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## Yancey Sailor With Naval Expedition to South Pole

At least two Yancey County seamen are with the Navy's expedition to the South Pole.

R. C. Fox, Jr., 17, fireman second class, USN, son of R. C. Fox of Green Mountain is serving aboard the seaplane tender USS Pine Island, one of the 13 ships which comprise Task Force 68, the Navy's Antarctic expedition.

Several weeks ago Billy J. Smith wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ras Smith of Burnsville, that he was with the Naval force then ready to leave Norfolk.

This expedition, called

"Operation Highjump", will explore the vast icy regions of the Antarctic for approximately four months, training personnel, testing equipment, and developing Navy technique for establishing and maintaining bases in frigid areas.

The Pine Island is carrying two helicopters, three patrol bombers, and one seaplane to be used for aerial photography, map-making, and observation work in the Antarctic.

Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, famous Antarctic explorer, will join the expedition in January.

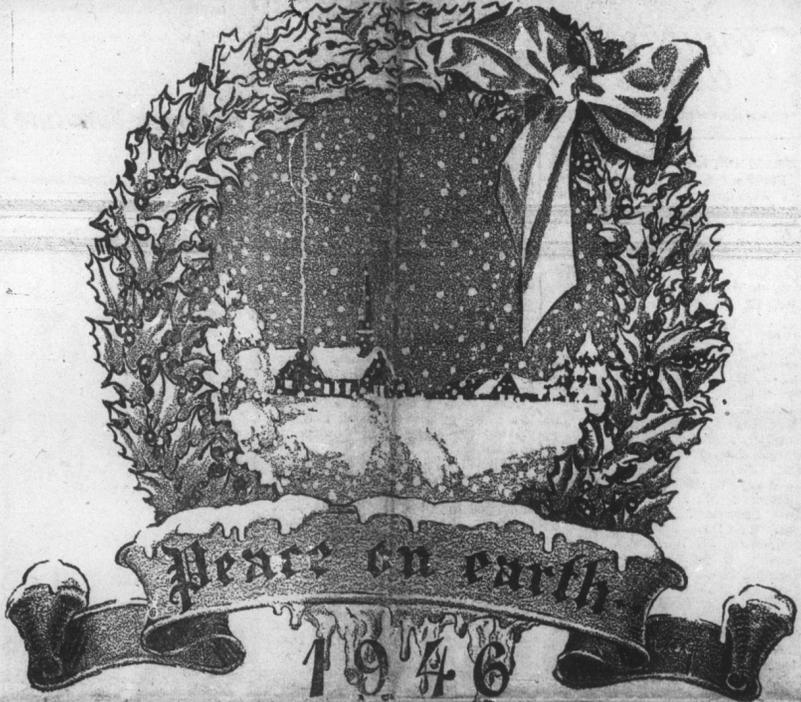
## Burnsville College Center Begins Second Quarter on Jan. 2

Frank W. Howell, Director of the College Center in Burnsville, announces that registration for the Winter Quarter will begin January 2. Any student who is a high school graduate or has had one quarter of standard college work will be eligible for registration.

It is necessary that all new veteran students who plan to enter for the winter quarter file an application for a Certificate of Eligibility and Entitlement with the Veterans Administration before the opening of

the quarter January 2, 1947. The actual date the application is received in the Veterans Administration office, Winston-Salem, is the earliest date he can be officially placed in training. Therefore, it is imperative that the application be received by that office prior to January 2, 1947, if the veteran is to receive subsistence from that date.

Each prospective new student may come to Mr. Howell's office in the Court House where he can secure the necessary forms



### Christmas Seal Sale

Approximately \$175 was made in the Christmas Seal Sale this year, according to a report today by Mrs. C. L. Proffitt, county chair-

Mr. and Mrs. J. Roy Moore of Lenoir, John and Burt Moore and Clarence McLean will visit Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Proffitt during Christmas holidays.

Alton and Alden Noblett are home from Berea college for the holidays.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Children of the Micaville Presbyterian church presented a Christmas program on Monday evening.

Candle light service was held with the Scripture read by Betty Gouge. Special music numbers were given by Robye Ann Harris, Shirley Marsh, Berniece Robinson, Richard Young, Elenora Staton, Sabra Young, Eva Thomas, Virginia Wilson, Robert Lominac, Kenneth Bailey and Vern Thomas.

The manger scene was presented by Mona Lee Robinson as Mary, Jimmie Harris as Joseph, Garry Staton, Johnny Sain and Jimmie Marsh as Shepherds Alford, Curtis, and Robert Lominac as the wisemen. Angels were represented by Brenda English, Anettia McCurry, Sabra Young and Elenora Staton.

The welcome was given by Paula Hilliard and the Poem; "The Greatest Gift" by Willa Deane Thomas. Poems, "Gifts to Jesus" by Janice Marsh; and Shirley Gouge; "Christmas Story" by Charles Justice; Christmas poem by Joyce Hall.

The play was under the direction of Miss Doris Young.

### NOTICE

Coopers Cafe closed Saturday afternoon and will reopen on Saturday December 28th.

Mary Martha Banks is at home from Washington, and Frances Banks will come later this week to be at home for Christmas.

### LEGION DANCE

The American Legion Post is sponsoring a community dance which will be given on Friday night, December 27 at the Burnsville school gymnasium.

Music will be provided for both square and round dancing, and tickets are now on sale.

### BURNING FACTS

National fire waste in 1945 will be larger than annual U. S. Government expenditures in any year from 1789 to 1906, except Civil War years.

Larger than U. S. Postal revenues in any year from 1789 to 1923.

