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Retiree Honored At Christmas Dinner

A Retirement-Christmas Dinner was held for N.B. Styles on December 17, 1975 on the occasion of his retirement from Yancey Railroad. Mr. Styles had worked for Yancey Railroad for several years and his retirement plaque was presented to him by J.V. Cannon, Manager of the railroad. Earl VanHorn, President of Yancey Railroad, honored Mr. Styles in a speech which remarked upon his service to the company. Mr. Styles [Ben] is the first employee to receive such an award from the railroad. He has been and will continue to be a valuable source of knowledge and information to the Yancey Railroad and will always be remembered for his loyalty and dedication, stated Mr. VanHorn. J.V. Cannon noted, "His friendship and faith in me will always be remembered. Ben is one person that cannot be replaced."

Pictured above (seated l. to r.) Earl VanHorn, President; N.B. Styles; W.B. Wilkins, Secretary. Standing in rear is Jean V. Cannon, General Manager of the Yancey Railroad.

Dividend

Directors of First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company have declared a regular quarterly common stock dividend of \$1.25 per share. The dividend is payable April 2, 1976, to shareholders of record March 10, 1976.

MOUNTAIN HERITAGE JV GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Mitchell--December 31	Home
North Buncombe--January 5	Home
Sylvia-Webster--January 12	Home
Enka--January 15	Home
Madison--January 19	Home
Sylvia-Webster--January 28	There
Tuscola--February 4	Home
Mitchell--February 11	There
Tuscola--February 18	There

Agri-Vues
BY WM. C. BLEDSOE
AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION CHAIRMAN

As the year end approaches many people like to look back on the years' accomplishments, do some speculating about the future and apply past experience to future guidance. In the local farm picture tobacco prices have been a letdown, but haven't really been less than people were expecting, milk prices have remained stable, some fruit and horticulture crops were good; others such as apples very disappointing. Beef Cattle prices were better than anticipated by most people. Farm costs have remained high and decreased margin opportunities for the farmer.

OUTLOOK 1976
There is a general consensus among economists that the '76 total economy outlook is encouraging. The real gross national product is predicted to advance 5-7 percent above '75. However, substantial unemployment will remain in the labor market. Factories and equipment will operate at less than peak rates. The key to '76 outlook is a continual recovery of the general economy.

FERTILIZER
It is likely that more fertilizer will be available next year as new factories begin their production. The shortage of natural gas will be one major constraint. Supplies of Nitrogen should be up but still remain tight. Capacity to produce phosphate is up 28% over last year. Certain items of fertilizer have already dropped compared to a year ago.

POLICY IMPACT
North Carolina farmers are concerned about government policies on crops such as tobacco and peanuts. The Secretary of Agriculture has already announced a reduction of 15% in Flue Cured Tobacco quota for 1976. Quotas for Burley will be announced by February 1.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:
The new library is incredibly beautiful and the best thing that has happened to Burnsville in a long time. Our hats off to everyone who has had anything to do with this project.
The Downings
Yancey County Country Store

Dear Editor:
The South Toe Volunteer Fire Department would like to wish our friends and supporters a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are glad to announce that we have come a long way toward realizing our dream.
Ground will be broken in January for the fire house. Our fire fighters confined a house fire to the attic and saved the house besides putting out numerous brush fires.
Everyone is invited to a pot luck supper on January 23 starting at 6 p.m. at the South Toe School. Please bring your favorite dish and remember we need your financial support for the coming year as well as your moral support.
Dorothy McHugh
For The South Toe Volunteer Fire Department

Dear Editor:
We have been meaning to write this letter for a long time and today something happened that finally got us around to doing it. On our way to work this morning we almost ran over a puppy that could not have been over six weeks old.
Every day we drive from Pensacola to Burnsville and back. We drive slowly and cautiously. And every day we have to avoid at least three or four dogs that chase our car or are simply sitting in the middle of the road. Time and time again we try to avoid them because it would break our hearts to run over someone's pet. We have now decided that we are more important than the dogs after running off the road and almost wrecking our car several times.
In our opinion anyone who has a dog and lives on a heavily traveled road (referring especially to the area of road close to Burnsville) should be responsible enough to keep the dog off the road where it will not get hurt itself or cause anyone else any danger. For the dog's sake and for public safety. All emotions aside--these dogs are a traffic hazard.
I hope the people who own these dogs--and I'm sure they know who they are--read this letter and take some action for everyone's sake.
Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dilsaver

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HEALTH NEWS
from Pollard Drug

Tip: When not to take a laxative

If you're one of the millions of Americans who uses laxatives, try to ask yourself these questions next time you take a dose: Why are you taking it? Are you trying to correct a rare case of constipation, or has it become habit? Prolonged use will impair normal bowel function and can lead to dangerous dependence. ... Do you use laxatives to stop abdominal pains or vomiting? If so, don't! You could overlook a serious problem, such as appendicitis. ... Are you taking it for an unexplained intestinal problem? Again, don't! You could be ignoring bowel cancer. Any time elimination habits change abruptly, see your family doctor.

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