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# THE YANCEY RECORD

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## Corporation Formed For Summer Theatre Program

### Much Interest Is Shown Locally

The open meeting held Friday night to discuss the summer school of fine arts here was attended by approximately 300 interested citizens.

W. B. Harrell addressed the group, presenting the plan, and explaining why it was necessary to have a local board of directors and to form a corporation for the production of plays as proposed.

The following were named as directors: C. P. Randolph, chairman; Mr. Harrell of Veterans Administration, Dr. R. W. Taylor and C. W. Phillips of Woman's college of the University of N. C., and Rush T. Wray, Frank W. Howell, Clyde M. Bailey, Mark Bennett, Mrs. Joe Young, Mrs. Olive Belgarde, Mrs. C. R. Hamrick, J. R. Banks, B. R. Penland, L. V. Pollard, W. E. Anglin, D. R. Fouts and Dr. C. M. Whisnant.

The board of directors also voted for the immediate formation of a corporation and the incorporators have guaranteed sufficient funds for financing the theater program for the summer. The directors will name a business manager for the project.

The present plan is the outgrowth of a movement first started six years ago by local interested persons who discussed with Dr. W. R. Taylor of Woman's college of the University of North Carolina the possibility of a theater project here during the summer months. However, before any of this could develop, the war years intervened.

The extension division of Woman's college has for sometime been interested in projecting its program to the mountains, and Burnsville was selected after a survey of the section.

The program this summer will include classes for teachers who wish to gain credit on their certificates or work toward a degree; a

course in dramatics and play production, headed by Dr. Taylor; and possibly a course in music if arrangements can be made in the short time now remaining.

One of the moving spirits in working out the many details of the fine arts project in Burnsville is W. B. Harrell, educational director of the Veterans Administration for North Carolina. The work of Mr. Harrell as VA director is widely known, not only in this state but also in many other sections. For several years, since the GI training program began, he had received inquiries from veterans who wished to study the fine arts under just such a set-up as the one now proposed, but there was not a single project like this in the South. There are several in the New England states, Mr. Harrell stated.

Several weeks ago the forces all began to work—Mr. Harrell for the Veterans Administration, Dr. Taylor, officials of Woman's college and the greater university, the office of public instruction in Yancey county, and the local citizens who are keenly interested in the project.

The summer classes will be held for six weeks in July and August. Courses now tentatively planned for teachers will include reading guidance, character education, public school music and elementary art for teachers.

Dr. Taylor and his staff now plan to come to Burnsville for the six weeks session this year, teach the theater and dramatics courses and produce a number of plays. Plans are already complete for reconverting a building on the school campus into an adequate theater. All work on the building, repairs, additions, construction of a stage and seating will be done in connection with the veterans' vocational classes which are now in operation in the county.

## Dr. McGuire Resigns as Health Officer

The following letter of resignation was received last week by members of the district health board:

Please accept this as notification of my resignation as Health Officer for the Avery-Mitchell-Yancey district Health Department effective July 1, 1947.

My work with you has been most pleasant, and with very few exceptions my work with the people of this district has been most pleasant. I hope that as the years go by the effect of our work will be seen to have been helpful in elevating the physical and moral status of our people. The disease preventive measures we have performed and health corrective measures we have re-

### BANK CLOSED

The Northwestern Bank will be closed Friday, May 30. The Post Office will also observe the holiday.

### FORD BAILEY IS PRESIDENT OF SENIOR CLASS

A recent issue of the Johnson City paper carried a story concerning one of the activities of Tennessee Teacher's college. It stated that the voluntary assembly plan was growing in popularity.

"Friday, one of the outstanding programs of the year was given by a guest orchestra from Knoxville and also by members of the student body and faculty. After the orchestra had played several selections the president of the senior class, Ford Bailey, introduced the editor of the 1947 Buccaneer and he in turn announced and gave the dedication of the annual to Dean Emeritus D. S. Burleson.

"The new coach was also announced by Dr. Sherrod and he gave a short thank-you to Dr. Sherrod and told the students how glad he was to be with them to work, and to direct their athletics."

