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Hazen Ledford

## Ledford On EMC Board

French Broad EMC is pleased to welcome Mr. Hazen Ledford of Burnsville as a new member of the Board of Directors. Mr. Ledford has been named to fill the unexpired term of the late Paul Higgins of Route 3, Burnsville.

Mr. Ledford was born in Erwin, Tennessee, but has spent a good many years of his life in Mitchell County. He graduated from high school in Bakersville and has studied at Mayland Tech, N.C. State University at Wilmington, and graduated from the Carolina School of Banking at UNC Chapel Hill. He has been in the banking profession since 1964 and was transferred to Burnsville in 1971. He is now Executive Vice President of Northwestern Bank in Burnsville.

Mr. Ledford is also very active in civic affairs. He is a member of the Burnsville Mens Club, serves as president of the Burnsville Merchants Association, is a member of the Board of Trustees for Mayland Tech as well as Western Carolina University.

Mr. Ledford is married to the former Gladys Pitman. They have three married children and also a son, Mike, who lives at home.

The Cooperative feels fortunate to have Mr. Ledford as a member of the Board of Directors.

## Accidents Soar:

# Memorial Day Warning

More persons lost their lives on North Carolina highways during Memorial Day weekend last year than on any Memorial Day holiday since 1972, according to Colonel John T. Jenkins, State Highway Patrol Commander. A total of 19 persons lost their lives during the holiday weekend last year as compared to 13 during each of the holiday periods for the past three years, he added, and excessive speed was the violation listed most often as causing fatal accidents. The second most common cause of accidents during last year's Memorial Day weekend was failure to see movement safe. Troop G Headquarters reported that of the 19 fatalities reported last year, three of them were within their jurisdiction. All three occurred on the last day of the holiday period. Statewide in 1976, four of the fatalities occurred on May 28, one death occurred May 29, and seven traffic fatalities occurred on each of the last two days, May 30 and 31. The

total number of accidents statewide during last year's holiday weekend was a staggering 1,497, almost two-thirds of them causing injuries or death.

The Troop G report shows

that almost exactly one-tenth of the total number of accidents statewide occurred in this area.

During the holiday period this year, which begins at 6:00

p. a. on Friday, May 27 and ends at midnight on Monday, May 30, every available trooper will be on duty, Jenkins said. Although no special programs have been planned, Jenkins emphasized that troopers will direct their efforts toward speeding motorists. No violation of the motor vehicle laws will be overlooked, he added.

By using electronic speed computers and moving radar, troopers will maintain a regular patrol observing all traffic while detecting the speed of vehicles. They will also be available to aid motorists should they have problems on the highways during the holiday period.

Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety J. Phil Carlton urged citizens who are planning to travel on the state's highways during the holiday to allow enough travel time and to avoid exceeding the legal speed limit. "We ask all our citizens to cooperate with the State Highway Patrol in making Memorial Day weekend 1977 the safest in our history."

## Region D News:

# Rent Assistance Offered By HUD

Yancey County has been allocated funds to assist 45 families through a rental assistance program offered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). At present 33 families are receiving help through the program which is designed to assist both tenants and owners of rental units in Yancey County. The program is administered by Region D Council of Governments and outreach services are provided by WAMY Community Action, Inc. by subcontract with Region D. Some 360 families receive funding through the program, which has been in operation a little over a year, in the seven-county region. The Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program provides a monthly rent supplement check payable directly to the owner if the renting family qualifies according to size and annual income and if the housing unit

meets HUD inspection standards including indoor bathroom facilities, hot and cold running water, adequate electric wiring, proper number of bedrooms for family size, and the unit being in good repair. The rental unit may be a house, apartment or mobile home.

In order to participate in the program, owners must agree to lease for a minimum of one year. In return, the owner receives a guaranteed portion of the rent, the remainder being the tenant's responsibility. If the tenant vacates the unit before the expiration of the lease, the owner may receive 80 percent of the contract rent for sixty days or until the unit is occupied, whichever comes first, provided the owner makes an attempt to re-rent the unit.

