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## State Supt. Favors Consolidated Schools

The following article taken from the North Carolina Public School Bulletin indicated the stand State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Clyde A. Erwin takes on the subject of consolidated school.

Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in a recent speech at the Roxboro Grammar School, urged that Person County for its children's sake, agree to a program whereby the high schools in Person County would be consolidated.

Speaking before an audience composed of the county board of education, district school committee, and principals of county schools, Dr. Erwin said that more education could be given at less expense if high schools joined together. In no county where consolidation has been tried have they ever wanted to go back to the old, small school system.

"It costs so much to give so little at the small school," Dr. Erwin said. "The State realizes that perpetuation of small schools is a luxury which the State cannot afford."

He went on to say that today a student from a small rural school who goes to college is at a disadvantage when placed in competition with students who have attended large high schools, and that students from rural schools often flunk out, not because they're any dumber, but because they haven't had the educational background.

"Parents must stop thinking of themselves and what the old school meant to them and start thinking of their children. If it were left to the children of Person County, consolidation would be overwhelmingly approved," he said.

"There isn't any comparison between educational opportunities. The quality of a school is more important than the dis-

tance of school. Whereas in a small school, all that can be offered is English and a few other basic courses, a consolidated school could have over fifty courses covering a wide range of subjects, and these are being offered in some of our larger schools. Students who do not want to go to college may take course in agriculture, industrial arts, and business.

"People often won't move to your community if you do not have good schools."

Dr. Erwin gave an example of a backward county in the western part of the State which adopted consolidation and, from what the children learned in the school, agriculture improved tremendously and bootlegging, for which the district had been notorious was wiped out.

"These small schools are not the children's schools but the parents' schools. The children don't want the small, inadequate schools.

"Consolidation would make a unit out of the county, and would stop bitter quibbling among small rural high schools over what family is going to what school."

## LAST RITES HELD FOR CHARLIE A. HOWELL

Funeral services for Charlie Adam Howell, 72, Boonford merchant, who died Friday in an Asheville hospital after a long illness, were held Monday at 2 p. m. in Young's Chapel Baptist Church.

The Rev. P. L. McMahan and the Rev. James Alred officiated and burial was in Robinson Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow Mrs. Lizzie Robinson Howell; three sisters, Misses Maggi and Bessie Howell and Mrs. Tolley, all of Boonford; three brothers, Troy Howell of New Dale, Sam Howell of Banner, Elk and Smith Howell of Boonford.

## Revival Series To Be Held At Low Gap Church

A series of revival meetings is scheduled to begin Saturday evening in the Low Gap Presbyterian Church. The series of meetings will begin each evening at 7:30 p. m. The revivals will continue for two weeks.

The evangelist bringing the messages will be the Rev. Kirby Hensley of California.

## Bank Set To Make Loans To Poultry Producers

Officials of The Northwestern Bank here announced this week that the bank has allotted \$75,000.00 to be loaned to poultry raisers in Yancey County. The decision to make an equal amount available to Mitchell and Avery counties as well as the amount for this county, was made at a directors meeting at North Wilkesboro early last month.

Robert Presnell, director of the bank from this county pointed out that loans would be made to the persons with qualifying securities and that no organization or individuals other than the bank officials would be required to recommend the loan. These loans, he said, would be made to individuals in the same manner that any loan was made by the Northwestern Bank, but that the \$75,000.00 was earmarked for loans to poultry raisers

## Independent Basketball Tournament Planned Here

A member of the Men's Club made an announcement this week insuring basketball fans of Burnsville of another independent basketball tournament this year. This is the third annual independent tournament to be held in the school gymnasium here. In past years the American Legion here produced one of the most outstanding teams in this area and usually came out on top in the tournaments they entered. The American Legion did not sponsor a team this year, however, and no Yancey county team will be entered in the tournament.

The spokesman for the Men's Club said no definite date has been set for the tournament, but that after the settlement of dates for the annual county and tri-county tournaments invitations will be sent to college and independent teams in this section.

## CHURCH AFFAIR WELL ATTENDED

A large crowd attended the Methodist Church benefit supper at Bald Creek last Saturday night. The Supper was given to secure funds for the new church building which is almost complete.

Members of the church were elated that the large crowd attended and expressed their thanks to the many people outside of Bald Creek community who cooperated by attending the benefit affair.

## Farm Production Meeting Scheduled Next Week

W. M. Hensley, Chairman of the Yancey County Agricultural Mobilization Committee, announced this week that a county-wide meeting on county production goals for 1952 will be held in the agricultural building at Burnsville school on Tuesday, February 12 at 2:00 p. m.

