

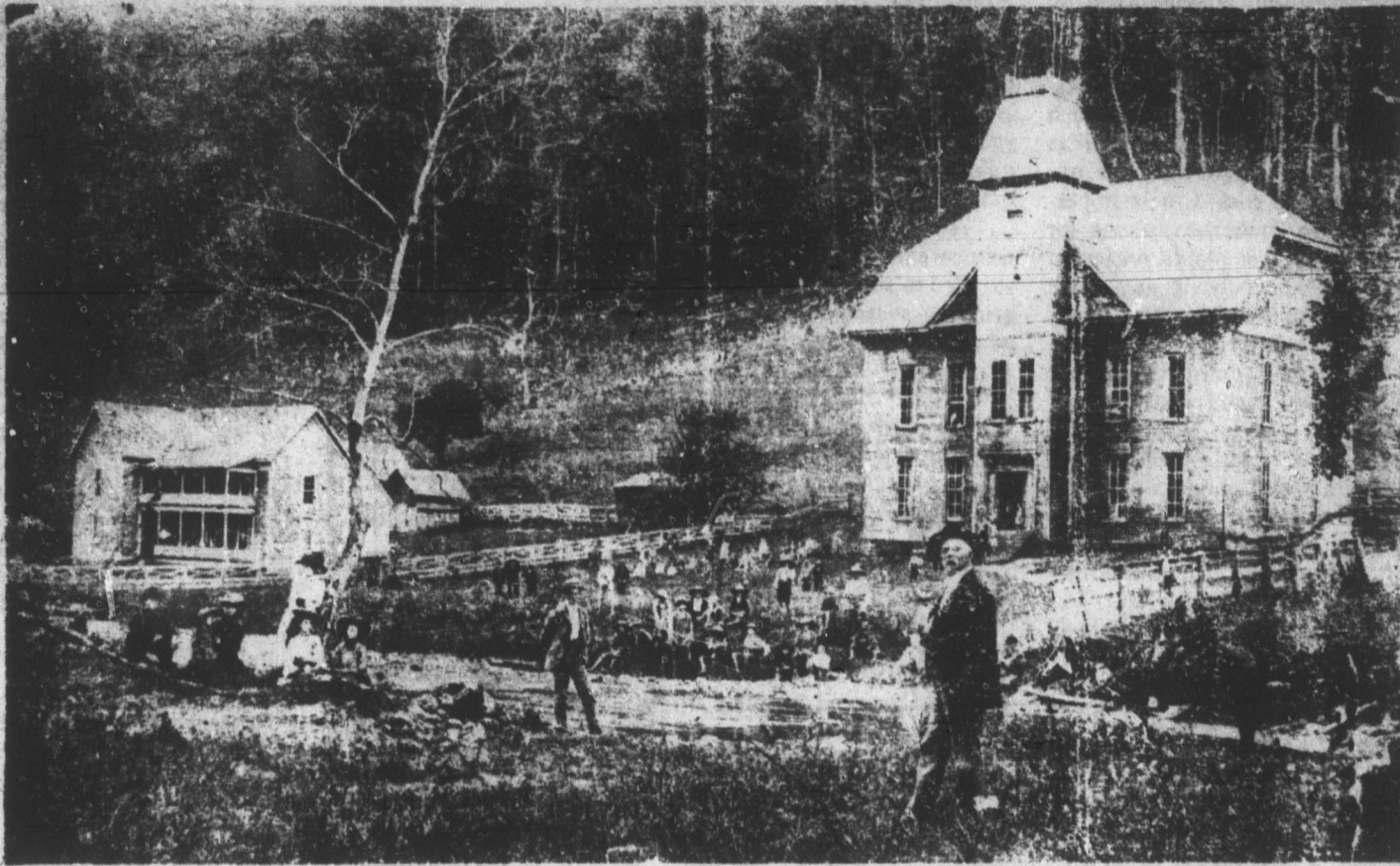
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## 80 Years Of Progress: 1896-1976

Yancey County's first high school was far from being a "little red school house." It was, in fact, the ornate three-story structure shown in this picture, which is believed to have been taken 78 years ago at Bald Creek.

