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## Two Mountain Peaks In Black Range Are Named

The last two unnamed mountains of the Appalachian Range now are officially Mt. Craig and Big Tom, following a decision of the Federal Board on Geographical Names to accept recommendations made by Governor R. Gregg Cherry and other prominent North Carolinians.

Mt. Craig is the second highest mountain in Eastern America—soaring 6,645 feet and topped only by its near neighbor, lordly Mt. Mitchell (6,684). Big Tom is 6,558 feet high.

The two mountains, twin peaks in the Black Mountains had been known merely as the Black Brothers, but this was considered pretty insipid nomenclature for such sizeable mounds. The Black Mountain range is so cluttered with high mountains that geographers had paid scant attention to the Brothers until recent surveys revealed their superior heights.

Naming of the higher south fork for the late Governor Locke Craige was prompted because of his well-known love of the mountains. Craige, a native

lowlander who went west, made his career in Buncombe county, was Governor of the state from the beginning of the Ford "T-model era" in 1913 when North Carolinians for the first time had travel means to reach their magnificent mountain scenic treasures, to 1917 when only the emergencies of the First World War forced the transformed mountaineer to give up his plans to open "every cove of the Mitchell Country to every Tar Heel." Just that, by the way, had been accomplished, almost to the letter of Locke Craige's plans, when the second World War came along.

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Unlike the Bunyan of the northwoods, Big Tom's woodsmanship was real. (Continued on page 3)

### Army Enlistments

In addition to announcing that a total of 540 young men from North and South Carolina joined the Regular Army during the month of May, 1st Lt. Thomas H. Suydam, Commanding Officer of the Asheville (Sub) Station of the Army Recruiting Service, also announced today that the Army is seeking former members of the Women's Army Corps who desire to reenlist for sea duty on ships carrying dependents of military personnel to and from the European Theatre of Operations.

### Work Begins on Summer Theatre

Work has already begun on converting the gymnasium building at Burnsville school to a theatre to be used in the summer theatre course to be given here by Woman's College of the University of North Carolina.

The theatre will seat approximately 400.

### CUCUMBER DISEASE IS EXPECTED IN STATE

Cucumber growers are warned by Dr. D. E. Ellis, research associate professor of Plant Pathology with the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station, that a spread of cucumber downy mildew is moving northward rapidly, and is expected to reach Southeastern North Carolina any time.

Since the downy mildew fungus also attacks cantaloupes and other cucurbit crops, the same copper dust should be effective against the disease on these crops as well as on cucumbers.

### LAST RITES HELD FOR WRECK VICTIM

Funeral services for James Gardner, 24, of Mica, Mich., hospitalized Monday of the state from the beginning of the Ford "T-model era" in 1913 when North Carolinians for the first time had travel means to reach their magnificent mountain scenic treasures, to 1917 when only the emergencies of the First World War forced the transformed mountaineer to give up his plans to open "every cove of the Mitchell Country to every Tar Heel." Just that, by the way, had been accomplished, almost to the letter of Locke Craige's plans, when the second World War came along.

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### NOTICE

A representative of the Asheville Field Office of the Social Security Administration will be at the Register of Deeds Office, Burnsville at 10:00 a. m. on June 19th.

There are two times for action in social security:

(1) Every wage earner who has worked in a job covered by the Social Security Act since December 31, 1936 should contact the nearest field office at age 65; and

(2) Surviving relatives, or persons who paid funeral bills, should do so at once in death cases. This includes relatives of World War II veterans who die within three years of discharge, regardless of employment.

### Overseas Clothing

During the first quarter of 1947, the supplies sent overseas through Church World Service totaled four and a half million pounds. It was a good showing; the only fault with the figure was that it was not larger—not quite large enough to keep the relief program rolling at a 2,000,000 pounds-a-month mark.

The supplies contributed by individuals, churches and other groups amounted to 4,500,000 pounds and those purchased in bulk—mostly foods and medicines—accounted for the other million. The shipments went to 25 countries in Asia and Europe. Largest cargoes were routed to Austria, Belgium, Finland, Germany, Poland, Japan, India and the Philippines. The three-month total was valued at \$1,796,809.

Mrs. Laskey J. Shepherd who has been seriously ill in an Asheville hospital is rapidly improving and is spending a few weeks with her daughters, Mrs. Troy Bennett and Mrs. Carl Peterson in Green Mtn.

R. E. Hennessee is home from the University of North Carolina.

Mildred Westall is attending summer school at Mars Hill College.

### Mt. Mitchell Coolest Spot Reported

The weatherman gave a tip yesterday to North Carolinians who want to remain in the Tar Heel state the rest of the week without mopping their brows: go to Mt. Mitchell.

While the thermometer at Raleigh soared to 98 at Raleigh, 92 at Asheville, and 95 at Charlotte and Greensboro, the mountain's maximum temperature today was 70.

Tomorrow, the weatherman promised, will bring some relief—that is, average temperatures of two to four degrees lower.

The forecast is cloudy with slight rain, the weatherman said. However, the precipitation will have no appreciable benefit for crops, he added.

### DECORATION

The annual decoration of the Burton and Gibbs cemeteries at Bald Creek will be held Sunday afternoon, June 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bailey and Mrs. Iliff Clevenger attended the graduating exercises at East Tennessee State Teachers College. Ford Bailey was graduated from the college last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Penland have announced the arrival of a daughter at the Mission hospital on June 10.

Helen Allen, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Taft Allen, underwent a tonsillectomy this week.

### Farmers Federation Declares Semi-Annual Dividend

Directors of the Farmers Federation Cooperative have declared the regular semi-annual dividend on common and preferred stock, payable July 1 to all stockholders of record June 14, 1947. This will be the 27th consecutive semi-annual dividend to be paid by the Farmers Federation, and it applies to all common and preferred stock.

