

HERE AND THERE In Burnsville

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winter in Florida met them there and returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hambey, Amanda, and Eugenia from Lenoir, N.C., Mr. and Mrs. Dick Coffey of Conover spent Easter weekend with Mrs. Lat Fox. Mrs. Coffey and Mrs. Hambey are granddaughters of Mrs. Fox and are the former Trula and Pam Huskey.

Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Turner and Miss Debbie Turner of Pink Hill, N.C. and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Turner Jr. of Macon, Ga. were the Easter weekend guests of Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Gillespie.

Mrs. Lillian Jelley visited her sister, Mrs. Robert Wells and Mr. Wells in West Asheville last week. From there she went to Lenoir, N.C. to visit with her daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. O.R. Thompson. Her granddaughters Anne and Lynne returned home with her for a weeks visit.

Mrs. Herman Mason was called to Franklin, N.C. due to the death of a sister, Mrs. Ethel Gutierrez, last week. Those attending the funeral from Burnsville were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wooten, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harris, Mrs. Ralph McDowell, Roger Shepherd, and Mrs. Hope Anglin.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Banks and family of Charlotte spent the weekend with Mrs. Banks parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Pendergrast and family of Newport News, Va. visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. James Proffitt of Bald Creek and other relatives in the County.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Mattox and Baron of Boone spent Easter Sunday with Mrs. Carter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harris.

Neil Burns, a student at Western Carolina University, son of Major and Mrs. Romie Burns spent the Easter holidays with her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Koch and two sons of Coral Gables, Fla. arrived here last week to make this their permanent home. Mr. Koch returned to Miami to finish the year in a Miami High School where he teaches English and Russian.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Anglin spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. Mack Chapman and family of Rutherfordton, N.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Milt Johnson had with them their two sons for the Easter weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson from Hinesville, Ga. and Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Johnson and family of Burnsville.

Troy McCurry and Wade and M. P. Zuber were on a business trip to Greenville, S. Carolina on Monday.

Del Thorsen, supervisor of the North Carolina Nation-

al Forests visited in this area Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

William Michael Briggs, now serving in the U. S. Army at Fort Jackson, S.C. visited relatives and friends over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Randolph of Detroit, Mich. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Biss Randolph for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Boone of Atlanta, Georgia spent the weekend in Burnsville visiting friends and relatives.

Larry Thompson has been in Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville due to a car accident.

Kenneth Higgins of Charlotte visited friends and relatives over the weekend.

Donald Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Barnett of Burnsville is home on a visit from Montreat Anderson College. He will be returning to college on Wednesday.

AO2 Jerry B. Miller, wife and daughter have returned to their home at Virginia Beach, Va. after spending Easter holidays with his mother, Mrs. Ernest Miller at Bee Log.

Mrs. Edward Yuriuk and children spent the Easter holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hardekopf in West Palm Beach, Florida. They flew home Monday afternoon.

Receives Cap For Nursing

Shirley Hughes of the Buladean Community received her cap Friday in Birmingham, Alabama during the Carraway Methodist School of Nursing Annual Capping Ceremonies. Shirley is the granddaughter of Nettie Hughes and a graduate of Buladean Elementary School and Bowman High School.

She was not only an honor student at Bowman, but has made an outstanding record while in training, making A's in all her subjects.

Stylist Joins Ann's Staff

Ann Copley, formerly of Chicago and a graduate of Lexington School of Beauty Culture, Lexington, Ky. has joined the staff at Ann's Beauty Salon, Spruce Pine.

Ann completed one year apprenticeship at Wolf & Wiles Department Store Salon in Lexington.

She graduated from Selgerman and Luty School of Hair Design, New York, and had advanced courses in permanent waving, color styling and body massage. Instructors included Leslie Blanchard, George Masters and Patrick Glenn. She also completed a course in facial care and corrective make up in Chicago, Illinois. Ann also styles and cuts men's hair.

She is now at Ann's Beauty Salon, Spruce Pine.

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County Commissioner Responds

I am responding to "The Tally Sheet" written by Bud Tally which appeared in the March 23, 1972 issue of the "Tri-County News." In this article, Mr. Tally authoritatively expressed his personal opinions on candidates for the forthcoming Mitchell County Primary on May 6th. Mr. Tally expressed support for Carl Baker and Glen Buchanan for re-election as County Commissioners, pointing to their various accomplishments. He made no reference to my views or positions and in so doing would have the people of Mitchell County think I oppose such things as the Mayland Technical Institute for which I worked so hard to get into the county. Two years ago, Mr. Tally strongly supported my bid for re-election. Today he doesn't and I want the people to know that it is for personal reasons--not professional reasons.

