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Vocational Agricultural Building Nears Completion

For Use of Classes in Agriculture

The vocational agricultural building, now under construction at Burnsville high school, is expected to be completed by January 15, school officials here have said. Estimates of the cost are approximately \$25,000.

Work on the building has been done almost entirely by the veterans' training classes in brick masonry.

They will also complete the interior plastering and finishing.

There are now 339 enrolled in the veterans' farm training classes in the county.

The three-story brick structure will be used as an agricultural building by the high school agriculture classes and by the county veterans' training classes. Considerable equipment is already on hand and will be moved in within the next few weeks.

BURNSVILLE— "So They Say"

The weather: If this were Christmas week we'd almost be willing to promise a "White Christmas" to those who are wishing for that! It's that kind of weather—very dark and cloudy and not too cold.

About town: More of the season's atmosphere, with the Christmas lights shining around the square and out Main Street, and the store windows decorated. . . Those bubble lights fascinate us—it's really a very simple idea. Enough heat is generated to make the liquid bubble. Again we wonder why we can't think of some such get-rich easy gadget! . . . Eloise and Ernest were married Wednesday morning at 10 and left for a wedding trip to Texas and Mexico. . .

Garret Wray will be coming from that section (Arizona) for a holiday visit with relatives and friends here. . . Carroll Gillespie has a suggestion for you to make to Santa—ask him to leave a fire extinguisher in your Christmas stocking. Carroll was on way home when the wiring in his car caught on fire. He couldn't locate anything to smother it with so jerked the wires out—with some badly burned fingers as a result. Just as he finished getting the wires out, a bus pulled up beside him and the driver handed him an extinguisher! Now, however, he has one of his own in his car. . .

New arrivals: The Max Proffitt's son and the Clarence Hughes' daughter. . . Hazel Beavers has resigned as public health nurse but will still be with us as she's accepted position as nurse at the Laughrun clinic. . .

RELIEF CLOTHING DRIVE IS PLANNED

"Fill a Ship with Friendship" is the goal of the second statewide overseas relief drive to be conducted in North Carolina by the state Council of Churches, it was announced today by the Rev. Ernest J. Arnold, executive secretary of the Council.

At a meeting held this week in Durham, field workers now organizing the county by county collection throughout the state, discussed plans and set the goal for the drive.

Methodist Church

Dr. Dwight R. Ware, Superintendent of the Asheville district, will preach Sunday at 11:00 a. m. in the Higgins Memorial Methodist church. Immediately following the morning worship, Dr. Ware will hold the first Quarterly Conference for the current year.

Dr. Ware's sermon on Sunday morning will be of interest to a great many, since his preaching here in the past has been so well received and his personal contacts have made so many feel they are his friends.

Everyone is invited to attend both the morning worship and the Quarterly Conference. Every officer of the church is urged to be present.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday at 11 a. m. in Burnsville worship Dr. Harris and Miss Smith will speak.

Afternoon at 2:30 service at Mine Fork. Miss Smith will speak.

Afternoon at 4:00 rehearsal for Christmas exercises.

Thursday, Dec. 18 Missionary meeting at Mrs. Claude Petersons. a "A gift service."

Popular Show Will Be Presented Here Saturday Night

Sponsored by the American Legion

Possibly one of the very best bookings in Burnsville this season will be the engagement of Polly Jenkins and Her Musical Pals at the Burnsville court house Sat. Night, Dec. 13 at 7:30.

With Polly and her Pals is good old "Uncle Dan," who is too well known to go into detail. Dan is the same good-natured old rural boy who has a million jokes up his sleeve and knows how to pass them out at the right time. Dan's comedy has always been clean and wholesome and never gets on the "Blue Side" of the book.

Polly Jenkins and her Pals are and always have been great stars of Radio, Screen and Vaudeville. Their great screen successes with Gene Autry have made them famous, to say nothing of their broadcasts with the National Barn

Registration for Winter Term Off-Campus Center

Registration for the winter term of the Burnsville Off-Campus center will be held at the high school building on Friday, December 12.

