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Miss Anna Cooper to Represent County at Tobacco Festival

Miss Anna Cooper of Day Book will represent Yancey County as contender for the crown of queen to rule over the Asheville-Burley Tobacco Market this season. Crowning of the queen will be the highlight of the big Tobacco Festival to be held in the Asheville City Auditorium on Saturday night, December 2.

Many beautiful gifts "fit for a queen" will be showered upon the lucky maiden from the Land of Burley who will step forth into the spot light to receive her royal crown.

The title of "Tobacco Queen" has been bestowed upon two Yancey County girls since the Tobacco Festival was instigated in 1943.

Miss Cleo Whitson of Ramseystown first won the crown for this county in 1945, and Miss Mildred Robinson of Toledo will relinquish her crown, won last season, to the lucky queen this year. Only Madison County, with three winners has been able to furnish more "beauty" for the Festival than Yancey.

Other attractions to be furnished at the Festival are sinbers such as "Smiling" Red Raper and the mountain balladier, Ronnie Comfort, as well as square dance exhibitions. String music will be furnished by the Farmers Federation band.



Troy McIntosh, above, of Burnsville is shown with the prize buck he killed opening day of the deer season. The deer, which was killed in the Clear Creek section of South Toe River, weighed 227 pounds and had seven point antlers with a spread of over sixteen inches.

Winter Weather Strikes Country

Yancey County, along with most of the eastern United States, felt for the first time this winter the bite of cold and snow. Comfortable weather prevailed in the mountains until last Friday afternoon when snow began to fall. Friday night and early Saturday morning marked the lowest degree of temperatures that had been noted in Yancey County in several years. Mt. Mitchell held the record for low temperature this year with 19 below zero Saturday morning. Other sections of Yancey reported from two above to one below zero.

Snow fall in this area was lighter than in most other states to the North. Not more than two to three inches fell here while in other sections of the country people struggled under blankets of two and three feet. Of the larger cities, Cleveland and Pittsburgh seemed to be hardest hit by snow, while New York suffered from winds severe enough to blow in plate glass windows. Thousands of residents in those cities were compelled to withstand the severe cold without heat and electric power in their homes. Telephone service also was disrupted.

No deaths were reported in this section due to the cold, however an automobile with a woman and child was found stalled on the Parkway. The couple were carried to an Asheville hospital for treatment because of exposure. Although neither was in a serious condition, it was reported that the woman would not be able to walk for several days. When the car stalled, the gasoline supply was exhausted in keeping the motor running for heat. After the gasoline was gone, seat covers were torn from the seat and burned in the ash tray to produce enough heat to keep the woman and her child alive.

Over 250 deaths due to the cold and snow were reported in the United States and Canada. Schools were resumed today in Yancey County for the first time since Friday afternoon.

Approach of Christmas Seen in Stores

Indications, other than the weather, may be seen around Burnsville that the Christmas season is not too far away. Christmas lights around the Square and through the business section of town have been installed. Stores are displaying toys, Christmas cards, tree decorations and other wares that go with the holiday season. Items of everyday usage are being removed from counters and windows to make way for Christmas items which will be in demand until last minute shoppers complete their gift buying late Christmas Eve.

MacArthur Gets New Medal



WAKE ISLAND — President Truman congratulates General Douglas MacArthur and admires Medal of Merit he has just presented to the far eastern supreme commander. The general also received his fourth Distinguished Service Cross from the president during his conference at this tiny Pacific island.

THIRD WORLD WAR LOOMS

General Douglas MacArthur's promise of "home for Christmas" has been blown to a pipe dream within the past few days by Chinese Red pressure in the Korean battle. Chinese Communists, according to reports, have thrown more than 200,000 troops across the Yalu River, border division between Manchuria and Korea. This new threat from Chinese Red threw the United Nation forces off balance to the extent that escape routes for the defenders were almost closed. Some UN battalions were over run by outnumbered Chinese forces.

Wednesday, Red pressure was slackened without any apparent reason, but the counter offensive was resumed at all battle points today.

