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## FINE ARTS SCHOOL MADE ACCREDITED BRANCH OF U. N. C.

### Mica Buying Program Announced

In a release to The Yancey Record furnished by Rep. Woodrow Jones, the General Services Administration announced an official long range purchasing program for domestic high grade mica.

Jess Larson, Administrator of GSA, said that depots are being established at Spruce Pine, N. C.; Keene, New Hampshire; and Custer, South Dakota, to which miners and producers may ship their mica for inspection and purchase.

Larson said the program will run until June 30, 1955, or when the total block, film and hand cobbled mica accepted by the U. S. Government reaches the equivalent of 25,000 short tons of hand-cobbled mica.

Forty-five pounds of block on film mica will be the minimum individual shipment accepted for purchase, while hand-cobbled mica must be offered in lots of at least 1,000 pounds.

Prices will depend on the quality of the mica, ranging from \$70.00 a pound for No. 3 and larger "good stained and better" processed block and film mica, down to \$3.00 a pound for No. 5-1-2 and No. 6 "heavy stained" mica. The Government will pay \$600.00 per short ton for specified hand-cobbled mica.

For the purpose of computing 25,000 short tons of hand-

cobbled mica, 90 pounds of block or film mica shall be deemed to be equivalent of one short ton of hand-cobbled mica.

Ruby mica of the following grades in film and block will be accepted: No. 6, 1 sq. inch, with a 3-4 inch minimum dimension of one side; No. 5-1-2, 2-1-4 inch, with 7-8 inch one side; No. 5, 3 sq. inches, with 1 inch one side; No. 4, 6 sq. inches, with 1-1-2 inches one side; No. 3, 10 sq. inches and larger with minimum dimensions of 2 inches one side.

Requirements for hand-cobbled mica under this program are that it must yield 41-2% block or film mica, grade 6 or larger, and heavy stained or better quality, of which at least 10% must be good stained or better quality and at least 27% must be stained or better quality. Block and film mica to be processed from hand-cobbled mica shall conform in all other respects with the requirements of American Society For Testing Materials Specification D-351, latest revision as of the date of acceptance of each lot of hand-cobbled mica by the Government.

To participate in either the film and block or the hand-cobbled mica programs, notice must be given to the Regional Director in the form of a letter, postcard, or telegram, postmarked or dated by the telegraph office not later than June 30, 1952, stating that the applicant has read the Regulation and accepts its terms and conditions and that he desires to participate in either Program A or Program B. Persons giving the required notice will be furnished a certificate authorizing him to deliver mica of that program which meets the requirements and specifications.

A person participating in Program A—block and film mica—may not participate simultaneously in Program B—hand-cobbled mica. And changes from one program to the other must be upon the authorization of Government Officials.

### Last Rites Held For Dan Atkins

Funeral services for Dan Atkins, 64, former resident of this county who died Sunday morning in an Erwin, Tenn., hospital following a short illness, were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Higgins Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. T. C. Meder officiated and burial was in the family cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Grace Hughes Atkins; a daughter, Miss Juanita Atkins of Charlotte; a son, Jerry of Detroit, Mich.; the mother, Mrs. Kelse Atkins of Higgins; four sisters, Mrs. Robert Higgins of Higgins, Mrs. Lee Shepherd of Asheville, Mrs. Emory Edwards of Bee Log and Mrs. Rabe Peterson of Burnsville, and three grandchildren.

### REV. ALDERMAN TO HOLD MEETING IN MOCKSVILLE

Rev. D. B. Alderman, pastor of the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church here, will leave Monday to hold a series of revival services in Mocksville, N. C. Rev. Alderman will be away for one week. He will be assisted in this series of services by the Rev. William Edward Fitzgerald.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for member of the Board of County Commissioners, subject to the will of the Democratic Convention on April 19, 1952.

If successful I will serve the interest of the people to the best of my ability. I solicit your support.

BANNISTER HENSLEY

### LAST RITES HELD FOR MRS. JIM WHEELER

Funeral services for Mrs. Jim Wheeler, 67, of Burnsville who died in an Asheville hospital Monday morning after a brief illness, were held Wednesday at 2:30 in the Riverside Baptist Church.

The Rev. W. E. Ray officiated and burial was in the Briggs Cemetery.

Surviving are the husband; four daughters, Mrs. E. G. Atkins, Miss Pansy Wheeler, both of Burnsville, Mrs. Bannister Hensley of Bee Log, and Mrs. Isaac Randolph of Higgins; four sons, Tom and Sam of Higgins, George of Burnsville, and Leslie of Detroit, Mich.; one sister, Mrs. Andy Tipton of Pisgah Forest; and three brothers, C. W. Hilemon of Oak Ridge, Tenn., Sam Hilemon of Higgins; and 20 grandchildren.

### FINAL RITES HELD FOR RICH WILSON

Funeral services for Rich Wilson, 87, who died at the home of a grandson, Jack Wilson of Celso, Monday morning after a long illness, were held Tuesday morning at 10:30 in Blue Rock Baptist Church.

