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NOTICE

The Town Office will be closed from Wednesday noon, December 24 until Saturday morning, Dec. 27.

Receives Degree in Public Health Nursing

Lucille Chase - received her degree in public health nursing at the University of North Carolina, completing her work there last week.

Miss Chase received her training at the Mission hospital school of nursing and later was with the army nurse corps for seven years. During the war she served overseas in France and Germany.

After the first of the year she will be with the city health department of Asheville.

FIRE DESTROYS TOBACCO CROP

L. F. Lawhern lost his entire crop of tobacco, valued at approximately \$2000 when fire destroyed his barn last Thursday night about 2 p. m.

Some men returning from Asheville saw the reflection of the fire and gave the alarm. They were able to save most of the farm equipment which was stored in the barn, but the crop was a total loss. The tobacco had been worked and packed down and was ready to be hauled to market.

The origin of the fire was not determined.

FOREST FIRE CONTROL

During November the forest fire situation in District One was an exception as compared to the usual November of past years. Only two counties in District One had reportable forest fires during the month of November. In Buncombe county there were two fires; one caused by smoker and one of an incendiary nature. In McDowell county there was one fire which was set by a train. The remaining counties in District One, namely, Henderson, Madison, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford and Yancey had no fires during November.

The Forest Service organization in all counties in District One appreciates the cooperation that the public is showing in burning brush and trash carefully and the forest users in being careful with their warming fires, camp fires and matches in general.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. MAGGIE BAILEY

Funeral services for Mrs. Maggie Bailey were held at the Higgins Memorial Methodist church at 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

The Rev. Paul Taylor and the Rev. A. Z. Jamerson officiated. Pall bearers were Cecil Higgins, Ransom Higgins, R. N. Silver, Horace Higgins, William A. Higgins, Lucius Smith and Milton Higgins.

Burial was in the family cemetery at Jacks Creek.

Mrs. Bailey passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clayton Sparks of Estatoe following a long illness. She was a life long resident of Yancey county, living for many years at both Burnsville and Jacks Creek.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Sparks, Mrs. Minnie Greene of Burnsville and Mrs. Ebb Williams of Asheville; one sister, Mrs. C. C. Higgins of Burnsville, and eleven grand children.

LAST RITES FOR MRS. W. G. BURLESON

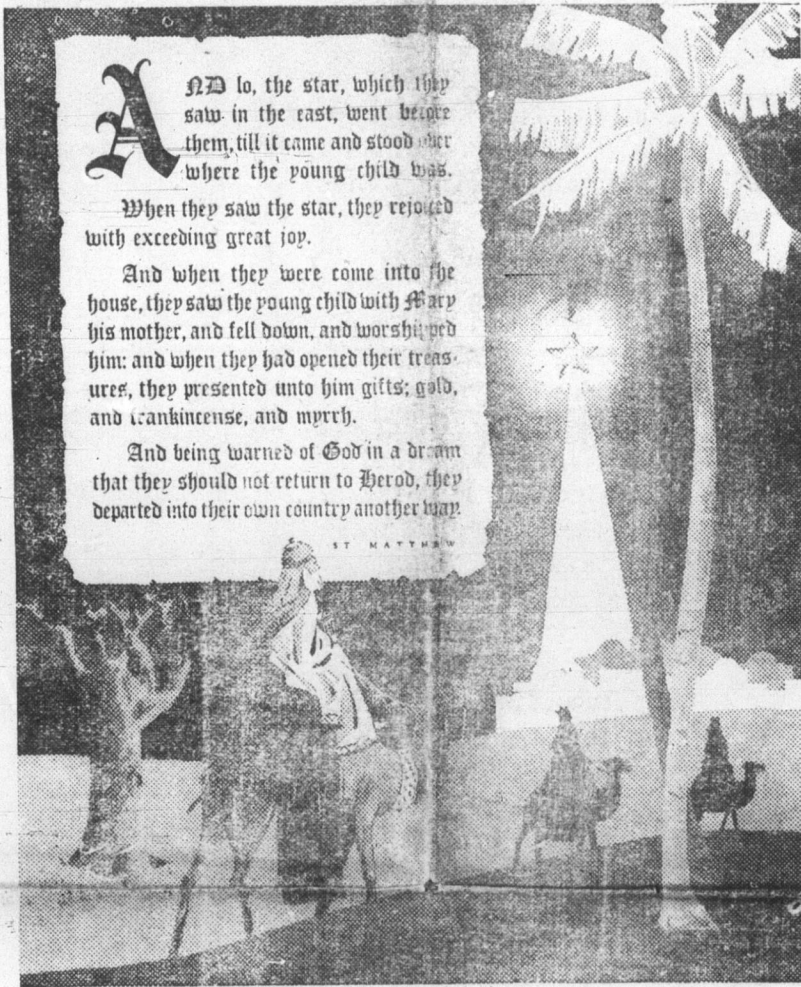
Mrs. W. G. Burleson, 70, wife of a prominent Yancey county farmer, died Sunday at her home, Burnsville, Rt. No. 2.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Liberty Hill Baptist church in Mitchell county of which she was a member. The Rev. J. G. Brown and the Rev. William M. Turbyfill officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

