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Legion Team Wins Tournament In Asheville

The Burnsville American Legion basketball team defeated the Asheville Bombers last Saturday night with a score of 43-42 to capture the championship for the YMCA-Jaycee tournament which was played in the Asheville Auditorium.

Lee Peterson became the hero of the tournament when he sank a field goal from the center of the court with two seconds remaining to give the Burnsville five the lead for the second time during the game and victory.

The Bombers, who played a terrific ball game, took the lead at the beginning of the game and after four minutes play had the Legion five trailing with 7-0. At the end of the first quarter the championship defending Bombers led 11-6 and had boosted the lead to 24-16 by the end of the half. Finally, in the second half of play, the Burnsville boys edged up to within one point of the Bombers. Gleen Blevins, all-round Legion star, dropped in two free throws, with only two minutes remaining, to place them in the lead for the first time. Boyd, with the Bombers, then dropped one in for the defenders, bringing the score back to 42-41 in their favor with only two seconds remaining in the game. Burnsville hurriedly took the ball out tossed a pass to Peterson who dropped in his mid-court shot to cinch the game as the final whistle sounded.

Admiring spectators swarmed onto the court and smothered the victors.

REV. J. C. THOMAS, 95, PASSES

The Rev. James C. Thomas, 95, founder of several of the older churches in Yancey and Mitchell counties and oldest Baptist minister in the Southern Baptist Convention and the Yancey-Mitchell Baptist Association, died Friday, Feb. 2nd at 7:30 a. m. at the home in Elizabethton, Tenn.

Funeral services were held in Martin's Chapel Methodist Church, Newdale, at 2:30 p. m. Sunday. The Rev. H. M. Randall officiated. Burial was in Silver Chapel Cemetery.

Honorary pall bearers were members of Yancey-Mitchell Baptist Association.

Surviving are three sons, Arnold Thomas of Newdale, Earl Thomas of Elizabethton, and Dewitt Thomas of Wilmington; two daughters, Mrs. Luther Robinson of Celso, and Mrs. Gertrude Wallace of Elizabethton; three sisters, Mrs. Maggie Woody of Spruce Pine, Mrs. Doss Laughrun and Mrs. Tom Edwards, both of Unicoi; also several grand children great grand children and great, great grand children.

Lee Peterson was paraded off the court on the shoulders of two admirers.

The Burnsville girls, the same night, carried off a consolation trophy by defeating the Beacon girls. Janice Ponder and Joyce Tilley were selected on the all-tourney girls team by tournament officials.

Lee and Ford Peterson, high-scoring brothers for the Legion team, were selected for the All-Tournament team.

On Saturday night, the Legion team will meet the Granite Falls American Legion team here. Officials of the Burnsville team say this will probably be the toughest game of the season. The Granite Falls team is made up entirely of former Lenoir-Rhyne College stars.

On Saturday night, Feb. 17, Burnsville will play the Carolina Clowns, American Legion team from Chapel Hill. The Clowns consists of University of North Carolina players, former and present, such as Dick Bunting, Art Weiner, Coy Carson, Holdash, and Justice.

PRODUCTION BEGUN AT DUPLAN PLANT

The Duplan Mill at Burnsville has begun operations on a small scale, and is progressing rapidly toward full scale production according to Mill Manager L. C. Easter.

Outside work on the modern brick structure has been completed. Walkways and curbs have been put in, and rough surfaced drive-ways and parking facilities as well as landscaping will be completed in the spring.

The interior of the plant is a hot bed of activity with new equipment being moved in daily. Air conditioning at the mill has progressed far enough so that running air washers provide enough humidity for limited operations.

Although the throwing department is not yet in production, some winders and spinners, as well as a doubler are now ready.

The Preparatory Department, has over a hundred spindles in readiness, a high speed warper set up, and slashing equipment scheduled to be installed early in February.

Already more than 30 looms are running, and over 100 more are on the mill floor. Some are now being warped up, and others are yet to be installed. One examining frame is now in use, and others are scheduled to arrive soon.

At the present time, including supervisory and instructor personnel, there are over 60 employees at Burnsville. It is a "going concern" soon to become a full fledged member of the Duplan family.

SCOUTS HOLD FATHER-SON BANQUET

The Boy Scout Troop of Burnsville held a father-son banquet in the club room of the Roberts and Johnson Building here Tuesday night in observance of National Scout Week. Twenty scouts attended the meeting and fifteen scout fathers.

B. M. Tomberlin delivered the principal address for the occasion, using as his subject "The Challenge of Youth To-day."

Following the banquet, the Board of Review was held for scouts who had advanced in rank during the month.

Next Tuesday night, according to Scout Master Rhinehart, the monthly Court of Honor will be held in the Baptist Church here. Eight new members of the scout troop will be installed at the Court of Honor.

