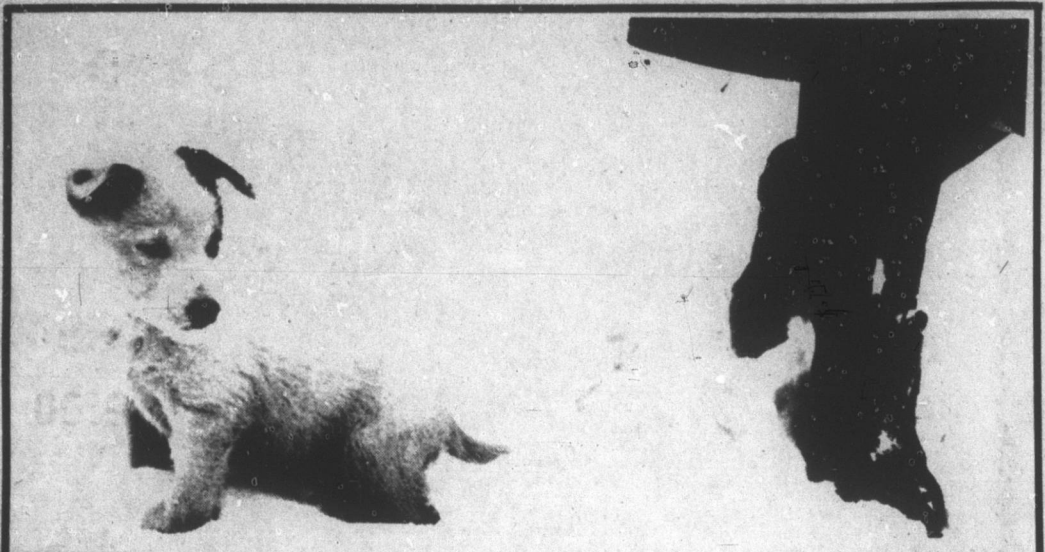


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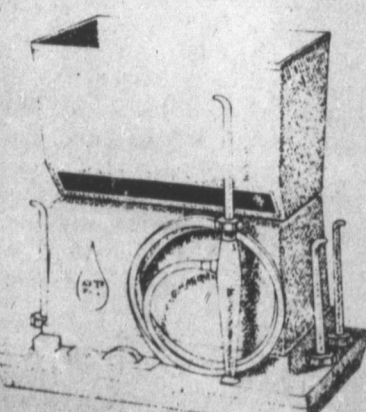


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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Within reach of the people of the Tri-County area—Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey Counties—lie opportunities that stir the imagination. Economically, this area can be one of the most productive parts of North Carolina. We have the people with the capabilities and the skills, or the potential for acquiring the skills, to perform any jobs any business or industry may require. Culturally, we have writers, painters, musicians, and craftsmen who could bring new glory to the area. Intellectually, we have pre-school, elementary and secondary schools, plus institutions of post-secondary education capable of becoming pre-eminent centers of learning and leadership. All of these things are possible for our area during 1977. Why wait any longer?

Instead of merely trying to achieve some national or state average, this area must join in a sustained effort to advance the qualities of our own area. Though we recognize the inadequacies that plague us, it is not necessary to belabor them. While much progress has and is being made, it must be accelerated sharply. We need to look to the future, not to the past. During 1977 we should seek positive, constructive thought and action.

The hour is late for our area. The gap to be overcome is substantial, but the opportunities which beckon are great. Let us pursue them with all the strength and courage and determination at our command.

What will we be able to list as our accomplishments at the end of 1977; I don't know, but I do know that they will depend upon what we plan for and take action upon immediately.

