

## AGED MAN DIES AT FILLING STATION

Alex Miller, about 70 years of age, was found dead in the loft of Cannon Brothers Filling Station, in Sylva, Saturday morning. Mr. Miller had been dead several hours when his body was discovered.

The aged man had entered the filling station about two o'clock in the morning, and obtained permission of an attendant to sleep in the little loft, where it was warm and comfortable.

Shortly before noon someone remembered that Mr. Miller was there, and called to him to wake him. Receiving no response, someone went up the stairs to arouse him, and found his body.

Coroner C. W. Dills was called by officers, and the county physician, Dr. Grover Wilkes made an examination of the body. It was determined at the inquest that the death was from natural causes. It was known that his heart had been in bad condition for some time.

It is stated that his widow and a daughter live in Transylvania county. Some years ago Mr. Miller lived in Sylva, and has worked in various places in Western North Carolina. He made his livelihood by making and bottling chairs, making and selling holty-boards, and other such work.

## BALSAM

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)

There was an interesting service at the Methodist church here Sunday afternoon, December 24th.

Rev. W. L. Hutchins, District Superintendent, preached on the subject, "The Birth of Jesus." He had visited the Holy Land, the manger where the baby Jesus was born, traveled over the roads Mary Joseph, and Jesus traveled and when he had finished you felt as if you had been also.

The Christmas songs and music were also much enjoyed.

While waiting for old Santa to come with his treat, Mrs. Newell, wife of the pastor, told the story "Why The Chimes Rang" Mrs. W. L. Hutchins was also present at the service.

The Christmas holidays were spent very pleasantly by the majority of the Balsamites. Among the most enjoyable socials given was the one by Mr. Harold Bryson to his Sunday School class of the Baptist church, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bryson. After the social hour the guests were served refreshments.

Miss Ruby Bryson and Mr. Lawrence McCall were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Bryson, Saturday, December 23. The ceremony was performed by Rev. O. J. Beck. They were given a miscellaneous shower, the evening of December 30th.

Mr. Homer Davis, of Brevard spent Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Davis.

Miss Freda Jones has returned home after spending the holidays with friends in Elizabethton, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Frizzell announce the birth of a son, born December 24-named, Johnny Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wood announce the birth of a ten pound girl, Christmas Day, named, Barbara Jean.

Snow began to fall here on December 23rd, and might have been more than a foot deep, if it had not rained. Another snow fell, December 26th, another, the 29th, and another, New Year's Day. In some places around here the snow was said to be "waist" deep. January 2nd, mercury was below zero.

We congratulate Qualla on having, her nice, new school building. Balsam is still hoping to have one in the near future.

We wish some one would tell us why the men around Balsam who work on the WPA were "cut off" at this time. They were cut off about this time last year, but no one here seems to know why.

## SCHOOLS OPEN JAN. 16

The schools of Jackson county, which were closed last Thursday because of snow and ice, will reopen Tuesday morning, it is stated by school authorities.

## GUBERNATORIAL HATS IN POLITICAL ARENA

Candidates for Governor of North Carolina are as numerous as wars in Europe and Asia. The first to break the ice and throw his hat into the political waters was the genial, likable, competent Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina, Wilkins P. Horton, of Chatam county.

Then quickly followed J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, attorney, former State Senator, and prominent Baptist layman.

Allen J. Maxwell, the North Carolina Commissioner of Revenue, who a few years ago, made the race for Governor, and came near being successful in the attempt, has announced his intention to place his name before the people in the Spring primary.

Senator Lee Gravely, of Rocky Mount, tossed his hat forward, last week, and is making a race in earnest.

Willis Smith, Raleigh lawyer, and former Speaker of the House, has made a formal announcement; he is running with an appeal to the wets, the anti-sales taxes, and other elements in the population.

Others who may enter the race are Horace E. Stacey, Speaker D. L. Ward, William E. Fenner, and maybe, some others.

Dr. Clarence Poe, who was put forward a few weeks ago by eastern farmers, has definitely eliminated himself, by announcing that he believes it more important to the people of the State that he devote the next few years to working out his plan for the betterment of agriculture in North Carolina than by occupying the Governor's Mansion, on Blount Street.

