

"All men think all men mortal, but themselves."
Blair

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"Be not the first, by whom the new are tried, Nor yet the last to lay the old aside."
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Much Interest Shown In Telephone Co-op Discussion

Rural telephone discussion began in earnest this week as representatives of the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation met with interested groups in Burnsville and Bald Creek to explain the various ways of securing service.

Speaking to the Burnsville group Monday night, D. M. Robinson, manager of the electric cooperative, presented the over-all telephone situation in North Carolina and summarized benefits a county can obtain with an area coverage telephone system.

"Today's farmer," Robinson said, "may have an excellent farm to market road, an efficient electric system, and a well balanced farm program; but without a telephone, he still has an isolated farm."

He recalled that in 1920, over 33,000 farmers had telephones in this state, and that this number had dropped to 14,000 by 1945. "We attribute this decline largely to the failure of many mutual telephone systems," Robinson said. "Because the people themselves owned the systems, they refused to charge themselves enough to insure good operating conditions. The result was that when the poles began to fall and the lines began to rust, there was no money to replace them. One by one the subscribers dropped off, until the systems collapsed."

Earlier in the meeting Mark W. Bennett, Burnsville manager of the electric co-op, had made clear that the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation has no intention of going into the telephone business. "We have all we can handle now," he said, "telephones will have to be

operated by a separate organization."

Robinson emphasized this later when the people present expressed their preference for a cooperative system. "Organizing and building a co-op is hard often thankless work. It means that long before the co-op is a formal organization, the local people concerned must volunteer their services for canvassing, mapping, and sign-up work. Without this help, the co-op is doomed before it starts."

Bennett explained that the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation is not trying to "sell" telephones to the people. "We have been asked to assist in these meetings, and we will do everything possible to see this program through to the end," he said. "Our board feels that we should cooperate in any worthwhile endeavor that promises to raise the living standards of our membership. A good telephone system, certainly, meets this qualification."

Both Bennett and Robinson expressed the opinion that the existing local telephone company would be ideal for the job if they see fit to carry out the program on an area coverage basis.

Funds to finance a rural telephone system are available through the Rural Electrification Administration. A telephone cooperative would function in much the same manner as an electric cooperative, with the people who receive service actually owning and operating the system."

A group meeting will be held at Green Mountain Thursday night, October 19, at 7:32. Everyone who is interested should attend.

LEGION TO MEET

Oscar Deyton, Commander of the Earl Horton Post of the American Legion, announced that a supper meeting of the Legion will be held at the Legion Hall on October 24. Supper will be at 6:30, and all members and officers are urged to be present. The Commander also requests that Legion Caps be worn for the opening ceremonial.

Fortner Promoted to Corporal

Recently promoted to the rank of Corporal with the Far East Air Forces in Japan was Dewey L. Fortner, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Fortner of Burnsville. In the Orient since July of 1948, Cpl. Fortner has been assigned to FEAF's supply depot, now occupied with the task of processing and shipping all material to FEAF tactical units operating in support of United Nations' forces in Korea.

A former student of the Burnsville High School, Cpl. Fortner has been in military service since March of 1948.

Department Beset With False Alarms

The Burnsville Fire Department has been getting a little added practice during the past week. On Sunday morning the alarm sounded and firemen rushed to the Ellis Hosiery Mill on Green Mtn. St. where the fire was reported. It was found that a leak in the sprinkler system set off the alarm. Monday morning they were called out again to extinguish fire in a truck on the highway east of Burnsville. There, it was found, only a mechanic was needed to release the smoking brake bands on the truck.

DRAFT CALL FOR NOVEMBER 1st

The following men in Yancey County have received notices for induction into the armed services on November 1, according to the clerk of the local Draft Board:

Harris Lee Hensley, William L. Beaver, Albert Fender, David H. Rathbone, William R. Rount, Thomas E. Harris, Gene Earl Woody, Isaac N. Brown, Charles R. Penland, William Max Gardner, Jack Hughes, and Perry D. Wilson.

