

Senior Citizens News

BY DON TURMAN
675-4110

The Yancey County Committee on Aging will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, May 26, at 12 noon at First Baptist Church, Burnsville. The meeting is being held in conjunction with a visit from Mr. Tal Towler, field representative from the National Council on Aging. All interested persons are urged to attend. **

Senior Citizens who need help with any problem or who have special needs should call the Senior Citizen Hot Line 682-6011 from 8:30 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. A courteous volunteer will try to help you or put you in touch with someone who can.

SOME FACTS ABOUT OLDER AMERICANS

U.S. Dept. HEW

In 1974, one in every 10 persons in the United States was 65 or older.

Between 1900 and 1974 the percentage of the U.S. population aged 65 and over more than doubled (4.1% in 1900 to 10.3% in 1974) while the total number of persons 65 and over increased about sevenfold (3 million in 1900 to 22 million in 1974.)

At present death rates, the older population is expected to increase to 31 million by the year 2000. If the present low birth rate continues, these 31 million will be about 11.7% of the total population which is estimated to be about 262 million.

A child born in 1900 could expect to live an average of about 47 years; a child born in 1973 could expect to live 24 years longer--an average of 71 years. The major part of the increase occurred because of reduced death rates for children and young adults. More people now reach old age, but then do not live much longer than did their ancestors who reached 65 in 1900.

At age 65, life expectancy is 15 years--13 years for men but 17 years for women.

Three-fifths of all of the deaths of older persons resulted from heart disease (45%) and cancer (16%).



Kimberly Fortner

Celebrates Ninth Birthday

Miss Kimberly Fortner celebrated her 9th birthday on May 15. She is in Ms. Madelyn Bailey's third grade class at Burnsville Elementary. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Fortner of Burnsville. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Forest Fortner.

Help beat inflation

Ask your Nationwide agent about Nationwide's Homeowners Insurance with built-in inflation protection! Call today.



Harry E. Hall
West Main Street
Bu. ville, N.C. 28714
32-7210

NATIONWIDE INSURANCE
Nationwide is on your side
Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Co.
Home Office: Columbus, Ohio



Scouts Receive Awards

Jimmy Wilson (rt.), son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wilson of Burnsville, recently received the Eagle Scout Award at a ceremony held at the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church. Jimmy was presented the award by Mayor Bob Helmle. Greg Presnell, son of Mrs. Shirley Presnell Wilson received the Life Scout Award (pictured on left).

Celebrates Fifth Birthday

Sherrie Lynn Carter celebrated her 5th birthday May 12, 1976. Sherrie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Carter of Route 3, Burnsville. She had a party with grandparents attending: Mr. and Mrs. Merritt McPeters of Route 3, Burnsville and Mr. and Mrs. B.M. Carter of Weaverville.

She will be entering kindergarten this fall at Bald Creek School.



Sherrie Carter

Armed Forces Report

Private Richard T. Byrd, 17, son of Mrs. Billie C. Byrd of Burnsville, completed training as an armor crewman April 16 under the One Station Unit Training Program at Ft. Knox, Ky.

During the OSUT training students learn the duties of a tank crewman, including the firing of the tank's armament and small weapons. They also receive instruction in field radio operation, map reading and tank maintenance and repair.

Arts Council Is Topic

The regular meeting of the Burnsville Woman's Club was held on Thursday evening, May 13, at the Community Building. Mrs. Dover Fouts and Mrs. David Powers were hostesses for the occasion.

Mrs. W.A.Y. Sargent, president, presided over the business session. It was announced that Mrs. Ralph Jacks and Mrs. Ernest Briggs

had recently served as delegates in Raleigh at the State Convention of the Federated Woman's Clubs of North Carolina. The president requested that they report on the events of the convention, which they did, wearing their Bicentennial costumes to illustrate the theme of the convention.

