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Recommendations Invited:

Forest Service Plans

Robert W. Cermak, Forest Supervisor, National Forests in North Carolina, announced today that the Forest Service is seeking public comment and recommendations on the management of National Forest land in the South Toe and Big Ivy Units of the Pisgah National Forest.

The South Toe Unit is in Yancey County approximately 10 miles southeast of Burnsville. The Big Ivy Unit is in Buncombe County approximately 10 miles northeast of Asheville. Both units are administered by the District Ranger, Toecane Ranger District, Burnsville, N.C.

"Natural resources of the National Forest provide a variety of uses for the public

toward which management is directed," Cermak stated. Watersheds provide quality water for domestic and municipal water supply. The harvest of timber crops furnishes industry and local use with raw material. The same harvest enhances wildlife habitat. Provisions are made for game and non-game species of wildlife. Hunting is permitted on National Forest land under state game regulations. Rare and endangered species are protected. Forest visitors enjoy trout fishing in the South Toe River and its tributaries as well as Dillingham Creek. Camping, hiking, picnicking, horseback riding, are all popular forms of recreation in this area. Thousands take pleasure in viewing the forest from the Blue Ridge Parkway and Mount Mitchell. The area north of the Craggy Gardens has been designated for study as a Wilderness by Congress.

Continuing, Cermak said, "An interdisciplinary team consisting of Forest Service scientists and specialists in such fields as soils, watershed, recreation, wildlife, timber and landscape management is studying these two

units. They have inventoried resources and identified situations from which direction for management will be developed. This data is available and may be obtained by writing to the Forest Supervisor's Office, P.O. Box 2750, Asheville, N.C. 28802, or by calling (704) 258-2850, Extension 601.

The Forest Service is asking the public's help in reviewing these data inventories and situations to provide additional information and make comments of their views. Comments may be written or oral. Discussion with individuals or groups is welcome. All comments should be received by the Forest Supervisor prior to February 2, 1976.

After this date, work will start on writing an Environmental Statement and Unit Plans, which will give proposed direction for management of these units in the subsequent ten year period. The public will have an opportunity to review and again comment on the draft Environmental Statement and Unit Plans either in writing or at a public meeting before the documents are filed.



Blaze Extinguished At Last, Leaving Demolished Gasoline Tanker

Tanker Explosion Destroys Home When Power Lines Ignite Gasoline

A spectacular fire seen by some Burnsville residents and passing motorists early Monday morning, January 5, resulted from an accident involving a tanker owned by Space Petroleum Company of Shelby. Three residents of a mobile home and the driver of the gasoline tanker escaped injury.

According to Larry Riddle of the Yancey County Sheriff's Department, at about 1:45 a.m. the tanker was refilling the storage tanks at a service station at Hwy. 197 and 19E Bypass when the brakes apparently failed.

The tanker was parked on a steep incline and it rolled across Hwy. 197 and struck a power pole near the mobile home. The spectacular fire occurred when downed power lines ignited gasoline leaking from the tanker when it overturned. The fire later caused the tanker truck to explode, destroying both the tanker and the mobile home nearby.

The driver of the truck, William Shetley, 38, of Union, S.C. who was outside the vehicle when it began to roll, was unable to get back into the truck cab to stop it. When he saw the downed power lines and leaking gasoline, he ran to the mobile home where Mr. and Mrs. Paul Norton and their six-year-old son Mark were sleeping.

Shetley said the sound of his beating on the front door of the mobile home awakened the Nortons, who left the trailer from the back door. Not realizing they were safe, Shetley remained at the front entrance to the mobile home trying to arouse the occupants

until sparks from the power lines ignited the gasoline. The flames spread rapidly, but Shetley managed to escape unharmed and then discovered the Nortons were safe. Flames from the burning fuel soon engulfed the mobile

home and shortly afterward, the tanker exploded damaging the power lines even further.

The explosion also knocked out telephone service to the area. Gene Higgins, chief of the Burnsville Volunteer Fire Department, was forced

to go from door to door alerting the firemen that a fire was in progress. The firemen and members of the Burnsville Police Department and Yancey Sheriff's Department fought the blaze for more than three hours in sub-freezing temperatures.

ESC Announces Termination Of FSB Payments In April

The Employment Security Commission announced this week that Federal Supplemental Unemployment Benefits in North Carolina will terminate April 3.

The program has "triggered off" because the State's average insured unemployment rate for 13 weeks has fallen below five percent. Local ESC Manager Jim Acuff said he was informed Friday by the central office that all FSB payments stop in April and claims filed between January 3 and April 3 may entitle workers to only half their FSB claim.

