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## APPOINTED MISSIONARIES TO INDIA

### Dobsons Will Sail In Late Summer

Rev. and Mrs. Dean N. Dobson, Jr. are leaving today for New Jersey and New York, and plan to sail in the summer for India where they will take up their duties as missionaries. They were appointed in November, 1939 as missionaries to India, and will be stationed in the province of Punjab.

Rev. Dobson is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Dean N. Dobson, Sr. of Maplewood, N. J. where Dr. Dobson served for a number of years as pastor of Central Reformed Church. Rev. Dobson is a graduate of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill. and of the Princeton Theological Seminary. He served as pastor of the Asheville Farm School, Swannona before coming to Yancey County. Since last September he has been associate pastor of all county churches of the French Broad Presbytery.

Mrs. Dobson, the former Miss Mary McKelvey is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. William McKelvey of Mahoba, United Province, India. She was reared in India where her parents have been missionaries for thirty seven years. She came to the United States when she was 15 years of age and has lived here since. Her parents were here on furlough in 1931, and she has not seen them since though they were due home for a furlough this year. Unsettled world conditions prevented their coming.

Mrs. Dobson is a graduate of Wheaton College and the Biblical seminary in New York.

Several weeks will be spent in New Jersey visiting, then Rev. and Mrs. Dobson will attend a two weeks conference in New York for outgoing missionaries. They plan to sail from San Francisco on the President Pierce on July 12, and to reach Bombay on August 22. They will be stationed at the American Presbyterian Mission, Shahadara Mills, Shahadara, Punjab, India. The Dobsons have one daughter, Linda May, who is three months old.

## RED CROSS ASKS LOCAL CHAPTER FOR \$200.00 QUOTA

An urgent message sent from National Headquarters of the Red Cross is asking that every chapter throughout the nation contribute to the relief fund for the suffering millions in war torn Europe.

The quota for the local chapter is \$200.00. Contributions will be collected at Robertson's Drug Store and at the Soda Shop, as well as by the chairman of the local chapter, Mrs. J. S. LeFevre.

Saturday is Poppy Day.

## POPPY DAY WILL BE OBSERVED MAY 25th

Poppy Day will be observed in Burnsville and throughout the nation on Saturday, May 25 according to announcement made this week by officers of the local unit of the American Legion Auxiliary. On that day, the Saturday before National Memorial Day, all Americans will be asked to wear memorial poppies in tribute to the World War dead and to aid the living victims of the first World War.

The small red memorial flowers are made by disabled veterans and funds realized from their sale go for the aid of these veterans, their families and families of the dead. The flowers will be sold here by a committee from the Legion Auxiliary, headed by Mrs. R. N. Silver, chairman.

"We feel that Poppy Day will have a deeper meaning for every American this year," said Mrs. R. Y. Tilson, president of the Auxiliary, "because the fields where the real poppies grow are again the scene of conflict. The flowers will remind us of those who showed the real spirit of service and devotion to their country."

"It is well that we honor them each year at this time, and in this small way show our gratitude for their service and our concern for the welfare of the disabled and their families."

"Buy a poppy and wear a poppy is the word that we would send to every citizen of our county on next Saturday."

## TEN GARDENS ARE ENTERED IN CONTEST

Ten flower gardens have been entered in the contest being sponsored by the Woman's Club. The following competent persons have been asked to serve as judges, Miss Maria Alley, Mr. Roy Reddie, Mr. R. H. Crouse. They will visit the gardens three times during the season, as different gardens are at their best at different times.

The object of this contest, of course, is to aid in the beautification of our town. We feel that those who try to improve the appearance of their own property are benefitting their town as well. The idea of a garden exchange has been suggested. Those who have plants or seeds or offshoots from shrubs that they would like to donate to this project please communicate with any one of the following committee Mrs. Troy Ray, Mrs. R. E. Powell, Mrs. Rudolph Glatly, Mrs. Fred Proffitt.

One of the crying needs of the town is the clearing up of unsightly vacant lots, spaces at the back of business houses and other places whose neglected appearance so detracts from the attractiveness of our town.

A contest among the

## SERIES OF MEETINGS TO CLOSE FRI. NIGHT

### Increasing Interest Shown In Services

Increasing interest has been shown throughout the week in the series of meetings which the churches of the town are holding. Rev. Carl S. Miller of Erwin, Tenn. is bringing the messages twice each day.

Wednesday evening a special message to young people stressed the importance of making the right choices in life.

