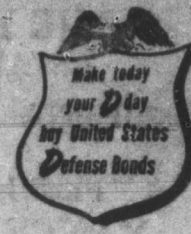


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Boy Scouts Have Busy Week Here

Scouts of Burnsville observed National Boy Scout Week with a Court of Honor, banquet and various other meetings of Scouts and officials.

As part of the observance the Scouts of Troop 1 and their parents held the annual Scout banquet at Roberts and Johnson club room Monday night. The meal was prepared by the Scouts' mothers. Various phases of Scouting were described and award of members of the local troop.

The Court of Honor for the Toe River District was held Tuesday evening in the First Baptist Church here. Dr. C. F. McRae, chairman of the Advancement Committee, presided. The court clerk was Charles Buckner, the colors were advanced by Ronnie Ray and Gene Higgins, and the Pledge to the Flag was led by James Laughrun, all members of Troop 1 Burnsville. The invocation was offered by the Rev. David Swartz, Presbyterian pastor here.

Burton Hawley of Spruce Pine and George C. Dalton of Burnsville were awarded Tenderfoot rank by Bob Garner, Field Scout Executive for the Daniel Boone Council.

Gene Higgins of Burnsville was awarded Second Class rank by A. E. Zeljanski of Burnsville.

J. J. Nowicki, of Swiss, awarded First Class rank to the following scouts of Burnsville: Bobby Curtis, James Laughrun, Billy Ray Edge, Frank H. Lewis, Gerald Peterson, Kenneth Dillingham, and Dennis Smith.

A. W. Allen, Scott Executive, awarded Merit Badges to the following Burnsville Scouts: Wally Koenig—reading, safety, physical development, and printing. L. G. Deyton, Jr.—pathfinding, reading, and safety. Tom Higgins—Pathfinding, scholarship, and art. Glenn Fox—public health, personal health, first aid, safety, and electricity. Dennis Smith—pathfinding, safety, reading, bookbinding and home repairs. Bobby Curtis—reading. Kenneth Dillingham—personal health, home repairs, music, animal industry and safety. Billy Ray Edge—safety, pathfinding, reading, art and chemistry. James Laughrun—printing and bookbinding.

The following Scoutmasters were present at the Court of Honor: Davis M. Nichols,

Spruce Pine; Tom Bass, Burnsville; Frank Johnson, assistant, Burnsville.

At an adjournment, a meeting of the Toe River District Committee was held, with Warren H. Pritchard of Spruce Pine, district chairman, presiding. Reports from the various district operating committees were heard at this time.

A supper meeting of the finance committee of the Toe River District, Daniel Boone Council, Boy Scouts of America, was held last Thursday, February 4, in the Club House at Spruce Pine, at which time plans for the annual Adult Membership Enrollment were discussed. Communities represented at this meeting were: Burnsville, Spruce Pine, Crossnore, Pineola, and Linville. The speaker for the evening was F. B. Gardner of Hendersonville, vice-chairman of the Daniel Boone Council. S. A. Montague, of Spruce Pine, presided over the meeting as chairman of the Toe River District finance committee, assisted by Warren H. Pritchard of Spruce Pine, chairman of the Toe River District, and Bob Garner of Asheville, Field Scout Executive of the Daniel Boone Council. Scout Jerry Arnold of Spruce Pine presented a skit showing vividly the value of Scouting and the importance of the Adult Membership Enrollment.

Members of the district finance committee from Burnsville who attended this meeting were Dr. Cameron F. McRae, Jr., district vice-chairman and Jake F. Buckner, Yancey County Finance Committee Chairman.

Buckner reminded citizens of this county that the annual drive for the promotion of the Boy Scout program is on. He said that the quota set for Burnsville in the campaign is \$300.00. Members of the committee will be calling on citizens for their donations this week, he said, and that he hopes response will be made in the fine way it has been in previous years.

Meeting Of Methodist Women's Class Announced

The Woman's Bible Class of Higgins Memorial Methodist Church will meet with Mrs. D. R. Fouts on Thursday, February 21 at 3:00 p. m.

BODY OF GEORGE VI LIES IN STATE



London—Dead of a blood clot after 15 years of a conscientious reign, King George VI lies in an oaken casket, plunging Great Britain and far-flung possessions into mourning. Guarded by royal retainers, the king, 56, was to be buried Friday after lying in state under royal standards during the week. The monarch died in his sleep Feb. 6. He had never fully recovered from a lung cancer operation Sept. 23.

ROBINSON NAMED DIRECTOR OF HOSPITAL

Luther M. Robinson, Yancey County Accountant, was named from this county as a director of Memorial Mission Hospital Asheville, at a review meeting of the board last Monday night. Robinson, whose home is Celis, has been active in the public affairs of Yancey County for several years.