He said January 3 is the official trigger-off date of the Federal program which has provided up to an additional 26 unemployment checks to workers who have exhausted

their regular and extended state benefits.

Workers who have FSB claims established prior to January 3 may receive one half their entitlement or the balance of their claims, whichever is lesser, according to the ESC.

FSB was established by Congress December 31, 1974. There are currently 25,400 workers in North Carolina

filing claims under the special program and payments last month exceeded \$5 million.

In Mitchell and Yancey Counties about 150 workers are filing FSB claims.

Manager Acuff says he cannot determine how many workers will establish new FSB claims in the next three months or how many will be affected by the April 3 cut off date.

Public Information

Meeting On Nolichucky

The Nolichucky River in western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee will be the subject of a public information meeting to be held Thursday, January 29, 1976, at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse in Burnsville, North Carolina. Representatives of a joint Federal/State study team which is currently evaluating the Nolichucky as a potential addi-

tion to the National Wild and Scenic River System, will be in attendance to explain the background behind the study and the study process itself and to answer questions and receive comments as they arise.

All interested persons are invited to attend and are encouraged to ask questions and state their opinions.

Further information regarding the study and/or the public information meeting may be obtained from the Regional Director, Southeast Region, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, 148 Cain Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Swimming Course Set

A course for Red Cross Swimming Instructors will be conducted at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, using the college pool, beginning Wednesday, January 14, from 6 to 7 p.m., and each Monday and Wednesday at the same hours until the course is completed.

The instructor will be the Rev. John E. Wilson, a member of the Lees-McRae faculty. The course is sponsored by the Mayland Red Cross Chapter, which serves Mitchell, Avery and Yancey Counties.

Information concerning the course may be obtained by contacting the Rev. Mr. Wilson or, by phoning Mrs. Lillian Hollifield 765-2422

ASU Offers Graduate Course Here

Two field-based graduate courses will be offered from Appalachian State University at Burnsville Elementary School. The courses are: AH 08-5060-302 (Curriculum Planning) offered on Thursdays, January 15-March 25, 4:00 p.m. til 7:00 p.m.; CR 11-4560-302 (Measurement & Assessment) offered on Mondays, January 12-March 22, 4:00 p.m. til 7:00 p.m.

Each of the above courses carries 2 semester hours of credit. The cost is \$22.00 per semester hour. There is a \$10.00 processing fee for those students registering at ASU for the first time.

Those who wish to enroll in either of the graduate courses, may register at the first class meeting January 12 for Measurements and Assessment and January 15 for Curriculum Planning.

Home Gutted By Fire

The Burnsville Fire Department was called to the Oliver Payne residence on Bill Allen Branch Road early Tuesday morning, January 6. The blaze, which was reported at 2:16 a.m., brought firemen to the scene immediately where they remained for about two and a half hours in freezing weather.

Firemen said the fire was confined to the flue area of the

house, with most of the damage inside the home which was completely gutted. The family's personal belongings were destroyed by the heat and smoke, but the outside structure of the house suffered little damage.

Gifts of warm clothing, medium adult size, or money can be left at the office of The Yancey Journal for this family.

Carolina Readers Theatre Seeks Actors, Musicians

The Carolina Readers Theatre, a professional touring theatre of North Carolina, is seeking actors and musicians to tour seven Appalachian states during March of 1976.

Under grants from the Appalachian Regional Commission and the State of North Carolina, CRT will produce and tour "Appalachia Sounding", a dramatic portrait of life in the mountain regions of America. Actors and musicians who are native to the Appalachian region or who can affect authentic Appalachian dialect are most sought.

The four week rehearsal residence in Boone, North Carolina begins February 2, 1976. Salary for the two month contract is negotiable.

Open auditions may be arranged in Chapel Hill by appointment. Interested actors and musicians should send photographs and resumes to John W. Morrow, Jr., Artistic Director, prior to January 15, 1976.

One character actress, one character actress/musician, and an ingenue with a good singing voice are being sought. Two character men and one young leading man who sings are required for the production. In addition, two traditional Appalachian musicians, male or female, will be hired to tour "Appalachia Sounding". Road management positions, including technical dir-

ector and tour technicians, are also open to qualified North Carolinians. Address resumes to William Bates, General Manager, Carolina Readers Theatre.

