

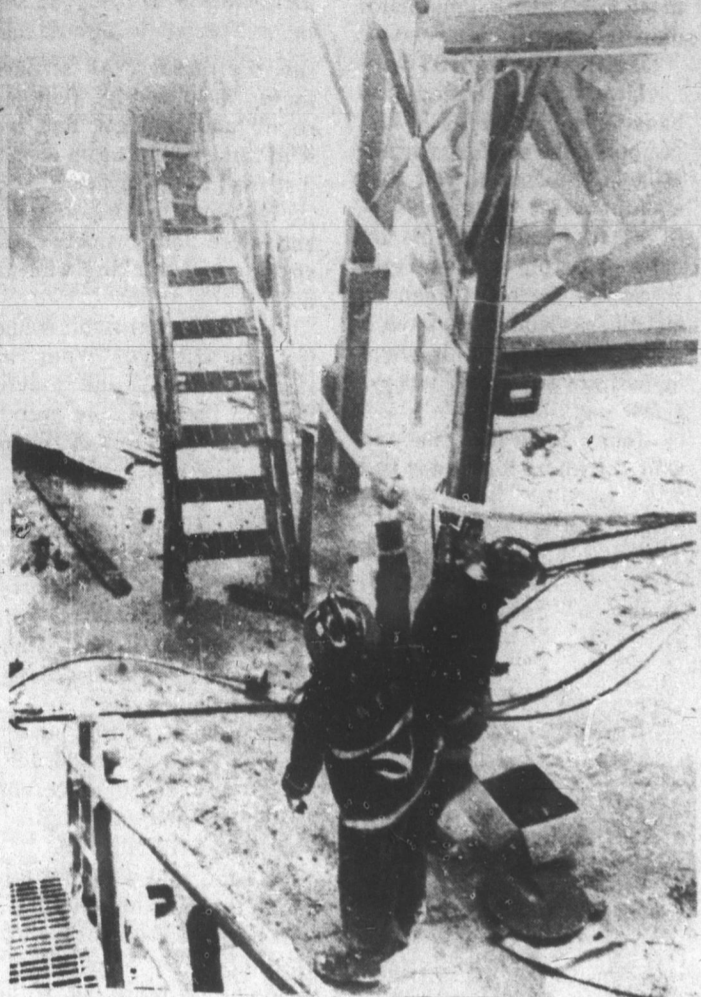
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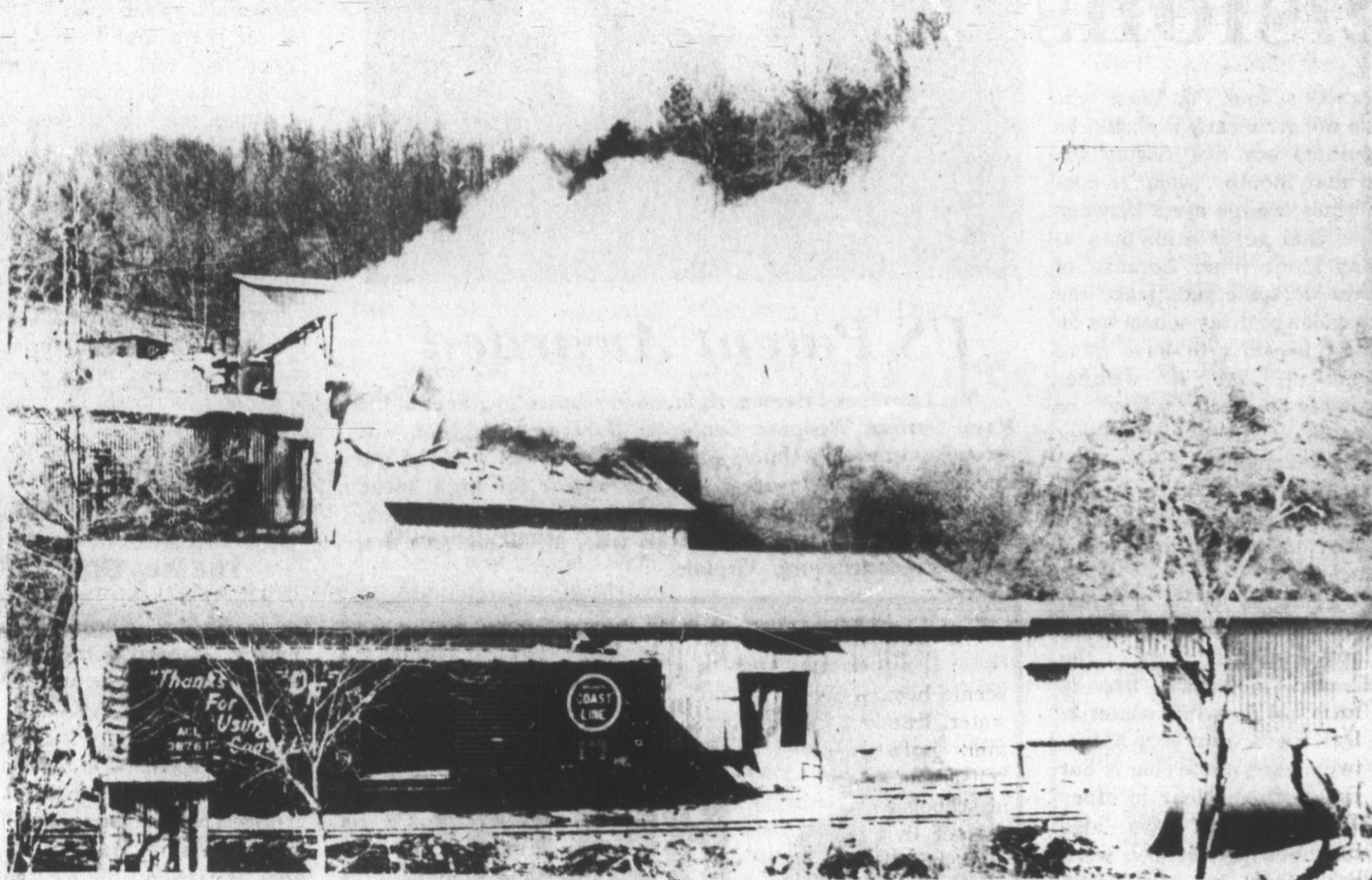
Volunteer Firemen Cooperate