Larger than Army and Navy expenses any year from 1789 to World War I, except Civil war days.

Larger than the 1940 value of all farms in Florida and New Jersey together. Imagine wiping this out!

Larger than all our direct investments in Cuba as of 1940, according to Department of Commerce figures. Imagine losing that!

### Yancey Theatre Schedule

#### FEATURES MATINEES ON FIVE DAYS

The schedule of showings at the Yancey Theatre is given here for the convenience of some patrons who may not now be familiar with it:

Sunday: Matinee at 1 o'clock, with two shows in afternoon. Night, one show box office opens at 8:30. Monday: Night showing

## Many Trainees Now Enrolled On Veterans Farm Program

Herrick R. Peterson, staff correspondent of the Asheville Citizen-Times, wrote a story concerning the Veterans Farm Training Program in Yancey county. This is reprinted in part here:

A group of nearly 250 Yancey county veterans finally given an answer to Irving Berlin's famous World War I question "How're you going to keep 'em down on the farm after they've seen Par-ee."

These young men, trainees in the veterans farmer training program sponsored jointly by the vocational agriculture department of the state board of vocational education and the veterans administration, have joined enthusiastically in an effort to make a promising future down on their farms. They have joined together to learn the best methods for getting the most out of what they have.

#### 14 Teachers

Under the leadership of the county agriculture teacher and 13 assistant teachers, the veterans meet weekly to discuss problems, listen to talks on scientific farming, see films on new methods and proper processes, and compare notes on their individual efforts.

Handicapped by the absence of an agricultural building or laboratory in the county, the men nevertheless apply themselves to doing the best they can with what they have.

As soon as shops and equipment are available, practical classes in rock masonry, carpentry, house wiring, plastering, painting, plumbing and heating are to be established.

#### Buildings Planned

The present aim for the program is an agriculture and home economics building at Burnsville. Class rooms, shops, work rooms and a community cannery are anticipated, which

would allow each assistant teacher to bring his group into town once a week for supervised instruction and practical training in all manner of farm work programs.

The history of the program in Yancey county is not without its difficulties. Frank W. Howell, superintendent of schools, became interested in the program as soon as it came to his attention in February.

Many veterans displayed a keen interest in the project, and by April Mr. Howell had brought R. G. Roberts, vocational agriculture teacher at the Pleasant Gardens high school in McDowell county, to Yancey to act as supervisor, handling applications and working with the groups until a teacher could be hired.

#### Expanded In August

In August, R. M. Proffitt came on the job as vocational agriculture teacher at the Burnsville high school, and enough veterans had applied for the training to justify the hiring of nine assistant teachers.

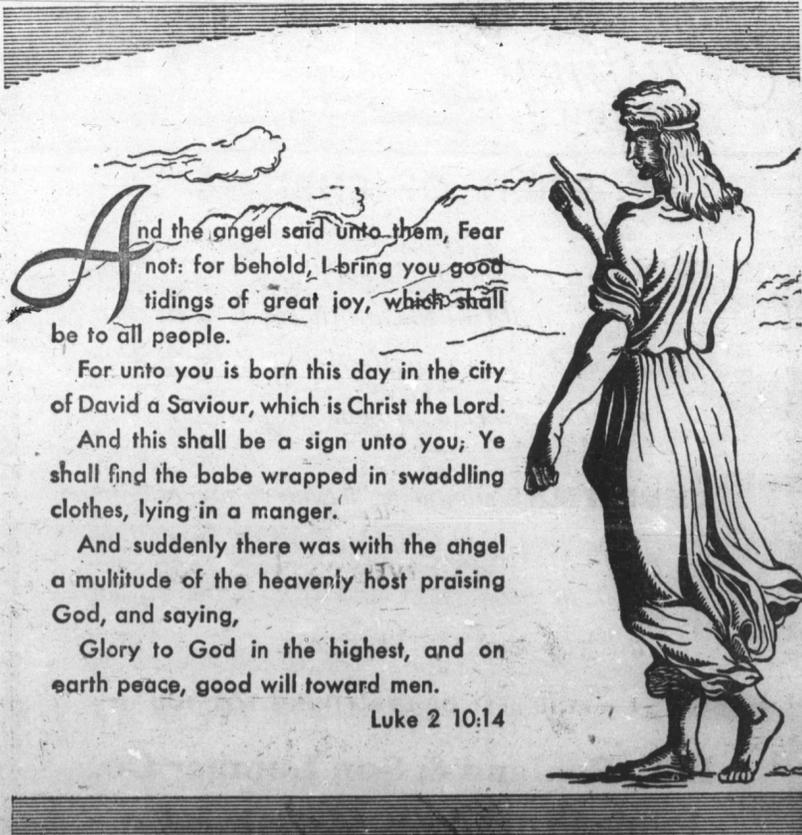
Individual attention is the keynote of the program and in addition to the weekly gathering of trainees, assistant teachers visit the men on their farms and go over their needs and problems with them. Field trips are conducted at regular intervals, the trips being made to demonstration farms where scientific methods have proved that mountain farming can be profitable.

The immediate objective of the program is to point out to the trainees the projects on which they are losing money, and in this connection each trainee is required to keep a running record of his expenses and outlays on each project.

All but one of the assistant teachers on the program are veterans themselves, most of them with college training and all with first hand experience on farms. They meet with Mr. Proffitt for classroom instruction in teaching methods once each week, passing on what they learn to their individual groups at meetings throughout the county.

Seaman Bill Silvers is home from the Naval Air Training Center, Memphis, to spend a Christmas leave.

Nearly 750,000 farm dwellings had to be abandoned during World War II.



And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2 10:14