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Workers Named In Red Cross Drive

The Red Cross Drive will begin Saturday with the following workers named for their communities:

Burnsville: Mrs. John B. Bennett, Rev. D. B. Alderman, Mrs. Jake Low, and Rev. Charles Trammel.

Cane River: Mrs. Hattie Peterson, Mrs. M. B. Metcalf, Mrs. Reggie Taylor, Mrs. Max Proffitt, Hiram Higgins and Mrs. Earl Wilson.

Egypt: Maggie Hyleman, Grover McIntosh and Bruce Fender.

Ramseytown: Mrs. Jack Hensley, Richmond Bennett, Sherrill Whitson and Briscoe Randolph.

Green Mountain: Walter Howell, Mrs. Charles Tilley, Mrs. Park Peterson, Mrs. M. D. Bailey, J. C. Turner and George Turbyfill.

Jacks Creek: Mrs. Friel Young, Mrs. Cecil Anglin, Jennings Fox and Mrs. Caci McIntosh.

Bush Creek: Phillip J. Howell, Mrs. Jebb Thomas Angus Masters and Bis Ray.

Ciabtree: Mrs. Grady Young, Mrs. R. N. Silver, Mrs. Henry Norman, Mrs. Kermit Gillespie and Mrs. Edd Young.

South Toe: Margaret Calbeck, Mrs. R. S. Ballew, Mrs. C. C. Robinson, Mrs. Tom Huffman and Lonnie Ballew.

Pensacola: Mrs. Brooks Wilson, Mrs. Pearson Riddle and Grace McMahan.

Prices Creek: Mrs. Bertha Wilson, Mrs. George Robinson, Harvey Penland, Mrs. Joe Robinson, Mrs. George Banks Everett Banks and Clifford Hensley.

year, Red Cross displays will be placed in windows of business establishments here. A General Display and movie, "Red Cross Report, 1952", will appear at the French Broad Electric Office; Blood Program, at Burnsville Furniture and Hardware Store; Home Services, at Edge's Department Store; Disaster, Western Auto Store; Swimming, Anglin-Westall; and First Aid, Pollard's Drug Store.

The quota for Yancey County has been set at \$3,000 for 1952. Special programs planned for the year include courses in First Aid, Swimming, Life Saving, along with regular services which include bloodmobile visits, veteran, civilian and G. I. assistance, maintenance of a Service Office, and support of the National American Red Cross Program.



**Mack B. Ray
MEN'S CLUB ELECTS
OFFICERS**

In the regular meeting of the Burnsville Men's Club, new officers were elected. Mack B. Ray, Farmers Home Administration supervisor here, was elected president of the club. G. Leslie Hensley is the retiring president. Donald Burhoe was named vice-president, and Ed Hunter Jr., was named secretary-treasurer of the club.

Approximately 40 members and guests heard Bruce Hunter of Asheville speak on the effects of alcoholism on the human body.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Yelton of Alabama spent last week-end with relatives here.

Virginia Adkins spent the week-end with her sister, Mildred Renfro, at Green Mountain.

REVIVAL CREATES INTEREST HERE

The county-wide revival which began Monday night in the county courthouse here, is getting under way with an increase of interest day by day as the word goes into different communities, according to reports.

Evangelist K. J. Hensley, a native of Yancey County, but for a number of years residing in California, is bringing some timely messages, strongly supported with an array of scriptures, which he frequently quotes, or has someone read during his discourses.

On Wednesday night he spoke on "The Message For This Hour", in which he dealt with national and world conditions of the present time, linking up with scriptures fore-telling the signs that should point to the end of this age, and the judgments of God upon the world.

Supporters of the campaign expressed hopes that preachers and church members from all over the county will join in prayer for this meeting, and that they will attend and co-operate as much as possible.

