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BURNSVILLE MAYOR JOINS FLORIDA TOUR

J. Frank Huskins, mayor of Burnsville, joined the group of representatives of Western Carolina cities and towns which is now on a tour in Florida. More than fifty persons are taking part in this tour and the publicity gained in this way should do much to advertise this section of the state. The group will be gone for ten days, and will visit many places in Georgia and Florida.

NEW DISEASE ATTACKS IRISH POTATO TUBERS

Here's a warning to North Carolina Irish potato growers from Howard R. Garriss, assistant Extension plant pathologist of State College:

A new bacterial wilt disease, called "Bacterial Ring Rot," has attacked Irish potatoes in 26 States, and disastrous losses have been suffered in several areas. The disease is spread through seed potatoes; therefore, Tar Heel growers should take definite steps to control the disease when it is found.

The disease attacks the tubers, causing a grayish to brownish discoloration of the vascular ring, which is quite often followed by soft rot with a final loss of the whole tuber. Symptoms in the field are best detected 80 to 90 days after planting, or just before the tops begin to die. A rather sudden wilting of the tops takes place with final browning and dying.

To prevent spread of the disease, Garriss recommends that the knife being used to cut the potatoes be sterilized frequently by dipping for a few seconds in a germicide disinfectant solution, or be dropped into boiling water for a short time. Experiments have shown that if you cut through a potato with ring rot, the next ten and sometimes more healthy potatoes cut with the same knife will become infected.

"If possible, get seed from a locality that is free from the rot," the Extension specialist advised. "We, here at State College, will be glad to furnish the latest available information on disease-free sources. It is wise to buy from a State with a good certification system, and to buy with a flat money-back guarantee that the seed potatoes are not infected with ring rot." Doshia McMahan, Gladys Parker and Mrs. Willie Parker are ill.

Tobacco

Delayed by snow and cold weather, farmers have rushed work on their tobacco plant beds with the coming of recent favorable weather, report farm agents of the State College Extension Service.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR JIM WILLIAMS, 49

Jim Williams, 49, died at his home on Elk Shoal Creek Friday morning after an extended illness. Funeral services were held at the family cemetery at Bee Log on Saturday at 11:00 a. m. Surviving are his parents and two children.

I. A. ROBISON DIES SUDDENLY MONDAY

I. A. Robison, 49, died at his home here Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock of a sudden heart attack. He had seemed in his usual good health until a very short time before his death. The body was returned to his former home in Bloomsburg, Pa., for funeral services and burial. Mrs. Robison and daughters left Tuesday afternoon for Bloomsburg.

Mr. Robison, a member of prominent Pennsylvania families, had resided in Burnsville for the past three years. He was an active member of the American Legion and was a Shriner and a Mason.

Surviving are his wife, three daughters, June, Jane and Jean; three sisters, Miss Martha E. Robison of Burnsville, Mrs. Jean McGoughlin of Philadelphia and Mrs. Bess Bitzner of Scranton. Holcombe & Edwards Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements here.

VIXEN NEWS

The Young People's League will meet at the Free-will Baptist church Saturday night. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Ray of Concord, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Autrey, over the week end.

Rev. B. T. Nanney preached at the Free-will Baptist church Saturday and Sunday evening. Ralph Mumpire filled his regular appointment Sunday morning.

Kirby Hensley spent the past week in Asheville and Swannanoa.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hensley of West Asheville, spent the week end here with relatives.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Silver, a son, February 7th.

Hudson McMahan of Madison County, spent the week end with Brittian McMahan.

Doshia McMahan, Gladys Parker and Mrs. Willie Parker are ill.

Passes Million

More than a million farms are now included in soil conservation districts organized during the past two years by farmers, with 400,000 more expected to come in shortly.

Mrs. Richmond Anglin is ill of Scarlet fever at her home in East Burnsville.

Charlie Robinson is very ill at his home in east Burnsville.

HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENTS REPORTS

Miss Ruth Current, State Home demonstration agent will broadcast over the Asheville station on Friday, February 16th, 1940.

Miss Current will speak on subjects of interest to all women in the Western District of which Yancey County is a part.

Better Homes Week

Miss Maria Alley, Home Demonstration Agent, has been appointed Better Homes Chairman for Yancey County.

Better Homes in America is an educational institution for public service of national scope. The aims of the movement are to emphasize the importance of the home in our national and community life, to encourage thrift for home ownership and to give helpful suggestions regarding selection and building of the home, its equipment and management. Good houses make it easier to have good homes. Thoughtful citizens, therefore, have organized throughout the nation to arouse local interest in home and community improvement.