Next week, a special edition of The Yancey Journal will show the changes time has wrought in

our school system since this building was completed in 1896, by presenting stories and pictures about the new Mountain Heritage High School, just completed this past summer.

Yancey County's attention to the educational needs of its citizens is a tradition we carry on with pride.

## Red Cross Bloodmobile Visit Set; Free Blood Pressure Check Is Bonus

On Monday, September 13, the Red Cross Bloodmobile, sponsored by the Yancey Radio Patrol, will be at the First Baptist Church, Burnsville, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Red Cross hopes to reach a goal of 100 pints of blood during this visit.

An interesting and vital fact of the Red Cross Blood Program in this area, which encompasses 27 counties in Western North Carolina, Eastern Tennessee, and Northern Georgia, is that over 150 pints of blood need to be collected every working day to meet the area needs. The total blood needs of patients in 37 hospitals are met through the program.

The need for blood is a constant, ever-growing one. Blood needs in this region have risen by 7,000 pints in the last three years. Unfortunately, only a small percentage of eligible persons donate blood. Many feel they will never need it or they are scared of the needle. Still others just never think about it. Some even feel that if they need it, they can buy it somewhere. However, that is not the case in the Asheville region. Blood is available only through the Red Cross. Either the Red Cross has it, or they don't. And that depends on the number of people who

donate at the bloodmobile operation. There is a bonus offered to Yancey Countians at the bloodmobile operation. And it is available to anyone, whether they donate their blood or not. The Red Cross is working with the Heart Association by offering to check blood pressures of everyone who comes in. If the pressure is high the person is referred to his or her doctor. This has been done for a year or more

in Yancey County and the service provides a significant contribution to reducing early disability, morbidity and mortality from high blood pressure.

Every blood donation is of equal value. Each donation can save a life. And with today's technology, one unit of blood can even help more than one person.

So remember the importance of blood donations when the bloodmobile comes to Burnsville this coming Monday. This is something almost anyone can do to make the world a better place in which to live. One donation does matter—every donation matters. And the very act of donating blood may help the donor—not only because every person may need blood himself at some time, but also because it's a good way to have blood pressure, pulse, temperature and hemoglobin checked. The entire process takes only 45 minutes, which includes time for a few minutes in the canteen, which area churches take turns operating.

## Commencement Slated At MTI

Dr. Edgar J. Boone, Assistant Director of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service and Head of Department of Adult and Community College Education at N.C. State University at Raleigh will deliver the address at Mayland Technical Institute's fourth commencement program to be held in the auditorium of Grassy Creek Baptist Church near Spruce Pine, Thursday, September 16 at 8:00 p.m.

Dr. Boone is serving presently as Assistant Director of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service and as professor and Head, Department of Adult and Community College Education, North Carolina State University, Raleigh. He has served in similar positions at the University of Wisconsin, the University of Arizona, and in related work at Louisiana State University. In 1974 Dr. Boone received the outstanding Adult Education Award for North Carolina. He has served as president of the Adult Education Association of the USA and Chairman of the National Resources Planning Commission on Adult Education. He holds the PhD Degree in Adult Education Administration from the University of Wisconsin. He has served as consultant in agriculture at the University of Puerto Rico, and the University of West Indies.

Diplomas and Degrees will be presented to one hundred ten students and a reception for graduates and others who

attend the program will be held in the Church Fellowship Hall following the program.

Degrees and diplomas will be presented to the following:

### ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

**Accounting:** Vickie Duncan, Patricia McCurry, Jim Phillips, Roy Ronald McIntosh; **Business Administration:** Quentin Buchanan, Jr., Gary Guinn, Patricia McCurry, Mary Kay Sparks, Katherine Stinson, Richard Grindeland, Sandy Hylemon, Kevin Peterson, Roy Ronald McIntosh; **Secretarial Science:** Lana Gail Boone, Brenda Hoilman, Twi? la Stafford Howell, Kimberly McKinney Huskins, Pamela Gail King, Glenna Alice Burleson Odum, Susan Daniels Roberts, Janice Karen Woody, Juanita Young, Margaret Murdock; **Early Childhood Specialist:** Marcia Ann Goodfellow, Debra L. McKinney.

