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"THIS WORK PAYS YOUR COMMUNITY" WEEK MAY 20-25TH

The Works Projects Administration has set aside May 20-25 as "This Work Pays Your Community" week. Open house will be held on all WPA professional and service projects throughout the county. Employees, familiar with the work, purpose, and objectives of their own project, will be on hand to guide visitors, answer questions and note suggestions. Men and women the nation over are cordially and urgently invited, by project sponsors and the WPA, to visit and inspect every professional and service project in operation in their respective communities.

Mrs. Florence Kerr, assistant WPA commissioner, in federal charge of all these projects, expects at least twenty million visitors.

As outlined by the assistant commissioner, the week is to be a report to taxpayers—a living, visual report in action, not a mere complication of figures. Citizens will be able to see for themselves what use is being made of some of the dollars and cents they pay out for taxes.

Valuable suggestions for improvement of the program are expected to come from the visitors. The freshness and sharpness of a first impression may suggest changes and improvements that those who see the project every day may overlook.

Not only will this week show what is being done by the WPA for community improvement, it also will give a clearer picture of what remains to be done. It will bring home to the American people the fact that there is plenty of valuable work for each and all to do.

"This Work Pays Your Community" Week will be opened on all professional (Continued on back page)

PURCHASE OF SAVINGS BONDS SHOWS DECIDED INCREASE

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau announced today that the total sales of Savings Bonds through March 31, 1940, aggregated in maturity value, more than \$3,860,234,775, and that purchases have been made by approximately 1,987,374 investors. The total represents average purchases of \$2,495,325 for each business day since March 1, 1935, when these bonds were first placed on sale. Deducting bonds redeemed, the maturity value of Savings Bonds outstanding on March 31, 1940, was approximately \$3,495,573,600.

The total maturity value of purchases for the calendar year 1939 was \$1,104,060,000, an average purchase for each business day of last year of \$3,667,975.

United States Savings Bonds are sold on a discount basis and mature in ten years for one-third (Continued on back page)

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES HELD AT MICAVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Eighteen seniors were awarded diplomas on last Wednesday evening, May 1 to bring to a close the commencement exercises at Micaville High School. Those receiving diplomas were Gilberta Silver, Julia Ray, Glenna Hall, June Simmons, Doris Young, Louise Harris, Ted Simmons, Mildred Robinson, Ina Young, Gladys Huskins, Fairy Letterman, Jewell Jones, Harold Presnell, Jay Silver, Edith Autrey, Irene Buchanan, Jay Thomas, John Hobgood.

E. Frank Watson delivered the address to the class, stressing the qualities that would aid the students to make a success in life.

Citizenship letters were awarded to the following: Lila Hilliard, Ruby Wilson, Margaret Young, Madge Young, Louise Harris, Mildred Robinson, June Simmons, Jay Thomas, Doris Young, Ina Young, Glenna Hall, Billie Keys, Phillip Thomas.

These letters are awarded for general excellence in school work and activities and are earned on a point basis. Any student must make at least 260 points to be eligible. One quarter on honor roll earns 10 points; member of first team, 20; second team, 10; tryout, 5; perfect attendance 5; elective office, 5; play cast, 10; satisfactory member of a club, 10; tryout in reading or declaiming, 10; for representing school in any capacity, 15 points.

In addition to the letters, medals were presented as follows: Citizenship, Margaret Young; English, Billie Keys; dramatic, Madge Young; scholarship, Mildred Robinson, valedictorian, Ina Young, salutatorian.

MUSIC RECITAL

Mrs. C. W. Robertson presented her music students in recital on Tuesday evening, April 30. The following took part on the program: Dorothy Howell, Thomas Young, Brant Young, Donna Hall, Kathleen Silver, Fae Wilson, Vera McMahan, Wanda Robinson, Wallace Hensley, Maxine Black, Mary Lee Briggs, Alton Noblett, Junior Young, Lois Mace, Fred Buchanan, Betty Joice Wyatt, Francis Fields, James Johnson, Billie Young, Elsie Cash, Geneva Brinkley, Mildred Robinson Hermon Robinson.

SERVICE STATION NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED

A modern service station of brick is being built on the corner lot owned by the Farmers Federation. The station has already been leased to the Standard Oil Company.

A construction firm of Hickory, N. C. has the contract for building the station.

175 ACRES BURN ON PHILLIPS KNOB NORTH OF TOWN

Fire which caught on the north slope of Phillips knob north of Burnsville burned over approximately 175 acres before being extinguished by civilian fire fighters and C. C. Camp enrollees from Mars Hill.

The fire was the worst spring fire which he had ever encountered, according to Warden Craig English as most of the bad fires catch usually in the fall of the year. The great difficulty in getting the conflagration under control was due principally to the exceedingly rough land and the strong wind which blew constantly. The large boulders made it impossible to build a fire line, and the heavy undergrowth fed the flames. Many dead chestnut trees also caught readily.

Seventeen civilians and forty two CCC fire fighters finally brought the fire under control, and there was very little young timber that would be merchantable later that was destroyed. Approximately 175 acres were burned over.

