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Safety Campaign Begins

Yancey County begins its annual drive to alert motorists to drive with extra care in school areas and near school buses this week, and during the weeks to come. Colorful "School's Open" posters are being displayed throughout the county as part of the national effort by the American Automobile Association and the Carolina Motor Club to reduce the death and injury of our children.

Citing national figures revealed in a recent AAA nationwide survey, Sheriff Banks pointed out that each year some 500 school children aged 5-14 are killed and nearly 11,000 injured as they travel to and from school. Because the AAA study showed that kindergarten and first grade youngsters suffer the greatest number of school-route pedestrian injuries, Banks urged parents to walk with their children at least on the opening day of school to make certain that the youngsters take the safest route to school. If at all feasible, the Sheriff said, parents should avoid driving children to school because this only adds to the traffic confusion around school areas, thus creating extra hazards for all youngsters going to school. Pictured are Sheriff Banks [right] with J. Ed Hooks, District Sales Manager for the Carolina Motor Club.

Erosion Control Plant Vital To Conservation

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District Conservationist

You see it on roadbanks and pastures, lawns and athletic fields, grassed waterways and field borders. It is harvested for hay. What is it? North Carolina's most valuable erosion control plant and most widely used forage plant—Kentucky 31 tall fescue. Conservationists and agronomists agree that, with well over 1.5 million acres planted, KY-31 is far ahead of any other grass used in the state.

What makes KY-31 so valuable? A vital point is the wide variety of soil and moisture conditions on which it thrives. It will grow vigorously on both wet and dry sites, or those that vary between the two conditions. While best suited to the clay and loamy soils of Yancey County, it will do well on almost any soil.

EROSION CONTROL
Other virtues include the nutrition it will provide cattle, either as pasture or hay, and the excellent erosion prevention qualities KY-31 provides. Its wide use shows that Tar Heel farmers know a good thing when they see it.

Have you ever heard of "Suiter's Grass" or "Campbell's Improved Broom-sedge"? If the answer is yes, you're among the pioneers in the use of tall fescue in North Carolina. These were two of the names that KY-31 tall fescue was called when it was first being introduced into widespread use in North Carolina.

Tall fescue failed to generate much interest when it

was introduced into this country from Europe in the 1880's, but interest grew rapidly when it was released in the early 1940's. Paul

Tabor, retired SCS Plant Materials Specialist, credits the adequate use of commercial fertilizer as the chief

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Fescue Protects Stream Bank From Erosion



Fescue Heading Out To Seed On A Roadbank

Federal Emergency Relief Available

Yancey Gets Drought Help

Yancey County in the North Carolina 11th District has been declared an emergency drought impact area, it was announced by Congressman Lamar Gudger. The designation came from the Federal Interagency Drought Emergency Coordinating Committee.

The action makes individuals and communities in Yancey eligible for special assistance available from the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Commerce and the Interior, and the Small Business Administration.

Department of Agriculture assistance includes emer-

gency loans to farmers to cover losses and restore production, and emergency water system loans and grants to communities under 10,000 population, both programs provided through county offices of the Farmers Home Administration. Cost-sharing for special drought and flood conservation practices also may be provided by the ASCS, pending availability of funds.

Department of Commerce assistance is available thru the Economic Development Administration, in the form of loans and/or grants to states and local governments representing over 10,000 persons,

to offset significant hardships caused by the '76-77 drought.

Interior department assistance includes loans for construction and conservation activities on federal and non-federal irrigation projects.

The Small Business Ad-

ministration can provide economic injury disaster loans to small businesses in emergency drought impact areas.

Applicants for the Agriculture, Commerce and Interior programs must sign up for their specific drought assistance no later than September

30th. Rural projects funded by the Department of Agriculture and Interior programs must be completed by November 30. Community projects funded by the Depts. of Commerce and Agriculture must be completed by April 30, 1978.

Helms' Assistant To Meet Citizens

U.S. Senator Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) announced today that Mike Holt, Staff Assistant for Piedmont and Western North Carolina, will be in Bakersville and Burnsville on Tuesday, August 23, to meet with local citizens.

Holt will be available to receive suggestions and to make note of problems between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon in the County Commissioners' Room in the Mitchell County Courthouse in Bakersville and between 2:00 and 3:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners'

Room in the Yancey County Courthouse in Burnsville.

