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"Duplan Meets The Community Week" Planned June 19-24

Folders Will Be Distributed Here Next Week

The Duplan Corporation which is now building a plant in Burnsville is this week conducting a unique experiment in mass community education. Having designated the period June 18th thru the 24th as "Duplan Meets the Community Week" the company is distributing 150,000 four page picture rotogravure folders telling the company story throughout its-plant-city communities. The attractive folder which tells the story of one

large industry in a community is being made available at no cost through stores, banks, clubs, institutions and business houses in all its mill cities.

Duplan Corporation officials in outlining the Community Week program point out that its objective is far more than a single company's promotion. They believe that the program might well set a pattern for other industries to follow in informing and enlightening the local citizenry as to what industry is doing here, and what it means to the community.

Attend Meeting

The State Baptist Training Union assembly is being held this week at Fruitland.

Mrs. B. R. Penland, Mrs. A. Z. Jamerson, Miss Doris Penland, David Hadley and Gerald Murdock went over on Tuesday as David and Gerald were district representatives in the Junior Memory Work.

On Wednesday the Rev. and Mrs. Charles B. Trammel, Mrs. H. G. Bailey, Miss Hope Bailey, Rebecca Trammel, Nelda and Polly Peterson, Mary Hensley, Shirley and Irma Styles and Carrol Simmons went over to attend the services.

Presbyterian News Attend Camp

The Junior-Hi group of the Holston Presbytery is attending camp this week at the South Toe River camp.

Those from Yancey County are: Olin Higgins, Louise Patton, Danny Young, Kenneth Dillingham from Burnsville; Victor Morrow, Max Higgins, Joan Renfro from Higgins, Steve and Richard Briggs from Upper Jacks Creek.

The Rev. David Swartz is assisting with the direction and supervision of the camp, and approximately 75 counsellors and campers are attending.

The Missionary Society will meet at the church on Tuesday evening, June 20 at 8 o'clock.

YANCEY BLUE GEMS WIN TWO GAMES

The Yancey County Blue Gems marked up another win Sunday afternoon on their undefeated record. In a closely contested game the local team came out at the big end of a 2 to 1 victory. The hurling and fielding were outstanding features of the game. Several sensational catches were made by the fielders.

Leading hitters for the Gems were Marsh and Gillespie, each getting three hits out of four times at bat.

Gillespie pitched a three hit game, walking only one man. The opposition's run was unearned, being scored on a passed ball. The Gems got 9 hits in this game.

A Saturday night game will be played at Spruce Pine, Gems vs Minpro. Sunday the Banner Elk team will play the Gems on the Burnsville diamond at 2:30 O'clock.

BALD CREEK

The Vacation Bible School at Bald Creek Methodist Church will begin on Monday, June 19 and continue through June 30.

Classes will begin each morning at 9:30 a. m. There will be four departments, planned for ages starting at four years.

A faculty of 12 workers, with the Rev. Manuel Holland, pastor directing will teach in the school.

Earl Ray has returned home from N. C. State for the summer vacation.

Bloodmobile Unit Visits Prison Camp

The Red Cross Blood Mobile visited the Yancey County Prison Camp on Saturday.

A total of 56 pints was collected. All of this except two pints was contributed by the prisoners.

Graduated From N. C. State College

Raleigh.—Walter Herman Bostian of Burnsville, was one of the students graduating from North Carolina State College during the institution's 61st commencement service Sunday afternoon, June 11. Bostian was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in General Engineering.

Graduated From N. C. State College

Raleigh.—Landon Moore Proffitt of Burnsville, was one of the students graduating from North Carolina State College during the institution's 61st commencement service Sunday afternoon, June 11.

Proffitt was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering.

As a student at N. C. State, he was a member of Sigma Pi Alpha, American Society of Agricultural Engineers Ag Club.

