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MACK B. RAY HONORED IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mack B. Ray, Farmers Home Administration Supervisor for Yancey County, was presented a Superior Service Award by Charles F. Brannan, U. S. Secretary of Agriculture, at the USDA annual award ceremony held in the Sylvan Theatre located on the Washington Monument Grounds, Washington, D. C., Tuesday. Marion C. Holland of Wayne County was another FHA Supervisor from North Carolina receiving the award. Ray and Holland are the first North Carolina FHA employees to receive the award.

Presentation of awards for superior service was established by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in 1946. They are presented each year to individuals or units for service of unusual value beyond that ordinarily required of the employees.

The "superior and meritorious service" for which Mr. Ray was recommended for the award is reflected in the development of the FHA program in Yancey County and his work in making a success.

Mr. Ray is a native of Madison County. He was graduated from Beech Glen High School and from Berea College with a degree in agriculture.

Immediately following his graduation, Mr. Ray went to Lenoir as Assistant Supervisor with the Farm Security Administration. He transferred to Yancey County as FHA Supervisor in September 1940 and has been here since, except for military service in 1944-45.

During the war he served 16 months overseas with the 83rd Infantry Division and was wounded twice. He returned to Burnsville in November 1945 to resume his duties with the FHA and manage his highly successful farm near here where he specializes in registered Hereford cattle and burley tobacco.

The record of the FHA in Yancey County and its predecessor, the Farm Security Administration, is amazing.

During the past 11 years the agency has assisted over 1000 families.

Approximately 100 Farm Ownership Loans have been made. On an average, all loans are being repaid in full within 7 years. There has never been a delinquent loan in the county.

At the present time there are approximately 90 Farm Ownership and 350 active production and subsistence loans. Of all loans that have been made in the county through FHA, the collection record has been 99.5 per cent, the highest collection record in the United States.

One of the outstanding

accomplishments of the agency under Mr. Ray's direction has been its part in the development of the dairy industry in the county. In 1940 when he came to the county there were 3 Grade A dairies. There are now 52 and the Farmers Home Administration has financed either the construction and stocking of the dairy, or financed the purchase of livestock of 18 of these.

The net worth increase of the farm ownership families averages about 300 per cent. At the annual meeting of the Farm Ownership families records showed that corn production had increased from approximately 15 bushels per acre in 1940 to 75 bushels in 1950; tobacco from 800 pounds per acre to 2000; pasture on the average farm from 5 to 15 acres and all other crops in proportion.

In the past five years, the agency has financed the purchase by its families of approximately 2000 dairy cattle and 4000 beef cattle in Yancey County, and several new flocks of sheep have been financed.

Another phase of the program that has been most successful in the county has been housing. Under the Rural Housing Act of 1949 of the FHA, the first house completed with final inspection in the United States was in this county. There have been 13 Rural Housing Loans, and the repayment record on these has been as good as other loan repayments.

Mr. Ray and the county committee composed of three successful farmers, who direct the program, have cooperated in every way with all other agricultural agencies in the county. This cooperation has helped each of the agencies to make more consistent progress in an overall agricultural program in the county.

In addition to his duties with the Farmers Home Administration and managing his livestock farm, Mr. Ray has time for num-

Beaver With 7th Infantry Division In Korea

Pvt. William L. Beaver, son of Willard Beaver of Burnsville recently joined the 31st Infantry Regiment in Korea.

The 31st Infantry, nicknamed the "Polar Bear" Regiment, is now taking part in the action on the Central Front and adding another chapter in its already crowded record of Korean fighting. During the early part of World War II the regiment won the praise of the nation for its stand at Bataan, in the Philippine Islands.

Beaver, a farmer in civilian life, took his basic training at Camp Pickett, Va.



MACK B. RAY

erous activities. He is superintendent of the Sunday School of the Methodist Church here, a Past Commander of the American Legion Post and a member of the Men's Club.

He and Mrs. Ray have recently completed a lovely new home in Burnsville. Mrs. Ray and their six year old daughter, Carolyn, accompanied him to Washington.

Because he has given his whole hearted support and his untiring efforts to help every family included in the county program to accomplish this, Mr. Ray received the service award from the Secretary of Agriculture.