Fire Crews Fight Blaze

South Toe, Newdale, and Burnsville Fire Departments answered the fire call last Thursday, February 17, when the Diamond Mica Company's dry grinding plant at Micaville caught fire at approximately 1 o'clock p.m.

No one was injured in the blaze, which destroyed part of two upper levels at the plant, including the sifter and dust collector. No estimate of damage has been issued, although it was termed extensive, and according to reports the plant will be closed at least a month while repairs are being made. The cause of the fire has not been officially determined.

The fire departments, responding immediately, had the fire under control after about an hour.



Extensive Damage To Mica Company's Plant



Eddie L. Faw

Faw Joins Staff At NW Bank

Hazen Ledford, executive vice president of The Northwestern Bank of Burnsville, has announced that Eddie L. Faw has joined the staff of the Commercial Loan Department at the Bank.

Faw is a native of Virginia, and received his BS degree from Appalachian State University. He began his banking career with Northwestern in 1970 working at the Greensboro Office until 1971. He served in the United States Navy from 1971 until 1975 when he returned to work for Northwestern at the Hendersonville Office.

Faw is married to the former Barbara Ann Lowe of Damascus, Virginia, and has two daughters, Kimberly Dawn and Jennifer Annette. The Faws reside on Route 3, Burnsville, and attend the Baptist Church.

New Chamber Service Offered

Jerry Newton, new Yancey County Chamber of Commerce Director, announces a new service for Chamber members.

Real Estate inquiries coming to the Chamber office will be passed on to anyone belonging to the Chamber who requests this information.

During the past week alone, nearly a dozen inquiries have been made by people seeking property—rentals, homes, farm acreage, etc. According to Newton the Chamber receives inquiries pertaining to real estate almost daily.

Newton, hired recently by the Chamber's Board of Directors, was born and raised in and around Yancey County. He attended Micaville Elementary School and East Yancey High School. He has completed a Bachelor of Arts degree from Berea College in Kentucky and completed one year of graduate work at the University of Notre Dame. In the past few years he worked as a teacher, counselor and salesman in the Washington, D.C. area and since returning to Yancey County he has done some substitute teaching at Mountain Heritage.

Newton believes that while our obvious assets: scenic beauty, clean air and water, freedom from congestion, pollution and crime, sensible neighbors, good public schools and a relatively low cost of living, to mention a few—should be carefully guarded, we cannot live in isolation.

He also points out that residents who shop or are forced to find work outside the county drain vital capital from local business interest. These are matters which concern the Chamber of Commerce, Newton stated.

The Chamber plans a membership drive soon to involve as many people as possible throughout the entire county. More functions are

contemplated which will involve the entire Chamber membership; functions which will promote general welfare and build a stronger sense of community.

Most importantly, says Newton, your ideas are welcomed on the subject of how the Chamber of Commerce can better serve the community.

Disaster Relief By Town Board

The Town of Burnsville is dispensing a measure of disaster relief to numerous water customers who have been the victims of the excessive cold. The bills being sent out for February water use have been reduced to exempt customers from what would otherwise have been exceptionally high bills.

The customers affected are those who, to prevent pipes from freezing, left a small stream of water running night and day during the bitter weather. The February meter readings disclosed that some customers would have extraordinarily high bills if charged for all the water passing through their meters. Apparently many people do not realize how many gallons a continuously running stream of water amounts to.