Better Homes Week will be observed from April 26 to May 4. The usual campaign programs include lectures and discussions of problems of furnishing the home, the arrangement of furniture and the renovation of it, the planting of grounds, as well as problems of small house architecture, home ownership, finance, home management and general community clean-up campaigns. Publicity, home improvement contests and exhibits are other features of such programs. Wherever possible they include, during Better Homes Week, the demonstration of a house, planned and furnished for a family of modest income, showing the best that the community has to offer in home comfort, convenience and beauty at a cost within the reach of this income group. Certificates of Award are offered by the National office to Committees which put on the campaign showing the most effort, best planning and results.

In 1938, North Carolina held top honors in the Better Homes Campaign.

Crafts

Yancey County, with its great offering of native materials, is an ideal setting for extensive craft work.

A two day craft meeting is planned for the near future. At this time demonstrations will be given in braiding of rugs, the re-seating of chairs, using corn shucks, the making of baskets using honeysuckle, with a special demonstration in copper. All people who are interested will be welcomed.

Rev. J. N. Snow, who has been ill of cold, was not able to fill his appointment Sunday but is reported some better at this writing.

MENS' CLUB HAS GOOD MEETING

The Burnsville Mens' Club met at the NuWray Hotel on Monday evening, February 12th, with an unusually good attendance. The President, W. B. Wray, presided.

The following new members were admitted to the Club: B. N. Scott, L. G. Deyton, J. A. Goodin, Jack Hice, T. M. Swann, Ellis Edwards and Ivan Westall. James Hutchins was made an honorary member of the Club.

Furman Souther, Scout Master of the Burnsville Boy Scouts, was given authority by the Club to name two new members to the Scout Committee, and named Dr. W. B. Robertson and James Hutchins. The purchase of some literature for the Scouts was also authorized.

Several other items of business were voted upon, then the program chairman took charge. Another Quiz Program was held which was very interesting to all those present. At the conclusion of the meeting it was announced that the Whites had 13 points and the Blues 14. The contest will be continued at the next meeting.

Mrs. Harriett Silvers Dies

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Pensacola Free Will Baptist church, for Mrs. Harriett Silvers, 91, of Pensacola, who died Saturday.

Surviving are her husband, Jake Silvers; two daughters, Mrs. E. R. Riddle, of Pensacola, and Mrs. H. A. Ladd, of Asheville; 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

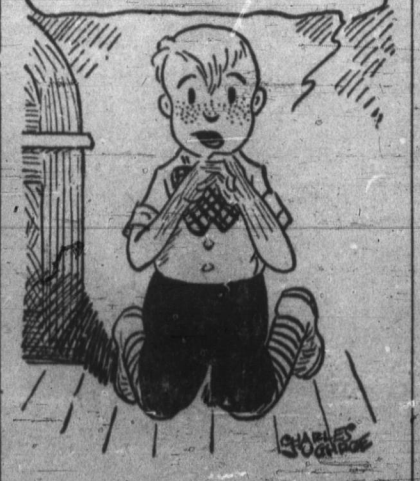
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER OBSERVED

The World Day of Prayer was observed on last Friday evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. George K. Neff. Rev. Neff conducted the services, and followed the program arranged by the national council of women of the various leading denominations.

The service was most impressively carried out.

MICKIE SAYS—

IN THIS SHOP, WE ARE WORKING AGAINST A DEADLINE—WE MUST GO TO PRESS AT A CERTAIN HOUR—WITCH IS WHY WE LIKE TO HAVE OUR ADS AND NEWS COPY EARLY, PLEASE, FER GOSH SAKES!



WOMANS CLUB

Mrs. W. W. Hennessee and Mrs. J. S. LeFevre were hostesses to members of the Woman's Club on Thursday, February 8, at the home of Mrs. Hennessee. The business meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. W. B. Wray, Jr. Several chairmen of committees made their reports, and the president called a special meeting of all committee chairmen for Thursday, February 15, at 7:30 p. m. at the NuWray Hotel. The nominating committee made its report and the election of the club officers for 1940-41 was held. The following were elected:

President, Mrs. C. P. Randolph; First vice-president, Mrs. D. R. Fouts; second vice president, Mrs. R. Y. Tilson; recording secretary, Mrs. G. L. Hensley; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Fred Proffitt; treasurer, Mrs. R. N. Scott; historian, Mrs. R. E. Powell.

Mrs. C. R. Hubbard, Sr. was program leader for the afternoon, with the subject being "Unusual Bits of N. C. History." A round-table discussion was held, at the conclusion of which Mrs. Hubbard read a very interesting paper pertaining to North Carolina history.

Refreshments were served during the social hour which carried out the Valentine motif most effectively.

COULD YOU HAVE TRAVELED THE OREGON TRAIL?

Is the American pioneering spirit dead? Is the indomitable courage and heroic bravery that marked the actions of this country's early settlers still alive in the hearts of Americans today? Or has our present mode of living, with its many comforts and modern conveniences stifling the heroic urge that motivated the pioneers to endure hardship and danger and carry the spirit of America to every corner of this country?