When we finally achieved the Institute in our county, Mr. Tally sought a position on the Board of Directors. I opposed his appointment for one reason--I felt his age (he is 75 or older) would not allow him to serve the people with the same enthusiasm and in the same efficient manner as could a younger man. This is why he opposes me now.

Mr. Tally is not a native of Mitchell County and yet he would have you believe he is an authority on the county and the candidates for the upcoming primary. But as an example of his judgment and knowledge, he says in this same article, "We have coming up for election a Clerk of Court, a vitally important job..." He should know that there is no Clerk of Court election coming up on May 6th. This error by Mr. Tally caused by memory or knowledge or judgment is but one example of why I favored a younger, more alert person for the highly responsible position of director of the Mayland Institute.

During 1969 and 1970 when the County Commissioners were J. Dont Street, Bill Slagle and myself, Mr. Tally worked closely with us to get the vocational additions to Bowman and Spruce Pine high schools. This same board unanimously voted to support a technical institute for Mitchell County and sent Mr. Tally to Raleigh to seek support.

Another point in Mr. Tally's sheet concerned my apparent opposition to the one-cent sales tax. I have always believed in democracy. It was and still is my contention that the people of Mitchell County by an election, should decide whether they wanted a local one-cent sales tax levied and not three men decide such a major issue.

Mr. Tally doesn't appreciate the hardships the people of Mitchell County encounter because of the small income attributed to farming. Countless people have complained to me about heavy taxation and this is why I feel they, not the County Commissioners, should decide upon another tax burden like the one-cent sales tax. Mr. Tally evidently does not know that we received the sales tax (about \$107,000) after we had already approved the year's budget so that it is actually surplus money. All this surplus money isn't being used for education as perhaps it should be, but is being used in a wasteful manner. So did we need the tax to begin with? To consume part of the approximately \$145,000 surplus money, I made the motion to the Board to reduce the tax rate 12 1/2% and give some of this back to the taxpayers, but Buchanan and Baker rejected the motion.

Mr. Tally doesn't know when there is surplus money coming into the county it is placed into a fund called "County General Fund." From here the money can be and is being spent for many unnecessary things that are unknown to the taxpayers of Mitchell County. Also Mr. Tally nor very few homeowners are aware of the fact that 50% or more of the Mitchell County homeowners will receive another tax increase from the new tax listing procedure. The increase would come about by using 15% of the value of your home as the household furniture value. This is something that homeowners will become aware of in their next tax statement in November. This new procedure was introduced by Buchanan and Baker.

In summation, Mr. Tally does hold a responsible position as director of the Mayland Technical Institute, and I would hope that since he intends to "write more articles on the election" he would be (1) impartial and objective, (2) at least be professional and not let personal feelings influence his judgements.

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Jim Anglin was on a two day business trip to North Wilkesboro, N.C. last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Ray spent Easter with their daughter, Dr. Carolyn Cort and her husband Dr. David Cort in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Dr. and Mrs. Zack Newton and family of Atlanta, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. David Hirt of Banner Elk, N.C. and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall and family of Johnson City, Tenn. spent the pre-Easter weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cooper.

Mrs. L. I. Lawhern has returned home from Spruce Pine Community Hospital where she has been a patient.

Mrs. Henshal and Mrs. Harlon Holcombe entertained Mrs. Joe Hensley, a recent bride, with a household shower in the Presbyterian Church last week. Mrs. Hensley is the former Miss Lynn English.

D. R. Fouts Jr. of Akron, Ohio is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dover Fouts. His father has just returned home after undergoing surgery in an Asheville hospital.

Jerry Clevenger, student at Carson Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn. is spending part of his spring vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lum Clevenger and friends in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Mrs. Blanche Dunham and Mrs. Crozer Pirkle of Augusta, Ga. have been visiting their mother, Mrs. J. F. Hensley.

Mr. and Mrs. Darius Hensley, Sherry and Amber, of Piney Flats, Tenn. have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. Hensley.

Mrs. Troy Ray spent the Easter holidays with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Estep in Hampton, Va.

Rush Wray and Mary Louise spent Easter with Mr. Wray's brother-in-law and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Bellack, in Hollywood, Florida.

Miss Carolyn Pate of Atlanta, Ga. spent Easter weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Pate.

Mr. and Mrs. David Coletta of Knoxville, Tenn. visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Coletta during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Byers of Sarasota, Fla. has been visiting Mrs. Alice Gibbs and other relatives in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fender visited their two sons, Oscar Jr. and David in Atlanta recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Ayers of Gainesville, Fla., Mrs. Troy Redmon and Fred of Mars Hill were the guests of Mrs. Betha Gibbs and Lucy during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Moore, Mike and Blackie visited Mr. Moore's mother, Mrs. Tom Bray in Shelby Easter weekend. Mrs. Jim McIntosh who spent the

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