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Members Of School Boards And County Commissions Attended Dinner Meetings

Local Committee On Aging Gets National Recognition

Yancey County's Committee on Aging is one of 12 community organizations in the United States to receive national recognition for "unique service contributed to older Americans through active participation in Operation Independence."

Operation Independence is a three-year project whose major objective is to help ensure that vulnerable or handicapped older persons are not unnecessarily institutionalized. The project has been recognized by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration as an official Bicentennial program, the only one of 140 national programs to deal exclusively with aging.

The award was presented by NVOILA, the National Voluntary Organizations for Independent Living for the Aging, a program unit of The National Council on Aging.

Across the United States more than a million older adults are confined to their homes, and millions of others are coping with conditions that threaten their independent living and severely restrict the quality of their lives.

The Committee on Aging received its award from NVOILA in recognition of its Telephone Hotline for Senior Citizens, the only program of this type for Senior Citizens known to be in existence. The Telephone Hotline is a county wide effort in which Senior Citizens with specific needs call a central number and are put in touch with citizen volunteers and agencies who are able to assist them. The Committee on Aging is composed of interested citizens and representatives from churches, community organizations and government agencies in the county. Rev.

Richard Muri, pastor of Burnsville's First Baptist Church, is chairperson of the committee. Worth Crow, from Newdale, is chairperson of the SCORE (Senior Citizen Outreach Effort) Task Force which was responsible for developing the Telephone Hotline and getting it into operation. Mr. Crow and Mrs. True Elliott, worker with WAMY Community Action, Inc., have worked together in directing the program since operation began last November. Volunteers from all over the county man the Hotline, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Hotline number is 682-6011.



O.W. Deyton, James Ledford, Fred Bentley

College Hosts Dinner Meeting

Mars Hill College was host to the County Commissioners and Boards of Education from Yancey and Madison Counties at a dinner meeting on Monday, March 15. President Bentley expressed appreciation to the community leaders for their excellent service to the region. In addition, President Bentley spoke of the commitment of Mars Hill College to the people of the Southern Highlands and indicated his desire that the cooperation presently existing between the College and community leaders continue to develop.

Mr. Oscar Deyton, Chairman of Yancey County Commission, and Mr. James T. Ledford, Chairman of the Madison County Commission, discussed recent community development projects and future plans for each county.

Mr. Ed Hunter, Superintendent of Schools, Yancey County, and Mr. Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools, Madison County, related recent developments in education.

Pictured above [l. to r.] standing: Don Anderson, Claude Vess, Romie Burns, Bill Roberts, Emery Wallin, Detrick Cody, Dr. Fred Bentley. Seated: Robert Edwards, Ed Hunter, William A. Banks.

Mooreville Lions Host Big Event

The Mooreville Lions Club has completed plans for its 36th Annual Old Time Fiddler's and Blue Grass Convention according to Shaw Brown, chairman of this year's big event.

This big Tri-State event will be held Saturday, March 27, 1976 at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Roland R. Morgan Auditorium on East Center Ave. in Mooreville, North Carolina.

Dwight Barker of Radio Station WHIP will again be Master of Ceremonies.

We will have ample parking and seating, but due to the interest in this years convention, we would suggest that you come early to get the best. We again promise the same sound system as last year. We have been advised that this system has been updated and improved.

Ribbons and \$500 cash awards will be presented to the winners. A trophy and cash awards will be presented to the best Fiddler.

Prizes will be awarded as follows: Best Fiddler, Best Old Time Band, Best Blue Grass Band, Best Banjo, Best Mandolin, Best Guitar, Best Bass, Best Buck Dancer, and Most Promising Talent.

Competent Judges will be secured to pick the winners of this big event.

Entries are now being received for this big contest. Any bands, fiddlers, buck dancers and other contestants who wish to compete for the large cash awards please write or call Shaw Brown, Chairman, P.O. Box 1, Mooreville, N.C. 28115 (704) 664-1182.

Revival In Progress

Revival Services are now in progress at Bowditch Union Church on NC 80 South. Rev. T.A. Greene of Greensboro is evangelist. Services start each night at 7:00. Everyone is invited. Rev. Frances Radford is pastor.