Holt's visit is part of a continuing program to give North Carolinians an opportunity to keep in close touch with their Senator.

Senator Helms said, "Mr. Holt will be available to answer questions, discuss problems and to receive suggestions, all of which will be relayed to me here in Washington."

"I sincerely hope that many people in the Mitchell and Yancey County areas will visit Mr. Holt in order that I might have the benefit of the thinking of the people of North Carolina."

Statewide Survey On Problems

Governor Jim Hunt announced recently a statewide survey that will give Yancey County residents a chance to say what they think are North Carolina's biggest problems, and what they think state government should do about them.

The survey, called "North Carolina Tomorrow," is being conducted by the State Goals and Policy Board, of which Hunt is chairman. The Board, which was recently reactivated by the Governor to get more citizens involved in decision-making, meets in Raleigh Tuesday to kick off the project formally.

In announcing the "North Carolina Tomorrow" survey, Gov. Hunt said, "I think the people of this state want the chance to tell us what they think the problems are, and what their government should do about them. The more we know about what's on their minds, the better job government can do. And, after all, it is their government."

Scheduled to continue through September, the survey is the most ambitious project of its kind undertaken by any state. Other states, such as Georgia, Idaho, Washington, and Hawaii, have tried statewide goal-setting projects, but with only limited success.

In addition to open-ended questions about the state's most important problems, there are questions about tax policies, service delivery and

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Summer Theme

Today is the first day of school. As students go back to the "daily grind" they already view scenes like this one with nostalgia, although there are some hot weeks left for summertime fun. This summer was one of the hottest ever, and the chilly waters of our mountain rivers and streams came into their own as temperatures soared.

Bring your best photos or slides with the theme "Summer" to the monthly photography meeting this Thursday at 7 o'clock p.m. at the Adult Learning Center in Burnsville. Evening activities include a photo contest, a demonstration-presentation, and a workshop. Bring a camera and tripod for workshop on multiple images with flash. Beginners and advanced photographers will find the M.T.I. meetings helpful and fun.

Newdale Summer-Photo by Brian Westveer

Kivette, Bryans Paintings On Exhibit At Library

Paintings and graphics of Everett Kivette and John Bryans, co-directors of Painting in the Mountains, are on exhibit at the Yancey Library through September 8. Library hours are 9 to 5 Monday through Friday, 9 to 1 on Saturday, and 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday through Thursday.

Mr. Kivette and Mr. Bryans have held classes here for the past twelve years. They have painted in this area since they met in 1948 as students of Frank S. Herring and Edward S. Shorter at The Burnsville Painting Classes. Both artists are representational painters. Mr. Kivette specializes in watercolor, acrylic, and linoleum block while Mr. Bryans works in watercolor, acrylic, and silk screen. Mr. Kivette will show mountain scenes, Long Island and North Carolina seaside

views. Mr. Bryans' works will include local subjects, paintings from sketches made in Italy, and miniatures of imaginary subjects.

Mr. Kivette is a native North Carolinian, a graduate of Mars Hill and Wake Forest colleges. He also studied at

Columbia University and the University of Heidelberg, Germany. He has contributed a number of articles on North Carolina to newspapers and magazines and is currently engaged in preparation of text and illustrations for a book on Scottish immigrants in North Carolina.

Mr. Bryans attended the Ringling School of Art and the Jerry Farnsworth Studio in Sarasota, Florida. He is a native of Ohio. For twenty-five years he was an instructor at Hills Art School in Arlington, Va. This fall he will open his own studio in McLean Va. In addition to teaching, Mr. Bryans is a member of Spectrum Gallery, an artists' cooperative in Washington, D.C. Recently he completed a large historical mural for Laundry United Methodist Church in Wash-

Democrat Picnic Set

There will be a Democrat picnic supper at East Yancey Middle School, 27 August 1977, from 5 o'clock until 7 o'clock p.m. It will be a friendly get-together with entertainment. If the weather is bad, the meeting will be in the school gym. Otherwise, it will be on the ball field. There will be no charge for the supper.

Gudger At Men's Club

The regular monthly dinner meeting of the Burnsville Men's Club will be held Monday, August 22 at 6:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend to meet and talk with the guest speaker, Congressman Lamar Gudger.