Allen Completes Training

Vernon Allen, seaman recruit, USN, son of Rev. and Mrs. Fred Allen, of Route 1, Burnsville, N. C., recently completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif., and is now available for assignment to a Fleet unit or to one of the Navy's schools for specialized training.

During this period of training, he underwent intensive drill in such subjects as signaling, navigation, basic ordnance and seamanship. He also was indoctrined into the ways of the Navy and learned the customs of the service.

BIGGERSTAFF INFANT DIES IN HOSPITAL

Funeral services for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Biggerstaff of Burnsville were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at Webb Funeral Home in Spruce Pine. The Rev. F. R. Barber, pastor of the Higgins Memorial Church here officiated, assisted by the Rev. H. M. Alley. Burial was in the Pine Branch Cemetery near Spruce Pine.

The child died in the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem Tuesday where it had been undergoing treatment for some time. Surviving are the mother and father.

Burleson Hurt In Accident

Ossie Burleson of the Blue Rock section is in Spruce Pine Clinic for treatment of injuries received in a truck accident which occurred Monday on Chalk Mountain west of Spruce Pine. The empty truck which Burleson was driving got out of control, climbed an embankment and turned over. Also in the truck were Burleson's young son and Ray Clawson, also of the Blue Rock section. Neither of the passengers was hurt.

According to reports, Burleson suffered severe head and internal injuries.

A prayer for our Soldiers

BY MAJOR GENERAL ROY H. PARKER
Chief of Chaplains, United States Army

Almighty God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we commend to Thy special care and keeping those serving in our Army. Though they be in the midst of dangers, do Thou send Thy guardian angels for their protection. Walk beside them as they go through the valley of the shadow of death.

Knowing that all good things come from Thee, grant them courage and loyalty, through a firm faith in freedom's cause, in the present conflict. When sacrifices are called for, let them be made in the knowledge that Thou art the rewarder of Thy servants. Enable them to live valiantly and serve nobly, in the full realization that no man fiveth unto himself. Grant them clear minds, strong bodies, resolute wills, and pure hearts free from hatred and bitterness, renewing them each and every day with strength, like strong men of old, who against enthroned wrong stood with confidence and courage.

Awaken in them a lively faith that will keep them close to Thee. Enable them to rest their cause upon Thy Word that though the foe be strong, yet knowing the cause as they battle for the right, they can never fall. Fill their hearts with the assurance that with Thee nothing is impossible and that all things work together for good to them that love Thee.

If it be Thy will that injuries be sustained, let them experience the touch of Thy healing hand and do Thou bless the means and the ministries employed for the restoration of their health.

In these difficult times, when the forces of evil are running rampant and many hopes seem about to be crushed, fill their hearts with an abiding sense of Thy reality and the certainty of Thy continual presence. Enable them to look to Thee when loneliness and longing overtake them; fulfill their yearnings by granting them Thine own companionship and fellowship. Enable them to realize the full meaning of Thy promise, "Lo, I am with you always."

Thou who art the Protector and Helper as well as the Giver of victory, grant unto them every good gift of body and soul and unite us with them in faith and love unceasing. Amen.

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J. R. Banks of Burnsville and H. J. Fox of Newdale left Monday for a trip to Florida. They plan to remain in Florida for a month, where they will visit friends and relatives.

"MOTHER DIDN'T TELL ME"

Witty and warm, "Mother Didn't Tell Me," which will be shown at the Yancey Theatre next Wednesday and Thursday, is as likable a domestic comedy as any the season has brought forth. An engaging new screen couple in Dorothy McGuire and William Lundigan plays the romantic leads with charm and distinction.

"Mother Didn't Tell Me" concerns a pert young lady who goes to the doctor's to take care of a cough, and before Doc has her saying "Aaah," she has him saying "I do." We go with them on their honeymoon—which includes a medical convention—and then we settle down to married life, medical style. Bill's mother had warned Dorothy that a doctor's wife is often left alone. But, despite ups and downs, Dorothy and Bill make their marriage work.

They also make the picture work. For it is their moving and genuine acting as a young couple very much in love that gives "Mother Didn't Tell Me" its basic appeal. And they are delightful enacting some of the hilarious scenes that director-writer Claude Binyon has devised for them. Bill's bedside manner would assure any doctor an enviable practice, and Dorothy is the kind of patient any doctor is after.

There is also a slick supporting cast, June Havoc and Gary Merrill the most prominent in it.

Navy Man Injured In N. Y.

According to information received here, Lawrence Stewart, formerly of Boonford, is in critical condition in a Naval Hospital at Long Island, N. Y. Lawrence, who is in the Navy and stationed at Long Island, was struck by a bus when he stepped from behind a car to cross the street.

His mother, Mrs. Flora Stewart, now of Spruce Pine, has gone to Long Island to be with her son.

