

West's Mill

Mrs. Leslie Brodgen and two children, of Virginia, have been visiting relatives here.

Miss Helen Browning, of Chattanooga, Tenn., spent a recent week-end with home folks.

Mrs. Don Burnette, of Bryson

City, was here recently to visit relatives.

Mrs. J. L. West, Sr., and J. L. West, Jr., visited Mrs. West's son, Fred, at Chapel Hill last week.

Miss Alva Bradley, of Needmore, visited relatives here recently.

Mrs. Zeb Gibson, of Winston-

Salem, spent several days visiting home folk recently.

Weaver L. Carter is back home after a two weeks' tonsil treatment at the hospital in Sylva.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Owens and small daughter, Delores, of Asheville, recently visited Mr. Owens' mother, Mrs. Clara W. Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Matlock, of Boise, Idaho, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bryson and daughter, of Burnsville, spent a recent week-end with home folk here.

Miss Pollie Allen, of Bryson City, visited relatives here recently.

Mrs. H. H. West and two children, of Asheville, visited relatives here recently.

Fifth Of All Rural Roads Eligible For Federal Aid

Some 354,847 miles of principal secondary and feeder roads, designated as part of the federal-aid secondary highway system, are now eligible for federal-aid funds for improvement, Charles M. Upham, engineer-director of the American Road Builders' association, told a recent conference of agricultural leaders in Washington.

"This system, supplementing the 231,285-mile primary federal-aid system, makes federal participation possible in the improvement of about 19 per cent of the total rural mileage."

RENSHAW TELLS OF BATTLING FOREST FIRES

Supervisor, Back From Maine, Says Living Of Many Periled

The reported figure of \$32,300,000 as the damage done by the recent forest fires in Maine is a conservative estimate of the cost in timber and property destroyed, E. W. Renshaw, supervisor of the Nantahala National forest, said upon his return last week, after a fortnight helping to battle the blazes.

"And besides the terrific property damage, the economic future of many communities, particularly in the Bar Harbor region, was endangered. Many of the men I came in contact with during the fire fighting operations were dependent upon the resort trade. They worked as gardeners, caretakers and servants on the large estates in this area. It will be many years before these summer resident dwellings are rebuilt, as the land is so scarred and ugly now."

In speaking of the fire fighting itself, Mr. Renshaw said that "mop up work was the most difficult he had ever engaged in because large areas in this region were covered with a thickly matted grass which was two to three feet in depth." Also the use of trenching tools in the area was made extremely difficult by the large amount of rock found there, according to the supervisor.

The use of pumps and water was found to be extremely advantageous, and was put into effect on a much larger scale than is generally practiced in fire fighting operations, Mr. Renshaw said, adding that, before they got through, "the Atlantic ocean must have been lowered several inches."

The local supervisor participated in operations on Mt. Desert Island, which is in the Bar Harbor region. He said, that while the fires were not all extinguished in this area when he returned here, all blazes were under control.

R. H. Cunningham, Macon Native, Dies Of Mishap Injuries

Robert H. Cunningham, 38, former Macon County resident, died November 4 in Watts hospital, Durham, as the result of injuries received when he was struck by a car on the preceding Saturday. Marvin A. Couch, the driver of the automobile, was arrested after the accident and charged with drunken driving.

Mr. Cunningham, who was born in Macon County, had been living in Durham for a number of years. He was the son of the late Henry Cunningham and of

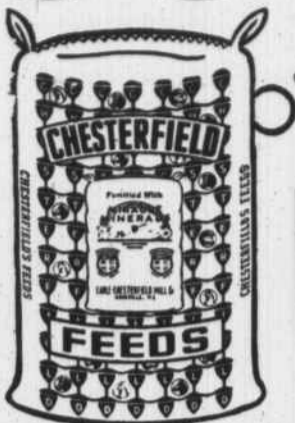
Mrs. Walter B. Bass. Roy Cunningham and Mrs. Margaret Tysinger of Franklin are uncle and aunt of the auto accident victim.

Survivors, in addition to his widow, include one son, William Enloe Cunningham; his mother; and two brothers, James E. Cunningham and Henry V. Cunningham, both of Winston-Salem.

Funeral services were held in Durham last Thursday at 2 p. m.

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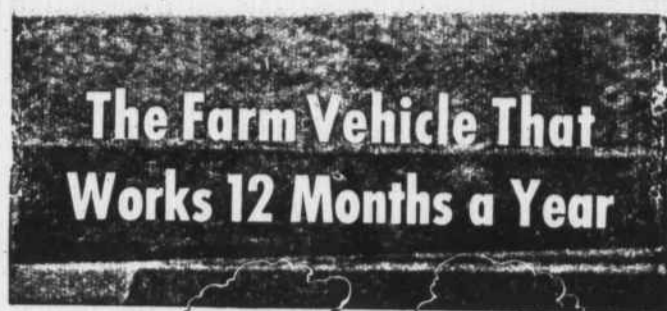
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