For more information concerning the acting and technical positions open for the

Local Glassblowers Enter Exhibition

William Bernstein and Gilbert C. Johnson of Burnsville; Robert Levin, Richard Qu. Ritter and Mark Feiser of Penland are glassblowers from this area who will be among the participants in "North Carolina Glass '76", an invitational exhibit which will open Sunday, January 11,

"Appalachia Sounding" tour, write CRT, P.O. Box 1222, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514 or call 919-933-5854.

CRT is an equal opportunity employer and actively seeks North Carolina residents for all staff, technical and acting positions.

The exhibit will open at 2 p.m. with a reception including five purchase award presentations, films on glassblowing, and a slide lecture by Harvey K. Littleton of Verona, Wis., well known glassblower and professor at the University of Wisconsin.

The purchase awards include \$1,000 from the North Carolina National Bank-Corporation of Charlotte; \$300 from Irwin Belk of Charlotte; \$150 from the Asheville Art Museum; and \$100 awards from the Hanes Foundation of Winston Salem and Josefine Niggli of Cullowhee.

Presented by the Lectures, Concerts and Exhibitions Committee at WCU, the exhibit will continue through January 30.



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Special Meeting Slated

The Yancey County Board of Education has scheduled meetings in the various elementary school districts in the county for the purpose of discussing with parents and teachers the consolidation plans for next year, particularly as they will apply to the students in middle grades.

All parents are urged to attend one of these meetings and to have input into the discussions. A final decision as to what grades will be included in the middle schools (Cane River and East Yancey) will be made after the last of these meetings has been held.

All meetings will be held in the schools at 7:30 p.m. on the following dates: Bee Log--Wednesday, January 7; Bald Creek--Thursday, January 8; Clearmont--Monday, January 12; South Toe--Wednesday, January 14; Mica-ville--Monday, January 19; Burnsville--Thursday, January 22; Pensacola--Monday, January 26.

List Takers Available In Townships

To assist taxpayers in listing 1976 taxes, List Takers will be available in the different Townships as follows:

Burnsville Township: Yancey County Courthouse, January 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26, 28, 29 and 30.

Cane River Township: Proffitt's Store, January 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 26 and 27.

Egypt Township: Buck Phillip's Store, January 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 28 and 29.

Ramsesytown Township: at Clayton Whitson's Store January 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 30.

Green Mountain Township: O.C. Whitson's Store January 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 28 and 29.

Jack's Creek Township: C.L. Byrd's Store, January 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 26 and 27.

Brush Creek Township: Worley Robinson's Store, January 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 30.

Crabtree Township: Ed Gouge's Store, January 14, 15, 16, and 29; Newdale Grocery, January 12, 13, and 28.

South Toe Township: at Westall's Store, January 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 26 and 27.

Pensacola Township: Billy Brooks Wilson Store, January 8, 13, 22, and 27.

Prices Creek Township: The Old J.F. Robinson Store Building, January 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 30.

For people who cannot be at desired places, please come by the tax office in the Courthouse during the week of February 2-6, 1976.

Yancey Health Dept.

Jan. 7, Wednesday, Eye Clinic [Dr. Powell]	8:00-12:00
Jan. 8, Thursday, Family Planning [Dr. McGahey]	8:00-11:30
Jan. 12, Monday, Immunization Clinic	8:00-11:00
Jan. 12, Monday, Nurse Screening	1:00-3:00
Jan. 13, Tuesday, Child Health [Dr. Cort]	8:00-1:00
Jan. 14, Wednesday, Pap Smear Clinic [Ms. Lance]	12:30-3:30
Jan. 15, Thursday, Maternal Health [Ms. Kingham]	4:00-6:00
Jan. 17, Saturday, Maternal Health [Ms. Kingham]	8:00-11:30
Jan. 19, Monday, Immunization Clinic	8:00-11:00
Jan. 19, Monday, Nurse Screening	1:00-3:00
Jan. 20, Tuesday, Maternal Health [Dr. Hemphill]	8:00-11:00
Jan. 22, Thursday, Family Planning [Dr. McGahey]	8:00-11:30
Jan. 23, Friday, Child Health [Dr. Pope]	8:00-1:00
Jan. 26, Monday, Immunization Clinic	8:00-11:00
Jan. 26, Monday, Nurse Screening	1:00-3:00
Jan. 27, Tuesday, Child Health [Dr. Cort]	8:00-1:00
Jan. 28, Wednesday, Orthopedic Clinic, Bakersville	8:00-11:00
Jan. 30, Friday, Child Health [Dr. Pope]	8:00-1:00