Mrs. Ernest Briggs was in

charge of the program for the evening, the subject being The Toe River Arts Council and Its Function in the Counties of Yancey and Mitchell. Miss Theresa Coletta supplemented the program by showing a film entitled The Arts in North Carolina.

A social hour followed. Sixteen members and guests were present.

Westco Reports Rate Increase

[Cont'd from page 1] Inasmuch as to the adequacy of the rates allowed, Wooten concluded, "whether the additional revenue will be sufficient to meet our service and financial requirements is now under thorough study. Our investment and expenses

have continued to increase since March 31, 1975, the date on which our rate request was based. Whether the new rates will be adequate to enable the company to finance our continuing service improvement programs and new

construction remains questionable until the total effect of the study has been determined.

The new monthly local rates for exchanges in this area which became effective May 1, 1976 are as follows:

INSIDE BASE RATE AREA

Exchanges- Rate Group		INSIDE BASE RATE AREA				Key System Trunks	PBX Trunks
		1- Party	2- Party	4- Party	4- Rural Party		
Rate Group 1	[Res]	10.20	9.40	7.90	7.90		
Burnsville							
Fontana	[Bus]	25.30	23.80	21.30	21.30	30.36	50.60
Guntertown							
Hot Springs							
Marshall							
Mars Hill							
Micaville							
Robbinsville							
Rate Group 2	[Res]	10.60	9.80	8.30	8.30		
Bakersville							
Hayesville							
Murphy	[Bus]	26.30	24.80	22.30	22.30	31.56	52.60
Suit							
Rate Group 3	[Res]	11.00	10.20	8.70	8.70		
Garden City							
Glenwood-	[Bus]	27.30	25.80	23.30	23.30	32.76	54.60
Providence							
Sevier							

Good Old Time Square Dance

At Hoot Owl Hall
Saturday May 22nd
At 8:00



Live Band
Green Valley Boys

Come On Out And Have Some Fun!

TOE RIVER RANCH and CAMPGROUND

Located 4 1/2 Miles S. Of Micaville On 80 South

SPRUCE PINE PLAZA, SPRUCE PINE * TRI-CITY PLAZA, WEAVERVILLE

ARMY STORES

Sidewalk Sale

SPECIAL GROUP MENS DENIM WORK PANTS
\$5.00 PAIR

YOUR CHOICE 9' x 9' UMBRELLA TENT or 8' x 10' CABIN TENT
ONLY \$49.88

SPECIAL GROUP MENS PRE-WASHED JACKETS ONLY
\$5.00 EACH

Zebco ZEBCO 202
\$24.44

BADMINTON SET
99¢ EACH
2-Player set

SPECIAL GROUP FISHING RODS
ONLY \$1.44 EACH

38 Qt. Cooler
\$12.88

LARGE GROUP MENS BETTER WESTERN SHIRTS AND LEISURE SHIRTS
Values to \$14.95
ONLY \$9.44 EACH

MENS WORK PANTS \$5.88 PAIR MATCHING SHIRTS \$4.88

SOLAR COOKER
COOKS WITH SUN POWER
• BOILS WATER IN 15 MINUTES
• POPS CORN
• FRYES BACON AND EGGS IN MINUTES
\$17.76

SAVE ON OUR SIDEWALK

OR IN OUR STORE

BURNSVILLE ARMY STORE
BURNSVILLE PLAZA

OPEN Monday - Saturday 9-5:30 Sunday 1-6 p.m.

WAYNESVILLE * 161 N MAIN ST. * WAYNESVILLE * FLETCHER PLAZA, FLETCHER * FRANKLIN PLAZA, FRANKLIN * VALLEY VIEW SHOPPING CENTER, Candler

BURNSVILLE PLAZA, BURNSVILLE * VALLEY VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER, BRYSON CITY & MURPHY * MADISON PLAZA, MARSHALL * TUNNEL ROAD ASHEVILLE * BREVARD PLAZA, BREVARD