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Saturday, November 3, is an important day for farm people of Yancey County and the entire state of North Carolina. On that date they will vote on the "Nickels for Know-How" proposal...

Polls will be open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m., and regular PMA polling places will be used. All persons who use feed or fertilizer, including women as well as 4-H, FFA and NFA members with crop or livestock projects, are eligible to vote.

period of three years. To be continued beyond that time, the plan would have to be renewed by referendum in 1954.

The assessment would be a contribution and not a tax. It has also been pointed out that any farmer desiring to do so could obtain a refund of all the money he had paid into the plan.

Production From Each Farm Essential To Welfare Of Country

The production from every farm and the protection of every acre on every farm is needed if agriculture is to continue to provide for the Nation's needs, says W. M. Hensley, Chairman of the Yancey County PMA Committee.

To make sure there is enough food and fiber to meet the Nation's needs for a strong defense and to take care of a growing population in the years to come, in the chairman's opinion a sound program for maintaining farm productive capacity is essential.

He points out that the general fertility level of our soils is still going down. Soil improvement has helped a great deal on many farms, but it has not yet reached the point where it balances the losses of soil and fertility on other farms.

Each year we are taking nearly twice as much plant nutrients out of the soil by cropping alone as we are returning, the chairman explains. It is not uncommon in some areas for erosion and leaching to take more than 20 times as much out of the soil as do the crops.

He points out that with the added demand for increased production due to the defense effort, the fertility is being drained from the soil even faster than normally. With our population increasing at the rate of 2 million a year, the problem is serious.

As the chairman sees it not only will more and better conservation be required to protect the land and to step up production to meet the ever increasing demand, but farmers have an increasing obligation to so farm their land that it will be more rather than less productive in the years to come. And, he explains, it is for this reason that there is an Agricultural Conservation Program.

Graveside Rites Held For Mrs. Blanche Proffitt

Graveside rites for Mrs. Blanche M. Proffitt, 65, wife of the late Walter C. Proffitt, were held in the Proffitt family cemetery at Cane River Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 p. m.

Rev. D. B. Alderman, pastor of the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church of Burnsville officiated.

Nephews were pallbearers and Nieces were flower bearers.

Mrs. Proffitt died Sunday, October 28, in The King's Daughters Home at Durham. She had been living in Durham for several years.

She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Gus F. Hensley of Burnsville, Mrs. Clyde M. Page and Mrs. H. R. Reams, both of Durham; a number of nephews, nieces and other near relatives.

Friends and relatives from outside the county attending the funeral services were Mrs. Morehead Reams, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Reams of Durham, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morris of Greenville, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hutts of Oak Ridge, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Josef Philbert of Weaverville, Mr. E. P. Sams and Mrs. E. L. Sams, Mrs. Mary Scott, Miss Ethel Proffitt, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Proffitt of Asheville, and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Alexander of Swannano.

Ted Bailey Pledged To Phi Kappa Sigma At University

Ted Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bailey of Green Mountain, has been announced as one of the new pledges of Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity at the University of North Carolina.

Ted, who is a graduate of Burnsville High School and Mars Hill College, is a Junior and student of medicine at the University. He spent last week end with his parents at Green Mountain.

Mrs. Hutchins Establishes Office In Rutherfordton

Mrs. Charles Hutchins, State Probation Officer for the Western District, announced this week that a new district office is being established in Rutherfordton. Mrs. Frances McMahan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Riddle of Burnsville, is in Rutherfordton to set up the records for the new office. Mrs. McMahan will be there around six weeks. She was transferred from the office here.

Mrs. Hutchins is one of three women in the State who are District Probation Officers. The Western District which she has in charge is made up of thirty-seven western counties. Her regular headquarters is in the Burnsville office.

Mrs. Bill Atkins is working with Mrs. Hutchins here while Mrs. McMahan is in Rutherfordton.

More Yancey Girls Enter Queen Contest

The Queen Contest, a part of the activities of the Asheville Burley Jubilee, is drawing several new entries from Yancey County.

Beauties from this county who have recently filed entry blanks are Zula Kate Smith from Bolens Creek, Alma Pate of Bee Log, Mrs. Evelyn Higgins of Burnsville, Katy King of Burnsville, and Mrs. Chloe Ella Ray of Vixen. Others entering the contest at an earlier date are Opal Robinson of Toledo, Shirley Whitson of Ramseytown, and Annie Lee Fender of Bee Log.