### Dr. S. K. HUNT SPEAKS TO MEN'S CLUB

Dr. S. K. Hunt, executive secretary of the Western North Carolina Memorial hospital association, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Men's Club on Monday evening.

Dr. Hunt discussed at length the needs for hospitals and improved medical care in Western North Carolina, and the recently enacted legislation.

The entire meeting was given over to Dr. Hunt and all business was carried over.

Miss Edna Wheeler of Bee Log is visiting her father, George Wheeler, who is seriously ill in Lakeland, Fla.

### Appears In Recital

Robert C. Howell of Green Mtn., appeared in the Annual Student Recital, Tuesday evening, May 20 at 8:00 in the Lees-McRae College auditorium.

He was featured in a solo number entitled, "In Schuberts Day" by Krentzium and also a piano quartet "Minuet-Giojose" by Mozart.

His performance was outstanding and he received much recognition from both students and guests.

Doris Gibbs and Hope Edwards left yesterday for Laurinburg, N. C. to attend the wedding of their cousin, Louise Tweed, and Norman Sanford, at five o'clock Thursday afternoon at the First Baptist church in Laurinburg.

### To Panama

Howard Field, Canal Zone—2nd Lt. Cedric V. Hunter, of Day Book, N. C., a member of the 414th Night Fighter Squadron, Sixth Fighter Wing, Rio Hato, Republic of Panama, was recently joined by his wife.

Mrs. Hunter, the former Velda Greer of Boone, N. C., journeyed to Panama from Boone, with their 9 month old son, Cedric V. Jr. The Hunters are presently residing in Santa Clara, Republic of Panama.

Lt. Hunter entered the Army at Keesler Field, Miss., in October 1943. He arrived at the Panama Canal Zone in April 1947.

### NOTICE

The American Legion Post members will hold a called meeting on Tuesday night, June 3rd at 8 o'clock at the courthouse. They will vote on the report of the committee to select a site for the American Legion building. All members are urged to be present.

### To Ridgecrest

Five girls from Yancey county will enter the Baptist Training Union Memory contest at Ridgecrest on June 9. They are Vernelle Harris, Ena Kate Smith, Dorothy Smith, Katie McDowell and Alice Garland.

## District Meeting of Demonstration Clubs Will Be Held Here

### Nine Counties Are Included

District 2 of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration clubs will hold the annual meeting at Burnsville school on Tuesday, June 3rd.

The district includes Burke, Polk, Mitchell, Madison, Transylvania, Buncombe, Henderson, McDowell and Yancey counties.

The theme of the conference this year is the Family's Health, and this idea will be presented by the speakers and by the counties who will present health skits.

The program will begin at 10:30 o'clock with Mrs. Sam Garren of Henderson county giving the devotional. H. G. Bailey will give the welcome address, and Mrs. Epps McClure will respond.

### OVERSEAS RELIEF

Have You . . . Planned to give clothing, bedding and shoes for overseas relief?

Failed to get these articles together?

Failed to stop by the Record office for a bag, already addressed (Easiest way to get things packed)?

Forgotten to bring the bags back in if now ready? Delayed taking part in this great humanitarian effort?

Then remember that the sooner the goods are mailed the sooner they will reach their destination. . . .

That this is the first such drive ever conducted by the churches. . . .

That a few minutes of your time and effort can mean so much to those less fortunate than you are. . . .

Stop by for a bag, or ask one of the committees to bring you one. . . .

Announce this at any gatherings you may attend. Return the bags as soon as possible. . . .

(Committee: Rev. C. Moody Smith, H. G. Bailey, J. S. LeFevre, L. G. Deyton, V. J. Goodman, Rev. B. J. McIver, Dr. C. W. Harris, Mrs. C. R. Hamrick, Mrs. Jay Evans, Mack B. Ray, Frank W. Howell.)

## Legion Post Elects Officers

### Jack C. Winchester Is Guest Speaker

The Earl Horton Post of the American Legion held the regular meeting at the courthouse on Tuesday evening.