For eligibility purposes, gross annual family income ranges from \$4,000 per year for one person in the family to \$7,200 per year for a family of eight or more.

Applications by both owners with units to rent and families needing assistance should be made at the WAMY office. Persons wishing to determine if they are eligible to receive rental assistance or if their housing unit qualifies should contact the WAMY office in Yancey County telephone 682-2610. They may also contact Region D Council of Governments Public Housing Agency, telephone 246-5558, an equal housing opportunity agency.



## New Men's Club Officers

The Burnsville Men's Club installed new officers at their meeting on May 24. Outgoing officers, John Martin, President and Arthur Letterman, Sec/Treas, were commended by Dover Fouts for the dedication and outstanding work they have performed during the past year. Mr. Fouts then installed the new officers: [left to right] Marvin Holland, Sec/Treas; Carlie Rice, Vice President; Johnny Hensley, President; John Martin [outgoing pres.], and Arthur Letterman [outgoing sec./treas.]. Mr. Hensley is the Asst. Agr. Extension Agent; Carlie Rice is associated with Yancey County Farm Bureau and Marvin Holland is the Veterans Employment Rep. of the ESC. The affair was complemented by an annual dinner hosted by the men for their wives. The Mountain Heritage Lab Band, conducted by Mrs. Lisa Mauney, provided a short and very entertaining concert of contemporary music.

The Burnsville Mens Club meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Men of Yancey County interested in meeting and working together for the progress of the county and its citizens are encouraged to attend and join the club.

## Beef Cattle Producers To Meet

BY W.C. BLEDSOE

A general meeting of all Yancey County Beef Cattle producers is announced by the Agricultural Extension Service. It will be held June 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the courtroom. Speakers for the occasion will be Mr. Chuck Miller, grader with the N.C. Department of Agriculture, from Raleigh, and Mr. Charles Messer, President of the N.C. Cattlemen's Association.

The purpose of the meeting is to promote the beef industry in Yancey County and hopefully initiate a Yancey County Cattlemen's Association. All cattlemen and the public are invited. Door prizes will be given.



Hunk of the Week  
YANCEY COUNTY  
COUNTRY STORE

Hi - 85°  
Low - 54°

# County Council To Meet; Citizen Participation Urged

The annual meeting of the Yancey County Council is set for Thursday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Yancey Courthouse in Burnsville. Opal McDougald, Chairman, stresses that all interested persons are invited to attend. The Nominating Committee will give its report and new officers will be elected.

In addition to regular business, the transportation needs of the county will be under discussion. Claude Williams of WAMY Community Action is ready to make recommendations about how transportation within the county might be coordinated for Day Care Centers, the

Nutritional Site, Adult Day Activities Program, and other available services. The meeting will be open for discussion about recreational needs of the county, the question of the National Park proposed study and the possible need for zoning that it raises. If you have a topic that you wish to place on the agenda, please contact Mrs. James McDougald, Route 5, Burnsville, Telephone 675-4567.

The fact that this Council exists is a tribute to much creative effort on the part of individuals and agencies who have worked since 1972 to form the group as a tax-exempt, non-profit organization.

As stated in the By-Laws, the Yancey County Council is "the proper body to plan, coordinate, develop, and implement action..." Its goals are "to insure utilization of the resources of the Nation and its own resources to gain maximum benefits for the welfare of the people of Yancey County."

The Council is set up also to "provide maximum relief

for the people from the problems associated with economic, social, and physical deprivation." To these ends, the Council has been able to sponsor a Day Care Center and a youth home. It is the umbrella organization of the newly formed Committee on Aging.

Who are the members of the Yancey County Council? Each recognized community,

formal or informal, can have a representative. Local public agencies and elected officials have membership. Private and professional groups are also urged to participate.

A new wave of needs, challenges, and opportunities seems to have swept over Yancey County with enough force to make one feel the importance of the Yancey County Council more than ever.

## Hunt Recommends Funding For Market

Governor Jim Hunt has recommended the funding of \$205,000 for additional construction at the Western North Carolina Farmer's Market in Asheville. The recommendation was part of the Governor's supplemental budget message given to the legislature May 4.

