

Mayland Tech Report

The Continuing Education Department of Mayland Tech has just completed a course in "Hospital Building Plant Maintenance."

This course was held at Jarrett Memorial Hospital in Crossnore.

The course consisted of 120 hours with approximately 50% of the total time with on the job training.

Through the excellent cooperation of the administrative department and the help and assistance of their house-keeping personnel the program was very successful.

The graduating class just completed consisted of the following persons: Willie Hopson, Mary R. Hopson, Kathy M. Greene, Leonard R. Staton, Cloe Stewart, Janice Carpenter, Rachael Webb, Kathy R. Beam, Teresa A. Hughes.

General funding for the course was provided by Region D Council of Government and Health Education Resources Association.

Sales And Use Tax Report

The collection and distribution report for the county sales and use tax levies for the quarter ending March 31, 1976 was recently reported by J. Howard Coble, Secretary, State Department of Revenue. The cost of collecting the tax is \$.852 per \$100 of collections.

Yancey County collected the amount of \$49,164.51 during the months of January, February and March, 1976. This compares with amounts of \$44,776 collected by Madison County; \$54,990 collected by Avery County; and \$68,618 collected by Mitchell County for the same period.

For the month of April, 1976, sales and use tax collections in Yancey County amounted to \$15,803.81. During this same period Avery County collected over \$16,000 and Mitchell County collected almost \$24,000. Madison County trailed with \$12,645 collected for April.

These figures reflect buying trends in Yancey and neighboring counties, and they are reported every month in The Yancey Journal.

Eight Hundred At Symphony Concert

BY ELISABETH SMITH

Eight hundred children--all the 5th and 6th graders from Mitchell and Yancey Counties--stood to sing "Old Hundredth" in unison, with the North Carolina Little Symphony accompanying; shouted "it sounds like bees" to identify "The Flight of the Bumblebee" when it was played by the first violinist to illustrate the power that music has to communicate; discovered delightedly that the instruments do indeed have "personalities" and do "talk to each other," just as conductor, James Ogle, said they would in the first movement of the Schubert Symphony #5. The gymnasium of Harris High School emptied quickly and quietly at the close of the exuberant John Philip Sousa march, "Semper Fideles; the Symphony to continue its tour with the next stop in Asheville, the children to return to their classrooms from Buladean to Bee Log.

What makes music come alive? What gives a listener the sense of being involved in a performance? What imprints a memory of delight



Wise Soil Use Provides For Bountiful Crops



Man Can Manage Soil For Scenic Beauty And Recreation

Conserve Resources:

Soil Stewardship Week

BY RAY DORSETT
Soil Conservationist

May 23 through 30 has been designated as Soil Stewardship Week in North Carolina. The theme for this year "We Begin Again..." leads our chain of thought into many directions. With spring just beginning to open new buds and unfold leaves, we realize that a new year of life is beginning again. We see the lush green grass across our fields, the spring flowers adding highlights to nature's beauty, and an occasional rabbit or squirrel scampering across a well worn path.

The planting of gardens, the blossoming of flower beds and the sprouting of freshly planted grass brings us back to the realization of our true value of the soil. From it we are furnished our food, shelter and clothing. It is through the wise use of our soil and the wonders of God that we are able to prosper from the use of our land.

As stated in the book of Deuteronomy 8:10, "When you have eaten your fill, you must bless the Lord, your God, for the country he has given you."

We as soil stewards are responsible for the land and conservation of its natural resources which are furnished by God. So as we begin this week of Soil Stewardship let us take time to be thankful for the many things which the soil provides and try to use the soil in a useful yet conservative way. We should remember that from the soil is where "We Begin Again..."

Photo Credit-USDA Soil Conservation Service



Trees And Native Grasses And Shrubs Provide Animal Habitat

Senior Citizens News

A county wide group meeting of Senior Citizens met April 30 for a covered dish dinner and to talk about what they would like to do, concerning the trips to different places. The meeting was held at the Newdale Community Center. The transportation was provided by the WAMY buses and workers. At least 50 individuals attended.

Those present talked about motels and other expenses for long trips. It was suggested that a camper be bought and trips be taken to the beach, Grand Ole Opry, Williamsburg, Va., and Charleston, S.C., State Fair. It was decided that it would cost less to camp than to pay motel bills or eat out. The subject was brought to vote and everyone agreed to buy a camper that would bed 8 people and tent for 6 to use. Plans were discussed for 1 day trips to local recreation areas such as Roan Mtn, Tenn., Mt. Mitchell, Linville Falls, Crabtree Meadows, Grandfather Mtn., and Asheville. For local trips everyone would bring a picnic lunch.

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Performances Set

The Mark-Twain/Clarence Darrow performances are scheduled for Monday, May 31 (Darrow), and for Friday, June 14 (Twain), at 8 o'clock p.m. at Geneva Hall in Little Switzerland. Tickets for these performances are \$3 for both or \$2 for one of the performances. Tickets may be

purchased at the door or from any Toe River Arts Council Board member.



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