

Precinct Meetings And Convention Announced

The Yancey County Democratic Executive Committee at a called meeting on February 23, 1952, decided by majority of the full committee to nominate candidates by delegates chosen at precinct meetings to be held on Saturday, April 12, 1952, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., in each of the precincts or townships in the County, at the regular voting place.

At these precinct meetings the delegates will be elected to attend the Yancey County Democratic Convention to be held in Burnsville, at the courthouse on April 19, 1952, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., at which time the candidates on the Democratic ticket will be nominated.

C. P. Randolph, Chairman of Yancey County Democratic Executive Committee.

One hundred forty-nine delegates to the convention will be selected at the township meetings on April 12. The number of delegates allotted to each township are as follows: Burnsville, 34; Cane River, 14; Egypt, 11; Ramsaytown, 8; South Toe, 14; Green Mountain, 7; Jacks

BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

The Boy Scout Court of Honor for the Toe River District will be held on Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30 p. m. in the Burnsville Presbyterian Church. All relatives and friends of Scouts are urged to attend this meeting.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

By George Vitas
U. S. Forest Ranger

Most mystery stories which we hear on the radio or read in books and magazines deal with critics and gangsters. We have one for you that's different—no gangsters, no bright lights, no screaming women—just a simple woodland mystery. Let's call it, "The Case of the Vanishing Trout." It's a true story which happened on the Mt. Mitchell Wildlife Management Area.

Here are the facts: Back in September Lee Boone, Refuge Manager, noticed that the rainbow trout out of one of his two rearing pools on Neals Creek were disappearing. In one of the pools he kept the 6 to 8 inch fish and in the other the larger ones, some as big as 13 inches. To deepen the mystery, whatever was making off with the fish was not interested in the big ones, only the 6 to 8 inch class was vanishing.

For weeks Mr. Boone kept a watchful eye on the ponds without finding the slightest clew. Since he had a good fence around each of the pools, he was certain that neither mink nor coons were the culprits. Not only that, but the fences had gates that were kept under padlock. Besides he failed to find any signs of man being around. Still, the smaller fish continued to vanish until the original trout population of 500 in the pool dwindled down to about 250.

Then Mr. Boone began to notice that the fish were becoming extremely shy and cautious. Before the disappearing act set in, the fish would gather in droves when he approached the pool with food for them. But now, they would wildly dart into the shadows and deeper water the moment that he appeared. They acted as if they were deathly afraid of anything that loomed above them.

One day, a few weeks ago, Mr. Boone picked up a dead floating fish out of the little fish pool. Upon examination, he noted that the back of the

Creek, 17; Brush Creek, 7; Crabtree, 23; Pensacola, 3; Princes Creek, 8.

These delegates will have the responsibility of electing the Democratic ticket to run in the general election this November.

Candidates who have announced themselves for the various county offices are: D. R. Fouts and Bill Atkins, Representative; Drate Young, John Randolph, and Mrs. Evelyn Hunter Pate for Register of Deeds; Harvey Harrison and W. B. Robinson for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners; J. E. Edwards, D. H. Brinkley, Bannister Hensley, and Brady Fox for members of the Board; Yates Bailey, T. A. Buchanan, Lloyd Fortner, Mrs. Hattie Peterson, Zeke B. Byrd, and Ralph Y. Silver for members of the Board of Education.

COUNTY-WIDE MUSIC FESTIVAL TO BE HELD

With spring comes the preparation for a county-wide music festival by the five high schools. Each year students from the music departments of each high school meet in a contest to determine a championship winner in the field of music.

For the festival this year, a preliminary program is being given in each of the schools to determine who will compete in the county contest.

Last Friday Bald Creek School musicians held their school contest and tonight and Friday night Burnsville and Micaville schools will hold their preliminary contest. On Friday morning of next week Clearmont students will give their program and in the afternoon Bee Log's program is held.

