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New Tenderfoot Scouts Led By Thom Koch, Leader

Boy Scouts Hold Court Of Honor

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Boy Scout Reporter

Last Monday night Troop 502 held a Court-of-Honor at Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church, Burnsville. The meeting started at 6:30 p.m. with a covered dish supper. The Court-of-Honor began with a tenderfoot investiture during which 7 boys received the rank of tenderfoot (the first rank in Scouting).

Boys becoming tenderfoot scouts were: Eric Hensley, Eugene Tschudy, Kevin Laughrun, Tom Maxwell, David Moody, David Fortner, and Greg Phillips.

Scouts who had earned skill awards were honored next; then Merit Badges were presented. Almost every boy in the Troop got a skill award or merit badge or both. Some received several of each.

Dr. Garland Wampler, Scoutmaster, presented ranks from "scout" to "star." Stewart Hensley, Jesse Buchanan, and Chris Lee received the rank of Scout. Steve Maxwell and David Styles became Second Class Scouts. Brian Hensley, Joe Gillespie, Dan Maxwell, Doug McLain, and Pat Hardy became First Class Scouts. Robert Proffitt received his Star Scout rank.

Johnny McLain, former Scoutmaster of Troop 502, made the presentations of the Life Scout rank to four scouts. This is the highest honor before becoming an Eagle Scout. Scouts receiving this high honor were: Jerry Layell, Greg Edge, Mike Moore, and Charles McLawhon.

We are very proud of all these boys and hope they keep up the good work in the future.



Scouts Line Up Behind High Ranking Life Scouts

Photos by Joe Moody

Energy Crisis:

Olivine May Be Useful

One of North Carolina's most abundant natural resources, a mineral called olivine, has great potential for heat storage purposes, according to a North Carolina State University engineer.

Inmo Redecker, chief engineer of NC State's minerals research laboratory in Asheville, says the high heat retention characteristic of olivine makes it ideal for use

in residential or commercial units for storing heat at night and releasing it during the day.

Such units now are being used in Europe, Redecker told the laboratory's advisory committee at a weekend meeting at the N.C. State School of Engineering in Raleigh.

Olivine heat storage units will be feasible in this country when power companies give

preferential rates for electricity used during off-peak hours, Redecker said.

The mineral now is used as a refining material in making steel and in foundry sand which is helping to prevent the silicosis health hazard associated with silica sand use.

Redecker said known olivine reserves in North Carolina are in the millions of tons

and the potential exists for the discovery of new deposits.

Olivine is a silicate of magnesium and iron, appearing usually as green crystals in many rocks.

Redecker says North Carolina leads the nation not only in the production of olivine, but also of feldspar, spodumene, mica and pyrophyllite. He remarked that North Carolina even has a little mountain town named Micaville, named for the mineral mined there in abundance.

Redecker explained that in utilizing olivine for heating purposes, it is fashioned into bricks and used in radiators, resembling steam and hot water radiators.

The units are heated by electricity at night, using off-peak electricity, and used by day with small fans circulating warmed air.

"I am going to Europe next week and an Asheville company has asked me to bring back some of these units for study," said Redecker.

Girl Scouts To Celebrate

Pisgah Council's Birthday Celebration of Girl Scouting will be held at the National Guard Armory in Asheville on March 12, from 12 to 3 p.m.

They invite all present and former Girl Scouts and volunteers to attend, celebrate, and reminisce with them.

Girls from all 16 counties served by Pisgah Council will be participating in the activities.

The international theme of

the event will be carried out with parades of flags and uniforms; and with international exhibits, food, songs, games, dances, and skits. Winners of an international bake-off in five categories—bread, cookies, pie, cake, and pastry—will be announced.

All food and craft items will be sold and the money contributed to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund which makes international

opportunities available to Girl Scouts.

Pisgah Council serves the 16 westernmost counties and is supported by United Way and council campaigns.

"We are looking forward to seeing all those people," said Miss Doris Hill, council president, "who at one time or another have belonged to the Girl Scout family. We invite all of them to come to the party."



Notice

East Yancey student Kelly Chrisawn is a member of the Beta Club there. Although pictured with the other Beta Club students last week, her name was unintentionally omitted.

Counties Request Disaster Assistance

The North Carolina Civil Preparedness Division is taking a look at damage in the northeastern counties due to the severe cold of the past two months.

Joseph F. Myers, Area "E" coordinator with the division, met with the executive director and other officials of the Region D Council of Governments, in Boone, during the last week in February to discuss emergency measures.

Governor Jim Hunt has been asked by Region D and a number of other organizations to seek a disaster classification from President Carter for the seven-county area.

