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## DRUNKEN DRIVING LEADS IN TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

Raleigh—For driving drunk 823 North Carolina motorists lost their legal driving privileges in February the Department of Motor Vehicles reported this week.

The February summary of drunk driving convictions was up from last year's 608 who were convicted of similar charges.

In addition the Department reported 125 convictions for two offenses of drunk driving which calls for an automatic revocation of the defendants driver's license for a three year period.

Other violations, all of which require revocation or suspension of licenses, included 54 cases of driving after operator's permit had been revoked; 26 for two offenses of reckless driving; 79 for speeding in excess of 75mph; 46 for two offenses of speeding over 55mph; 28 for transporting liquor; 14 for unsatisfactory judgment; and 23 as habitual violators.

There were 84 cases in February of motorists failing to maintain proof of financial responsibility.

Miscellaneous offenses such as larceny, involuntary manslaughter, incompetency, improper use of driver's license, etc. brought the revocation total for the year to 2,521 and suspensions to 947.

## Mission Study Course Planned

A Home Mission study course will be held at the First Baptist Church here Friday evening beginning at 5 p. m. Rev. A. Z. Jamerson and Ed Hunter, Jr., will teach the course. Groups planning to attend the mission study include the Girls' Auxiliary and the Royal Ambassadors of the Bolens Creek and Burnsville Baptist Churches.

## LAST RITES HELD FOR CHARLES HAMMOND

Funeral services for Charles W. Hammond, 63, who died at his home at Pensacola Monday morning after a long illness, were held Wednesday afternoon in the Low Gap Free Will Baptist Church.

The Rev. Floyd Ray officiated and burial was in the McClurd Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow; seven daughters, Mrs. H. L. Craig of Fairview, Mrs. E. C. McElrath and Mrs. Ray McElrath, both of Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Amos Presnell of Burnsville, Mrs. Clinton Baines and Mrs. Andrew Hensley, both of Ypsilanti, Mich., Mrs. Earl Buchanan of Akron, Ohio six sons, Henry of Kingsport, Tenn., Ernest of Black Mountain, Cecil of Canton, Ray of Ypsilanti, Ralph and Bruce of the home; 24 grandchildren; two sisters and a brother.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce my candidacy as a Member of the Board of Commissioners of Yancey County subject to the will of the Democratic Convention of Yancey County. Since my election as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Yancey County in the General Election of 1950 and from the time I took the oath of office as member of said Board on the First Monday in December, 1950, I have worked for the best interest of Yancey County as a whole and for the best interest of the Democratic Party and if nominated and elected I shall continue to do so.

I am opposed to any increase in the public debt or increase in the bonded debt of Yancey County. I am likewise opposed to any increase in the tax rate of Yancey County.

J. E. EDWARDS

## Federation To Start 4-H Poultry Chain

The Farmers Federation is sponsoring a 4-H Poultry Chain in Yancey County this year for the first time. Ten local 4-H Club members will be given 100 sexed pullets this year to begin the chain. The chick awards will be made next Tuesday.

When the pullets have matured to a laying stage, each member will sell 12 of the chickens to replace the 100 chicks he received and continue the chain.

Prizes amounting to \$100 will be given to club members at a poultry show to be held next fall.

Members receiving chicks to begin the Poultry Chain in Yancey County are Max Higgins, Jr., John Bennett, Harold Ray, Bobby Joe Ray, Billie Young, Gerald Garland, Kenneth Higgins, Harold Canipe, Richard Briggs and Ward Mathis.

## REPORT ON FOREST FIRES

District One Office of the North Carolina Forest Service, Asheville, N. C. reports that during the month of February forty-one forest fires occurred on private owned forest land in the eight counties in this District. These Counties consist of Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford and Yancey. The forty-one fires burned a total of 247 acres of woodland and one damage estimated at \$1,750.00. Twenty-two of the forty-one fires were caused by carelessness on the part of debris or pasture burners; Railroad trains caused six of the fires; smokers caused seven; two were incendiary nature; one was the result of lumbering and three were of miscellaneous cause — children playing with matches.

In Yancey County six fires occurred burning a total of twenty-five acres. Three of these fires were caused by debris or pasture burning; one was of incendiary nature; one by smokers and one by children playing with matches.

Yancey County Forest Ranger English urges the public to be careful when burning any material where there is danger of the fire spreading to forest land. During the next two months the Spring fire season will be at its worst. Permits are required to burn any material within 500 feet of forest land. The best time to burn is in the late

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## New Hampshire Primary Surprise To Both Parties

Senator Kefauver, Democrat of Tennessee, and General Eisenhower scored political upsets in the New Hampshire primary election. The Tennessee Senator won over President Truman in that state by more than 6000 votes. General Eisenhower, who is still in Europe, defeated old-line Republican Senator Taft by almost 11,000 votes.

