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SUPREME COURT DECIDES WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Way Open For Central School

The State Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Yancey County Board of Education yesterday in handing down a decision in the central high school dispute. The restraining order, signed by Judge Will Pless several months ago, was reversed by the Supreme Court, opening the way for the construction of a consolidated school in this county.

Upon completion of the consolidated school building, only the three top grades—tenth, eleventh, and twelfth—will be brought in from the other high schools, according to school officials. This will leave all pupils below tenth grade at their present schools. Bee Log students will not be brought to the consolidated school until adequate road for school bus transportation has been completed, according to school officials.

Plans have been completed and blue prints made of a school plant containing 18 classrooms. The State Board of Education has approved the plans and the site for the new school building, and the State has \$157,976 to be used to construct the building. No county funds may be used for the construction of the building and a State Law forbids accepting a contract for an amount greater than that which has been given by the State.

The court fight grew out of a restraining order instigated by several citizens of the county, prohibiting the Board of Education from accepting and opening bids from contractors for the school's construction. This action was taken after plans for the new school had been made and approved by the State Board of Education and the State School Planning Board.

Attorneys for the Board of Education appealed the decision of Judge Pless and the dispute was, therefore, carried to the Supreme Court for a decision.

The State Planning Board and the State Board of Education, following surveys of schools in this county, concluded that a consolidated high school would relieve the pressure of congestion in the schools here. They pointed out in reports that with the higher grades moved to a central

school, one and two-teacher schools in the outer communities could be brought to district high schools without too much over-crowding.

A total of the county enrollment from the tenth grade through the twelfth is 523 pupils. A breakdown of the number of those grades in each high school shows that Burnsville has 140, Bald Creek, 107; Bee Log, 58; Clearmont, 78; and Micaville, 149.

With eighteen rooms, this would be approximately 29 students per room, which, according to teachers and officials, would be a far smaller number than are now crowded into the average room of Yancey County schools.

Although the structural steel has been purchased and a sight has been approved by the State Board of Education and Planning Board, no plans have been released as to the starting of the actual construction of the central high school building.

LAST RITES HELD FOR FRED W. WYATT, 41

Funeral services for Fred William Wyatt, 41, who died in the Spruce Pine Clinic, Sunday afternoon following a short illness, were held Tuesday at 2:00 p. m. in the Bowditch Union Church.

The Rev. James Allred and the Rev. Ed Woody officiated and burial was in the Carroll Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Ruth Gardner Wyatt; one son, Ray, and one daughter, Mabel of the home; one sister, Mrs. Eva Carroll of Micaville; one half-sister, Mrs. Myrtle Styles of Burnsville; five half-brothers, Bill of Johnson City, Tenn. Ernest of Morganton, N. C., Kester and Howard of Micaville, and Albert of Burnsville.

N. C. E. A. Officers Elected

In a recent meeting of the Yancey County teachers the following teachers were elected as officers of the local N. C. E. A. organization for the year 1952-53: President, Ford Bailey; vice president, James Johnson, and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Frank Lewis.

LAST RITES HELD FOR HIRAM P. WILSON, 81

Funeral services for Hiram P. Wilson, 81, who died at his home Wednesday morning in the Jacks Creek section of Yancey County after a brief illness, were held today at 2:00 p. m. in the home.

The Rev. James Allred officiated and burial was in the Wilson Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Lawrence Silver, Calvin Evans, Carl Evans, Suel Anglin, Ray English, Clarence Laws, Biss Byrd and Will Jobe.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Lula Williams Wilson; three daughters, Mrs. E. F. Roland, Mrs. Rhea Penland and Miss Bess Wilson of Burnsville; two sons, Ed and Ben of Burnsville, Rt. 1.

Also four brothers, Gilbert of Asheville, Henry, Oscar and Ben of Burnsville, Rt. 1; and one sister, Mrs. Dorcas Briggs of Detroit, Mich.

MISS CATES WINS SECOND PLACE

Miss Judith Cates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Cates of Micaville, and a senior of Micaville High School, won second place in the Western District World Peace Orator Contest held in Asheville Wednesday.

For winning second place in the Orator contest, Miss Cates will receive a trip to New York City and a visit to the United Nations headquarters. She won over contestants from each of the five high schools in this county in a preliminary World Peace Contest last month, entitling her to represent Yancey County at the Western District contest held at Lee Edwards High School in Asheville.

She is an honor student at Micaville High School and had the honor of representing Yancey County in the "Miss Wildlife of North Carolina" contest held in Asheville last year.

After graduation, she plans to study at Blanton's Business College.

Winner of the contest was Miss Monnie Bowman of Marion.

BURNSVILLE P. T. A. SPONSORING COMMUNITY CALENDAR SALE

Plans have been completed for the Burnsville P. T. A. to sponsor the printing of a Community Calendar. Meetings of the various clubs and churches will be listed on the calendar so that members will be able at a glance to tell when the different clubs meet.