A native of Yancey county, Mrs. Burleson was the former Miss Hattie Lucinda Callahan.

Surviving are the husband; three daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Garland of Boone, Mrs. Mae Boone and Mrs. Ethel McMahan of Burnsville, Rt. 2; three sons Avery of Spruce Pine, William of Estatoe and John of Burnsville, Rt. 2; two sisters, Mrs. Pansy Keller of Pineola and Mrs. Mary Pritchard of Frank; three brothers, Walter Callahan of Crossnore, Alex Callahan of Minneapolis and Taylor Callahan of Charleston, S. C., 23 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Two-way radios are now undergoing tests by the North Carolina Division of Forestry and Parks as a part of their fire control program.



AND to the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Receives Degree

John M. Fouts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dover Fouts, received his degree from the University of North Carolina last week at the end of the fall term.

Vehicle Inspection

"Wise motorists," says Coleman W. Roberts, President of the Carolina Motor Club, "will begin examining their vehicles now and make any repairs needed to pass the North Carolina Motor Vehicles Mechanical Inspection which commences on Jan. 1, 1948."

The inspection law passed by the 1947 General Assembly provides that every North Carolina motor vehicle must be inspected once during 1948 and twice a year thereafter.

Inspection will include examination of registration card and driver's license, license plates, horn, mirror, windshield and windshield wiper, steering mechanism, exhaust system, tires, lights, brakes, turn signals, auxiliary lights, clearance lights and reflectors, switches and wiring.

Howard Williams is home on leave to visit relatives at Bee Log.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ramsey and son of Detroit are here for the holidays.

Observe 53rd Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb P. King of Burnsville observed their 53rd wedding anniversary on Tuesday.

Bill Wilson of Oklahoma City who is attending school in New York is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gillespie for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Silver, Jr., will go to Hickory to visit Mrs. Silver's parents during the Christmas week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Banner will visit relatives at Bee Log for Christmas.

Wayne Banner will be home from Detroit for a short vacation visit with relatives.

Max Autrey who is with the U. S. army forces in Germany has been confined to a hospital there for treatment for the past month. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Autrey of Burnsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scoggins and children of Ruth, N. C. will visit Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Autrey during the holiday week end.

Mary Jo Parrish is planning to visit friends in Louisville, Ky. during the Christmas holidays.

J. D. Greene who is with the Merchant Marine is in a hospital in Panama for treatment but expects to be released soon.

LARGE NUMBER OF FARMS DO NOT HAVE ELECTRICITY

According to survey results recently announced by the Rural Electrification Administration, 129,831 farms in North Carolina, or 45 per cent of all the farms in the State, do not have electric service.

