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## Students Hold Teacher Appreciation Day

Monday, April 12, was designated Teacher Appreciation Day at Burnsville Elementary School by the Junior Beta Club and the Student Council. The Council and the Beta Club placed a small vase of spring flowers on the desk of each teacher, in the principal's office, and on the tables in the lunchroom on Monday morning with a reminder that the Beta Club members would be coming to their rooms to work with them during the

day in any way that they could be of service or wherever they would be needed most.

At 1 o'clock the Student Council gathered in the attractively decorated school library to finish preparations for a tea from 1:30 to 2:00 in honor of the principal, the faculty, the school secretary and librarian, the custodian and school aids, the lunchroom staff, and the members of the central office force.

## Board Of Education Appoints More 1976-'77 School Year Principals

The Yancey County Board of Education has announced the election of principals to serve in two elementary schools for 1976-77. Miss Paula Mae Higgins will serve as principal of Burnsville Elementary School, a position held by Mr. Larry Howell for the past five years. Mr. Howell will serve next year as principal of Micaville Elementary School. Sidney Zull-

inger will be the new principal of South Toe Elementary School.

Miss Higgins holds a Master's Degree in Admini-

stration from Appalachian State University. She has served as principal of Clearmont Elementary School and has taught at Bald Creek and

Bee Log Elementary Schools. Mr. Zullinger is a graduate of Mars Hill College and is expected to receive his Master's Degree in Administration from Western Carolina University this summer. He has been a teacher at Burnsville Elementary School for the past four years. He is married to the former Pam Young of Burnsville.

Mr. Frank Robinson, principal of East Yancey High School, will serve as Assistant Principal at Mountain Heritage High School next year.

## Special Services At Newdale Presbyterian

Dr. E. Perry Mobley of Winston Salem will be speaker in a series of services to be held in the Newdale Presbyterian Church beginning Easter Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Mobley is a warm spirit and popular pastor of the Reynolds Presbyterian Church, having served there for the past ten years. Much at home with both young and old, an avid sportsman, he finds himself comfortable both as preacher and sports official. As a native of Albany, Georgia he graduated from Presbyterian College of South Carolina and Columbia Seminary. Later he was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from King College. He has served in the U.S. Navy and in pastorates in Florida, Georgia and Tennessee before coming to North Carolina.

The congregation of Newdale Presbyterian feels that they are indeed fortunate in having Dr. Mobley for this time of spiritual enrichment and evangelistic effort. Feeling that you might like to share this spiritual feast of praise, inspiration and fellowship they cordially invite you to be at Newdale Church Sunday through Friday, April 18-23 each evening at 7:30. Special music and congregational singing will be a part of each service.

## Rate Hike Higher, Says French Broad

French Broad Electric Membership Corporation announced earlier this week that Carolina Power & Light Company had given notice of a revised wholesale rate request, and it was expected to be around 33%. It has now been announced that the Federal Power Commission has given tentative approval to their original request of January 30, 1976, for 34.5% which will go into effect on May 1, 1976, instead of their revised rate.

French Broad EMC along with the other Cooperatives in

North Carolina will do everything that is legally possible to see that these rate increases are justified, and if they are not justified, that the overcharges are returned.

The rate increase of January 2, 1975 was opposed by the Cooperatives and the new increase is being opposed. Since the progress made by the Federal Power Commission in ruling on these increases is very slow, members of French Broad EMC are urged to write their Senators and Congressmen, as well as the FPC for prompt action on these matters.

## Annual Chamber Dinner

Plans have been completed for the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner. It will be at East Yancey High School Friday, April 23. Reservations must be made by April 17. Tickets are available at the Chamber office in the New Town Hall on the square, or you may call 682-2312.



## Gudger Files As Candidate

On Monday, April 5, 1976, Lamar Gudger filed as candidate for the Congressional seat presently held by Roy A. Taylor. He is presently serving as State Senator from the 26th Senatorial District including Buncombe, Madison, McDowell and Yancey Counties. Her formerly served as District Solicitor and he served 1 term as representative of the N.C. House of Representatives. He is a member of the law firm, Gudger & McLean; he is an active Methodist layman; and has been prominent with civic and educational affairs for many years. Gudger stated in his announcement, "It is my hope that my own record of public service in the North Carolina Senate, sustained by the integrity of my professional and private life, will prove that I am qualified for this office."

## Firefighters Use Helicopter:

# 'Firebugs' Set Forest Fires

National Forest Rangers in the Toecane District have been very active in recent weeks fighting fires in and around Yancey County. According to a Forest Service spokesman, "Firebugs" are responsible for many of these fires.

On Sunday, April 4, Forest Rangers took action on a fire on Stoney Fork Road near Barnardsville. Only 2-3 acres were burned due to prompt action in spotting and getting men in to the site.

Wednesday, April 7, there

## Help For Elderly Families

A limited amount of assistance to help elderly families to fix-up and repair safety hazards in and around their home is now available through the local Yancey County Community Action Office.

Any family of Senior Citizens of Yancey County whose home, or the surrounding premises contain hazards which might cause a person's injury, and the family is unable to fix or repair the hazard, should make a request to the County Director, W.A.M.Y. Community Action. The request should be made on "Request for Assistance Form" which can be obtained at the Yancey County Community Action Office.

This program is designed, and was developed and approved, to help elderly citizens (60 years and older) or other disabled families who are not able to do this kind of work or do not have the resources to eliminate such conditions in and around their homes that might cause serious injury to someone.

Wherever these conditions exist and the family cannot correct them they are encouraged to contact the Community Action Office, Telephone 682-2610 or write the County Director, P.O. Box 596, Burnsville, N.C. 28714.

