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PLANS BEING STUDIED FOR HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION

Annual Drama Festival Planned Next Week

Next Thursday and Friday nights the five high schools in Yancey County will present the Annual Drama Festival, an affair that has been carried out by the drama departments in each high school for several years. The plays will be presented in the Parkway Playhouse.

This phase of school activity differs from the recent Music Festival in that the plays will be judged and a winning school declared.

The five high schools of the county in cooperation with Woman's College sponsor the Drama Festival. Summer scholarships will be awarded by Woman's College to the best actor and best actress taking part in the festival.

Clearmont and Bee Log high schools will lead off in the drama contest next Thursday night. Clearmont High School will present "Polly, Put the Kettle On," a comedy by Peggy Fernway. Walton Angel is play director and the cast is as follows: Carlene Evans, Anna Belle Garland, Frances Collins, Opal Robinson, Mabel Tipton, Kathryn Presnell, and Albert Byrd.

Also on Thursday night, Bee Log High School will present "The White Lawn," a fantasy by Roger M. Bushfield Jr. Directing the play is Mrs. Edward L. Beeson. The cast: Freda Bradford, Rosaline Peterson, Glen Adkins, and Charles Edwards.

On Friday night, May 9, Bald Creek will present a dramatic production, "His Jaw"

els," by Bernice K. Harris. Jack McIntosh is director and the cast consists of Don Wilson, Joncilee Ray, Mary Joe Young, Rose Mary Jamerson, Ward Mathis, Betty Jean Yelton, Reece Jamerson, Jimmie Neill, Christine Wilson, Daphne Randolph, Clyde Robinson, Mary Ann Hensley, Maxine Rathburn, Marylyn Styles, and Mary Catherine Bailey.

Micaville is presenting a comedy, "Neighbors," by Zona Gale, under the direction of Edith Robinson. The cast: Thelma Styles, Sabra Sparks, Kenneth Presnell, Philip Thomas, Juanita Gurley, Clara Lee Randolph, Leona Robinson, and Kate Huskins.

Burnsville's presentation is a tragedy, "Strange Road," by John M. Houston and directed by Miss Islean Ray. The cast: Katy King, Norma Patton, Helen Angel, and Bobby Wilson.

Mrs. Frank Howell and a representative of Woman's College are in charge of the Drama Festival arrangements.

LOCAL WOMEN ATTEND H D MEETINGS

Approximately 15 members of Home Demonstration Club attended a special food demonstration held Tuesday by Mrs. Jewel G. Fessenden, nutritionist with the N. C. Extension Service. The demonstration was on pastry, pies, and meringues.

The meeting, held in Burnsville, was open to all club members in the county.

Mrs. John B. Bennett of Burnsville, western district chairman of the music committee of the N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs presided at a Rural Church Music School held at Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee, last Wednesday. Approximately 100 choir directors and ministers from rural churches, and Home Demonstration Club music chairmen participated in the school.

The school was sponsored by the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

Walter H. Cupp, head of the W C T C Music Department, planned the program, with the assistance of Miss Nell Kennett, western district Home Demonstration Agent.

Included on the program was group singing, led by Mr. Cupp. Mrs. M. T. Jones, critic music teacher at the training school, demonstrated "The Elementary Children's Choir," and the Rev. George Culbreth of Bryson City discussed "The Choir In The Church Service." Dr. Richard Renfro, of the W C T C Music Department, discussed and demonstrated the organ and the organist in the small choir. Mr. Cupp talked on "Choral Rehearsal Techniques," "Requirements of A Choral Conductor," and "Vocal Aims." This was followed by a presentation of the Western Carolina Teachers College Mixed Chorus, directed by Mr. Cupp.

The meeting closed with a discussion period led by Mrs. Bennett.

Counties represented at the school included Cherokee, Graham, Clay, Macon, Swain, Haywood, Jackson, Henderson, Transylvania, Madison, Buncombe, and Yancey.

Mrs. Anthony Zelinski, music leader for the Burnsville Club, and Miss Mary Helen Neill, county home agent, also attended the meeting.

Plans are under way for a school of this kind in the fall.

DR. GLADDEN FITS GLASSES FOR 'AUNT CINDY' 111

Dr. William Gladden, Burnsville optometrist, probably holds the distinction of being in a class by himself in his profession. Last week he examined the eyes and fitted glasses for Aunt Cindy Griffith, who claims to be 111 years old.

Dr. Gladden said he knew of no other person in that field who had ever fitted glasses for a person that old.

Aunt Cindy said she was a slave, owned by a Thomas Young in the Micaville section of Yancey County. There is no one old enough around here to dispute the age of Aunt Cindy, and it has been generally accepted that she is probably the oldest person in this area.

Although she was fitted with a new pair of glasses, Dr. Gladden expressed doubt that she would be able to see much better because of the general condition of her eyes.

