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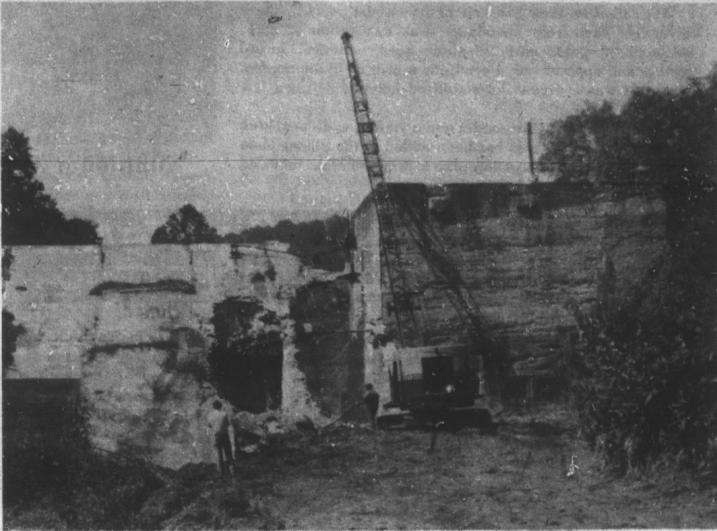
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## Educators Praise Mountain Heritage

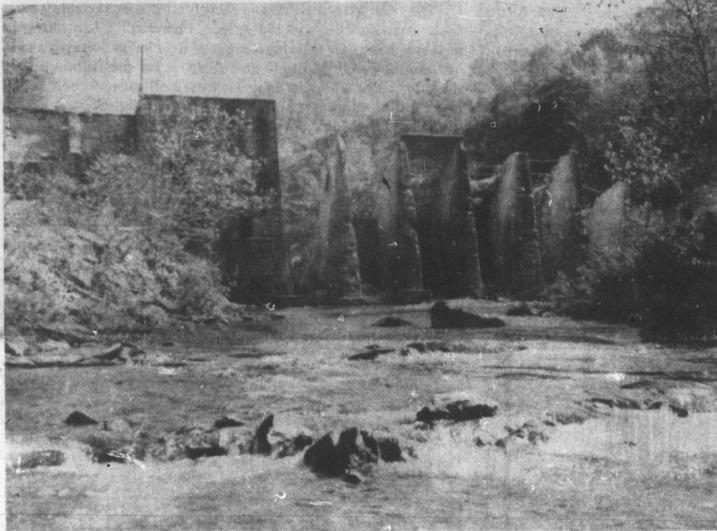
Mountain Heritage High School was selected by the Division of School Planning, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction as the site for its conference on school construction on October 19, 1976. Approximately sixty-five people attended the afternoon and evening sessions. Representatives attended from a number of school units in Western North Carolina, as well as colleges and universities from the area. Approximately half of the group consisted of architects and engineers from the Charlotte, Hickory and Asheville area.

The afternoon session was limited to a tour of the school facility and a discussion on every conservation in both old and new buildings. The evening session was devoted to general construction problems in new school building projects. The discussions were led by eleven members of the Division of School Planning.

Dr. J.L. Pierce, Director of the Division of School Planning, told a group of students that they were in the best school in North Carolina. Later he remarked to the conference participants that this was probably one of the most sophisticated school buildings in the United States.



Crane With Demolition Ball Knocks Down Wall



Old Yancey Landmark Presented A Safety Hazard

## Two Weekend Accidents Cause Injuries On Yancey Highways

On Saturday, October 30 at 3:20 p.m. on U.S. 19E approximately 3 miles out of Burnsville a two-car accident injured the drivers of both cars. Sgt. D.W. Reavis investigated.

Roy Duncan, 67, of route 1, Burnsville was driving a '67 Buick. Kathryn Pittman, 22, of Route 1, Burnsville, was in a '65 Dodge.

