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Merry Christmas

Carolyn & Ed Yuziuk

To our friends and neighbors
From all of us at The Yancey Journal

Brenda Webb
Patsy Randolph



Town Decorates For Christmas

Otway Burns' statue overlooks Christmas Tree on the town square for the first time in several years. The tree and other decorations are especially lovely this year, and according to

latest reports, Yancey County may even have a 'White Christmas' to crown the season.

From Wildlife Resources Commission:

Hunters 'Lend' Eyes, Ears

BY JIM DEAN

'Wildlife Afield' Reporter

There is growing evidence that some people who break fish and game laws are beginning to get a little edgy. They think everybody is out to get them. The word for this is paranoia, except that in this case, the suspicions may prove correct.

"The hoodlums that spotlight deer or break other game and fish laws always keep an eye peeled for the green uniforms of the wildlife law enforcement officers," one law-abiding hunter told me recently. "but they have never worried about the rest of us much. They figured we wouldn't turn them in even if we caught them."

There are groups and individuals in North Carolina who are actively trying to change this. "What we'd like to do," one told me, "is create a little healthy paranoia."

ONE EXAMPLE

The most recent evidence comes from an incident in rural Burke County last Thanksgiving Day. Three bird hunters—Ed Neves of Sylva, Barry Nevius of Asheville and Tom Farr of Morganton—were getting ready to hunt a field when they passed a car parked alongside the road. A young hunter was leaning against the car, waiting for a deer to move through the nearby fields or cross the road. Nothing illegal about that, so far.

"We began hunting one of the fields not far away," said Neves, "and we had only been walking a few minutes when a young doe deer came out of the woods and ran across the field toward the deer hunter. Of course, doe deer are illegal in Burke County so we were surprised to hear the guy shoot."

Neves and his buddies hustled back to the parked car where they found the man and the freshly killed doe.

"We asked him if he was going to call a wildlife enforcement officer and of course he looked at us like we were nuts," said Neves. "He then asked us whether we were going to report him. When we told him we were, he began to get nervous."

The three quail hunters left to find a telephone and

called Winfield Rhyne, supervisor of wildlife enforcement for that part of the state.

"We couldn't believe it, but within 15 minutes there were four wildlife enforcement officers on the spot," said Neves. "The violator had fled with his deer, but we furnished enough information so that they soon tracked him down and caught him cleaning the deer in his backyard."

THOSE CALLS WORK!

"I think it's important for

New Wildlife Enforcement Officer Here

Don McGalliard, Wildlife Enforcement Officer, who has been stationed at Burnsville for the past twelve years, has been promoted and reappointed in Catawba County. Don accepted the new position on December 1 and will move his family to Catawba County after the holidays and when housing is found.

The new Wildlife Enforcement Officer for the Burnsville area is Fred R. Capps, Jr., an eight year veteran with the Wildlife Commission who is moving from Burke County. Fred, who is a native of East Flat Rock, and his wife, Evelyn, who is a native of Burke County, have one daughter and are expecting another child before January 1. They plan to move to Burnsville soon after that.



YANCEY COUNTY COUNTRY STORE

Hi - 60
TEMPERATURE
Hi - 68°
Low 6°

the sportsmen of this state to know that those telephone numbers work," said Neves.

The telephone numbers Neves is talking about are those which are posted on red cards shaped like stop signs throughout public hunting lands across the state. The numbers are also listed, along with instructions, on the back of each hunting and fishing regulation booklet.

"More and more sportsmen are using these numbers to report violations," said Don Curtis, chief of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's Division of Enforcement. "We're certainly glad to see it happening because if the legitimate sportsmen help, we can make it a lot rougher for game and fish law violators."

"All sportsmen need to do is call that number when they see someone breaking the law," said Curtis. "Even if they're not sure whether the law is being broken, we'll hightail it over there and check it out to be sure. Those who make the reports don't even have to get involved unless they want to. We can usually catch the violators red-handed. We've got mobile teams patrolling in every county in the state and it doesn't take us long to track down a report."