Take it altogether, it seems likely that North Carolina is in for a spirited free-for-all to see who is going to be the next Governor. The Administration has not yet indicated who it would like to appoint as the heir-apparent. But when, and if, the Administration's blessing is either impliedly or openly bestowed upon any candidates, the fire-works that make a campaign interesting to participants and bystanders, will probably begin. As yet, there is nothing to fight about. No lines have been drawn, though a good many things, some wise, some mediocre, and some extremely foolish, have been said.

## SOCIAL SCIENCE GROUP MEETS

The Social Science Group of Western Carolina Teachers College met in the Home Economics room of the training school for its regular monthly meeting, Thursday afternoon. After a social hour, Miss Cordelia Camp talked on modern trends in the teaching of social studies. One important trend emphasized by Miss Camp was that of developing character. Following this, Miss Camp introduced Dr. C. D. Killian, who talked on Gestalt Psychology and its implications in the development of character.

## LIVE DEER TO NEW REFUGE HOMES

Asheville, N. C. Jan. 10.—Box traps, many times larger, but of the same general type that small boys use for trapping rabbits, are being used in the Pisgah National Game Preserve to trap live deer. So far, 18 of the animals have been captured and transferred to other game preserves in Western North Carolina and nearby states to form the nucleus for future deer herds, according to H. B. Bosworth, Pisgah National Forest supervisor.

Deer seldom roam far from the forests in which they were born, and for this reason, game propagation experts state, it is necessary to transfer them bodily to new refuge areas. The deer herds in the Pisgah refuge grew too large for the food supply, but the deer didn't leave. So the new trap was designed. Baited with apples, it lures the deer into a dark box where the animal cannot hurt himself. Then he is transferred to a crate and taken to a new home.

Bears are sometimes caught in the traps, but the trapped bear

## QUALLA

(By Mrs. V. K. Terrell)

On Dec. 24, the body of Mrs. Richmond Bridges of near Waynesville was brought to Qualla and interred in Thomas Cemetery. Rev. J. L. Hyatt conducted the service. The family formerly lived at Olivet.

Mrs. Thomas Gibson died Monday 25 and was buried at The Ward graveyard on Dec. 27.

She leaves three children, Mrs. Nora Turpin, Mrs. Cora Gibson and Mr. Oscar Gibson. The service was conducted by Rev. J. L. Hyatt.

Bobbie Harold, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Percival Dugan died Dec. 28—and was buried at Thomas Cemetery on Thursday afternoon.

Married—Miss Bonnie Anthony to Mr. Dan Gass, both of Qualla.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bradburn have moved to Sylva.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Whitmire, Mr. W. H. Whitmire Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Whitmire and Mr. Lane Whitmire who had spent a few days visiting at Rev. J. L. Hyatt's Mr. C. P. Shelton and Mr. J. K. Terrell all motored to many points of interest in the surrounding mountains, left for their homes in Midland and Blanket Falls on Dec. 30. On Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shelton gave a dinner reception at their home, Green Acres, in their honor. About 30 guests were present. Besides the Qualla guests the visitors present were Mr. and Mrs. W. De Wike and Miss Lois Wike of Cullowhee, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. ...

Sylva, Mrs. M. E. Hanson, Mrs. C. E. Moody, Mrs. W. F. Bailey and Mrs. R. F. Hall of Whitmire, Mrs. J. E. Green of ... S. C. Mrs. E. E. Watson of ... boro, and Mrs. J. A. Bump ... of Wilmot.

This entire company assembled at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Shelton ... who enjoyed this reunion after an absence of several years.

There was a program and Christmas tree at the Baptist Church on Saturday afternoon Dec. 23.

## SCIENCE CLUB MEETS

The Science Club of Western Carolina Teachers College held its monthly meeting, Wednesday night, with the president, J. B. Saunders, presiding. The following program was given: Mr. G. F. Dodson, teacher of biology and botany, displayed and lectured on his collection of woody plants found in Western North Carolina.

Mr. Frank Brown, teacher of chemistry, who has been a cooperative weather observer at Cullowhee for 30 years, told of his experiences as a weather observer.

Mr. Newton Turner, teacher of geology, displayed and lectured on his collection of different kinds of quartz.

Mr. Kenneth Wood, teacher of physics, demonstrated to the club the principle of neon gas with approximately 10,000 volts of electricity.

This was one of the most interesting and enjoyable programs of the year.

## CULLOWHEE SPEEDWELL CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Cullowhee-Speedwell Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. T. A. Cox, Tuesday afternoon.