Hilbert Optical Company of Greensboro donated the lenses for the glasses because of her age, Dr. Gladden said.

While telling the optometrist some of the things she remembered when she was a little girl, Aunt Cindy quoted four lines of a song which she said the white folks sang along about Civil War times. Folk in this area must have been very bitter, or either very loyal, because the words to the song were:

"Jeff Davis was a smart man
Abe Lincoln was a fool,
Jeff Davis rode a snow white horse,
While Abe Lincoln rode a mule."

Dr. Gladden said he felt confident this would be the only time in his career he would prescribe glasses for a person 111 years old.

Honored With Surprise Party

Miss Maggie Honeycutt was honored with a surprise birthday party at her home in Burnsville last Saturday night. A number of friends gave the surprise party in her honor.

Lee Yelton of Burnsville was carried to an Asheville hospital Wednesday where he is undergoing treatment for a virus infection.

Pvt. Lloyd McCurry who is stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Carrie McCurry, here.

The senior Class of Burnsville High School will hold a square dance in the high school gymnasium Friday night.

Town Given Safety Award

Burnsville received an award last week from the State Department of Motor Vehicles in recognition of its outstanding traffic safety record in 1950.

The presentation was made by C. I. Yelton, field representative of the Department's Highway Safety Division.

The award itself is an attractively designed certificate which reads, "Presented by North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicle Highway Safety Division to Burnsville in recognition of outstanding achievement in Highway Safety."

The document is signed by Commissioner L. C. Rosser for the Department of Motor Vehicles and H. D. Jones, Engineer-Director of the Safety Division.

The awards are being presented to incorporated towns under 5,000 population which went through the year 1950 without a single traffic fatality. The Department of Motor Vehicles plans to issue approximately 485 certificates to eligible communities throughout the state, according to Mr. Yelton. The award was presented to Mayor Mark Bennett.

LAST RITES HELD FOR QUILLON PHILLIPS

Funeral services for Quillon Phillips, 39, who died at his home here following a long period of illness were held Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock in the Windom Baptist Church.

The Rev. Roy Hinson and the Rev. James Allred officiated and burial was in the Pete Young Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Paralee Phillips; two daughters, Mabel and Lillian Phillips of Burnsville; the mother, Mrs. Kitty Phillips; the father, Back Phillips of Bee Log; two sisters, Mrs. Clyde Phillips of Bee Log and Mrs. Harley Hensley of Baltimore; and one brother, Clell Phillips of Erwin, Tenn.

G. Leslie Hensley left this week for a visit with his son, George Leslie, Jr., who is in school at Randolph Macon Academy, Front Royal, Va. He will attend the Apple Blossom Festival at Winchester. The Randolph Macon Academy Band, of which George Leslie, Jr., is a member, will furnish music at the festival.

MARINE COMMISSIONS MAY BE EARNED THROUGH SUMMER PROGRAM

College graduates and seniors from the Western North Carolina area now have an opportunity to earn commissions in the Marine Corps through a special summer training program, M-Sgt. Fred P. Eubanks, Director, of Marine recruiting at Asheville, announced this week.

A total of 1,000 officer candidates are desired by June 1, in order to meet the expanding needs of the Marine Corps. Candidates will begin their training July 14 at the Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va., Eubanks said.

These successfully completing the special 10-week course will be commissioned second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve. Following this they will receive five additional months of specialized officers' training, also at the Quantico base, located 35 miles south of Washington, D. C.

Married or single college graduates between 20 and 27 years old are eligible for the program. Seniors who will graduate at the end of the current semester also are eligible, but must apply before the June 1 deadline. Married men will receive family allowances as soon as their training begins.

Necessary application forms are available at the nearest Marine Corps recruiting station.

ARTISTS VISIT HERE THIS WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stanley Herring, who, with Edward S. Shorter, own and operate Burnsville Painting Classes, are visitors in Burnsville this week. Mr. and Mrs. Herring arrived Wednesday and plan to remain over the week end.

The artists have just closed their studio in Milledgeville, Ga. for the season and are making preparations for their summer work here. They came up from Georgia for a few days' rest but plan to do some landscape painting before leaving.

Mr. Herring said the Burnsville Painting Classes will begin this year on June 21. He plans to return on June 10 to get ready for the opening. The painting school has been filled to capacity for the past few seasons, and applications of a capacity number of students have already been received for this summer, according to Mr. Herring.

MASTERS BUYS NATIONAL FOREST TIMBER

O. K. Masters, Burnsville lumberman, was awarded sale of more than 4 million feet of Pisgah National Forest timber early this week, according to an announcement by D. J. Morris, Pisgah Forest Supervisor.

The timber is in the Locust Creek section in the Mt. Mitchell District.

