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## WESTERN CAROLINA FAIR WILL BE HELD IN HENDERSON COUNTY

The Western Carolina Fair will be held in Henderson county on a site near Hendersonville, according to an announcement made last week.

The decision to hold an annual fair in the Western part of the state was reached several months ago, and plans have been made for a permanent organization. An event of this kind, held in this section of the state, will give Western Carolina farmers and farm boys and girls a better opportunity to enter farm and live stock exhibits than they had when they had to exhibit at the state fair.

## FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR E. B. SILVER

E. B. (Ras) Silver, 47, of Bolens Creek, died in an Asheville hospital at 8:00 o'clock Monday morning from injuries received when a team of mules ran away and threw him from a hay rake Saturday.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 o'clock Tuesday at the Micaville Baptist church, of which he was a member. Rev. E. J. Harbison of Biltmore officiated. Burial was at Bolens Creek.

The following nephews were active pall bearers: J. Silver, Bill Mumpower, Lee Griffith, Roy Ray, Frank Ray, Jess Styles, Duane Robinson, Glenn Ray and Eugene Hall. Friends of Micaville, Bolens Creek and Burnsville served as honorary pall bearers.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mollie Ray Silver; two daughters, Mrs. Joe Ledford of Micaville and Miss Louise Silver of Burnsville; his mother, Mrs. G. W. Silver; five sisters, Mrs. J. H. Bowditch and Mrs. Oattie Mumpower of Micaville, Mrs. Walker Blevins and Mrs. Doshie Robinson of Kingsport, Mrs. Elzie Hall of Celso; and three brothers, C. E. and Dewey Silver of Micaville and Gus Silver of Asheville.

## Sunday School Convention With Byrds Chapel Church

The annual Yancey County Baptist Sunday school convention will be held with the Byrd's Chapel church on Friday, Aug. 9. The morning service will begin at 9:15.

Speakers on the program will include T. K. Riddle, Richmond Bennett, B. S. Hensley, H. G. Bailey, A. Z. Jamerson, Eulas Atkins, Monroe McIntosh and S. E. Tilson.

The principal address of the convention will be given at 11:00 o'clock by Dr. I. G. Greer. Dr. Greer is superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, a former professor of history at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone and a very forceful speaker. All who can attend the meeting are urged to hear him.

## Lead In Movement For Purebred Animals Is Led By Bank

College Station, Raleigh, July 28. (Special) — Yancey county is a model of progressiveness in the development of the beef cattle industry, Sam L. Williams, assistant extension animal husbandman of N. C. State college, reported. He said that the Northwestern bank at Burnsville is taking the lead in promoting the establishment of purebred beef type herds in that section of North Carolina.

"The Northwestern bank through the efforts of R. N. Scott cooperating with Roy Crouse, county farm agent of the extension service, has placed six good young Hereford bulls on different farms," Williams stated. "These bulls are owned by the bank and an exchange of bulls after a two-year period is planned."

The extension specialist also reported that J. M. Edwards, a farmer of Burnsville, R. F. D. No. 3, has constructed an ideal bull lot for the new herd sire which was recently purchased from Tyler F. Snodgrass of Elway, Va. Mr. Edwards fenced two and one-half acres of good bottom land with heavy 8-strand woven wire. This field has plenty of water and shade available for the bull.

Williams said that the Yancey county farmer reseeded the field with white clover and lespedeza in the spring, and applied ground limestone to stimulate the growth of the pasture grasses. "This arrangement enables the practice of controlled breeding, which is one of the essential factors in profitable beef cattle production," the State college man declared.

Williams further reported that Ed. Wilson of Burnsville has recently purchased nine purebred heifers as the foundation of a pure-bred herd of beef cattle. He also has developed a good pasture system.

## REV. HENSLEY WILL PREACH

Rev. B. S. Hensley of Barnardsville will preach at the morning service next Sunday at the Burnsville Baptist church.

## NEW MARCH OF TIME ON U. S. NAVY

One of the most timely films ever produced by the March of Time will be shown at the Yancey Theatre next Wednesday and Thursday, it was announced by Manager Clevenger. Entitled "The U. S. Navy — 1940," this latest issue in The March of Time series presents a thorough survey of the status of the American Navy today, and the steps being taken for its future development under President Roosevelt's unprecedented National Defense program.

## NEW POTATO VARIETY GETS WIDE ACCLAIM

The Sequoia Irish potato, one of N. C. State College's latest contributions to the field of horticulture, is receiving abundant praise in many sections of the United States where it has been tried on an experimental basis.