There are nearly 200 wildlife enforcement officers in North Carolina. Add roughly a million sportsmen as "ears" and "eyes" and game and fish law violators may soon be out of business.



Chrismon Tree Displayed

A Chrismon Tree has been created this year for the second time by the ladies of the Bald Creek Methodist Church. A tree of religious significance, the Chrismon tree uses symbolic decorations rather than tinsel and shiny ornaments. The ladies of the church work many hours to create the decorations in shapes such as stars, crosses, angels, doves and flowers that represent Christ. They held an open house last week to give the public a chance to observe the lovely and lavish Chrismon tree.

Ski Resort Open For Season

Wolf Laurel ski resort is open for the season as of Saturday, December 20, with increased snowmaking equipment according to an announcement made by Tom Barr, Wolf Laurel's Ski Director.

A new air-water system and new snow guns have been added to the present snowmaking capability this year. This addition will add 50% to last year's man made snow. According to Barr, the runs from the top of the double chair lift should be open 80% of the time compared to 100% last year.

Wolf Laurel's rates have not been increased this year. A special student weekend and holiday rate has been added this year in response to student interest.

Wolf Laurel is offering Ski Package Specials with lodging at Wolf Laurel Inn, breakfast, ski lessons and equipment and lift tickets, all at one package price.

Ski lessons are provided by a team of certified instructors, featuring the GLM teaching method.

Wolf Laurel is a second home resort located off U.S. Highway 23 North of Asheville. Call (704) 689-4111 for snow conditions and other Wolf Laurel ski information.



Blue Bell Awards Service Pins

Blue Bell, Inc. had its annual Christmas Lunch on Friday, December 19, 1975, at which time gifts were exchanged and seven employees were awarded Service Pins by the Division Manager, Mr. Wiley Ward. Employees who received their five-year pins were Martha Harrison, Mae McKinney, Jewell Nunnally, Lela Price, Ida Lee Silvers, and Paul Tipton. Fred Boyd received a ten-year pin.

Owners Must List Property By January Listing Deadline

All property owners must list their property each and every year during the regular listing period of January 2 to January 31, 1976. (N.C. General Statute 105-285. Sections (a), (b), (c), & (d).)

period only. (N.C. General Statute 105-282.1. Sections (a) & (b); and General Statute 105-277.1).

Any and all property owners who fail to list property during the regular tax listing period (January 2 to January 31, 1976; are subject to a late listing penalty of 10% of the total

property tax due for that year. (N.C. General Statute 105-312. Section (h).)

Beginning January 2 to January 31, 1976, a Tax Lister will be located in each Township (Monday through Friday) from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Notices will be posted in each Township giving the dates and places of which property is to be listed.



Christmas Dinner For Senior Citizens

About 200 people enjoyed a Christmas Dinner December 18, sponsored by the Yancey County Committee on Aging, the Emergency Radio Patrol and W.A.M.Y. Community Action. There was delicious food prepared by the Cane River High School lunchroom and a beautiful cake baked by Peggy Wilson for all the Senior Citizens who celebrate their birthday in December. Phil Nordstrom led group singing and told the story of Christmas in Swedish. Debbie Norris performed at the piano. Several people presented announcements important to senior citizens and the senior citizens themselves shared thoughts on the meaning of Christmas. Sue Bailey, 93 years old, was recognized as the oldest person in attendance. There

were five others who also boasted more than 90 years of life. The success of the dinner is attributed in part to the generous donations of Best Bakery (rolls), Robinson's Dairy (milk), Albert Jones (pepsi), James McDougald (Christmas Tree), Mayland Tech and W.A.M.Y. (decorations), Issie Cannon (for his ideas and energy), and the many other volunteers for preparing and serving the food and providing transportation.

Everyone who is 60 years or older is invited to gather for dinner and fellowship provided by the Nutrition Program at the Burnsville Community Center daily. Call Hazel Thomas at the W.A.M.Y. Office for more information. In some cases, transportation may be arranged.