If approved by the General Assembly, the funds would provide for construction of a

second unit of a retail marketing building, security fencing and equipment at the market. A 20-acre tract of land has been purchased and graded, storm drainage and utilities have been installed and construction of both a truckers' shed and a retail marketing building is now under way, according to Hunt. Funding of over \$110,000 has already been recommended for operating the market, but Gov. Hunt recommended the extra monies for needed additional construction.

"This market will pay for itself many times over in aiding the economy of western North Carolina," Governor Hunt said. "The residents of this area should soon see the benefits of this facility, and I hope the General Assembly will see fit to approve this additional spending."

## Notice

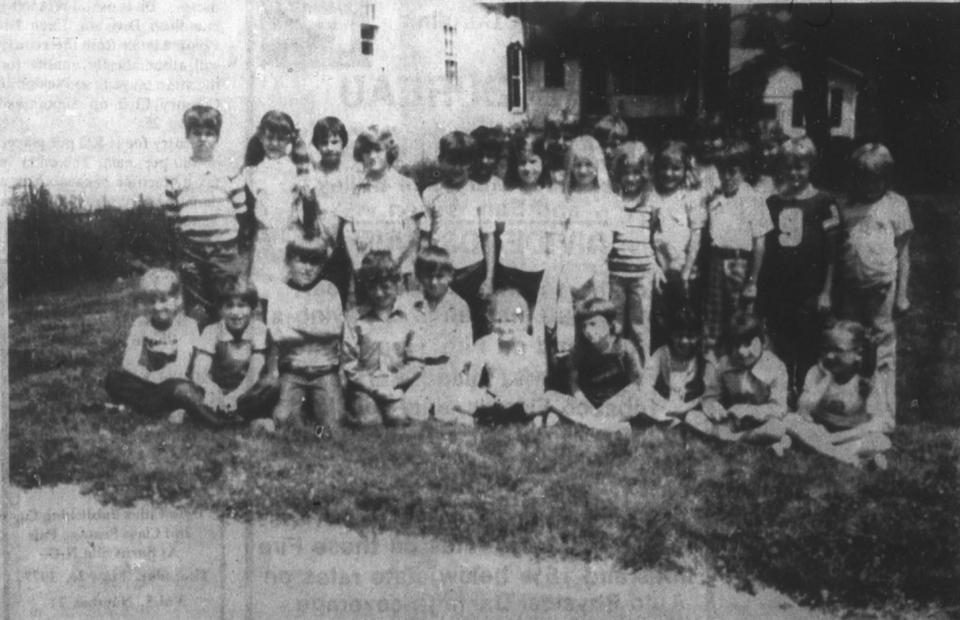
There will be a very important meeting of the Burnsville Garden Club on Thursday, May 26, at the home of Mrs. Troy Ray on Academy St. at 3:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend this meeting.

## '77 Wagon Train Set For July 1

The original Madison County Wagon Train will start pulling from Spring Creek School on Friday morning, July 1, 1977. Friday night the Wagon Train will be camping on Odell Massey's property on Big Pine.

Saturday, July 2, will find the train pulling across Tweed Mountain to camp at the Bill Robert's property on Little Pine, and Sunday, July 3 the Wagon Train will be traveling through Dry Pond and Bear Creek to Marshall Island to camp. July 4 the Wagon Train will leave the Island and travel N.C. highway 213 to Mars Hill Elementary School.

Everyone wishing to join in some good clean fun is welcome. For information please contact Earnest Boone, Wagon Master, 649-3827; Wayne Boone, Chairman, 649-3749; Bill Murray, Chief Scout, 689-2918; or Arthur Thomason, 689-2919. Interested persons in Yancey County may contact Herman Hughes 682-6264.



## Micaville Students Come To Town

Second graders from Micaville Elementary School came to Burnsville on Friday, May 20, accompanied by their teacher, and Loretta Robinson, Geraldine Hensley and

Jane Crow. Their parents brought them to town and treated them at Bantam Chef before they visited The Journal to have their picture taken. The experience was enjoyed by everyone.