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NEW CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CREATED

Measure Divides 10th And 11th Districts To Form 12th District

Raleigh, Jan. 27th.—The legislature voted Friday to create a new 12th congressional district by dividing the present 10th and 11th districts.

Separate bills with identical wording were passed in each house without debate, insuring enactment of law on redistricting though one of the bills must be allowed to die after the other is ratified.

The new 10th district would consist of Avery, Burke, Catawba, Lincoln, Mecklenburg and Mitchell counties and would elect a new congressman.

The present 10th district would consist of McDowell, Polk, Rutherford, Gaston, Cleveland, Madison and Yancey, as it becomes the 11th district.

The new 12th would consist of Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Swain and Transylvania counties.

SEEKS LEGISLATION TO PAY JUDGMENT IN TOLL ROAD CASE

Raleigh, Jan. 27.—Legislation requesting the state to appropriate from the general fund \$8,064.15 to satisfy a judgment held by the Big Tom Wilson Mount Mitchell Motor Road company, Inc. was offered in the house Monday night by Rep. Fouts of Yancey county.

Under a law passed by the 1939 legislature abolishing the right of a private concern to operate a toll road on state park lands the motor road company was dissolved. It later sued the state and department of conservation and development, but the judgment has never been satisfied. (Raleigh Bureau of The Asheville Citizen).

Mr. Fouts has also introduced a bill repealing the primary law for Yancey county so that candidates will henceforth be nominated in convention rather than by primary election.

WHO IS 80 YEARS OLD?

It has been suggested to us that the people of the county would be interested in learning how many citizens we have who have reached the age of 80, or are older. We believe, too, that it would be of wide spread interest and we are asking our readers to write to us, giving a short sketch of any persons they know who are 80 or over. We shall be glad to publish stories about them, and to honor those men and women who have reached four score years. Please mail any sketch or information you may wish to contribute to the Record, Burnsville.

FUNERAL RITES FOR MRS. ELBERT PROFFITT

Mrs. Elbert Proffitt, 79, died at her home at Bald Creek on Monday evening following an extended illness.

Funeral services were held at the home on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. J. N. Snow and the Rev. R. D. Ponder officiating.

Pallbearers were the following grandsons, Mack McIntosh, Sam Lee Proffitt, Arnold Proffitt, Otto Proffitt, Guss Proffitt, Wayne Proffitt, Clarence Proffitt and Ray Edwards.

Flower bearers were the following grand daughters, Audrey Proffitt, Dorothy Proffitt, Louise Proffitt, Willie Lou Proffitt, Irene Edwards, Marjie Proffitt, Mrs. Dewey Higgins, Mrs. Biss Randolph, Mrs. Clyde Peterson and Mrs. Lawrence Ferguson.

Mrs. Proffitt was Miss Samantha Luvenia Wampler and was born on March 10, 1861. At an early age she united with the Methodist church at Bald Creek, later moving her membership to Elk Shoal where she lived, a faithful and devoted member, until God called her away.

Surviving are five sons, E. E. Proffitt of Cane River, E. P. F. M., C. A. and L. L. Proffitt of Bald Creek; six daughters, Mrs. Nettie Waycaster, Mrs. Gus Edwards and Mrs. Carlos Garland of Bald Creek, Mrs. Rex McIntosh, Burnsville, Mrs. S. L. Price and Miss Alice Proffitt of Erwin; a sister, Mrs. Alice Proffitt of Bald Creek and a brother, Walter Wampler of Norton, Va. Twenty nine grand children and twenty one great grand children also survive.

ADDITIONAL CCC ENROLLMENT FROM COUNTY

The following 26 boys were enrolled in the CCC Camp on Monday. This is a total of 126 boys from the county to be enrolled within the past week.

The following were sent to Peachville Camp:

Talmadge Austin, L. D. Webb, Howard McGee, Wade Proffitt Jr., James D. Wilson, Glenn Wilson, William Clyde Bailey, Lewis Webb, Laskie Morrow, Boyd Moss, Ben Gardner, James Lee George, Hubert Wilson, Bill Smith, Chester Knox Souther, Carol Ray, Raphael Phillips, Bob Hilliard, Paul Edwards, Arie Williams, Paul King, Samuel Thomas Hensley, Robert Ray Souther, Hansel H. Morrow, Farris Fox, Damon Laskie Fender.

MACK HENSLEY GOES TO CAMP

Mack Hensley was sent to camp last week instead of Woodrow Bradford who was recovering from a severe attack of flu when the call came. Mr. Hensley had volunteered for the year's service and replaced one of the original January quota turned down because of a slight physical disability.

