

Wildlife Afield

By Jim Dean N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

Last spring, as the turkey season drew to a close, I chanced upon Dick Hamilton in the hall. Dick, who is Assistant Director of the Wildlife Commission, looked like the last survivor of an Angolan mercenary expedition.

"What in the world?" I asked, marveling at his haggard appearance. "I've been hunting turkey gobblers every morning except Sundays for two weeks," he said. "You know, it's a funny thing, but I believe the two most happy days of the turkey hunter's year are the first day of the spring gobbler season--and the last. I don't think I could survive much longer."

For the addicted turkey hunter, the spring gobblers-only season makes the rest of the year worth living, but it plays havoc with the daily routine. During the season, breakfast is wolfed down at 3:30 in the morning and each dawn finds the turkey hunter shivering in the woods.

SEASON BEGINS

This spring, the season opens April 10 and closes May 1 in and east of Rockingham, Forsyth, Yadkin, Iredell, Catawba, Lincoln and Gaston counties. In and west of Stokes, Surry, Wilkes, Alexander, Caldwell, Burke and Cleveland counties, the season is April 17-May 8.

Only bearded turkeys may be hunted, and the daily bag limit is one with two in possession and a limit of two for the season. No dogs may be used, and the carcass of each wild turkey must be tagged and reported as a big game kill. Hunters will need a big game license as well as a state hunting license.

The reason for holding the turkey season in the spring and restricting it to bearded turkeys only is to protect brood stocks and promote the expansion of the turkey population in North Carolina.

TURKEY RESTOCKING SUCCESSFUL

Hen turkeys are not only protected by law but also receive additional protection because they do not answer the hunter's "calls" in the spring. Only the male turkeys respond to calls. The spring season, in conjunction with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission's successful trapping and restocking of turkeys in many areas, is helping restore the turkey to many parts of the state--particularly in the west--where populations have been very low or extinct for many years.

The wild turkey is a notoriously wary and intelligent bird, and the spring gobblers-only season gives these birds an even greater advantage. It takes a careful knowledgeable hunter to collect a mature gobbler.



Photo Book Of Mountain Living

B'TWEEN THE TOES, an eighty-four page book chock full of pictures depicting life in the Yancey-Mitchell-Avery area has been published as a bicentennial project by the Spruce Pine Junior Woman's Club. Distribution of the photo book, which features Mt. Mitchell, Burnsville, the Yancey Railroad, and many local buildings of character, began at the "Celebration of the Sounds of America" at Harris High on April 24. B'TWEEN THE TOES was produced by Storytelling Photography and Uses Photos by C.E. Westveer and Brian Westveer. For a record of life around you in '75-'76, this book can't be beat. The Spruce Pine Junior Woman's Club extends its thanks to Deneen Mica, Liberty Lumber, Blue Bell, The Yancey Journal, Yancey Railroad and Glen Raven for their support which made the book possible. Pictured is Laurel Branch Baptist Church, one of many local buildings featured. Photo by Brian Westveer

Nominated For College Award

Miss JoAnn Brown, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Brown of Wichita Falls, Texas, has been nominated Outstanding Junior Woman at Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas. In a letter from Mrs. Viola Grady, Dean of Students, congratulating Miss Brown upon this honor, the Dean stated that "We believe the awards presented at the Women's Recognition Banquet are among the most significant honors that one can receive at Midwestern State University for the

nominations come both from the academic departments and student organizations." Among other honors that Miss Brown carries during her Junior Year at Midwestern State University are: Junior Beauty, Sweetheart of Sigma Nu Fraternity, Nominee for Greek Goddess, Secretary of Chi Omega Sorority, Tennis Scholarship Award, and the Table Tennis Trophy Award for winning the tournament trophy two years in a row at Midwestern. JoAnn is the granddaughter of the late Mrs. Axie

Peterson Elliott and Mr. Latt Elliott of Burnsville. Her mother is the former Marie Elliott of Burnsville.

JR-SR Prom

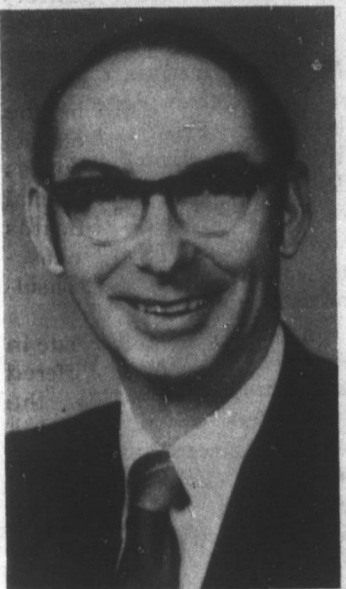
Saturday, May 1, East Yancey High School will hold the annual Junior-Senior Prom in the school gymnasium. The theme for this year's Prom is "Precious and Few". The students have decided to engage a well-known band "Eastern Seaboard". The Prom will begin at 8:30 and end at 12:30.

