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County Officials Take Office

Sworn In At Noon On Monday
County officials elected in the General Election on Nov. 5 were sworn in and assumed the duties of office on Monday, Dec. 2 at noon.
Fred Proffitt, reelected as clerk of court, was first sworn in by Gaston Angel, justice of the peace.

Then Mr. Proffitt administered the oath of office to the following: Suel Anglin, sheriff; Lee Boone, first deputy sheriff; E. N. Stamey, chairman of the board of county commissioners; Molt Hensley and R. E. Holloway, members of the board of county commissioners; W. M. English, coroner.

Max Yelton Receives Presidential Citation

The Presidential Unit Citation was presented on Oct. 29, 1946, to all those who served on the U. S. S. Cowell. Max Yelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Yelton of Paint Gap, was attached to the Cowell.

The citation read: "For extraordinary heroism in action as a Fighter Direction Ship on Radar Picket duty during the Okinawa campaign. A natural and frequent target of heavy Japanese aerial attack while occupying advanced stations, the U. S. S. Cowell defeated all efforts of enemy planes to destroy her. Constantly vigilant and ready for battle, she downed ten hostile planes, shared the destruction of others and routed many more; destroyed two torpedo-boat type surface craft, and for a total of 36 days rendered valiant service. A valiant fighting ship, the Cowell, her officers and her men withstood the stress and perils of Radar Picket duty, achieving a gallant combat record".

COUNTY-WIDE B. T. U. MEETING

The county wide Baptist Training Union meeting will be held at the Burnsville Baptist church on Friday evening at 7:30.

Rev. M. H. Kendall of Mars Hill college will be principal speaker. The Mars Hill College quartet will also attend.

Representatives from all churches in the association are urged to attend this meeting.

An attendance banner will be awarded to the union having the largest percentage of its active members present.

Pfc. Lloyd Williams has returned from overseas duty in Japan and is visiting relatives in Alexandria, Va.

MANY N. C. MERCHANTS PLAN 2-DAY HOLIDAY

All banks in North Carolina will observe a two-day holiday, December 25 and 26 by proclamation of Gov. Cherry.

Many merchants of the state will also be closed for the two days, according to a report from the State Merchants' Association. This report was made following a survey conducted last week.

No statement has been made by local merchants about the Christmas vacation, whether business firms will be closed one or two days.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Connerick of Norfolk, Va., are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Yelton.

NEW FIRM OPENED ON SATURDAY

Blue Ridge Hardware Co. Now in Operation

The Blue Ridge Hardware Company, located in the Edge building adjacent to the Farmers Federation Warehouse, was opened on Saturday. In addition to hardware, the firm will carry electrical appliances, household articles and numerous other items including feeds and farm and garden seeds.

R. W. Ramsey, Jr. and Henry Butner are local managers, assisted by B. F. Blackburn of Spruce Pine.

Mrs. W. C. Gillespie and Mrs. L. V. Pollard returned Tuesday from Tampa, Fla., where they were called because of the illness of Mrs. Jack Brown.

HOME AGENTS NOTES

The Home Economics class at Bee Log high school will be given a demonstration in stenciling on Friday, December 6.

The Busick Home Demonstration club will meet at 2 o'clock Monday, Dec. 9 with Mrs. Tom Huffman.

The Cane River club will meet with Mrs. Harmon Peterson on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 2 o'clock.

The Willing Workers club will meet at 7 o'clock on Wednesday, December 11 with Mrs. Maude Flack.

The Newdale club will meet with Mrs. Paul Robinson on Thursday, December 12 at 2 o'clock.

Pfc. Lloyd Peterson is home on 30 day leave from the Veterans' hospital in Augusta, Ga. visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Peterson of Day Book.

Men's Club Endorses Plans For County Hospital

Cites Great Need For Hospital Care

The Men's Club of Burnsville, at its regular meeting on November 25th, approved and unanimously endorsed the building of a hospital at Burnsville for the use and benefit of the 17000 people of Yancey county who do not have access to a hospital within the county.

It is 40 miles from Burnsville to the closest hospital and the county definitely needs hospital facilities. The Men's club of Burnsville invites the help of all the citizens of Yancey county in the building of said hospital.

The Club appointed a committee composed of C. P. Randolph, Dr. W. L. Bennett, Dr. W. B. Robertson, O. E. Ellis, B. R. Penland and Hershel Holcombe to select the site and make the necessary plans for the building of a hospital. This committee will cooperate with the Federal and State Good Health Program in an effort to get as much help as possible in the construction and equipment of a hospital here. Since Yancey county is one of the poorer counties of the state of North Carolina, it should be in line for considerable help from the Federal and State Funds created for the purpose of establishing hospitals throughout North Carolina.

However, in addition to help from these agencies it will be necessary for the citizens of Yancey county to make certain contributions necessary to the hospital here. It may become necessary to build and equip said hospital independently of help from either of said agencies. Therefore, the committee earnestly pleads for the cooperation and support of every citizen of Yancey county in this much needed and worthy cause.

Burnsville Seaman Is Member of Naval Expedition to South Pole

Billy Smith Sails For Antarctic Regions

One Burnsville boy wrote home last week that he would probably spend Christmas "on an iceberg", and on Dec. 2 sailed with Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd on the Navy's Antarctic expedition.

The boy is Seaman First Class Billy J. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ras Smith of Burnsville. The ship to which he is now attached, the U. S. S. Currituck, is one of the ships assigned to the force that will accompany Rear Adm. Byrd.

The form letter sent out by members of the force stated that "We are due to be gone approximately five months and during that time it is expected there will be no mail service either to or from the ship. There is a chance of one mail delivery during the period but this will depend upon developments."

