r. Fellerath Speaks At MHA Dinner Meeting

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The treatment of mental illness was traced from Stone Age days to the present time by Dr. John T. Fellerath at the annual dinner meeting of the Yancey County Mental Health Association Friday at Burnsville Presbyterian Church. Dr. Fellerath is Director of the Crisis Intervention and Counselling Service of Blue Ridge Mental Health Center, Ashe-

He described in detail the

attributed to demonic possession by evil spirits. For thousands of years, the belief in demonology prevailed.

The speaker pointed out that "There were, however, some humane measures even in ancient times", when some

barbaric and cruel methods

used to treat mentally and

emotionally disturbed pa-

tients whose condition was

enlightened physicians and religious orders treated afflicted persons with kindness and

constructive measures. During the Middle Ages and until some 300 years ago, the belief in witchcraft was prevalent and, the speaker said, "led to one of the most tragic periods of human history, during which innocent people were persecuted"

Modern science and medicine altered the whole attitude of society to the problem of treating the mentally ill. Dr. Fellerath especially cited Dr. Sigmund Freud's contribution to modern psychiatry. He said that through "talk" sessions with a psychiatrist and specific prescribed drugs, a patient

can find the path back to good

mental health.

hospitalized, some institutions sometimes are "open quarters", where kindness and gentleness are the rule.

Mr. Walter Anderson, Director of the Adult Day Activities Program (ADAP(, described its growing success and requested the referral of additional Yancey clients. Articles made by ADAP

For those who must be clients were on display and elicited the admiration of all who viewed them.

Marjorie Carr, President, reviewed briefly the work of the Association and she announced that election of new officers would be held at a summer session.

A good crowd attended the meeting, with Ruby Smith in charge of dinner arrange-

Photography, Weaving, Pottery, Free-Blown Glass, Jewelry, Crochet, Vegetable Dyeing, Stained Glass, Illuminations, Batik. Weekends in May-Fri. & Sat. 10-5

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LUNCH MENU

MAY 24-28

Monday Chicken Pie/Biscuit Topping Cranberry Sauce Marshmallow Sweet Potatoes Green Beans Jello w/Fruit Milk

Tuesday Hot Dog on Bun Mustard, Catsup, Mayonnaise Cole Slaw Baked Beans Cookie Milk

Wednesday Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, and cheese

Tossed Salad w/Dressing Orange Juice Roll Peanut Butter Cake w/PB

Icing

Thursday

Soup Beans w/chopped onion Mustard Greens Canned Tomatoes Apple Cobbler Cornbread, butter

Friday Barbecue Beef on Bun Baked Potato in jacket Cole Slaw Peanut Butter Cookie Milk

EDNA McCURDY SMITH

Mrs. Edna McCurdy Smith of Charlotte and a summer resident of the Rocky Springs Heights section of Burnsville died Thursday afternoon in a Charlotte hospital after an illness of three months. She was 88 years of age. She was the wife of the late Robert L. Smith, a Burnsville native who died in 1970.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Louise Smith and Mrs. Clarence Funderburk of Charlotte; five grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home. Dr. James S. Potter officiated and burial was in the Holcombe Ceme-

MAE GRIFFITH

Mrs. Mae Griffith, 71, o Burnsville died Friday morning in a Black Mountain Hospital following a short illness. She was a native of Tennessee and the wife of the late James M. Griffith who died in 1973.

Surviving are one daughter, Miss Deborah Griffith of Asheville; one sister, Mildred Rhea of Johnson City, Tennessee and one brother, Douglas Rhea of Jonesboro, Tenn.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Griffith Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church. Rev. Edward Griffith officiated and burial was in the Horton Cemetery.

BESSIE MARSH HUGHES

Mrs. Bessie Hughes, 87, of Micaville died Saturday morning in a Spruce Pine hospital following a long illness. She was the widow of B.G. Hughes who died in

Surviving are three sons, John and Clarence Hughes of Micaville and Phillip Hughes of Burnsville; two sisters, Mrs. A.A. Hensley of Burnsville and Mrs. Guy Young of Micaville; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the the Micaville Presbyterian Church. Revs. John David Stewart and Bert Styles officiated and burial was in the Holcombe Cemetery Burnsville.





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