JANUARY TERM OF COURT NOT HELD

The January term of Yancey County Superior court which was scheduled to convene on January 20 was not held due to the illness of a number of the litigants and witnesses. The next regular term will convene on March 17, but if possible an extra term will be held some time during the month of February.

All-Star Tournament

The Micaville High School Athletic Association under the direction of Coaches H. D. Justice and Clyde Young and principal Charles Hubbard is sponsoring an invitation Gold Medal All Star Tournament.

The tournament will be limited to eight (8) teams. The date for the tournament is Feb. 20, 21, and 22. All games will be played at night.

Medals and awards will be presented to individuals and winning teams.

Each team will be allowed eight players and one manager. Players must be regular resident members of the team and their names submitted to the officials before the tournament.

An entrance fee of two dollars (\$2.00) will be charged each team to help defray expenses and pay for awards.

The tournament will be limited strictly to eight teams and those sending in the entrance fee first will be selected.

Mail entrance fee to Micaville High School Athletic Association, Micaville, North Carolina.

VACATION HOMES FOR CROSSNORE KIDDIES

Each year we come to our neighbors at this season to remind you that there are some young folks at Crossnore that need homes for the summer vacation. Each year the number of homes needed grows smaller, but it is none the less an urgent need. The steadily decreasing number is very gratifying and due, we think, to two causes. First, that a number of parents and relatives of the children are better able to take the responsibility because they have WPA jobs and can afford things that once were impossible. Another reason for which we are very proud, is that a goodly number of our children have so pleased the friends they stayed with last summer or the summer before, that they have asked to have them again this summer. Nothing gives a lonely child more lasting joy than to be wanted more than once.

Our big boys and girls are already looking for jobs that they may earn some money with which to return to school next year. The middle size ones are hoping to make even a little that they may not be dependent next year for

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PIPE BLOCK PLANT BEGINS OPERATION

Operation was scheduled to begin today at the pipe block plant located here. Jesse Autrey is in charge.

The building which houses the plant has been completed except for the boiler room which is now under construction. The building is located on the block owned by the Farmers Federation and is 36 by 100 feet.

All equipment has been installed except the vats for boiling the blocks after they have been sawed. Three sizes of saws will complete the blocking process. Large slab saws will rip the tough burls into slabs, rip saws will cut them a second time and shaper saws will complete the blocks.

After the blocks are cut and shaped they are boiled for ten hours, then crated and dried out for thirty days before shipment. Specially constructed hand trucks will be used to move the material from one type of machinery to another in the process of operation.

Work was scheduled to begin Thursday morning, and it is expected that approximately 25 men will be employed in the plant, and five or six additional men are employed to locate the material and truck it in to the plant.

There is already a considerable amount of the burls on hand to begin work, and it is expected that hauling will begin again this week. It is estimated that around ten tons can be cut and delivered each day.

This amount of material will keep the plant adequately supplied as the capacity is about ten thousand blocks per day. Each ton will yield from 800 to 1000 blocks.

Mr. Autrey has been away for the past week studying methods of operation and general set up of the plants. He says that local labor will be employed in the plant. Mr. Autrey also stated that he would be glad for anyone who has any of the *Kalmia latifolia* roots suitable for use in the pipe manufacture to notify officials of the company.

The blocks cut at the plant here (the Southern Briar Pipe Plant) will be shipped to New York for manufacture into fine pipes. The briars formerly used for this purpose were imported from Europe and the supply has now been cut off because of the war.

Mrs. Joe Silver of Cane Branch is ill at her home.

McPETERS-McNEILL

Miss Nancy Ellen McPeters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McPeters of Low Gap and W. M. McNeill of Burnsville were married in Spartanburg, S. C. on Saturday, January 25.

Mr. McNeill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McNeill of Marion and is employed as secretary in the local WPA county office.

ATTENDS PRODUCTION CREDIT MEETING

T. T. Anglin representative in the county for the Asheville Production Credit Loan Association attended the meeting of stock holders and officials held in Asheville last Thursday.

The report made at the meeting showed an unusually good business during the past year and a fine record for the Association. The record for Yancey county was complimented especially since there had been no loss to the association in the repayment of loans. In the district the loss was less than .3 of 1 per cent.

Increased business for the association during the coming year was predicted by officials.

LIVESTOCK OUTLOOK FOR 1941 IS BRIGHT

A bright outlook for livestock farmers in 1941 is indicated by the increased defense activity, says Prof. E. H. Hostetler, State College animal husbandman. "People eat more meat when they are working and earning regularly," he pointed out, "and the farmer who combines livestock production with cotton or tobacco growing will benefit the most."

Prof. Hostetler says that the re-employment will help the livestock-cotton farmer in two ways, namely: Workers can utilize more cotton, and they can consume more of the livestock products that are produced through the feeding of cottonseed by-products.