Tonight (Thursday) has been set apart as "Family Night," and a special message on Home will be brought by Rev. Miller. A family Bible will be presented to the largest family in attendance.

The series will close with the evening services at 8 p. m. on Friday. All people of the town are invited to attend.

## New Director For Higgins Neighborhood Center Arrives

Stephen Barabas of Passaic, N. J. arrived Tuesday to take up his duties as director of Higgins Neighborhood Center. He succeeds Rev. Dean N. Dobson, Jr. who is leaving this week after serving as director since last September. Mr. Barabas is a graduate of Princeton University and Princeton Theological Seminary.

A special service was held at the Markle Building on Tuesday evening to welcome the new director and to discuss plans for the summer program.

## FARM PLANS SIGNED BY YANCEY GROWERS

A total of 1908 growers of Yancey County will cooperate with the 1940 Agricultural Conservation Program, E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of N. C. State College, announced following receipt of signed Farm Plans signifying such intention. The Triple-A lists 204 farms in this county.

The "sign-up" for the 1940 program is an increase over the 1485 farmers who earned payments under the 1939 Agricultural Conservation program. Floyd expressed himself as highly pleased over the participation indicated in this county.

Every farmer in the county was given an opportunity to sign a Farm Plan, on which he listed the soil building practices he intends to carry out. He received a copy of the Farm Plan which showed the type of practices in the program, and how much he could earn from each. The plan also listed the individual grower's allotments

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filling station operators is also being sponsored by the club. Several operators have kindly consented to help by making plantings around their stations. Prizes will be given in both contests.

## DEMOCRATS WILL HOLD PRIMARY SAT.

Democrats throughout North Carolina will go to the polls Saturday, May 25 to select their candidates who will then run for office in the general election in November.

Those now in the race for nominations to county offices are:

Representative: R. C. Dayton, W. L. Bennett, E. L. Briggs, Iver R. Fouts. Register & Deeds: Tom Edge, Harlan Edwards.

Chairman of commissioners: Luther Robinson, M. D. Bailey, S. J. Ray.

Member, board of commissioners: W. M. Hensley, J. W. Lettman, Grover Robinson, Cover Hunter.

Constable: Lee Boone (unopposed)

## Bald Creek News

The following were guests of Mrs. Nettie Waycaster during last week, Miss Eileen Register of Tusculum, Tenn. and Mrs. Addie Proffitt of Waynesville. Miss Helena Radford and Mrs. Ruth Snow were Saturday night guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus F. Hensley visited Mr. and Mrs. G. C. King in Biltmore over the week end. They, with the Kings, motored to Greenville Saturday

to visit Mrs. Hensley's brother, Mr. A. E. Morris.

Mrs. Rasse H. Howell has gone to the Biltmore hospital for an operation.

Misses Mildred, Evelyn and Avelou Wilson and Ralph and Robert Wilson of Greenville, S. C. motored up to spend Sunday with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hensley, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hensley, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hensley, Lee Hensley and Robert Crouch spent Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ural Hensley of Forbes.

Miss Irene Edwards, a student at Asheville Teachers College, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Edwards.

Misses Mary Lee and Winifred Hensley have returned from a visit with their sister, Mrs. Taylor, in Lexington.

## CANE RIVER NEWS

Miss Hattie Phoenix spent the week end with her brother, Mr. Will Phoenix of Mars Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Peterson and sons, Daniel and Robert, have been visiting relatives in Washington for the past week.

Mr. T. H. Phoenix spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. George Marchbanks on California Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hensley visited in Johnson City part of last week.

Ben Lee Ray has returned home after spending the winter in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Robinson and son Johnnie, called on Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Evans last Sunday.

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## SUPPER MEETING HELD BY WPA GROUPS

A supper meeting, held at the community club house on Monday evening by the Professional and Service divisions of the WPA, began the special observance of the week in Yancey county.

The patriotic motif was carried out in decorations, with red and white flowers arranged attractively on the long tables, with a number of small American flags also used.

B. M. Tomberlin acted as toast master and superintendent James Hutchins was principal after dinner speaker. Frank W. Howell discussed what the work had meant to the schools of the county. Mrs. Fannie Styles, Miss Ethel Roland, Miss Della McIntosh and Mrs. Vay Anglin spoke of the work as it is now in operation. An invitation was given to visit the projects and learn of their accomplishments.

Misses Betty Hensley, Elizabeth Hensley and Mary Lou Snow entertained with musical numbers.

One hundred attended the supper, and expressed their increased interest in the work. Miss Mary O. Brown of the Asheville office was a special guest.

