

"Ah, but a man's reach
should exceed his grasp,
Or what's a heaven for?"
Browning

THE YANCEY RECORD

"My strength is as the
strength of ten,
Because my heart is pure."
Tennyson

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Fall Colors Begin to Show on Blue Ridge Parkway

Rangers patrolling the Blue Ridge Parkway, mountain-top scenic boulevard connecting the Shenandoah and the Great Smoky Mountain National Parks, report that fall colors have already begun a fine show on the mountainsides at elevations of 4,000 feet and over. Already the Sourwood, Dogwood, Wild Cherry, and Red Maples have started to color vividly in the area between Balsam Gap and Mount Mitchell. Mountain Ash trees between Craven Gap and Mt. Mitchell are now heavy with clusters of brilliant red berries, and Viburnum, a low shrub, has put on deep red leaves.

The color in the Mt. Mitchell district of the Parkway is expected to be at its

peak around October 12. By October 5, the Maples, Black Gums, Dogwoods and some Oak trees will be rapidly reaching their height of color along a section of the Parkway referred to as the Bluffs district, just south of the North Carolina-Virginia State line—and especially where the Parkway intersects with U. S. highway 21 near Sparta, N. C. and runs south to N. C. highway 18 at Laurel Springs. The Black Gums and Dogwoods in this area already are attractive and should hold their color for the next two weeks.

Fall coloration along the entire opened portion of the Parkway should be good from about the first of October through the first week in November, and possibly a little later.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, OCTOBER 8-14, 1950

AN OPEN LETTER from WALDO C. CHEEK, Commissioner of Insurance, Sherwood Brockwell, State Fire Marshall, and W. W. ROBERTS, Chief Burnsville Fire Department To the PEOPLE OF YANCEY COUNTY. Greetings:

A place to live is a fundamental requirement of an American family. Suppose your home were to catch on fire tonight (and thousands will throughout the United States) and suppose you are fortunate and all your loved ones escape without injury, your home, due to fine work by the Fire Department, is only partially destroyed and that covered by insurance.

You would, under these circumstances, indeed be fortunate, BUT where would you and your family live while repairs are being made? There are exceedingly few houses for sale or rent and apartments are practically unobtainable.

If, under the most favorable conditions, fire attacks you, you will face a serious and dreary situation.

WHY NOT PREVENT SUCH A FIRE?

In October, 1900, the North Carolina Insurance Department, then recently formed, issued its first Fire Prevention Day bulletin. This bulletin contained these two simple lines:

"MOST FIRES ARE DUE TO CARELESSNESS"
and
"The A.B.C. of FIRE PREVENTION—ALWAYS BE CAREFUL"

From this simple bulletin issued in 1900, with the full cooperation of the Fire Departments of North Carolina and Civic Clubs throughout the State, Fire Prevention has become a state-wide, in many cities and towns a year around, activity, which is paying North Carolinians a splendid dividend to-day.

"MOST FIRES ARE DUE TO CARELESSNESS":

It has been said that in many homes "everything one has in the house and know they will never need again and are ashamed for the neighbors to see is in the basement, the attic or the closet under the only stairway leading from the second floor, 95 per cent of it highly flammable and so situated to form a constant threat to such home and the lives of loved ones."

Now, not after the fire, is the proper time to have all this debris removed from the home and properly disposed. Get it before it gets you.

"The A.B.C. of FIRE PREVENTION—ALWAYS BE CAREFUL":

When did you examine your heating plant and the pipes thereto, are the heating plants or cook stoves or pipes too close to woodwork? Are your flues and chimneys safe? When did you have your electric wiring and appliances checked by a competent person? Do your electric lights flicker or grow dim when the refrigerator goes on or you turn on the radio or other apparatus? Are there leaves or other trash in your gutters subject to any spark from your chimney? Is the kerosene or fuel oil properly stored in proper containers?

If there is any doubt in your mind about the foregoing or any other condition in your home which could result in fire, call your Chief of Fire Department or Building Inspector now and follow his advice.

Be careful before the fire and prevent your loved ones from being included in the ten thousand casualties and your home from being included in the 1/2 to 3-4 billion dollars fire loss in this country this year.

Use Fire Prevention Week or Month this year cooperating with the local Fire Department and Civic Clubs in making North Carolina a safer place to live.

Year around fire prevention is paying a dividend in North Carolina in economic values never before reached in this State.

Notice to Selective Service Delinquents

The following men from Yancey County are delinquent with the Selective Service Board: Britt Williams, Carmon Williams, Harris Lee Hensley, Fred Parker, Jr.

Selective Service Regulations provide that delinquents shall be ordered to report for induction before other registrants.

We are expecting a call for delivery of men for induction at an early date. Unless your delinquency is removed by the time that call is received, you will be ordered to report for induction as a delinquent and if you fail to respond you will be reported to the United States Attorney for criminal action.

We urge you to busy yourself immediately in an effort to remove your delinquency. If you proceed promptly we may be able to give consideration to your case before the call referred to above is received. If you ignore this reminder of your obligation under the Selective Service Act or persist in your delinquency, you will be ordered to report for induction in the first call.