Principal speaker on the program will be Staton McIver Soil Conservation Specialist who is a representative of the State Agricultural Mobilization Committee.

All persons in the county working directly with the agricultural agencies are urged to attend this meeting, and all other persons interested in the production goal for this year are invited.

## NOTICE

Dr. Melvin Webb will be out of his office on Tuesday, February 12.

## HONOR STUDENTS

Mr. B. M. Tomberlin, principal of the Burnsville High School, and the faculty members have announced the honor students for the first semester of the year 1951-52. They are as follows:

**Senior Honor Roll**  
"A" Erma Styles, Nelda Peterson, Frances Wilson, Ena Kate Smith, Mildred Blankenship, Vaughnie McPeters.

"B" Polly Peterson, Evangeline Banks, Edna McAllister, Katy King, Virginia Dare Chase, Betty Presnell, Elizabeth Robinson, Mary Cecil Anglin, Helen Angel, Maude Blankenship.

**Junior Honor Roll**  
"A" Mary Hensley, Alice Riddle, Shirley Styles.  
"B" Jewell Carroll, Mary Lou Fox, Sue Harris, Nellie Hensley, Jeanette Hughes, Sallie McRae, Eloise Styles, Rebecca Trammel, Ruth Zelenski, Richard Briggs, Tommy Burton, David Gillespie.

**Sophomore Honor Roll**  
"A" Joy English, Luise Patton, Geraldine Ray, Dorothy Smith.

"B" Barbara Harris, Ralph Hammond, Katie McMahan, Barbara Ann Peterson.

**Freshmen Honor Roll**  
"A" James Curtis, Glenn Fox, Clarence Harris, Genevieve Bailey, June McIntosh, Teddie Rose Styles.

"B" Kenneth Dillingham, Gale Hall, Tommy Higgins, James McMahan, Dennis Smith, Edward Zelnick, Thelma Fox, Marie English, Faith Gibson, Hope Ann McIntosh, Claudette Peterson, Louise Riddle.

## LAST RITES HELD FOR BOBBY B. AUTREY

Funeral services for Bobby B. Autrey, 22, who was killed in action in Korea, will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. in the Celso Baptist Church. The Rev. E. J. Hall and the Rev. Theo Letterman will officiate. Burial will be in the Carroway Cemetery.

Autrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Autrey of Celso, entered the Army in March, 1951. He lost his life in Korea on November 11, 1951.

Surviving in addition to the parents, are five brothers: Floyd, Arthur, Jay and James Ray Autrey, all of Celso, and Bill Autrey of the U. S. Army; two sisters, Flossie and Mary Lou Autrey of the home.

The condition of Molt Hensley who is confined to Aston Park Hospital, Asheville is somewhat improved.

## BOB BROWN'S CIRCUS TO SHOW HERE SATURDAY NIGHT

Burnsville Lions Club is sponsoring the noted Bob Brown's Circus here this week. Money received will aid in purchasing instruments for the Burnsville High School Band. The program will be held at Burnsville High School gymnasium Saturday night.

The show will be educational. Brown demonstrates such scientific attractions as uses of atomic energy, light, sound, radio, cosmic rays, and electricity. He often releases as much as a million volts of electricity through the body of his assistants, and his assistants are always chosen from the audience.

The Bob Brown Circus was featured in Life Magazine recently and his show has been telecasted over a TV network out of Chicago during the past season.

## Station WLOS To Feature County On Program

The Yancey County Farming program will be discussed on the air over Radio Station WLOS, Asheville, Saturday at 12:00 o'clock.

County Agent E. L. Dillingham, with his assistant, T. S. Godwin, and Home Demonstration Agent Mary Helen Neill will be featured on the program. These county agricultural officials will discuss progress that has been made during the past year in farming in this county and give plans for the farm production program this year.

The Record is late reaching its readers this week due to mechanical trouble in our shop

## Association Webbs Join Hereford

Melvin and Martin Webb of Burnsville have recently become members of the American Polled Hereford Association, according to D. W. Chittenden, Executive Secretary. The Association is devoted to the development of the Polled Hereford breed. At this time, there are more than 8,000 members of the Association throughout the United States and Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Miller of Lincolnton, N. C. announce the arrival of a daughter, Cardelia Elizabeth, at Crowell Memorial Hospital, Lincolnton. Mrs. Miller is the former Miss Margaret Hensley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Molt Hensley.

## Highway To Asheville To Be Improved Soon

State Highway officials announced this week that a contract for sections of road between Burnsville and Asheville will probably be let this summer. Highway work scheduled will probably include a new bridge across Cane River. Several bids for construction of the bridge have been rejected by the State Highway department because they were too high.

