

# Westco Launches Program

An election year program to encourage employees to participate in the political process has been launched by Western Carolina & Westco Telephone Company according to Paul Wooten, District Commercial manager.

Wooten stressed that the company's role is strictly nonpartisan.

"Our purpose is to motivate employees to register, to learn about the candidates, to actively support those whom the employee feels reflects his own beliefs, and then to vote for the candidates who will best represent his interests," Wooten said.

Called INVOLVEMENT 76 the effort is being conducted throughout the nationwide Continental Telephone System, of which Western & Westco Telephone Company is a subsidiary.

According to Wooten, the campaign was undertaken

because of the corporation's "deep-held" conviction that only a concerned, active citizenry can assure us of having a responsible government—one that does serve the best interests of us all.

INVOLVEMENT 76 is not designed to aid one party or one candidate at the expense of another. Its sole purpose is to urge individual participation so that decisions are made by them, not for them," he added.

## State Soil Scientist Appointed

Martin Grant Mattox has been appointed Assistant State Soil Scientist for the Soil Conservation Service in Raleigh, North Carolina. He will

report August 30 to succeed William F. Hatfield. He will be working with more than 40 field soil scientists who are carrying out 24 soil surveys in North Carolina.

## ACTUAL USE REPORT

GENERAL REVENUE SHARING PROVIDES FEDERAL FUNDS DIRECTLY TO LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS. YOUR GOVERNMENT MUST PUBLISH THIS REPORT ADVISING YOU HOW THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED OR OBLIGATED DURING THE YEAR FROM JULY 1, 1975, THRU JUNE 30, 1976. THIS IS TO INFORM YOU OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S PRIORITIES AND TO ENCOURAGE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN DECISIONS ON HOW FUTURE FUNDS SHOULD BE SPENT. NOTE: ANY COMPLAINTS OF DISCRIMINATION IN THE USE OF THESE FUNDS MAY BE SENT TO THE OFFICE OF REVENUE SHARING, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20226.

ACTUAL EXPENDITURES (Include Obligations)			THE GOVERNMENT OF YANCEY COUNTY	
(A) CATEGORIES	(B) CAPITAL	(C) OPERATING / MAINTENANCE		
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$	\$	has received General Revenue Sharing payments totaling \$ 310,364	
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	\$	\$	during the period from July 1, 1975 thru June 30, 1976	
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$	\$	✓ ACCOUNT NO. 34 1 100 100	
HEALTH	\$	\$	YANCEY COUNTY	
RECREATION	\$	\$	CO ACCOUNTANT	
LIBRARIES	\$ 66,086	\$	PO BOX 427	
SOCIAL SERVICES FOR AGED OR POOR	\$	\$ 5,000	BURNSVILLE NC 28714	
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$	\$ 28,300		
MULTIPURPOSE AND GENERAL GOVT.	\$	\$		
EDUCATION	\$ 301,563	\$		
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$		
HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$		
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$		
OTHER (Specify)	\$	\$		
TOTALS	\$ 367,649	\$ 33,300		

(D) TRUST FUND REPORT (refer to instruction D)	
1. Balance as of June 30, 1975	\$ 40,210
2. Revenue Sharing Funds Received from July 1, 1975 thru June 30, 1976	\$ 310,364
3. Interest Received or Credited (July 1, 1975 thru June 30, 1976)	\$ 12,431
4. Funds Released from Obligations (IF ANY)	\$ 204,909
5. Sum of lines 1, 2, 3, 4	\$ 567,914
6. Funds Returned to ORS (IF ANY)	\$
7. Total Funds Available	\$
8. Total Amount Expended (Sum of line 15, column B and column C)	\$ 400,949
9. Balance as of June 30, 1976	\$ 166,965

(F) THE NEWS MEDIA HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT A COMPLETE COPY OF THIS REPORT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION. I HAVE A COPY OF THIS REPORT AND RECORDS DOCUMENTING THE CONTENTS. THEY ARE OPEN FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY AT Room 1 Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville, 9-5 M-F

NONDISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET  
 I certify that I am the Chief Executive Officer and, with respect to the entitlement funds reported herein, I certify that they have not been used in violation of either the priority expenditure requirement (Section 103) or the matching funds requirement (Section 104) of the Act.