The Rev. E. Y. Hollifield officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Roy Nichols and Mrs. Kirby Alley of Rt. 2, Burnsville, and Mrs. Emmett Gentry of Kingsport, Tenn.

### FHA Holds Annual Ownership Meeting

Approximately 100 people attended the Annual Farm Ownership Meeting held today in the Sam Wilson Memorial Building here. Increased food and feed production in our national preparedness program, was the theme of the meeting.

Highlights of the meeting included talks by county officials of FHA and general discussions by officials and farmers.

Hiram W. Higgins, local FHA Committee Member stated, "We meet to discuss our farm and home problems, review our past year's work and plan for our future, using as a guide the latest information on agriculture and capitalizing on our past farming experience."

Mack B. Ray, FHA Supervisor here, used charts and graphs to point out certain trends that are evident in agriculture today.

Miss Mary Helen Neill, county home agent, pointed out in a general discussion on gardens that farmers do not stop to realize the amount of value received from gardens annually. "A good garden should be a must on every mountain farm," she said.

Assistant County FHA Supervisor Joseph B. Cash talked to the farm families about diversified incomes from farms throughout the year, and Phillip J. Howell, successful veteran farmer of the Brush Creek section, urged farmers to utilize the services of the different agricultural organization of the county.

### HOLDS REVIVAL HERE



Rev. L. F. Sodeman

A revival series is being conducted at the First Baptist Church here this week by the Rev. Lowell F. Sodeman, pastor of the Mars Hill College Baptist Church.

Large crowds have attended the revival to hear Rev. Sodeman, who was a chaplain in the U. S. Army during the last war and who was pastor of churches in Clinton and Durham before his call to Mars Hill.

### H. S. ORATION CONTEST SCHEDULED

The World Peace Oration contest, sponsored by the University of N. C., will be held at the Burnsville High School auditorium Friday night at 7:30 p. m.

One representative from each of the five high schools in the county will enter the contest. The winner of the county contest will go to the district contest to be held in Asheville on April 9.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Mrs. T. S. Godwin underwent an appendectomy in the Marion General Hospital early this week. Her condition is reported to be improving.

### LAST RITES HELD FOR MRS. M. S. EDWARDS

Funeral services for Mrs. M. S. Edwards, 60, who died at her home at Bee Log Tuesday after a long illness, were held today at 10 a. m. in Bee Log Baptist Church.

The Rev. Quince Miller and the Rev. Lester Edwards officiated and burial was in the family cemetery.

Surviving are the husband; four daughters, Mrs. Oscar Edwards of Erwin, Tenn., Mrs. Clayton Jennings and Mrs. F. G. Catron of Grundy, Va., and Mrs. Ed Willis of Fletcher; seven sons, Pless of Coburn, Va., Lee and Ray of Bee Log, Anderson of Somerset, Ky., Paul of Fletcher, Wayne of Akron, Ohio, and Vestil of the U. S. Army.

Also the mother, Mrs. W. B. Hensley of Bee Log; three sisters, Mrs. Andrew Edwards, Mrs. Addie Ramsey and Miss Martha Hensley of Bee Log; six brothers, Rufus, H. G. Mack and S. R. Hensley of this county, Charlie Hensley of Erwin, Tenn., and Willie Hensley of Charlotte.

### LAST RITES HELD FOR ROBERT LEE PONDER

Funeral services for Robert Lee Ponder, 74, who died in St. Joseph's Hospital, Asheville, Tuesday, were conducted Thursday at 2:30 p. m. in Bethel Baptist Church in Madison County.

The Rev. Elzie Ray, the Rev. W. H. Ballard and the Rev. Grady Shepherd officiated. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Paid bearers were Lewis Tomberlin, Yates Ponder, Wesley Robinson, Garrett Robinson, Jake Robinson and Walton Angel.

Surviving are the widow, Doshia Tomberlin Ponder; five sons, Lee Ponder of Detroit, Mich., Ralph J. Ponder of Camp Rucker, Ala., Lesley, Paul and Elzie Ponder of Mars Hill; one brother, Zade Ponder of Swiss; two sisters, Mrs. E. J. Angel of Swiss and Mrs. Mae Ponder of Mars Hill; and four grandchildren.

### WOMEN SERVE ON JURY HERE

This week for the first time in court history of Yancey County, women sat in the jury box to hear and help decide the guilt or innocence of persons on trial.

Judge Allen Gwyn of Reidsville, a candidate for a bench in the Supreme Court of North Carolina, called for six women for jury duty here Monday. Those called for duty were Mrs. R. N. Silver, Mrs. Carl Silver, Mrs. J. B. King, Mrs. Reece McIntosh, Mrs. Brooks Boone, and Mrs. Corb Robinson.

Only three women, Mrs. Boone, Mrs. King and Mrs. McIntosh were impaneled to hear trials.

Most trials this week in the criminal session were from traffic and prohibition violations and did not require jury verdict.

Next week one criminal case will be tried with the remainder of the session being used for civil hearings.

