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Loss Of Railroad Would Be Blow To All Businesses In County

The Clinchfield Railroad Company has taken another step toward securing an authorization to abandon the Black Mountain spur, leading from Kona to Burnsville. A request has been filed with the N. C. Utilities Commission in Raleigh for authority to abandon the road. First request was made to Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington.

Persons who realize the importance attached to the 12 miles of railroad through part of the county are taking steps to secure a hearing on the matter. Several letters have been written to the Utilities Commission by companies that will be greatly hurt if the service is ended.

The Railroad Company, in asking to abandon the road, reported that a million and quarter dollars would be required to rehabilitate the road during the next five years. However, they said a profit of more than \$9,000 was realized during the first nine months of 1951, with cost of maintenance considered.

Loss of the rail service would greatly effect the entire county. During 1951, a total of 1,500 cars of material was shipped over the line. Feldspar Milling Company at Bowditch shipped 600 cars of ground feldspar, an increase of 125 car loads over 1950. The State Highway Department received 301 cars of material. During 1951, B. B. Penland and Son Lumber Company had 98 car loads, Dayton Farm Supply received 26, Stanley Bailey received 76, Farmers Federation received 41, Johnson and Company received 36, Duplan Corporation received 37, Penland and Ayers shipped 57, Murro Chemical Company

shipped 40. These are only a few of the county's business and manufacturing organizations that did a large business with the road last year.

Carroll Rogers, president of the Feldspar Flotation Plant in Spruce Pine and officer with the Feldspar Milling Company, said the plant at Bowditch would close operation at that location if the Black Mountain Railroad discontinued service. Closing would be necessary, he said. Rogers said the mill would be moved to another location. Information from another source was that the plant would be built in another state.

Feldspar Milling Company pays out in Yancey County around \$265,000 per year for raw material, labor, and taxes, it was said.

Another manufacturing organization which would be forced to cease operations at Bowditch in event the rail service stopped is the Murro Chemical Company. This company manufactures soaps and cleaners, much of which goes to the armed services. Brooklyn, N. Y. was named as the new location if that plant is closed.

A direct loss of income to railroad personnel living in Yancey County would amount to more than \$26,000 a year. Business men with an eye on the future say removal of the line will not only cause immediate losses by manufacturing plants leaving the county, but will discourage other companies from locating here.

Persons who are interested in keeping rail service into Burnsville should write to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, N. C. setting forth reasons why the road should not be abandoned.

OFFICERS AND WORKERS NAMED IN MARCH OF DIMES DRIVE

The County officers for the March of Dimes Drive in Yancey County has been named as follows: County Director, Mrs. Ernest Briggs; Assistant Director, Bruce Westall; Secretary - treasurer, Fred Proffitt; School Director, Frank Howell.

Mrs. Briggs has named the following from the business places and organizations to assist in the drive: Jim Anglin, Mrs. Hobart Ray, Mrs. Joe Godfrey, Mrs. John Bennett, John English, Mrs. George Roberts, C. P. Coletta, Mrs. Phillip Ray, Howard Johnson, Bill Banks, Don Burhoe, James Timony, C. O. Ellis, Phil Hensley, Seth Honeycutt, Ralph England, Iloff Clevenger, Yates Bennett, Mrs. Joshua Banks, J. B. King, Mrs. Reece McIntosh, Mrs. Harlan Holcombe, Rush Wray, D. R. Fouts, Claude Peterson, G. L. Hensley, and C. P. Randolph.

Mrs. Briggs named the community workers as follows: Bolens Creek, Vincent Westall; Jacks Creek, Mrs. Brantly Briggs; Bald Creek, Mrs. Yates Bailey; Bee Log, Miss Alma Buck; Cane River, Mrs. Raleigh Radford; Hamrick, Mrs. Robert S. Ballew; Day Book, Mrs. Friel Young; Green Mountain, Mrs. Clarence Bailey; Celso, Mrs. C. C. Robinson; Higgins, Paul Higgins; Micaville, Mrs. Shell Young; Newdale, Mrs. Walter Wilson; Paint Gap, Mrs. Ralph Edwards; Pensacola, Mrs. Brooks Wilson; Ramsaytown, John Hannum; Sioux, Mrs. Clate Atkins; Swiss, J. J. Nowicki; Toledo, Mrs. Everette Johnson; Vixen, Mrs. Horace Daniel Ray, Jr.; Windom, Mrs. Ralph Black.

Colored Community, Mrs. Lucille Jackson. Mrs. Briggs said the drive would get under way next Wednesday, Jan. 16. Workers are asked to turn in their funds to Fred Proffitt, treasurer of the organization.

VEHICLES DEPARTMENT MAKES FINAL REPORT FOR 1951

Raleigh — The Department of Motor Vehicles reported its final monthly list of traffic violations for 1951 and noted, as usual, that speeders reckless drivers and persons driving with no license lead the list for December.

Last month, the Department said, 2,778 North Carolinians were convicted for speeding, 1,839 were convicted of reckless driving and 1,405 were convicted for driving without an operator's permit.