The subject of the program was "The Farm Family Outlook for 1940." Mrs. Mamie Sue Evans, home demonstration agent, also discussed consumer education in buying bed linen and towels.

The following officers for the year were elected: Mrs. David H. Brown, president; Mrs. Frank H. Brown, vice-president; and Mrs. Carl Phillips, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Cox, assisted by her sister, Mrs. J. H. Griffith, served an attractive sweet course.

leaves a demolished trap behind him. About 100 deer are trapped each winter season in the Pisgah Game Preserve.

## SCHOOL ART SHOW AT CULLOWHEE COLLEGE

Cullowhee, (Special)—The second annual art exhibit, sponsored by the University of North Carolina and Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, is now being shown at Western Carolina Teachers College. All the art work comprising the exhibit has been prepared by children of the public schools, high schools, and colleges of the State.

This exhibit reveals the present-day emphasis placed on creative art activities and shows that the art of the child is not just an immature adult art, but an art all in itself, following its own laws and ideals.

This is the third art exhibit which has been shown at the college this year. The first group of lithographs, engravings, and water colors from the Art Students' League of New York City, and the second exhibit was a group of Japanese prints.

## BAPTIST MINISTERS WILL HOLD CONFERENCE HERE

The Baptist ministers of Haywood, Macon, Tennessee River and Tuckasee Associations will have a special conference, at the Sylva Baptist church, for two days, beginning Monday, January 22 and continuing through noon of Wednesday, January 24. A program of Bible study and conference periods on pastoral problems has been arranged. The people of the Sylva church will provide lodging and breakfast for those attending the conference, and lunch will be served by the ladies from the Scott's Creek church on Tuesday, and by the ladies from the Lovedale church on Wednesday.

## PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION WILL MEET NEXT WEEK

Indications point to a large attendance at the annual stockholders' meeting of the Asheville Production Credit Association, which will be held in Asheville at 10 o'clock, according to John A. Hudgens, of Hendersonville, president of the Association.

A very interesting and instructive program has been arranged for the Association, Mr. Hudgens said, and much interest is being manifested by the members. By special invitation of the Association, a representative of the Production Credit Corporation of Columbia will make a brief address at the conclusion of the business session.

The Asheville Production Credit Association serves Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Avery, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania and Yancey counties and furnishes short-term credit for general agricultural and livestock purposes to its members.

## TRAVELLERS CHOOSE ASHEVILLE ROUTE

Asheville, N. C. Jan. 10.—Motor, railway and bus travellers, journeying on vacation tours through the south, this winter, are choosing highway and railway routes by way of Asheville in increasing numbers this season. This mid-southern resort city, where golf courses are open for play throughout the year and where famous scenic points of interest including the Great Smoky Mountains National Park are added inducement, is popular as a stopover point for southbound travellers on southern winter tours.

By changing from the old variety of corn he had been growing in the past to a prolific variety, G. W. Davenport, of Mitchell County, increased his yield from 40 bushels to 101 bushels to the acre.

By following good soil management practices, 50 unit demonstration farmers of Henderson County reduced their soil losses 3,000 tons this past year, as compared with 1936.

## BURGIN PENNELL TO MANAGE A. J. MAXWELL CAMPAIGN

Asheville—Burgin Pennell, attorney, civic and religious leader, and past commander of the American Legion, has announced that he would manage the campaign for Governor of A. J. Maxwell Confirming recent reports, Mr. Pennell said:

"I have agreed to manage Mr. Maxwell's campaign for Governor. I have accepted the gratuitous tender of this responsibility as a pleasure and privilege, without promise or request for personal confidence in his sterling character, his knowledge of the State and its governmental problems, his eminent qualifications and record as a public official, his ability to secure a dollar of value for each dollar expended in governmental affairs, his lifelong support and activity in behalf of the Democratic party, and his balanced program as outlined in the statement announcing his candidacy, I believe he will make an efficient and trust-worthy Governor of our State.

"After a survey of the State, based upon the enthusiastic commendation of Mr. Maxwell's announced policies from citizens of all classes throughout the State, there is every indication that Mr. Maxwell will receive the nomination in the first primary."

State headquarters for the campaign will be opened in Raleigh early in March.

