

Yancey Highway Accidents

Letter To
The Editor

Dear Editor:

Concerning the article printed in the May 12 issue of The Yancey Journal on "Foster Homes Need Funding", it seems that the Social Service Department has painted a beautiful picture of a much needed subject, but I wonder if the other side of the picture wouldn't read somewhat different.

As a licensed foster parent for seven years in Yancey County for three wonderful children, we have received the sum of \$115 for each child for room and board. All doctor bills and prescribed medicine also are paid for, and lunch at school is paid for under the Free Lunch Program. ALL other expenses have been laid on our shoulders—not the Social Service Department as the article stated. This includes all clothes, school supplies, spending money, transportation for all needs [except dental appointments]. Seems we are eligible for quite a reimbursement!

Our own child has been denied things needed so these children could have a decent home eight months out of this seven years. I was completely disabled by an accident at work, yet the Social Service Dept. nor the parents of these children have ever contributed one extra cent to help. The parents of these children are far more physically able to work than I am, but they are "free" to spend their money as they please in some Honky Tonk somewhere.

We just want to keep the "picture" straight.
Donald and Genevieve Autrey

A one-car accident on Thursday, May 12 at 9:00 p.m. occurred 1 mile out of town on Bolens Creek Road. Dennis Fox, 29, of Route 6, Burnsville was driving a 1966 Ford south on Bolens Creek at a high rate of speed. The car ran off the right side

of the road and then off the road on the left side striking a 2 ft. high ditch embankment.

There were no passengers and no injuries. Damage was estimated at \$800. Fox was charged with failing to report accident and too fast for conditions. Trooper A.T. Morrison investigated.

lane, then back into left lane. The vehicle skidded off the right side of the road the struck an apple tree.

Damage was estimated at \$600. Higgins was charged with failing to report and too fast for conditions. Trooper A.T. Morrison investigated.

An accident on Jacks Creek Road involved Ernest Junior Hughes, 27, of Route 2, Green Mountain on Tuesday, May 17, at 4:15 p.m.

Hughes was driving a 1977 VW south on Jacks Creek Rd around a left hand curve. Another car (vehicle #2) was following an unknown vehicle

north on the same road. Vehicle #2 attempted to pass the unknown vehicle and ran Hughes off the road. He lost control, skidded off the left side, down a 6 ft. embankment and struck a telephone pole. Unknown and vehicle #2 continued north and did not stop. Hughes was taken to Yancey Hospital but was not seriously injured. Damage was estimated at \$3,000. Trooper A.T. Morrison investigated.

A two-car accident on N.C. 80S, 7 miles out of Burnsville occurred on Tuesday, May 17, at 5:00 p.m.

Gilbert Barrus, 18, of Route 5, Burnsville was driving a 1971 Datsun North on NC 80, crossed the center line in a curve and struck Paul Dean Hicks, 27, of Route 6, Burnsville who was traveling south in a 1974 VW.

Harry Hall of Spruce Pine was a passenger in the Hicks vehicle. He was taken to Spruce Pine Hospital but was not seriously injured. There were no other injuries.

Damage was estimated at \$300 to the Datsun and \$800 to the VW. Barrus was charged with left of center. Trooper A.T. Morrison investigated.

A one-car accident on Friday, May 20 at 3:25 p.m. occurred on Ferguson Hill Road between US 19E and 197S.

Boyd Hopson, 20, of route 2, Green Mountain was driving a 1973 Ford South on NC 197S and turned west on Ferguson Hill Rd., traveled a short distance at a high rate of speed, lost control and ran off the left side of the road.

There were no passengers. Hopson was taken to Yancey Hospital but was not

seriously injured. Damage was estimated at \$1,000. Trooper W.J. Stallings investigated.

An accident on Saturday, May 21, at 10:10 p.m. occurred 9 1/2 miles North of Burnsville on US 19W. Gregory Styles, 16, of Route 2, Burnsville was driving a 1966 Ford South on US 19W.

Styles ran off the roadway onto the shoulder of US 19W. Upon attempting to correct his vehicle, the vehicle crossed over US 19W over an embankment and into Cane River. The vehicle came to rest approx. 15 ft. from the bank in the water. There were no passengers and no injuries. Damage was estimated at \$800. Trooper C.D. Thomas investigated.

Tobacco Bill Sponsored

U.S. Senator Jesse Helms secured passage, in the Senate Agriculture Committee, of H.R. 3416, a bill sponsored by North Carolina's First District Congressman, Walter Jones. The bill will curtail speculation in the fall leasing of tobacco poundage quotas. It also would allow leasing of flue-cured tobacco marketing quotas after June 15, only between farms on which at least 80 percent of the farm acreage allotment was planted. Current law requires that a farmer plant at least 50 percent of his acreage to participate in fall leasing.

Helms stated, "Enforcement of the 80 percent planting requirement should eliminate most of the speculation in fall leasing. The 80 percent requirement is one of the measures that was recommended by the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation to help remedy the surplus of "down-stalk" tobacco in Stabilization program."

Helms noted that the U.S. Department of Agriculture

has implemented two other changes recommended by the Farm Bureau to reduce the accumulation of down-stalk tobacco in Stabilization by changes in administrative regulations. These administrative changes reinstitute tobacco acreage certification and compliance, and apply stricter grading standards for tobacco containing more than a normal amount of sand.

"The leasing bill must now pass the full Senate to be cleared for the President's consideration. I am hopeful that enactment of this legislation coupled with the two USDA's administrative changes will help alleviate the down-stalk tobacco surplus," Helms said.

"However, it is essential that our farmers refrain from marketing poor quality tobacco to help remedy the surplus of down-stalk tobacco in Stabilization," Helms continued. "If large amounts of tobacco continue to build up in Stabilization, pressure will build for further remedial action to be taken for the tobacco program to be preserved.

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dations to the General Assembly of North Carolina.

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ATTENTION MENS GOLF LEAGUE

June 2 at 5:30 p.m. will be the starting time for the new league. Teams are now being assembled; there is also Tuesday, June 7, at 5:30 p.m. (so you have a choice as to which evening you want to play in the league.) Remember you don't have to be an expert. Come out and see the golf course and talk to the Pro-William Deck. He will be happy to answer any questions and help in any way he can.

Dues are \$7.50 per man to join the league for the season; \$3.50 per night for green fees.

Byrl Ballew had a hole-in-one last weekend. He hit a nine iron on the 11th hole-125 yards. Anyone having played that hole can appreciate the beauty of it. Congratulations Byrl!

Men get your dues in so we can apply for handicap reading before the league gets underway. Scores must be turned in to the Pro Shop. Deadline for Men's League is May 27th. Teams will be listed next week.

CANCER SOCIETY TOURNAMENT

On June 20, Mt. Mitchell Golf Club will host a Walter Hagen American Cancer Society Tournament. The tournament will be sponsored by the Yancey County Chapter of the American Cancer Society and Mount Mitchell Golf Club. All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

The Walter Hagen Tournament was originally started in North Carolina four years ago. It has grown to a National Event since then.

There will be three divisions for entering: Men's Scratch Division, Men's Handicap Division, Women's Handicap Division. Each Division winner from the county will automatically qualify for the state playoffs at Pinehurst Country Club on September 24 and 25.

Entry fee is \$20 per player or \$80 per team. The entry is tax deductible because it is a donation to the American Cancer Society.

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