



Gospel Singers Due In Burnsville

"The Inspirations" from Bryson City, N.C. will appear in Gospel Concert at Mountain Heritage High School on Thursday night, April 7, at 8:00 p.m. sponsored by the Newdale Volunteer Fire Department. Tickets can be purchased at the Northwestern Bank in Burnsville or from any member of the Newdale Fire Department at \$3.50 advance. Tickets may be purchased at the door at \$4.00.

Many people herald "The Inspirations" as the ultimate in Gospel Quartets. This was emphasized in 1970 when CBS News did a ten-minute documentary on this group. In 1972 they were voted by America's Gospel Music fans as the Number One Gospel Group. Their tenor, Archie Watkins, was

named the Number One Tenor. Their most recent honors came in 1976 when again they were named the Number One Gospel Singing Group. At this time Archie Watkins was named Mr. Gospel Singer; Mike Holcomb, Number One Bass; and Martin Cook, Number One Musician. The group records for Cannon Records of Waco, Texas. They appear weekly on the nationally syndicated award-winning Gospel Singing Jubilee.

Come out to Mountain Heritage High School on April 7 to hear and see this enthusiastic, sincere, clean-cut group of Christian gentlemen perform. Their main purpose is to witness through the medium of Gospel Music to a needful world.



Open House Slated At Center

Bald Creek Child Development Center is having an Open House Friday, April 1, at 4:30 p.m. Mrs. Lena Fagan, director, invites everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to have refreshments, tour the new building, become acquainted with the child development program, see displays of the children's work, and meet the staff. In addition to Mrs. Fagan, the staff

consists of Mrs. Janet Wyatt and Mrs. Bunnie McIntosh, teachers; Mrs. Faye Proffitt, Mrs. Nan Proffitt, Mrs. Susan Ball, Mrs. Judy Swann, and Miss Kathy Ponder, teacher assistants; and Mrs. Mae Anglin, cook. Attending the Open House will be some members of the Region D Council of Governments administrative staff. Photo by Jody Higgins

High Speed Causes Two One-Car Accidents Here

A one-car accident on Friday, March 25 at 11:30 p.m. occurred on US 19E 5 miles North of Burnsville.

Rickey B. Harris, 19, of Route 2, Burnsville was driving a 1974 Datsun south on US 19E at high rate of speed, ran off the right side of the road striking a 20 foot high embankment and overturning to the left coming to rest with the Datsun right side up on its wheels. The driver then left the scene and did not report the accident. He drove the vehicle to George's Fork and faked an accident there by running into a guard rail

and getting owner, Jackie Wheeler, of Granite Falls, to say she was driving the vehicle.

There was one passenger and no injuries in the vehicle. Damage was estimated at \$900. Harris was charged with failing to give report. Trooper A.T. Morrison investigated.

An accident on Saturday, March 27, at 9:00 p.m. occurred on the Green Mountain Road in front of O.C. Whitson's Store.

Teddy J. Bailey, 35, of Route 1, Green Mountain was owner of a 1970 Chevrolet which was traveling west on the Green Mountain Road at a

high rate of speed and struck a bank, turned onto its side, struck a parked school bus, then traveled 6 feet.

The number of passengers and injuries is unknown. Damage was estimated at \$1000 to the Chevrolet and \$75 to the 1968 Chevrolet school bus. Trooper W.J. Stallings investigated.

Sales And Use Tax Collections

Local one percent sales and use tax collections were reported by county for February, 1977 recently. The report is issued monthly by Mark Lynch, Secretary, N.C. Department of Revenue in Raleigh.

The report shows Yancey County collections amounted to \$16,742.65 in February. This compares with collections by Madison County of \$14,122.43; Avery County collections of \$23,060.72; and Mitchell County collections of just over \$25 thousand for the same period.



Man of the Week
YANCEY COUNTY
COUNTRY STORE
Hi 76°
Low 28°

To Organize Summer Sports

The Yancey County Recreation Commission will have an organizational meeting for all summer sports and activities. The meeting will be held in the Yancey County Courthouse on April 4 at 7:00 p.m. If you or your group are interested in softball, volleyball, horseshoes, or etc. make sure you attend this meeting.