Tonight at Burnsville High School Auditorium all grades will enter into the program to select suitable music for the festival which will be held April 25. The program will consist of musical selections on the theme of Spring flowers, foods, North Carolina South America, social studies, the beginnings of America, including cowboy and spiritual songs. Also selections will be given by the Rhythm Band, the Tonettes, the High School Chorus, and the Burnsville School Band, with a vocal solo by Tommy Burton and a violin solo by Eddy Zelinski.

Miss Doris Hunter is Director of Music at Burnsville. Miss Lillian Robinson, Director of Music at Micaville School, will present all grades in the pre-festival contest Friday night at 8 p. m.

The theme of the program will be "Music Speaks". The primary grades will present "Music Speaks Through Nature"; the grammar grades, "Music Speaks Through Peoples of Other Lands"; and the high school theme will be "Music in the Air".

The Glee Club and Boys' Chorus will sing, and the Boys Quartet which includes Richard Young, Donald Young, Philip Jones, and Leonard Robinson will give selections. Also included on the program are numbers by the Tonette Band, The Rhythm Band and The Junior Choir. Soloists will be Nora Ellen Woody, Charles English and Richard Young.

RECENT BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dayton of Green Mountain a daughter, Linda Margadot, on Monday, March 31, in St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville. The mother and baby are doing fine according to Oscar.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT WORKSHOP

Mrs. J. R. Daniels, Miss Ruby Ray, and Dr. Cameron F. McRae attended the Asheville District "Workshop on Adult Education" which was held last Friday evening in the Haywood Street Methodist Church, Asheville. Dr. McRae is the teacher and Mrs. Daniels and Miss Ray the assistant teachers of the Young Adult Bible Class in the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church here.

SPARKS TAKES PART IN CONVOY CRUISE

The "know how" of successful wartime merchant shipping was recently learned by Fred M. Sparks, aviation electronicsman, second class, USN son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sparks of Route 2, Burnsville, N. C. Members of Patrol Squadron 34 recently completed major convoy exercises in the Atlantic between Long Island and Panama.

The maneuvers, known as "Convoy Exercises 3", were realistic in that Navy transports, tankers and cargo ships sailed from New York, Norfolk, and other East Coast ports in the same manner as did Allied convoys of World War II.

Opposing them, and attempting to close sea lanes, were "enemy" forces of submarines, surface raiders and land-based patrol bombers.

F F A TEAM IN TRI-COUNTY CONTEST

The Burnsville Chapter of Future Farmers of America will be represented in the Parliamentary Procedure Contest to be held at Barnardsville today.

The Burnsville team consists of Clarence Hensley, president; Knarld Carroll, vice-president; David Gillespie, secretary; Edward Proffitt, reporter; Richard Briggs, treasurer. R. M. Proffitt, teacher of agriculture here, is advisor to the team.

This contest is one of many contests entered into by members of the Future Farmers organization in this county. Contests for judging cattle, poultry, other livestock and farm products are held annually.

The contest at Barnardsville today will have teams from 16 schools in Yancey, Buncombe and Madison counties. Each team will have a period of fifteen minutes to hold a meeting and will be judged by the advisors as to the correctness of Parliamentary Procedure employed by the team.

Holy Communion To Be Observed At Methodist Church Thursday Night

An interdenominational Holy Communion will be observed Thursday night, April 10, at 8 p. m. in the Sanctuary of Higgins Memorial Methodist Church.

D. B. Alderman, pastor of the Methodist Church and Rev. David Swartz, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, is extending an invitation to members of all Christian faiths to attend this observance. In extending the invitation they said, "The observance of Communion on The Day of Preparation carries with it deep significance, especially from the Thursday night of the first Holy week, instigated by Christ Himself."

The State Highway and Public Works Commission announced this week that through the period ending February 28, \$675,194.36 has been expended in Yancey County out of the Bond funds. This amount was spent on secondary roads, consisting of re-grading, graveling and surfacing. None of the money was used on primary highways in the county.

