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Burnsville To Get Baseball Park

Burnsville Blue Gems, the town's baseball club, was unable to begin their season's first practice last Saturday because of rain. Hubert Justice, coach, said practice would be held Saturday of this week at 1:30, however.

The club's first game in Burnsville will be played on the Burnsville High School field Sunday afternoon when they meet the Asheville All Stars. The Eagles, Burnsville's colored team, will meet Old Fort to make a double header.

Justice said most of the players who were with the club last year will be ready to play again this season. Last year the local nine won 25 out of 29 games and the prospects look as good this year, he said.

Construction of a baseball park is underway in Burnsville. Property on the hill overlooking Burnsville

A. C. Edwards Speaks At Farm Meeting

The Yancey County Farm Bureau held a meeting in Burnsville Wednesday for the discussion of general work carried on by the State Extension Service and PMA in Yancey County and North Carolina as a whole.

A. C. Edwards, chairman of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, was the principal speaker. George Farthing, chairman of the Western District, was also present at the meeting.

Teachers Meeting Friday

A county-wide teachers meeting will be held in the Burnsville School auditorium Friday at 2 p. m., according to Frank W. Howell, superintendent.

Mr. Charlie Phillips, Director of Public Relations at Woman's College will be the guest speaker.

At a business session, officers will be named for the county N. C. E. A.

Building For Recapping Plant Under Construction

RECAPPING PLANT TO BE MOVED

The Royal Tire Service recapping plant building in Burnsville is well under way. The building, which is being constructed next to the Auto and Home Center on the west side, should be completed within six or eight weeks, according to a company spokesman.

The 50 by 40 feet brick and cinder block building will house equipment now in operation by the Royal Tire Service in a building on the east side of town.

The Royal Tire Service is a branch of the Tri-County Tire and Recapping Co., of Spruce Pine, owned and operated by Ivan Westall, Burnsville, and P. D. Goforth, Spruce Pine. The Burnsville plant is managed by Sam Burleson.

School owned by E. N. Stamey, Burnsville merchant, is being graded for this purpose. According to Hubert Justice, coach for the Burnsville Blue Gems, the park is being constructed with seating capacity of approximately 600. Grand stand and bleacher seats will be constructed, he said. The park will be fenced and the club is trying to make arrangements for lighting facilities for night games.

Grading for the new park is scheduled for completion this week and fencing is planned for next week, it was said.

Coach Justice said arrangements have been made with the owner for a ten-year lease of the park with an option for renewal. The Blue Gems have been unable to enter the Industrial League because Burnsville has had no fenced park, according to Justice. When construction is completed, the local club will probably be accepted in the league consisting of teams from Enka, Hendersonville, Old Fort, Sylva, Brevard and Beacon of Asheville, he said.

Camping Season On Mt. Mitchell To Open May 1

The 1951 camping season at Mt. Mitchell State Park near the Blue Ridge Parkway will open May 15.

The campground, which is near the summit of 6,684-Mitchell highest peak in Eastern America, has individual camp sites which include table and bench, outdoor fireplace, and parking space. A central building contains shower and toilet facilities and laundry room. The park is reached by N. C. Highway 128 leading off the Parkway. Camp sites may be reserved through the Park Superintendent, Hamrick, N. C.

Opening of campgrounds at the two other state parks which have such facilities will be delayed until July 1 because of construction in progress. These are Morrow Mountain State Park, seven miles east of Albemarle off N. C. 740, and Crabtree Creek State Park, on U. S. 70 between Deuham and Raleigh.

Memorial and Dedication Service To Be Held

A special memorial and dedication service will be held at the Burnsville Baptist Church Sunday morning at the regular 11 o'clock service. The Maas Cathedral Chimes which was presented to the church by G. Leslie Hensley, his son George Leslie, Jr., and daughter, Mrs. Betty Hensley York, in memory of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Wray Hensley, will be dedicated.

Special music will be rendered by the choir, with a solo by Tommy Burton. The memorial will be presented by George Leslie Hensley, Jr., and the dedication will be made by C. B. Trammel, pastor.

Town Election Tuesday

The election to officially confirm the wishes of the people expressed in the recent town mass meeting will be held Tuesday, May 8. The present mayor and town board, consisting of Mark W. Bennett, Harlan Holcombe and Stanley Riddle, were named unanimously in the meeting to continue in their present town offices for another term.

Since the officials are unopposed, the election will be little more than an official formality.

Agricultural Meeting Monday

Brantley Briggs announced this week that a meeting of the agricultural agencies of this county will be held at the PMA office Monday, May 7. Besides the PMA committeemen, the local Soil Conservation Service technician, a Forest Service official, the county agent, the county supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration and vocational teacher have been invited to attend the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting, Briggs said, is to review the current agricultural program in this county and to formulate recommendations for the 1952 national program.