The Town's ordinance governing charges for water are specific in requiring customers to pay for all water passing through their meters. The Town Board, however, viewed the severe cold as justifying a measure of relief for those who would suffer hardship from exceptionally high bills—in some cases upwards of \$50 for the month's bill.

Where meter readings showed exceptionally high use, the bills are being figured on the basis of approximate average use for the past three months. In no case, according to the Town Board, should the customer be charged for more than about 10 percent of the

exceptional use.

Although the Town Board feels able to absorb the cost of this relief, the Town is not in a position to absorb the cost of thawing water pipes on the customer's premise. The cost of hiring a welding generator together with the services of two men has been \$15 per hour. Bills will be sent out on this basis, no charge being included for the time town employees spent in thawing lines.

Preschool Screening Available

Preschool screening for 4-year-olds is now available in Yancey County. This statewide program is free and open to all 4-year-olds.

The screening checks a child's vision, hearing and development in language, coordination, memory and other areas of school readiness. Children usually enjoy the testing which lasts about 45 minutes and consists of simple games.

Parents also have a chance to talk about how their child is doing so far and how they can best help prepare their child for kindergarten. Test results are explained fully to parents and are completely confidential.

If you have questions or would like an appointment to have your child screened, call Jenifer Morgan 682-6717.

Protection For Elderly

Just recently, an elderly man was found dead in a shabby house in one of North Carolina's larger cities. The autopsy report showed that he died of natural causes but had been dead for approximately two months before his body was finally discovered by a neighbor.

This actual case not only

demonstrates dramatically the need for North Carolinians to be more concerned about their elderly and disabled neighbors, but it shows great need for awareness across the state of the reporting law for abused, neglected, or exploited adults." Robert Ward, director of the North Carolina

Division of Social Services said.

He said that had this man's neighbors been more concerned about his welfare and knowledgeable of the law and reported—the man's dire living situation to the local social services department while he was still alive, he could have been provided protective services that are required by state law.

These services could have included help with trying to

get in touch with relatives, home repair or finding better housing, food, clothing, fuel, needed medical attention, homemaker or chore service in the home and as a last resort be placed in a home for the aging or nursing home if necessary.

Ward emphasized again the fact that hundreds of North Carolina's elderly or disabled adults die or suffer hardships each year that could be alleviated if citizens

would report these cases to their local social services department as required by law.

He indicated that the N.C. Council on Development Disabilities and the Office on Aging based on 1975 surveys indicated that about 182,000 adults are classified as developmentally disabled, 192,000 have other handicapping impairments and 500,000 are over the age of 65. Therefore,

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thiagarajan of India will show slides in the Fellowship Hall of the Bald Creek United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 26, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

The Board of Trustees of Mayland Technical Institute will meet on Monday night, February 28, 1977 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board room at the new building located on Highway 19E.



Hi-Lo of the Week
YANCEY COUNTY
COUNTRY STORE

Hi ~ 64°
Lo ~ 10°

The Burnsville Lions Club's monthly dinner meeting will be at 7 p.m. this Thursday in the Community Building. The U.S. Forest Service will present a program on its activities.

The Burnsville Town Office will be closed until further notice on Saturday mornings. This action by the Town Board is consistent with the action of State, county and municipal offices, generally, aimed at energy conservation.

At the same time the Town Office will extend its closing time on Wednesday to 1 p.m. and to 6 p.m. on Friday.

The Yancey County Department of Social Services will hold its annual public needs assessment hearing on Friday, March 4. The citizens of the county are encouraged to come out and share their opinions. This is an opportunity for citizens to have a voice in determining priority of services to be offered in Yancey County.

The meeting will be held in the courtroom of the Yancey County Courthouse at 2:00

Dance Teacher: 'Dancing Can Be A Way Of Life'

"When dancing becomes a way of life, you cannot just stop dancing any more than you can stop walking, running, skipping, etc." says Leslie Greene, teacher of modern and creative dance who resides in the McKinney Cove near Bakersville.

When Leslie and Jack Greene came to this area as retirees in 1974, they built a dance studio into their home. Jack had gone to school in Bakersville as a boy while his parents taught in the Mitchell County school system.

Leslie, who grew up in a

small town in Massachusetts, has danced since she can remember. Her parents provided strong support, arranging for lessons in ballet, tap, acrobatic and ballroom. Later she studied modern dance at the Boston Conservatory of Music. After moving to Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, she began teaching several forms of dance and, realizing how much she liked it, teaching became her career.