Jack C. Winchester of the North Carolina Veterans Commission spoke briefly on recent legislation for veterans, particularly the educational benefits to which children of veterans in certain classification are entitled.

### Election of Officers

At the business session a committee of two was named to report on definite site for the proposed Legion building. Dover R. Fouts and Bill Jobe were named, and a meeting was called for Tuesday night, June 3rd at the courthouse to vote on the report of the committee.

Mark Bennett was re-elected commander of the post, with Bill Jobe, John English, and J. H. Ray as vice commanders, and Mack B. Ray, adjutant.

Other officers are: R. N. Silver, assistant adjutant; H. G. Bailey, service officer and D. D. Baggett assistant; Guardianship officer, Yates Bennett; sergeant-at-arms, J. R. Miller, Jr.; chaplain, Dr. W. B. Robertson; historian, Elmer Garland;

Athletic officer, Fred Anglin; child welfare, Harlan Holcombe; Americanism, Bill Banks; national defense, Jack Riddle; graves registration, Dale Banner; employment, C. L. Proffitt; Boys' state, Ward Bennett; Boy Scout, John Blake; membership, Iloff Clevenger; publicity, Ruth McIntosh; oratorical contest, Charles Tomberlin; chairman, Sons of Legion, Max Penland.

At a separate session the auxiliary unit elected the following officers: president, Mrs. Mack B. Ray; vice president, Mrs. R. Y. Tilson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Frank King; reporting secretary, Mrs. W. K. Banks. Chairman of committees will be named later.

## LIBRARY NOTES

Charles Kingsley once wrote: "Except a living man there is nothing more wonderful than a book!"—a message to us from those who are gone to the Great Beyond, from human souls whom we never saw, and who lived perhaps thousands of miles away. Yet these, in little sheets of paper, speak to us, amuse us, terrify us, teach us, open their hearts to us as brothers."

Miss Gladys Johnson of the State Library Commission in Raleigh spent some time this week visiting the Yancey county public library. She is perfectly satisfied with certain features of the work which is being done, but "quite concerned" over other features—there are too many over due books. Please look to see if yours should be in—it may be renewed if you have not finished reading it.

Did you know that the first North Carolina library collection of books was sent to the colony of North Carolina for the use of the public by Rev. Thomas Bray of England. This collection wandered around a good bit, but finally the books found their way to Bath, N. C. where they stayed. This gave to that town the first library in the state.

That there are fourteen counties in North Carolina with no public library service?

That the Chicago Public Library is the sole owner of five thousand hand copied books in Braille (for the blind)? It took Johanna Sodge Traces' group twenty five years to complete the task. These books are loaned to the blind in all parts of the world.

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## BURNSVILLE CHURCH SERVICES

**Methodist**  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Worship at 11 a. m., with sermon by the pastor on "Surmounting Difficulties" A Workers' Conference which was postponed last Sunday afternoon, will be held next Sunday at the church at 3 p. m. The pastor will preach at West Burnsville at 8 p. m.

The pastor will attend the Duke Pastors' School in Durham during part of next week. He and family will also visit relatives at Varina and Charlotte, returning to Burnsville Friday evening.

**Baptist**  
Sunday School will be held at the First Baptist church at 9:45 o'clock. The Rev. Ben J. McIver, pastor, will speak on "God's Gyroscope" Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and on "God Emancipation Proclamation" at the evening worship service at 8 o'clock. The Training Union will meet at 7:00 o'clock. Prayer meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, followed by choir rehearsal at 8:30 o'clock.

Our Bible School will start Tuesday morning at 9:00 o'clock, June 3rd and run through June 13th. We invite all from the Beginners through the Intermediates of Sunday School age. You are welcome to our church.

The quarterly Baptist Training Union meeting will be held at Zion church on Thursday night at 8:00 o'clock. Various phases of training union work will be demonstrated.

At 7:30 Saturday, a Bible School clinic will be held at the Burnsville Baptist church. Representatives from all churches are invited,

