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Season Begins April 2:

Trout Smaller This Year

Trout fishermen taking to the State's streams and rivers on April 2 will have the effects of this past winter's record cold temperatures brought home to them in a very noticeable way. According to Wildlife Resources Commission fisheries biologists, the North Carolina trout are somewhat smaller than they would normally be at this time of year—particularly those to be stocked from State and Federal fish hatcheries.

According to Mike Quick, assistant supervisor of the Fish Production Section of the Commission's Division of Inland Fisheries, trout being stocked in "general" waters are from one-half inch to two inches smaller than those stocked last year and young native trout are likely showing a similar effect.

"Last year," said Quick, "brown trout being stocked averaged about eight and one-half inches and rainbows

and brooks averaged about nine inches in length. This year, the rainbows and brooks are averaging between seven and eight inches and many of the browns are less than seven inches—under the minimum legal size limit."

"We always have a few people who follow the stock-

ing trucks to fish the freshly stocked streams," he continued, "and we wanted them to be aware that some of the fish being stocked are less than the legal size. We don't want to be accused of trying to entrap them with violations of the fishing regulations."

According to Quick, fish

hatchery raceways and fish ponds were frozen over for nearly eight weeks in January and February, making it impossible to feed the fish. "Not being able to get food to them didn't have a great effect," Quick said. "The water under the ice was 39 degrees F., or less and, being

cold blooded, the body temperature of the fish is the same as that of the water."

"When the temperature drops that low, they are unable to metabolize the food they take in anyway. They may eat, but the food just passes right through; they can't utilize it to put on any weight or growth. Their digestive system just can't break it down at that temperature. The result is smaller fish being stocked."

Except for "trophy" waters, the trout fishing season is closed in March for restocking. The season reopens on Saturday, April 2.

Special Program Slated On Region D Goals Here

A special program, using color slides and synchronized projectors, is to be presented by the Region D Council of Governments in the courtroom of the county courthouse, Tuesday night, March 29, at 7:30.

The program will include a 20-minute slide summary of life in the seven counties that comprise Region D—Alle-

ghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey. Entitled "Regionalism at Work," it includes scenes from each of the counties and depicts the relationship each county has with the multi-county council in working toward common goals.

Mayor Robert Helmle of Burnsville and Carl Carter,

chairman of the Yancey County Commissioners, are urging people of the town and county who are interested in community improvement to attend the meeting. James Brannigan, executive director of Region D Council of Governments, of which both Helmle and Carter are board members, will be present to answer questions.

Highway Accident Report

A two car accident on Friday, March 18 at 3:00 p.m. occurred 8½ miles south of Burnsville on NC 80.

Ima Westall, 41, of Route 5, Burnsville was driving a 1969 Chevrolet North on NC 80. She was attempting to slow into a private drive and was struck by Jack Grindstaff, 35, of Route 5, Burnsville who also was traveling north on NC 80. Grindstaff was driving a 1966 Ford Truck.

There were no passengers in either vehicle. Ms. Westall was only slightly injured.

Damage was estimated at \$400 to the Chevrolet and \$100 to the Ford. Grindstaff was charged with following too close. Trooper C.D. Thomas investigated.

A one car accident occurred on Coxes Creek 9 miles North of Burnsville on Saturday, March 19 at 2:30 a.m.

David Kornegay, 20, of Mount Olive, North Carolina was driving a 1973 Dodge North on Coxes Creek Road and entered a sharp right hand curve, skidded off the left side of the road up a private drive, across a yard striking some concrete steps and knocking down a block wall holding up a porch to a house.

Kornegay then backed up and left the scene without contacting Elbert Higgins, the owner of the house.

Total number of passengers and injuries is unknown. Kornegay was not injured. Damage was estimated at \$350 to the Dodge and \$250 to the house. Kornegay was charged with hit and run. Trooper A.T. Morrison investigated.

Gospel Sing Set

There will be a benefit gospel singing at Cane River Middle School located about 3 miles west of Burnsville on U.S. 19, Saturday night, March 26, starting at 7:30 p.m. There will be no admission charges. A free will offering will be taken for 20 year old Randy Austin who is a cancer victim.

Groups taking part in this singing will be: Rebels Creek Quartet of Bakersville; Happy Rhythm Quartet (Peek's) of Weaverville; Happy Hearts of Arden; Primitive Quartet of Candler; and Silver Chapel Singers of Bakersville, N.C. and other groups.



Jerry Layell



Joe Gillespie



Andrew Wampler



Bryan Hensley

Training Campout

This past weekend Troop 502 conducted a Training Campout for the Spring Council Camp-O-Rec. Under leadership of Jerry Layell, the boys practiced camping skills at Briar Bottom Campground. Pictured are Jerry Layell, Senior Patrol Leader Troop 502; Andrew Wampler, Patrol Leader Wolf Patrol; Bryan Hensley, Patrol Leader Apache Patrol; Joe Gillespie, Patrol Leader Cougar Patrol; and Doug McLain, Patrol Leader Panther Patrol.

Photos by Joe Moody



Doug McLain

Speakers To Report On Christianity Growth At Church Meeting Here

The growth of Christianity in Singapore and Southeast Asia and Africa will be reported this Monday, March 28, by Miss Lily Beh and Mr. Zele Mesa at Pines Creek Church, Route 3, Burnsville at 7:00 p.m.

