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TO THE PEOPLE OF YANCEY COUNTY

I know you are familiar with the unselfish and invaluable work done by the committee for the celebration of the President's birthday in the past, and there is very little news that I might be able to give you on the subject. However there are a few things which might be of interest to you.

In the first place, if the \$210.00 is raised in Yancey county, \$105.00 will stay in the county for needy cases here. This is not a political campaign, it is not a hit or miss campaign, but it is a campaign which should concern every person regardless of race, color, creed, or politics. It is a campaign in which you and I should do everything in our power to see that it proves a success.

Infantile paralysis is a disease over which we have very little control. Your children might be well and happy one day and the next day they might be stricken with this disease. If such a thing should happen we want to be prepared to help take care of the child in the best way we know how.

Money raised through this campaign has been put to many uses. Scrawling, little children of the slums, who were strangers to the sun with their lungs aching from lack of fresh air, have been taken to summer camps. Hospital wings have been built, bandages bought, and food baskets filled. Iron lungs have been purchased to breathe back life into pain-racked little bodies. Precious serums have been bought to pour life into shriveling limbs. Determined, self-less scientists have been financed to carry on the research into the dreadful and mystifying ways and wherefores of this terrible disease. I know you must know how

TOBACCO COURSE TO START JANUARY 14th

State College's fifth annual Short Course for North Carolina tobacco growers will open January 14. Dan M. Paul, director of agricultural short courses at the college, announces a heavy advance registration for the school.

All morning programs will be held in the Y.M.C.A. auditorium on the State College campus. On the opening day, Tuesday, an afternoon session will be held in the Y.M.C.A., but on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons grading practice will be held in Withers Hall on the college campus.

A newly-developed nicotineless tobacco comprised 5 per cent of the entire German crop in 1940, according to the Forchheim Tobacco Research Institute.

Greater industrial activity, attributable in part to the defense program, is likely to result in higher average prices for farm products and in higher incomes for farmers in 1941.

The effects on poultry poultry meat supplies of the smaller hatch of chicks in 1940 than in 1939 is becoming increasingly apparent, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

"millions have danced so that thousands may walk."

May I extend to you the invitation and privilege of contributing to such a worthy cause. If you do this you will be helping your country, your state, and your nation to take care of children, who are more precious to us than the most prized jewels in the world.—(T. M. Swann, Jr., Chairman Yancey county committee for the celebration of the President's Birthday).

PRESBYTERIAN NEWS

Yancey County Larger Parish of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

Rev. A. L. Roberts, Gen. Director
 Rev. Paul H. Merkle, Pastor
 John S. LeFevre, Dir. of Christian Education.

Services as follows:

- Burnsville First Church: Sunday School, 10 a. m.; Worship, 11 a. m.; Women's Missionary Society, 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.; Union service of the Burnsville churches every 5th Sunday, 7:30 p. m.
- Banks Creek: Sunday school, 11 a. m. Worship 2nd and 4th Sundays, 6:30 p. m.
- Higgins: Sunday School, 10:30 a. m. Worship, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 3:30 p. m. Young People, 1st and 3rd Sunday, 3:30 p. m.
- Lower Jacks Creek: Sunday school 10:30 a. m. Worship, 1st and 3rd Sunday, 3:15 p. m.
- Low Gap: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Worship, 1st and 3rd Sunday, 6:30 p. m.
- Mine Fork: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Worship, 2nd Sunday, 3:30 p. m.; 4th Sunday, 2:00 p. m. Young People, Saturday, 1:30 p. m.
- Upper Jacks Creek: Sunday school 2:00 p. m. Worship, 1st and 3rd Sunday, 2:00 p. m.
- Prison Camp: Worship, 2nd Sunday, 2:00 p. m.
- Week-day Bible Classes: Clearmont school, Fridays, 10:15 a. m. Bee Log school, Monday.

Announcement of grant from the Markle Foundation for the continuation of the program in which they have been sharing with the Board of National Missions and the Higgins' Neighborhood Center, was made at a meeting held on December 3rd. Details of the program have not been announced.

Following the announcement of the Markle grant, the men of Higgins, with the help of R. M. Muir of Farm School, organized a Woodcraft Cooperative. Sixteen joined as charter members. Since then others have joined. Officers as elected are: Joseph Renfro, president; Olin Randolph, vice-president; Curtis M. Randolph, secretary-treasurer; William Renfro and Earnest Higgins, members at large.

On January 7th, the Higgins Neighborhood Corp. met to discuss the future program of the organization. At present the WPA group is using the assembly room for the making of mattresses. Arrangements have also been made with the WPA Bookmobile to make the books of Higgins library available to the people throughout the Parish.

Fern Randolph of Higgins has returned to Johnson City after the holidays.

On Monday, January 27, R. M. Muir of Farm School will present a motion picture at Higgins, "God Helps Them That Help Their Neighbors." It will be shown in Mine Fork the following evening.

On January 21st the Rev. Chester Leonard of Vardy, Tenn. will be at Upper Jacks Creek church to show pictures on the screen and talk on "Fifty Famous Bible Paintings." Time: 7 p. m. The congregations of Upper and Lower Jacks Creek will unite for this meeting.

Through a misunderstanding the meeting to organize the Weavers' Cooperative at Higgins was not held on the 7th. Another meeting is being called for the same purpose for Monday, January 27th at 2:00 p. m.

It is planned to observe Young People's Day in all the churches of the Parish on the third and fourth Sundays of January. The young people will have charge of the services.

Fred Anglin, Trustee in charge of the buildings at Upper Jacks Creek church

THE WHITE-THROATED SPARROW
One of Our Best Known Birds

Many birds are with us during the summer but not in the winter; others are with us during the winter but not during the summer. A notable example of the latter is the White-throat.