SAVE SCRAP METAL FARMERS ARE URGED

Scrap metal is needed once again to keep the nation's steel mills rolling at full capacity, says E. L. Dillingham, County farm agent.

About 67 million tons of scrap from all sources will be required to keep steel furnaces going in 1951. The all-time high of 61 million tons was reached last year. Therefore, about 6 million more tons will be needed this year than was used in 1950.

The county agent believes that spring clean-up offers farmers a good opportunity to salvage the scrap so urgently needed for military and civilian products.

He points out that worn-out tractors, plows, rakes, and harrows — even such small pieces as plow points, bolts, and washers — are to be found on almost every farm. All of these are needed to make the steel required for military equipment as well as new farm machinery.

The farmer should dispose of his scrap by selling it. This means hauling it to salvage dealers in town, or selling to trucker-buyers who call at the farm. National ceiling prices have been established on scrap metal, but these are prices to the dealer after he has sorted, processed, prepared and shipped the scrap to the mill. Local prices will necessarily be less.

Ramseytown — Pvt. Buster Fender of Fort Jackson S. C. visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fender of Bee Log, last week end.

Mrs. Fessenden Meets With E. D. Clubs

Mrs. Jewell G. Fessenden, Extension nutritionist for the State College Extension Service, Raleigh, conducted a school for Yancey County Home Demonstration food and nutrition leaders and club members at the Roberts and Johnson club room Wednesday.

In the "special interest meeting on simple entertaining" Mrs. Fessenden stressed the importance of careful planning on serving foods that are simple, tasty, attractive, and serving foods that can be prepared ahead of time. "Warmness of heart and genuine hospitality are more important than spending to much time on foods," she said. "Simple home entertaining provides an opportunity for forming friendships and for sharing your home with others."

A simple and attractive buffet meal was demonstrated to the 36 leaders and club members, showing color combination, foods to be served and harmony in table appointments. Mrs. Joe Godfrey and Mrs. W. K. Banks, of the Burnsville club, assisted Mrs. Fessenden in the preparation.

YANCEY NATIVE IS NATIONAL FIGURE IN MEDICAL FIELD

"I consider it most fortunate to have lived to see the results of all this work universally accepted and this human scourge brought under control," Dr. George A. Wheeler, Yancey County native said while relating the story of his life and his work in discovering the causes and control of pellagra.

Dr. Wheeler, born in Higgins, N. C. and now living outside of Spartanburg, S. C., recently related in a Spartanburg newspaper the story of the part he played in discovering the causes and control of pellagra.

Around 1914, Dr. Wheeler said, pellagra was the leading cause of deaths in several Southern States, and at that time the other leading doctors and medical scientists began probing for the cause of the disease.

Experiments with food in several orphanages and prisons by Dr. Wheeler and his fellow workers gave the clue for the causes of the disease. Dr. and Mrs. Wheeler spent their honeymoon in a prison where he was conducting experiments, he said.

Through his research and discovery in the study of pellagra, Dr. Wheeler has become one of the outstanding men of the century in the medical field.

He was recently presented a television set by a Spartanburg company over which he will see the story of his fight against the disease televised. He now has retired to a farm outside of that city.

All Looms Received At Duplan

Duplan Corporation received its last shipment of looms this week and completed delivery to the plant on Tuesday, a spokesman said. The plant has a total of 340 looms on the floor at the present time with 112 in operation. The remaining 228 looms will be set and placed into operation as the company is ready for their use, it was said.

A present schedule for placing new looms into operation is eight per week, however the schedule is flexible and may be changed according to the need. Production and the use of new machines are controlled by the training of new personnel and market for the mill's finished product.

Between 175 and 200 persons are now employed at the new plant, including supervisory personnel. With the setting of the new machines, the ratio of personnel will not rise as it has in the past, however, due to the overload each shift carries now in the way of trainee personnel, the spokesman said. As persons become trained they will be shifted to the new machines, according to the need.

LIONS CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Lions Club observed Ladies' Night at the regular meeting Thursday night. Dr. William Gladden was in charge of the program consisting of games and contests. A spelling match between the men and women was won by the women. Mrs. Lon Roberts and Dr. McRae won the word puzzle contest and Mrs. Claude Peterson and E. B. Powell were winners of the song contest.

In the business session the following officers were elected for the year: J. J. Nowicki, president; Frank Howell, Yates Bailey and T. S. Godwin, vice-presidents; L. G. Deyton, secretary and treasurer; C. O. Ellis, Lion Tamer, and Dr. Gladden, Tail Twister.

Elected on the Board of Directors were Claude Peterson, E. B. Powell, B. L. Carter and C. O. Reckard.