Latest news reports are that the use of atomic bombs is being considered by government officials. One report quoted President Truman as saying consideration was being given to all types of bombs, but the use of the atomic bomb would be left with the commander in the field. It was pointed out, however, that the bomb may be used only by the command of the President.

The use of the atomic bomb, or the use of any type of bomb on Manchurian installations by United Nations forces would result in a third World War, considering the Russian-Red Chinese alliance.

Marine Airmen In Korea

Wonsan, North Korea—Four Marine flyers blasted about 200 "ridge-running" North Koreans off a well-defended height looking straight down the throats of an advancing infantry unit this week.

On a ground-controlled strike, the pilots of the First Marine Aircraft Wing pulled down to tree top level along a winding road 70 miles north of Wonsan when they spotted an armored car half camouflaged in a gully.

The foursome returned in a "follow-the-leader" formation, and scored three direct hits on the truck. The vehicle broke in half.

On the run Lieutenant Frank Stratton of Kansas City, Missouri spotted a burst of machine gun tracer fire coming at the planes from a high, steep hill up the valley. This was followed by a shower of small arms fire from Communist troops.

"We then went back for a closer look at the ridge," Captain Earl Coppersmith of Los Angeles, the flight leader said. There must have been about 500 of them diving for their foxholes as we buzzed past the hill.

The captain described the hill as a perfect defensive position.

"From where they were dug in," he said, "the Reds could look down the throats of any troops that would have to advance up the narrow valley to get by them."

When the flying Leathernecks, had the positions well spotted, they went in for the kill.

In a series of dives they strafed, rocketed and dropped three big fragmentation bombs on the congested hill. "We must have killed a couple of hundred of them," Coppersmith said.

When the Marines returned to their base, there were three bullet holes in the tail of one plane.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James (Bud) Stamey, a daughter November 29 in Biltmore Hospital.

WATER MAIN BREAKS

Some residents of Burnsville were without water in their homes and business places Saturday and Sunday when a water main broke on the street leading down Parnell hill. It was necessary to cut the water pressure on the principal lines so that the maintenance crew could repair the break. Several reports were made of frozen pipes in homes due to the lack of pressure while the repair was being made.

The town was fortunate that no fire broke out while the pressure was off.

TEN LEAVE FOR INDUCTION

Ten Yancey County men are scheduled to leave for induction into military service tomorrow. The draftees will be carried by bus to the Induction Center at Charlotte.

Those scheduled to leave for this call are McCoy W. Letterman, W. Blake Ray, Howard England, Robert Renfro, Quenton Rathbone, Leonard Howard Wyatt, Holt Miller, Estus B. Robinson, Robert Lee Westall, and Hobert Renfro.

Another call has been made for the examination of men from this county. Notices have been sent to twenty-five who are scheduled to leave for Charlotte Monday for the pre-induction examination.

This call for induction of draftees is the second that has been made under the last Draft Act. The first men were called to the Induction Center on Nov. 1.

Mr. Homer Young is critically ill at his home in Newdale.

Mrs. John Evans and Mrs. James Randolph entered Winston Salem Hospital today for treatment.

Hazelton Men Assigned To Mill Here

Four of Duplan's Hazelton, employees have been transferred to the Burnsville mill to aid in setting up and operating the machinery in the new mill here. John Macara, Sylvester Choma, Walter Beltz, and Edward Stefanoski took over their new positions here early this month.

John Macara is being trained to take over a supervisory position at the new plant. With Duplan since 1921, he has spent the past six months in training for the Burnsville assignment. Macara is a veteran of World War II, having served with the Army for 3 years in the South Pacific.

Sylvester Choma, Walter Beltz, and Edward Stefanoski are helping to install looms at the new mill. At the Hazelton plant all three men were employed as loom fixers. Here they will be in charge of machine fixing after production has begun. The Burnsville men who took their initial training as fixers at the Lincolnton plant will be supervised and aided in their jobs by the Hazelton men.

Choma, a veteran of several months active service in the European theatre during World War II, began his employment with Duplan in 1933. Stefanoski has been with the company for twenty years and Beltz joined Duplan in 1931.