According to Rex Boone, Administrative Assistant of the Charlotte Induction Station, 11 boys from the group of 23 examined from Yancey County Wednesday were accepted for induction.

Those accepted were: Hubert Renfro, Robert Renfro, McCoy Letterman, Howard Anglin, Leonard Wyatt, Holt Miller, Quenton-Rathbone, Estes B. Robinson, Robert Lee Westall, R. B. Edwards, and Sanford W. Dale.

These men were examined with a group of 143 from Wilkes, Avery, Madison and Yancey County, according to Mr. Boone.

William Tate Rathburn

William Tate Rathburn, 76, died Monday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Sheridan Robinson, Mars Hill, Rt. 2, following a long illness.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. James Turner and Mrs. Nancy Harris, both of Burnsville, Mrs. James Melton of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Leland Robinson of Mars Hill; two sons, Landon Rathburn of Burnsville and Eugene Rathburn of Hillsboro; four sisters, Mrs. Margaret Calloway, Mrs. Julia Rathburn, Mrs. Melissa Parker and Mrs. Belle Roland, all of Burnsville, and three brothers, Zeb and Neal Rathburn, both of Burnsville, and Tom Rathburn of Winston-Salem.

Funeral services were held in Paint Gap Baptist Church Tuesday at 2 p. m. with the Rev. Guy West and the Rev. R. L. Henson officiating. Burial was in Marshbanks Cemetery.

Miss Lewis Selected For Sorority

Miss Sybil Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Lewis of Green Mountain has been chosen by the Pan Hellenic Council of the East Tennessee State Teachers College, Johnson City to become a charter member of one of the two new Sororities now being organized on the campus.

To be chosen as charter member of either of the new Sororities, a student must be selected by the four sororities now active. She must have an average of not less than "C" and must take part in the activities of the college.

Miss Lewis is a member of the Junior Class of East Tennessee State College.

FINAL RITES FOR MRS. CORA ELKINS

Mrs. Cora Elkins, 53, died at the home on Baker's Creek Monday morning following a short illness.

Surviving are the husband, J. K. Elkins; a daughter, Miss Lovada Elkins, nine step-children, four sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services were held in Baker's Creek Baptist Church Tuesday at 2 p. m. with the Rev. Will Baker officiating. Burial was in Baker's Creek Cemetery.

J. R. Burton Visits in Burnsville

J. R. Burton, city detective with the Flint, Michigan police force visited his brother, Clarence Burton, and family here over the week end.

Mr. Burton, who has been on the Flint police force for the past nine years, was recently promoted from police sergeant to detective. Burton's visit here was not purely social, he said. He came down to escort a prisoner back to Flint.

LIONS CLUB

The regular meeting of the Lions Club was held last Thursday night in the Roberts and Johnson Club Room. Dr. McRae gave a talk on phases of the public health program in Yancey County.

Plans for "Ladies Night" to be observed at the Club's next meeting, October 26, were made. Hugh McIntosh of Sylva, District Governor will be guest speaker.

4-H Club Members Awarded Prizes

In a contest sponsored by Sears, Roebuck and Co., several 4-H boys and girls in Yancey county were awarded registered Poland China pigs.

Mr. Godwin, 4-H Club supervisor for this county, said each year Sears, Roebuck and Co. awarded each county \$125 to be used to purchase pigs for club members or to be used as prize money for livestock shows in the county. Winners in the contest are judged by the facilities the member has to raise pigs.

Members receiving pigs as prizes agree to feed, breed and care for the gilt and enter her with the pigs in the county stock show, Godwin said. After the pigs have been shown, the member may either keep the pigs or dispose of them. Winners were: Gerald Shuford, Cecil Burgin, Tommy Geouge, Leonard Styles, Ward Mathis, Billie Pittman, Louise Silver and Beverly Silver.

Mrs. Butner in Hospital With Broken Hip

Mrs. Lawrence Butner is in Mission Hospital, Asheville, where she is undergoing treatment for a broken hip which she received from a fall Monday morning at her home in Burnsville.

The injury was received when Mrs. Butner was bowled over by a cow which had become startled by a dog, it was reported. Last reports are that her condition is fair.