### DIPLOMA

**Automotive Mechanics:** Billy Buchanan, Roger Burnette, Jerry Buchanan, Steve Cuthbertson, Harvey Grindstaff, Roger Wayne Huskins, Mike Keating, John McGuire, Junior Stamey, Bill Stanley, Douglas Staton, Kim Taylor, Gary Thomas, Steve Whitson, Audie Winters; **Diesel Mechanics:** Emerson Howard Autrey, Johnnie W. Calhoun, Robert Garland, Earl H. Peterson, Billy Simmons; **Child Care Worker:** Michael Thomas Rohr, Rebecca S. Woody, Betty Jean Carpenter, Jean Frances Duncan. [Cont'd on page 2]

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## Special Program Funded:

# MTI Receives Grant

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan has awarded Mayland Technical Institute a \$38,890 grant for a three year program to improve communication and mathematics skills among the institute's students.

The grant will enable Mayland Tech to create a developmental studies program which will aid students to gain "catch-up" skills necessary for success in all subjects. In order to implement this program, all new students are being administered the Cooperative Guidance and Placement Test to determine their educational needs. The information gathered from this test will be used to design a program of study for those students who lack skills necessary to succeed in post-secondary education.

Dr. O.M. Blake, Jr., President of Mayland Technical Institute, believes that this program will enable many of the institute's students to benefit much more from their studies by helping them become more proficient in communication and mathematics skills.

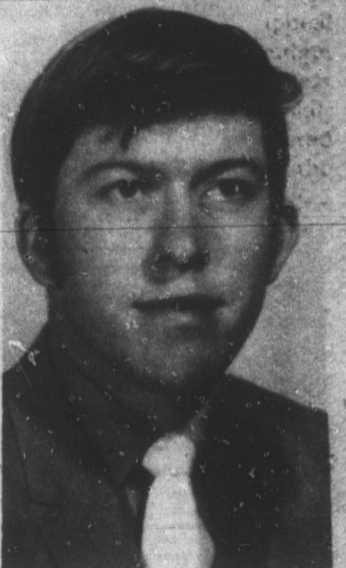
"This project is more than another remedial program," Blake said. "It will help students who are having a hard time with reading, speaking, writing and math. It will help any student who

wants to do well."

Mayland Tech's allocation was part of the \$663,226 grant awarded by Kellogg to Appalachian State University and 13 Piedmont and Western North Carolina community colleges and technical institutes. All of these schools are members of the Western North Carolina Consortium. The two year schools receiving funding, in addition to Mayland Tech, were the community colleges of Caldwell, Surry, Western Piedmont and Wilkes plus the technical institutes of Asheville-Buncombe, Blue Ridge, Catawba Valley, Forsyth, Haywood, McDowell, Southeastern and Tri-County. The

grant was the culmination of over 9 months planning by coordinators from each of these institutions. Louise Hembree represented Mayland Tech at the planning sessions and will be the institute's program coordinator. Appalachian State will coordinate the developmental studies programs among the various institutions.

Appalachian and the 13 two year schools have been working together within the consortium for the past four years in the area of faculty development, study of educational needs of the population they serve, and adaptation of curricula and services to meet [Cont'd on page 2]



Joe Johnson

## Johnson Is Campaign Chairman

Joe Johnson, Assistant Vice President of The Northwestern Bank in Burnsville has accepted the position of Campaign Chairman for the 22nd annual Yancey United Fund drive which will be conducted this fall.

A team of volunteer workers is now being enlisted to carry on the drive which is scheduled to start with a kick-off breakfast on September 19. An organizational meeting of these volunteers, many of whom will come from the various agencies for whom funds will be raised, is planned for Wednesday evening, September 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the main courtroom upstairs at Yancey County Courthouse.

The new chairman came to Burnsville last fall to serve as assistant vice president and assistant branch manager of the local bank. He is a native of Wilkes County and is a graduate of North Carolina State University. He is married to the former Lou Eva Howard, and has one son.

The directors of the Yancey United Fund held a long session last Thursday evening, getting organized for the coming year, and also serving as the budget committee for the forthcoming campaign. Requests from all agencies desiring to be included in the united appeal were reviewed. This budget will be announced in the next week's issue of the Journal. Staunton Norris was elected to serve as president of the UF for the next year.