LAST RITES FOR MRS. MAGGIE JOHNSON

Mrs. Maggie Johnson, 71, of Weaverville, died Sunday morning in an Asheville hospital following a short illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11 a. m. in Bakers Creek Baptist Church. The Rev. Will Baker officiated.

She was the widow of Zeb Johnson of Yancey County and resided in the Jacks Creek section until moving to Weaverville recently.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Flora Fox of Swannanoa and Mrs. Carrie Fox of Burnsville; four sons, Frank and Paul Johnson, both of Weaverville, Fred Johnson of Burnsville, Star Route and Willie Johnson of Green Mountain; two sisters, Mrs. Sallie Atkins of Erwin, Tenn., and Mrs. Deckie Whitson of Marion, and a brother, Neely Bailey.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Yancey County Bookmobile schedule for the coming week has been announced as follows:

Thursday, Oct. 12: Bowditch, home of Mrs. Wilson McMahan, 10 a. m.; Celso School, 11 a. m.; Celso Post Office, 12:30 p. m.; Harvard School, 1 p. m.; Seven Mile Ridge School, 2:30 p. m.; Lonnie Ballew's Store, 3:30 p. m.; White Oak Creek Road, Robert Ballew's Store, 4 p. m.; Co-op Store, 4:30 p. m.

Friday, Oct. 13: Locust Creek School, 9 a. m.; Busick School, 11 a. m.; Busick, home of Mrs. Leonard Crain, 11:30 a. m.; Rock Creek, home of Mrs. R. L. Rector, 1 p. m.; Middle Creek, 2 p. m.; Celso, Fred Robinson's Store, 3 p. m.

Wounded in Korea

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Edwards of Cane River, have received word that their son, Cpl. Jack Edwards, of the First Cavalry Division, was wounded in Korea on September 21, and is now in Tokyo Army Hospital, Japan.

Seaman Charles Byrd

Charles Byrd, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Byrd of Route 1, Burnsville, recently visited the city of Panagusta, Island of Cyprus, while serving aboard the heavy cruiser USS Columbus which is making a good will tour to various countries throughout the Mediterranean.

Before entering the Navy, he attended Clearmont High School at Day Book, and was employed by the Kemper Textile Corp., Baltimore, Md.

Boone Home Destroyed By Fire

The home of Hoy Boone which was between Mica-ville and Newdale, was destroyed by fire Monday morning about 10 a. m. The Burnsville Fire Department was called but arrived too late to save the frame house. Most of the furniture was saved by neighbors, however.

Mr. and Mrs. Boone were away at the time the house caught fire and no theory was given as to its origin. Neighbors stated that the first sign of fire was seen coming up beside the chimney. However, no fire was in the fireplace that morning, it was stated.

According to the secretary to the Selective Service Board, 25 more boys from Yancey County will leave Burnsville for their pre-induction examination on Wednesday, October 18. They will go to Charlotte for the examination.

HUSKINS-SELF

Miss Georgia Mae Huskins, daughter of William H. Huskins and the late Mrs. Huskins of Newdale, was married to Jake Calvin Self son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Self of Little Switzerland, Sunday afternoon in the home of the Rev. J. H. Black, Asheville.

The bride wore a navy blue suit with navy and white accessories and a corsage of white rosebuds.

Miss Cora Lee Huskins of Newdale, sister of the bride was maid of honor. She wore a navy blue suit with matching accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. Cecil John Self of Little Switzerland was best man.

After the ceremony the couple left for a wedding trip. They will reside in Little Switzerland.

Singing Convention

The Yancey County Singing Convention will meet with Bald Creek Baptist Church, at Bee Log, on Sunday, October 8th, at 2 p. m. All singers and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Lowe Thomas, Moderator

NOTICE

A meeting of the Republicans of Yancey County will be held at the Court House in Burnsville, on October 13th.

Halsey B. Leavitt, Republican candidate for U. S. Senate will be speaker for the occasion. All Republicans are urged to attend. Hear all your candidates for the coming election.

Dr. Robertson Returns to Hospital

Dr. W. B. Robertson who has been ill for several months returned this week to a Rutherfordton hospital for further treatment. Dr. Robertson underwent an operation at the hospital several weeks ago. His condition was somewhat improved until recently.

Highway Department Moves into New Building

The Highway Department moved last week from offices in the Anglin Building on the Square to its new office building across from the Methodist Church.

The new one story brick building has been under construction for several weeks. The interior of the building is modern in every design, and was constructed by the Highway Commission for facilities for a Tri-County office here.

