

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

BY BEE YOUNG
 Cadette GS Reporter
 At the Cadette Troop 65 Girl Scout meeting May 18, 1977, Brenda Williams served refreshments. The Scouts completed plans for a Carowinds Trip on May 21. Other plans included a cookout for June 1.

recognition as a First Class Scout at a Cadettes to Seniors "Fly-Up" Ceremony in Asheville, May 20. Congratulations D.M.

Contract For Jobs

W.A.M.Y. Community Action, Manpower Programs has just signed a contract with Region D Council of Governments and the Office of Employment and Training in Raleigh. This contract will employ 500 Economically Disadvantaged Youth in the four counties served by W.A.M.Y. These funds are available through Title III of the CETA Act, and are governed by strict eligibility guidelines.

Any youth between the age of 14 and 21 who would like an application or more information about the eligibility or types of jobs should contact W.A.M.Y. Community Action, Manpower Programs, P.O. Box 596, Burnsville, N.C. Phone 682-2610, Hazel Hensley, Counselor.

Mrs. Patti McCall said to add that she and her family were sitting on the beach Saturday thinking about the Cadettes at Carowinds.

Dawn McDonald received



FFA Team Competes

The Mountain Heritage Future Farmers of American Land Judging Team participated in the 26th Annual Meet, held at Oklahoma City on May 4-5, 1977. The group finished a respectful 13th position of some 85 teams and runner-up positions in the Southeast. Members of the team included Frankie Gouge, Wade Biddix, David Gibbs and Scotty Hicks. The team was coached by Vocational Agricultural teacher, Herb Allen.

In addition to Land Judging activities, the group visited the Cowboy Hall of Fame, inspected some oil wells, and stopped at the Grand Ole Opry on the way home. They would like to thank the following sponsors who made the trip possible: Burnsville Mens Club, Deyton's Farm Supply, Northwestern Bank, Mack Ray Realty, Carters Auto Parts, Burnsville Hardware, Yancey Veterans Farm Coop, Hazen Ledford, Yancey Builders and Yancey Soil Conservation District.

South Toe Fire Department Receives Title IV Grant

Chief John V. Morgan of the South Toe Fire Department recently received the following letter from the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

"It is with great pleasure that I am able to inform you that the South Toe VFD has been awarded a grant of \$1,000 as part of Title IV of the Rural Development Act of 1972.

Your Fire Dept. has also been selected to receive on a permanent loan basis one of the surplus military trucks which you will be able to convert for use in brush fire control."

Chief Morgan pointed out that the grant is on a matching fund basis and that the truck must be converted within a specified time to meet state specifications on a brush fire control vehicle. He

estimated that the cost to the Fire Dept. will be \$1500-\$2000 in addition to the grant. It is

hoped that the money will be raised during the Fire Dept. annual fund drive in July.

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Social Security Questions And Answers

Q. I have a chance to buy a small resort that would operate May through September. I'm 67 and have been getting social security 2 years. How would earnings from the business affect my benefit checks?

A. If your net earnings are \$3,000 or less for 1977, no social security benefits will be withheld; \$1 in benefits will be withheld for each \$2 earned over \$3,000. But no matter how much you earn for a year, you can get your full social security benefit for any month you don't do substantial work in your business. For details, ask any social security office for the leaflet if you work after you retire.

Q. Sometimes when I call the social security office, the phone stays busy and it's impossible to get through. Can't you get more phone lines?

A. Actually, we have sufficient lines to handle normal traffic. Apparently you are calling during our rush hours--the first part of the week and the first 10 days of the month when most calls are related to payments. Try calling later, during the afternoon, and if your business is not urgent, call during the last 2 weeks of the month and during the later part of the week.

Q. Why is social security also handling SSI? Aren't they two different programs?

A. Yes. But the task of making monthly supplemental security income (SSI) payments to needy people 65

and over or blind or disabled is handled by the nationwide network of social security offices. A sophisticated computer setup and many years of experience in administering federal payment programs was considered by Congress in assigning the administration of SSI to social security.

