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Mountain Climber Gets Helping Hand

Paula and Hugh McPherson, who come regularly up to visit their mountainside near Pensacola, enjoy their vacation from

the St. Petersburg, Florida heat. Climbing local mountains is a certain test of family loyalty. Photo by Brian Westveer

Effective July 1:

Higgins Announces Court Cost Hike

Effective July 1, court costs will go up in North Carolina under legislation enacted by the General

Assembly. Arnold Higgins, Clerk Superior Court, said Monday the cost will rise from \$25 to \$27 in the district court criminal division. Superior Court criminal costs will increase from the present \$40 to \$48.

Civil costs will also rise,

from \$16 to \$24 on the district court level and from \$26 to \$34 in Superior Court.

One of the reasons for the increase is the expense of running the state's court system.

"Anyone who has been cited for a traffic offense and

intends to waive his appearance by paying costs must do so on or before June 30 to get advantage of the current lower rates," Higgins said. "Whether the payment is mailed in or hand delivered, it must get to the clerk's office before July 1 to qualify for the present \$25 rate."

News From Yancey Democrats

Yancey County Democrats sent a full slate of delegates to the State Democratic Convention last Saturday, June 11. The business of the Convention was to approve the Party Platform and to elect the Delegates at Large to the National Convention. Since Governor Wallace has released his Delegates to support Jimmy Carter, all those named are considered Carter Delegates.

Local Democrats attending were Mack Ray, County Democratic Chairman and Evelyn Pate, Vice-Chairman. Others included Mark Bennett Jr., Harlon Holcombe, Clyde McIntosh, Mary Ohle, Gertrude and John Ramsay, Dorothy Ray, and Alton Robinson.

On Saturday night, June 19, 1976 at Bald Creek School, all Yancey County Democrats are invited to attend a friendly "get-together" with supper from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Music and a special program is planned. All county Democratic candidates are invited to attend. Also other Democratic candidates for office have been invited to attend.

The precinct committee from Cane River, Prices Creek, and Pensacola will host this county-wide meeting. Tickets for the supper are now available. However, if you do not get your tickets in advance, you may do so at the supper.

Preschool Art Show

An art show, presented by the pre-schoolers of the Yancey Child Development Center, is now on exhibit upstairs in the Yancey County Public Library.



Wildflower Photo Exhibit

The Toe River Arts Council announces an exhibit of wildflower photographs by Ann Parks Hawthorne, Third Century Artist/Photographer. The show will open in the Burnsville Town Hall Tuesday, June 22. Pictured above is a photograph from the exhibit: Wild Chicory-Chichorium Intybus.

Farmers Home Administration:

Farm Water System Loans

Money to improve farm water supply systems; buy irrigation equipment; build farm ponds; dig ditches and install tile; and other related uses is available through Farmers Home Administration,

a USDA agency with 73 county offices in North Carolina, according to Wilbur G. Howard, County Supervisor.

Farmers eligible for Soil and Water loans may borrow up to \$100,000 at 5% interest per year on the unpaid principal for a maximum term of 40 years.

To be eligible, an applicant must meet certain requirements, the main ones being:

--Be a farm operator or farmowner, a partnership that owns and operates a farm, or a domestic corporation engaged in farming.

--Be unable to obtain sufficient credit elsewhere at

reasonable rates and terms to finance his actual needs.

--Plan to improve a farm which will produce agricultural commodities in sufficient quantities for sale to be recognized in the community as a farm rather than a rural residence.

Funds may be used to drill wells and otherwise improve water supply systems for irrigation, home use, and livestock; purchase pumps, sprinkler systems, and other irrigation equipment; acquire a water supply or water right; purchase water stock or membership in an incorporated water user's association; construct and repair ponds

and tanks, ditches, and canals for irrigation; dig ditches and install tile to drain farmland; develop ponds and water control structures for the production of fish under controlled conditions.

These loans may also be used to level land; carry out basic land treatment practices including liming, fertilizing, and seeding; subsoil or sod land; establish permanent pastures and farm forests; establish approved forestry practices on a farm such as pest control, thinning, and fire protection.

Funds may also be used to build dikes, terraces, water-

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Homesites Opened At Resort

Wolf Laurel has announced the opening of their Bucktown Section of homesites to the public, beginning Saturday, June 12. The new section of 222 wooded lots will range from one-half to two and one-half acres with prices starting at \$6,500. Homesite elevations from 3,500 to 4,400 feet above sea level offer scenic views of 5,516 foot Big Bald Mountain or mountain creeks and valleys.

