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NUMBER EIGHT

## Mark Bennett Named District Commander of Legion

Approximately 100 members of the Earl Horton Post of the American Legion attended sessions of the State Legion convention which were held in Asheville during the past week.

Official delegates were Brady Fox, John Blake, J. R. Miller, Mark Bennett, Wm. T. Jobe and Robert Peterson.

Mark Bennett was elected commander of the 31st district, succeeding Cecil Dobson of Marion.

J. R. Miller was awarded \$25 for securing the most members in the district during the membership

drive. The following ten were eligible for the "go-getters" group for securing new members, and attended the banquet held for the group: Mark Bennett, J. R. Miller, R. N. Silver, Woodrow Anglin, C. L. Proffitt, Mack B. Ray, Bill Huskins, Bill Jobe, Dr. W. B. Robertson and Iff Clevenger.

The Post now has 361 members.

The local unit of the Legion Auxiliary won several trophies for greatest increase in membership. These awards will be made at a meeting later.

## Presbyterian Church

Sunday services at 10:15 and 11. Dr. Harris will speak at the morning service. Topic, "I am not going to be this way any more."

Sunday School at 10:15. Adult Bible class and classes for youth and children.

Reception of new members on Sunday, Sept. 26th which is Dedication Sunday. The church building which has been altered and greatly improved will be formally opened Sept. 26th.

In addition to the morning services that day there will be a Community Service in the afternoon at 4 o'clock. Speakers will be Rev. David Swartz, C. P. Randolph and Rev. Paul Taylor. The Weaverville Male Quartet will sing at both services in addition to the augmented church choir. An important meeting of the church members will be held tonight (Sept. 16) at 7:30.

## DEATH CLAIMS MISS ALDINE PLEASANT

Word has been received here of the passing of Miss Aldine Pleasant on Sunday morning, September 12. The message was sent by her sister, Mrs. Carl Banks, of Leaksville but no details have been learned.

Miss Pleasant taught during the past year in Richlands in eastern Carolina, and following an extended visit to a brother in Arizona this summer had returned east to begin her work again in the Richlands school.

A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Pleasant of Burnsville, Miss Pleasant was long associated with the religious, educational and cultural activities of the town. For a number of years she taught school in the county system. She had also taught music here and in Asheville. She was a member of the Methodist for a number of years.

Surviving in addition to the sister are three brothers, John of Phoenix, Arid., Marcus of Asheville, and Wingate of Leaksville, and several nephews and nieces.

## CPL. GUY D. THOMAS

Final rites for Cpl. Guy D. Thomas were held on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the Double Island Baptist church, with the Rev. J. L. Street officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Cpl. Thomas was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jobe Thomas of Green Mtn., and was killed in action in Italy on March 9, 1944.

Surviving in addition to the parents are one sister, Mrs. De Soto Johnson, Jr., of Green Mtn.; six brothers, Rass, Frank, Carter, J. B., and Donald of Green Mtn., and George of Baltimore.

Full military honors were given Cpl. Thomas. Sgt. Pierce of Charlotte escorted the body here, and the following members of the Earl Horton Post of the American Legion formed the Guard of Honor: Dr. C. F. McRae, post chaplain; Kenneth Robertson, Boyce Stamey, Bill Bailey, Lee Yelton, Bill Banks, Mark Bennett, Ashton Ramsey, Iff Clevenger, Arnold Higgins, Milton Higgins, Jr., D. D. Baggett, Ford Bailey, Virgil Banks, Jake Banks, John B. Westall, H. G. Bailey, Harlan Holcombe, and Jimmy Hughes, bugler.

## Methodist Church

Regular services will be held at 11 o'clock with Bruce Westall as soloist.

At the conclusion of the service, five minutes of special prayer will be observed for world leaders who gather in Paris for the General Assembly of the United Nations.

## P. T. A. Plans Activities

Mrs. Mark Goforth, of Lenoir, N. C. director of the second district of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, will address the first meeting of the Burnsville PTA to be held in the school library at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, September 21. She will discuss the aims and ideals of the organization, how parents and teachers can best coordinate their efforts in the work of the community.