Mr. William J. Goldsworthy, who has been with the Duplan Corporation for 33 years, was scheduled to supervise the Preparatory Department in the mill here; however, due to illness in the family, it is most probable that he will not be able to accept the position in Burnsville, it was said.

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE

On N. C. Highways

Killed November 24 through November 27	13
Injured November 24 through November 27	95
Killed through November 27 this year	865
Killed through November 27, 1949	766
Injured through November 27 this year	10,856
Injured through November 27, 1949	8,750

LAST RITES FOR MALCOMBE FOX

Funeral services for Malcombe Fox, 76, who died suddenly Friday afternoon were held in the Patterson Branch Baptist Church Monday. The Rev. Hayden Honeycutt officiated at the services.

Mr. Fox was found dead where he had been shucking corn.

Surviving are eight daughters, Mrs. R. T. Fletcher, Hamilton, Ohio, Mrs. Hettie Howell, Rosedale, Pa., Mrs. Fred Schindler, Delaware City, Del., Mrs. Woodrow Tipton, Day Book, Miss Vergie, Helen and Roxie Fox, all of Burnsville, and Martha Jane Payne of Dysartville; five sons, Thomas and Zeb of Marion, Burgess of Mobile, Ala., James of Hunteale and Arthur, Burnsville; one sister, Mrs. G. W. Byrd of Swiss, and one brother, Thomas Fox of Marion.

FINAL RITES FOR MRS. JULIA ANGLIN

Funeral services for Mrs. Julia Anglin, 80, who died at her home in Pensacola Monday night following a long illness were held today at 11 o'clock. Services and burial were in the Anglin Cemetery. The Rev. A. Z. Jamerson officiated.

Surviving are a son, R. G. Anglin of Pensacola; and a sister, Mrs. Jettie Anglin also of Yancey County.

Jenkins Appointed As Agent Supervisor

Ben P. Jenkins, Jr. farm agent of Cleveland County for the past five years has been appointed as the new district agent for the State College Extension Service. His appointment to the post becomes effective December.

Jenkins, in his new capacity, will supervise the work of farm agents in the 15 counties of Avery, Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey. He succeeds Robert W. Shoffner, who was promoted in October to assistant director of extension.

R, S, T Motorists Requested To Take Tests

Raleigh.—The R, S, T group of motorists represents the largest of the groups of motorists who must stand examination for drivers license renewals, and only a month and a half remains in which they may obtain renewals, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles said today.

Approximately 180,000 North Carolinians are included in the R-T group. With over three-fourths of the examining period past, only 130,493 persons have taken the examination.

Examiners seldom can test over 20 persons a day. With 50,000 drivers in this category left to be tested between now and December 31, some will have to wait in line. The Department urges them to go to their nearest drivers license examiner as soon as convenient. Don't wait until the rush begins and the lines start forming.

The examining period for motorists whose surnames begin with U, V, W, J, Y, Z will begin on January 1.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR AMANDA HIGGINS

Funeral services for Mrs. Amanda Higgins, 85, of Higgins, who died Monday night in an Asheville hospital after a long illness were held Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. in the home.

The Rev. Cecil Higgins officiated and burial was in the family cemetery.

She was a native and lifelong resident of Yancey County.

Surviving are five sons, Gus, Zeb and Early of Higgins, H. W. of Cane River and Ed of Burnsville, Rt. 1; 27 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Week of Prayer To Be Observed

The women's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church will observe the week of Prayer for Foreign Missions from December 4 through December 8.

Wednesday evening at the Prayer Meeting hour, Mrs. J. A. Watson will have charge of the program. Rev. C. B. Trammal, pastor of the church, will give the devotional.

Thursday afternoon, beginning at 1:30, a series of programs will be given. Mrs. J. R. Bailey will be leader of the program from 1:30 to 2:30; Mrs. Lee Yelton from 2:30 to 3:30 and Mrs. W. K. Holleman from 3:30 to 4:30.

Friday, December 8, all the Missionary Societies of the Yancey Association will meet at the Burnsville church for an all day meeting and covered dish luncheon. Mrs. W. Z. Jamerson will be leader.

Thursday afternoon and Friday the Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings will be taken.

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