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March of Dimes Campaign Begins Today

Workers Are Named and Plans Completed

Workers have been named and plans completed for the March of Dimes campaign in Yancey county, it was reported today by Mrs. Ernest Briggs, chairman, and Mrs. B. S. Connelly, assistant chairman for the drive. Fred Proffitt was again named treasurer.

The campaign opened in the schools on Monday, and will officially open in the county today, January 15.

The workers are: Mrs. D. D. Baggett, Mrs. Bill Banks, Mrs. H. G. Bailey, Mrs. Roy Ray, Mrs. Vincent Westall, Mrs. John Banks, Mrs. C. H. Burton, Mrs. L. G. Deyton, Mrs. John J. Edge, Mrs. Harlan Holcombe, Mrs. Dover Fouts, Mrs. Troy McIntosh, Mrs. G. L. Hensley, Mrs. Paul Laughrun, Mrs. Mack B. Ray, Mrs. C. L. Proffitt, Mrs. Yates Bennett, Miss Ruby Robin-

son, Mrs. Stanley Riddle, Mrs. Hubert McIntosh, Miss Lucy Gibbs, Mrs. Frank King, Mrs. Phil Ray, Mrs. Roy Silvers, Mrs. C. P. Rogers, Mrs. George Robinson, Phil Hensley, Seth Honeycutt, Selwyn Hensley and Frank W. Howell.

Civic groups, business firms and offices, and individual persons will be contacted by the workers, and the schools and veterans' classes will contribute through the school fund.

During the past year, Yancey county had two patients receiving treatment for polio in the Asheville Orthopedic hospital. Expenses have been paid by the local chapter and the national foundation.

Contributions to the 1947 campaign were approximately \$1500.

During the second week of the campaign, all workers will be asked to meet so that reports may be made and progress checked.

Leadership Conference

A Baptist Missionary Society Leadership Conference will be held with the Jacks Creek church on Tuesday, January 20.

The session will begin at 10:30 and lunch will be served at the church. All members of missionary societies and all pastors are invited to attend.

The Rev. J. B. Folds, pastor of Central Baptist church of Spruce Pine, will bring the conference message.

LAST RITES FOR ED RATHBURN

Funeral services for Ed Rathburn, 40, native of Yancey county and resident of Buncombe for 22 years, who died Sunday were held in the chapel at Brownell-Dunn and Lovin funeral home Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment was in McClurd family cemetery at Pensacola.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Georgia Rathburn; two daughters, Virginia and Elizabeth Rathburn; the mother, Mrs. L. M. Rathburn; four brothers, Wiley, Wayne, Rollin, and Paul Rathburn, all of Asheville; four sisters, Mrs. Pansy Ogle of Pensacola, and Mrs. William Ogle, Mrs. Harold Goins and Mrs. Lee R. Kent, all of Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pate of Bald Creek announce the arrival of a daughter on January 14 at Mission hospital.

War on rats in every rural community in the United States, to protect the food and feed supplies on farms from costly ravages, has been declared by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Baptist Church

At the 11 o'clock service on Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. B. J. McIver, will have as his subject, "The Tragedy of Excuse Making". At the evening service the subject will be "How to Live."

Sunday School will begin at 9:45 and Training Union at 6:45.

OFFICERS NAMED FOR RED CROSS CHAPTER

George Robinson Again Named Chairman

Officers of the Yancey county chapter, American Red Cross were named at a chapter meeting held here Monday.

The following will serve during the coming year: chairman, George Robinson; vice chairman, Mrs. Harmon Peterson; secretary, Mrs. Craig English; treasurer, Miss Ruby Robinson; home service secretary, D. R. Fouts; disaster chairman, Hershel Holcombe; first aid chairman, Vernie Wilson; Junior Red Cross chairman, Mrs. C. P. Rogers, Jr.; home nursing chairman, Mrs. Hazel Beavers; nutrition chairman, Mrs. D. R. Fouts; publicity chairman, Mrs. C. R. Hamrick; production chairman, Mrs. Juanita Rush Evans.