Mrs. Goforth took an active part in the PTA Institute at the Woman's College, Greensboro, in June.

Mr. James Hutchins will speak on the "Birds of Yancey County."

Miss Jean Bennett has been elected secretary for the coming year at the meeting of the PTA Executive Board held Monday, September 13 at 3:30 p. m., in the school library. She replaces Miss Bertha Huskins who has resigned on account of illness.

The following committees were named by the Executive Board: program: Mrs. Chas. Proffitt, chairman, L. G. Deyton, Mrs. Joe Powell; hospitality: Mrs. G. L. Hen-

## Broughton Will Address Farm Bureau

Ex Governor J. M. Broughton will be guest speaker at a county wide meeting of the local Farm Bureau at the Playhouse on Monday, September 27.

A membership drive for the Bureau is now under way in the county

## PURCHASE STORE

Vaughn Gaddy and Vance Riddle have purchased the stock of goods from Stanley Bailey and are now operating the store in east Burnsville which Bailey has had for the past months.

Mr. Bailey still has the feed, fertilizer and coal agency.

## Visits Home County After 30 Years In West

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peterson and daughter, Mrs. Reba Seivers, and Glen Seivers of Pendleton, Ore., have arrived for a visit with Mr. Peterson's sisters, Mrs. Sidney Peterson and Mrs. Cora Bailey of Day Book, and Mrs. Axie Elliott of Burnsville.

The party came by motor on a northern route through Chicago and other points. They stopped over in Johnson City, Tenn. for a visit with Mrs. Peterson's brother, Leader Flemming, prominent Johnson Cityan, and other kinsfolk. On the trip back to Pendleton they plan to go by a southern route which will take them through the various points of interest, such as New Orleans, New Mexico and Hollywood.

This is Mr. Peterson's first visit back to the Carolinas in thirty years, and he was not so familiar with the surroundings of his old home place at Day Book. He stated that everything had changed almost beyond recognition, but for the better and that progress was in evidence everywhere. He chiefly farms and owns large acreages of productive wheat lands around

Pendleton.

Mr. Peterson and his sisters paid many short visits with their many kinsfolk and friends. They also made a number of sight seeing tours, especially to Mt. Mitchell and along the Scenic Highway. He stated that there was very little scenery out west that could compare with the mountains and hills of the Carolinas.

On Sunday, September 12 a family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Peterson at Day Book. At noon a bountiful feast was spread on the lawn and everyone ate to his hearts content. Those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peterson, Mrs. Reba Seivers, Glenn Seivers of Pendleton, Ore., Mrs. Robert Hamlin and children, Robert and Loretta of Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. Otis R. Peterson and their two children, Elizabeth Ray and Sidney Winifred of Morganton, N. C., Mrs. Axie Elliott and son, Raleigh of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Cora Bailey of Burnsville, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Arrowood of Day Book, Miss Johnnie Peterson of Day Book, and the jovial hosts of the reunion dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Peterson.

## Baptist Church

Rev. M. H. Kendall, instructor in Bible at Mars Hill college, has been named supply pastor of the Baptist church following the resignation of Rev. B. J. McIver who has accepted the pastorate of the Duke Street Baptist church in Ninety Six, S. C. Rev. Kendall will begin his work on Sunday.

## FARM NOTES

The Calf Show at the Tri-County Fair at Spruce Pine is scheduled for Friday, September 24 at 10 a. m. Approximately 15 entries from Yancey county 4-H club members are expected to be entered.

The Rev. and Mrs. Richard Taylor of Gastonia were guests this week of their son, Rev. Paul Taylor.

J. C. Turner left Sunday to resume his work in Salisbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Solon H. Hyder of Asheville and Tampa were guests of Mrs. R. C. Burton and Mrs. Mary C. Severs at Bald Creek Sunday.

## Proffitt's Store at Bald Creek Completely Destroyed By Fire

Proffitt's Store at Bald Creek was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. Both the building and all contents were a complete loss.

The fire was discovered by the watchman about 10 o'clock but had caught near the back of the store and was burning rapidly when first found. The Burnsville Fire Department answered the call within a few minutes but the structure burned so fast that it was impossible to do more than save adjoining structures. The fact that a quantity of oil

and gasoline fed the flames made the task of trying to bring it under control more difficult.

