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Proposed Bill Would Change Duties of County Officers

Representative J. Frank Huskins Will Introduce Bill

The following statement by J. Frank Huskins, representative from Yancey county to the North Carolina General Assembly was given to this newspaper for publication this week:

I have been requested by all the county officers of Yancey county and by many citizens and members of both political parties to pass a bill which would accomplish the following:

1. Remove the duty of collecting taxes from the sheriff and place that duty on the county accountant's office since the accountant already collects all prepaid taxes and all delinquent taxes, thereby having all tax collections placed in one office for the greater convenience of the public in paying taxes and allowing the sheriff to devote his full time to law enforcement.

2. The county accountant to receive no additional pay for collecting the taxes.

3. The sheriff to receive \$200.00 per month to make up for the commissions he would receive if he collected the tax. His commissions will amount to something over \$2500.00 since the property in all the county is valued at over one hundred thousand dollars and the sheriff receives 2 1/2 percent for collecting them. This would enable the county to do a little better than break even since no commissions would be deducted.

4. Give the first deputy

\$100.00 a month since no man can live on \$50 per month with the present high cost of living and it is nearly impossible to get any good man to serve for the present \$50 per month which the law authorizes.

5. Permit the Town of Burnsville, at its election, to pay one-half or \$50 per month of the first deputy's salary and require the sheriff to provide law enforcement for the Town as well as the county. If the town elected to do this it would save \$50.00 per month and the county would break even—since the town now pays its officer \$100 per month and the county pays the first deputy \$50.

I feel that the above would make for better law enforcement since the sheriff could devote full time to the job; that it would accommodate many people living out in the county since they would always find the tax collector in his office when they come to town to pay their taxes.

I plan to introduce such a bill in a few weeks when more important matters have been disposed of in the Legislature. I take this opportunity of informing the people so you may have an opportunity to write me any honest, sincere views you may have on the matter. I am your servant and shall always try to do what the majority want done. I believe the change would be an improvement over our present set-up for the reasons stated.

Sincerely,
J. Frank Huskins.

CONTRACT WILL BE LET FOR HIGHWAY TO GREEN MTN.

6.8 Miles Will Be Graded, Surfaced

Among the contracts for highway construction which will be let on Jan. 30 will be the contract for the grading, surfacing and structures of 6.8 miles from U. S. 19 E one mile east of Burnsville north to N. C. 19 near Green Mountain depot, according to announcement made last week by State Highway engineer W. Vance Baise. This is one of 12 federal-aid projects involving 75 miles of road work in North Carolina.

B. R. PENLAND IS NAMED BANK DIRECTOR

B. R. Penland was named a director of the Northwestern Bank system at the annual meeting of the stockholders held in North Wilkesboro earlier this month.

Mr. Penland has served on the local board of managers since the establishment of the Burnsville branch.

The Methodist Hour

Bishop William C. Martin of Topeka, Kansas will be the speaker on the Methodist Radio Hour Sunday morning, Jan. 26 at 8:30 a. m. His subject will be "The Eternal God and a Changing World."

This broadcast may be heard over a number of radio stations in this area including WWNC Asheville WNOX Knoxville, WSPA Spartanburg, WSB Atlanta and WRVA Richmond.

NOTICE TO AAA FARMERS

According to J. B. Briggs secretary of Yancey County A. C. A. every farmer who received superphosphate, ground limestone, crimson clover or Austrian winter peas under the 1946 program through the AAA office should call by the office on or before February 15, 1947 to report the distribution of this material.

This date is the final date for accepting this report and it is impossible to take a report after this date. In the event that there is anyone who did not receive any material but did carry out practices during the 1946 program year there will be a payment for such practices.

The following practices were approved by the state and county committee for payment in 1946: 1. Ground Limestone, (2) Superphosphate, (3) Seeding a winter cover crop from the seeding of crimson clover, Austrian winter peas, hairy vetch and rye grass, (4) seeding pasture.

Also, Mr. Briggs states that applications are now being taken for 1947 material and practices to be carried out during the 1947 program year.

The following practices have been approved for payment in 1947: (1) ground limestone, (2) superphosphate, (3) potash, (4) winter cover crop, (5) seeding of small grains (wheat, rye, barley or oats to be turned under in the spring of 1947), (6) permanent pasture, (7) mowing pasture, (8) harvesting seed (orchard grass or tall meadow oat grass).

The final date for accepting the 1946 report is February 15, 1947.