National politicians and political experts predict, however, that these defeats will in no way eliminate Senator Taft and President Truman from the campaign. They also predict that the defeat of Taft in the New Hampshire primary is indication that he will not win a quick nomination at the Republican Convention in Chicago.

Kefauver's victory over President Truman does not necessarily indicate that he will stand any showing in the race for Democratic presidential nomination. It does indicate, however, the trend of thought toward President Truman.

## BAPTIST TO HOLD REVIVAL

The Rev. Lowell F. Sodeman, pastor of the Mars Hill College Baptist Church, begins a series of revival services next Sunday, March 16, at the First Baptist Church here. The series of meetings will end with the evening service March 23.

Before coming to Mars Hill a year ago, Rev. Sodeman held pastorates in churches in Clinton and Durham. He is a veteran of World War II, having served as a navy chaplain. As a speaker and religious leader, he is much in demand for youth assemblies and youth revivals.

A feature of the revival again this year will be to employ Sunday School teachers, officers and members in visitation and special prayer. The Sunday School will assemble by departments and classes for thirty minutes before the preaching service begins for assignment of prospects for visitation and prayer. This service will begin promptly at 7:30 p. m. each evening, and the worship service will begin at 8 o'clock.

The public is invited to attend the services and hear Rev. Sodeman while he is in Burnsville.

## SPRUCE PINE LIONS WIN INDEPENDENT TOURNAMENT HERE

Spruce Pine Lions took the championship trophy in the Burnsville Men's Club Independent Basketball Tournament here Saturday night. The Lions roared through with a 23-point margin to beat the Cullowhee College Shop 87-64.

Bald Creek All Stars were automatically named as consolation winner when Canton failed to appear for the preliminary game.

Tipton Hill, however, defeated Bald Creek with a score of 46-40 when Canton failed to show up.

The Peterson brothers thoroughly whipped the net to win honors in scoring for the Spruce Pine Lions. Lee led the way with 27 points with Ford close behind with 22. Glen Blevins, also with the Lions, followed closely with 21 points.

Paul Burton, star player with the College Shop, matched points with Lee Peterson by scoring a 27, also.

## Pisgah Girl Scout Council Organized

Asheville—The Pisgah Girl Scout Council to guide Girl Scout activities in seven counties was voted into existence at a meeting in Asheville Thursday.

Counties to be included in the new council are Buncombe, Haywood, Avery, Yancey, Transylvania, Mitchell and Madison.

Representatives of the various counties chose the name adopted a constitution and by-laws, elected officers and approved a \$14,740 budget.

Purpose of the new council, as stated in the constitution, is to "help girls realize the ideals of womanhood as a preparation for their responsibilities in the home and as active citizens in the community and in the world."

Mrs. Harold S. Clark of Asheville, a member of the Girl Scout organization for 35 years, was elected president of the area council. Other officers are Mrs. W. H. Hyatt of Weaverville, first vice-president; Mrs. Ruth Gragg of Canton, recording secretary; Mrs. R. E. Matthews of Brevard, corresponding secretary,

## CORRECTION

Last week in the article pertaining to the completion and installation of cooking and eating facilities in the Sam Wilson Memorial Building it was said that Roberts & Johnson Lumber Company was donating a refrigerator for the kitchen. That statement was incorrect. Dr. Melvin W. Webb of Burnsville made the donation to the American Legion and Auxiliary.

## WESTALL TRAINS ON NAVAL MANEUVERS

Somewhere in The Atlantic—"Enemy" submariner Leland M. Westall, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan B. Westall, Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C. is gaining added respect for convoy escorts during the Atlantic Fleet's current Convex III maneuver.

Assigned aboard the submarine Sea Leopard for the "enemy" role, he is among sailors from 46 states manning 13 submarines in the convoy exercise.

Added respect came as a result of surface warship counter measures during early attacks. Several attacking submarines lost active status when they were detected and beaten to the punch by convoy-protecting escorts.

The Convex III exercise, which began Feb. 25, is a giant training maneuver in the control and protection of shipping. Submarines comprise most "enemy" forces. They fill realistic assignments by stalking opposing units while they simulate wartime convoy duties.

Climaxing the maneuver will be submarine versus submarine duels which begins in mid-March. The Navy said the killer submarines Grouper and K-1 will challenge their conventional guppy and snorkel-type brethren in a submarine "free-for-all" for the final phase of the exercise.