At the review meeting it was reported that more than \$123,000 was charged off the books last year as bad accounts however the hospital showed a net income of over \$2,000 for the year.

Chairman Asks That Polio Funds Be Turned In

Mrs. Ernest Briggs, chairman for the local March of Dimes campaign, this week reminded workers in the drive to turn in their collections to Fred Proffitt, treasurer. Funds should be turned in so that a report can be prepared for the National Foundation Headquarters at an early date, she said.

From donations turned in to date, it was judged that at least \$3,000 would be received in the polio fund campaign this year, she said.

Mr. Proffitt reported approximately \$2,700 last week.

Half of the money collected in this county will remain here to aid any local person stricken with the disease. The other half will go for research and study of the disease through the National Headquarters or it may be used in another part of the country in case of epidemics of polio.

BILLY LAWS INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Billy Laws, 20 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lenora Laws of Rt. 1, Burnsville, is in Mission Hospital, Asheville, suffering from a broken leg and cuts received in a truck accident Monday.

The accident occurred Monday afternoon on the new Green Mountain highway near the Pine Hill section and only a few hundred yards from the Laws home. According to reports, the injured boy, who was heading in the direction of Green Mountain in his father's truck, lost control of the vehicle when the right wheels left the pavement and ran onto the shoulder. He was meeting two loaded trucks and passed one, but crashed into the other as his vehicle lurched back onto the road. The extent of damage to the other truck was not learned, but the vehicle which Laws was driving was almost demolished, was the report.

Laws was rushed to the hospital where Dr. Cherry made a report that his leg was badly crushed. Occupants in the other vehicle involved were uninjured.

Burnsville Scouts To Play Spruce Pine Saturday

Tom Bass, basketball coach of the Burnsville Scout team, has announced that Troop One will meet the Spruce Pine Scouts here this week. The game will be played at the high school gymnasium at 3:00 Saturday afternoon.

Howells Open Store In Burnsville

J. W. Howell and Son of Green Mountain are opening a new store in Burnsville this week. The days of the grand opening are Friday and Saturday. The new store is located in the new brick and block building on East Main Street below Banks-Young Motor Co., which was recently constructed by Frank W. Howell. Walter Howell, Frank's brother and member of the J. W. Howell and Son firm, recently purchased the building.

The elder member of the store firm has been in the mercantile business for over fifty or more years. He began his business at Hundt Dale and later moved to Green Mountain where the name, J. W. Howell's Store, developed over a period of years to more than a mercantile place—it is an institution for that section.

water joined his father in business about 20 years ago and has carried most of the business burden in recent years. The new Burnsville store will be different from the Green Mountain store in that only hardware, electrical appliances, and farm machinery will be handled here. Like most general stores in sections away from town, J. W. Howell and Son at Green Mountain handle everything from finger nail polish to plow points. Eugene Hughes, who has been employed in the Green Mountain store will manage the new store here, Walter Howell said.

High School Tournament Played This Week

The annual Yancey County High School Basketball Tournament got under way last night with Clearmont girls playing Bee Log girls and Burnsville and Bee Log boys playing the first games.

Clearmont girls took an easy game that ended with a 50 point lead for that team. The score was 76-26. Ramsey, Clearmont forward, scored 28 points in the game.

Burnsville boys defeated Bee Log boys with a score of 61-42. Higgins led Burnsville to victory with 22 points.

Tonight Bald Creek and Micalville girls and Clearmont and Bald Creek boys play. Winners of tonight's games will meet Burnsville girls and Micalville boys Friday night.

The finals will be played Saturday night.

COLLECTORS TO AID IN FILING TAX RETURNS

Have you filed your State Income Tax Return yet? This is the question J. C. Walker, local Deputy Collector, is asking citizens in this area.

Every single person or married person not living with his wife or husband, receiving in excess of the \$1,000 personal exemption, every married woman receiving an income in excess of the \$1,000, and every married man living with his wife on December 31, 1951, receiving in excess of the \$2,000 personal exemption are required to file State returns, Walker said.

The deputy collector will be in Burnsville at the Sheriff's Office on February 28, March 6, and March 13 to assist anyone needing help in filing State Tax Returns.

Also a deputy collector will be in the courthouse here on February 21 to aid citizens in filing Federal Tax Returns.

YANCEY COUNTY ROAD REPORT FOR JANUARY

Raleigh—The State Highway Commission completed a new bridge in Yancey County during January, Chairman H. W. Jordan reported today.

The bridge is on NC 197 over Cattaji Creek at Pensacola. The Tenth Highway Division brought a total of 9.31 miles of road work to completion in January, Chairman Jordan announced.

BOOK SHOP MOVED TO NEW BUILDING

Rev. H. M. Alley has moved his book store and gift shop to a building on the Square. The shop was formerly in an upstairs location in the Lawyer's Building. It was moved last week to the building formerly occupied by Wilson's Shoe Repair Shop near the courthouse. The store, which has been named the Book Store and Variety Shop, will have in stock books, gifts, cards and other articles in that line.