All three classifications were up considerably over the same month in 1950.

Driving with faulty equipment resulted in the conviction of 736; failing to stop for a stop sign brought 664 convictions and 340 were convicted for driving with bad lights.

Passing on a hill or curve convicted 250; driving on the wrong side of the road brought 153 convictions and 114 faced court action for failing to yield right-of-way.

Miscellaneous offenses brought the total for December to 9,052. Tar Heel motorists found guilty of moving violations. Another 1,581 out-of-state drivers were convicted bringing the total for the month to 10,633.

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LAST RITES HELD FOR WALTER L. WILSON

Funeral services for Walter L. Wilson, 68, who died at the home of a daughter at Grovemont Saturday following a lengthy illness were held Monday morning in Swannanoa Free Will Baptist Church.

The Rev. Wayne Smith and the Rev. Charles Smith officiated. Burial was in Robinson Cemetery at Burnsville.

Pallbearers were Jake, Ralph and C. W. Robinson, Oscar McMahan and Edwin Wilson. Prior to his residence in Buncombe County, Mr. Wilson resided in Burnsville for several years. He was a member of the Baptist Church here.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Russell Riddle of Grovemont, Mrs. Herman Anglin of Black Mountain, and Mrs. George Rowland of Swannanoa; four sons, C. J. Johnson, Bill Banks, Don Burhoe, James Timony, C. O. Ellis, Phil Hensley, Seth Honeycutt, Ralph England, Iloff Clevenger, Yates Bennett, Mrs. Joshua Banks, J. B. King, Mrs. Reece McIntosh, Mrs. Harlan Holcombe, Rush Wray, D. R. Fouts, Claude Peterson, G. L. Hensley, and C. P. Randolph.

MICAVILLE BOY NAMED WINNER IN 4-H PROJECT

John Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bennett of Micaville, has been declared the Western District Winner with his 4-H neat animal project. The Western District is made up of 17 Western North Carolina counties. He is an 8th grade student at Micaville High School.

John started his 4-H work in 1949 by winning a registered Poland China gilt. His gilt was judged the Grand Champion in the district swine show in the Sears, Roebuck Pig Chain Show and was awarded a registered Jersey heifer. Now John has his cow and two heifer calves, his sow and 7 small pigs, and in addition has cleared \$1460.00 on his projects.

John has been president and vice president of his club and is active in boy scout and church work.

CONGRESSMAN JONES VISITS BURNSVILLE

Congressman Woodrow W. Jones spent several hours here last Friday before returning to Washington for the opening of congress.

In discussing national politics, and presidential nominees specifically, Congressman Jones expressed an opinion that Eisenhower would throw his hat into the ring, or, as it should be put, would allow his hat to be thrown into the ring, as Republican candidate for the presidential nomination. Eisenhower, Jones predicted, will break down under the "draft" pressure, if public opinion shows something of a guarantee.

When asked if he thought Truman would enter the race again, the Congressman said that from what he knows at this time the President is cool to the idea. He did say, however that the President's moods were unpredictable and may enter the race.

About the Korean war situation and our foreign policy generally, Jones stated only that he hoped the U. S. will in the future take more definite steps in meeting Communism and regain some of the prestige which has been lost since World War II.

FOUR ARRESTED IN BLAST CASE

Four young men have been arrested in the New Year's Eve dynamiting case here, according to State Highway Patrolman Charles Long, who investigated the case.

Patrolman Long named Charles Shepherd, Robert Miller, Luther Lawhern, and Jack Allen as those arrested. At least three of the four have been released on bond on \$5,000 each, set by Gaston M. Angel, Justice of the Peace. Shepherd, Lawhern and Allen waived preliminary hearing, Long said.

After a thorough investigation of the blasting, owners of the damaged hardware building signed warrants for the arrest of those believed to be the offenders, it was said. Arthur Proffitt, deputy sheriff, aided the State Highway Patrolman in making the investigation and serving the warrants.

Further investigation is being made, Patrolman Long said.

TOMBERLIN SPEAKS AT LIONS CLUB MEETING

Bruce M. Tomberlin, principal of Burnsville High School, is scheduled to be guest speaker at the Lions Club meeting tonight. The subject of the address will be "How to Measure A Man."

At the meeting, also, members will vote and select the outstanding Burnsville Lion for 1951.

Dr. M. W. Webb, past president of the club, will be on the program at the meeting of January 24. He will speak on an important phase of medicine as it applies to this locality.

J. R. Banks of Burnsville is in a serious condition in an Asheville hospital. He was hospitalized following a stroke early last week.

Mrs. Ned Wilson who has been ill at the home of her son, Vernie Wilson of Burnsville, is improving nicely, according to reports.

Mrs. Mary Dean of Manchester, Mass., visited friends at the Nu-Wray Inn during the past week.

Isaac Wheeler and family of Nashville, Tenn. spent several days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wheeler.