## STATE COLLEGE ALUMNI MEETING ANNOUNCED

The quarterly meeting of the Mayland State College Alumni will be held next Thursday night, March 20, T. S. Godwin, president of the group announced this week. The meeting will be held at the Nu-Wray Inn, and will begin at 7:30 p. m. The meeting is to be a "ladies' night" meeting, the president said, and urged that all members attend.

## FARMERS IMPROVE PRACTICES THROUGH EXPERT ADVICE

Farmers, poultrymen, stockmen and lumbermen of Yancey County are taking advantage of expert direction and advice in handling their various problems. More and more the State College Extension service is sending out personnel all over the entire state to aid farmers grow better crops, poultry, cattle and forest products.

Last week approximately fifty farmers and lumbermen attended a sawmill clinic and forestry field day last Friday.

In the contest held for the lumbermen, Robert Styles won first place in the log scaling contest while Welzie Christawn came in second. Woodrow Edge and Robert Styles won first place in the woodsawing contest, with Mark Hall and Utah Blankenship winning second place. Blankenship also won first place in the wood-chopping contest, cutting through a twelve inch log in 82 seconds. First and second prize winners were awarded axes and gloves donated by local merchants.

In addition to the contests, the program was rounded out by talks and demonstrations given by expert forestry men.

Next Tuesday poultrymen will meet in the County Agent's office to discuss brooding, chick raising and the care and handling of hatching eggs. C. E. Parrish and T. B. Morris will lead the discussions.

Then on Tuesday afternoon a dairy school will be conducted in the Agricultural Building at Burnsville High School. F. R. Farnham and Sam Dobson of the Extension Service will lead discussions on pastures, hay production, silage milk testing, feeding, breeding and other problems encountered by dairymen.

Green Pasture plaques will be awarded to 15 farmers who have one and one half acres of Ladino Clover-Orchard grass pasture per animal unit, as reported in a survey made last fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Boone of Hamrick have just returned home after a 10 day vacation in Florida.

## ANNUAL FHA MEETING ANNOUNCED

Mack B. Ray, FHA Supervisor here, announced this week that there will be held the annual Farmers Home Administration Farm Ownership meeting at the Sam Wilson Memorial Building next Thursday. The meeting, which will be of much interest to families who have financed farms through FHA, will begin at 10 a. m.

## Court Session Begins Here Monday

Yancey County Superior Court will convene for the March term next Monday. The court session will continue two weeks, with both criminal and civil cases being heard before Judge Allen H. Gwyn. The first week will be used for trying criminal cases, which number more than 100. Most criminal cases are of such minor offenses as traffic violations, the Clerk of Court said.

Persons named to serve as jurors the first week are as follows: C. C. Ray, Ward Price, Albert Ballew, G. W. King, Kermit Hensley, Jennings Fox, Alvin McCurry, Elzie Bradford, Dewey Hughes, Taylor Buchanan, Curtis Thomas, Frank King, Rupert Ray, Ray Randolph, John F. Woody, Bruce McIntosh, Arthur Wilson, Harvie Edwards

## BITES PLANNED FOR MRS. CHARLES OST

Mrs. Charles Ost, 67, mother of Dr. Walter M. Ost of Higgins, passed away early Wednesday morning in Statesville.

Born in Sweden, Mrs. Ost came to this country in 1905 and lived in Statesville for a number of years.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel at Statesville. Burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery there.

Surviving, in addition to Dr. Ost, are the husband and one daughter, Mrs. Gerald Williams, of Statesville.

## LAST RITES HELD FOR JOHN N. PRESNELL

Funeral services for John Nelson Presnell of Newdale, who died Friday after a short illness, were held Sunday at 2:00 p. m. in the Newdale Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Charles Moffatt, pastor, and the Rev. James Allred officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the widow; four daughters, Mrs. Claude Thomas, Mrs. Charlie Wilson, Mrs. Bill Young and Mrs. Vaughn McCurry, all of Newdale; two sons, Clarence and Thad of Newdale; three brothers, Martin of Poplar, William of Boonford and George of Aiken, S. C.; fourteen grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

I wish to announce my candidacy for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Yancey County subject to the will of the Democratic Convention of April 19, 1952.

Since I assumed office as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Yancey County in 1947 I have worked for the best interest of the citizens of Yancey County as a whole and if renominated and elected I shall continue to do so.

I am opposed to any increase in the bonded debt of Yancey County or any increase in the ad valorem tax rate of the County.

I will appreciate the support of all Democrats in the Convention of April 19, 1952.

D. H. HARRISON



BRITAIN'S CHINA HOLD PERILED—Britain's last wealthy Hong Kong, is in peril as Communists lead 5,000 in riot. A British police car burns after Chinese burst through. Several army trucks and police cars were also burned.