In this connection, the State College leader cited a recent estimate that one hour's wage received by the average American will buy 2.1 pounds of beef, whereas the same amount of labor will earn an Englishman only 1.4 pounds of beef, a German 0.9 of a pound, and a Russian 0.3 of a pound—when meat is available at any price.

"The basic 1941 farm outlook indicates that reductions in unemployment, coupled with increased earnings of those who have not been classed as unemployed, should raise the demand by consumers for such farm products as meat, dairy and poultry products, vegetables and some fruits. Our North Carolina cotton and tobacco farmers might as well face these facts and diversify their operations," Hostetler declared.

In conclusion, the animal husbandman suggested that farmers get in touch with their county farm agents and discuss with these representatives of the State College Extension Service the best types of livestock to raise for the particular community in which they live.

Bobby Crowley is ill of flu.

Several of the Coveys are ill of flu at their home in East Burnsville.

BAPTIST REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE

A regional Sunday school conference for this district will be held with the First Baptist church in Asheville on Thursday, February 6. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a. m. and continue till 4:30 p. m.

This meeting has been arranged close by in order that more of our officers, teachers and leaders may attend. This will be a great meeting and we are hopeful that a large number of our superintendents and their co-workers will go.

L. L. Morgan, State Sunday School secretary, will be in charge of the program and this has been planned with the thought in mind of helping our workers to meet the needs of our Sunday schools. (H. G. Bailey, Moderator, Yancey County Baptist Sunday School Convention).

FARM NOTES

(By The County Agent)

A meeting of the county and township committeemen of Yancey County will be held at the court house in Burnsville Saturday, Feb. 1st at 9 a. m. Representatives for the AAA office, State College, Raleigh, will be at the meeting to discuss the revisions of the 1941 Soil Conservation Program.

Over 700 tons of Agricultural limestone has already been delivered to the farms of the county by truck and other orders have been taken at the county agent's office for around 1500 tons to date. Indications are leading toward a much larger tonnage of limestone in Yancey County during 1941. A prompt and reasonable farm delivery service is available this year which will be a big saving to the farmers.

Forest tree seedlings are available through the TVA for planting for soil erosion control. A \$15.00 allowance has been set up for each farm on the 1941 Soil Conservation Program for tree planting alone. All applications not yet submitted should be filed at the county agent's office at once.

The cotton mattress program is making progress in the county. Around one thousand mattresses have been made to date. Those who have not made application for a mattress and expect to get one through the program should file application at once at the county agent's office, at any mattress center or with a AAA committeeman. All applications have to be approved at the State office before mattresses are made, therefore, applications should all be filed early in order to have no delay.

Mrs. Guy McKinney is visiting relatives in Kingsport.

LUMBER BUSINESS IS GOOD IN COUNTY

At the present time the lumber business in the county is good, with most of the mills running at full capacity and a good supply both of sawed lumber and logs on hand.

The Roberts - Johnson mill, located opposite Banks Brothers store in West Burnsville has approximately 400,000 feet of logs and 250,000 feet of sawed lumber on hand. The mill handles hard wood only.

In addition to sawing boards, the mill recently installed machinery for sawing dimension blocks for shipment to chair factories. The demand for this is unusually good and a considerable amount of the logs are sawed up for this.

Logs are bought from private owners and almost all come from within the county where some of the finest hardwood in the entire section is found.

Ed Roberts and H. W. Johnson of Green Mtn. are owners and operators of the mill and twenty men are now employed by the company.

The Penland and Ayers mill located 1½ miles East of Burnsville not only saws the logs into lumber but also has a planer for dressing the lumber. Much of their lumber goes into hard wood flooring, etc.

Mills located in other sections of the county are reported to be in full operation with a good demand for lumber.

REPUBLIC GASOLINE STATION WILL OPEN

The service station on the West Main street formerly leased to the Standard Oil Company has now been leased to A. T. Cox of Glen Alpine who has the Republic Gas and Oil agency for this district.

All tanks and equipment have been installed and the station will probably open for business this week. Frank English will be the operator in charge.

BURNSVILLE

15 Years Ago

January 29, 1926

C. C. Carroway was here from Spartanburg for a few hours on Wednesday.

Mrs. W. O. Griffeth who has been very ill of flu is now much improved.

Mrs. Homer Peterson is visiting in Asheville this week.

W. M. Hensley of Bald Creek has been visiting relatives in Gaffney, S. C.

A number of the high school students are entering the preliminary recitation contest which will be held soon. The two best speakers will go to Bald Creek and speak in the finals.

The weather continues to be very cold. Snow flurries have fallen for the past few days.