LAST RITES HELD FOR A. P. RANDOLPH

Funeral services for A. P. Randolph, 79, who died at his home at Green Mountain Monday afternoon following a short illness, were held at 11 a. m. Wednesday in the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, with the Rev. Holland Black and the Rev. Park Whitson officiating. Burial was in the Church Cemetery.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Charlie Whitson of Spring Grove, Pa., Mrs. Rassic Woody of Drexel, Mrs. C. O. Gardner of Candler and Mrs. John Ayers of Green Mountain; two sons, Sam of Toecane and Ralph of Burnsville.

LAST RITES HELD FOR BURL WILLIAM GOUGE

Funeral services for Burl William Gouge, 22, of Micaville, who died Sunday in a Winston-Salem hospital after a lingering illness, were held Wednesday at 2 p. m. in Newdale Methodist Church.

The Rev. James Alred officiated and burial was in the Wyatt Cemetery.

He was a member of the Claymount Baptist Church and the son of John Gouge and the late Mrs. Gouge.

Surviving, in addition to the father, are the stepmother; a sister, Faye Gouge of the home; a half-brother, Roy Gouge of the home; a half-sister, Shelby Jean of the home; the maternal grandfather, Lattie Wyatt of Minpro; and the paternal grandfather, Nick Gouge of Micaville.

WINNERS IN COMMUNITY CONTEST TO BE NAMED SATURDAY IN ASHEVILLE

The Awards Meeting to recognize the winning communities in the 1951 Western North Carolina Rural Community Development Contest, will be held in Asheville on Saturday afternoon, March 1 at 2:00 p. m. in the Battery Park Hotel.

The Bolen's Creek Community in Yancey County was one of the 43 communities in Western North Carolina that took part in this community improvement program. The communities were visited by judges in early January and the five top communities will be announced at the meeting Saturday. A total of \$1150 in cash prizes will be awarded these winning communities.

Principal speaker at the meeting will be the Rev. Garland Hendricks, in charge of Rural Church Development at Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N. C. Rev. Hendricks was named by Life Magazine in 1950 as one of the 10 most outstanding rural ministers in the United States.

A large delegation from Bolen's Creek Community is planning to attend the meeting. Mr. Roy Ray was president of the Community Development Council.

Several other Yancey communities are interested in the community improvement program, and some of them will probably be in the 1952 Community Contest.



**John Randolph
ANNOUNCEMENT**

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds of Yancey County, subject to the will of the Democratic Convention to be held in Burnsville Saturday, April 19, 1952. I am not lined up with or affiliated with any faction of the Democratic Party, and I hereby solicit the full support of said Party.

If I receive the nomination and am elected in the General Election, I will faithfully and impartially fulfill the duties of the office of Register of Deeds to the best of my ability.

John M. Randolph

TRAINING COURSE TO BE HELD FOR SCOUTERS

Chairman of the Training Committee of the Toe River District, Daniel Boone Council, Boy Scouts of America, has announced that a training course for Scouters and prospective Scouters will be held Thursday night, March 6, at 7:30 p. m. in the Presbyterian Church, Spruce Pine.

Any institution in Yancey, Mitchell, and Avery Counties not now sponsoring a Boy Scout Troop is invited to send representatives to this training course.

Twins Born To Couple Here

Mr. and Mrs. James Ray of Burnsville are the proud parents of twins—a girl and a boy. The twins were born in Victoria Hospital in Asheville last night (Wednesday) about 9:00 p. m.

The mother and babies are doing fine, according to reports. Mr. and Mrs. Ray have one other child, a boy.

CHILD DIES WITH MENINGITIS HERE

Margaret Doan, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Doan of Rt. 1, Burnsville died Tuesday morning in the Webb Clinic from an acute case of meningitis, according to Dr. Webb. The child was almost in an unconscious state when she arrived at the clinic and failed to respond to treatment.

Funeral services were held today at 2 p. m. in Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, with the Rev. Floyd Ponder, the Rev. Jay Blankenship, the Rev. Earl Blankenship and the Rev. E. W. Ray officiating. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Surviving, in addition to the parents, are one sister, Lois Evelyn, of the home; two brothers, Billy and David of the home; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam P. Doan of Rt. 1, Burnsville, and the maternal grandfather Troy Taylor of Swiss.