LAMB SHIPPING SEASON IN STATE STARTS SOON

It's almost time to start shipping spring lambs, and L. I. Case, Extension animal husbandman of N. C. State College, says that the next few weeks will be the time when the wise farmer increases his income by fattening and finishing his lambs well. He will do it with an adequate and balanced feed program.

"Of first importance in feeding lambs," Case says, "is milk and plenty of it. See that the ewes are fed for milk production. A bountiful supply of green winter cover crops, preferably crimson clover, supplemented by a mixture of corn and oats should take care of this."

"Creep feeding the lambs usually pays well. Partition off a bright corner of the barn or shed and leave a small opening or two that will exclude the ewes but admit the lambs. A good ration to use in the creep is: Seven parts of ground corn, two parts of wheat bran, and one part of either cottonseed meal or soybean meal. In addition to the grain, a small rack full of choice hay should be kept where the lambs can nibble it as they please."

Last year the State College Extension Service cooperated in conducting lamb pools which netted farmers \$26,082.61 for 4,373 animals weighing 317,950 pounds. Case estimates that these lambs brought fully one cent per pound more through grading and cooperative selling than they would have brought under the usual method of selling.

The lamb pools will be continued this year.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jester of Hayesville spent the week end here.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas the week of May 20th to May 25th has been set aside and designated as "THIS WORK PAYS YOUR COMMUNITY WEEK" for the purpose of celebrating and giving proper recognition to the accomplishments of all professional and service WPA projects throughout the nation;

And Whereas, much has been accomplished on a national scale by such projects as gardening and canning, sewing rooms, historical surveys and adult education, and much good has been done in our town and county lending a bright hope for future achievements in these fields;

And Whereas, it is right and proper that due recognition be given;

Now, Therefore, I, J. Frank Huskins, Mayor of Burnsville, do hereby proclaim the week of May 20th to May 25th as "THIS WORK PAYS YOUR COMMUNITY WEEK," and the people of Burnsville and Yancey County are requested to lend their support to the occasion.

THE TOWN OF BURNSVILLE,
By J. Frank Huskins, Mayor.

GRADUATION EXERCISES HELD AT CLEARMONT HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation exercises for the Senior class of Clearmont High School were held on Wednesday evening, May 1. Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president of Mars Hill College, delivered the address to the class. The following received diplomas:

Clyde Anglin, Charles Deyton, J. D. Green, Ward Howell, Kenneth Hunter, Wayne King, Ray McCourry, Jack Tipton, Connie Ayers, Mary Bailey, Mary Etta Briggs, Vergie Fox, Hilda Hensley, Hazel Honleycutt, Doris Hunter, Phyllis Parker Byrd, Marie Tipton, Erlene Williams.

Fourteen medals were awarded as follows:

Fiftieth Boy: Ottis Johnson; Fiftieth Girl: Pauline Renfro; Senior scholarship: Wayne King; Junior scholarship: Ottis Johnson; Sophomore scholarship: Vann Woody; Freshman scholarship: Arnold Higgins; Best citizen, boy, Jack Bailey; Best citizen, girl, Verna Deyton; Athletic medal, Ernest Peterson; Declamation medal, Ward Howell; Recitation medal, Phyllis Parker; Valedictorian, Wayne King; Salutatorian, J. D. Greene; Journalism medal, Wayne King.

In addition to the graduation exercises, Parents Day was observed by the school on Wednesday. Each grade, class and club in the school arranged a booth, and sponsored demonstrations showing the work accomplished during the year.

Singing Convention

Singers of the eastern part of the county met at Double Island on April 28 and organized a District Singing convention for the eastern district of Yancey county.

L. D. Thomas was elected chairman and Steve Shuford assistant. The first convention will be held at Double Island church on May 26, beginning at 1:30 p. m. All singers are invited to attend this convention and all persons will be welcomed.

There will be a convention every fourth Sunday

MICAVILLE GROUP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

Rev. Walter K. Keys will conduct services at the following places on Sunday Newdale at 3:00 o'clock and Micaville at 8:00 o'clock. These will be special Mother's Day services. Mr. Keys and family are moving this week to Blowing Rock where he has accepted the pastorate but he will continue to preach as often as possible in this group of churches until a pastor is secured.

Last Sunday at Vians Valley church special services were conducted by Rev. Keys. In the morning the subject of the sermon was "True Worshipers". Lunch was served in the church by the ladies. In the afternoon a memorial window to Rev. John A. Harris was dedicated. A delegation from the First Presbyterian church of Hickory was present and brought greetings to the new church, Vians Valley.

The rock work on the Estatoe Church near Celso is almost completed. Work is now being done on the frame work for the enlarged and modernized building. The newly rebuilt Micaville church is one of the most modern and attractive in this section. The Vians Valley church, of brick construction and entirely new, is almost completed except for furnishings. Plans are now being made for remodeling the Newdale church between Spruce Pine and Micaville.

On May 16, Rev. Walter K. Keys and Elder E. D. Bowditch will go to the meeting of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church at Chattanooga, Tenn., as commissioners from Holston Presbytery. The assembly will be in session about a week.