The subject of this brief sketch, the White-throated Sparrow, in the opinion of many people, is the handsomest and the sweetest singer of all the big family of Sparrows. It is also one of the largest.

The glistening white throat alone would be almost sufficient to identify this variety. The yellow streak in front of the eye, the white line through the center of the crown bordered by two wider black lines, the white line behind the eye, the clear gray breast, and the brownish upperparts, are also striking.

This member of the family spends its summers in Canada and the Northern part of the United States; it spends the winters farther south. Some of them are seen in Yancey County.

Many names are given this bird. In New England it is called "Peabody Bird" because it seems to utter the word "Peabody." In Manitoba it is called "Nightingale."

In Ohio a farmer, Peverly, walking about in his plowed field, was debating in his mind whether it was time to sow wheat. A White-throat nearby began singing. To him it seemed to say "Sow wheat, Peverly, Peverly, Peverly!" Since this incident happened it has been called in Ohio the Peverly Bird.

Mr. George Gladden writes interestingly about the White-throat as follows: "The White-throated Sparrow sings nine different variations of the same song. He may sing more, but this is all I have counted. . . One man I knew he nearly drove crazy. To that man he was always saying, 'And he never heard the man say drink and the—'. Toward the last my friend used wildly to offer a thousand dollars if he would, if he only would, finish that sentence.

"But occasionally, in just the proper circumstances, he forgets his stump corners, his vines, his jolly sunlight, and his delightful bugs to become an intimate voice of the wilds. It is night, very still, very dark. The subdued murmur of the forest ebbs and flows with the voices of the furtive folk, an undertone fearful to break the night calm. Suddenly across the dusk of silences flashes a single thread of silver, vibrating, trembling with some unguessed ecstasy of emotion. 'Ah! poor Canada, Canada, Canada' it mourns passionately, and falls silent. That is all."

We should recognize this very notable bird for its economic value, its striking beauty, and its remarkable vocal efforts.—James Hutchins.

leaves this week for Washington, D. C. He will be sorely missed.

The people of Mine Fork church should be highly commended for their spirit of sharing at Christmas time.

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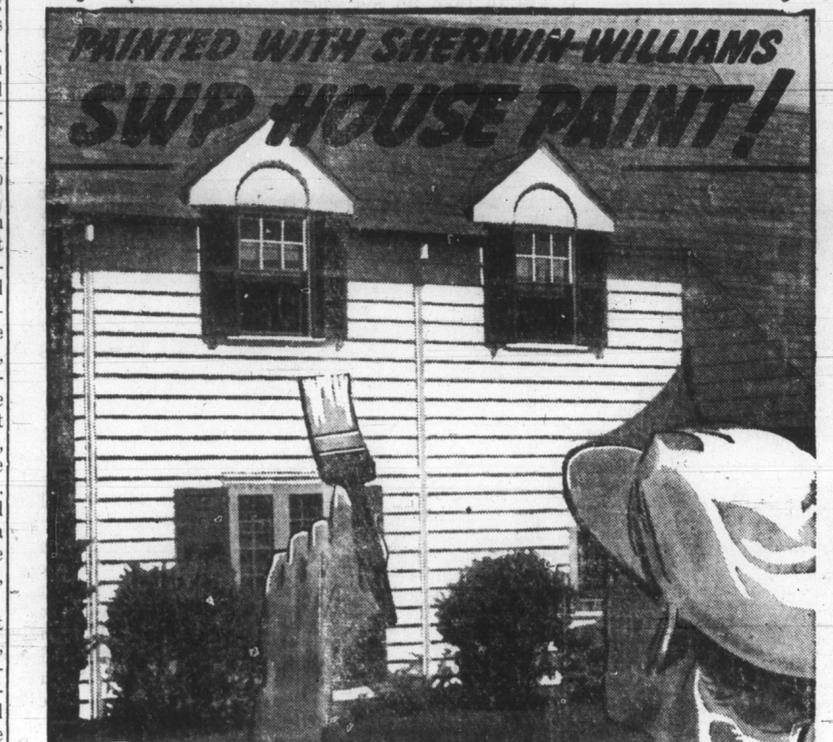
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- Friday, January 10th
 Micaville vs Bald Creek at Micaville
 Burnsville vs Pleasant Gardens at Pleasant Gar.
 Clearmont vs Bee Log at Clearmont
 - Tuesday, January 14th
 Burnsville vs Bald Creek at Burnsville
 - Friday, January 17th
 Clearmont vs Bald Creek at Clearmont
 Burnsville vs Bee Log at Burnsville
 - Tuesday, January 21st
 Burnsville vs Micaville at Burnsville
 - Friday, January 24th
 Bee Log vs Micaville at Micaville
 Clearmont vs Burnsville at Clearmont
 - Tuesday, January 28th
 Burnsville vs Bald Creek at Bald Creek
 - Friday, January 31st
 Clearmont vs Micaville at Micaville
 - Tuesday, February 4th
 Bee Log vs Burnsville at Bee Log
 - Friday, February 7th
 Burnsville vs Micaville at Micaville
 - Tuesday, February 11th
 Burnsville vs Beech Glen at Burnsville
 - Friday, February 11th
 Burnsville vs Beech Glen at Burnsville
 - Friday, February 14th
 Bald Creek vs Micaville at Bald Creek
 Bee Log vs Micaville at Bee Log
 - Tuesday, February 21st
 Clearmont vs Micaville at Clearmont
 Bald Creek vs Bee Log at Bald Creek
- Girls Tournament, Feb 28, Mar. 1. Place not announced.
 Boys Tournament, Mar. 7, 8. (Place not announced).