Federation Announces Stockholders Meeting

The annual Farmers Federation Stockholders' meeting for Yancey County will be held in the Burnsville warehouse on the organization at 10 a. m. on Saturday, March 1, it has been announced by James G. K. McClure, president of the Federation.

W. Bryan Collins, Farm Management Supervisor of the North Carolina Extension Service will discuss the distribution of T. V. A. Fertilizers at the meeting, it was stated.

Stockholders of the Farmers Federation in this county will attend the annual meeting for the election of officers and directors for the year.

CAPT. HOWELL INJURED IN AIR ACCIDENT

Capt. Ernest Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howell of Green Mountain, was injured in an airplane mishap last Wednesday ten miles north of Kinston, N. C. An Air Force cadet, Lt. Kenneth L. Collins, was killed in the crash.

Capt. Howell, who saw action in the Pacific Theatre of Operations during the last war, has been training young pilots for some time.

Capt. Howell is in a hospital where he was placed in a cast because of back injuries. The extent of his injuries have not been released. He was visited during the latter part of the week by Richard Howell, a twin brother, Walter Howell, a brother, and Clarence Bailey.

Lt. Col. W. R. Hardee, commanding officer at Stallings Field at Kinston, issued the following statement commending Capt. Howell on his effort to save the student pilot:

"Captain Ernest Howell is to be commended for his efforts to save the T-6 aircraft and student involved in the fatal accident here Wednesday. Preliminary investigation disclosed the fact that the aircraft entered a normal training spin at 8,000 feet. When a normal recovery had not been effected, Capt. Howell attempted to get the aircraft out of the spin. It was evident that the spin could not be controlled under the conditions. Capt. Howell gave the bail out order. For some reason, which has not been determined as yet, the student did not comply. Capt. Howell continued trying to get the student out of the aircraft until it was almost too late to save himself. If he had waited five seconds later, we might have lost another man."

When Capt. Howell left the plane, he was so near the ground that his opened parachute could not save him from injury.

National 4-H Club Week, March 1-9



School Dispute Heard In Supreme Court

Arguments in an appeal from an order restraining the taking of bids by the Yancey County Board of Education were heard by the State Supreme Court in Raleigh Tuesday.

Attorneys W. E. Anglin and R. W. Wilson presented the case to the Supreme Court, Anglin appearing for the Board of Education and Wilson appearing for the plaintiffs. Others who were interested in the case and made the trip to Raleigh for the hearing were Supt. Frank W. Howell and Mrs. Howell, supervisor of Yancey schools, and Bill Atkins, attorney. None of these people, however, took any part in the hearing before the court, it was said.

Dispute leading to the Supreme Court hearing began after the State placed at the disposal of the Yancey County Board of Education a sum of money for the construction of a central high school. The Board of Education, after having plans drawn and approved for the construction of the school advertised for bids for the construction of the building. A group of citizens instigated action against the Board of Education with a restraining order prohibiting the acceptance of bids, which said in part that the "credit and good name" of Yancey County would be damaged if bids were taken and the school constructed.

If the Supreme Court hands down a decision in favor of the plaintiffs, a hearing before a jury in Superior Court of Yancey County will be necessary. If the decision is in favor of the Board of Education, original plans for construction of the central high school may be carried on, according to one of the attorneys.

LAST RITES HELD FOR MRS. GUS F. HENSLEY

Funeral services for Mrs. Lettie Morris Hensley, 77, wife of Gus F. Hensley of Bald Creek, who died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Ike Laughrun of Burnsville February 21, were held at Higgins Memorial Methodist Church at 2:00 p. m. Saturday.

The pastor, the Rev. D. B. Alderman assisted by the Rev. J. N. Shankle, pastor of the Bald Creek Church, officiated and interment was in the Gibbs Cemetery at Bald Creek. The pallbearers were three grandsons: James A. Ray, Kenneth C. Laughrun, and Pete M. Smith, three nephews: Earl Wilson, Mark Bennett and David Peterson.