Leslie moved on to Wisconsin, one of the few universities which at that time offered a degree in education with the emphasis on dance. From then on, she either studied or taught dance, sometimes doing both. As a young mother in Michigan, she joined a professional dance company, performing, studying and teaching. Last year in Iran, where Jack was on a consulting job for six months, she studied the

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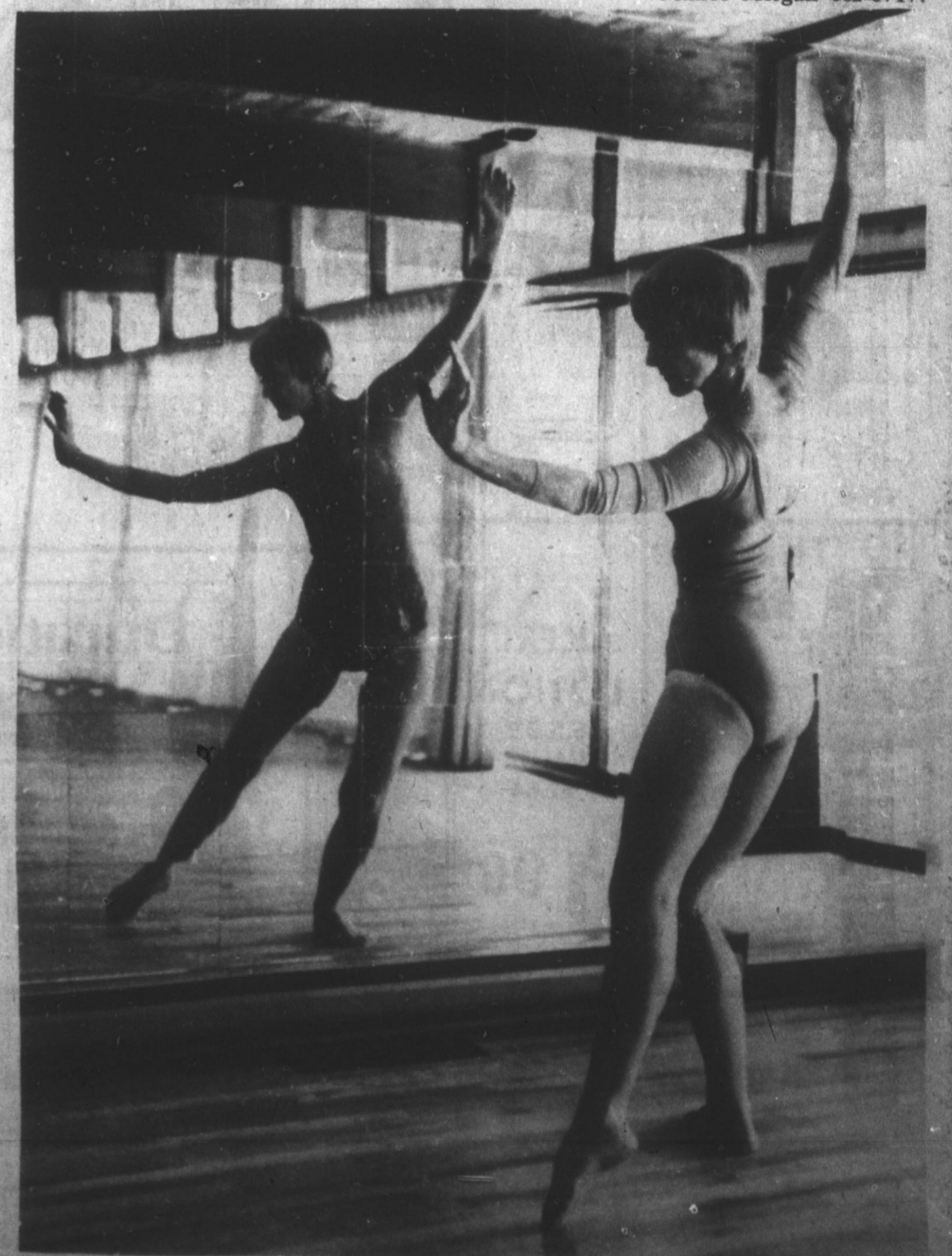
Highway Accident

A two vehicle accident occurred on Friday, February 15, at 8:00 a.m. in the Swiss Community 8 miles out of town on US 19E. Craig Long, 24, of Calhoun, Georgia was driving a 1975 GMC tractor trailer. Jeanne Tyner, 25, of Matthews, N.C. was driving a 1975 MG and approached a sharp curve on US 19E.

Tyner approached a sharp curve on 19E and states she applied brakes and the vehicle began to skid. The tractor-trailer operator stated he saw the MG skidding on snow

toward him. He applied brakes and began to skid also. The two vehicle collided in the curve. The MG was spun around to head north in the southbound lane after impact where it came to rest. The tractor-trailer came to rest partially on the northbound shoulder and 19E.

There were no passengers and no injuries in either vehicle. Damage was estimated at \$5,000 to the tractor trailer and \$2,000 to the MG. Trooper B.R. Owens investigated.



Leslie Greene Practices Modern Dance