The study, which analyzes the Nation's rural electrification progress up to June 30, 1947, shows that 21-4 million farms—or 39 per cent of all farms in the U. S.—were not electrified at that time.

The survey ranks North Carolina 19th on its State by-State listing of unelectrified farm totals. Compared with other States, therefore, North Carolina is faced with the challenging job of catching up with the rest of the Nation's progress in rural electrification.

The report carries with it the assurance that a minimum of \$6,393,438 in new REA loans will be available to rural electric groups in North Carolina June 30, 1948. Congress has made available \$225,000,000 in loan funds for national use during this fiscal year, of which half is allotted to various States in direct proportion to their needs. The other half is available on a flexible basis, with no sin-

New Farm Loan Program For F. H. A.

Farmers in North Carolina are among the first to take advantage of the newly created insured farm mortgage loan program of the Farmers Home Administration, Mack B. Ray, County Supervisor for Yancey county announced today.

The problem enables veterans, tenants, sharecroppers and farm laborers to purchase farms of their own, and owners of uneconomic family farms to enlarge or develop them into adequate units.

Borrowers pay in cash at least 10 per cent of the investment in land and improvements and obtain the remainder from a private capital source such as a bank, insurance company or individual. No Government loan funds are involved.

Repayments are made in 40 annual installments but families are encouraged to make advance payments in good years to avoid delinquency in years of low income. Borrowers pay 2 1/2 per cent interest and 1 per cent insurance on outstanding principal. The interest goes to the lender and the insurance fee to the Government revolving fund to pay possible losses and administrative costs.

NOTICE

The F. H. A. office will be closed from noon Wednesday, Dec. 24 till 8 a. m. on Monday, Dec. 29th.

James, Edwin and Homer Williams of Asheville attended the funeral services for their grandmother, Mrs. Maggie Bailey, Saturday. Their mother, Mrs. Ebb Williams, had been here for some time.

gle State to get more than 10 per cent of it.

Rural Electrification

The rural electrification program, which has been instrumental in raising the Nation's average of electrified farms from 1 out of 10 in 1935 to 6 out of 10 today, is expected to move forward at a record rate during coming months. Rural power lines are being built today than ever before REA borrowers alone constructed approximately 72,000 miles of distribution lines and connected nearly 300,000 rural consumers to their systems between July 1, 1946 and June 30, 1947.

The Farmers Home Administration fully insures loans against loss, makes collections and otherwise services contracts at no cost to lenders, Mr. Ray said. Borrowers who can obtain credit from regular lending sources serving the community are not eligible for these loans.

Farmers Have Definite Plans

Three farmers in the state, one a veteran, are having insured mortgage loan applications processed simultaneously. One is for the purchase of a farm and two are for development of farms already owned. In each case the applicants have definite plans for using the loan funds profitably.

Ottis Wallin needs a new dwelling on his 206-acre farm located on Spill Corn Road, 22 miles northeast of Marshall in Madison county. The Bank of Marshall is making a loan to build a modest home and make other improvements. Wallin produces tobacco, corn, oats, hay, potatoes and truck. Funds will be used to protect the water supply with a concrete spring box, build a combination stock barn and tobacco storage, a combination vegetable storage and granary, and develop five acres of pasture. Soil conserving practices will be employed.

At the present time several loan applications are being processed in Yancey county under this new program.

Loans on Safe Basis

The insured farm mortgage loan program was authorized in the Farmers Home Administration Act of 1946, which was written and sponsored by Congressman Harold D. Cooley of North Carolina. The insured loan feature did not become operative until this fiscal year when Congress appropriated an insurance revolving fund, Mr. Ray explained.

Loans are made only when farms can be bought or improved at prices in line with their normal long-time earning capacity values. An earning capacity report is developed by careful appraisal of the property on the basis of probable production and prices over a period of years. When costs are excessive loans

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