M. E. Gardner, head of the college's horticulture department and co-developer of the potato with Robert Schmidt, said research men in a large number of states as well as in Canada, Mexico, and Cuba have reported excellent results with the Sequoia.

A late potato, the new variety has outyielded established varieties consistently during a five-year test period in this State. During the past half-decade, the Sequoia averaged 347.5 bushels to the acre. In the same test, Cobbler yielded 224 bushels, Katahdin 218 and Chippewa 263.

Gardner explained its high yielding ability is attributed largely to its marked resistance to leaf hoppers, flea beetles, and blight, all deadly enemies of the crop. It has been estimated that leaf hopper alone reduce yields in Western North Carolina each year from one-third to one-half.

Approximately 4 acres of Sequoia were grown in 1939 in an isolated seed plot. From this, between 80 and 100 seed samples were distributed to co-operators and growers in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Cuba.

Practically all reports which have come in to the performance of the Sequoia have painted glowing pictures of its possibilities.

## U. S. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service Commission invites attention to the fact that an insufficient number of applicants have been received in the open competitive examination for the position of Classified Laborer, (Highway Construction and Maintenance) for filling vacancies in the Public Roads Administration, the usual entrance salary being .30 to .50 an hour.

Applications for this position must be on file with the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Public Roads Administration, 1523 L Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., not later than August 15, 1940.

Competitors will not be required to report for written examination, but will be rated on their training and experience.

Full information and application blanks may be obtained from the Postmaster, Burnsville, N. C.

## BANKS FAMILY REUNION

The Banks family will hold their annual Reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Banks on Bolens Creek, Sunday, Aug. 18th.

## MARK W. BENNETT



## NAMED REA PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT

Directors of the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation last week named Mark W. Bennett of Mars Hill as REA Project Superintendent for Buncombe, Madison and Yancey counties. Mr. Bennett has been approved by the Washington office, and has accepted the position, according to information received here this week.

For the past four and a half years Mr. Bennett has served as division manager of the Northwest Carolina Utilities, Inc. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Bennett of Burnsville, and is a graduate of Bald Creek High School and Weaver College.

## REPORT OF ANNUAL B. T. U. CONVENTION

The annual B. T. U. county convention was held on last Friday, July 26 with the Burnsville Baptist church. Miss Evelyn Hunter, president of the convention, was in charge of the program.

The program began at 4 p. m. with Misses Ruth McIntosh, Buna Ellen Bailey, Ralph Young and Hugh Tomberlin taking part. Special music was given by Clarence Laws of the Jacks Creek church. Rev. Bascombe Hensley made a short talk on "Prayer." After supper, Miss Corrie Tipton gave the Devotional, and a group of girls from Burnsville church gave a special song. Rev. A. Z. Jamerson brought the message to the convention, using as his subject, "Soul Winning."

The following were elected officers for the coming year: Miss Buna Ellen Bailey, president; Ralph Young, vice president; Miss Hilda Hensley, secretary; Miss Eddith Penland, pianist; Clarence Laws, chorister.

## CAMPS BEGIN SECOND MONTH'S SESSION

Camp Mt. Mitchell for Girls and Camp Mt. Mitchell for Boys have begun the second month's session, with new campers arriving for both camps. The season is one of the most successful ever enjoyed by the two camps.

## CHURCH PLANNED FOR GREEN MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY

A group of about thirty citizens of this community met on last Thursday evening with representatives of the Home Mission Committee of the Holston Presbyterian, Southern Presbyterian church to discuss plans for building a church at Green Mtn. Rev. John S. Yelton of Stoney Point, Tenn., Rev. T. P. Johnston of Rogersville, Tenn., J. D. Faucett of Bristol, Rod Armstrong of Rogersville, and D. R. Beeson of Johnson City represented the committee.

A very interesting discussion was held with Rev. Yelton in charge. A committee was appointed to receive any donations and to canvas the community for funds for the proposed church and Sunday School. The following will serve on the committee: J. Walter Howell, chairman; Mrs. M. E. Bradshaw, secretary and Oscar L. Young, treasurer.

Donation of Site and \$1,000 J. W. Howell has offered to give a site near his store building and a cash donation of \$1,000.00 for the proposed church.

The building will cost around \$6,000.00. The Southern Presbyterian church will give approximately half the amount, and the remainder will be subscribed in cash and work by the citizens of the community. The church will be a community church for all citizens and for the glory of God.