FINAL RITES HELD FOR ED WOODY, 52

Ed Woody, 52, of Green Mountain, died at 3:45 a. m. Sunday in a McDowell County hospital. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Woody.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Maude Honeycutt, whom he married 28 years ago; five daughters, Mrs. Charlie Harding and the Misses Billie June and Dottie Mae Woody, all of Green Mountain, Miss Wilma Woody of Marion and Mrs. Lydia Letterman of Day Book; three sons, Donald, Dennis and Paul C. Woody, all of Green Mountain; seven sisters, Mrs. Alf Jarrett of Forbes, Mrs. Arnold Thomas of Newdale, Mrs. Henry Briggs of Mars Hill, Mrs. Roy Lyle and Mrs. Jonathan Gouge, both of Green Mountain, Mrs. Frances McKenny of Chester, S. C., and Mrs. Ed Thomas of Marion; five brothers, Rassie and Grayson Woody, both of Morganton, Robert Woody of Henderson, Green Woody of Green Mountain and Russell Woody of Forbes, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Monday at 3 p. m. with the Rev. Park Whitson and the Rev. Frank Parsons officiating. Burial was in Woody Cemetery.

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE

On N. C. Highways

Killed September 29 through October 2	21
Injured September 29 through October 2	174
Killed through October 2 this year	677
Killed through October 2, 1949	611
Injured through October 2 this year	8,967
Injured through October 2, 1949	7,034

N. C. OBSERVES HIRE THE HANDICAPPED WEEK

North Carolina is joining the nation this week, October 1 through 7 in observing National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week. Disabled veterans and other handicapped persons in North Carolina and throughout the nation do not ask for pity, nor charity, but an equal opportunity to do the work for which they are qualified.

The Veterans Administration, along with other organizations over the country, are trying to dislodge the idea of disability and stress the ability of handicapped persons.

In North Carolina alone the potential labor force has been expanded by 5,000 disabled veterans who have been rehabilitated through the VA program. These veterans are now employed in industries throughout the State. A study in plants employing physically handicapped persons has shown that they adjust quickly and satisfactorily to the conditions of the job; they are equal and sometimes superior to other workers in job performance; they are not job shoppers, and they can do any kind of work where their impairments are not handicaps.

At the present time another 2,650 disabled veterans are being trained in nearly every type of business and industry in the State. The rehabilitation period for these men will soon be completed and employers should realize that when they hire one of these, they are helping themselves, helping the person they have hired, and increasing the productive strength of the nation.

NOTICE

Capt. Ralph J. Ferree, Aviation Cadet Project Officer, will be at the Recruiting Office in the Post Office Building in Asheville on October 11th through 13th.

Men of this county who are interested in training to become Air Force Officers and who are college graduates between 20 1/2 and 26 1/2 years of age should contact Capt. Ferree on the above dates.

Lawrence Curtis of Burnsville is in Mission Hospital undergoing treatment for an injury received last Sunday. His condition has been reported serious.

Graduates From Beauty School

Miss Carrie May Blankenship, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Blankenship of Burnsville, has completed a course in Beauty Culture at the Pack Square Beauty School in Asheville. She is now employed by the Hotel Asheville Beauty Shop there.

YANCEY DEMOCRATS ATTEND RALLY

A delegation of Yancey County Democrats attended an Eleventh District Democratic rally yesterday in Marion. The McDowell County Democrats were the hosts at the rally for over 500 persons representing seven western counties.

Principal speakers at the rally which was held in the McDowell County Court House were candidate Clyde R. Hoey and Governor Kerr Scott. C. P. Randolph, Yancey County party chairman, also talked.

Gov. Scott in his address said that within a few years North Carolina would enjoy the greatest era of prosperity than had been in a whole generation.

Following the rally in the Courthouse a barbecue was given in the Community house by the McDowell Executive Committee.

Attend WMU Meeting

Mrs. Mary Hensley, Mrs. Charles Trammel, Mrs. Gus Peterson, and Mrs. Tensie Bailey attended an all day district meeting of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union, Wednesday.

The District meeting was held in the Calvary Baptist Church, West Asheville.

Pensacola—Mrs. Edward C. Clark and son, Christopher, of Miami are visiting Mrs. Clark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rathbone.

Pensacola—Mrs. Ralph Byrd and small son, Morris Stephen, have returned home from Baltimore hospital where Morris Stephen was born on Sept. 19.

FINAL RITES FOR MRS. GANIA RAY

Mrs. Gania Ray, 75, died at the home at Prices Creek Sunday morning following a lengthy illness.

Surviving are a daughter Mrs. Vernie Lyday of Cane River; a son, Richmond Ray, of West Asheville; two sisters, Mrs. Delia Wilson and Mrs. Althea Scott, both of Cane River, and three brothers, Noah Ledford of Gastonia and Watts and Charlie Ledford, both of Barnardsville.

Funeral services were held in Prices Creek Baptist Church Monday at 3 p. m. with the Rev. Ed Riddle officiating. Burial was in Scott Cemetery.

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DON'T FORGET THE JULY 25, 1951 CUT-OFF DATE FOR STARTING G.I. BILL TRAINING. YOU MUST HAVE BEGUN YOUR COURSE BY THAT DATE IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE AFTERWARDS.

For full information contact your nearest VETERANS ADMINISTRATION OFFICE