According to the accident report, Duncan was pulling onto the roadway from a parked position. The Pittman

vehicle was traveling north on U.S. 19E as vehicle No. 1 entered the highway. Vehicle No. 1 was struck in the left quarter and skidded across a parking lot and down an embankment. Vehicle No. 2 skidded across the lot, struck a trash dumpster and stopped. Damage to the Buick was estimated at \$600; damage to the Dodge was estimated at \$350.

Duncan was taken to Yancey Hospital and Ms. Pittman was taken to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville.

Another two-vehicle accident occurred 7 1/2 miles out of town near the Madison County Line on Saturday, October 30, at 6:00 p.m. This accident left two injured according to Patrolman C.D. Thomas who investigated.

Linda Ann Flynn, age 16, of Route 2, Nebo, N.C. was driving a 1974 Ford. She was backing from the roadway at the time she was struck by Clifford Metcalf, age 23, of

Route 3, Burnsville, who was driving a 1970 Volkswagen. Metcalf was traveling east and rounded a sharp curve when he struck vehicle No. 1. Vehicle No. 1 came to rest at the point of impact, while the second car came to rest on the south side of the road headed east.

Passengers in the two cars included Betty Jean Flynn, 18, also of Nebo, in the Ford and in the Volkswagen two passengers: Debbie Metcalf, 19 and Jerminy, age 2. Linda and Jerminy were the only ones injured in the accident and they were taken to Yancey Hospital. Neither was injured seriously.

Damage to the Ford was estimated at \$200; damage to the Volkswagen was estimated at \$300.



## Harvest Festival At Head Start

The Head Start-Home Start programs of Yancey County celebrated their Harvest Festival on the 26th of October, 1976 at the Head Start Center in Burnsville. Parents, children, and staff came in full costume for Halloween. A door prize was given for the lucky number and most original costume. For the children there was apple bobbing, fishing, and pinning the tail on the black cat. Upstairs in the Home Start Center was a display of children and adult arts and crafts. There was a fabulous fortune telling booth and tasty refreshments furnished by parents and staff. Traditional Halloween treats were given to the children.

## End Of Landmark:

# Dam Demolished

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If you have been along Cane River lately you may have noticed that the old Cane River Dam is being demolished. Through combined efforts of the Yancey Soil and Water Conservation District, the Department of Natural and Economic Resources, and owner Cy Jordan it is being removed. Taking out the dam will strip away the hazard of possible flood damage to the area below in case it should break.

The dam was built in the

early 1900's of wood and concrete. In the 1920's it was enlarged and reinforced with steel. The lake it ponded covered over 100 acres of land. The purpose of the dam was to generate power. In the 1930's the dam was purchased by French Broad Electric for power generation.

About 1955 French Broad Electric sold out their equipment and stopped generating power. The reasoning behind this was that power could be bought about as cheaply as it could be produced. Before this time it was noticed that there was a leak developing below the dam structure.

went into great depth. The dam was beginning to develop cracks and concrete on the buttresses of the structure were flaking off. Restoration of the dam was noted to be costly.

### FLOOD SCARE

Due to the weakening of the structure and the leak under the dam the lake was drained and three holes were blasted in the bottom to take care of the river flow. This worked adequately until 1973. In the spring of that year there was a large rain. Debris plugged at least one hole. The lake filled and water began running over the top of the dam. Fear developed that the structure could possibly break so people were evacuated from homes below.

As a concerned group of individuals the Yancey Soil and Water District supervisors contacted the Department of Natural and Economic Resources in Raleigh. They advised them of the problem and asked for an investigation of the structure. Correspondence continued and through continuing efforts of the supervisors an engineer finally made an investigation of the dam in the spring of 1976. He concluded the dam might possibly break. This would result in considerable property damage as well as possibly some deaths along the river below.