Mrs. J. B. King is home service secretary of the chapter.

W. D. Debrill, general field director, was present for the meeting, and the past years activities were reviewed. Mrs. Hazel Beavers was elected chairman for the 1948 Fund Campaign.

C. C. Higgins has been ill at his home for the past week.

District Forest Fire Report

Twenty three fires occurred in the 8 cooperating counties in District One of the N. C. Forest Service during the past 6 months. A total of 107 acres of timber land was burned over by fire in this 6 months period ending December 31. This was the lowest number of fires and the least acreage burned over in any six months period since the district was organized approximately twenty years ago. Sixty two fires occurred during the corresponding 1946 period which resulted in 400 acres of burned timber land.

The reduced number of fires indicates better cooperation on the part of the public and forest users. During this period no fires were caused by brush or debris burning and only one fire was caused by smoker, compared to 16 fires caused by smokers last year.

The remaining fires and causes are as follows: 36 percent of the fires were caused by campers and hunters, 21 percent were of

incendiary nature, 30 percent were caused by railroads and 9 percent were from miscellaneous causes.

J. Craig English, county forest warden of Yancey county, had one fire during this period which burned over 20 acres of timber land. The other 7 cooperating counties of this district and their fire records are as follows:

Buncombe county, 8 fires with 31 acres burned; Madison county, 5 fires, with 18 acres burned; McDowell county, 6 fires, 22 acres burned; Polk county, 2 fires, 15 acres burned; Rutherford county, 1 fire with 1 acre burned. No fires were reported in Henderson and Mitchell counties during this six months period.

Permits are required for burning of trash, brush, old fields, or any other type of burning during October and November in the fall and from the first of February through May in the spring. A total of 1,024,698 acres of privately owned forest land is protected in this district.



LAST RITES HELD FOR WM. M. MCMAHAN

William M. McMahan, 66, widely known citizen of Burnsville, passed away at his home here Thursday night following an extended illness.

He was a native of Yancey county and had made his home here for most of his life time. He had long been a member of Higgins Memorial Methodist church.

Funeral services were held at the church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. Paul Taylor, pastor, and the Rev. B. J. McIver officiating. Burial was in the Holcombe cemetery in east Burnsville.

Pall bearers for the services were Denton McMahan, Alfred McMahan, J. E. Banner, Joe Banner, E. F. Roland, H. C. Wheeler, J. A. Goodin and J. H. Ray.

Surviving are the widow; two sons, Carmon of Burnsville and Arthur of Weaverville; and five grandchildren.

LAND RESOURCES NOT BEING USED SPECIALIST SAYS

Evidence of improper use of land resources in North Carolina last year lies in the fact that about 12 percent of the cropland in the state was idle and even a larger per cent not fully used, C. Brice Ratchford, in charge of Farm Management for the State College Extension Service, said here this week.

Land devoted to cash crops such as cotton, tobacco, peanuts, and commercial truck has been well utilized and have normally rendered a good return, Mr. Ratchford said, but the land devoted to the non-cash crops such as corn, hay and pasture has not been utilized to the maximum.

Farmers have normally carried out recommended practices on the cash crops but they have not carried out the recommended practices on the non-cash crops. Adoption of these practices on all crops grown on the farm would pay high returns, he declared.

One-half of the land in North Carolina is devoted to woodland, and on many farms the woodland has given a very low return. Even though many of the crop land resources have been fairly well utilized, the land devoted to forest has been more poorly utilized.

Labor, North Carolina's greatest resource, has not been fully used, he stated. Most farmers have felt there was a shortage and this has been true, yet, on these same farms there has been idle labor.

Systematic farm planning will indicate ways to use all the land and labor, and those who take time out during the bad weather this winter to plan their farm operations for 1948, will be spending their time well, Mr. Ratchford said.