CANE RIVER NEWS

Mrs. G. W. Wilson, Mrs. Dewey Robinson and Mr. Harvey Phoenix are in Asheville hospitals.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tomberlin, Bill Tomberlin, Anastasia Tomberlin and Mrs. Monroe McIntosh visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Tomberlin and Mr. and Mrs. Jason Barnes in Leaksville, N. C. last week end.

Mrs. Clyde Whittington visited her mother, Mrs. W. B. Robertson, in Rutherfordton Sunday. Mrs. Robertson's condition is somewhat improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Peterson and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Byrd in Marion.

Avery Woman Named "American Mother"

Dr. Mary Martin Sloop, resident of Crossnore and founder of Crossnore School, was named "American Mother of 1951" this week by the Golden Rule Foundation. She was selected for this honor from a group of 52 other women from all the states, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

She was named North Carolina's "Mother of the Year" last week at a meeting of North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs held in Charlotte.

Dr. Sloop and her husband, Dr. Eustace H. Sloop, have gained much renown for their work in the educational and medical field in this state and especially in this section.

Thousands of boys and girls have completed their educations because of the efforts put forth by Dr.

Sloop in the field of education at Crossnore School. Besides her work with the Crossnore school, Dr. Sloop and her husband are credited with slowing up whiskey traffic in Avery County and helping the residents to advance in agriculture and in social activities.

The State Federation of Women's Clubs is sponsoring a trip to New York for Dr. Sloop where she will be honored by the Golden Rule Foundation. While in New York she and her group will be guests of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Dr. Sloop is the mother of two children, a son and daughter. The son, Dr. William Sloop, is Avery County's only dentist, and the daughter, Dr. Emma Sloop Fink, aids her father in the medical profession at Crossnore.

Campaign Success

Mrs. Phillips Russell, Director of Organization for the North Carolina March of Dimes Campaign stated this week that Yancey County, under the leadership of Mrs. Ernest L. Briggs, raised \$3,990.20 in the fight against infantile paralysis.

The director said the campaign was a splendid success. All final reports from county campaign directors have not made a final report to the State organization, but a gross total for North Carolina which has been reported amounts to over \$1,125,000. The quota set for this state was one million dollars.

Methodist Youth Fellowship District Rally

Thirty representatives from Yancey County attended the Asheville District MYF Rally, held Sunday, April 29, at the West Asheville Methodist Church. The program included a worship service a program of choral music, and the election and installation of officers. Miss Sabra Sparks of Celso was elected Corresponding secretary for the District MYF.

Those attending from Yancey County included the following: Bald Creek: Margaret Wilson, Mary Ann York, Erma Jo Tipton, Mary Jo Young, Christine Wilson, Lucille Holland, Willoree Young, Betty Tipton, Jimmy Neill, Bobby Ayers, Dean Wilson, Donald Tipton, Jimmy Howell and H. R. Young;

Celo: Sabra Sparks, Nelle Gibbs, Nina Gibbs, Grace Gibbs, Donald Sparks, Dean Chrisawn, Bobby Murphy, Claude Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Nordstrom, Aileen Nordstrom, Marilyn Nordstrom and Peg Calbeck; Burnsville: Christine Barber, Freddy Barber, L. G. Deyton, Rev. and Mrs. F. R. Barber.

The District was invited to hold its next Rally in Burnsville sometime in August.

PLAY CONTEST

The annual one-act play contest for the county high schools will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5 in the Playhouse.

Members of the casts are seniors in the high schools, and Woman's College offers a scholarship to the best actor and actress in the contest.

On Friday evening Mica-ville High School will present "The Patchwork Quilt" by Rachel Field. Miss Edith Robinson is director and members of the cast include Edna Jones, Nell Hoover, Phillip Thomas, Mary Ruth Hippi, Sabra Sparks, Donald Styles and Katie Styles.

The second play Friday evening will be "Everything Nice" by A. A. O'Keefe, presented by Clearmont High School. Walton Angel is director and the cast are Rueben Higgins, Evelyn Tipton, Peggy Ann Howell, Pearl Bennett, Mary Buchanan, Eva Jo Garland and Frank Deaton.

Burnsville High School will present "Unsuspected Fruit" by Eori J. Dias and Bald Creek High School will give "Hunger" by Ella Mae Daniels on Saturday evening.

Members of the Burnsville cast are Doris Styles, Burdett Dillow, Barbara Atkins, Frank Wilson, Reed Hall and William Fox. The director is Miss Evelyn Briggs.

The cast for "Hunger" include Fred Wilson, Donald Wilson, Eula Jean Austin, Donald Maney, Ben Lee Hensley. Jack McIntosh is director.

FOUR MEN LEAVE FOR INDUCTION

The following men left Burnsville Wednesday morning for the Charlotte Induction Center for induction into the armed forces: Kermit Blankenship, Brownie L. McPeters, Terry Pat and Ramus Autray.