fall. This will be the twentieth annual drive of the local organization which raises money to assist a dozen or more deserving community activities.

The announcement of Floyd's acceptance of the chairmanship followed a preliminary organization meeting held last Tuesday. The announcement of other officers, and the makeup of the local budget committee is expected shortly.

The directors of the local United Way, otherwise known as the Yancey United Fund, expressed particular satisfaction in having Ben Floyd head this year's campaign. Since coming to Burnsville as manager of the newly opened branch of the First Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Ben has been active in community affairs. Currently he is president of the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce which imposes a heavy load on its president, particularly during the summer when the Chamber conducts the Crafts Festival and the Yancey Youth Jamboree. Prior to being president, Ben headed a number of the organization's committees.

Ben is a graduate of Mars Hill College, with a degree in economics. He is married to the former Rita Ann Propst of Hickory.

The Budget Committee of the United Way will meet shortly to review requests from the various agencies and organizations which desire to share in the united drive. In the meantime these organizations are being asked to submit their requests to Mrs. Ruby Smith, the Secretary of the United Fund.

Garden Club Meeting

The Burnsville Garden Club will meet in the home of Mrs. David Powers on Thursday afternoon, August 28, at 3:00 p.m.



Wagon Train Planned For Weekend

A Wagon Train will again be "Movin' Out" over Labor Day weekend and everyone is welcome to join the train; participants must be responsible for their own food and horse feed. The train will start from Pigeon Roost (left fork on government property) at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 30. It

will travel up Pigeon Roost to Iron Mountain Road, go around by Beauty Spot to Poplar and back to Pigeon Roost. The entire trip will extend through Monday, September 1. For further information contact Otis Honeycutt 682-3742 or Charles Letterman 682-2784.

Mars Hill Program In 2nd Year:

'Continuing Education'

"The Continuing Education Program is one segment of our concept of the college's service to our region," commented Dr. John Hough, director of Mars Hill College's evening program, now entering its second year.

"We have long used the people and natural resources of the area in our academic programs, and we are concerned with what the college can return to the area," he continued.

The efforts Mars Hill is making are in the areas of preserving the heritage and natural resources of the region, establishing an Appalachian curriculum and museum, and making the college's resources available to the area.

"Our most important concern in establishing the Continuing Education Program," noted academic vice-president Dr. Richard Hoff-

man, "is to reduce the learning barriers for adults. For example, although traditional evening classes will be offered, internships, credit by examination, and reflective life experiences also can earn the participant academic credit."

The college's competence based curriculum also allows

flexibility for the college to expand its resources in ways not open before the new curriculum was instituted. Students enrolled in the Continuing Education Program (CEP) can be awarded the same bachelor's degree that is offered to the full-time residence or commuting student. An Associate in Arts

degree and a certificate program are also available for those who meet specific competencies.

These competencies will be related to career interests of adults, leadership training, and human development. The college will work closely with other institutions, such as technical schools, in coordinating course offerings. Industries, businesses, and churches will be utilized to support the program in terms of facilities, released time for adults, and financial aid.

In an effort to reduce one major barrier to adults, cost have been minimized. Each CEP student receives a \$25 scholarship per semester hour of credit and full time students, those taking 12 semester hours, will receive a \$100 grant from the state. Other forms of financial aid

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GOP Precinct Meetings And Convention Slated

The Yancey County Republican precinct meetings will be held on September 6, 1975 at the usual polling place in each precinct. Each Republican registered within the precinct, in attendance, shall be entitled to cast one vote. At these precinct meetings there will be elected a Precinct Committee and delegates to the County Convention.

The Yancey County Republican Convention will be held on September 20, 1975 at 7:00 p.m. at the Yancey Courthouse in Burnsville. All delegates elected at the precinct meeting shall be present at the County Convention. The Convention shall elect new officers and delegates to the District and State Conventions.

Yancey Railroad Has 12-Mile Scenic Tour

For the first time in many years, the Yancey Railroad Company of Burnsville, North Carolina, is offering its 12 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.

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.



YANCEY COUNTY
COUNTRY STORE

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TEMPERATURE
FROM THE
UPPER PORCH

74°-90°
20°-60°

Two Vietnamese Families Will Arrive In September

The first week of September will be the arrival date for the Pham and Bui families to reside in Burnsville at the Sacred Heart Rectory.

We have been asked to sponsor both families because they are closely related and did not wish to be separated. Help is needed in securing

employment and providing assistance with their basic needs until they are resettled.

Mr. Trung Quan Pham is 45 years old and has the skills of a carpenter and mason. He also had a boat equipment business which employed the two families in Vietnam. He is anxious to find employment.

His family includes his wife, Tho Pham; three sons who are 12, 13, and 14-years old and two daughters who are 6 and 8 years old.

Mr. Chuyen Van Bui is 60 years old and his wife, Mrs. Son Thi Nguyen is 56 years old. They were employed as janitors of an office building in Vietnam. Their families include Miss Nui Thi Bui who is 18 years old and their nephew, Mr. Minh Quang Nguyen who is 21 years old. Miss Nui and Mr. Minh were employed in Mr. Trung Pham's boatworks. Mr. Minh is the only member that speaks some English.

A resettlement fund is being set up to help assist the family to get started. Any donations may be sent to the Resettlement Fund in care of Mrs. Bert T. Reed, Route 2, Box 296, Burnsville, N.C. Checks should be made payable to the Resettlement Fund as they are tax deductible.

School Board Meeting

The Yancey County Board of Education will have their September meeting on Tuesday, September 2 instead of September 1 which is a holiday.



Homemakers Exchange Ideas

Exchange meetings are encouraged among Extension Homemakers clubs to promote personal acquaintances and an exchange of ideas. The Happy Homemakers Club entertained members of the Burnsville Homemakers Club on Wednesday, August 20, at the home of Mrs. J.B. Towe, President. Thirty-one members enjoyed a colorful picnic lunch on the patio and lawn. A red, white and blue color scheme set the stage for the program, "What Is Right With America" which followed the luncheon and tour of the Towe home.

Pictured around picnic tables are members of the Burnsville Homemakers Club; Happy Homemakers Club members are pictured in informal grouping.



Tobacco Tour In Yancey

The "Extension Research on Wheels" tobacco tour of the Burley area stopped at two Yancey farms last Thursday. The tour began in Statesville on Wednesday and traveled through Iredell, Yadkin, Wilkes, Alleghany and Watauga counties. In Boone a banquet was held honoring tobacco experiment cooperators of last season. Yancey cooperators Leroy Silvers, Jeffrey Fox, Baxter Silvers and Jim Adkins attended. Thursdays schedule took the tour to Mitchell county prior to arriving in Yancey. Here the group of 60 farmers, tobacco industry persons, college personnel, and extension agents visited two of the nine research locations in Yancey. They saw "systems control" in action at the Lawrence Grindstaff plot which incorporates varieties, chemicals and rotation to combat disease. At the Grover and Warren Westall farm the tour saw labor saving systems being used to harvest tobacco. The group had a "mountain trout" lunch at the Burnsville Community Building before travelling on through Madison and Buncombe counties to complete the tour.