People of the town and county will have an opportunity to have their birthdates or anniversary dates listed on the calendar for a small fee. And arrangements have been made with the management of the Yancey Theatre to allow persons to attend a show free of charge on the dates of their birth.

Printing of the calendar will be soon and the first month to be listed is June, ending with May of 1953.

A committee of workers has been appointed to list names and sell the calendar. Money from the enterprise will be used by the P. T. A. for school needs.

BEAVER ASSIGNED AT FT. BENNING

Fort Benning, Ga.—Sgt. William L. Beaver, son of Willard Beaver, Burnsville, has been assigned to Company G, 30th Infantry Regiment, Combat Training Command, Fort Benning, Col. Ralph N. Woods, commanding officer of the regiment, has announced.

As a member of Combat Training Command, Sergeant Beaver takes part in demonstrations for students at Fort Benning's famous Infantry School. Officers from every army area and from many friendly foreign nations are among the spectators. The demonstrations, based on battle-tested techniques, set a pattern for soldiers the world over.

REVIVAL MEETING

A Revival meeting is now going on each night at The Church of God in West Burnsville. The Rev. Willis T. Nelson is bringing the messages. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.



WILLIAM E. UMSTEAD

William E. Umstead, candidate for Governor of North Carolina, visited Burnsville Monday while campaigning the Western Counties and calling for more public school buildings and extended progress in agriculture.

In speeches in the western and northwestern counties Umstead said the present school building program should be continued in order for North Carolina to have adequate and separate public school facilities. If funds cannot be found elsewhere, Umstead said he favors a bond issue to insure adequate and segregated schools as called for in the State Constitution.

Touching on agriculture, the former U. S. Senator praised the present Farm Program—much of which he helped to formulate while he was in Congress—and said it should be kept intact in order for Tar Heel farmers to enjoy continued prosperity.

Umstead told his audiences that North Carolina needs "more processing plants for the poultry, vegetables, fruits and livestock we produce."

Earlier in the week Umstead called on Congressional leaders to oppose efforts to reduce Agricultural Conservation Payments. He said the proposed reductions would have drastic effects on the Farm Program in North Carolina, including tobacco.

As Umstead toured the West, his headquarters staff in Raleigh reported that managers for 40 counties have been appointed, and the organization of Umstead groups in all remaining counties is nearing completion.

Orthopedic Clinic Cancelled

Dr. C. F. McRae, District Health Officer, announced that the orthopedic clinic scheduled to be held in Spruce Pine this month has been cancelled. The reason for the cancellation, he said, was because no specialist is available to hold this clinic. The next clinic is scheduled for May 21.

Dr. McRae also announced that pre-school clinics will be held by the District Health Department on Friday of this week at the Burnsville Colored School at 9 a. m. and at Double Island School at 11 a. m.

Peterson Promoted To Corporal

Carl F. Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peterson of Day Book, who is with the 3rd Division in Korea, has recently been promoted to Corporal.

Cpl. Peterson has been in the U. S. Army for 15 months.

Paul Ayers of Burnsville and Paul Stockton of Windom left Friday for Mexico. Mr. Stockton expects to stay in Mexico, but Mr. Ayers plans to return to Burnsville in a few weeks.

Trout Streams Well Stocked, Warden Says

Game Warden, Milton Higgins, said this week that seven or eight thousand trout of legal size, ranging from six to eleven inches, had been turned loose in designated trout streams of Yancey County. Higgins said that Brown, Rainbow, and Brook trout were used in stocking.

Trout fishing season opens in this county next Tuesday, April 15.

Streams stocked are as follows: South Toe River, 8 miles; Shufford Creek, 3 miles; Little Crabtree Creek, 3 miles; Roaring Fork Creek, 3 miles; Clear Creek, 3 miles; Colbert Creek, 2 miles; Locust Creek, 2 miles; White Oak

Creek, 2 miles; Cane River, 10 miles; Cattail Creek, 3 miles; Bolens Creek, 7 miles; Brush Creek, 4 miles; Big Creek, 4 miles; Big Bald Creek, 6 miles; Licksillet Creek, 4 miles; Price Creek, 10 miles; Little Creek, 7 miles; Bald Creek, 7 miles.