Bailey Hill Decoration

Decoration services at the Bailey Hill Cemetery will be held at 11 a. m. on Sunday, June 18

J. C. Turner has returned home for the summer from Salisbury

Orthopedic Clinic

The monthly orthopedic clinic will be held in the Spruce Pine Town Hall Wednesday morning, June 21. Dr. James H. Cherry of Asheville, will be the clinician. This clinic, which is open to all residents of the Tri-County area, is held on the third Wednesday morning of each month by the District Health Department. Patients should be at the Town Hall not later than 11 a. m.

Duplan Official's Here

H. J. Hinz of Winston-Salem, personnel manager of the southern division of the Duplan Corporation, and H. C. Easter of Lincolnton, who will be manager of the Burnsville plant, are in Burnsville today.

Mr. Hinz recently selected four young men to begin training in Lincolnton. The four, Jess Styles, Morris Styles, Ted Phillips and Paul Silver, have already begun this training.

Special Summer Activities

The program of summer activities will begin here within the next two weeks, and final preparations are being made for this.

Painting Classes

The Burnsville Painting Classes will begin the fifth season on Saturday, June 24 with a capacity enrollment. Instruction will begin June 26.

The property of the former Camp Mt. Mitchell for Boys was acquired two years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stanley Herring and Edward S. Shorter and is now the permanent home of the Painting Classes.

The property has 42 acres of land including beautifully wooded slopes, a lodge for girls, a lodge for boys, a sports building, 10 cottages, a dining hall and kitchen, a swimming pool and small lake.

Additions to one of the cottages was made this spring to provide a private studio and living quarters for Mr. and Mrs. Herring and Mr. Shorter.

Last year students came from 17 states to attend the Painting Classes.

School of Fine Arts

Burnsville School of Fine Arts of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina will begin the 7 weeks' session on June 29. Courses of study will be offered in art, creative writing, modern dance, music, education and drama.

In connection with the drama courses, the Playhouse will be operated, thus giving practical experience in acting, production and stage settings.

A dormitory for students was completed last season and an apartment building for staff members is under construction now.

Girls' Camp

The Mt. Mitchell Camp for Girls will open on June 27 for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hornum of Clearwater, Fla. are owners of the camp and Mrs. Lillian Bingham will be director. A full program of camping activities will be offered.

The camp is located near Burnsville at an elevation of 3,100 feet, the third highest in North Carolina.

Account Given of Creation of Yancey County in 1834

The following account of the establishment of Yancey County was sent us recently by E. Frank Watson. History students in the schools will be especially interested in this story.

"The large extent of country comprehended in the bounds of the counties of Buncombe and Burke renders the attendance of the inhabitants thereof to do public duties extremely expensive and difficult, for remedy whereof all that part of these counties beginning on the extreme height of the Black mountain, running thence along said mountain to Ogle's improvement, thence along the dividing ridge to Daniel Carter's fork field, thence a direct course to the mouth of Big Ivy creek, thence with the Warm Springs road to the three forks of Laurel creek; thence a direct line, so as to include James Allen's house to the Tennessee line thence with said line to the county of Ashe; thence with the line of said county to Grandmother mountain thence a direct course to the extreme height of the Humpbacked mountain; thence with the Blue Ridge to where it intersects the Black mountain, thence with the ridge of said mountain to the beginning, is erected into a separate and distinct county by the name of Yancey."

Thus was created the county of Yancey, improperly spelled by the General Assembly "Yancy," and the description of its boundaries give an idea of the difficulties of surveying in one of the wildest regions of all the United States.

The General Assembly ratified the act January 13, 1834, that session having begun November 13, 1833.

Two supplemental acts covering Yancey were ratified the same day. One directed that the first session of the county court should be held at some suitable place within five miles of the house of James Greenlee on the third Monday in January, 1834, and that Rickly Stanby, Thomas Baker, Joseph Shepherd, John McElroy and Levi Bailey as commissioners locate the place for the county seat on a tract of land of not less than 100 acres, on which a town to be called Burnsville should be laid off by them, and the court house, etc., erected there, within the distance of five miles of James Greenlee's.

The county court was directed to lay a tax of not

over one dollar on the poll and one dollar on the \$100 value of lands, to raise a fund to erect the public buildings; also to sell the lots and apply the money to the building fund.

