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Yancey Shares In Road \$\$\$

The North Carolina Board of Transportation allocated \$10 million from funds authorized by the State Highway Bond Act of 1977 for improvements to the state's large secondary road system at its January 11th meeting held in Williamston.

Yancey County's share of the \$10 million allocation is \$69,902, based on a formula established by the state legislature. According to the formula, each county receives a percentage of the total funds available, determined by the unpaved miles of secondary roads in the county in relationship to the total mileage of unpaved secondary roads in the state.

Yancey County has 137.52 miles of unpaved roads, while the total mileage of unpaved state maintained secondary roads in North Carolina is 20,000.

Secretary of Transportation Tom Bradshaw commented, "Again, we are glad to be able to put the highway bond funds to work for the citizens of North Carolina. It was the citizens' overwhelming support of the 1977 bond issue that made these funds a reality."

"These additional bond funds for the secondary road system—our 'home-to-work' transportation network—together with our regular secondary construction and maintenance funds will allow us to make vitally needed improvements to the more than 59,000 miles which comprise the nation's largest state-maintained secondary highway system," he added.

The \$300 million highway bond act, approved in November 1977, directs that \$75 million will be used to improve the state's secondary road system, while \$175 million is for improvements to the primary system and \$50 million is for the state's urban road system.

The highway bond funds allocated for secondary roads will be used for improvements to the system such as new paving, widening existing paved roads, improving unpaved roadways to an "all weather standard," repairing and replacing substandard bridges and strengthening paved roads to relieve present weight restrictions.

"In order to utilize the \$10 million allocation most effectively," Bradshaw explained, "our board members and division engineers are in the process of reviewing secondary roads in each county. As county-by-county improvement programs are compiled, they will be presented to each respective county board of commissioners."

"Public meetings will be held in each county to give citizens an opportunity to express their views on secondary road needs. The commissioners then will review and forward recommendations to the Board of Transportation for implementation by state forces."

In February 1978 the transportation board approved an initial allocation of \$30 million from the bond issue for secondary road improvements. An additional \$15 million in bond funds was approved in January 1979 for improvements to the system.

Yancey County received \$207,314 in bond funds in 1978 and \$103,685 in 1979. Total bond funds, including today's allocation, amount to \$380,901 for the county.

Holcombe Dies, Civic Leader

Harlon Holcombe, 62, of Burnsville died Tuesday morning in an Asheville hospital after a brief illness. He was a son of the late Fred H. and Kimmie Davis Holcombe. A native of Madison County, he had resided in Burnsville since 1939 and was president of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home, Inc.

He was a World War II Army Veteran, represented Yancey County in the General Assembly during the 1957, 1959 and 1961 sessions, was Past Master of Bald Creek Masonic Lodge No. 397 AF & AM, was a Charter Member and Past Master of Burnsville Lodge No. 717 AF & AM, and was a York Rite Mason.

Mr. Holcombe was the first president of the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce, former member of the Burnsville Town Board, former chairman of the Yancey County Democratic Party, was a member of Yancey County Democratic Executive Committee and a member of the library board.

Surviving are the wife, Alma Robinson Holcombe; two daughters, Jean Warren of Kernersville and Patti Duncan of Burnsville; three sisters, Irene Holcombe and Margaret Rymer of Mars Hill and Hazel Greene of Boone; two brothers, Herschel Holcombe of Burnsville and Elsberry Holcombe of Raleigh; two grandchildren.



HARLON HOLCOMBE

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in Burnsville First Presbyterian Church of which he was a member and elder. Revs. Scott Howard and Richard Muri will officiate and burial will be in the Holcombe Cemetery with Masonic rites conducted by Burnsville Lodge.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home where the body will remain until taken to the church to lie in state 30 minutes prior to the service.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the First Presbyterian Church or the Heart Fund.

Actress To Give

Dramatic Program

The Toe River Arts Council has invited actress Cheryl Earp to give a dramatic presentation for the public on Saturday, February 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grassy Creek Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall in Spruce Pine. She will be accompanied by Preston Tinsley who is the program media specialist at Tuscola High School. Ms. Earp is currently visiting Ar-



CHERYL EARP

tist at Haywood Technical Institute in Clyde and as such does exchange programs with other communities. There will be no charge for this Ground Hog's Day event in which Earp and Tinsley will perform Jules Feiffer's "Boy, Girl, Boy, Girl" plus some shorter pieces. They will also involve the audience in role playing.

Cheryl Earp, dramatist, is a native North Carolinian. She received both her undergraduate and her master of arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She also studied theatre at the University of London in England.

Ms. Earp has been active in all phases of theatre including acting, directing, and technical production. She was previously at Halifax Community College in Weldon, N.C. While there she directed, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," "The Glass Menagerie," "Boy, Girl, Boy, Girl," "Bell, Book and Candle," "Grimms' Tales," "My Three Angels," and "Mary, Mary." Ms. Earp performed in a number of these plays, and she designed sets for a number of others including "Star-Spangled Girl."

Her acting experience began in high school and continued through college and professional theatre. While in college, Ms. Earp directed and produced "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "The Maids." She performed in "As You Like It," "A Day in the Death of Joe Egg," "The Lady's Not for Burning," "A Time to Die," "Threepenny Opera," and others.

She has been associated with numerous theatrical organizations including "Unto These Hills," The Carolina Playmakers, UNC Readers Theatre, The Roanoke Valley Players, and organized the Milltown Players for Halifax Community College.