Presbyterians To Form Men's Fellowship

Formation of a Men's Fellowship organization at Burnsville Presbyterian Church is underway. On Sunday morning the men will meet at the church at 8:15 where they will have breakfast. Following breakfast, Rev. David Swartz pastor, will lead a Bible study session after which the Men's Fellowship will be organized.

Mrs. George Roberts is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, in Ingold, N. C.

Questions And Answers On Consolidated School

(Prepared in the board of education office).

In an effort to present the truths to people of Yancey County concerning the proposed Consolidated High School, the following questions being asked by parents are answered in this issue. Those who are seriously concerned about the educational interests of boys and girls of our County are urged to read the following important considerations and to pass the truths on to others:

1. Will Yancey County tax money be used in the construction of the Yancey County Consolidated High School? No. Bids not to exceed state allotted funds of \$157,976.02 are to be let. This is based upon Public School Law 115-84.

2. Will the above state funds be enough to construct the building? Yes. According to estimates of architects employed by the State, an adequate classroom building can be constructed with the available state funds. The steel needed for construction was purchased at a much lower price than it could now be purchased for, and is now lying in the Burnsville railroad yards. If it is not used in Yancey County, there are many school districts clamoring for it since most steel is no longer available at any price.

3. Is the consolidated school recommendation the most efficient and economical plan for Yancey County? Yes. Yancey County cannot afford five State Approved Standard High Schools. As conditions now are elementary pupils need all the facilities in the existing schools. Figures and surveys show that overcrowded conditions must be remedied at once. To add high school classrooms to existing schools (which plan the State has not approved) would still not solve the problem of meeting high school standards which must be met. How economical would it be to equip five science departments, five business education departments, five shop buildings? Then, again, how would the teachers for these courses be obtained? Teachers are allotted to individual schools on the basis of average daily attendance. Regardless of number of classrooms, regardless of amount of equipment, no more teachers can be allotted for each school than average daily attendance allows. Therefore, no efficiency or economy could be brought about by improving existing schools for high school purposes.

4. What will a consolidated school mean to the boys and girls of Yancey County? It will mean equal educational opportunities for all. It will mean meeting the individual needs of the pupils. Those who plan to go to college will be better prepared. Those who want to take a course leading to a position or means of making a living will have an opportunity. Such courses as shop work, agriculture, business education and home economics can be given. Thousands of dollars in Federal Funds for vocational education can be obtained if building, equipment, and enrollment standards are met. Yancey County is now losing those funds because conditions cannot be met. Dr. Erwin states in his argument for high school consolidation that "In a small high 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. There isn't any comparison between educational opportunities."

5. What effect will consolidation have upon the five existing schools? The existing schools will be much better schools if the high school pupils are moved out. Overcrowded conditions could be almost solved, with the exception of Bald Creek, which would still need additions. The existing schools would still be the community center and much better teaching situations would be enjoyed. The plan would be seven elementary "feeder schools" for the Central High School, which, in the light of modern school planning in North Carolina, would be an economical and efficient school organization. With improvements to the four existing schools (not including South Toe and Bee Log) and the building of a six or seven-teacher school at Pensacola, no county in North Carolina could boast of a better school system.

6. Why did the Commission select Burnsville as the site for the Consolidated School? In the first place, money is available only for a high school classroom building. There is no other place in the county where a modern gymnasium, agriculture and shop building, auditorium, dramatics department, and home economics building can be added to make a complete high school plant. Secondly, the site is already owned by the County. Also Burnsville is considered to be more nearly the center of the administrative district. There is also city water supply and fire protection, which the State considers very important conditions for consolidation.

7. Would transportation involve an extra expense to the county? No. High school students would be transported from existing schools to the Central School operating on a schedule determined by the "feeder schools". For instance, if the elementary school day were from 8:45 to 3:30; then the high school day would be approximately 9:15 to 3:00, giving adequate time for buses to meet schedule of elementary schools. There is no school farther from Burnsville than it would take a bus to travel safely in thirty minutes. "The quality of a school is more important than the distance of the school", Dr. Erwin says.

8. Would Burnsville school committee select the teachers for the Consolidated School? No. It would select teachers for Burnsville elementary school only. A special high school committee with representation from each of the school districts would be formed.

9. Would the Consolidated High School impair the credit and good name of Yancey County? Parents, you should answer this question in the light of the facts presented.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Ray and Ronnie visited Mr. and Mrs. Burt Higgins in Charlotte last week end.

Mr. Quillen Phillips of Burnsville, Rt. 1, is critically ill at his home.

Mrs. Clyde Whisnant who has been ill for several days is reported to be improved. Mrs. Whisnant returned to her home here from an Asheville hospital last Thursday.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