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Golf Club Opening Date Is April 2

Mt. Mitchell Golf Club will open for the second full year on Saturday, April 2. The course is located 16 miles from Burnsville on Hwy. 80 South and is open to the public.

Many improvements have taken place or are now underway on the layout. A new tee has been built on no. 11 and no. 8 and 18 tees are being enlarged. Sand is being put back into the traps as needed. A number of new white pines have been planted along no. 16 and 17 fairways. The driving range is expected to open sometime in June.

William Deck returns as head professional for the second year. He will be assisted by Owen West, a native of Iowa. Owen attended Iowa State University and has previously worked at the Wintergreen Resort in Virginia. The pro shop will have a large selection of golf equipment and mens and ladies apparel. Lessons are available by appointment.

Also a film, "Pate's Shot to Remember" about the 1976 U.S. Open will be shown for the students at Mountain Heritage High School on April 14. It will also be shown at the golf Club on April 14 at 7 p.m. for the Men's Recreation League or anyone interested. It will be shown at 7 p.m. Friday, April 15, at the course for all interested ladies. All last years members are urged to attend; there will be a presentation and a short discussion for each group.

Season passes are available at the club for the season. Rates are \$180.00 for an individual and \$225.00 for a family.



Helitack Crew In South Toe

For the second consecutive year the District has stationed in the South Toe Area, a helicopter to be used to transport fire fighting crews within the Zone I District. This zone is made up of the Grandfather District located in Marion, French Broad District located in Hot Springs and the Toeane District located in Burnsville.

This method of transportation was first used on the District last spring and was so successful the District began making arrangements right away to secure a helicopter for use again this year. The helicopter and crew is kept on stand-by alert in the Busick Area. When the air detection plane picks up a smoke he will investigate to determine the following: [1] if the fire is loose or controlled; [2] the behavior of the fire, how fast it is spreading; [3] if there is an area where the helicopter can set down; [4] location of the nearest road or trail and an estimate of time required for ground attack force to get in. Should he advise the Dispatcher that the helicopter can be used the Dispatcher in turn will radio the helitack crew who can be airborne in a matter of seconds. This enables the crew to control the fire at a minimum of acres thus reducing the total resource loss.

Investigation Underway:

Yancey Man Killed

The body of a Burnsville man was found early Sunday morning, March 27, on the side of the road on Interstate 40, approximately 1 mile west of U.S. 25, the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department reported.

The man, identified as Garland Autrey, 46, had been struck on the head and apparently had been dragged to the scene, a spokesman

said. An autopsy will be performed.

The body was found by a motorist at 2:46 a.m., the spokesman said, and the sheriff's department in Buncombe County and the State Bureau of Investigation are investigating.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Virginia Hollifield-Autrey; four brothers, Fred Autrey of Louisburg, and

Lloyd, Ranis and Clyde Autrey of Burnsville; and two sisters, Mrs. Hassie Young of Burnsville and Mrs. Ray Cook of Nebo.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Fairview Baptist Church of which he was a member. Revs. Ronnie Gouge and Randy Autrey officiated and burial was in the Fairview Church Cemetery.



Mayland Tech Representatives At Meeting

Legislators, County Commissioners, and Trustees representing Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, Mayland Technical Institute, Western Piedmont Community College, and Wilkes Community College met at the Cedar Rock Country Club in Lenoir, N.C. on Saturday, March 19 at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of discussing legislative and budgetary matters concerning the North Carolina Community College System and the four institutions.

Mr. Wallace Gee, Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the North Carolina Trustees Association of Community Education Institutions, and Dr. Woodrow B. Sugg, President of Guilford Technical Institute and Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Presidents' Association spoke to the group.

Each speaker emphasized the budgetary needs of the North Carolina Community College System and spoke about the contributions being made to the state of North Carolina and its citizens by the 57 Community Colleges and Technical Institutes.

Representing Mayland Technical Institute at the meeting were: (pictured left to right) Art Groves, MTI Trustee; Bill Wilkins, MTI Trustee; Senator Donald R. Kincaid; Dr. O.M. Blake, Jr., President of Mayland Tech; Robert Hughes, Chairman Board of County Commissioners of Mitchell County; Lula Belle Wiseman, Representative; Hazen Ledford, MTI Trustee; Mark Bennett, MTI Trustee; Senator Roger Sharpe; and Ralph Gwaltney, MTI Trustee.