Dairy Improvement Program Sponsored By Federation

Artificial Breeding Association Formed

Asheville.—The Southeastern Artificial Breeding association, a new project sponsored by the Farmers Federation with the cooperation of the extension service of the North Carolina department of agriculture, has begun operations here, it was announced yesterday by James G. K. McClure, president of the federation.

The project is predicted to double the milk production of the average Western North Carolina cow within the next ten years. A battery of 25 high-index proven sires, representing registered Holsteins, Jerseys and Guernseys are now situated in the barn and activities have begun which will allow each farmer in North Carolina to improve his dairy herd, it was pointed out by Mr. McClure.

The barn was constructed with special attention to safety features to protect the caretaker of the bulls as well as laboratory technicians. A modern laboratory in the barn with all the necessary equipment to carry on the work, and a modern home has been constructed adjacent to the barn to house the caretaker and his family.

Only proven bulls will be used in the stud, Mr. McClure pointed out. He added that a nation-wide search has been made for bulls that will come up to the standards required by

the Southeastern Artificial Breeding association and no bull will be acquired for this purpose unless the records of his daughters show that he transmits high milk and butterfat production.

J. R. Prentice of Chicago is the proprietor of this service. Mr. Prentice and his assistant, Philip Higley, formerly with the Dairy Extension department at Cornell university, have been here recently making arrangement for the opening of the new enterprise. Maury Gaston, former county agent of Iredell county, is extension representative of Southeastern.

Dairymen of many North Carolina counties have formed associations within their counties to work in conjunction with Southeastern. Technicians have been trained at State College to aid in the work.

Iredell county already has 2,000 cows signed up in its association, Mr. McClure said, and Buncombe county has formed an association for this purpose.

The North Carolina Extension service, the North Carolina department of agriculture, teachers of vocational agriculture and the Farmers Federation are all cooperating in this new enterprise.

In speaking of the project, Mr. McClure said, "The Southeastern Artificial Breeding association offers to the dairy farmers of North Carolina the service" (Continued on page two)

SAVINGS BONDS

Mr. G. Leslie Hensley, county chairman of the U. S. Savings Bonds Committee for Yancey county, announced today that, according to information received from Allison James, state director, in Greensboro, sales of Savings Bonds for the period December 1, through December 31 for Yancey county totaled \$11,671.00.

A special campaign to increase Bond sales in January and February is underway.

BURNSVILLE "So They Say"

The weather: Cold, down past zero—weather reporters say 3 to 5 below. Which is plenty cold and we'd prefer not to have any such temperature as this to brag about for the remainder of the winter!

About town: Very little happening that we could see or hear. . . One visitor in town last week inquired: "Where's that new plant I've been all through town and I didn't see it!" We can't report any such progress but all agreements, resolutions by county and town boards of commissioners, etc. satisfactory, and representative of company here this week. So grading should start any day! . . . Basket Ball season in full swing and you're missing some good games if you don't see the All-Stars play. High school teams good too. March of Dimes campaign starts today. Let's make this one most successful ever held in county. . . P. T. A. meeting Tuesday night at high school. Parents urged to attend. . . Note: We enjoyed movie that's on tonight.

Mrs. Laura McIntosh is expected to return home today from the hospital.

Banks-Young Motor Company Will Have "Open House"

First Showing Here of New Ford Truck

The first public showing in Burnsville of the new 1948 model Ford trucks will take place Jan. 16 at an "open house" to be conducted by the Banks-Young Motor Company.

With the streamlined new trucks—the first post-war products of the Ford Motor Company—as the main attraction, the Banks-Young Motor Company will welcome the public to its showrooms, service, and accessory departments.

"We arranged an 'open house' program for public announcement of the 1948 truck line because we feel that this is the most important new truck showing in Ford history," said W. J. Banks and Joe C. Young of Banks-Young Motor Company.

"We are entering the greatest truck market of all time with the widest range of models and capacities Ford has ever produced. We expect to receive trucks during the coming months in quantities increased sufficiently to permit us to meet the heavy demand."