Wolf Laurel is a complete Four Seasons Resort located 27 miles North of Asheville, North Carolina, off the New Appalachian Highway (U.S. 23), along the North Carolina-Tennessee line. Wolf Laurel is called "The Great Escape" and offers an 18-hole Championship Golf Course featuring the highest hole East of the Rockies at 4,785 feet, a heated Swimming Pool, all-weather Tennis Courts, a 3-lift Ski Run, fully stocked Trout Pond, Mountaintop Restaurant and 80-room Inn.

The new section of homesites are available for permanent residents, second homes or vacation homes according to the developer, Bald Mountain Development Corporation. Electricity, telephone and a central water system are readily available. Roads to all facilities are being paved or repaved at this time in a major improvement project. This includes over 8,000 feet of Golf Cart Paths, which all the golfers will appreciate and enjoy. 24-hour gate guards provide security. The Bucktown section is the third section to be opened on part of the 6,000 acres owned by Bald Mtn. Development Corp.

A 1976 Golf or 1976-77 Ski Season Pass will be given free to anyone purchasing a homesite before July 15. The Pass will be good anytime on weekdays, weekends or holidays during the Golf or Ski Season.

Local Art Exhibit Set

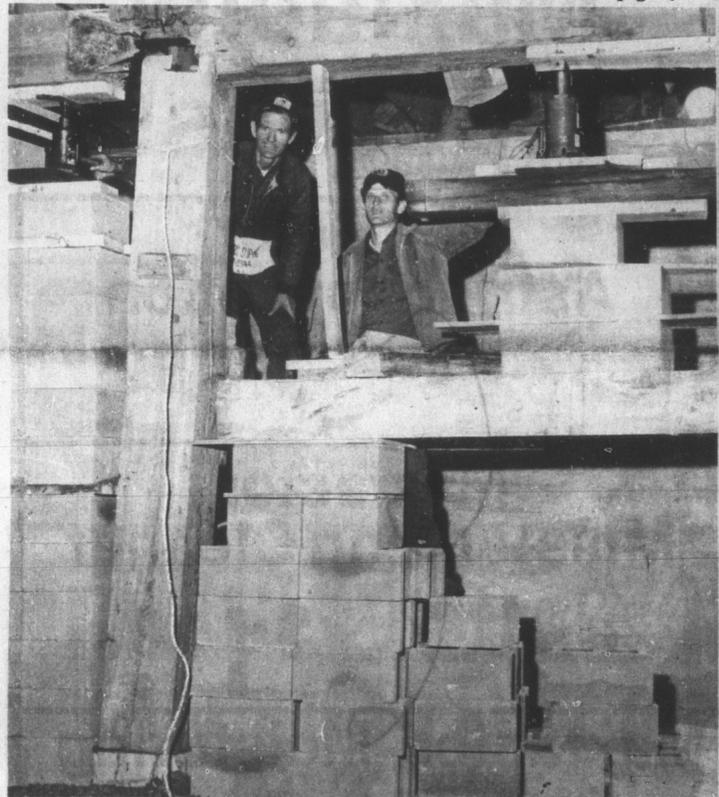
Local artists will exhibit at Geneva Hall, Little Switzerland, on Sunday, June 27, 1976.

The exhibit by Carolyn Miller will be acrylics and water color scenes and flowers. The exhibit by Kate H. Baker will be oils, pastel and knife work, and portraits.

The public is cordially invited to attend this exhibit. Marianne Gabel will be in charge of refreshments which will be served to the public.

Rummage Sale Set

Women of the Green Mountain F.W.B. Church will hold a rummage sale Friday and Saturday, June 18 and 19, at the farm of Craig Deyton on Mine Fork Highway. Proceeds will go to Brother Arthur Billows, Missionary to Mexico.



Restoring Old Mill Takes Ingenuity

Rube Goldberg didn't design the temporary supports used to hold up the floor of the old Masters' Mill at Loafer's Glory. He could have! Burnsville millwright William Hensley and Larry McIntosh use mountain ingenuity to get the old timbers down and new timbers in. The restoration of the old mill by the ABCD Foundation will mean a lot to arts and crafts lovers and historians in the area.

Storytelling Photos by Brian Westveer