### END OF A LANDMARK

Cy Jordan, the present owner, was contacted and asked to remove the structure. He readily agreed to remove the dam. Pursuit of a team of explosive experts began. One could not be found. Since the dam had to be removed a crane operator with a demolition ball was hired. The expense of the removal is being levied by the owner. Presently the dam is being knocked down. With its removal an old landmark of Yancey County will be destroyed; but with it will also go a tremendous safety hazard which could have cost considerable damage and possible loss of lives.

## Carnival Reslated This Week

The loaves and fishes carnival to raise funds for a meals-on-wheels program for Yancey County's senior citizens has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 6, beginning with a parade at 1 p.m. An auction will be held beginning at 2 p.m. in the Northwestern Bank parking lot on the square.

Other activities include the crowning of a Senior Citizen King and Queen, wagon and pony rides, cake walks, jail and dunking chair, carnival booths and a fish fry sponsored by Troxell's Trout Farm. Members of the Health Department will be giving Swine flu shots in the courthouse.

Items are needed for the auction and donors are urged to call the Senior Citizen Hot Line 682-6011 with information concerning items that can be auctioned. All proceeds will go to match a federal grant for use in setting up the meals-on-wheels program.

## Rummage Sale Set

There will be a Rummage Sale on Saturday, November 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Spruce Pine on Upper Street next to Lakeview Nursery.

This sale is being sponsored by Spruce Pine Chapter No. 27, Order of the Eastern Star. All proceeds from the sale will be used to help support the many charitable projects of the Chapter.

In addition, Claxton Fruitcakes are now available and will be on sale by the Chapter at this time.

## Farm Bureau Meeting

The Yancey County Farm Bureau will hold its annual meeting in the courtroom of the Yancey County courthouse on Monday, November 8, at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of the

meeting will be to discuss loose leaf tobacco and other commodities. All farmers, dairymen and Farm Bureau members are urged to attend.

NATIONAL FARM-CITY WEEK, NOV. 10-25

FARM AND CITY



PARTNERS IN PROGRESS  
A DECLARATION OF INTERDEPENDENCE

## Notice

Because of our printing deadline of 5 o'clock p.m. Tuesday, we cannot publish unofficial election returns as was our previous custom. In next week's edition of The Journal we will list official election returns in Yancey County by Precinct.

## Bluegrass Festival

There will be a Bluegrass Festival held at Bald Creek Elementary on November 6 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The festival is the school's annual fund-raising project. It will feature banjo pickers, fiddlers, cloggers and other mountain talents from folks known throughout Western North Carolina.

All of these talented musicians and cloggers are donating their services to aid the school. Bald Creek invites you to attend this evening of Mountain Music for mountain folks.

## Country Music Show

There will be a Country Music Show at the South Toe Community Center on November 6 at 8 o'clock. The program will be presented by Mike Loftis and the Southern Country. There will be good country music, dancing and cake walks. Proceeds will go to the Community Center to buy much needed equipment.

## PTA Bake Sale On Saturday

East Yancey Middle School PTA is having a Bake Sale this Saturday, November 6, at both shopping centers and Burnsville square. All profits will be used to pay for dictionaries for the students.

## Thanksgiving Holiday Set

Schools will be closed for Thanksgiving Holidays on November 25 and 26. Schools will close for Christmas Holidays at noon on Wednesday, December 22, and will reopen on Monday, January 3, 1977.



## New Fashion Spot In Town

DON-ALDEN'S is the newest name on the Burnsville fashion scene as Don Whitson and Alden Edwards, who recently bought the Anglin & Westall Store on the Burnsville town square, are getting in a good supply of top brand names in men's, ladies' and children's wear. According to Don and Alden, they will soon carry an entire Junior line also. Dorothy Harris and Bruce Westall will still be at the store to help customers make their selections. Don, who lives on Jacks Creek and attends Riverside Church, has two children: Jeff, in grade 7 at Cane River Middle School; and Chris, in grade 1 at Burnsville Elementary. Alden Edwards, married to the former Dianna Miller, lives on Phipps Creek and attends Riverside Church also. The Edwards have one daughter, Tracy, who is 2 1/2 years old.