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Location of Rayon Plant Here Seems Assured

Details Arranged at Conference Here Monday

The location of a rayon weaving plant near Burnsville now seems assured after a conference here Monday of officials of a large textile manufacturing company, and business men of Burnsville.

The proposed establishment of the plant here had been under consideration for several weeks, and preliminary steps had been taken. All details have now been agreed upon, subject to closing the transaction by delivery of deeds and contracts.

Site Provided

Citizens of the county have provided a site on which to build the plant, and the purchase price of the property was raised by donations from citizens of the county.

More has been donated than the amount necessary for the purchase price, and other donations have been promised and are expected to be received within a short time. The excess will either be refunded in proportionate parts or will be set up as a fund to be used for the purpose of obtaining other industries.

The site selected is the Grover Hunter farm east of Burnsville. This property is ideally situated for the location of a plant and the entire tract consists of about 40 acres.

An additional two acres of land, located adjoining the Hunter farm and the new Burnsville-Green Mtn. highway were donated by Dr. Elizabeth Smith, Miss

Margaret Smith and Mrs. Louise Calvert of Asheville. They are originally from Burnsville and wished to make this donation because of their continuing interest in Burnsville and Yancey county.

L. E. Briggs who owns property across the highway, offered to donate several acres if this should be needed, and other property owners also offered to cooperate if any additional acreage would be necessary for the development of the plans.

Work Will Begin Immediately

Work is expected to begin immediately on excavation work preparatory to construction of the first building. This building will be approximately 200 by 400 feet.

Training of some local workers is also expected to begin here immediately, so that they will have received sufficient training by the time the buildings are ready. The plant is expected to employ from 300 to 350 persons after it has been in operation from 12 to 18 months.

The plant will manufacture dress goods and other woven fabrics of synthetic and natural fibres, including viscose and acetate rayon and nylon.

Civic and business leaders of the county have expressed keen satisfaction over this development and have pledged their support in any way that will aid in expediting the construction of the plant.

MAN HANGS HIMSELF AT JACKS CREEK

George Evans, 77, was found Wednesday afternoon hanging in a tree near the home of Will Evans of Jacks Creek.

County Coroner W. M. English investigated and stated that no inquest was deemed necessary as it appeared to be a clear case of suicide.

Mr. Evans had made his home with the Will Evans family for some time. He had no close relatives.

Funeral arrangements under direction of Holcombe Brothers are incomplete

Mrs. S. B. Connelly and son, Bobbie, visited relatives in Cashiers the week before Christmas. Bobby Connelly is there now for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Monroe of Fayetteville have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Edwards of Bee Log during the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude King of Washington were here for the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Keith and children of Asheville visited Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Stamey here during the holidays.

BIG BOUNDARY OF TIMBER PURCHASED

One of the largest remaining boundaries of timber in the county was purchased this week from S. M. Wilson by the Penland and Ayers Lumber Co.

The tract is located on Cat Tail Creek.

Undergoes Operation

Mr. Fillmore Young who has been ill for some time, underwent an operation for the amputation of his right leg at the Marion General hospital on Tuesday. He is reported as resting well. Rev. and Mrs. Alton Young of Seneca, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Will Young of Greenville, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wood of Black Mountain have been here during the past week.

Two New Vocational Classes Will Begin on January 5

Two new vocational training classes will begin in Burnsville on January 5, according to announcement today from the office of the superintendent of education.

A class in carpentry will be taught in the new vocational education building.

A class in general electrical work will be taught by Grady Hipps in the building of the Burnsville Electric company which Mr. Hipps has been operating.

The classes have been approved by the Veterans Administration and by the state board of vocational education and trades.

All who wish to enroll in the classes are asked to sign up in the superintendent's office as soon as possible.

Methodist Church

Sunday School will meet at 10 o'clock. At the 11 o'clock morning worship the Rev. Paul R. Taylor, pastor, will speak on "Remember Now Thy Creator" and Mr. Roy Hensley will sing.

Mrs. Olive Belgarde and children who have been in Fort Myers, Fla., since September are here for a visit with home folks.

Mrs. George M. Hall has joined Mr. Hall in Morgan where he is now employed. They visited relatives here on Sunday.

Schools Reopen; New Buses Added

County schools reopened today (Thursday) after the Christmas holidays.

Two new buses have been added to the school transportation system and are now in operation. One was added at Mica and one at Bald Creek. There are now 7 in operation at Mica and 6 at Bald Creek.

The addition of the two new buses makes a total of eight new ones added within the past year.

PMA NAMES STAFF

The Production and Marketing Association, formerly the AAA, has named J. B. Briggs as secretary and Martha Evans McIntosh treasurer for the local office for the coming year.

RITES HELD FOR MRS. GIBBS OF MARS HILL

Mrs. Sallie Kate Gibbs of Mars Hill, widely known throughout this section, passed away Tuesday morning at an Asheville hospital following a brief illness.

Mrs. Gibbs, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Milton Jarvis, was a member of one of the old and prominent families of the Mars Hill section. She had been until recently active in social and religious life of the community. She was the widow of R. S. Gibbs, well known merchant and business man of Mars Hill and for many years a trustee of Mars Hill college.

Funeral services were held at the Mars Hill Baptist church on Wednesday. Surviving are two sons, four daughters and twelve grandchildren.

Mrs. Vance Proffitt and children of Riverside visited relatives in Mitchell county on Christmas Day.

Clyde Clapp came down at Christmas time to join Mrs. Clapp, the former Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett Hughes.

