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Husband-Wife Teams

Rhinehart Selected GOP Candidate

Robert L. (Bob) Rhinehart has been selected by the Yancey County Executive Committee of the Republican Party to be its candidate for Chairman of the Yancey County Board of Commission-



Robert Rhinehart

ers in the November 2nd election.

In making this announcement, Steve Boone, Chairman of the Yancey County Republican Party, stated that Rhinehart was chosen to replace the earlier announced candidate, J. Ardell Sink, who withdrew recently due to health problems and business reasons. Boone stated that Rhinehart would make an excellent candidate and chairman.

Rhinehart is Administrative Manager at Glen Raven Mills, Inc. He was born and

reared in Canton, N.C., and attended the public schools there. He graduated from Duke University in 1948, and took additional courses at Western Carolina University. Before coming with Glen Raven twenty-five years ago, he taught chemistry at Murphy High School. He has completed the Management Development course at the Center for Continuing Education at Appalachian State University.

Included in Rhinehart's various civic involvements are his service as a current member for four years on the Regional Manpower Advisory Committee (Council of Government-Region D), and a member for three years on the Planning Committee for the aforementioned board. Mr. Rhinehart served on the Board of Directors of the United Fund for a number of years, and as its campaign chairman in 1968. He is a Past Master of the Burnsville Masonic Lodge, and a member of the Burnsville First Baptist Church.

Rhinehart, 51, lives in the Rocky Springs Heights community of Yancey County. He is married to the former Matoka Wilson of Asheville, whose father, the late A.K. (Gus) Wilson, was a native of the Bald Creek section of Yancey County.

Republican candidates for the two Commissioner seats are Walter Edwards of Phipps Creek and K. Lyda Letterman of Jacks Creek.

Transportation Dept. Meeting Slated Here

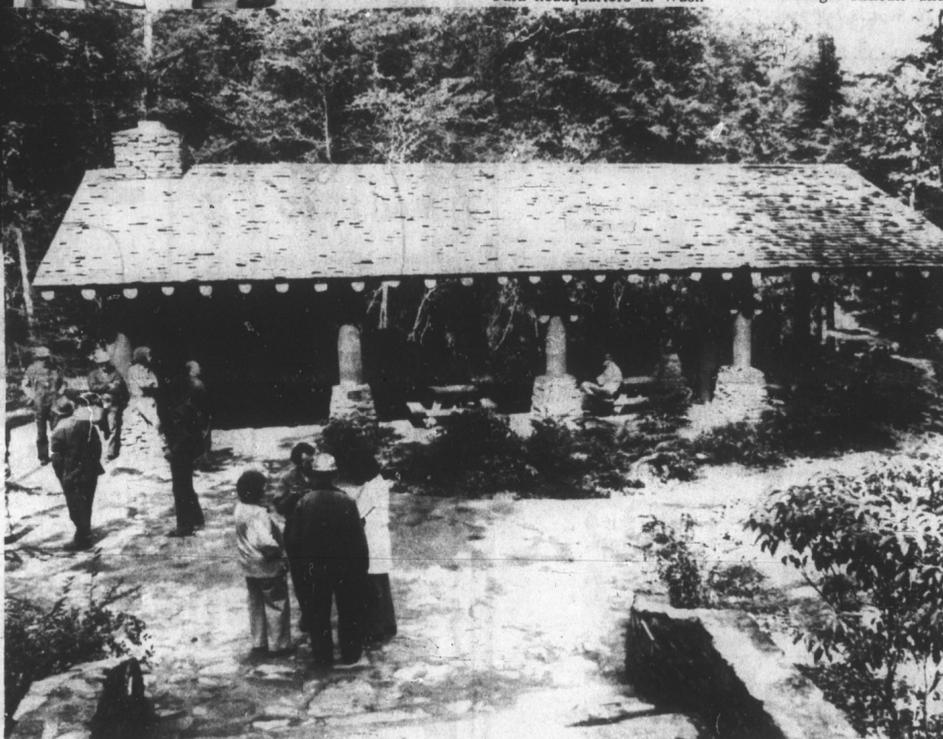
North Carolina Department of Transportation officials will hold an informal public meeting in Burnsville to discuss the proposed replacement of the NC 80 bridge over South Toe River just north of US 19E at Newdale in Yancey County.

The meeting, scheduled for October 5 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. will be held in the Yancey County Courthouse in Burnsville.

The Department of Transportation is holding the

meeting to encourage public participation in construction planning and to receive comments and suggestions about the proposed project. Comments and suggestions received from local residents will help DOT officials prepare bridge plans that will be responsive to community needs.

Questions concerning the project should be addressed to the Planning and Research Branch, N.C. Department of Transportation, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.



Pavilion Built In Carolina Hemlock Recreation Area

Forest Service Dedication:

Older Americans Honored

Once again the U.S. Forest Service can point proudly to the accomplishments of their Older American Program. During the past four years the Forest Service has reported from time to time on projects undertaken and completed through this program. They now are justly proud of the construction of a picnic pavilion at Carolina Hemlock and a 1½ mile bicycle trail at Black Mountain Campground.

The shelter in the Carolina Hemlock Recreation Area was designed to conform to the type of structure built by the civilian conservation corps during the 1930s. It is large, 30 by 50 feet, and built of logs cut for the structure and covered by a hand-split shape roof. Lighting and a large stone fireplace suit it for evening programs or informal group gatherings.