Leaders of the community feel assured that through the cooperation of the citizens of the community and their donations in work and cash that the church will be built at an early date.

## NOTICE

Tax Collector Donald Banks has asked that all persons who have not paid their 1939 county taxes to take notice that these will be advertised this month (August). This is according to the provisions of the tax law, and all delinquent tax payers are urged to pay this week.

## MT. HELEN ESTATES IS POPULAR RESORT

The Mt. Helen Estates, located on Cat Tail Creek in the beautiful Pensacola section of the county, is becoming widely known as a summer resort that offers many of the most enjoyable features of life in the mountains. This resort was established several years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Percy Theadgill.

The estate covers 4,000 acres, ranging in altitude from 3,300 to 6,000 feet. It affords an ideal retreat into the very heart of the mountains.

There are at present a group of summer homes, built for the most part by people from Florida. Many of them are well known in (Continued on page four)

## NOTICE

The local Squadron of the Sons of the American Legion will meet at the home of W. A. Covey, chairman, on Friday evening, August 2, at 8:00 o'clock. All members of the Squadron are urged to be present for this meeting.

## Farm Population is Largest in 24 Years

Washington, July 14.—The American farm population on January 1 was estimated by the agricultural department today at 32,245,000, the largest in 24 years.

The estimate was 186,000 more than a year ago and represented an increase of 2,076,000 for the decade 1930-39. The highest farm population figure ever reported was 32,530,000 in 1916.

The increase during the 1930's followed a decrease of 1,445,000 during the 1920's and a net loss of 463,000 between 1910 and 1920.

The department said farms lost 2,179,000 persons through migration during the 1930's but that an excess of rural births over deaths more than offset losses through movement to urban areas. Births were reported at 7,861,000 and deaths at 3,313,000 during the past decade.

A lack of opportunity in cities may add 2,000,000 more persons to the rural population by 1950, the department said.

"An increase in farm population at this time means growing pressure of population on natural resources, especially in the poorer agricultural areas," the department said. "Technological changes in agriculture have kept pace with those in industry, and the labor requirements for agricultural production have been decreased."

The department said that normal requirements in farm production for both domestic and foreign outlets now can be met with approximately 1,600,000 fewer workers on farms than in 1929—which, with their dependents, means 3,500,000 fewer persons. Farm employment was said to have decreased more than 300,000 between 1930 and 1940.

Largest increase in farm population during the past 10 years were in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi. The South Atlantic states, from Maryland to Delaware and Florida, showed the next largest gain. Areas most severely affected by droughts of 1934 and 1936 reported increases before 1935 and decreases thereafter.

Mrs. Lillie Wilson and grand daughter, Miss Nelle Young, returned to Asheville Wednesday after visiting relatives here. B. M. Tomberlin will teach the Men's Bible class on next Sunday.



## Yancey County Farm and Home Tours

The Community Farm and Home Tours of Yancey County will begin Monday morning, August 5th at 8:30 and will continue on the following schedule with each tour starting at 8:30 each morning:

Burnsville township, Monday, August 5th, starting from County Agent's office.

Cane River township, Tuesday, Aug. 6. Starting from H. W. Higgins.

Egypt and Ramseytown townships, Wed., Aug. 7th, starting from S. W. Hilemons.

Green Mtn. township, Aug. 8th, starting from Geo. D. Turbyfills.

Jacks Creek, Friday, 9th, starting from R. F. Petersons.

Brush Creek, Saturday 10th, starting from R. C. Deytons.

Crabtree, Monday 12th, starting from Dewey Silvers.

South Toe, Tuesday, 13th starting from G. S. Baileys.

Pensacola, Wednesday, 14, starting from T. J. Wilsons.

Prices Creek, Thursday, 15th, starting from S. R. Hensleys.

County Farm and Home Tour will be held on Friday August 16th, starting from Burnsville at 8:30 a. m. and visiting the township winner which has been selected at the end of each township tour.

The schedule for the demonstration farms to be visited during the day will be announced at the starting place each morning.

Demonstration farmers and their wives are urged to attend their township tours and the county tour to help select the farm and home making the most improvements during the past year. A township prize of a purebred medium type Poland China female pig will be given to the farm and home in each township making the most improvements this year. Township winners will compete for the county prize of a twenty-five quart liquid measure pressure cooker.

Bring a basket lunch and be at the starting point in your township at 8:30 a. m.

## SINGING CONVENTION

A singing convention will be held at the Cane River Baptist church on Sunday afternoon, August 4 beginning at 1:30 p. m. Everyone is invited to attend.