Lee Roy Silver has indicated he will enter the grading and "handing" contest. He plans to exhibit 4 hands for each of three grades in the general display contest and four hands, one of each grade in the individual grade contest.

Contest entries in the grading contest will be judged on the quality and uniformity, length, color and type of leaf used in relation to the grade displayed.

Tipton Wounded Second Time

Sfc. John E. Tipton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt R. Tipton of Burnsville, Rt. 2 is in a hospital in Korea from his second wound received in the Korean conflict. Tipton received the last wound while in action on October 19. The injury was slight, however, he is hospitalized in Korea.

Sfc. Tipton was first wounded in action on July 4 of this year. The first injury was a fracture in the left foot.

Queen In Nash County Former Resident Crowned

Bibbie Tappan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tappan of Nashville, N. C. was crowned Queen of the Fourth Annual Nash County Harvest Festival held at Nashville last Friday.

Miss Tappan is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carter Higgins of Burnsville. She formerly lived here with her parents and attended Burnsville High School.

Twenty-three contestants, the largest number in the four-year history of the festival, competed for the title of Nash County's 1951 Harvest Queen. Miss Tappan was crowned at ceremonies in the school gymnasium, where the evening phase of the program was carried on because of rain. She was presented the crown by Barbara Parrish, the 1950 queen. The chairman of the finance committee for the festival project presented Miss Tappan with a check for the first prize of \$75.

Miss Hope Bailey, who is teaching in Wadesboro City Schools, spent the past week end at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bailey.

U. S. Needs Civil Defense

A-Bomb Would Kill All Persons Unprotected in One-Half Mile

(This is the third of a series of articles on civil defense, based on the booklet "This Is Civil Defense" prepared by the Federal Civil Defense Administration. It may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for ten cents.)

By MILLARD CALDWELL
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Don't be surprised if you hear a siren blowing and learn that your community is being alerted for an imaginary atom bomb raid. If it is organized, within minutes, air raid wardens, first-aid teams, doctors, nurses, emergency rescue squads, and other civil defense units will spring into action.

Hundreds of cities, towns, and small communities in the United States today are making sure that they will be ready to do their part if, and when, the real atom bomb hits them or cities near them. These imaginary raids have shown what well-trained and coordinated civil defense personnel and equipment can do against enemy attack.

However, don't act as if the alert signal you hear is just an imaginary air raid. Act as you have been trained to do. Civil defense prepares you for that split-second decision of knowing how to act—what to do.

Within one-half mile of the center of an A-bomb explosion almost everyone without proper protection will be killed. Within the next half-mile fifty per cent of the population will not survive. From one to one-and-a-half miles away eighty-five per cent will live. Beyond two miles from the center of the explosion you will survive—but there will be work for you to do. Civil defense prepares you for that too.

With the proper protection YOU may live, but thousands will be killed instantly and many others will be wounded and in need of immediate care. Every street within the major damage area will be completely blocked with rubble, and hundreds of persons trapped or buried in the wreckage. Fires will start within a matter of minutes—in many places at once.

Food Supply Destroyed
These are the main things which will happen, but there are others. For instance, a large part of the city's food supply might be destroyed or cut off. The water supply might be knocked out. Regular communications might stop entirely. Much of the transportation system certainly would stop. Thousands of survivors would suddenly find themselves homeless, without food, clothing, shelter, or money.

Electric Organ Installed At Green Mtn.

Members of the Green Mountain Presbyterian Church recently bought and installed an Electronic Minsheal-Estey Organ for the church. The church, constructed of brick and modern in every respect, was completed some time ago in the Green Mountain Community near Howell's Store, overlooking the river.

Rev. Troy L. Young, formerly of Shelby and Ellenboro, is pastor of the church at this time. Rev. Arthur Sanders, who was pastor until recently, accepted a pastorate at Newland.

Mrs. Clarence Bailey and Mrs. O. L. Young are organists for the Sunday School and Church Services.

Chimes will be installed on the new organ in the near future, a member said.

Church Has Fellowship Supper Wed. Night

Approximately fifty members and visitors gathered in the dining room of Higgins Memorial Methodist Church Wednesday night for a Fellowship Supper. A supper of this kind is an annual affair at the church. New members of the church were introduced and given a "hand of fellowship" by the older members.

Following the supper, Rev. D. B. Alderman, new pastor of the church was "pounded" with presents from members and friends.

Horace Burnette of Newport, Tenn., a guest of Bruce Westall, was the only out-of-town visitor.