BRANCH-BALLEW

Miss Stella Branch and Coy Ballew, both of Celso, were married in Burnsville Saturday afternoon, May 4. Rev. R. E. Powell officiated.

Carl Parker and daughter and Miss Robbie Garrison all of Stockville visited Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Parker Sunday.

MRS. JUSTICE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB

Mrs. A. R. Craig Is Guest Speaker

The Burnsville Woman's Club met on Thursday afternoon, April 25 with Mrs. R. O. Jones and Miss Ella Horton. The president, Mrs. W. B. Wray, Jr., was in the chair.

Several matters of business were discussed and voted on. Mrs. Rudolph Glatly, Mrs. R. E. Powell and Mrs. Troy Ray were named on the committee to judge the flower garden contest sponsored by the club.

Mrs. Hubert Justice was elected president for the coming year, following the resignation of Mrs. C. P. Randolph.

Mrs. G. L. Hensley was program leader, and she presented Mrs. Zeb Hall who introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. A. R. Craig of Spruce Pine. Mrs. Craig spent many years in China as a missionary and her talk was of unusual interest. China is responding eagerly to western civilization and ideals, Mrs. Craig said, and was proud to have a Christian man at the head of the nation.

Mrs. Craig illustrated her lecture with objects and clothing she had brought from China.

The club adjourned to hold the next meeting at the home of Mrs. J. P. Lyon with Mrs. Hubbard as associate hostess.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Union Vacation Bible school begins Monday, May 13, at 8:30 a. m., in the Baptist church. Rev. George K. Neff will act as General Superintendent of the school. The list of teachers include: Rev. J. S. Folger, Intermediate department; Rev. R. E. Powell, Handwork department for Intermediate and Junior boys; Mrs. Mae Young, Junior department; Mrs. Grace Hubbard, Handwork Intermediate and Junior Girls; Miss Marjorie Profit, Primary department; Mrs. George K. Neff, Beginners department. Other teachers and assistants include: Mrs. G. L. Hensley, Miss Avis Styles, Miss Ruth McIntosh, Miss Buna Ellen Bailey. Parents are urged to send all their children to the school for the entire two weeks.

The Union Evangelistic services begin with a union service at the Baptist church Sunday night, May 12. The Rev. Carl S. Miller, Pastor of the Erwin Presbyterian church who is to be the special preacher for this series will preach at the services on Monday night, May 13 at 7:30. Services will continue daily at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All the services are to be held in the Baptist church. A cordial invitation is given to all to come to these inspiring and helpful services.

GRADUATING EXERCISES HELD AT BALD CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

Graduating exercises were held at Bald Creek High School on Wednesday evening, May 1. C. P. Randolph attorney, delivered the address to the graduates.

Rev. J. N. Snow gave the invocation following which Ruth McIntosh, the salutatorian, spoke and Hope Ferguson gave the valedictory. The Glee Club sang a special selection.

Diplomas were awarded by Superintendent James Hutchins to the following: Winfred Angel, Ralph Barnes, Lemmie Edwards, R. G. Fender, Willie J. Ferguson, Mack Higgins, M. B. Johnson, Jr., Hugh Pate, Fred Phoenix, Gus Wilson, Kiah Ferguson, Marie Roland, Edna Shephard, Mary Ruth Snow, Clara Styles, Mildred Towe, Vera Bailey, Lena Buckner, Ruby Buckner, Ollie Chandler, Hope Edwards, Hope Ferguson, Juanita Gardner, Doris Gibbs, Ruth Holcombe, Dessie King, Catherine Lawhern, Ruth McIntosh, Edna Melton, Helena Radford, Doris Radford.

Medals were presented to the following by Rasse H. Howell: best all round, Fred Phoenix, Jessie Roland; valedictory medal, Hope Ferguson; salutatorian, Ruth McIntosh; scholarship medals, senior, Mary Ruth Snow, junior, Charles Edwards, sophomore, Donald Tomberlin, freshman, Louise Proffitt; home economics medal, Louise Yelton; French medal, Clara Styles; English medal, Edna Shepard; mathematics medal, Alice Gardner; science medal, Mildred England; sportsmanship medal, Ruby Buckner; improvement medal, Winfred Angel.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR GEORGE W. LETTERMAN

George Washington Letterman died at his home at Toledo on Saturday, May 4 following a brief illness. He was 85 years of age.

Funeral services were held at the home on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. John Young, officiated, assisted by J. C. Turner. Burial was in the family cemetery near the home.

Mr. Letterman was widely known throughout the county where he resided all his life. He had been a consistent and faithful member of the Baptist church for 55 years. He was first married to Mrs. Harriett Finette McCourry and in 1927 to Dorcas Mercier of Mecklenburg county, who survives him.

Also surviving are four children, D. C. Letterman, J. D. Letterman, Mrs. Minnie Belle Edwards and Mrs. Lora Ann Letterman; 31 grand children and 8 great grand children.

Mrs. John Robinson Who has been teaching in Madison County is at home.