The county was named for Bartlett Yancey of Caswell, who served many terms in the General Assembly, was president of the senate and a representative in the U. S. Congress, and an early advocate of a public school system.

The county seat was named for Capt. Otway Burns, of Carteret county; commander of the U. S. privateer "Snapdragon" in the second war with Great Britain, 1812-15.

The first county court was held January 25, 1834, in Cane River church, a mile from James Greenlee's home. Daniel Angel was appointed temporary sheriff, Amos L. Ray, clerk, Joseph B. Ray, register of deeds, Burgess S. Gaither, county solicitor.

In April, 1834, the commissioners named by the General Assembly bought 100 acres of land for the county seat, Burnsville, and for two years the courts were held there in a temporary wooden building, until the first court house was completed in November, 1836.

The first sheriff was convicted of murder and hanged and the first clerk was

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Carl Renfro of Green Mountain Killed in Truck Wreck

Carl Renfro, 30, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gaither Renfro of Green Mountain, was killed in a truck wreck at 6 o'clock this morning (Thursday) near Erwin.

Details of the wreck were not learned but the only other occupant of the truck was not injured.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Surviving in addition to the parents are the widow, the former Miss Elizabeth Kegley; a four year old son; two brothers, Dock and Clyde Renfro; five sisters, Mrs. Melvin Johnson, Mrs. Niram Whitson and Mrs. Clyde Street of Erwin, Mrs. Charles Tilley of Green Mountain and Mrs. Howe Deyton of Fort Bragg.

French Broad Electric Membership Corporation Plans Meeting

Assistant Administrator of R E A Will Speak

William C. Wise, Assistant Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration, will address the members of the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation at their annual meeting in Marshall June 24.

Mr. Wise will bring to Marshall the accumulated experiences of his 15 year career with REA. He was one of the men who formed the core of the program in 1935, and since that time he has travelled America in the interests of a sound, practical plan of rural electrification.

More than a thousand members are expected to crowd the Marshall High School Auditorium to hear Wise and witness other special events planned for the tenth anniversary meeting. This year the members will elect directors, hear a winning essay on farm electrification, receive co-op reports, and draw for free prizes.

These prizes, headed by an 11 foot home freezer, will include an electric roaster, percolator, waffle iron, toaster, and many other valuable and useful gifts. In order to be eligible a member must be registered and be present at the time of the drawing.

Leading electrical merchants and distributors will unite to present a huge display of the latest appliances and equipment. The Mars Hill Square Dance Team will provide the entertainment, showing the form that makes them a championship group.

The displays will open and registration begin at 10:30 A. M. The meeting will officially open at 1:15 P. M.

BURNSVILLE— "So They Say"

The weather: Clear and warm now but heavy rains last week. Regular down-pour Friday and Saturday when 1) the Coletta twins celebrated their 5th birthdays and 2) when Diane Roberts celebrated her sixth. The showers didn't dampen the spirits of this youngest set, and "a lovely time was had by all!"

Brief comment: New and very attractive, Pete's Snack Bar which opened this week in the Super Market Building. Good things to eat... new grocery store: George Robinson now owns the Burnsville Feed Store next door to Ford place, and Gaddy's Grocery moved to Atkins building... Chick and Frank Butler have about completed their new cleaning plant and will open Monday... Moving about: W. C. Ramms and H. C. Mangums to houses at Glen Raven Mill... the Horace Higgins from Cane River to Rush's apartment... John and Fay Blake to Briggs apartment and Brady and Marjorie Fox to apartment John and Fay had... James and Jessie Fay Ramsey to the Nicholson house... and the C O Ellis family to their new home... Base ball games: Blue Gems vs Minpro in Spruce Pine Saturday night and Blue Gems vs Banner Elk here Sunday... C. W. Phillips here from Greensboro and will be at Woman's Club tonight. Be sure to attend—Legion Building, 8 o'clock.

Frank E. Briggs of Wagener, S. C. was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Briggs Sunday.