2154 Vehicles Registered In Yancey County

On April 1 2103 private owned motor vehicles had been registered in Yancey County for the year, the State Department of Motor Vehicles reported this week.

Mecklenburg County led the State in registration of vehicles with a total of 62,456 for the first quarter. The total for North Carolina for that period was 1,044,718.

Fifty-one public owned vehicles were reported for Yancey County.

Clarence King Elected Mayor of Shelby

Clarence M. King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb King of Burnsville, was elected to the office of mayor of the city of Shelby in a run-off election held there Tuesday. He defeated Harry Woodson, who had been mayor of Shelby for 16 years, by 110 votes.

King has been high school principal in Cleveland County several years and has been active in public affairs there.

Mrs. Edwards Wins Mother's Day Prize

Mrs. J. H. Edwards of Burnsville won a white Bible Sunday as prize for the oldest mother attending the Mother's Day service held at the tent revival conducted by O. J. Morgan between Burnsville and Wintom. Mrs. Edwards is 84.

Merchants Reminded of OPS Deadline

Horace B. Gans, chief of the pricing section of Region 4 of the OPS said this week that "in spite of two extensions of time limits for filing under Regulation No. 7 and its amendment No. 2 and statewide pricing clinics explaining the regulations to thousands of merchants, not more than 20 per cent of the merchants concerned have filed the required charts."

Gans reminded merchants that May 30 is the deadline for filing the charts and those who fail to file will face injunctions restraining them from further conduct of their business.

Celo Farm-Home Camp To Open June 24

Celo Farm-Home Camp, owned and directed by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Moody on their farm in Celo Community, will open for its third season on June 24.

The camp offers for young children (ages six through nine) the opportunity to live, work and play together in an actual farm and home situation. The camp is limited each session to sixteen children.

Through the full program of farm and camp activities the children learn new skills and experience the joy of working cooperatively with a group. Those who are interested will have an opportunity to plant their own gardens; chores such as milking and feeding animals are shared by all. The program also includes riding, swimming, dramatics, hiking, pottery, carpentry, folk dancing and camp-outs.

Thelma Stoer, formerly of Penland Handcraft School will be in charge of crafts again this year. David Salstrom who formerly taught sketching at the camp will be a full time counsellor this year. Mrs. Erling Toness will serve as nature counselor. Additional staff will be announced later.

Special events include stunt nights, campfires, picnics and overnight camping trips. Special projects for the summer are built around the interests of the children. The building of a raft and a tree house, and the care of a family of angora rabbits were favorite projects last summer.

The Moodys aim is to achieve a relaxed family atmosphere and normal life for the group. Morning prayers, story hour, rest period and evening vesper led by the children help to maintain an atmosphere of spiritual serenity and appreciation for the wholeness of life.

Campers this year will come from pruce Pine, Asheville, Hendersonville, and Winston-Salem, N. C.; Columbia and Charleston, S. C.; Columbus Ohio, Saranac Lake, N. Y.; and Madison, Wisconsin.

Forest Fire Damages 35 Acres of Forest

According to Craig English, county fire warden, one of the worst forest fires this county has had in several months was brought under control yesterday. The fire, in the Brush Creek section, was caused from a brush fire set by a farmer in that section.

Nineteen men brought the flames under control after approximately 35 acres of timber had been damaged, English said. Men from Penland and Ayers Lumber Co. plant helped in bringing the fire under control.

CONGRATULATIONS, MACK RAY

The Burnsville Men's Club and Burnsville Lions Club extend to Mack B. Ray their heartiest congratulations for his excellent accomplishment as Supervisor of the FHA in Yancey County and for the honor he has received from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Both clubs are proud of any honors received by their "native sons" and stand ready to support them in every worthwhile endeavor.

G. L. Hensley, Pres., Men's Club, Dr. M. W. Webb, Pres. Lions Club.

MRS. C H EDWARDS, 62, PASSES

Graveside rites for Mrs. C. H. Edwards, 62, who died Monday morning following a long illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Glenn Ray of Burnsville, were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 p. m. at Bailey Hill Cemetery.

The Rev. Troy McCurry officiated.

She was a lifelong resident of Yancey County, and was a member of the Mine Fork Free Will Baptist Church.