Guest Tickets for Best Letters

Inspired by the magnificent bravery, the thrills and excitement that are portrayed in the story of the winning of the great Northwest, "The Oregon Trail," the Yancey Record will offer guest tickets to the 10 readers who submit the best letters on the following question: Would you travel The Oregon Trail as it was in the days of 1870?

Limit letters to 200 words and submit to Yancey Record not later than Wednesday. The picture begins its engagement at the Yancey Theatre on Saturday, February, 24th.

Miss Winifred Hensley, who has completed the first semester's work at Mars Hill College, left Monday to continue her commercial studies at one of the business colleges in Winston-Salem.

4-H CROPS CHAMPIONS ANNOUNCED BY HARRILL

Meet the 4H Club crops champions of North Carolina for 1939, invites L. R. Harrill, State 4H Club leader. They are Borden Holloman, 17, of Wayne County, the corn champion; Remus Edwards, 15, of Rutherford County, the cotton king; Elmer Tucker, 16, of Pitt County, the best tobacco grower; and Charlie Nick Chestnutt, 14, of Sampson County, the horticultural project leader.

Each of the boys will receive a one-year scholarship to N. C. State College from funds donated by the American Nitrate Educational Bureau through H. L. Meacham, its North Carolina representative.

Holloman, a member of the Rosewood 4H Club, produced 126.28 bushels of corn on his measured club acre, and made a profit of \$51.30 on the project. His club leaders were C. S. Mintz, Wayne County farm agent, and R. B. Harper, assistant agent.

The Edwards boy is a member of the Mt. Vernon Club, and his 1-acre cotton yield was 960 pounds of lint and 2,280 pounds of seed cotton. His net profit was \$84.46. F. E. Patton and J. J. Hamlin, farm agent and assistant, respectively, are Remus' club leaders.

The Pitt County boy, Elmer Tucker, made 1,702 pounds of tobacco on his club acre for a profit of \$243.21. His club at Grimesland is led by R. R. Bennett, farm agent, and C. D. Griggs, assistant agent.

Charlie Nick Chestnutt, the 14-year-old member of Turkey 4H Club in Sampson County, grew one-half acre of peppers as his horticultural project, and he harvested 187 baskets, which sold for an average of \$1.10 per basket. Figuring all costs, including hauling and marketing, his profit amounted to \$160.88. E. J. Morgan, county agent, and J. P. Stovall, assistant agent, led Chestnutt's club work.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR ROY DULANEY

Roy Dulaney, 39, died at his home on Shoal Creek Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock p. m. following an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held at the Shoal Creek Baptist church Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock with the Rev. Avery Buchanan officiating.

Surviving are his wife, one child, Wanza; his father, John D. Dulaney; two brothers, D. B. and Jim Dulaney.

Calves

Robert Morgan and Leonard McKinney of Lillington, Route 1, and Willis Temple, Bunnlevel, Route 1, are three of the Harnett County 4H Club boys conducting baby beef calf projects this year.

FOREST FIRES CAUSE GREAT LOSS

According to County Forest Warden English, during the year of 1939, 185 forest fires burned in Western North Carolina which were caused by brush burning.

These 185 fires, which were caused by persons burning brush or other debris, cost the State and counties of Western North Carolina thousands of dollars in damage to timber and wild life to say nothing of the effect that fires have on soil erosion and the aesthetic value of our woodland. In other words, this cost to the Western counties and State was caused by persons who were careless or used bad judgment in burning brush, sedge and various forms of litter and debris.

These 185 brush burning fires constitute 16 per cent of all fires which burned in Western North Carolina during the year 1939. In other words, this is one of our largest causes of forest fires in the Western counties.

Most of our brush burning fires, and certainly the most damaging and serious ones, occur during what is known as the Spring Fire Season which ordinarily begins in the mountain counties in February and runs up to and often through the early weeks in June. This is, of course, due to the fact that Spring clearing, cleaning, etc., in connection with farming operations is in full swing during February, March, April and May and usually reaches its peak during March and April; therefore, it can readily be seen that such fires, which are costing Western North Carolina thousands of dollars annually, are caused, as brought out above, by carelessness and use of bad judgment and, of course, are preventable.

You, as a citizen of this section, can render to your County, State and Forest Warden Organization, valuable assistance in bringing about a decrease in our losses from such fires. Before burning debris of any kind, secure from your County Forest Warden, or one of his authorized representatives, a burning permit. The State law on this is as follows:

Brush Burning Permit Law—Sec. 1 4311a (as amended 1939). It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite any material in any of the areas of woodlands under the protection of the State Forest Service or within five hundred feet of any such protected area, between the first day of February and the first day of June, inclusive, or between the first day of October and the thirtieth day of November, inclusive, in any year, without first obtaining from the State Forester or one of his duly authorized agents a permit to (Continued on back page)