There were 19,972 stockholders of records December 31, according to James G. K. McClure, president, there has been a considerable increase in the number since that time. Business done through the retail stores for the year 1946 was \$4,575,364.36. Mr. McClure announced. This does not include the business of the Carolina and Farmers tobacco warehouses, or the other organizations affiliated with the Federation.

The Farmers Federation was organized to provide marketing facilities and services which will develop agricultural production in Western North Carolina. Beginning in a small way, it has developed markets

### Graduate at N. C. State College

Three students from Yancey county were graduated from North Carolina State College on Monday: John G. Low in architectural engineering, David Low in mechanical engineering, and Charles Proffitt in electrical engineering.

### Receives M A Degree

George Blake received his Master of Arts degree in English at Columbia University on June 3. He is now at home for a short leave but will return to New York City next week.

### DECORATION

The annual decoration at the McCracken cemetery will be held on next Sunday afternoon.

### LOAD OF WHISKEY CAUGHT IN COUNTY

The county highway patrol and the sheriff's department confiscated a car with 25 cases of bottled in bond, taxpaid whiskey on Saturday at Windom. Joseph T. Fisher, owner of the car, was arrested with the load of whiskey.

### Fined for Reckless Driving on Parkway

James Pannel of Wesson, Miss., was fined \$20.00 for reckless driving by U. S. Commissioner Briggs. Mr. Pannel was cited before the Commissioner by National Park Ranger, Edward P. Stephanic. The violation occurred on the Blue Ridge Parkway, near Buck Creek Gap.

D. D. Bales of Centreville, Ohio is here for his annual summer visit.

## Legion Memorial Building Fund Drive Will Begin Monday

The American Legion Memorial building fund drive will get under way on Monday of next week. All members of the Earl Horton Post here and throughout the county will accept donations and issue official receipts.

The goal of the drive is \$25,000. The lot on West Main Street known as the

Buffalo lot has been selected as the site for the building.

A building plan committee has been appointed to select plans, and construction is expected to begin at an early date.

The progress of the drive will be reported each week, and a list of donors will also be reported each week.

## BURNSVILLE CHURCH SERVICES

**Methodist**  
Sunday School begins at 10 a. m. Morning Worship at 11 a. m. The pastor will preach next Sunday on "Zeal for a Cause." The stewards will hold their regular monthly meeting next Sunday at 8 p. m. Choir practice each Wednesday at 8 p. m. Youth Fellowship each Thursday, at 8 p. m.

### Vacation Bible School

The annual Vacation Church School will begin next Monday, June 16, at 9 a. m. It will be held two hours each morning for ten days. All children from age 2 to 15 are invited. Children in the Nursery group (under age 4) need not come before 10 a. m. There will be four classes as follows: Nursery (ages 2 and 3) in charge of Mrs. V. J. Goodman, assisted by Mrs. Olive Belgarde; Beginners (ages 4 and 5) in charge of Mrs. Bruce Westall, assisted by Miss Llewellyn Ray, using the course "Happy Times in Our Church"; Primaries (ages 6, 7, 8) in charge of Mrs. William Higgins, assisted by Miss Clara Dee Banner, using the course, "Working with God in His World"; Juniors and Intermediates (ages 9 to 15) in charge of Mrs. Joe Young, assisted by Mrs. Gibson Deyton, using the course "Riches to Share". The schedule will consist of one hour for class work; 30 minutes for Song and Story 30 minutes for games. An effort will be made to furnish transportation for those living too far away to walk to the church.

### Religious Census

A Religious Census of Burnsville and vicinity will be taken next Sunday afternoon. Workers from the five churches will meet at the Burnsville Baptist church at 2 p. m. for about 30 minutes of instruction; then they will go out in teams of two or three. It is expected that the friendly survey will be completed in two or three hours. The Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, West Burnsville Baptist, and West Burnsville Church of God will participate. Residents are requested to be at home, if possible, until the visitors gather their information.

### Life Insurance

(2) If you have let your National Service Life Insurance lapse, it is necessary that you reinstate before August 1, 1947 in order to have it done without having to take a physical examination. This is true if you are in as good health as on the date of lapse of your policy. Only two monthly premiums are now required to reinstate and to carry for one month.

### Navy Good Conduct Medal

The Navy Department has announced that the Good Conduct Medal is now ready for Navy personnel who served honorably for three or more years with service terminating after August 15, 1945 with final proficiency rating of 3.5.

A history of the First Marine Division is being published free to all personnel who were members of the Division between August 7, 1942 and Sept. 2, 1945. You should contact Marine Headquarters, Washington, D. C. and give necessary information or see Mr. Winchester and he can furnish same.

### Baptist

The annual W. M. U. conference will be held at the Bolens Creek church on Friday, June 13.

The afternoon session will begin at 2:30 with Mrs. John Waycaster of the state office, Raleigh and Miss Marjorie Spence, Missionary to China, as guest speakers.

The evening session will begin at 7:30 and a pageant, "Faith Is The Victory" will be given.

### NOTICE

The North Carolina Veterans Commission will have Jack C. Winchester, Asst. State Service Officer, at the Courthouse in Burnsville, on Thursday, June 26, from 11:00 a. m. to 4 p. m. He will be there to help the veterans and dependents in claims and furnish other information relative to veterans.

He said that there are two important dates coming up soon so far as veterans are concerned.

### Terminal Leave Claims

(1) Claim must be filed for unused Terminal Leave pay by September 1, 1947. The only ones eligible to file after that date are ones whose discharge has been corrected; thus making him eligible where he was not eligible to apply before the change was made.

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