Surviving, in addition to the daughter, are the husband; two sons by a former marriage, R. A. Brown of Nebo and T. L. Brown of Burnsville, 14 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Woody Is Line-Man In Germany

Heidelberg, Germany.—Private First Class Gene E. Woody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Woody, Route 1, Burnsville, North Carolina, has been assigned as a pole line-man with a signal battalion at Karlsruhe Military Sub-Post in the US Zone of Germany.

Woody, a 1946 graduate of Burnsville High School, has been in the Army since November, 1950. From 1946 until his enlistment he was employed as a lineman with the local electric company.

His wife is the former Jessie Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wilson of Pensacola, N. C.

MEMORIAL SERVICE PLANNED HERE

Plans are being made for a Memorial Service to be held on the town square here Sunday, May 27, honoring Yancey County's war dead, according to officials of the American Legion and Auxiliary. Soldiers who gave their lives in the defense of their country during World War I, World War II, and the Korean War will be honored at the service.

Mrs. George Roberts, president of the Legion Auxiliary, desires that every Gold Star Mother or some member of the fallen soldier's family write her a card giving the name of the soldier and the war in which he lost his life. There is a record of men who lost their lives in these wars; however, the present record may not be up to date, she said. Her address is Mrs. George Roberts, Burnsville, N. C.

Present plans are that the service will be held on the town square here at 2:30 Sunday, May 27. In case of rain, however, the service will be held in the Burnsville School gymnasium.

FINAL RITES HELD FOR B. L. BANKS

Funeral services for B. L. Banks, 74, who died Monday morning at his home on Banks Creek after a brief illness, were held Tuesday at 2 p. m. in Banks Creek Union Church. The Rev. J. Holland Black officiated and burial was in Banks Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Janie Parker Banks; one son, Everett; and one foster-son, Arthur Ball, all of Burnsville RFD 1.

Tells "Other Side" Of MacArthur Dismissal



Washington.—Secretary of Defense Marshall is shown (above) as he took the witness stand for his sixth day of testimony (May 12) before the Senate committee investigating the dismissal of General MacArthur. He told the committee that President Truman's message Jan. 13 to MacArthur was in response to the Far East commander's request for policy guidance after the Chinese Reds entered the Korean War.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tucker of Asheville visited friends and relatives in Burnsville this week.

DUPLAN WEAVERS MAKE NEW FABRICS

Several new and acetate plied yarn fabrics with a wool-loke texture have been announced as the result of developments made by The Duplan Corporation, synthetic yarn weavers, and the Celanese Corporation of America, yarn manufacturer. The fabrics are made of special abraded yarn and will be used for women's dresses for fall and winter.

The surface of the fabric is covered with small exposed fiber ends which gives a slightly fuzzy surface and a rich, duller finish. The fabrics have a warm lofty, crisp hand, which is more full to the touch. They have much of the appeal of wool, yet can be made into dresses well within the range of today's average customer's purse.

Noticeable crease resistance—Naturally, without chemical finishes—is a characteristic of the new fabrics. The first fabrics are being made in several styles of plain and novelty weaves.

SERVICE OFFICER HERE NEXT WEEK

Jack C. Winchester, District Service Officer, with the County Service Officer, will be in the Courthouse here, from 11 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. on Thursday, May 24.

Mr. Winchester stated that July 25, 1951 is the deadline for veterans who have been discharged more than four years, to apply for education, on-job-training or farm training under P. L-346. That means the veteran must be in training on that date in order to continue further training. The deadline does not apply to veterans with service connected disabilities that would allow them to train under P. L-16. The only requirement in those cases is that all training be completed by July 25, 1956.

The dependent benefit drive is still in progress. Persons who believe to be eligible for the Veterans Administration dependent benefits should contact the service officer.

NOTICE

The Record has received information that the Don Robinson Circus, scheduled to show in Burnsville next Wednesday, will be unable to perform here at the scheduled date.

The Circus will be here at a later date, according to the information.

Landscaping Clinic To Be Held

John H. Harris, Horticultural Specialist from the State Extension Service, will give a landscaping demonstration at the home of C. B. Gillespie, Burnsville, Rt. 2, Tuesday morning May 22 at 10 o'clock. That afternoon at 2 o'clock another demonstration will be held at the home of Charlie Rice. Persons who have recently built new homes, or who plan to build, are invited to attend one of the meetings.