Zele Mesa is a native of Zaire (formerly Congo) and now resides in Kenya. He is a graduate of Scott Theological

College and heads the "Evangelism For All" movement of the Africa Inland Church of Kenya.

Zele is a powerful preacher and is in great demand for evangelistic meetings throughout East Africa. Himself a musician, he is accompanied in his campaigns by a 35 piece brass ensemble. Rev. Zele has

traveled in North America, Europe, and the Middle East, as well as Africa. He has appeared on radio and television and has served important roles in both regional and global congresses on evangelism.

Zele, who is married and has seven children, averages over 300 meetings per year, usually speaking to overflow crowds. In one three month period, over 12,000 decisions for Christ were recorded.

Miss Beh is a representative of Christian National's Evangelism Commission (CNEC) and is supervisor of the Tape Instruction Lending Library, based in Singapore. The Library circulates recordings by Christian teachers and personalities from throughout the world. Tapes

are in English and several Asian languages.

Born Beh Lee Lee, "Lily" was trained for secretarial [Cont'd on page 5]

Little League Baseball

Registration for the Babe Ruth Little League will be held at Mountain Heritage upper walkway on the following dates:

March 26 9:00-3:00
April 2 9:00-3:00

Fees for boys age 7 through 12 years of age will be \$10.00; 13-15 year olds will pay a \$12.00 fee; 16-18 year olds will pay \$15.00.

Only personnel who register on these dates will be able to participate in Little League Baseball. Be sure to bring your birth certificate.

There will be a meeting of all Little League Coaches, Umpires, and Managers on March 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mountain Heritage lunchroom. Everyone should try to attend.

Cemetery Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Academy Hill Cemetery Assoc. on Thursday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pete Coletta Board Room in City Hall. All interested people are urged to attend.

Dance Set

V.F.W. Post 8060 is sponsoring a dance on Saturday, March 26, 1977, in Spruce Pine. Jim and Jennie Vance, the Linville River Boys, and the Avery County Cloggers are featured. All proceeds will go to Lisa Haney. Come out and enjoy yourselves in a worthy cause at V.F.W. Post 8060 in Spruce Pine, N.C.

Boy Scout Pancake Supper

BY DAN MAXWELL
Boy Scout Reporter

In order to support the boy scout trip to the Outer Banks area, the boy scouts of Troop 502 are having a Pancake Supper at the Higgins Methodist Church this Friday, March 25, from 5:30 till 8:00 p.m. The money will go for food, transportation, and for camping.

Support the Boy Scouts. Help them to go to the Outer Banks this summer to see and learn a valuable part of North Carolina's history. Buy a ticket to this event and help make a summer adventure come true.

Tickets can be bought at the door at \$2.00 for adult and \$1.00 for children under 6, or from any boy scout you know. Enjoy some good food and help the boy scouts!

Notice

Members of the Rescue Squad will be on the highways, weather permitting, to solicit donations for a special cause.



Double Reward

A double reward for hard work—Audrey Renfro earns an admiring comment as well as pride of accomplishment after an intensive month in the Berea College woodworking shop. Beginning with rough-sawn boards she made a solid cherry pedestal table during Berea's Short Term. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Renfro of Route 2, Green Mountain. "A Creative Experience in Wood" is a concentrated industrial arts course open only to non-majors. Audrey is a senior home economics major. The Short Term at Berea College is a month between regular terms when students take only one course for concentrated study.



Scout Leaders Get Awards

At a recent Boy Scout Round Table meeting of the unit leaders of Scout troops in this area, Cornerstone Training Awards were presented to [pictured left to right] Joe Maxwell, Troop 502; Toney McDonald, Troop 502; Walt Mayer, Troop 501; and Jim Sockwell, Troop 501. The purpose of the Cornerstone Training is to improve the skills of the leaders which will result in an improved Scouting Program in this area.

Red Cross Bloodmobile To Visit Friday In Burnsville

Friday, March 25, the Red Cross Bloodmobile will again visit Yancey County for its quarterly donations of life-saving blood. The Bloodmobile, sponsored by the Yancey Radio Patrol, will be at the First Baptist Church, Main Street, Burnsville from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Red Cross hopes to reach a goal of 100 pints of blood during this visit.

According to a spokesman with the Red Cross Blood Program in this area, Yancey Countians have been the recipients of more pints of blood during the past few months than they normally need. We are asked to remember that this area, which encompasses 27 counties in Western North Carolina, Eastern Tennessee, and Northern Georgia, needs to have over 150 pints of blood collected every working day to meet the area needs. The total blood needs of patients in 37

hospitals are met through the program.

As usual, a bonus is offered to any person who comes to the bloodmobile during this visit, whether they are able to donate their blood or not. The Red Cross, working with the Heart Association, will check the blood pressure of everyone who comes in. If the pressure

is high, the person is referred to his or her doctor.

Blood is available only through the Red Cross in this region. Either the Red Cross has it, or they don't. And whether the Red Cross has enough blood or not depends directly on the number of people who volunteer to give a few minutes of their time and an expendable (quickly replaced by the body) pint of blood when the Bloodmobile comes.



Wink of the Week
YANCEY COUNTY COUNTRY STORE

7:10-8:00
6:00-3:30

To Discuss Park Study

There will be a meeting held at the South Toe Community Building Tuesday night, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the National Park study proposed for the Mt. Mitchell and Craggy Mountain area. Everyone is urged to attend.