Dr. O.M. Blake, Jr.
 President, Mayland Technical Institute

Sports News
Yancey County Recreation Commission

Teams in the Yancey County Women's Volleyball League have been given numbers to facilitate the schedule of their games as follows:

76'ers	#1
Burnsville Bombers	#2
Ben Franklin	#3
Spikers	#4
Lucky Ladies	#5
Charlie's Angels	#6

Games through January are slated in the order listed below:

January 6, 1977	7:00 p.m.	4 vs 1
	7:30 p.m.	6 vs 2
	8:00 p.m.	5 vs 3
January 13, 1977	7:00 p.m.	4 vs 2
	7:30 p.m.	1 vs 3
	8:00 p.m.	5 vs 6

The Yancey County Men's Basketball League teams are as follows:

- Celtics
- Clearmont
- Dragons
- Henredon
- Maxwells
- Mitchellville
- Mitchell County
- Robo
- Super Stars

Games are scheduled thru December and January as follows:

At East Yancey	At Cane River
January 5, 6:00 p.m.	3 vs. 1
January 5, 8:00 p.m.	5 vs. 8
January 9, 2:00 p.m.	4 vs. 7
January 9, 9:00 p.m.	9 vs. 3
January 9, 4:00 p.m.	1 vs. 2
January 12, 6:00 p.m.	6 vs. 9
January 12, 8:00 p.m.	7 vs. 8
January 16, 2:00 p.m.	1 vs. 4



Dr. Forrest McCall
Dr. McCall To Practice Dentistry

Dr. Forrest S. McCall has opened an office in Burnsville for the practice of dentistry. The office is located on the corner of Ray St. and 19 Bypass. The phone number is 682-7419.

Dr. McCall is a native of Spruce Pine and graduated from Harris High School. He graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy. While there he was elected to Rho Chi, the National Honor Society for Pharmacy students. Upon graduation he was employed at Pollards Drug Store for two years.

In 1976 he graduated from the University of North Carolina Dental School where he was a member of Delta Sigma Delta Dental Fraternity.

Dr. McCall, his wife Patti and their two daughters live in Burnsville. They are members of the Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church.

Funds For New Bridge

The North Carolina Board of Transportation approved today \$230,000 in construction funds for replacement of a Yancey County bridge. The bridge to be replaced is on Murphytown Road (Secondary Road 1343) over the Cane River, north of Burnsville.

The Yancey County bridge is one of four bridges to receive approval for construction funds, totaling \$1.2 million, during the Board's meeting in Raleigh on January 4. The other bridges to be replaced are in Buncombe, Stokes and Anson Counties. All four of these bridges had previously been approved for replacement and are included in the latest update of the North Carolina Highway Improvement Program.

Reprinted From 'Asheville Citizen':
BOB TERRELL

Food For Thought

The Lisa Haney incident, in which the 16-year-old Burnsville schoolgirl was paralyzed in a school bus accident Nov. 12, has opened an old can of worms.

The state's offer to pay a maximum of \$600 toward her expenses bewildered and angered her friends and neighbors and, indeed, many others who read the story.

Because the bus wreck did not result from negligence, the state said, no one is liable, and therefore Lisa and her family are not entitled to more than \$600.

This must be little consolation to the young girl who faces the remainder of her life unable to walk because the brakes failed on her school bus.

It is also food for thought.

Where you and I are required by state law to carry liability insurance on the automobiles we drive, insuring each passenger for \$15,000 and each accident for \$30,000 before we can get license tags, school buses, which carry the most precious cargo on the road, are required to carry no liability insurance on their passengers.

In simple terms, the state operates on a self-insured basis, and school systems financed by the state are considered to be municipalities which are not subject to the liability insurance laws.

No Negligence

The Charlotte Observer quoted Herbert Lamson Jr., a Tort Claims attorney in the Attorney General's office, as saying that Lisa's family could have been awarded as much as \$30,000 from a special Tort Claims Act if the wreck of Lisa's bus had resulted from the driver's or another employee's negligence.

There was no negligence. A brake line simply failed, and the bus plunged off the road, and Lisa's spine was crushed, her wrist was fractured, her ribs were broken, a lung was punctured — and she was, in an instant, doomed to a life of immobility.

What all this means, in layman's terms, is that when a school bus ventures onto a road, those who drive it, those who maintain it, and the kids who ride it, are insured against accidents caused by negligence — but the children who ride the buses are not insured against accidents in which negligence does not exist.

Funds For New Bridge

Andrew Vanore of the State Attorney General's Office confirmed that statement by telephone. "You are correct in what you say," he said.

