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Some New Charges:

Westco Rate Hike

The North Carolina Utilities Commission today granted Westco Telephone Company rate increases totaling \$617,503.

"We asked for \$1,198,089 in additional annual revenues in October 1975," said Paul Wooten, District Commercial Manager for Westco Telephone Company at Weaverville. "We are disappointed that we were not granted the full amount, but we're pleased that the commission recognized our need for increased revenues."

"The retroactive local service billing to the May 1 effective date will appear on customer bills rendered on and after May 16, 1976," Wooten added.

"In addition," said Wooten, "the Utilities Commission granted increases in service connection charges on a five (5) tier basis with the costs for business and residence service charge for the type of work function required, such as a premise visit, line work, dial office work, etc. Also the rates for certain supplemental services and equipment such as business extension, key system and PBX extensions, certain types of directory listings, etc. were increased. In addition the commission established charges for calls to directory assistance information. Directory assistance has been an increasingly expensive service to provide, and till now, all customers have paid for it equally, whether they use the service or not. We've found that a small percent of the customers make about 90 percent of all calls to directory assistance. It's hardly fair to ask those people who use their telephone books to pay for a service they don't use," Wooten said.

The directory assistance plan means that a customer will be charged \$.20 for each direct dialed inquiry for local directory assistance beyond a five call allowance per month. Each telephone number requested constitutes an inquiry except the first two numbers requested on any one call is considered as one inquiry. Directory assistance calls within area code 704 to the uniform directory assistance number 555-1212 will result in addition to the five call allowance, one directory assistance inquiry at no charge for each sent paid 704 area toll call appearing on their monthly bill. These charges do not apply to customers who are blind or otherwise handicapped to the extend they are unable to use their telephone directory.

Wooten said, "The number for directory assistance outside North Carolina 704 area is '1' plus the area code of the city you want, then 555-1212. It's the same number everywhere, and can be dialed direct at no charge.

If a customer is in doubt about which area code the city is in, he or she can use the map at the front of the telephone directory to find out."

Charges for directory assistance calls go into effect July 1, 1976. Local service and other rate increases as previously indicated became effective May 1, 1976 and will first appear on customer bills received on or after May 16, 1976. "We urge customers to call our business office if they have any questions about their bills."

In response to our question (Cont'd on page 5)

Playschool Closing Program

Burnsville Playschool will close for the summer with a program to be held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church on Friday night, May 21, at 7:30.

The program will consist of poems and songs learned by the children during the year. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Those participating in the program are Donald Banks, Reed Brown, Scotty Cooper, Bo Dover, Christopher Evans, Dawn Francis, Joel Hughes, Tanya Laws, Karen Maddox, Carrie Stewart, and Christal Styles.

Playschool will reopen in September. Any parent interested in registering a child 3-4 years of age may do so by calling Mrs. Jess Styles at 682-2524.

Notice

The Burnsville Veterinary Clinic will be closed May 22 through June 6. It will reopen on Monday, June 7.

Church Dinners Slated

The North Bend Free Will Baptist Church will have a dinner on Saturday night, May 22, from 6:30 to 7:30. Proceeds will go to the Building Fund of the church.

Griffith Chapel Church is having a supper on Saturday, May 22. They will begin serving at 2 o'clock. Plates are \$2.50 and you can have a choice of fried chicken, beef stew, with green beans, macaroni and cheese, candied yams, tossed salad, hot rolls and a variety of desserts with tea or coffee. Everyone is invited.



Clark Young City Exec At First Citizens

Clark E. Young, assistant cashier of First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company in Ramseur, has been named city executive of the Bank's Burnsville Office. Sidney A. Hughes, senior vice president and regional supervisor, made the announcement on May 10.

As city executive, Young will have full management responsibilities for all aspects of the First-Citizens Bank's Burnsville Office, which will include administration, lending and business development.

A native of Smithfield, he joined First-Citizens Bank in 1972, with its offices in Louisburg. Young is a past member of the Ramseur Lions Club and past president of the Ramseur Jaycees.

He is married to the former June Sanders Smith of Smithfield. The couple attended Jordon Memorial Methodist Church at Ramseur.

GOP To Meet Friday

There will be a Republican Meeting at the Amberjack Restaurant Friday night, May 21, at 7 o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend.



Girl Scouts Learn Crafts At Workshops

Among the activities of Girl Scout Troop 331 this year have been several Art and Craft Workshops. The most recent was a wood carving workshop with Peg Smith as instructor. The scouts learned basic carving as they created fish from wood.