Inspector To Issue For Hire Tags Here Tuesday

Inspector C. D. Lindsey of Asheville will be in Burnsville Tuesday from 1 o'clock to 5 p. m. to issue "for hire" licenses to truckers and taxi drivers. Persons using those kind of licenses can save a trip to Asheville by seeing the inspector on that day.

Lindsey will be in the State Highway Patrol Office in the State Highway Building.

Marriage Announced

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Helen Riddle, daughter of Mrs. Emma Riddle and the late Blane Riddle of Texas, to Ernest Frost of Morehead City. The marriage ceremony was performed on Dec. 22.

Burnsville Teams Win Two, Split Two

Burnsville High School split two games with Bakersville High Tuesday night, the girls winning with a more than double-point margin, while the boys lost by one point to the visitors. The final score in the girls game was 44-20, while Bakersville boys held a winning score of 34 to 33 at the closing whistle.

Brinkley led the Burnsville girls by potting 21 points. Huskins led the Bakersville team with 14.

Players in the girls game were: Burnsville — Bringley, Higgins, McCurry, forwards; and Wilson, Anglin, and Peterson as guards. Substitutes were Pate, Fox, Jamerson, B. Peterson, N. Peterson, and Robinson.

Bakersville — Huskins, J. Gouge, M. Gouge, forwards; and Runion, Butt, Thomas as guards. Substitutes were G. Gouge and Hoilman.

Burnsville boys lost a heart-breaker after they led through most of the game. The margin was never great during the game, but the local boys managed to stay out front most of the time. However, with only a matter of minutes to play, Bakersville dropped in a basket or two to take the lead by one point. From then on, the ball was in their possession, except for a few seconds before the final whistle.

Burnsville led the attack for the local boys with 14 points, while Thomas was high man for the victors with 19 points.

Burnsville players were: Higgins, Taylor, Burton, Silvers, Carroll and Wilson.

Bakersville boys: Thomas, Binson, Holder, Garland, Baker, Callahan and Howell.

Last Friday night the Burnsville teams won a double header over Bald Creek High

School. Score in the girls game was 38-18, while the other score was 41-26.

Neill of Bald Creek led his team in scoring with 14 points and Burton followed for Burnsville with 12.

McCurry led the Burnsville girls with 12 points, while Allen of Bald Creek came through with eight as high score for her team.

Bald Creek players were: G. Allen, C. Styles, Hyleman, Robertson, Fox, and Styles. Substitutes were: Wilson, Ledford, Lawhern, Yelton, York, Hensley, and Rathburn.

Boys — M. Buckner, L. Buckner, Neill, Riddle, Ray. Substitutes were Anglin, Ray, Mathis, Wilson, Ingle, Wilson and Anglin.

LAST RITES HELD FOR MRS. GUS BAILEY, 50

Funeral services for Mrs. Gus Bailey, 50, of Green Mountain, who died Saturday night in the Erwin Community Hospital following a lengthy illness, were conducted Monday afternoon in the North Bend Baptist Church.

The Rev. Carl Osborne of Unicoi, Tenn., and the Rev. Visor of the Presbyterian Church, Erwin, officiated.

Burial was in the Fair View Cemetery at Green Mountain.

Active pallbearers were Fred Peterson; Joe Peterson, Luther Peterson, Dock Renfro, Oscar Byrd, and Ellis Renfro. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Men's Bible Class of the North Bend Church.

Flower bearers were members of the Women's Bible Class of the church.

Mrs. Bailey was the daughter of the late J. S. Moody and step-daughter of Mrs. J. S. Moody of Green Mountain. She was an active member of the North Bend Church and until the time of her illness was church pianist.

Surviving, in addition to the husband are three daughters, Mrs. Park Peterson of Green Mountain, Mrs. L. C. Schwager of Canton, Ohio, and Mrs. D. L. Garland of Carder View, Tenn.; three brothers, Ellis Moody of Burnsville, Dr. J. R. Moody of Erwin, and George Cecil Moody of Milwaukee, Wis.; a step-sister, Mrs. N. L. Howell of Green Mountain; a step-brother, Fred Harrell of Spruce Pine; two half-sisters, Mrs. Juanita Masters of Burnsville, and Mrs. Lois Anglin of Green Mountain, and four grandchildren.

LAST RITES HELD FOR ELIZABETH AUTREY

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Autrey, 80, who died at the home of a grandson, Floyd Autrey of Celso, following a brief illness were held in the Estatoa Presbyterian Church Wednesday at 10:30 a. m.

The Rev. Charles Moffatt, pastor, and Dr. Charles W. Harris officiated.

Burial was in Lewis Memorial Park, Asheville.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. George Robinson of Burnsville; one son, Walter of Celso; one brother, John W. Autrey of Asheville; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

CHURCHILL CONFERS WITH TRUMAN



Washington — President Truman (left) smiles and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill is serious but good-humored as they ride together for a meeting on problems confronting both nations. Churchill's visit is connected with Britain's dollar needs.