She is also experienced in costume, lighting, set design, make-up, and various areas of speech including oral interpretation and Readers Theatre.

Men's Club Meeting Set

Johnny McLain, head of the Toecane Forest Service station in Burnsville will be guest speaker at the regular monthly dinner meeting of the Burnsville Men's Club on Monday, Jan. 28, at the community building. Time is 6:30 p.m. All members are urged

March Of Dimes

Mothers March Set Sunday, Jan. 27

Mother's March Sunday will be January 27, 1980. Not only will mothers be collecting for the March of Dimes, but they will also be passing out survey forms, "Children having children...everyone's problem."

According to March of Dimes spokesmen, adolescent pregnancy is a major cause of birth defects, jeopardizing the healthy, lifelong potential of these babies. Premature motherhood can put the teenager's own health at risk. School drop-outs, inability to care for these babies, lack of job skills, financial dependence on families or society, emotional turmoil, all become community responsibilities in one way or another, reports

the March of Dimes surveys. According to statistics, one-million teenage girls will get pregnant this year and 225 thousand babies will be born to girls under the age of 18. This is a problem which without attention will only grow worse. When the survey is left with you, please fill it out and mail it in to the address given. The results from this survey will be very useful in determining what the needs of each community are.

The March of Dimes reminds you that one out of every twelve babies are born less than perfect. So when a mother comes to your door, please give generously—every child has the right to be born perfect.

'Yes' Vote Urged In Beeferendum

John Sledge, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, has urged beef cattle producers and dairymen to register between January 28 and February 6 in order to be eligible to vote February 19-22 on a proposed nationwide beef research and information program.

Producers may register and vote at local ASCS offices. Registration and voting can be completed by mail if information and ballots are requested in advance.

According to Sledge, the referendum is a cattle industry effort to win approval

of a uniform collection plan for beef research, consumer information, promotion and foreign market development. The Beef Research and Information program will be established if a majority of cattlemen vote "yes" in the referendum.

Youth League Night Set At East Yancey

Thursday night will be Youth League Night at East Yancey gym. All Little League Basketball players will be admitted free to see the game between East Yancey and the Avery Panthers. The girls game starts at 6 p.m., followed by the boys game at 8 p.m.

All Little League players planning to attend Thursday should get free tickets from their coach.

Wilkins said. "We have advised the contractors that the trustees passed a resolution Thursday night to award the contracts to the low bidders." The contracts will actually be awarded when the paperwork from the state and from the Appalachian Regional Commission for their share of the approximately \$200,000 in additional monies for the project is completed.

Prior to last month's bid opening, the school had approximately \$580,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission (\$413,000), the state (\$84,000), and Mitchell, Avery and Yancey counties (\$84,000 total for the three) to spend on construction of the model building, which is to be built on the school's campus across from the existing building. However, low bids plus architects' fees brought the cost of the building to about \$780,000—\$200,000 more than the school had on hand for the project.

After the bid opening, the school

received a verbal commitment from ARC for \$100,000 more and from the state for an additional \$50,000 provided \$50,000 could be raised locally. Last week, the three counties each agreed to pay about \$17,000 to cover the local share.

Wilkins said Friday that he hopes that groundbreaking on the project will occur no later than April 15, and that the entire building can be completed in about four months, though the contractors have 360 calendar days in which to construct the building. The structure will be the largest public solar heated building in the state (it will have a backup electrical heating system as well).

Low bidders for the project were: general contract, Wilkie Construction Co., Lenior, \$364,391; plumbing, Winkler Plumbing and Heating, Boone, \$33,400; mechanical, Price Piping Co., Asheville; and electrical, Kenilworthy Electric Company, Hickory, \$71,219.



MICKEY Antalek and his merryment in this years Ringling Bros. Circus, coming in February.

In Civic Center

Circus Coming Soon

Mail orders are now being accepted for the forthcoming engagement of the spectacular new 109th Edition of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus which opens at the Asheville Civic Center on Friday, February 22, for 7 exciting performances through Sunday, February 24th. Tickets to the Greatest Show on Earth go on sale Monday, January 21, 1980.

This sensational new Edition of "America's Living Tradition" presents the unprecedented Gunther Gebel-Williams commanding tigers, leopards, panthers, pachyderms and horses; gorgeous Dolly Jacobs,

America's aerial sweetheart, on the Roman Rings; 15-year-old Gino Farfan's "first time ever" 3½ somersault on the flying trapeze; the rebounding skills of three troupes of top-flight trampoline artists—The Astorellis, the Canestrellis, and Los Huracanos—making their debuts with The Greatest Show on Earth; the trapeze artistry of the Flying Farfans and the Flying Segreras; marvelous monkeyshines from the Rudi Lenz Chimps and Mickey Antalek's Chimpanzees; Naghtin's Bear Sensations and a galaxy of other international Circus favorites.

Mail orders should specify the desired performance, and include a check or money or-

der payable to "Ringling Bros. Circus" to cover the price of tickets. A self-addressed stamped envelope must accompany all orders.

Ticket prices are \$5.00, \$6.50, and \$7.00. Performance times are: Friday, February 22 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, February 23, at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, February 24, at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Children under 12 save \$1.00 at the two eleven a.m. performances.

The mail order address is as follows: Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus, Asheville Civic Center, P.O. Box 2194, Asheville, N.C. 28802.