The bicycle trail, the first of its kind dedicated on the National Forests in North Carolina, runs along the scenic South Toe River adjacent to the Brier Bottom Group Camp in the Black Mountain Campground.

Both the shelter and the trail were built by the Older Americans Program on the Toecane Ranger District. The 31 members of the group range in age from 51 to 79. One crew in the program consists entirely of seven

women who, in addition to work on the Trail, do maintenance projects on other campgrounds.

On Thursday, September 16 at the picnic pavilion a dedication ceremony was held dedicating these two projects to the enhancement and enjoyment of the National Forest in honor of these older citizens.

The principal speaker for the program was Leon Anderson, Director of Manpower Resource Program, Washington, D.C., with Barbara Passuth, Manpower Training and Development, Washington, D.C.; Jim Webb, Deputy Regional Forester, Region Eight; Mike Lannan, Manpower Resource Program Director of Atlanta, Georgia, sharing the program.

Also attending were Jim

Democrat Dinner Slated

Yancey County Democrats are having a dinner on Saturday night, September 25, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at East Yancey High School. The dinner is sponsored by the Burnsville Township and all Democrats are urged to attend. A meeting will follow.

House Okays Mt. Mitchell Study; Taylor Gets Award

Secretary of the Interior Thomas S. Kleppe announced that Congressman Roy A. Taylor of North Carolina, retiring chairman of the House National Parks and Recreation Subcommittee, has been awarded the Department's Conservation Service Award. This is the highest award the Department confers on non-employees.

The presentation was made by Director Gary Everhardt of Interior's National Park Service at a reception at National Capital Park headquarters in Wash-

ington, D.C., September 13.

Congressman Taylor was cited for "services performed in connection with the Department's conservation activities."

The citation stresses that Congressman Taylor "exercised unusually important and competent leadership in securing landmark conservation and public recreation legislation."

It points out that during his tenure as chairman more than 100 acres were added to the National Park System, "and through difficult and

little recognized work, Mr. Taylor has insured that both new and old parks have adequate administrative and acquisition authorities."

Last Thursday, Rep. Taylor proposed legislation pointing toward the creation of a Mt. Mitchell National Park. His Mt. Mitchell study proposal was offered as an amendment to an omnibus bill providing for new area studies by the National Park Service. The bill was approved by the House Interior Committee and likely will be considered on the House Floor next week.

"Mt. Mitchell is not only the highest peak east of the Rockies but it is surrounded by a large mountain area of unspoiled wilderness land providing superb mountain views", Taylor said. "It

could be operated as a national park in connection with the operation of the nearby Blue Ridge Parkway."

Taylor explained that the bill directs the Secretary of Interior, in consultation with the Governor of North Carolina and the Secretary of Agriculture to prepare and transmit to the Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House and Senate within three years a feasibility/suitability study of the proposal. The study would cover the Black Mountain range of North Carolina, including Mt. Mitchell State Park and the nearby federally-owned lands adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway including the Craggy Mountains. The bill authorizes an appropriation of \$50,000 to finance the study

Mandatory Tagging For Big Game

BY DON M. WILSON
Wildlife Technician

For the upcoming 1976-77 hunting season it will be mandatory to tag all big game kills made in North Carolina. Sportsmen should follow this procedure. Upon killing a bear, deer, wild boar or turkey, the hunter must tag the carcass at the scene of the kill with an appropriate tag from his big game hunting license or sportsman's license and take it directly to the nearest Wildlife Cooperator Agent who will supply a big game kill report card in duplicate. The hunter must remove the tag from the carcass, affix it to the report and fill in the information required. The original card must be left with the agent and the duplicate retained by the hunter as his permit to continue in possession of the big game carcass.

Many hunters ask the question, "Why is it necessary that we report our big game kills to the Wildlife Resources Commission?" This is a good question and deserves an answer.

North Carolina's big game populations change as man disturbs their environment. This disturbance might be wetland drainage, land clear-

ing, or urbanization. Populations also change in response to outdoor groups, such as motorcyclists, 4-wheel drive enthusiasts, hikers and others.

Populations also change in response to hunting pressures.

There has been a need for accurate data on the harvest of big game in the state for many years. In the past, Wildlife Resources Commission biologists have been "making do" with information gathered by mail surveys, hunter interviews, and field surveys. These methods are slow and tedious. Complete kill records are needed.

Now lets look at how the [Cont'd on page 8]

Lions Club Meeting Set

The Burnsville Lions Club monthly dinner meeting will be this Thursday evening, September 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The business portion of the meeting will include the Halloween trick-or-treat candy sales program. Paul Wooten of Westco Telephone will present the "Carolina Story."



Tall Corn In Yancey

Corn grows tall in Yancey. Shown above, Agricultural Extension agents from Western North Carolina look over a test plot conducted by Stokes Austin of Prices Creek Community. This test is designed to learn what silo corn plant population will produce the most milk per acre. Two varieties--Funk's G-5757 and Pioneer 3145 have been planted and plots thinned to have 12, 16, 20, 24, 28 and 32 thousand plants per acre at harvest time. Samples from each variety and population will be harvested, ensiled and feed value analyzed to determine what stand will produce the maximum milk per acre. The corn tour which began in Yancey, continued to Buncombe where a liming of corn study is underway. The tour ended at the N.C. Mountain Experiment Station near Waynesville where 20 corn varieties are being evaluated for usefulness in this area.