Daphne Butner of Washington was home for the Christmas week end. Nathan Smith, also of Washington, was a guest of the Butners during the holidays.

SCOUTERS WILL HOLD BANQUET ON JAN. 12

The annual scouters' convention of the Daniel Boone Boy Scout council will be held Monday, Jan. 12, in the First Baptist church, Asheville.

The program will begin at 3 p. m. with a speech by H. S. Williamson, Scout executive in Greenville, S. C., on the topic, "The Double Track of District Operation," followed by a discussion led by Mr. Williamson.

After a recess from 5 to 6:30 p. m., scouters, cubbers, and ladies will attend a banquet, during which the following activities will be featured:

A talk by Abbit Nix, outstanding Scout leader and attorney of Athens, Ga., award of the silver beaver, the annual report, presentation of the attendance cup, award of the scoutmaster's key, installation of new officers, and a discussion of "The Spirit of Scouting."

Scout leaders of this district are expected to attend

Baptist Church

Sunday marked the first anniversary of Rev. McIver's pastorate here. An anniversary message was brought by the pastor, with a special observance of the occasion.

Sunday School will be held at 9:45 o'clock. The Rev. Ben Jay McIver, pastor, will speak on "Ye Have Not Passed This Way Heretofore" Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and on "Broken Purposes" at the evening worship service at 7:30 o'clock. Training Union will meet at 6:30 o'clock Sunday evening. Prayer meeting will be held Wednesday at 7:30 o'clock, followed by choir rehearsal at 8 o'clock.

Officers have been elected to serve during the coming year in the Woman's Missionary Society.

They include the following: Mrs. G. L. Hensley, president; Mrs. B. J. McIver, young people's leader; Mrs. Hershel Holcombe, vice president; Mrs. B. R. Penland, program leader; Mrs. W. Z. Robertson, treasurer; Mrs. C. P. Randolph, secretary; Mrs. J. R. Bailey, corresponding secretary;

Officers Elected for 4-H Clubs

Officers for 4-H clubs of Yancey county have been elected to serve during the coming year. They are:

Bald Creek club: president, Wilson Ray; vice president, Carolyn Brown; secretary and treasurer, James McIntosh; reporter, Ruth Austin; song leader, Imogene Proffitt;

Bee Log club: president, Boyd Peterson; vice president, Cora Whitson; secretary, Mae Edwards; song leaders, Jack Whitson, Evelyn Higgins;

Burnsville senior club: president, Aaron Wilson; vice president, Charles Gillespie; secretary, Bill Riddle; Burnsville junior club: president, David Gillespie; vice president, Mary Lou Fox; secretary, Shirley Styles; song leaders, Tommy Burton, Barbara Harris

Celo club: president, Nina Gibbs; vice president, Lucy Penland; secretary, Shirley McKinney; song leaders, J. W. Miller, Pearl Wheeler;

Clearmont senior club: president, Lloyd Hensley; vice president, Joyce Tilley; secretary, Nona Kate Howell; song leaders, Albert Hensley, Wanda Johnson; reporter, Royce Lee Howell

Clearmont junior club: president, Lorraine McCurry; vice president, Alice Ramsey; secretary-treasurer, Genevieve Bailey; song leaders, Ester Bennett, Tommy Johnson;

Harvard club: president, Barbara Geuge; secretary, Anna Ballew; song leaders, Augusta Antrey, Roger Autrey;

Mica club: president, Kate Howell; vice president, Norma Hall; secretary, Veida Thomas;

Pensacola club: president, Jimmy Nanney; vice president, Virginia Geuge; song leader, Dorothy Boone.

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EXPERIMENT STATION RELEASES FINDINGS

"Research and Farming", the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station's 69th Annual Report, is now ready for distribution to residents of the State who request it, says Dr. L. D. Bayer, director of the Station.

The report contains 140 pages of information concerning the most recent findings of the Experiment Station. Subject matter ranges from preventing tobacco barn fires to the proven value of winter cover crops.

Mrs. Paul Young, community missions chairman; Mrs. W. H. Holleman, mission study chairman; Mrs. G. B. Woody, social mission chairman; Mrs. W. H. Holleman, Mrs. J. R. Bailey, Mrs. Guss Peterson, Mrs. Kenneth Robertson, Mrs. Ernest Banner, circle chairmen;

Mrs. Bill Bailey, Sunbeam counselor; Richard Peterson and Rev. McIver, R. A. counselors; Mrs. J. A. Watson and Mrs. J. B. King, G. A. counselors; Mrs. B. J. McIver, YWA counselor.

James Powell of Florence Ala., was a guest of relatives and friends here during the holidays.

BURNSVILLE—"So They Say"

The weather: We had our "White Christmas" after all, and in our opinion, the very nicest kind. There was no hint of snow on Christmas Eve, but when we awakened the next morning everything was white. There was only an inch or two which soon melted so that we had all the beauty and none of the inconveniences that usually accompany snow!

About town: Santa brought Burnsville the very thing that we'd been hoping for some time to find in our Christmas stocking... the assurance that the new rayon weaving plant would actually be built! We'd heard about it and talked about it for several weeks but it was not until Monday that the details were worked out so that it all seems a certainty... And we'd like to say here—congratulations to the people of the county who responded so promptly and willingly in donating the purchase price of the site and in every other way. We all agree that it was the finest spirit of cooperation ever shown here... It's hard to keep up with all the new diamonds that Santa brought. There's Thelma Anglin's very loving (Continued on page 4)