

Circus Coming To Burnsville!

It won't be long before the Big Top goes up in Burnsville for the star-spangled, fantastic, and fabulous 1977 edition of Roberts Bros. Three-Ring Circus, one of America's finest and most popular traveling shows. The 1000 seat canvas arena will be erected, for one day only, on Monday, September 19, at the Carnival Grounds, 19E By-Pass. The props and performance equipment will be set

up for two performances only, scheduled for 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. the midway, with its side-shows and concessions will open one hour before the first performance. The circus is coming as a fund-raising and community service project for the Burnsville Volunteer Fire Department.

This year circus officials are promising the most exciting performance in the

show's history. Describing it as an action-packed, thrill-filled, magic mixture of color, sight, and sound, capturing the hearts of children and reviving the youthful enthusiasm of adults. Star circus performers and animals from all over the globe have been gathered to make this one of the most memorable performances in circus history.

Highlighting the 1977

edition is one of the world's most unique aerial attractions. Bob Top and Edna performing on special rigging high above Ring Three, on roller skates! Other featured aerialists include El Eirocco on the Cloud Swing, Miss Tanya on the Swinging Ladder, Gabriel on the Trapeze, and Sabrina on the Spinning Spanish Web.

Circus tickets are now on

sale. You can save fifty cents on each ticket by buying in advance from any member of the Burnsville Volunteer Fire Department, or at those businesses displaying "Tickets on Sale Here" signs. The advance price is \$1.50 for children fourteen and under, and \$2.50 for adults. At the circus box office on show day children's tickets will be \$2.00 and adults \$3.00.

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MTI Exhibits Print Collection

A collection of Contemporary European Prints assembled by the North Carolina Museum of Art as a traveling exhibition will be on view at Mayland Technical Institute from September 2 to September 26. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Benjamin of Greensboro and New Orleans gave the eighteen prints to the Museum for this purpose and also provided funds for framing and crating the works to travel.

All of the graphic works which comprise the show are by contemporary artists who are best known for their paintings or sculptures. The French school artists predominate—Pablo Picasso, Jean Carzou, Marc Chagall, Jean Dufy, Japanese-born Tsuguharu Foujita, Aristide Maillol and Maurice Utrillo—but Swiss artists Hans Erni and Alberto Giacometti are also included.

Of special interest is "Illustration for 'Carman,'" one of five works by Picasso in the exhibition. This particular graphic work has been executed by the intaglio process in which lines are cut into a metal plate, which is then inked and pressed into dampened paper.

Picasso has etched the lines with a "pencil" made of hard steel and left the metal furrows, or "burr" on the plate to catch the ink and add richness, a printing method called drypoint. Another in-



Yancey Cattlemen Organize

Agricultural income in Yancey County is now approaching six million dollars annually. Tobacco accounts for about half of that total. Second only to tobacco is the production of livestock. The beef cattle producers of the county recently met and formed an organization to be known as the Yancey County Cattlemen's Association. There has been a recognized need for such an organization for several years. The purpose of the Cattlemen's Association is to promote interest in the production of cattle and to assist members in raising the quality of cattle so that at marketing time a higher profit will be realized. County beef cattle producers can pocket that extra profit when they adopt improved methods of feeding, dehorning, castrating and keeping animals free of internal and external parasites. Beef producers can cut losses by making improvements in handling methods, providing shelter for animals and by being able to recognize disease and act early

when it strikes. It is very important to know when, where and how to market cattle in order to get the best possible price.

The Cattlemen's Association will endeavor to provide timely information to the membership. The information may be presented by guest speakers, in films, demonstrations, articles and by other means.

Officers elected by the members and currently serving are: President, Carlie Rice; Vice President, Ken McCurry; Secretary/Treasurer, Herb Allen; Directors, Warren Westall, Donald Tipton and Breece Morrow. Carlie Bledsoe, County Extension Chairman is active in the association and is giving the full support of his office. Contact any of the above named persons for information or membership application.

Pictured left to right, front row, Ken McCurry, Carlie Rice, Herb Allen; back row, Warren Westall, Donald Tipton, Breece Morrow.