*O.W. Deyton*  
 Signature of Chief Executive Officer Date  
 O.W. Deyton, Chairman County Commissioners  
 Name and Title



## Agri-Vues

BY WM. C. BLEDSOE  
EXTENSION CHAIRMAN

Liming is a relatively simple farm and garden practice, yet it is often misunderstood. Agents of the Agricultural Extension Service get dozens of questions about lime. What does it do? How does it work?

If people remember six points about liming, I believe that a lot of misunderstanding can be cleared up.

1. Lime neutralizes excessive soil acidity by raising the pH level of soil. Over-acid soils are poisonous to plants, especially young seedlings.

2. An estimated 60 to 80 percent of Yancey County soils are too acid for best farm and garden results. This acidity problem builds up gradually as a result of climatic conditions and cropping practices.

3. The only sure way to tell if soil needs lime and how much is through a soil test. Soil testing service is free through your county Agricultural Extension Service and the N.C. Department of Agriculture.

4. Lime does not move in the soil. Therefore, it must be spread evenly and mixed thoroughly in the soil if it is to be of maximum benefit.

5. Lime reacts more slowly than fertilizer. Therefore, it should be applied several weeks or months before planting time. Fall and winter is an ideal time. The benefits of lime will last longer than those of fertilizer. Most mountain soils need lime about once every four or five years.

6. Crops such as Tobacco, Corn and many forage legumes as well as certain vegetables are quite sensitive to low soil pH. Except in the high organic soils, these crops do best in a pH range of 5.8-6.2. A few crops such as

blueberries and azaleas like more acid soils or soils with a pH range of 4.0-4.5.

Your County Agricultural Extension Office has additional information on liming for people who want to know more about this important, yet misunderstood practice.

### BULL LEASING PROGRAM

Many agricultural areas of the southeast are making a real contribution to the beef cattle industry through a bull leasing program.

Here's how the program generally works. A sponsor will purchase a service-age bull and then lease him to a cattleman in that community for an annual lease fee. This fee which is normally paid in advance will usually be about 20 to 25 percent of the total purchase price.

Sponsors thus hope to recover the total cost of the bull within four to five years. In many cases, where a lessee wishes to keep the bull for several years and then decides to buy the bull, he generally may count the lease fees which he has paid against the total purchase price.

In the case where a lessee wishes to use the bull only for a breeding season, the sponsor usually has a place where bulls may be returned during the off-season for keeping until the next breeding season.

### YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

Mr. Wister Curry, President of the First State Bank of Cuthbert and Shellman, Georgia is an example of a banker whose institution has been involved in a bull leasing program for the past three years. They now have 16 bulls involved in their leasing program and according to Curry, "We feel this is one way of contributing to the improvement of the beef cattle industry of the community."

While Mr. Curry does not intend for the program to be a profit making enterprise for the bank, he said, "We feel that we will indirectly benefit if this program is helpful in improving the quality and profitability of the cattle business in our community."

### OTHER ADVANTAGES

In leasing programs, there are other advantages. Persons who lease bulls on such programs generally sign a lease agreement. This agreement states that they agree to follow certain recommended management practices which

may further add to the improvement of their cattle program.

For example a cooperator is asked to determine that his entire herd is healthy and free from any reproductive diseases before he is allowed to lease a bull. He further agrees to follow a controlled breeding program in which summer calves are avoided. Bulls selected for the program are generally semen tested before they are purchased and determined to be healthy and free from diseases. The cooperator agrees to feed and care for the bull properly during the time he has the bull. It may be that these advantages contribute as much to improve total cattle programs as the use of the bull itself.