State Wildlife regulations state that it is unlawful to take, or attempt to take, fish of any kind by any manner whatsoever from the above named streams or from any other designated trout waters except during open season for trout fishing, and that it shall be unlawful for any person to take, or attempt to take, any fish by any means in waters designated as trout waters during the hours between one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

JAMES RANDOLPH PASSES AWAY

James R. Randolph, 33, of Burnsville Rt. 2, died in the Mission Hospital, Asheville, this morning at 5:00 a. m., after a short illness.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Jeanette Buchanan Randolph; one son, Terril, and two daughters, Iris and Peggy of the home; four sisters, Mrs. Oca Woody of Valdese, Mrs. Carrie Whitson of Pensacola, Mrs. Rhoda Gardner of Candler, and Mrs. Ethel Ayers of Green Mountain; one brother, Sam Randolph of Bakersville.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

MEN'S CLUB HAS BANQUET

The Burnsville Men's Club observed its annual Ladies Night meeting with a banquet at the Nu-Wray Inn last Friday night, with approximately seventy members, including their wives and guests, attending.

Leo K. Pritchett of Appalachian State Teacher's College, Boone, was the after-dinner speaker. He outlined the plans for the new outdoor drama, "Horn In The West", which will be opened in Boone this summer. He also pointed out the value of developing the tourist industry in this region.

Dr. Melvin W. Webb also commented briefly on the need of a hospital and additional doctors in this area.

MUSICAL FESTIVAL AT CLEARMONT FRIDAY

Clearmont School is presenting its Music Festival, under the direction of Mrs. Edgar Hunter, Jr., Friday morning at the school.

The theme of the program will be "Say It With Music." All grades will take part in the program. The primary grades will present "A Visit to Mother Goose Land"; the fourth and fifth grades, "Lessons In Safety"; the sixth grade, "A Trip To Old Ireland"; and the seventh and eighth grades, "Scenes from the Life of Stephen Foster".

The Glee Club will present a program including numbers by the Girls' Ensemble and the Boys' Quartet. The quartet consists of John Bailey, Claude Bailey, Palma Bennett and Hoyt Bennett.

Other parts of the program will include numbers by the Tonette Band and the Rhythm Band.

BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR HELD TUESDAY

The monthly Court of Honor for the Toe River District Daniel Boone Council, Boy Scouts of America, was held on Tuesday, April 8, in the Burnsville Presbyterian Church. Dr. Cameron F. McRae, advancement chairman for the district, presided. The colors were advanced by Scouts Ross Ray and Edward Zelinski, and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Scout Randy Riddle, while the Court Clerk was Richard Briggs; all of these were from Troop 1, Burnsville.

The award of Tenderfoot rank was presented to Jerald A. Honeycutt by Bob Garner, Field Scout Executive with the Daniel Boone Council.

The award of Star rank was presented to Tom Higgins by A. W. Allen, also Field Scout Executive with the Daniel Boone Council and in charge of all Boy Scout work in the Asheville area.

The award of Life rank was presented to Wally Koenig by Dr. W. M. Gladden, of Burnsville.

Merit badges were presented to the following Scouts by J. J. Nowicki, of Swiss:

Robert Gale Hall, home repairs; Glenn Fox, scholarship; John Tom Higgins, home repairs; Dennis Smith, animal industry, conservation; Bobby Curtis, bookbinding, printing, music; Jimmy Curtis, farm home and planning, bookbinding, printing, bird study, physical development; Gerald Peterson, farm layout, farm home and planning, physical development, safety; Richard Briggs, farm records and book-keeping, art corn planting; Joe Higgins, swimming, life-saving, farm records, farm layout, farm home and planning; Edward Zelinski, music, art.

All Scouts receiving awards and merit badges, as listed above, were from Troop 1, Burnsville. This troop won the attendance plaque for the second month in succession.

Persons attending the Court of Honor included J. Frank Johnson, Scoutmaster of the Burnsville troop; Carter Rhinehart, former Scoutmaster; and Warren H. Pritchard of the Spruce Pine, chairman of the Toe River District, who presided at a meeting of the District Committee after adjournment of the Court.

The May 13th Court of Honor will be held at the Spruce Pine Presbyterian Church.

Explorer Expedition
The following Explorer Scouts of Troop 1, Burnsville, are leaving by bus from Asheville on April 15 for an Explorer Expedition in the Okaloosa Swamp, on the Georgia-Florida border:

Joe Higgins, Glenn Fox, L. G. Deyton, Wally Koenig, and Tommy Higgins.



The Easter Oratorio, a special Good Friday service of music, will be presented tomorrow night at the Higgins Memorial Church here at 8 o'clock. The musical program is under the direction of Mrs. Robert K. Helmle, music director of Tipton Hill High School.

Taking part in the special program are the choirs of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches here, the Tipton Hill Glee Club and members of the Celso Community.

Part of the Crucifixion Score and all of the Resurrection Score from "The Messiah" will be given. The Tipton Hill Clarinet Quartet will play the overture, "I Know My Redeemer Liveth". Solo parts of "The Messiah" will be sung by

Mrs. Richard Domer, Mrs. Corrine Gornto, Mrs. Wanda Jackson, Mrs. David Swartz, and Tommy Burton. Accompanists will be Mrs. Calvin O. Beckard and Mrs. Arthur Bailey.