Myers is working with CP coordinators in the different counties, making needs assessments and suggesting necessary action. Area "E" is comprised of 19 counties,

ranging southeasterly across the state from the Virginia-Tennessee borders to South Carolina.

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Acting at the request of several county and municipal officials in the seven northwestern counties of North Carolina, James E. Brannigan, Executive Director of Region D, sought the governor's help in requesting that the area be declared a disaster area.

From unofficial spot surveys, Brannigan estimated that damage from the severe cold and snow during the past two months could amount to as much as \$120 million in the counties of Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey. That is, for cost of repair and replacement.

He said damage to highways and rural roads in the region could be well in excess of \$70 million; cost of repairs to or replacement of water systems, both private and public, would possibly run to as much as \$30 million; and damage to other public facilities, business firms, apartment buildings, motels, schools, churches, private homes, and the like would possibly amount to another \$20 million in the area. No official estimate was available as to agricultural and horticultural damage.

Presidential declaration of an area as a disaster area means that it immediately becomes eligible for federal assistance in various ways, usually as low-interest loans and grants. This assistance would be available to local property owners, as well as



James Brannigan

governmental bodies.

Brannigan pointed out that Region D counties have "the lowest per capita income in our state, and this disaster has dealt crushing blows to our citizens." According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce, the average per capita income for the seven counties, in 1974, was \$3,493.

Highway Accident Involves Two Cars

A two-car accident on Wednesday, March 2, at 3:15 p.m. occurred on US 19E 8 miles south of Burnsville.

Vlado Misetic, 60, of Weaverville was driving a 1972 Chevrolet. John Randolph, 60, of Asheville was driving a 1977 Ford Station Wagon. Both vehicles were traveling south on US 19E.

As Misetic rounded a sharp curve he slowed to a low

speed and was struck by Randolph who was blinded by the sun. The vehicles came to rest at point of impact.

Damage to the Chevrolet was estimated at \$50; to the Ford \$800.

There were two passengers in the Misetic vehicle and no injuries. There were no other passengers and no injuries in the Randolph vehicle. Trooper C.D. Thomas investigated.

1% Sales And Use Tax Collections Reported

Local 1% Sales and Use Tax collections by county were reported recently for the month of February, 1977. The report is issued monthly by Mark G. Lynch, Secretary, North Carolina Department of Revenue, Raleigh.

Yancey County collected the amount of \$20,810.11 for

the month of February. This compares with the amount collected by Madison County of \$18,206.39; and amount collected by Avery County of \$21,771.32. Mitchell County collections were just over \$28,000.00 for the same period.

Men's Club Vetos Park

Be it remembered that on the 28th day of February, 1977, at a regular meeting of the Men's Club of Burnsville, the following resolution was submitted to the Club.

WHEREAS, there is a movement to establish a National Park to include lands in Buncombe County, Yancey County and Mitchell County, which would take in several communities and developed centers; and, WHEREAS, there are parks and recreation centers throughout the area of the proposed National Park; and, WHEREAS, there is no need for a National Park which would take in and interfere with watersheds of various municipalities and at the same time restrict the use of the lands now being used by citizens of the area for recreation and otherwise.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved:

1. That the Men's Club of Burnsville is unalterably opposed to the establishment of a National Park in the area above referred to.

2. That citizens of the area be alerted to the lack of necessity of a National Park in order that the citizens may protest the movement.

3. That copy of this resolution be forwarded to the District Congressman, Honorable Lamar Gudger, a copy to both of the U.S. Senators representing North Carolina, a copy printed in The Yancey Journal, and a copy spread upon the minutes of this Club.

A motion made for the adoption of this resolution, duly seconded and unanimously carried on this the 28th day of February, 1977.

John M. Martin
President-Burnsville Men's Club

Older Worker Week Observed

There are 74 million Americans 40 years of age or older. They have worked hard to get where they are today and to get us as a community and a nation where we are. During their years of work they have learned a great deal, have gained invaluable experience, and have come to appreciate a good job and to be proud of doing a good job.

Many of these people, though, are having difficulty finding work for no reason other than that there is a prejudice against older workers.

The Federal Government is now working to eliminate this unfounded discrimination against older workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert K. Helmle do hereby endorse the efforts of our Federal Government on behalf of the older workers and designate March 13-19, 1977 as NATIONAL EMPLOY THE OLDER WORKER WEEK here in Burnsville. I am urging all employers of this area to give special consideration to the skills and qualifications of those men and women 40 years of age and older.

I am also asking those public officials who are responsible for job placement, counseling, training, and retraining services to intensify, throughout the entire year, their efforts to help older workers find suitable jobs and training opportunities.

This is a communitywide effort that should engage the active support of all our institutions.

Signed: Robert K. Helmle, Mayor
March 4, 1977