Duplan Awarded Bronze "Oscar Of Industry"

The Duplan Corporation has been awarded the bronze "Oscar of Industry" for producing the best 1950 annual report of any of the synthetic fibre weavers in the country. The award is made annually by the Financial World Magazine and is presented at the Annual Awards Banquet in the Grand Ball Room of the Hotel Statler in New York. The Banquet is attended by 1300 business and financial executives from all over the United States and Canada.

A total of 5000 annual reports were considered this year in the international competition, the eleventh in the series of surveys, and these were judged in one hundred industrial classification for the "Best-of-Industry" awards. In the synthetic fibre weavers category Burlington Mills Corp. was runner-up for top honors, while Robbins Mills, Inc., was placed third.

RANSOM HIGGINS INJURED BY AUTOMOBILE

Ransom Higgins, superintendent of the city water system, was seriously injured in a freak accident on main street here yesterday morning.

He had just completed the reading of a water meter in front of Ray's Service Station and was in a sitting position, marking the reading in his book when the accident occurred. Higgins was struck by an automobile driven by Pete Coletta, who left a parking place below the service station and was backing the vehicle to turn around. Because of Higgins' position at the meter, the driver failed to see him as he reversed the automobile.

The injured man was rushed to a hospital where an examination revealed that his left leg was broken just above the knee, his left arm broken, several ribs fractured, with lacerations on the head, limbs and body.

Jones Wounded In Action

Pfc. Robert B. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Regan Jones of Micaville, has been wounded in action in Korea according to information received by the parents. Pfc. Jones, whose wound was not very serious, was injured on October 6, 1951. He is now in a hospital in Korea.

Miss Neill Goes To Texas For Conference

Miss Mary Helen Neill, Yancey County Home Agent, left today for Ft. Worth, Texas where she will attend the Annual National Home Agent's Conference.

Miss Neill was selected with twelve other home agents from this state to attend the conference. She is driving through to the Texas city with friends. The meeting will convene Sunday and adjourn on Wednesday.

Decoration Contest Rules Nearly Ready For Release

A member of the American Legion Auxiliary reported this week that plans for the Christmas Lighting and Decoration Contest to be sponsored by that organization are well under way.

Although complete rules formulated, the member said it would be open for any or every individual in the county to enter. She said first, second and third prizes will be given for the winners inside the town and in the county. A total of \$170 in money or merchandise will be donated the Auxiliary by Felts Furniture Company to be used as prizes, the member said.

Dayton Buys Purebred Stock

According to a release from the American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association, Burdette Dayton of Burnsville recently purchased a purebred Aberdeen-Angus cow and bull from Peake's Crest Farm at Spruce Pine.

Mrs. Herman Banks Injured By Auto

Mrs. Henry Butner of Burnsville was called to Charlotte Monday to be with her mother, Mrs. Herman Banks, who was seriously injured when struck by an automobile in that city Sunday night.

Mrs. Banks was run down by an automobile, according to information received here, as she crossed the street after leaving a bus. She is suffering from injuries to the head, back and leg. Amputation of the leg may be necessary, it was said.

Mrs. Banks had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Butner here and had just reached Charlotte on her return trip when the accident occurred.

Miss Laura Mae Hilliard, worker with the Baptist Churches of Yancey County, was called to her home in Cary, N. C. Thursday because of the serious illness of her father, W. A. Hilliard.

Mr. Hilliard, who had been in ill health for several months, passed away Saturday morning. Funeral services were held in Cary Monday afternoon. Persons from this county attending the funeral services included Rev. Charles B. Trammel, R. A. Pate, Frank Harris, Rev. E. G. Adkins and Rev. A. Z. Jamerson.

Heavy Equipment Movers Warned By Motor Vehicle Department

Raleigh—Motor Vehicle Commissioner L. C. Rosser reminded motorists this week that they must get special permission from the Highway Department before moving oversized vehicles on state roadways. Offenders will face arrest by the Highway Patrol he said.

Rosser voiced his precaution on the basis of a recent news story relating an incident where nine persons were killed when a projecting bull dozer blade slashed through a passing bus. He asked especially that construction and grading crews reposition dozer blades to meet maximum permitted widths before entering a street or highway. A Patrol escort will be available, upon advance notice he said, when heavy, oversized vehicles are to be moved along state roadways.

Vehicles in excess of legal weight and dimensions are required to secure special permits from the Highway Department. Rosser said the law covering such vehicles will be rigidly enforced by the Highway Patrol.