### RED CROSS GETS 90 PINTS OF BLOOD

The bloodmobile unit of the Red Cross received 90 pints of blood here last Thursday. The quota, based upon the actual needs of this county, was 150 pints. One hundred pints were donated on the visit before this.

### Ivy Appointed Director

#### CENTRAL AMERICANS STUDY LUMBER BUSINESS HERE

Six college students from one of our neighboring Central American Countries are in Yancey County studying small sawmill operations.

Jorge Aguilar Campollo, Rene Fayardo, Ricardo Robles, Jorge Velasquez Rosales, Oscar Huntante Ruano, and Jaime Garcia Cifuentes, all students at the National Agricultural College, Guatemala City, Guatemala arrived here early this week for a study of the timber industry in this area.

The Central American students were brought here through the Hervey Foundation, Inc. The Hervey Foundation which was begun as a missionary project, supporting foreign missionaries, has been converted into a private Point Four Plan, aiding smaller foreign countries in the development of their industries and natural resources.

Two of the visitors are staying at the Mt. Mitchell Motel here and are working with Banks and Patton sawmill. The others are staying in the South Toe River section and are working with Thompson and Bryant.

After a 30 day stay here, the students will go to Washington where they will attend a conference of officials and individuals interested in the work being carried on by the Hervey Foundation. Following tours of sawmill manufacturing plants in the North they will return to Hertford, N. C. to study the manufacture of veneer and plywood at the Hervey Foundation plant there.

The Guatemalans are said to be proficient in the art of music and pass away the evenings entertaining native listeners as well as themselves by picking the guitar and singing their native songs.

#### LOCAL BOY AIDS IN SEA RESCUE

Among the crewmen of the frigate USS Gloucester when she rescued two Air Force men who were forced to bail out of their plane into the icy waters off the East coast of Korea recently, was John R. Fortner, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fortner of Burnsville, N. C.

A flashing light spotted by a lookout aboard the Gloucester was investigated, and proved to be a man in a life raft signaling with a hand mirror.

After bringing him aboard, the ship continued in search of two other men of the downed plane. They sighted another man in a life raft, and soon had him aboard.

Meanwhile the fleet oiler USS Passumpsic picked up the other man. Search for the wreckage of the plane was unsuccessful.

For their action in rescuing the airmen, the crewmen of the Gloucester received a "Well Done" from the Administrative Commander, Naval Forces, Far East.

#### SGT. DAYTON HOME FROM KOREA

Sgt. Jackie Dayton, son of Mrs. Oliver Hensley of Burnsville returned here Sunday after spending 18 months of active duty in Korea. Before his assignment in Korea Sgt. Dayton spent 18 months in Japan with occupation forces.

The majority of his service in Korea was with the 23rd (Continued on back page)

Officials of Woman's College of the University of North Carolina announced early this week that the Burnsville School of Fine Arts, which has been conducted for six years under the direction of Woman's College, will operate this summer as a fully accredited branch of the college for the first time. The season will begin on July 9.

George Ivy, who is head of the Art Department at the college at Greensboro and who has for several years conducted a school of arts at Beaufort, N. C., has been named as the director of the school here under the reorganization.

In announcing the expansion program for the school, Ivy stated that both undergraduate and graduate credit will be given on the same basis as work completed in the Summer Session in Greensboro.

Departments operating here this season will be in the dance, drama, music, art, creative writing and education. The session will open on July 9 and continue through August 19.

Department heads announced by Ivy will be Miss Virginia Moomaw, the dance; Gordon Bennett, drama; William DeVeny, music; and Mrs. Lettie Rogers, creative writing. Ivy will be in charge of the art courses.

That these department heads are thoroughly qualified may be seen in the fact that each is director or head of a similar department at Woman's College, Greensboro, or in another college or university.

In the Parkway Playhouse, public highlight in the School of Fine Arts, the drama department will present four plays this season, climaxing with a musical performance as has been done in the past seasons.

Plans for education courses have not been completed yet, according to Superintendent Frank W. Howell. Courses to be offered in education will depend primarily upon the need of teachers in this area, he said. Announcement concerning these courses will be made in the near future.

An apprentice program will be operated by the Parkway Theatre and the Drama Department, offering non-credit work to high school graduates and students who have completed their freshman year. This new feature will permit the drama apprentices to work full time at all phases of play production.

The expanded program and curriculum will introduce a number of new features during the session. The Art Department will sponsor an invitation exhibition of paintings by artists under 30. This exhibit will be open throughout the period.

Members of the Advisory Committee appointed by Chancellor Graham to plan the expansion program are Mrs. Julius Cane, Mrs. Virginia Terrell Lathrop, Miss Merle Mossman, Miss Katherine Taylor and Frank W. Howell.

#### TEACHERS TO MEET FRIDAY

A county-wide Teachers Meeting will be held at Burnsville High School at 2:30 p. m. Friday, March 21.

The purpose of this meeting is to reorganize the local N. C. E. A. and select delegates for the State meeting in Asheville March 28.

The five point Legislative program for the school year 1951-52 will be discussed at this meeting.