## SURPLUS COMMODITIES REACH MANY FAMILIES

Surplus commodities, consisting of food, clothing and household articles, are donated to the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation for distribution to eligible recipients.

In Yancey County this has been operated under the W. P. A. program since 1935, and many families in the county have been aided. Especially helpful has been the aid to the school children of the county who have received many articles of clothing.

During the period from January 1, 1939 to Dec. 30, 1939 the estimated value of food was \$13,131.33, and of garments was \$8,859.95. Household articles were valued at \$18,000 making a total of \$22,009.28.

Workers for the surplus commodities project are furnished by the Professional and Service division of the W. P. A., thus adding another service to the counties. The commodities store room is located in the basement of the Edge building, and interested persons are invited to visit this room during the current week.

## BARGAIN STORE

The Yancey Bargain Store, owned by Brady Fox and Ward Jones, has moved to the corner space of the Peoples Bank Building, formerly occupied by the City market.

Huskins and Wilson law firm has rented additional space on the second floor of the building.

## ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES HAVE AIDED MANY

Over 1200 persons in Yancey county have been reached through the Adult Education project since its operation began.

Classes in homemaking, child care, vocational guidance and many related subjects have been attended. Elementary subjects have also been taught and have proved a great aid to the citizens of the county. There are now 133 students and 3 teachers.

Special interest has been shown in the organized first aid classes, and there are now 26 N. Y. A. boys and 24 girls who are receiving this instruction.

The Adult Education work has its offices on the second floor of the Briggs building, and throughout this week will welcome visitors. The Professional and Service Division of the W. P. A. has made this program available to the people of the county.

## STATE CONVENTION OF POST MASTERS IN ASHEVILLE NEXT WEEK

The annual convention of post masters of North Carolina will be held in Asheville next week. Post Master General James A. Farley will be the most distinguished guest of the convention, and a number of other prominent men will also attend.

Post masters of several post offices in the county will attend. G. L. Hensley of Burnsville is a vice president of the North Carolina association, and is chairman of the entertainment committee for the convention.

## STILLS CAPTURED BY SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENT

During the past two weeks the Sheriff's Department has captured five stills, two of which were in operation, arrested five men, confiscated a load of liquor and arrested the two men from North Wilkesboro who were transporting it, and arrested four drunken drivers.

The Sheriff's department is sending out a special warning about driving when intoxicated. It is especially necessary during the summer months of heavy travel to make the highways as safe as possible, said Sheriff Banks, and drunken drivers are warned to stay off the road.

## NOTICE

Cotton to be used in the mattress making project has been received in the county, and a leader school will be held on next Wednesday, May 29.

People will be notified latter when to report to make the mattresses.

Mrs. Monroe McIntosh represented Bald Creek Home Demonstration club at a meeting at Columbus last week.

## NEW FARMERS FEDERATION WAREHOUSE OPENED SATURDAY 18

The farmer cannot depend upon political measures to solve his economic problems, James G. K. McClure, president of the Farmers Federation, told a group of several hundred farmers Saturday morning at exercises opening the cooperative's new brick warehouse on Burnsville's public square.

"We can't wait for politicians to work out our problems," he declared, "for they are not going to give us any permanent help. No one is going to help the farmer but himself."

"If we are going to improve our situation we must pool our resources to develop better markets, and we must learn to improve our crops. We must produce better chickens, better stock and better field crops."

He urged Yancey County stockholders of the federation and other farmers of the region to give their loyal support to the organization, adding that by so doing they would help to increase the strength of the cooperative and broaden its capacity for service to themselves and other farmers.

"The federation," he continued, "believes in Christianity and it believes in applying Christianity to its business. In fact, it is the only farm cooperative we know of, not the only business in the country, which maintains a religious department. We want you people to help us run this business on a Christian basis. We must work together to build the kind of civilization, in which our boys and girls can grow up to be Christian men and women."

Brief addresses also were made by R. Church Crowell, vice president of the federation; Guy M. Sales, general manager; S. C. Clapp, in charge of the organization's seed department.

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## AMERICAN LEGION POST WILL MEET AT MICAVILLE

The next meeting of the Earl Horton Post of the American Legion will be held at Mica High School building on Tuesday evening, May 28 at 7:30 o'clock. In addition to several items of important business which will be discussed and voted upon, the election of officers will be held. Changes made at the last state convention changed the time of election from October to May or June, and the new officers will take up the duties of their offices on July 1, instead of November 1, as in the past.

All ex service men and their wives, whether they are members of the post and auxiliary or not are urged to attend the meeting.