State and school officials are in sympathy with Lisa and her family, but are powerless to help. They must operate within the limitations of the law, and the law — after all the mumbo-jumbo is eliminated — clearly provides little help for Lisa.

To a man, the school system superintendents of the state are considerate and conscientious people who would allow no school bus to operate on a dangerous road.

But who can predict the whims of the weather here in the mountains?

Who can insure, with any degree of accuracy, that any school bus in the heart of the winter will not round a curve and be confronted with a sudden-formed sheet of ice?

Food for thought?

A Pressing Problem

All of this, however, does not ease the plight of Lisa Haney, nor that of her family.

Lisa's father, Reuben Haney, is a 56-year-old man who is disabled by arthritis and other ailments. His income is a monthly check for \$186 from the Veterans Administration.

The family has no car. The Haney home is humble, and will need many modifications to accommodate a handicapped person when Lisa is finally able to go home from the hospital.

The most pressing problem, however, is finances.

The Rev. Frank Phillips, a tall, likeable Baptist minister, and two fellow preachers, the Rev. Howard Wilson and the Rev. Harlan Ramsey, set up a Lisa Haney Fund through the First Citizens Bank in Burnsville, and hundreds of persons have contributed money in an effort to ease the family's financial pains.

"What we've gotten so far," said Phillips, "is only a drop in the bucket to what they'll need. When the state could only pay \$600, the whole financial burden was thrown upon the family."

Phillips said that Lisa's hospital bill for the first four weeks amounted to \$5,580. "That doesn't include the seven doctors and the X-rays, or the surgery yet to come," he said.

He envisions medical expenses of \$30,000 or more before Lisa is released from the hospital.

Fund-raising events have been held, and others are scheduled. A benefit gospel singing arranged by the three ministers raised \$7,446. Burnsville CB radio operators collected \$2,100 more on a cold, rainy day. Students and faculty at Mountain Heritage High School, where Lisa went to school, gathered more than \$500 to put an electric water heater and a washing machine into the Haney home in the Little Creek community 16 miles northwest of Burnsville. The WAMY Community Action Agency installed a new commode and remodeled the family's bathroom.

Lisa's school insurance is helping, also. Ed Hunter, the Yancey County school superintendent, said it will pay \$35 a day on her hospital room, and other benefits, up to a total of \$7,500. But, Phillips said, the maximum benefit from this insurance can be obtained only when the bills run to enormous proportions.

Humble And Appreciative

"The family," Phillips said, "is very humble and appreciative. Through no fault of their own, their backs have been placed against the wall. It all just doesn't seem fair to Lisa and her family. She didn't cause this, and she deserves to be looked after."

To add to the family's problem, the youngest of the five Haney children, 11-year-old Stella Gay, suffered a fractured pelvis in the same bus wreck, and incurred bills of about \$1,000 for the eight days she spent in the hospital.

Phillips, Wilson, and Ramsey are administering the Lisa Haney Fund, and Phillips said anyone wishing to contribute to it should make check or money order payable to Lisa Haney Fund, and mail it to Rev. Frank Phillips, Route 6, Box 414, Burnsville, N. C. 28714.

Many readers of The Citizen have telephoned to ask where they could send contributions. Quite a few were incensed over the whole affair.

"I don't know how this could happen in the United States," one man said. "I don't know how I can be forced by compulsory law to put my children on a school bus, uninsured, yet I am forced to insure my own car to carry them to the grocery store."

He said he had telephoned state legislators about the possibility of amending state laws to give protection to children riding school buses, and to provide more care for Lisa Haney and any other student so injured in a school bus accident.

The state is another can of worms that should be opened.

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Health News & Views

Aged need attention when on drug therapy

The handicaps of older citizens are often overlooked. Diminishing mental and physical conditions can leave the aged person in a feeble-minded, child-like state. Yet, many of these same people are given the responsibility of taking powerfully potent medications — a responsibility we'd never dream of giving our kids! In all honesty, I can see little difference between the handicap of old age and that of extreme youthfulness where strong drugs are indicated.

Like children, older citizens need special attention while taking medicines. Let's make it our business to help the elderly use drugs safely and properly.

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