### SUPERIOR BULLS

Of course, the main advantages of such a bull leasing program is that greater attention and effort is given to the selection to truly superior bulls. Most leasing programs insist that the bulls they buy will have a yearling weight of no less than a thousand pounds and be in

the top one-third of a group from which they are selected. They are also generally selected on the basis of good conformation. Many small producers would not feel that they could afford to pay \$1000 to \$1500 for a bull to be used on a small herd. However, many of them do not hesitate to pay \$200 to \$300 for an annual lease of a bull of this type.

If you as a cattleman feel that such a program might work in Yancey County, you might want to discuss it with me. We have local institutions who are interested in sponsoring a bull.

This AGRI-VUES news column was initiated several months ago with the objective of BETTER informing Yancey Citizens. To a large extent, the column has met those objectives. I find however some people regularly read news columns—and (the whole paper) and some people seldom or never read columns. To more effectively reach more citizens, I will be using the news article type format instead of the column for a period of time.

## Citizens Selected For Jury Duty

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|--------------------------|-----|
| McCoury, Max Charles     | #11 |
| Blevins, Mary Ruth       | #5  |
| Boone, Jack Lee, Jr.     | #8  |
| Dale, Rita Joyce         | #8  |
| King, Rena B.            | #2  |
| Hall, Warren             | #8  |
| Jones, Susannah Coolidge | #9  |
| Barrus, Dorothy S.       | #9  |
| Fox, Clyde               | #9  |
| Anglin, Mary Emma        | #11 |
| Autrey, Mollie           | #9  |
| Holcombe, Nancy B.       | #1  |
| Holcombe, Ted            | #1  |
| Banks, Betty Ann         | #11 |
| Adkins, Anne Pearl       | #4  |
| Rathbone, Jessie L.      | #9  |
| Ogle, Ophie Lee M.       | #1  |
| Jackson, Barbara V.      | #1  |
| Ponder, Elizabeth Ann    | #11 |
| Autrey, Judith Darlene   | #8  |
| Briggs, Charles B.       | #1  |
| Bentley, Billy B.        | #8  |
| Stiers, Betty Ann        | #10 |
| McMahan, Jeter Lee       | #9  |
| Buchanan, Billy          | #8  |
| Robertson, Thelma A.     | #1  |
| Laws, Janice A.          | #5  |
| Shuford, Robert          | #9  |

## 4-H Idea Program

BY AUDREY RENFRO  
4-H Idea 76 Program Ass't.

The Idea 76 teen organizers and 4-H members are actively involved in different community service projects this summer. Janet Treadway, teen organizer for Bee Log Community, has scheduled a community beautification project which will include a roadside paper pick-up and marking off the church parking lot with painted rocks.

Keith Renfro, teen organizer for Green Mountain, has been restoring signs in the Horton Hill Community. Stephanie Allen of Jacks Creek hosted a paper pick-up and roadside beautification project by planting flowers around signs. David Gibbs is working in the Micaville area on community beautification projects which consist of planting shrubbery around Micaville Elementary School.

**Interested In Improving Your Figure?**

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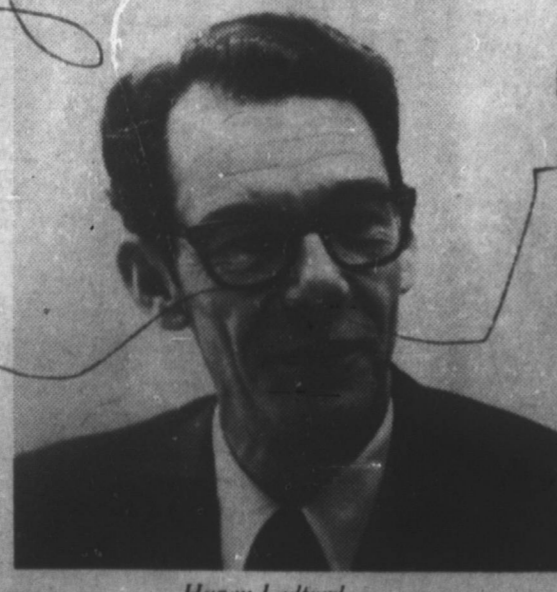


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