## Theatre Presents Comedy

The Burnsville Little Theatre will present a Woody Allen comedy, "Don't Drink the Water", on April 30 and May 1, 1976. Advance tickets will be on sale starting April 14.

According to director Barbara Bailey, this promises to be a fine production with most credit going to an excellent cast.

Cast members are: Phillip Shore, Betty Bacon, Jim Priesmeyer, Gail Deyton, Tom Gardner, Theresa Coletta, Kevin Shirley, Phyllis Downing, Tim Thompson, Liz Lasley, John David Stewart, Chris Day and Gene Cannon.



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were about seven fires set at the proposed Craggy Wilderness area and a total of 15 acres were burned.

A helicopter crew and smoke jumpers were used in both of these actions and the prompt action made possible by this means of getting fire fighters into the area is credited with saving scores of acres from being burned.

A forest fire at Big Butt Gap just west of the Yancey County line was spotted by an aerial observer last week. The observer saw a man setting that fire and another one, but the Toecane Rangers were unable to get to the area fast enough to apprehend him. One of these fires burned 25 acres, the other burned 5-6 acres of forest land. Here again, the helicopter crew was the means of preventing a greater destruction of forest land by bringing in two firefighting crews within a 30 minute period from outlying areas.

Last Saturday and Sunday, April 10 and 11, Toecane Rangers fought one fire at Ogles Meadows in Yancey County, two fires at the White Oak Creek Campground, and a small fire at the Black Mountain Campground.

Carelessness with campfires and cigarettes were responsible for some of the conflagrations, but the Forest Service spokesman emphasized that "Firebugs" were responsible for setting a great many of the forest fires in this area lately.

"We cannot even estimate

## Schools Close For Easter

Yancey County Schools will be closed for Easter Holidays on Friday, April 16, and Monday, April 19. There will be no other spring vacation, since a number of school days were lost during January and February because of snow.

Graduation exercises have been scheduled for East Yancey High School on Friday night, May 28, and for Cane River High School on Saturday night, May 29. The school year will end for all other students on Wednesday, June 2, 1976.

how many acres of National Forest land would have burned if we had not had the means of getting to the site of the blaze so promptly," said one Ranger. The helicopter is owned by the United States Forest Service and it arrived about three weeks ago from Utah. Toecane Rangers were initially doubtful about its use in the mountains, but have been impressed by how quickly the helicopter can get fire fighting crews to the

blazes and its maneuverability in small areas.

The National Forest Rangers have been working on more efficient means of apprehending firebugs and have several plans of action which should be effective. Citizens are urged to call the Forest Service if they are aware of any unusual or suspicious activity in the Forest Service jurisdiction. Remember--the National Forests belong to everyone.

## Motorists Warned About Holiday Statistics

Edward L. Powell, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles today reminded motorists that the four day Easter Holiday weekend will begin at 6:00 p.m. Friday, April 16, and end midnight Monday, April 19. Last year during the four day period, 25 persons lost their lives and 645 persons were injured on North Carolina highways.

During the Easter holiday last year there were 1,141 traffic accidents in the State

with 1,014 violations of the motor vehicle laws. The leading causes of these accidents were failing to see safe movement and speeding. Speeding over 75 m.p.h. caused 7 highway deaths.

Highway fatality statistics for Easter weekend 1975 also show 4 fatalities with speeding 65 to 75 m.p.h. and 3 fatalities with car speeding below 65 m.p.h. Failure to yield right of way caused 2 fatalities.

## One-Man Shows Set For May In Mitchell

BY SUSAN LARSON  
Toe River Arts Council

Two distinguished men will be brought to life again on the Harris Elementary School stage next month. They are Mark Twain and Clarence Darrow, who will be portrayed by Bill Wilson and Don Baucom respectively, in one-man shows Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15. The two productions are sponsored by the Toe River Arts Council and Mayland Technical Institute.

Bill Wilson's portrayal of Mark Twain will be the culmination of his two years as dramatist-in-residence at Mayland Technical Institute, a post which he will be leaving in June. Each performance he gives will be fitted to the audience. He has memorized four hours of material and will choose, according to audience response, selections from such works as *Huckleberry Finn*, *Roughing It*, and *Letters from the Earth*.

Don Baucom as Clarence Darrow will be acting the play by David W. Rintels. In

talking about his life and the famous trials in which he participated, Darrow reminds the audience of some of the great moments in courtroom drama and of the many causes he defended. Don Baucom, who is Dean of Instruction at Mayland Technical Institute, has the same angular face as Darrow and, with the subtraction of his beard and the addition of suspenders, will be Darrow on Saturday, May 15, at 8:00 p.m. in the Harris Elementary School Auditorium in Spruce Pine.

## Chamber To Publish New Brochure

The Yancey County Chamber of Commerce is doing a new accommodations brochure to be inserted in the colored brochure for distribution. Anyone wishing to place an ad in this brochure should contact the Chamber office at P.O. Box 175 or call 682-2312 before Saturday, April 17.



## CB Club Coffee Break

On March 20, 1976 the newly formed Mt. Mitchell C.B. Club held their first coffee break. The coffee break was held at Micaville Elementary School and \$700.00 was given to the Mentally Trainable Retarded Class at that school. The Little League Baseball Team was also given \$100.00, and \$50.00 was given to the Radio Patrol. The members of the Mt. Mitchell C.B. Club express appreciation to Mr. Boyd Deyton, principal of Micaville Elementary School, and to everyone who attended, for their contribution in helping make the coffee break a success.