LAST RITES FOR MRS. ROSA YOUNG

Funeral services for Mrs. Rosa Young, 53, who died at her home on Burnsville R.F.D. 2, Friday morning after a five-months illness, were held in the Fairview Baptist church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. J. L. Street officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Young was a native and life-long resident of Yancey county and was a member of the Fairview church. She was twice married.

Surviving are the second husband, James Young; two daughters, Mrs. Eugene Hall and Mrs. Craig R. Phillips; two sons, Lonus Grindstaff and Avery Grindstaff; two sisters, Mrs. William Whitson and Mrs. Texie Grindstaff, all of Burnsville, R.F.D. 2; five brothers, Ed Whitstine of Morganton, Fred Whitstine of Wing, George of Staley, Frank of Celso, and Arnold of Marion; seven grandchildren.

C. O. Ellis and Bruce Westall are in New York on business. They will also go to New Hampshire before returning to Burnsville.

YANCEY NATIVE PASSES IN OKLAHOMA

Mrs. Margaret Holcombe Was 93 Years Old

Mrs. Margaret Holcombe passed away at her home in Oklahoma City, Okla., on Jan. 8, 1947. She was 93 years of age.

She was born and reared in Yancey county but moved to Oklahoma City in 1910. She became a Christian at the age of 15 and joined the Methodist church at Bald Creek.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters, William R. who now lives at Gallie, Fla., Lee of Ada, Okla., Dr. George M. Holcombe of Okun, Okla., and Aaron of Okla. City; Mrs. S. M. Hughes of Burnsville, Mrs. George Dillaplain of Oklahoma City, and Miss Emma Holcombe of the home; 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Funeral services and burial were in Oklahoma City.

Student Council Presents Program at Parent-Teacher Meet

Committees Report on Year's Activities

The Burnsville Parent-Teacher Association held the regular January meeting on Tuesday evening with the president, Mrs. Milton Higgins, presiding.

Mrs. Frank W. Howell of the English department was in charge of the program which presented the work of the Student Council.

Frances Riddle, president of the Council, gave the introductory talk and explained the purpose and plan of the organization. Reports were then heard from the following committee chairmen:

The merit system, Mary Evelyn Hensley; finance, Ruth Banks; activities, Genevieve Angel; office help, Pat Greene; hall patrol, Leland Westall; bus patrol, Reba Banks; student aid, Clara Mae Smith; assembly, Llewellyn Ray; library, Charles Gillespie; P. T. A., Peggy Jean Huskins; recreation, Betty Wray Hensley; lunch room, June Smith; High School building, Katie Penland; publicity, Mary Ellen Banks.

Sponsor Scout Troop

During the business session, committee reports were heard. The group voted on the following: to sponsor the Boy Scout troop for the coming year, to plan for the recognition of the troop during Scout week, and to serve supper to the Men's Club on Feb. 24. The president named committees to plan for these events.

Attendance banners were awarded the 7th grade and the Junior class.

Founders Day

At the next meeting on Feb. 18th, the 50th anniversary of the founding of the National Council of Parents and Teachers will be observed. Mrs. Sam J. Huskins is program leader for the meeting.

Red Cross Chapter Reports Many Services for Past Year

Many services were rendered during the past year by the Yancey County chapter, American Red Cross.

A total of more than 2400 cases were reported by the home service secretary. Ninety per cent of these were for servicemen, ex-servicemen and their dependents.

These services represent a wide variety of calls. They include applications for hospitalization, telegrams and cablegrams for servicemen, emergency furloughs, all types of claims for benefits and pensions for dependents of servicemen.

One of the most frequent calls was for making applications for terminal leave pay of which more than 1000 were completed in the local office.

More than 800 applica-

tions for sugar ration books were filled out, and numerous other services given to civilians as well as to servicemen and ex-servicemen.

During the month of December, the monthly statistical report shows a case volume of 355.

The present year will naturally show some decrease in the calls from servicemen but many problems will continue to arise as they readjust to civilian life. There will also be increasing needs from civilians which the office will seek to answer in every way possible.

LAST RITES ARE HELD FOR Wm. LEWIS

William Turner Lewis, 89, passed away Saturday morning at 11:30 o'clock Jan. 11 after an illness of two weeks. Burial was on Patterson Branch in the Howell cemetery.

Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. Jim Riddle; 8 grand children, Mrs. George Tipton, Mrs. S. C. Laws, Mrs. Marie Deyton, Frank Riddle, June, Opha, Paul and James Riddle; 11 great grand children; one sister, Mrs. A. A. Lewis of Bee Log; one brother, Elbert Lewis of Tenn. and a host of friends.

Flower girls were granddaughters and close friends Holcombe Brothers funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Within the last 70 years high school attendance in the United States has increased 80 times over.

Buy Savings Bonds

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the nation has just emerged from the greatest epidemic of infantile paralysis since the scourge of 1916, and

WHEREAS, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which is supported by the March of Dimes and by the March of Dimes only, has been called upon as never before in its history to spend millions to buy the best available care to those stricken, regardless of age, creed, color or race, and

WHEREAS, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will be called upon as never before to provide continuing care for the thousands stricken until maximum recovery is assured in every case, thereby fulfilling its expressed pledge to the American people, and

WHEREAS, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has, in addition to these huge sums spent millions—and will continue to spend millions—in research seeking the cause of and possible cure for this great crippler, and purpose so to do until polio is rendered harmless, and

WHEREAS, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, supported as it is solely by the March of Dimes, will need millions of additional dimes this year in its widespread educational program designed to strike against polio's two greatest allies—fear and ignorance, and

WHEREAS, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, spearhead of the ceaseless war against polio will, for the reasons set forth above, need funds to carry on its work in 1947 as never before in its history.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the sixteen days January 15-30 be officially set aside in Yancey County as the 1947 March of Dimes, during which time all citizens are urged to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the good works of the March of Dimes and to support the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to their utmost with their dimes.

County March of Dimes Committee.

FARM NOTES

J. T. Conner, Jr., Extension Entomologist, from Raleigh will be in the County on Tuesday, January 28th to hold three demonstrations on controlling cattle grubs and cattle lice. The demonstrations are scheduled as follows:

9:30 a. m. Herbert Englands (at Rex Yelton farm on Indian Creek); 1:30 p. m., Carl Jobe's farm on Jacks Creek; 3:30 p. m. Homer Young's farm at Newdale near the bridge. Everyone is invited.

The Directors of the newly organized Yancey County Farmers' Cooperative, Inc., met with officials of TVA and signed a memorandum of agreement with TVA to handle the test-demonstration phosphate and other TVA materials. The Yancey County Unit is one of fifteen County Units in Western North Carolina that make up the Allied Farmers' Cooperative, Inc. which has headquarters in Asheville.

B. R. Penland has returned from Cincinnati, Ohio where he attended a meeting of the Hardwood Lumber association on Jan. 16 and 17.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McIntosh are visiting relatives in Lakeland, Fla.

Many WNC Men Enlist

A total of 1,716 Western North Carolina men were accepted for enlistment in the U. S. Army from January to December, 1946, it was announced yesterday by Lt. Thomas H. Suydam commanding officer of the Asheville Army Recruiting Sub-Station.

Records show that out of this number 1,216 men were adjudged mentally and physically qualified for army service. At least 44 men were accepted from Yancey county.

Enlistments, in former grades, family allowances, eligibility for the GI Bill of Rights, and security the army offers on retirement were given as reasons for the large number of enlistments during the year. The plan whereby Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard members may enlist for the Regular Army in the grade they hold at time of discharge which is comparable to similar grade in the Regular Army was also given as an added inducement for enlistments. These benefits will be in effect for an indefinite time, and as indicated by the enlistments for the first fifteen days in this year, the enlistments for 1947 should show a sharp increase over 1946.

Lt. Sudam also announced that the recruiters of the Asheville sub-station are working in two teams which cover every county in Western North Carolina. Every county is covered once every two weeks. The following is the itinerary plan of the recruiting teams. Team 1, Sgt. McLeod and Sgt. Henry: Monday, Brevard; Tuesday, Hendersonville; Wednesday, Tryon and Hendersonville; Thursday, Marion; Friday, Spruce Pine, Bakersville, Burnsville and Newland. Team 2, T. Sgt. Dance and S. Sgt. Belt: Monday, Sylva; Tuesday, Bryson City and Robinsonville; Wednesday, Murphy and Hayesville; Thursday, Franklin; Friday, Waynesville.

POLIO CHARITY BALL IS PLANNED FOR JAN 30th

The special event committee of the March of Dimes county organization is completing plans for the polio charity ball which will be held in the school auditorium next Thursday.

Frank Jackson and his orchestra have been engaged to play, and a good attendance is expected by the committee.