EMCs File \$150 Lawsuit Charging Power Monopoly

French Broad Electric Membership Corp., Marshall, is among the 16 rural electric cooperatives in North Carolina which have filed a \$150 million lawsuit against Carolina Power and Light Company and South Carolina Electric and Gas Company charging that the two giant utilities have engaged in monopolistic practices.

The suit, filed in Federal District Court in Greensboro August 18, claims the two firms have prevented the EMCs from developing their own generating plants by restricting their access to bulk power "exchange services."

The services involve arrangements under which various power companies purchase electricity from one another to adjust to changes in customer demand.

The cooperatives would have to be allowed to participate in such an arrangement, according to the lawsuit, for construction of their own generating facilities to be feasible. Up to now, the suit charges, the utilities have restricted the cooperatives' access to this power exchange grid.

The suit asks the court for

a permanent injunction requiring the defendant companies to deal with them on an equal basis in the exchange of power, and damages amounting to \$150 million.

The figure for damages is based on the EMCs' contention that they could have saved their members about \$50 million over the past four years if they had been operating their own generating facilities. Under the anti-trust laws, if they can prove their case, they can

collect three times that amount.

The EMCs buy more than 90 percent of their overall power requirements from the three major utilities serving North Carolina, with the remainder coming from hydroelectric projects supplied by the Southeastern Power Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Interior. All of the power is purchased at bulk or wholesale rates for resale to the consumer-members of the cooperatives.

"If we want to sell power that is competitive in price and reliable as that obtainable from existing suppliers, we must be able to get special kinds of electric power from the power exchange grid," said Alton P. Wall, acting general manager of the N.C. EMC, the state association of electric co-ops.

N.C. EMC, which filed the suit on behalf of 16 of its member co-ops, was organized as a power generation and transmission agency but has been unable to function in that capacity primarily because of the activities of CP&L, South Carolina E&G and two other former mem-

bers of the CARVA Power Pool, according to the suit.

The EMCs claim the four former CARVA Pool members which also included Duke Power Co. and Virginia Electric and Power Co., operate a power exchange grid which has never been available to the co-ops except in limited cases. Neither Duke nor VEPICO were named as parties to the suit.

Benefit Gospel Sing Set

The Second Annual Gospel Sing for the benefit of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will be held at Moore Auditorium at Mars Hill College on Sunday evening, September 4, at 7:30 p.m.

A Free Will offering will be taken by the Madison County Cystic Fibrosis Branch for the benefit of children with Cystic Fibrosis.

Ed Ball, master of ceremonies, invites everyone to attend. The admission is free!

Vets In Farm Program

The Yancey Veterans Farm Program will graduate 13 members this month. For some 27 months the group has attended night classes twice weekly, studying subjects such as feed crops, raising livestock and production of Burley tobacco. Related shop courses enabled them to improve skills in metal and woodworking with individual and group projects.

The group has attended workshops, participated in farm tours and conducted an expanded farm program at home. In addition, they have grown test demonstration tobacco, promoted agricultural organizations and, on occasions,

assisted needy farmers. Qualified new Veterans are now being enrolled.

The members are, left to right [front row] Wade Austin, Steve Souther, C.E. Boyd, Mike Peterson, James Buckner, Phillip Caudill, Jack Ramsey, Bill Randolph; [middle row] Jimmie Harris, Daniel Glenn, James McCurry, Ken Howell, Kenneth McCurry, Fletcher McCurry, Ray McCurry, [top row] Russell Burnett, Roy Burnett, Wayne McCurry, Danny Wright, Donald Tipton, Alton Robinson, and DeWitt Fortner. Members not present are James Pate, Alan McCurry and Archie Wright.

Local 1% sales and use tax collections by county were reported for July, 1977 in a recent news release from the N.C. Department of Revenue.

The report shows Yancey County collected the sum of \$18,565.92 in July.

This compares with the amount collected by Madison County of \$14,516.45 for the same period. Mitchell County collected \$22,579.44; Avery County collected just over \$24 thousand.