FINAL RITES FOR HOMER ROBINSON

Funeral services for Homer H. Robinson, 55, who died at his home at Celso Wednesday morning, will be held Friday at 2 p. m. in Celso Baptist Church with the Rev. C. Pate, pastor, assisted by the Celso Methodist pastor, the Rev. James Allred, officiating. Burial will be in Gibbs Cemetery at Celso.

Surviving are the widow a daughter, Mrs. Helen McAlister of Lincolnton; three sons, Paul of Mica-ville, David of Marion and Jonathan of Celso; 10 grand children; and two sisters, Mrs. Effie Hoover of Celso and Mrs. Ruth Hall of Newdale.

GIVE TO THE MARCH OF DIMES

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE

On N. C. Highways
Killed February 2 through February 5 10
Injured February 2 through February 5 167
Killed through February 5, this year 99
Killed through February 5, 1950 82
Injured through February 5 this year 1,015
Injured through February 5, 1950 950

Choral Clinic To Be Held

One hundred and seventy students from Western North Carolina schools will take part in the third annual choral clinic at Mars Hill College on Friday and Saturday of this week.

The clinic was scheduled to be held last week but was postponed because of weather conditions.

Charles Bryan of the music faculty of George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., will be the director of the clinic.

On Saturday night a concert will be given which includes a sacred group, a folk group and a group of modern secular numbers and will conclude with Beethoven's "Hallelujah Chorus." The public is invited to attend the concert.

Department Notices Occupants of Fire

The Burnsville Fire Department was ready to throw a stream of water on a frame residence in east Burnsville on old Hospital Street Tuesday around noon before the occupants of the structure were aware of the fire, according to the fire chief.

Someone passing noticed that flames were shooting up by the chimney of the house, which is owned by L. E. Briggs, and notified the fire department. When the firemen arrived the occupants were notified of the fire.

Quick work was done by the volunteer department, and the flames were extinguished without much damage to the house or to household furniture.

SISTER OF MICAVILLE COUPLE DIES

Funeral services for Mrs. Della Hall Thomas, 77, of Clinchfield, who died at her home Sunday after a brief illness were held at the Clinchfield Baptist Church Tuesday at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Bolch, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Sam Gouge officiated. Burial was in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

She is survived by the husband, Nathan P. Thomas; five daughters, Mrs. William White of Clinchfield, Mrs. Carl Autrey, Marion, Mrs. Herma Head of Cherryville, Mrs. Colon wall of West Asheville, and Mrs. Vernie Holcombe of Swannanna; a step-daughter, Mrs. John Edwards of Drayton, S. C.; two brothers, the Rev. Wood Hall of Roan Mountain, Tenn., and Lucius Hall of Mica-ville; one sister, Mrs. Eva King of Mica-ville; 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

EDWARDS PROMOTED TO SERGEANT IN KOREA

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Edwards of Cane River have received word that their son, Cpl. James Edwards has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant in Korea. Sgt. Edwards was among the first troops to land in Korea fighting there. He arrived after the UN troops began in Korea on June 25, 1950.

At the present time, he is getting ten days rest in Tokyo.

His brother, Sgt. Jack Edwards, served in the Korean war until he was wounded in action last September 20. Jack is now stationed at Ft. Jackson, S. C.

Farm Meeting To Be Held

E. L. Dillingham, county agent, announced this week that the Extension Department of the U. S. Department of Agriculture will have an Agronomy team in Yancey County next Thursday.

At the meeting, Dr. Collins will talk on fertilizers, Mrs. S. N. Hawks will talk on burley tobacco, Dr. Nelson will talk on testing soils, and Mr. Sam Dobson will talk on Pastures and forage crops.

The team will be in Mitchell County Thursday afternoon and in Avery County on Friday.

Dillingham said demonstration farmers of the county and G. I. farm trainees were especially urged to attend the meeting.

Train Wreck Kills 83

A Pennsylvania Railroad commuter train wreck in Woodbridge, New Jersey took the lives of at least 83 persons and injured over 400 Tuesday night. The train, the third to wreck in the New York City area within a year, plunged off a new overpass trestle onto the street below. Reports were that the trestle was part of a new street project in the city. The stretch of rails from which the train wrecked had been in use only that day and the wrecked train was one of the first to cross the trestle.

Although the trestle was of wood and held by wooden beams, it did not give way. The engine left the track after crossing, which caused the passenger coaches to be pulled from the new trestle.

Late reports are that the Pennsylvania Railroad expects to pay damage claims from 15 to 20 million dollars.

Late reports concerning the railroad strike are that the Army has served the strikers with a notice that if they are not back to their regular jobs by Saturday at 4 o'clock, they will be dismissed from their jobs. Army officials say that the rail strike is holding up shipments that are needed by United States forces fighting in Korea as well as endangering the defense program at home.