Over 4,000 miles of county roads were hardsurfaced in North Carolina last year with funds from the \$200,000,000 secondary road bond issue.

Official year-end figures, released this week by Highway Chairman Henry W. Jordan, showed that the State Highway Commission had completed 82 per cent of the 12,000-mile secondary paving goal set by Governor Scott when the bond issue was approved by the voters of North Carolina in the 1949 referendum.

A total of 4,025.1 miles of secondary roads were paved in 1951, bringing a total mileage hardsurfaced under the bond program to 9,836.5 miles. In the previous year, 4,554.6 miles were paved.

The figures do not include paving on primary highways or other projects not included in the secondary road program and do not cover resurfacing or widening of secondary roads. The paving goal had been exceeded in 26 counties by December 31, which means that future secondary road bond projects let in these counties will be a "bonus" of that much additional mileage above

## Ruth Zelenski, Donald Wilson Win In Reading And Orator Contest

The Annual County High School Reading and Orator Contest was held Thursday night in the Burnsville High School.

Donald Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilson of Bald Creek, won the Orator Contest for Bald Creek school. Ruth Zelenski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Zelenski of Burnsville, was named winner of the Reading Contest. She is a junior at Burnsville High School.

Each high school in the county was represented. Students other than the winners who entered the contest were Rex Robinson of Burnsville, Anniece Briggs of Bald Creek, Lloyd Bailey of Clearmont, Judith Kates and Phillip Simmons of Micaiville and A. C. Atkins and Freda Bradford of Bee Log.

Judges were Rev. David Swartz and Mrs. John Bennett of Burnsville, and Mrs. Clarence Bailey of Green Mountain. The two winners were awarded medals which were donated by Roberts and Johnson Lumber Co. and B. B. Penland and Son Lumber Co. These two establishments have donated medals to be given winning contestants in the High School and Orator Contests for several years.

## South Toe Students Named To Honors

Miss Dorothy Van Cleave teacher in the South Toe River School, announced this week that Jean Blevins and Lorrett Robinson received high honor in the 8th grade for the month of January. Larry Davis, Tommy Gouge, Sue Huskins, Grace Mace and Donna Robinson received honorable mention.

the mileage promised them in the pro rata distribution of funds at the beginning of the program. These counties are Chowan, Edgecombe, Hartford, Greene, Lenoir, Pitt, Duplin, Franklin, Johnston, Nash, Wayne, Wilson, Chatham, Davidson, Harnett, Hoke, Lee Moore, Randolph, Robeson, Scotland, Anson, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Richmond and Montok.

Through December 31, 1951 \$646,690.55 out of the road bond fund was spent in Yancey county.

Chairman Jordan reported that 13,904.6 miles of county roads had been stabilized under the bond program for all-weather use. This total is 37.41 per cent of the 36,000-mile stabilization goal.

Highway officials have stated that, as the bond paving program nears its end this year, increasing emphasis will be placed on the stabilization program, which is designed to help people living on country roads that do not carry enough traffic to justify paving them.

## Harris And Gregory Training In San Diego

Charles E. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Harris, and Ronald Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gregory, are undergoing recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, California.

These seaman recruits, both of Burnsville, are taking such training as is designed to make them acquainted with all phases of Navy life.

## TREASURER MAKES REPORT ON POLIO DRIVE

Fred Proffitt, treasurer for the March of Dimes campaign in this county, announced this week that donations amounting to \$2100.00 have been made at the present time. This amount does not include donations made by Micaiville High School students, which has not been turned in to Mr. Proffitt. It is understood, he said, the Micaiville High School has collected approximately \$600.00 on the drive.

No quota was set for the various counties this year, but each local organization was to collect as much in the drive as possible. Although no definite date was set for the closing of the March of Dimes campaign, it was thought that the drive probably end this week.

Fifty per cent of the funds received here will remain in this county to finance care of local polio patients needing such help or, in an emergency, are made available to the National epidemic aid fund. The other fifty per cent is sent to National Headquarters where it is used for research, professional education and emergency epidemic aid.

## Miss Roberts Elected To Office At Wake Forest

Elizabeth Ann Roberts, a sophomore at Wake Forest College, has been elected secretary of the Christian Service Group there for the spring term.

Miss Roberts, a religious education major, is an active member of the B. S. U., serving as Y. W. A. secretary and holding an office in the training union. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Roberts of Kingsport, Tenn., formerly of Burnsville.



Ismailia—Peace descends at last on Egypt. But it is the peace of death. For the slain number anywhere from scores to hundreds as British troops put down short-lived rebellion and a new premier, Aly Maher Pasha, takes over. Here English Tommies guard a long line of dead in an Ismailia courtyard.