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY OPENED APRIL 1

The three sections of the Blue Ridge Parkway that have been closed to travel throughout the winter season because of persistent hazardous driving conditions opened April 1, it was announced by Superintendent Sam L. Weems. These are the Peaks of Otter, Craggy Gardens and Soco Gap sections. All other sections of the Parkway have been open throughout the winter except during periods of ice and snow.

The April visitor will be able to travel the Parkway from its northern entrance near Waynesboro, Va. to Asheville, N. C. over a paved surface except for five short and directional by-passes by primary state highways.

The only section of the Parkway west of Asheville opened on April 1 is that from Soco Gap to Mile High Overlook. This most recently opened section affords new and spectacular views of the Great Smokies.

In announcing the opening of the Parkway motor road, Mr. Weems emphasized the recreation areas and visitor accommodations would not become available until May 1. He also pointed out that during April fire danger is usually at its worst and requested visitors not to build fires and to use ash trays when disposing of their cigarets and matches.

HIGHWAY FATALITIES BELOW LAST YEAR

Raleigh—Fatalities on the streets and highways of the state are continuing to average 15-20 behind last year, officials of the Department of Motor Vehicles happily announced this week.

The reports are collected from every part of the state daily by the Highway Patrol radio system and are relayed to Raleigh and recorded. Since January 1, highway safety officials have been eagerly watching the day-by-day reports. During the first three months of the year, they noted, fatality and injury reports have run consistently behind last year. The safety officials hope it will develop into a definite trend towards fewer accidents and fatalities in 1952.

While looking forward optimistically towards a reduction in traffic mishaps statisticians of the Department came up with a set of significant figures.

James E. Civils, chief of the Accident Reporting Section, said that one fatality from highway accidents is occurring every eight and one-half hours in North Carolina; one injury every 35 minutes; and an accident every 14 minutes.

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MRS. HATTIE PETERSON

AYERS APPOINTED PROBATION OFFICER

Clyde A. Ayers of this county has been appointed as Probation Officer by the North Carolina Parole Commission. Ayers is now in training at the Raleigh office and will be assigned a permanent location at a later date.

He is a graduate of Burnsville High School and recently received his degree at Western Carolina Teachers College at Cullowhee. During World War II, he was a commissioned officer in the Army. Prior to his entry into service he was a member of the teaching staff of Yancey County schools.

MISS NEILL NAMED TO HEAD CANCER CRUSADE

Miss Mary Helen Neill has been named as a campaign chairman of the 1952 Cancer Crusade which opened here on April 1.

Yancey County has been asked to raise \$425 as part of the national goal of sixteen million dollars which will be used for programs of research services to patients, and public education.

"A strenuous effort will be made during the Crusade to reach every family with our educational message," Miss Neill said. Knowledge of the symptoms of cancer is a highly important weapon in fighting the disease since improved cure rates depend on people going to their doctors early as possible.

Seven danger signals of the dread disease mentioned by the chairman as (1) Any sore that does not heal; (2) A lump or thickening of the tissues; (3) Unusual bleeding or discharge; (4) Any change in a wart or mole; (5) Persistent hoarseness or cough; (6) Persistent indigestion or difficulty in swallowing; and (7) Any change in normal bowel habits.

Ignorance of the danger signals of cancer usually delays diagnosis until the disease has reached an advanced, incurable stage, she pointed out.

Mrs. Troy Ray is County Commander of the Crusade. Dr. C. F. McRae is medical spokesman and Mrs. Juanita Masters is treasurer.

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I hereby announce myself as candidate as a Member of the Board of County Commissioners of Yancey County, subject to the will of the Democratic Convention, April 19. If I am nominated and elected, it is my aim to discharge the duties of this office in a manner befitting a servant of the people.

BRADY FOX



A TRIMMING (TONSORIAL) FOR TAFT—Waukesha, Wis., barber George Vrakas does what Gen. Eisenhower and a number of other Republican candidates failed to do in the Wisconsin and Nebraska Presidential Primaries this week—give Sen. Robert A. Taft a trimming. Taft led his nearest opponent by more than 50,000 votes in the Badger State.