Seaman Smith added: "This leaves me just fine and I think I will enjoy the trip. I hope that all of you will have a very Merry Christmas and am sorry that I can't send any of you anything for Christmas."

Preparations for the expedition to the South Polar regions have been under way for months. Everything from airplanes to sleds is included in the equipment. Six planes aboard a seaplane tender, a scout observation plane, two heli-

copters, three patrol bombers and an amphibian plane will handle the faster transportation. Byrd's flagship also carried 27 huskies brought from Labrador to supply power for the slowest stages of the operation.

Among the more important equipment are huge quantities of photographic supplies, scientific instruments and weather recording devices. Most important to the crewmen are enormous supplies of food—enough to last 8 months if necessary.

One purpose of the expedition is to explore the Antarctic regions and to determine the extent of mineral deposits. Some deposits of coal, gold, silver, copper and other minerals have already been found by explorers and the present expedition will seek to learn as much as possible about this.

This geological exploration will be carried out during the trip but the Navy has stated that its principal objectives were cold weather tests of ships, men and equipment and study of the weather, ocean currents and winds.

The Navy is most interested in adding to the knowledge of weather conditions, problems of cold weather lubrication and operation of machinery and many kinds of instruments, the efficiency of certain types of clothes and shelters, what kinds of food give best protection, and other questions

School Children in Health District Given Tuberculin Test

Positive Reactors Will Be X-Rayed

The District Health Officer announces that the school children in this Health District have been Tuberculin tested. 9307 children were given the test. 8536 showed no reaction and were negative. 771 showed some reaction and were classified as positive. Most of these children were X-rayed by Robert Padgett of Raleigh for the Division of Industrial Hygiene and the Division of Tuberculosis control. These R-rays were entirely free of charge.

We wish to thank these two divisions for their kindness. We also wish to thank the superintendents of the schools in all three counties, the teachers, bus drivers and students for their cooperation. The Power Company in each county made the hook-up promptly to give us power. The French Broad Electric Membership Corporation made no charge for their power and this was appreciated. It will be of a similar nature.

Though it will not be possible to get mail direct from the 4000 man expedition, radio and wireless reports of progress will be made, and citizens of Burnsville will follow these more closely since at least one boy from Burnsville is included in the force.

take about a month to have these films developed and read by Dr. T. F. Vestal, Director of the Division of Tuberculosis control. 906 films were made. Some few adults were included in this study.

Soon we will know who showed healed lesions, and doubtless some will have active Tuberculosis. We know at once that every case both healed and active in children was infected through exposure to another case. Most of these other cases are members of the children's family. In order to profit fully by the work already done, it will be absolutely necessary that we R-ray (1) the positive reactors who were not in school when the clinic was held (2) re-X-ray those showing active disease. (3) X-ray at intervals the healed cases in these children to make certain that they do not become active, and (4) X-ray all adults and other members of the families of these children who have Tuberculosis.

All this work will have to be done by our own department and our films are all large and cost almost one dollar each.

The Health Department has no funds with which to buy films to X-ray these people. These films are purchased through the Seal Sale funds. Let's all buy seals and more seals.

MEN IN SERVICE

Bad Tolz, Germany
November 20, 1946

Dear Editor:

It's been quite some time since I've received a copy of the paper, but I assume there aren't any objections to me writing. This is one way to say hello to the friends I don't hear from as often as I would like, and I'm sure my correspondence has been very poor. I'm sorry folks but I have been rather busy for the past few months, believe it or not.

I hear you people had a big day not so long ago, well of course the "Election". "Congratulations, Suel," hope you do as good a job as you did while serving in the army.

Maybe I should tell you people some of the latest things that have happened with me. I am proud to announce the arrival of a seven lb. daughter November 12, both wife and Betty Claudine are doing fine.

Well I guess this is about all for now, people. I'll be seeing you all in another year or so. Please accept my very best wishes for a Merry Christmas for everyone, and Happy New Year.

A Yancey Soldier,
Joseph F. Beaver.
1st Sgt. Med. Det. 39th Inf.
APO 9 c. Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Mrs. Julia McIntosh has returned from a two weeks visit with her daughter in Lenoir.

Mrs. R. E. Powell and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Powell and children were guests of relatives and friends here last week.

Bryan King has opened a new store at Elk Shoal.

Marion Proffitt has returned from the hospital where she underwent an operation recently. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Proffitt.

Presbyterian News

The Sunday School in the Denlinger Memorial church has been reorganized under Miss Doris Hunter, the Superintendent. Mrs. Friel Young has joined the teaching staff. Beginning next Sunday, December 10, every pupil who is present and on time each Sunday in December will receive an award in recognition of loyalty. Awards will be given every month until June and every pupil with five perfect months out of the six will receive a Bible. The Christmas party in lower Jacks Creek will be held Saturday, December 21. Sunday School is held each Sunday at 10 a. m.

Under the direction of Mrs. Vono Anglin and Mrs. Clifford Hensley, the Sunday School at Banks Creek is preparing a Christmas play to be given at the Christmas party, December 23. Almost every child in the community is taking part.

Public worship will be held next Sunday in the church at Banks Creek at 11 a. m. and at Higgins at 3 p. m. Rev. Robert Sanford will preach.

BURNSVILLE— "So They Say"

The weather: Ole Man Winter really called on us at last! Temperatures down around 12 or 15 but warmer today.

About town: Just in case you are thinking that this present weather is pretty nippy, remember that one Burnsville boy sailed on Monday with the Byrd expedition for a six month's visit to the South Pole! Seaman Billy Smith is attached to one of naval vessels and writes that he'll probably spend Christmas on an iceberg! He should have some most interesting tales to tell when he gets

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