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## POSTMASTER GENERAL VISITED POST OFFICES IN COUNTY

### Made Brief Speech in Burnsville

Postmaster General James A. Farley visited Burnsville, and other post offices in Yancey County, on Wednesday morning. He was accompanied by the second assistant Postmaster General, Ambrose O'Connell; the fourth assistant Postmaster General, Smith W. Purdum; Paul Younts, Postmaster of Charlotte and president of the National Association of Postmasters; Wythe M. Peyton, Asheville Postmaster; and a number of other officials and private citizens.

Mr. Farley, Mr. O'Connell, Mr. Purdum and Mr. Younts visited the local post offices, and greeted the personnel there. Then the party proceeded to the Nu-Wray Hotel. There Mayor J. Frank Huskins greeted them briefly, and G. L. Hensley, Burnsville postmaster, introduced Mr. Farley.

Several hundred citizens and school children were assembled on the public square, and the post master general addressed them briefly. He expressed his pleasure in being in the south, and in coming as a representative of one of the greatest and most important departments of the government.

Mr. Farley then paid tribute to the present administration, and mentioned some of the constructive programs that are now in force. He spoke also of Congressman Bulwinkle, and expressed pleasure in being in his home district.

Following the closing remarks in which he again thanked the group for assembling to meet him, Mr. Farley shook hands and personally greeted all those present.

The party left Burnsville to make other stops along the route to Boone where Mr. Farley was to dedicate the new post office building. G. L. Hensley, Burnsville postmaster, accompanied the group to Boone.

Mrs. Will Bennett is sick in a Johnson City, Tenn., hospital.

## MICKIE SAYS—

TO SEND YOU THIS PAPER,  
TH' BOSS MUST PAY BILLS  
EV'RY DAY—SO YOU  
SHOULDN'T MIND IF HE  
ASKS YOU TO PAY HIS  
BILL EV'RY YEAR!



## N.Y.A. PROGRAM IN THE COUNTY IS ENLARGED

### New Equipment and Larger Quarters Obtained

New development and new progress in the National Youth Administration's program in Yancey county have been evident during the past few weeks. New equipment and better quarters will be a continued aid in the fine work that is being done.

The girls' group moved last week into their home making shop on the second floor of the Peoples' Bank building. The ample space provided will be divided into four rooms, a kitchen, dining room, work room and county office. Thus the work can be carried on more efficiently and every phase of home making can be practiced by the girls.

The kitchen is already partially equipped; a range and refrigerator will be added soon. Here the group will learn to plan and prepare a balanced meal, and will study different methods of cookery, and the latest developments along this line. Once a week Miss Maria Alley, home demonstration agent, visits the shop, and part of her time is spent in the kitchen.

The dining room training is invaluable, and under the direction of the capable leaders is very practical.

The work room provides space for craft work, sewing, crocheting, chair finishing, etc.

Chair making has been the largest and most valuable to the county of all the projects undertaken. The boys make the chairs and the girls put in the seats of binders' twine. Most of the chairs have been absorbed by the schools of the county as new equipment or as replacements for worn out equipment.

The furniture for the home making shop was made by the boys, and they also did the partitioning and refinishing work on the walls. The girls will make curtains, seat covers, rugs, etc. just as they would in their own homes, and they will have expert supervision in the work.

In addition to the program of varied activities, the girls devote some time each day after work hours to different phases of related training. A first aid course has already been begun, and classes in other related subjects will be taught from time to time.

The boys' wood work shop is one of the finest in the state. It is now located in the brick structure originally built for the manual arts shop of Stanley-McCormick school. The building is approximately 40x70 feet and is all in one room. Windows on all sides give fine lighting, and half the floor is concrete thus giving a good base for the machinery and equipment.

W. L. Blevins is supervisor of the boys' work, and if it is due principally to his knowledge of the work, and (Turn to page three)

## PROGRAM WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE PENSACOLA SCHOOL

The first, second, third and fourth grades of the Pensacola School will present their annual program on next Tuesday evening, April 16.

The first grade, under the direction of Miss Aldine Pleasant, will present the operetta, "The Magic Dream".

The second grade will give a playlet, "Spring Awakening". This will be directed by Miss Della Tipton, and Willie Lou Presnell and Charles Lindberg Ogle will have the leading parts.

The third and fourth grades will present, "Sleeping Beauty" directed by Miss Mae Hunter. Leading characters will be, the princess, Amaryllis Hutchins; the prince, J. U. McMahan; the king, Alfred Parker; the queen, Betty Jean Wilson.

A chorus, God Bless America, by Irving Berlin, will be sung by all four grades.