At another workshop, Mr. John Blair instructed the girls in basket making. Pictured with the finished baskets are

members of the troop: (front, l. to r.) Bee Young, Hollie Sides, Jan Blair, Lisa Silvers, Joy Bennett, (Back l. to r.) Cassandra Wilson, Brenda Williams, Cheryl Styles, Alecia Lee, Linda Hess, Lisa Grindstaff and Angie Wheeler. Leanne McCurry was absent when picture was made. Leaders for the troop are Eloise Williams and Louise Blair. Photo by Ann Hawthorne

Toe River Arts Council Is Offering Summer Classes For Children

The Toe River Arts Council is offering summer classes for children, twice a week from July 6 to August 6. The classes, covering a wide variety of arts and crafts, will be held in Yancey and Mitchell Counties and students are being given an application form to take home and fill out with parental approval.

Registration fee is only \$1.00--to be paid after acceptance into a class. Since class sizes are limited, names may have to be drawn from a hat if there are too many applying for one class. Transportation must be furnished by the applicant, who is asked to attend every session. Applicants may put down a 1st and 2nd choice, although he or she will only be chosen for one.

Yancey County classes are as follows:

1. General Crafts--Norma Cheren, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to 12, S. Toe Community Center, ages 7 to 10 (batik, tie-dye, weaving, stitchery)
2. Music--Tom Koch, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 to 12, Burnsville Elementary School, ages 7 to 12 (Construction of toy instruments, music listening, singing and dancing, and recorder lessons)
3. General Crafts--Marilyn Cade, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 to 12, Newdale Community Center, ages 8, 9, 10 (Paper making, painting and drawing, collage)
4. Painting & Drawing--Becky Gray, Mondays and Wednesdays 9:30 to 12, Arbuckle Community Center, 6 to 10 year olds (Painting and drawing techniques for beginners)
5. Drama--Joy Dearien,

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 to 12, Clearmont-Pigpen Community Center, ages 10 to 12 (Plays, mime, skits)

6. Drama--Theresa Coletta, Mondays and Fridays 2:30 to 4:00, ages 9 to 13, Yancey County Library (Puppetry, creative dramatics, concluding play performance)

7. Painting and Drawing for High School Students--Bob Johnson, every afternoon for two weeks, June 28 to July 9 at Laurel Mtn. Craft in Windom, Route 80, Burnsville, near East Yancey High School.

Mitchell County classes include: General Art and Crafts--Wanda Levin, Weaving--Ruth Kelley, Group Instrument Playing--Parker LaBach, Recorder--Kearney Smith, General Crafts--Jack Heddon, Drama--Jim McKinney, Dance--Leslie Greene.

Students who take home application forms are asked to return them to their teacher by Thursday, May 27, and they will be notified before the end of school about their class. Anyone who has questions should call J. Johnson in Yancey County 675-4555

Methodist Men Hold Quarterly Meeting

The United Methodist Men of the Asheville District will hold its quarterly meeting at Central United Methodist Church in Asheville on Friday, May 21. Dinner will be served to the men at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Lowery holds A.B., B.D., and D.D. degrees. He was recently awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Clark College for outstanding ministry in relating the gospel to the totality of human need, dedicated service and leadership on a national and local level for human betterment.



Dr. J.E. Lowery and will be open to the public. Featured speaker will be the Rev. Doctor Joseph Lowery, Minister of Central United Methodist Church of Atlanta, Georgia. A native of Alabama. Dr.

A close friend of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. Lowery is a founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. During his ministry in Atlanta, more than 400 persons have been added to the membership of that Church. He serves on the General Council on Ministries of the United Methodist Church. He is in wide demand as a preacher throughout Methodism, having spoken recently at the Witness-76 Rally held by the WNC Conference of the United Methodist Church in Greensboro Coliseum.

Special music for the evening will be provided by Central Church singers under the direction of Edwin Easter. This United Methodist Men's Meet is its 76th celebration of the 34th anniversary of the Methodist Men.



Photos by Brian Westveer

Boy Scouts Camp At Briar Bottom

Boy Scout Troops from Yancey, Madison, Mitchell and Avery Counties spent the weekend at Briar Bottom at the foot of Mitchell along the South Toe River. For many scouts it was a first camporee. Each patrol set up campsites with patrol flags, tents, ax yards, cook-fires, water buckets, food storage facilities (including natural refrigerators), and bedding. Inspections of campsites and meals were made by official scorekeepers. District Executive Wiley Ward presented awards at closing ceremonies.

Scouts learned-by-doing at Saturday workshops in first-aid, leaf identification, cooking, archery, knot-tying, fire building, wood cutting, and teamwork. Fishing and hiking occupied the rare "free" time.

Scouting is alive in this area and appreciates your support and encourages your participation as a scout or leader. See additional picture of Briar Bottom campers on page 6.