Flower bearers were the members of the Woman's Bible Class of Higgins Memorial Methodist Church.

Mrs. Hensley was born in Wake County, N. C. but has lived most of her married life in Yancey County. She was devoted to her church and organized the Woman's Missionary Society at Bald Creek Church in 1917. Her four daughters honored her on her 77th birthday, October 18, with a life membership in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Hensley is survived by her husband; four daughters, Mrs. Ike Laughrun and Mrs. Hobart Ray of Burnsville, Mrs. W. W. Magill of Lexington, Ky., and Mrs. G. C. King of West Asheville; two sisters Mrs. Clyde Page and Mrs. H. M. Reams of Durham, N. C.; three grandsons, three granddaughters, three great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

FLU EPIDEMIC CLOSES SCHOOLS

The current flu epidemic has played havoc with four of the five high schools in the county this week. Up until schools were closed yesterday morning by the County Superintendent, about fifty percent of the children in four high schools were out sick.

Mr. Howell said that before schools were closed at least 300 students were absent at Burnsville, 240 at Bee Log, 250 at Clearmont and 350 at Bald Creek. This makes a total of over 1,100 students ill in the four schools. Micaville High School was not closed yesterday because the epidemic had not struck there.

The other four high schools and Pensacola Elementary School will remain closed until a week from Monday. From that time further closing will depend on the severity of the flu epidemic, the superintendent said.

Pensacola school was closed because of the lack of transportation facilities when the school in Burnsville was closed.

Bee Log Teams, Burnsville Boys Lose In Tournament

Old Man Fla has been playing a big part in the Toe River Conference basketball tournament which ran here last Tuesday night.

In the first night of play, both Bee Log teams were forced out by senior teams, caused partially by a flu epidemic in Bee Log School. The girls, who lost to Newland High School, 48, played a full game with making a substitution due to a shortage of players. The Bee Log boys lost to Bakers High School with a score 53-29.

In the second game, Tipton Hill girls ran to Bakersville with a score 48-20.

On Wednesday night the Clearmont High girls pulled a fast one to a victory over the fabled Micaville team. The score was 52-44. Ramsey of Clearmont was the outstanding player of the game with 39 points. Marsh of Micaville led 25 points.

In the second game of the night, Newland High School boys had a 21 point margin over Spruce Pine at the final whistle. The score was 59-39. For Newland, they led the way with 16 points, while Vance dropped 15. Spruce Pine's high scorer was Sparks with 10.

The third game, between Burnsville and Micaville boys, turned out to be a thriller, even though the first part of the game was a push-over for Micaville. They took an early lead at beginning and built a huge score of 38 to Burnsville 9. But in the last two minutes of play the margin diminished to a final score of 49-46.

Joe Higgins, star player for the Burnsville team, was out with a case of flu. Fans who have seen most of the high school games here this year said Higgins' absence reduced the score for Burnsville 10 to 15 points.

Burton of Burnsville was high scorer man in the game with 23 points. Young scored 14 points to lead the Micaville team, and Hall played one of the best floor games of the tournament as well as scoring 10 points for the Micaville team.

Semi-finals of the tournament will be played Friday night and finals on Saturday night.

The Third Annual Men's Club Basketball Tournament will get under way here next Tuesday night. Some of the best independent teams in this section have accepted invitations.

Teams scheduled to meet in the tournament include Fullum's of Canton, Bald Creek All Stars, Clearwater of Old Fort, Marion American Legion, Spruce Pine Lions, Tipton Hill Aggies, Coaches Five Crossnore All Stars, Alexander News, and College Five of Cullowhee.

Two games will be played each night with finals Saturday night.

Fullum's of Canton have won two independent tournaments this year—the Asheville Y. M. C. A. tournament and the Canton tournament. The Spruce Pine Lions were winners in the Banner Elk tournament.

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