## MENS CLUB MEETING

The Burnsville Men's Club met in regular session on Monday evening. The meeting was called to order and presided over by the club president, W. B. Wray.

Reports were heard from a number of committees. The president stated that some of the seats for the town square had already been completed by the N. Y. A. group. Dr. C. M. Whisnant and Furman Souther discussed the Boy Scout program.

B. H. Crouse, county agent, presented the proposed cotton mattress project for low income families of the county, and the club was asked to lend its support to this program.

Dover Fouts was appointed to have charge of the program for the next meeting.

## BALD CREEK NEWS

Mrs. R. C. Burton visited relatives in Johnson City Sunday. Her mother, Mrs. Anne Ray, returned home with her.

Mr. Luther Watts who has been confined to his home with flu is able to be back at the store, Mrs. Watts is improving slowly.

Mrs. Jane Edwards and Mrs. Gus Edwards visited Mrs. Watts Monday.

Mrs. Bill Proffitt returned to Asheville after spending two weeks vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Proffitt.

Earl Proffitt is here from Detroit.

Mrs. J. H. Ray of Burnsville spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hensley.

## BULLS

The county commissioners in Avery County have appropriated \$1,000 to buy eight registered Hereford bulls to be placed on farms to encourage better livestock, reports J. E. Penland, assistant farm agent.

## HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENTS NOTES

Miss Anna C. Rowe, Western District agent, organized the County council of home demonstration clubs Friday, April 5. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. Ewart Wilson, Pensacola Club; vice president, Mrs. Jessie Radford, Bald Creek Club; secretary, Mrs. Clyde Young, Micaville Club; treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Pritchard, Estatoe Club.

The County Council is composed of the officers of the local clubs and the county project leaders. This council acts as the advisory committee to the Home Demonstration agent in determining plans, policies and programs. Nine Home Demonstration Clubs have been organized: Bald Creek, Estatoe, Jacks Creek, Micaville, Mary Martha, Mt. Mitchell, Pensacola, West Burnsville, Upper Jacks Creek.

West Burnsville Club was organized Monday afternoon. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Alice McPeters, vice-pres., Mrs. Geo. Brown, secy., Mrs. Bertha McFall, Treasurer, Mrs. Roscoe Banks.

Upper Jacks Creek Home Demonstration Club was organized April 10. The officers elected are: President, Mrs. Bruce Bailey, vice president, Mrs. Shelby Hensley; secretary, Mrs. A. Z. Jamerson, treasurer, Daphne Williams.

## County Council Notice 4-H Club Meeting

A special meeting of the 4-H County Council will be held at Burnsville Club House Monday April 15, at seven o'clock.

The following program will be given:

Pledge, song, devotional, home beautification, team demonstration, Bald Crk.; discussion of plans for Summer led by County Agt. Home agent and assistant county agent; social hour, Clearmont in charge.

## NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Earl Horton Post of the American Legion, and the Auxiliary, will be held at Bald Creek on Tuesday evening, April 23. Following meetings will be held at Micaville and Celso.

## FORESTS

Five National forests in North Carolina contributed \$9,882.74 to the State as 25 percent of the gross receipts from operating the forests in 1939.

## NOTICE

A special meeting of the Grade Mothers of Burnsville School has been called for Friday afternoon, April 12 at 2 o'clock in the school auditorium. B. M. Tomberlin will meet with the group and several matters of special importance will be discussed. All grade mothers are especially urged to attend.

## LEGION POST WILL SPONSOR SQUARE DANCE, APRIL 20

### Proceeds will be used for Club House Fund

The local Post of the American Legion will sponsor a square dance to be given Saturday night, April 20, at the Burnsville school gymnasium. Proceeds from the affair will be applied to the fund for payment of the club house, of which the post and the Auxiliary as a unit own a one fourth interest.

On the committee for arrangements are H. S. Edge, C. L. Proffitt and Dover Fouts. Already two of the best string bands in the section have been engaged to furnish music, and all other plans are well under way. Latt Carter who is a past master in the art, will serve as caller.

Further plans for the dance, the first of the kind to be held here in some months, will be announced within the next few days.

## LOW INCOME FAMILIES GET COTTON MATTRESSES

Cotton and other materials for the making of mattresses is being given to low income families of the State through a cooperative program of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the State College Extension Service. Already six counties have availed themselves of this opportunity to receive without cost surplus cotton held by the Surplus Commodities Corporation.

The materials for making cotton mattresses for low income families are furnished in any county where the County AAA committee certifies that there are at least 120 rural families in the specified low income group.

The Extension Service, through its county agents, takes the lead in conducting demonstrations to show members of the families and other leaders how to make the mattresses, and in distributing the cotton and ticking.