Q. I'm 36 and was recently injured in an explosion where I work and was wondering: can I receive both social security disability benefits and workers compensation?

A. If you are entitled to both, yes. But under the law, the total monthly payments to you and your family can't exceed 80 percent of your average monthly earnings before you became disabled. Your full earnings must be counted. Social security benefits will be reduced if combined benefits are over the 80 percent limit.

Q. I just returned from a visit with my sister in Florida. While I was there, I had to go to a doctor. Should I send my Medicare medical insurance claim to the carrier in Florida or to the carrier in my home state?

A. Medicare medical insurance claims should always be sent to the Medicare carrier for the state in which you received covered services. Your Medicare Handbook contains a list of all Medicare carriers and their addresses. If you don't have a copy of the handbook, you can get one at any social security office.

Q. My mother was very ill recently, and the doctor had to come to the house to treat her. Will her Medicare pay for his visit, or does it only cover office visits to the doctor?

A. Medicare's medical insurance helps pay for covered services your mother receives from her doctor no matter where she receives them--in her home, in his office, in a hospital or skilled nursing facility, or in any other location in the U.S. Your Medicare Handbook explains what doctor's services are covered, and how medical insurance helps pay for them. If your mother doesn't have a

copy of the handbook, she can get one at any social security office.

Q. I haven't been feeling well and was thinking of having a complete physical checkup. Will my Medicare pay for this?

A. Routine physical examinations and tests directly related to such examinations are not covered by Medicare.

Q. My wife is no longer sick enough to be in the hospital but still needs daily

nursing care. Will her Medicare help pay for her care in some other kind of facility?

A. If your wife was hospitalized at least 3 days, and your doctor feels she needs further skilled nursing or rehabilitation services on a daily basis, Medicare hospital insurance may help pay for her care in a skilled nursing facility. She must enter the facility soon after she leaves the hospital generally within 14 days.

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For And About Homemakers

Jack's Creek Homemakers Club held an old fashion Country Style dinner at Harmie Briggs' home last Wednesday. A delightful menu included a Relish Tray, Chicken and Dumpling-Potatoes with ham hocks, Shuck Beans, Corn on the Cob, Pickled Beets, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Fresh Fruit Salad, Sweet Pickles, Corn bread, Hot Biscuits, Homemade Sweet Butter and Raspberry Jelly, Stack Cake, Fresh Strawberries, Custard Pie, Sweet Milk and Iced Tea.

The table was beautifully done with an antique linen table cloth and napkins, Old Masters Towel Silver and Haviland China.

Those who attended were Hollie Byrd, Margaret Proffitt, Harmie Briggs, Omega McIntosh, Joyce Watts, Carol Briggs, Genie McQuade, Grace Silvers was unable to attend but sent a delicious dish, and Clara Connert from Erwin, Tenn. who was a houseguest of Harmie Briggs attended also.

special guests. Mrs. Becky Gillespie presented a most informative program about coordinating our clothes for spring. She used as examples clothes ensembles she had designed and made. Much advice was shared with those present.

After the program, Joyce Watts, Assistant Home Ec. Ext. Agent, asked members for assistance with the 1977 Spring Clothing Festival set for May 31 at 7:30 at Mountain Heritage.

In items of business, Mrs. Mary Lillian Towe reaffirmed the Club's concern for not having a Yancey County Home Ec. Extension Agent at present. Club members want to do all they can to continue the outstanding record that has been established by all Yancey County Homemakers' Clubs. This task would be much easier with an Agent.

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 SHOPPER'S GUIDE TO EVERYTHING

The Happy Homemakers met on May 18 at the home of Mrs. John B. Westall. Mrs. Westall's mother, Mrs. Claude Dellinger, and her sister, Mrs. Faye Harris, were