To the members of Burnsville P. T. A.:

I wish to extend my sincere thanks and hearty congratulations to Mrs. Hershel Holcombe and patrons of Burnsville School for the action taken at your last P. T. A. meeting.

When school patrons, such as your organization has enrolled, are aroused to action, I feel sure that much improvement will be made.

Let me assure you of my whole-hearted cooperation in your efforts. Please call upon me for any help that it is possible for me to give.

Sincerely,
Frank W. Howell, Superintendent.

Burnsville P. T. A. Votes To Raise \$5,000 For School

The Burnsville Parent-Teacher Association held its October meeting in the High School library Monday evening, with Mrs. Hershel Holcombe, presiding.

Miss Wanda Greene, Health Supervisor for Yancey, Mitchell, and Avery counties, was guest speaker. Her discussion centered around "school and community health."

Following the talk by Miss Greene, a business session was called by Mrs. Holcombe to discuss the health needs of Burnsville School.

Bruce M. Tomberlin, principal, and Mrs. Frank Howell, county supervisor, pointed out the very critical and immediate needs of the school, pertaining to the health and welfare of the children. Due to inside adequate facilities, they said, the grade school was dropped from the accredited list.

The most urgent need pointed out is for the conversion of the old auditorium into classrooms. Six additional rooms would relieve the congestion under which the grade school now operates, according to the principal and supervisor. Other immediate needs mentioned are better sanitary facilities and lighting improvements.

It was explained that the

Board of Education is unable to supply the necessary funds for these improvements. The cause of this financial condition is that all available funds are necessary for the replacement of fixtures and equipment for Bee Log School which was destroyed by fire two years ago. The State allocated funds for the replacement of the building, but the burden of providing equipment, heating supplies and fixtures for the building falls on the local board, it was explained. Local funds normally used in satisfying the needs of all county schools was directed into the replacement channel for the Bee Log School.

Following a general discussion in which it was stressed that funds for any improvements to Burnsville School must be furnished by the patrons, a motion was made and adopted to immediately raise \$5,000 for repairs and improvements. Approximately \$400 was donated at the meeting.

Mrs. Holcombe appointed a committee to make plans for raising the remainder of the funds. Bruce Westall was appointed as chairman, Guss Peterson, treasurer, and Mrs. Alonzo Roberts, Rev. C. B. Trammel, Rev. F. R. Barber, and Dr. Gladden, members.

L. V. Pollard has been confined to his home with illness most of this week.

According to reports Dr. Robertson's condition remains the same. Mrs. Robertson is with him this week.

Mattie Fox, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Fox, was carried to St. Joseph's Hospital Friday. Although her condition is still serious, some improvement was reported by her father.

Dr. Harris to Speak

Dr. Charles W. Harris of Weaverville will speak in the Estate Presbyterian Church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service. His topic will be "A Prayer for the Nation." All persons in that section are invited to attend the service.

Micaville High School

The final program for Fall Festival will be held at Micaville High School Friday night, October 20th.

The main feature of the program will be the operetta "Taffy Anne" presented by the Grammar Grade department.



President Truman registers his support of the Community Chest as he receives his tickets to its benefit show "Red Feather Cavalcade." Tickets are delivered by Mrs. Charles Brannan (center), wife of the Secretary of Agriculture, and Mrs. John R. Steelman, wife of the Assistant to the President.



Culionnee—All smiles over the end of the day's classes are Western Carolina Teachers College's three beauty queens. Left to right, as they come up the walk from the classroom are Eloise Jarrett of Shelby, veeen of the Carolinas' Christmas Festival held in Charlotte last year; Bettie Gene Hines of Raleigh, Maid-of-honor in the Miss Bright Leaf contest of 1950; and Carolyn Edwards of Leaksville, Miss North Carolina of 1950 and finalist in the Miss America Contest. The three freshman girls are roommates at the college.

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE

Killed October 13 through October 16	17
Injured October 13 through October 16	149
Killed through October 16, this year	729
Killed through October 16, 1949	645
Injured through October 16 this year	9,451
Injured through October 16, 1949	7,500