\$100 For MH Band

Profits from the sales of Lions products benefit children of Yancey County. Those people in the county who have bought brooms, light bulbs, Halloween candy or fruit cakes have made this possible. The Burnsville Lions Club this week donated one hundred dollars to the Mountain Heritage Band. Pictured above, Lisa Mauney, band director, accepts the check from Joe McFee of the Lions Club.

The Burnsville Lions will meet Thursday, March 25, at the community building. French Broad EMC will present the program for the evening.



Little League Presidents

Romie Burns, past president of Yancey County Little League, passes the Little League Bat and Ball to Mr. Frank Robinson who is the new president. Mr. Burns states that he will spend his time towards a Yancey County Recreational Center. Mr. Robinson is Principal of East Yancey and has been a professional baseball player.



Charles Tolley

Tolley Named General Manager

Charles R. Tolley, who has been serving as Acting Manager at French Broad EMC since August 1975, has been named permanent General Manager of the Corporation effective April 1, 1976. This action was taken by the Board of Directors at their regular meeting in March.

Mr. Tolley is a native of Madison County and a graduate of Mars Hill High School. He graduated from Clemson University with a BS Degree in Electrical Engineering. He served in the Armed Forces attached to the 18th Airborne Corp and later the 160th Signal Group, and saw service in Vietnam. He is married to the former Sandra Landers and they have a one-year old daughter, Caroline Leigh.

Appalachian Heritage Recalled In State-Funded CRT Production

BY SUSAN LARSON One of the first celebrations of the bicentennial here will take place on Thursday, March 25, at 8:00 p.m. in Spruce Pine at Harris High. It is "Appalachia Sounding" which captures the spirit of the year in telling the story of a mountain family whose pride and independence sustain them in the face of the many changes which take place over the two hundred years they are here.

Writing in the program of "Appalachia Sounding", Cratis Williams of Appalachia State University where much of the research was done for the play says, "Today it is fitting that the Appalachian heritage be sounded anew in an attitude of genuine appreciation of its richness, its worth, and its long reach back into the history of our nation and our people. Contemporary Americans, lost and searching for identity, can certainly find in Appalachia grandmothers and grandfathers whose songs and tales, folksay, and arts and crafts they can identify with in their search for cultural roots and a place to call home the heart."

Some of the grandmothers and grandfathers of whom Mr. Williams speaks will be in the audience Thursday night. A busload of senior citizens

Church Ceremony

The Mt. Celso Presbyterian Church will be observing groundbreaking ceremonies Sunday, March 28. The public is cordially invited to attend. Rev. L. Dietz, pastor.

from Yancey County will attend. Mary Helmle, who was responsible for tickets in Yancey County, made the arrangements for this with WAMY.

Other Yancey board members of the Toe River Arts Council who have been working to bring Appalachia Sounding to this area are Theresa Coletta, who has

handled the publicity and Joyce Johnson, who assisted. The Senior Girl Scout Troop also gave their time to put up posters.

The essay contest for high school students on "Independence-An Appalachian Tradition" was coordinated in East Yancey and Cane River High Schools by board member Judy Norris. The winners

of this competition, for which the first prize is a \$50 savings bond, the second prize a \$25 savings bond given by NCNB and the third prize is \$10 donated by the Spruce Pine PTA will be announced Thursday evening at the performance.

Tickets are available at the door, from the Yancey County Country Store, the Pendulum Shop, the First-Citizens Bank, or from any Toe River Arts Council board member. They are \$2.00 for adults and free for students.

Appalachia Sounding is produced by the Carolina Readers Theatre and funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission and the state of North Carolina.

Church School At Higgins

Week Day Church School will begin Thursday, March 25, at Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church. Designed to give pre-school children (ages 3-5) a learning experience within a religious atmosphere, the Church School will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the church.

Teachers are Mrs. Suzan Hughes and Mrs. Linda Gillespie. The cost is \$2.00 per day. Scholarships are available for children in special cases.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in this program, please call the church office at 682-2835.