Farm families with a total cash income for the calendar year of not more than \$400, and non-farm families with a gross income for the year of not more than \$500, are eligible to participate in the surplus cotton program.

The first counties approved were Anson, McDowell, Alexander, Person, Halifax, and Wayne.

In addition to these six counties, applications have been received from Hoke, Avery, Vance, Bertie, and Yancey Counties. John W. Goodman, assistant director of Extension, and Miss Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent, are in charge of the program for the Extension Service.

Miss Pauline Gordon, Extension economist in home management and home furnishings, and Eugene Starnes, assistant farm agent-at-large, are conducting the demonstrations.

## LOCAL FSA SUPERVISOR SURVEYS RESULTS

### Farm Security Borrowers In State Gain \$2,000,000 In Income and \$3,000,000 In Net Worth; 30 Percent Boost In Buying Power

The average Farm Security Administration borrower in North Carolina "is increasing his income, gaining in net worth and making a better living," according to results of a survey received by County FSA Supervisor, Paul Laughrun, Burnsville.

The survey which includes progress figures from the 145 FSA borrowers in Yancey County as well as other North Carolina counties shows that the 11,677 farm families who got standard rehabilitation loans last year in the State are worth nearly \$3,000,000 more now than they were worth when they came on the FSA program. The average per family gain in net worth—over and above all debts—was \$237 or a gain of 30 percent.

There was a similar 30 percent gain in income, the average net income last year being \$628 per family, as compared with \$483 the year before they came to the FSA.

"This means an annual gain in purchasing power of nearly two million dollars," it was pointed out.

The survey shows further that FSA borrowers in the State, "by following supervision in approved farming practices," are getting away from one-crop farming and making a better living. They produced \$4,452,557 worth of goods for home consumption last year, as compared with only \$3,413,421 worth before they came into the FSA program. Live-at-home production this past year included 2,227,738 quarts of fruits and vegetables canned; 5,326,931 gallons of milk; 34,914 tons of forage, and a great quantity of other food and feed supplies.

Some 7,828 tenants and sharecroppers in the State have improved their tenure, or leasing agreements; 5,709 tenants have obtained written leases in place of verbal agreements; 1,741 sharecroppers have advanced to tenant status; and under FSA's gradually expanding tenant-purchase program, 378 tenants have bought farms of their own. The figures did not include FSA purchase loans for the present year, but it was pointed out money is available for 450 or 500 of these loans this year.

FSA farmers in North Carolina already have paid back nearly \$4,000,000 of the \$6,000,000 borrowed, although much of the money loaned will not be due for four or five years.

Grants in the State, made only to a few families in extreme need and to supplement loans to needy families to tide them over until a sound farm plan could be made for them, averaged only \$18 per family, and

## NUMBER FILE FOR DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

To date the following have filed with the county board of elections as candidates in the coming Democratic primary.

For representative: R. C. Deyton, E. L. Briggs.

For chairman, Board of County commissioners: M. D. Bailey, Luther M. Robinson.

For members, Board of County commissioners: Grover Hunter, Grover Robinson.

For Register of Deeds: Harmon Edwards, Tom Edge, J. A. Goodin, Brady Fox.

Earl C. Wilson, R., has filed for Register of Deeds.

## EYE CLINIC

The Health Department has been working on an eye clinic to be held in Yancey County April 18th 1940.

The clinic is primarily for those who cannot afford to pay the usual private fees to an eye specialist, and is restricted to those over 10 years of age.

So far the response has been very slow. In order for the Health Department to sponsor an eye clinic, there must be at least twenty-five appointments made for eye examinations before we can secure an eye specialist for the clinic.

A large number of school children have been tested and found to need glasses. The parents of these children have been notified of the child's need of glasses, and of the clinic through the schools.

It is suggested that those desiring appointments for the eye clinic, please make their appointments before Saturday, April 13th, 1940. If we do not obtain twenty-five appointments by that date the clinic will be postponed until fall.

Anyone desiring private work done while the specialist is in the county may also make appointments for this clinic at the Health Department Office.

To make an appointment it is necessary to place a dollar on deposit at the Health Department office. This is refunded if for any reason the patient is not seen.

I hope the parents in the county who have children in need of glasses will take advantage of this opportunity of having their children seen by the specialist, and have their eyes corrected before any further damage is done the child due to poor eyesight.

Dr. R. O. Jones, District Health Officer.

## DAMAGE

After only 100 years of intense cultivation, farm land in the United States which has been destroyed, seriously damaged or threatened with destruction totals an area nearly equal to all the land from which crops are normally harvested.

this figure covers a 4-year period, it was pointed out.