Ray Young Promoted By Insurance Firm

Gay & Taylor, Inc., a major insurance adjusting firm, announced today the promotion of Ray B. Young to Regional Vice President-Operating in its Eastern Division. Headquartered in Johnson City, Young will have full operating responsibility for 12 Gay & Taylor offices in Tennessee, Alabama and Kentucky.

A graduate of East Tennessee State University, Ray Young is a native of Burnsville. He has been a resident of Johnson City since 1948 and has over 21 years experience in the adjusting field with Gay & Taylor. He is a member of the Tennessee Claim Assoc. and Blue Goose International. Active in community activities, he is a member of the Lions and Elks Clubs and presently serves on the Board of Directors of the Johnson City Chamber of Commerce. Young and his wife, June, reside on Robin Hood Lane in Johnson City.

A graduate of East Tennessee State University, Ray Young is a native of Burnsville.



Ray Young

He has been a resident of Johnson City since 1948 and has over 21 years experience in the adjusting field with Gay & Taylor. He is a member of the Tennessee Claim Assoc. and Blue Goose International. Active in community activities, he is a member of the Lions and Elks Clubs and presently serves on the Board of Directors of the Johnson City Chamber of Commerce. Young and his wife, June, reside on Robin Hood Lane in Johnson City.

Chosen For Awards Program

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America Awards Program announced today that Mr. Charles Ronald Proffitt has been selected for inclusion in the 1976 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America". Mr. Proffitt lives at Route 3, Burnsville.

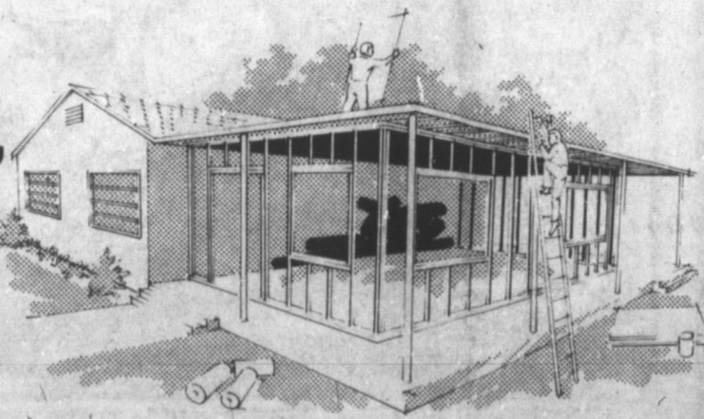
The Outstanding Young Men of America Program is sponsored by the U.S. Jaycees and numerous other leading men's civic and service organizations in the nation. The criteria for selection include a man's voluntary service to community, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments and civic and political participation.

LUMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES

For Building A Summer
Or Year-Round Home
See Yancey Builders Supply

we can help you
DO-IT YOURSELF

Spring Is The Time
For
Home Improvements,
Kitchen Remodeling,
Adding Rooms,
Porch or Patio



Yancey Builders Has Everything You Need.
If You Are Getting Ready To Build
Or Improve
Get Your Materials Now
Yancey Builders
Supply, Inc.

Burnsville

Phone 682-2344

Safety Tip:

If Clothing Catches Fire

CLOTHING FIRES

Many people, especially children, get burned because their clothes catch fire. Sometimes they get too near a barbecue, or fireplace, or space heater. Often the cause is misuse of matches.

But children enrolled in The Hartford Insurance Group's Junior Fire Marshal Program learn what to do in this dangerous situation.

They learn that if their clothes catch fire, running is



DROP AND ROLL if clothes catch fire. Don't run!

absolutely the wrong thing to do. The right action is to drop and roll -- just fall to the ground, right where they're standing, and roll back and forth. That will extinguish the fire quickly.

One hundred thousand children are burned every year -- but if children learn a tactic like "drop and roll" they'll be reducing the chances of becoming part of this statistic!

For Sale By Owner

50 ACRES in Green Mountain, old house and good barn, on state road, frontage on Toe River. \$30,000.

90 ACRES PRICES CREEK, heavily wooded with creek frontage and springs. \$500/acre.

28 ACRES 2 miles east of Burnsville. Beautiful views, wooded; \$700/acre.

ON HWY. 80N 7 miles from Burnsville--3 1/2 acres wooded-\$6,000; 5 to 10 acre tracts, wooded with lots of springs and creeks-\$1,500/acre.

ONLY 1/4 MILE FROM TOWN--140 ACRES [approx.] This property has the finest views of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the County. City water, about 30 acres pasture, the rest wooded. This property has great development potential-5 min. to either shopping center.

200' X 200' ON 19E next to Mt. View Motel--\$12,000.

Call: (704) 682-2120
After 6: 682-2882

do you know... about our customer service department?

If you have a question about your bill or want a change made in your service (such as a phone moved, an extension installed, or your directory listing changed) call our **business office**. If your phone is out of order, (the bell doesn't ring, you can't hear or be heard, or you have a continuing problem of any kind), call our **repair service** number. Whatever your question about your service, look in the front information pages of your directory for the number to call. Helping you... an important part of Continental's job.

 Westco Telephone Company
A member of Continental Telephone System
An Equal Opportunity Employer