Sen. Kefauver, the "crime buster" from Tennessee, led the Democratic ticket over his opponents in both states, also. Pro-Truman candidates lost ground when the President announced himself out of the race.

Annual Food Handlers School To Be Held Here

Jake F. Buckner, District Sanitarian with the State Board of Health, announced this week that the annual school for food handlers will be conducted in the courthouse here next week. The sessions will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and will run each of these days from 9 a. m. to 11 a. m. and from 3 p. m. to 5 p. m. The same information will be repeated in the afternoon sessions as was used in the morning in order that owners and managers of establishments may divide their personnel and send some to each session.

This school is conducted by the District Health Department in cooperation with the State Board of Health.

The program will be changed each day, the sanitarian said, and the theme will center on germs encountered in food handling, recommended food handling practices, and proper washing and sterilizing of dishes.

Well qualified personnel will discuss each subject using films of the different phases of food handling throughout the school.

Attendance at these schools has not yet been made compulsory, Buckner said; however, it is expected that not only the owners and managers of all restaurants, hotels, tourist courts, meat markets, summer camps, school lunchrooms, and other types of food handling establishments are expected to attend, but all workers in these places are expected to attend.

HOWELL CONSTRUCTING STORE-APARTMENT BUILDING

Construction of a new store and apartment building is under way on Main Street. J. Walter Howell has begun construction on a two-story building beside the two story buildings he recently purchased from his brother, Frank Howell.

The building will be constructed on approximately the same plans as the adjoining store buildings, except that it will have apartment space on a second floor. Construction is of brick and cinder block and will be thirty by sixty feet.

The two buildings completed several months ago contain Robinson's Grocery Store and a hardware and appliance store operated by J. W. Howell and Son Company. It was not learned what kind of business will be housed in the building now under construction.

es that many housewives and domestic workers will be able to attend the school, because the sessions will be of interest to these people. The general public has also been given an invitation to attend the school.

Workers attending one session each day will be given a certificate of attendance to be used as a pocket card which will be helpful in securing employment. Also, owners and managers of establishments having 100 percent attendance will be issued merit awards which may be posted in their places of business.

FEDERATION STOCKHOLDERS MEET IN ASHEVILLE

James G. K. McClure, president of Farmers Federation, told stockholders at their annual meeting in Asheville last Saturday that the cooperative organization will pay to farmers of Western North Carolina over five million dollars for their produce, and went on to explain that a majority of this will be for poultry and poultry products.

The executive explained that it is the policy of the Federation to take a crop or an animal unit and develop markets for them, and used the development of the poultry industry in Western North Carolina as an example.

Another official told stockholders that hatching eggs are now being sold in four southern states and Cuba.

In speaking of marketing products for farmers in this section of the state, Max Roberts, Education Director, stated that the three floors operated by the tobacco division of the Federation sold over two million pounds of tobacco this season, and that the average price received by farmers selling on the Asheville market was 54 cents a pound.

Directors named by stockholders in this county at a recent meeting were Wilson Edwards and Tom Ray.

BUYING AGENCY RUMORS SPUR MINERS TO ACTION

With rumors floating that a mica buying agency will be set up in Spruce Pine by the middle of May, miners and would-be miners of Yancey County are getting into "high gear", either mining for the precious mineral or searching for a mine.

Miners who have located new prospects or who are operating old proven mines are going ahead on their operations, trying to get as much mica as possible by the time a buying agency is established. Most of them admit, however, that it is going to be more difficult to get the highest price of \$70 for mica than is probably thought. However, a good deposit of ruby mica of minimum cut and of the lowest grade specified by the Government will represent a good amount of cash, even at \$3 per pound.

Some operators, in both new and old mines, have been reporting from 50 to 150 pounds daily of the rum-colored mineral.

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ZEKE B. BYRD