## COE GLADE RETURNS TO ASHEVILLE WHERE CAREER BEGAN

Asheville, N. C. Jan. 10.—Coe Glade, who has spent his entire career in the old ... will ...

## 12 DISTRICT POULTRY SHORT COURSES PLANNED

A series of 12 district poultry short courses will be held throughout North Carolina, starting January 22 and continuing through February, it is announced by C. F. Parrish, Extension poultryman of State College. County agents are in charge of arrangements for the meetings, in cooperation with representatives of other agricultural agencies.

The schedule follows: January 22, at Waynesville in Haywood County; January 23, at Lenoir in Caldwell County; January 29, at Elizabeth City in Perquimans County; January 30, at Rocky Mount with Nash and Edgecombe Counties as joint hosts; February 5, at Rutherfordton in Rutherford County; February 6, at Concord in Cabarrus County; February 12, at Jacksonville in Onslow County; February 13, at Elizabethton in Bladen County; February 19, at Carthage in Moore County; February 20, at Winston-Salem in Forsyth County; February 27, at Washington in Beaufort County; and the twelfth meeting in Wake County at a time yet to be set.

Parrish and T. T. Brown of the Poultry Extension office will attend each of the meetings, while C. J. Maupin, another Extension poultryman; Prof. Roy S. Dearstyne and H. C. Gauger, of the college poultry department; and Dr. C. H. Bostian, of the zoology and entomology department, will also assist with the meetings.

This will be the fifth year that district poultry short courses have been sponsored by the Extension Service. The first year the average attendance was 50 persons per meeting; last year it was more than 200 per meeting, with 2,700 farmers and farm women attending the 12 short courses.

The meetings are alternated among the counties in the districts from year to year.

## FARM FAMILIES NEED TO GROW OWN FOOD

Farm families probably will have a higher net income in 1940 than they had in 1939, says Miss Pauline Gordon, home management specialist of the State College Extension Service. But, unless they produce their own food the increased income will be overcome by higher costs of purchased materials, she added.

In an outlook for farm family living in North Carolina Miss Gordon said: "Total receipts for marketing of farm products are expected to increase due to improvement in industrial activities and in consumer incomes. Income from government payments will probably be about the same. Non-farm earnings of family members may increase, with greater opportunities for employment. But, despite the improvement in economic conditions, a large percentage of the farm families of North Carolina will be faced in 1940 with the problem of stretching incomes of less than \$500 to provide for all their household needs."

Turning to the subject of "The Family's Food," the Extension specialist declared: "Costs of producing food for household use increase less than do retail food prices, hence farm families can offset a rise in the cost of their food by planning to produce a larger than usual share of their total food supplies. Such plans, if made with nutritional as well as financial goals in mind, may also yield returns in the form of improved family diets and in better health."

"North Carolina diets as a whole are lacking in certain important foods. The lack of milk is greatest, but there is also a lack of sufficient fruits, lean meats, poultry, eggs, whole grains, and, at certain seasons, fresh vegetables. Farm families should make every effort to produce the essential foods needed for good nutrition of the family."

## JUNE 16-23 SET FOR RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL

Asheville, N. C. Jan. 15.—Thirteen years of experience in estimating a time of the year when purple rhododendrons on the slopes and summits of Western North Carolina mountains will be at the height of the flowering period has enabled officials in charge to Asheville's great floral fête, the Rhododendron Festival, to judge within a few days the probable time of the blossom display. Meeting here in the second week of January, the Rhododendron Festival executive committee made its long-range forecast and set the dates for the annual floral fête for the week of June 16-22.

Since it was established in 1928, the Rhododendron Festival has become one of the Nation's foremost civic celebrations. Five colorful parades, three balls, a huge pageant, pioneer and Indian sports, a massed demonstration and drills by bands and drum corps, sports events and other features are planned for the 1940 program of the fête.

Ten southern states will be represented at the Festival this year by beautiful girls chosen from among the students attending southern women's colleges and state universities. These state sponsors will be honored participants in the court of the 13th king and queen of the mythical rhododendron realm. Bands and drum corps from a number of cities in North Carolina and adjacent states will participate in the various parades of the Festival, and one hundred Cherokee Indians from the reservation of the Eastern band of Cherokees near the Great Smoky Mountains will make their annual trek to Asheville to participate in the Indian sports events. The program for the 1940 Festival, it is anticipated, will be the most colorful yet presented in the thirteen years of its history.