The store was one of the largest general mercantile establishments in the county, and the loss was set at approximately \$50,000. There was some insurance.

Glenn Proffitt, owner, has been in the mercantile business for the past 45 years, and had been in the present building for 26 years. His sons and a daughter are associated with him in the business.

## COLLEGE STUDENTS

The following is a complete list of college students as reported to date:

To University of North Carolina: Joe Goodin, Jr., Mary Jo Parrish, Dick McIntosh, R. E. Hennessie, Rash Beeler, Richard Jenny  
To Woman's College, U. of N. C.: Doris Penland, Peggy Parrish, Alberta Parrish, Mary Frances Hamrick, Fredia Brown, Clara D. Banner, Betty Wray Hensley, Hope Brown  
To A. S. T. C., Boone: Evelyn Silver, Merritt Robinson, E. F. Hunter, Jr., Woodrow Anglin, Grace Young, Clyde Young, Ruth Lewis, Annie Ruth Austin, Carroll Angel.

To Mars Hill: Mary Evelyn Hensley, Ruth Banks, June Smith, Peggy Jean Huskins, Leslie McCurry, Eloise McCurry.

To Berea: Martha Bailey, Wilmore Young, Edna Hughes, Ouida Hughes, Wanda Sams, Wayne Proffitt.

To Cullowhee: Donald Tomberlin, Jennie Hensley, Charles Neill, Betty Neill Hale Bryson.

To Meredith: Orleana Jamerson.

To East Tennessee State College: David and Robert Peterson, Mary Helen Neill, Mildred Westall, Nelle Baitley, Ray Riddle, Nona Kate Howell, Ray Brown Young.

To Emory: Edd Beeson.

To Wake Forest: Dick Bailey.

To Wesleyan Conservatory: Evelyn Hamrick.

To Mission Hospital school of Nursing: Frances Riddle, Benolene Silver.

To Cecil's Business College: Wilma Anglin.

To N. C. State: Landon Proffitt, Herman Bostian, Edwin Wilson.

Castle Heights Military School: Billie Laughrun.

To Grace Hospital Nurses school: Wilma Ayers.

To U. of Kansas City: Dale Banner.

To Maryville college: Warren Banks.

To Kings College: Lloyd Letterman.

For men with prior service there are many attractive openings in both the Army and Air Force for those that can qualify.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Clouse are visiting Mrs. Taft Allen

## Promoted

S. Sgt. Harry P. Belt, local U. S. Army and U. S. Air Recruiting Sergeant, has been promoted to the grade of Technical Sergeant. It was learned here today.

T. Sgt. Belt, a native of Moorefield, W. Va., has been on recruiting duty at the Asheville office for the past three years and has nine years service in the Regular Army and Air Force to his credit, of which thirty-one months was spent in the China-Burma, India Theater. During his stay in that Theater T. Sgt. Belt was awarded the soldiers medal for heroism. In addition to the soldiers medal, Sgt. Belt is entitled to wear the Asiatic-Pacific Theater medal with two bronze stars, American defense medal, Good Conduct medal, American Theater medal and the Victory medal.

It has been announced by T. Sgt. Harry V. Belt, local Army and Air Force Recruiter, that the European command has been opened to those men with no prior service who desire service there.

## LAST RITES FOR LONNIE HORTON

Lonnie Horton, 59, of Burnsville passed away Tuesday afternoon at his home.

Funeral services were held at the Higgins Memorial Methodist church on Thursday morning with the pastor, the Rev. Paul Taylor officiating. Burial was in the Burnsville cemetery.

Burial bearers for the services were H. G. Bailey, L. G. Deyton, Bruce Westall, Edgar Hensley, George Brown and Arnold Higgins.

Survivors include three brothers, Shelby E. of Asheville, Fred of Marion, Robert V. of Cronwell, Conn., and one sister, Mrs. G. Carl Brown of Asheville.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many friends for their kindness and sympathy in our recent bereavement, and for the beautiful floral offering. Family of Lonnie Horton