During the fall term, 33 students have been enrolled. Freshman college credit will be given for all work satisfactorily completed.

On USS Orion

Woodrow L. Shepherd, chief fire controlman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Laskey J. Shepherd of Swiss, N. C., is serving aboard the submarine tender USS Orion, based in the Canal Zone as a unit of Submarine Squadron 6.

The submarine tender serves as a Navy yard and supply base made into one. She stands ready at her pier to overhaul, replenish and reprovision the submarines under her command.

Commissioned Sept. 30, 1943, the Orion began her war career the latter part of November of that year. Spending most of her time in Australia and New Guinea, the Orion mothered a squadron of 10 submarines that sank more than a million tons of enemy shipping and damaged half that much more.

Crew members will enjoy a five-day pre-Christmas visit to Peru, South America, early in December before returning to the home port in Panama.

Attend Funeral Services

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Angel of Wayland, Ky., and daughters, Barbara and Helen, were in Burnsville today enroute to Waynesville to attend funeral services for Angel's mother who passed away suddenly on Tuesday. They plan to return to Burnsville within a day or two.

Parkway Is Inspected

Officials of the Blue Ridge Parkway who were on an inspection tour of the parkway this week have reported progress of the work.

Sam Weeras, superintendent of the Parkway, stated that up to the time the work recently had to be suspended on account of cold weather, paving of approximately 210 miles of the 355 mile stretch from Rock Fish gap in Virginia to the present terminus of Toe River gap had been completed.

He also stated that contracts had been let for completing about 35 miles of the parkway beyond Mt. Mitchell in the direction of Asheville, and that this stretch should be ready to be opened for travel during the summer of 1948.

On Honor Roll

Donald Tamberlin has been listed on the "A" honor roll for the fall quarter at Western Carolina Teachers College.

Examination For Rural Mail Route Carrier

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to fill the position of rural carrier at Green Mountain, North Carolina. The examination will be held at Burnsville.

Receipt of applications will close on Jan. 15, 1948. The date of examination will be stated on admission cards mailed to applicants after the closing date for receipt of applications.

The examination will be open only to citizens of, or persons who owe allegiance to, the United States who are actually residing in the territory of the Post Office where the vacancy exists, who have been actually residing there for one year next preceding the closing date for receipt of applications, and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form 1977 of July 1946. Both men and women, if qualified, may enter this examination, but appointing officers have the legal right to specify the sex de-

MOTORISTS WARNED OF HOLIDAY HAZARDS

Raleigh.—Don't let death take your holiday!

With that slogan as a keynote, Motor Vehicles Commissioner, L. C. Rosser today asked all North Carolina motorists to exercise special care in their driving during the approaching holiday season.

The Christmas-New Year holiday season has proved to be the most hazardous single period of the year, Col. Rosser said. Heavier travel and the festive spirit of the season increase the normal winter driving hazards, such as bad weather, slippery roads and more hours of darkness.

Many Fatalities

During last December, 103 persons were killed on North Carolina streets and highways. Sixteen of these lost their lives during the Christmas holidays from the 23rd through the 25th of December. And on Christmas Day alone, 11 persons met their deaths on our highways.

Stationed In Wash.

Pvt. Jack R. Grindstaff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Grindstaff of Celso, is a member of the ninth "Manchu" regiment of the famed "Indianhead" second infantry division at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Pvt. Grindstaff is taking special pre-Arctic training on the rugged slopes of the Cascade mountains in preparation for "Exercise Yukon." In the near future he will fly to Alaska in one of the famous C-82 "flying boxcars" to participate in Arctic maneuvers for one month near Big Delta.

Prior to entering the army, Pvt. Grindstaff attended Micaville high school.

Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. John Hylemon of Conover, S. C., Mrs. B. F. Fender of Fairview, Mrs. Charlie Ferguson, Mrs. Alvin Thompson, Mrs. Roy Buckner and Mrs. Angel, all of Swiss; four sons, C. C. of Swiss, Richard of Burnsville, Haskett of Woodfin and Floyd of Virginia.

Holcombe Brothers funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

LOCAL POET WINS RECOGNITION

Miss Grace E. Edwards of Cane River is one of the authors whose work has merited a place in "Important American Poets and Songwriters", this year's most outstanding volume of lyrics and poetry. Thousands of manuscripts were submitted from every corner of the globe and competition for a place in this volume was very keen.

Many of the authors represented have been previously published in other important books, magazines and newspapers. Some of them have authored outstanding volumes of their own, so that to have won a place in this volume is an achievement worthy of wide recognition.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hughes of Micaville announce the arrival of a daughter at the Biltmore hospital, Dec. 10.

State Law Prohibits Use Of Fireworks

Law Passed by 1947 Legislature

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE PURCHASE, SALE, TRANSPORTATION, POSSESSION, ADVERTISEMENT AND USE OF PYROTECHNICS (FIREWORKS) IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Manufacture, sale and use of pyrotechnics (fireworks) in State prohibited: Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any individual firm, partnership or corporation to manufacture, purchase, sell, deal in, transport, possess, receive, advertise, use or cause to be discharged any pyrotechnics (fireworks) of any description whatsoever within the State of North Carolina: Provided, however, that it shall be permissible for pyrotechnics to be exhibited, used or discharged at public exhibitions, such as fairs, carnivals, shows of all descriptions and public celebrations: Provided further that the use of said pyrotechnics in connection with public exhibitions, shall be under supervision of experts who have previously secured written authority from the board of county commissioners of the county in which said pyrotechnics are to be exhibited, used or discharged.

Section 2. That in case of sale or purchase of pyrotechnics, where the delivery thereof was made by common or other carrier, the sale shall be deemed to be made in the county wherein the delivery was made by such carrier or the consignee.

Section 3. That possession of pyrotechnics by any person, for any purpose other than those permitted by this act, shall be prima facie evidence that such pyrotechnics are kept for the purpose of being manufactured, sold, bartered, exchanged, given away, received, furnished, otherwise disposed of, or used in violation of the provisions of this act.

Section 5. That for the proper construction of the provisions of this act, "pyrotechnics" as is herein used, shall be deemed to be and include any and all kinds of fireworks and explosives, which are used for exhibition or amusement purposes.

Section 6. That any person violating any of the provisions of this Act, except as otherwise specified in this Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined, or imprisoned or both, in the discretion of the court.

The Act was in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1947.

DRIVERS' LICENSE TESTS

Raleigh—Persons whose last names begin with A or B have only 17 days left in which to renew their driving licenses without fear of penalty.

The Motor Vehicles Department announced today that out of the estimated 150,000 A and B drivers in North Carolina, only around 90,000 had thus far obtained new licenses.

Time is drawing short, and persons whose surnames begin with A or B who are caught driving after January 1 on an old license will be found guilty of a misdemeanor and will be fined not less than \$25.

A schedule for other groups of drivers follows: C and D from Jan. 1 to June 30, 1948; E, F, and G— from July 1 to December 31, 1948; H, I, J, and K—between January 1 and June 30, 1949; L and M—between July 1 and December 31, 1949; N, O, P, and Q—between January 1 and June 30, 1950; R, S, and T—between July 1 and December 31, 1950; U, V, W, X, Y and Z—between January 1 and December 31, 1950. The examiner for drivers' license is in Burnsville each Thursday and Friday.

The Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners for the Nashville District, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, announces an examination for powerhouse attendants, including one-attendants, mechanics and electricians.



Polly Jenkins, Uncle Dan, and Texas Rose, who will appear with the Musical Pals at the Court House Saturday Night, at 7:30 p. m. Sponsored by the American Legion.