

Soil Judging Finalists Praised

The Soil Judging Team from Mountain Heritage High School attended the national contest held in Oklahoma City. They first had to achieve as one of the top four finalists in the State Contest which they did, as well as win their district contest.

Soil judging is an educational tool used by the high school for learning about and evaluating the physical properties of soil. With study and field experience, these physical characteristics can be accurately evaluated and logical decisions made about the best use and management of soils. These uses can be both agricultural and urban.

During a contest, each team member must individually judge an open pit of soil. He determines its texture, consistency, and subjectiveness to erosion. Within a staked area surrounding the pit, he must judge (without use of any instruments) the slope, drainage class, surface runoff and flood hazard. After determining these characteristics, he selects recommended land treatments for both agricultural and urban uses.

With such a thorough exam, the Yancey Soil and Water Conservation District feels these boys have done a commendable job and are proud of the success this team has achieved. The team not only performed well in the state contest, but they ranked 13th out of 85 teams entering the national contest, and were first runner-up of the South Eastern Division.

Herb Allen and team members David Gibbs, Frankie Gouge, Wade Biddix and Scotty Hicks enjoyed their trip and gained considerable knowledge at the same time. They would also like to thank the following businesses and individuals for contributing to the cost of their trip: Burnsville Furniture and Hardware, Burnsville Men's Club, Carters Auto Parts, Dayton Farm Supply, Hazen Ledford, Mack Ray Realty, Northwestern Bank, Yancey Builders, Yancey Soil and Water Conservation District and Yancey Veterans Coop.



Roberts Chevrolet Donates Car

On Thursday, May 5, 1977, Roberts Chevrolet-Buick presented the Mountain Heritage Drivers Education Department with a 1977 Monte Carlo. The color is light buckskin with Fashion tone styling. The car has an automatic transmission, power disc brakes, 350-4 barrel engine, tilt steering wheel, tinted glass, cruise control and Four Season Air Conditioning. This car is a great asset to the Drivers Ed

program. The students and teachers at Mountain Heritage would like to thank Mr. George Roberts and the sales staff at Roberts Chevrolet for this valuable contribution. Following the presentation, proud Drivers Ed students Ricky Styles, Tim Laughrun and Andy Trozell came to town with Toney McDonald of Roberts Chevrolet and Carroll Fender, Drivers Ed Teacher and had their picture snapped.



UNC-C Grads Get Degrees

Two Yancey County students graduated recently from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. They are Doyle Edward Byrd, BS in engineering, Route 6, Burnsville; and Mitzi Anita Presnell, BA in English, 503 Walnut St., Marion.

UNC-C awarded over 1700 bachelors and masters degrees this spring.

Doyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Byrd of Pensacola, received the North Carolina Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers Award for outstanding achievement as an undergraduate in civil engineering at UNC-Charlotte. He plans to attend in the fall the University of Colorado at Boulder to obtain his Master's Degree in Civil Engineering.

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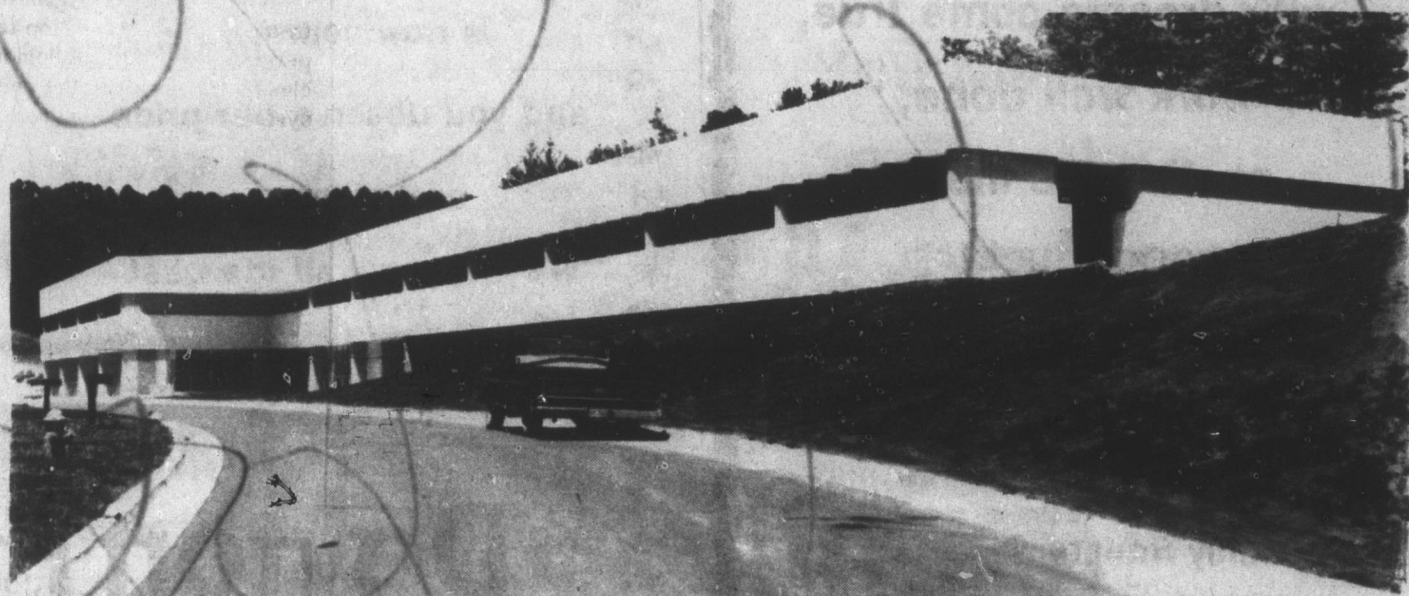
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