uncil Honors Beechers At Program

The Toe River Arts Council highlighted its 1977 year with the presentation of John and Barbara Beecher on Saturday evening at Tyner's Ice Cream Dipper and Deli. After the dinner hour, Mrs. Bob Helmle introduced both artists naming them honorary members of the Arts Council.



JACK WILSON

Jack Wilson, 35, of the **Bald Mountain Community of** Yancey County, died Sunday in an Asheville hospital after a short illness. He was a native of Yancey County and a construction worker.

Surviving are the widow, Faye Rabb Wilson of Marion; a daughter, Miss Rhonda Wilson of Marion; a step daughter and a step son; the mother, Mrs. Burle F. Wilson of Burnsville; three sisters, Mrs. Odell Edwards, Mrs. Floyd Williams and Mrs. Glenn Ramsey of Burnsville; three brothers, Ned and Ted Wilson of Burnsville and Boone Wilson of Travelers Rest, S.C.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Bald Mountain Free Will Baptist Church. Revs. T.A. Wheeler and Roscoe Briggs Jr. officiated and burial was in the family cemetery.

FRANK LAWS

Frank Laws, 75, of the Lower Brown's Creek Community died at his home Tuesday morning after a long illness. He was a native of Yancey County and a retired farmer.

Surviving are the wife, Eliza Lee Laws; a step-son, Quincy Rice, U.S. Army; two brothers, Sid Laws of Burnsville and Lester Laws of Green Mountain, N.C.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the Mine Fork Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Charlie Miller and Rev. Roy Whitson officiated and burial was in the Bailey Hill Cemetery.

ZULA RAY

Mrs. Zula Mae Ray, 76, of Route 6, Johnson City, died Friday in a Johnson City hospital following a long illness.

A native of Yancey County and a resident of Johnson City for several years, she was a daughter of the late Granvel and Ester Evans Byrd.

Surviving are a son, Jack C. Ray of Seattle, Wash; four daughters, Mrs. Ruth Gibbs of North Las Vegas, Nev., Mrs. Colleen Pickens of Knoxville, Mrs. Mary E. Anglin of Weaverville, and Mrs. Wilma L. Ayers of Johnson City; four brothers, Carl Byrd of Burnsville, Cecil and Leroy Byrd of Spartanburg, S.C. and James Byrd of Atlanta, Ga.; a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Higgins of Inman, S.C.; 15 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Appalachian Funeral Chapel in Johnson City. Dr. Lloyd R. Bailey officiated and burial was in Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

Note Of Thanks

We would like to say Thank You to our many friends for the beautiful flowers, food, sympathy cards and other acts of kindness during the death of our loved one. A special thanks to our neighbors and the Burnsville Fire Department for saving our home, to the Yancey Hospital, Memorial Mission, Yancey County Ambulance, Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home, and to the staff and administration of Great Falls High School for their telegrams and memorials made to the scholarship fund in memory of Tommy's father, to our pastors Pat Hardy and Rev. Muri for their consoling message and beautiful ser-

-Mrs. Ruth McIntosh Susan, Tommy, Ronnie many of which are Burnsville area scenes, were placed on exhibit Thursday in The Dipper where they will remain for two weeks. Poet John Beecher read from his Collected Poems, 1924-74. The guests were delighted to be a part of the National Educational Television's filming of a special program on Mr. Beecher to be aired later this

Mr. Beecher selected a careful sampling of twelve works beginning with an early piece, "Report To The Stockholders," and ending with

Macarius I," a short poem from the 1961-74 period. These pieces showed the growth of the Artist's style and the consistency of his concern for the plight of man. Other poems read include "Convict Mine Reveille"from "A Million Days, A Million Dollars," "Ensley, Alabama: 1932," "Fire By Night,"
"Beaufort Tides," "Appalachian Landscape," "Altogether Singing," "White Foam Breaking," "An Air That Kills," "Chainey'," and "The Honey Wagon Man."

Many of the audience

fore, hearing the poems from his own tongue and with the intended feelings and intonation improved their abilities to understand and evaluate the works. For those unfamiliar with the works, the reading impressed an unbelievable, unforgettable first exposure. How many times can one say that he was introduced to a poet's works personally?

All enjoyed his personal "asides" and the unique opportunity to meet both Mr. and Mrs. Beecher. In one of his comments to the audience, Mr. Beecher explained the A successful poem conveys thoughts, feelings which prose takes pages to do. Certainly, the audience enjoyed hearing an evening of "successful" poetry. Thanks to the Beechers--to Mrs. Beecher for her exciting paintings, and to Mr. Beecher for the vibrant pictures he painted with words.

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