## Antique Dealer Show, Sale

Twenty antique dealers from North Carolina and Virginia will participate in the fourth annual Antiques Show and Sale, September 11-12 at the Halifax County Academy, U.S. 501, South Boston, Virginia. Admission is \$2 for the two-day event and proceeds will go to the school.

The show is excellent and well worth the drive. It will be open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 12:30 to 5 on Sunday.

A complete line of antiques from furniture to jewelry will be offered by the quality dealers. Home-cooked meals and Brunswick stew will be available in the showroom cafeteria. Mr. William Moore, curator of the Greensboro Historical Museum will be available for expert appraisal in items of furniture, silver or glass. His hours will run from 2 to 4 each afternoon. The service is free, but the item must be from home.

## Bicentennial Event At Newdale Church

Bicentennial will be observed by the Newdale Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 12, from 4:00 p.m. until approximately eight o'clock.

The festivities will start with games for young and old, led by County Recreation Director Gordon Banks, followed by a chicken barbecue supper.

After supper a program will be held in the sanctuary of the church, consisting of congregational singing, special

music; a talk on Religion in Colonial America by Rev. Pat Hardy; history of Yancey County by James Byrd; humorous readings by Miss Ethel Boone; and short histories of the Presbyterian and Methodist and Baptist churches in the county by Clyde Young, Jr., Mrs. Flora Belle Roberson, and Dennis Howell.

All members and friends are cordially invited to attend and enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment.

## Former Yancey Girl Will Represent NC In Pageant

This summer, Susie Proffitt got a new job—and the crown that goes with it. She was named Miss North Carolina 1976.

And she definitely sees the title as a job, agreeing with one of her counterparts, "It's the most intensive PR work a person can do. It's a year-long public relations job, and you have to work hard at it."

"It's a job, and on this one you have to work on weekends!" said Susie. "You have to be good at public relations, because you're representing a

whole state, as well as an organization, the Jaycees (sponsors of the Miss North Carolina program)."

Susie is the daughter of Mrs. Clarence Pegg of Black Mountain and the late Fleet Proffitt of Bald Creek. She was born in Yancey County and lived in the Bald Creek section until she was in her teens—Susie is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Proffitt of Bald Creek.

Her first big "assignment" as the state's representative will be in Atlantic City the week following Labor

Day, participating in the Miss America Scholarship Pageant. Then—if she doesn't have to give up the North Carolina crown to accept that of Miss America—she will spend the upcoming year making appearances statewide and on North Carolina's behalf out-of-state as well.

Being Miss North Carolina is "being a unique kind of career woman, and it's a very demanding career," said one of the 22-year-old's advisors.

For that career, North Carolina's 40 JCPenney stores presented her with the JCPenney Fashion Award, a \$1,000 wardrobe to prepare her for every kind of appearance, from a morning business meeting to a formal evening dinner. Pictured, Susie heads for an appearance in this fall's sweater look—a two-piece sweater dress in black, cream, rust and dusty blue over a rust cowl-neck sweater and rust suede boots. The ensemble is part of the \$1,000 JCPenney Fashion Award wardrobe given the new Miss North Carolina by the state's 40 JCPenney stores to prepare her for the early September Miss America Scholarship Pageant in Atlantic City and for her year's reign.

Susie, a 1975 graduate of Western Carolina University in home economics and merchandising, was on the dean's list at the college, a member of the chancellor's ad hoc committee, a member of the Marshalls Club, a varsity cheerleader and, in 1973 and 1974, a member of the homecoming court. During college, she served a three-month internship with an Atlanta department store, also working summers and vacations at Pegg's Fashions, her mother's specialty shop.

The Miss America Pageant will be televised nationally the evening of Saturday, September 11, 1976.



Susie Proffitt



Rev. R.W. Shores

## Assumes Church Ministry

Rev. R.W. Shores, a native of North Carolina of Yadkin County, has assumed the ministry at the Church of God in Burnsville.

Rev. Shores has been in the ministry for several years, having taken his schooling at Lee College in Cleveland, Tennessee.

He will be serving as District, Overseer of the Churches of God in the Burnsville District.