Other bidders on the timber were D. H. Harrison of Hamrick and Georgia Pacific Plywood Company of Cleveland, S. C.

Masters has been in the timber business for several years in this county and is now operating a saw mill on Clear Creek in the South Toe section near Locust Creek.

Counties containing Pisgah National Forest properties will receive some of the money from the sale.

Morris said trees to be cut are about equally divided among hardwoods and pulpwoods.

Committee Report May 5

Talk of the need of a hospital in Yancey County is boiling down to action by many citizens throughout the county. At a meeting of the Burnsville Men's Club held Monday night in the Sam Wilson Memorial Building, movement was made by more than 40 civic minded citizens for the erection of a hospital to serve Yancey County.

Neal Morris, chairman of the board of trustees of the Marion General Hospital, was a guest at the meeting. He discussed various plans used in McDowell County for raising funds for the newly completed Marion General Hospital. The cost of that hospital was approximately \$700,000, Morris said.

After much discussion of the possibilities of a hospital in Yancey County, a committee of nine citizens was formed to study and formulate plans for a hospital. The committee will study every angle of securing funds, and of the hospital building itself, before a final report of findings is made.

A report on the decision of the committee will be made on May 5 at 8 p. m. at a meeting at the Sam Wilson Memorial Building. Every citizen in this county who is interested in a hospital being built here should attend the meeting.

Capt. Doyle And Family Visit Relatives At Hunt Dale

Captain and Mrs. Jim Doyle and two small children, Sharon and Mical, of Hunter Field, Savannah, Georgia, visited Captain Doyle's mother in Long Island, N. Y. On their way back to Savannah they stopped for a few days visit with Mrs. Doyle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burn Peterson of Hunt Dale. Ruth Peterson accompanied them back to Savannah where she will remain for a week's visit.

Dr. William Gladden and family moved into the house today, formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. James Timmony, on Swiss Ave.

Community Activity Contest To Be Held

Plans for a Yancey County Rural Community Development Contest were made this week by the Yancey County Agricultural Council. Officers elected to head the contest are E. L. Dillingham, Joe Cash and T. S. Godwin.

The county contest will be conducted along the lines of the Western N. C. Community Contest which was entered by Bolens Creek Community last year. And any community may enter the county contest and the W. N. C. contest at the same time, and could win both, according to the officials.

Prizes amounting to \$500 in cash will be given to the winning communities entering the county contest. Several business establishments have expressed willingness to contribute money for prizes.

Agricultural leaders here expressed hope that eight or ten communities throughout the county will be represented in the contest. Whether a prize is won or not, the community benefits from entering, they said.

The first step to be taken by any community entering

the contest is to organize the entire community area, electing officers as leaders in the project and setting a boundary to be covered by the contest.

The County Agricultural Council will aid in setting up working organizations. Applications to enter must be filed before May 31, officials said.

Projects that may be considered in community improvement are church activities, recreational, health, beautification, school, farm and home activities, and any other that will improve and better community conditions.

Judges to select a winning community will be made up of an officer from each community entering the contest and members of the county council.

Woman's Club To Meet Next Thursday

The Burnsville Woman's Club will meet Thursday, May 8, in the home of Mrs. C. L. Easter. Mrs. E. L. Dillingham and Mrs. Vincent Westall will be associate hostesses at the meeting.

LAST RITES HELD FOR HENRY TOMBERLIN

Funeral services for Henry Tomberlin, 77, who died at his home at Burnsville, Rt. 1, Saturday night after a long illness, were conducted Monday at 2 p. m. in Riverside Baptist Church.

The Rev. Ralph Young, pastor of the church, and the Rev. A. Z. Jamerson officiated burial was in Holcombe Cemetery.

Flower bearers were Mary Etta Briggs, Nell Henderson, Peggy Jolly, Mae Briggs, Mary Ann Padgett, Camilla Burnette, and Trilby Blankenship.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Sarah Baxter Tomberlin; four daughters, Mrs. Nora Henderson of Marion, Mrs. Zettie Buchanan of Unicoi, Tenn., Mrs. Ida Briggs of Burnsville, Rt. 1, and Mrs. Dollie Padgett of Black Mountain; two sons, Wash and John of Burnsville; two brothers, Adler and Grover Tomberlin of Asheville; 28 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

LAST RITES HELD FOR MINTIE BRADFORD

Funeral services for Mrs. Mintie Bradford, 84, of Bee Log, who died Tuesday night after a long illness, were held Thursday at 2 p. m. in the home.

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

Surviving are the husband, Perry Bradford; two daughters, Mrs. Flossie Miller of Jonesboro, Tenn., and Miss Ora Bradford of Bee Log; three sons, Johnny of Landrum, S. C., Monroe of Seattle, Wash., and Francis of Washington, D. C.

Boone Featured In National Weekly

Daniel Boone, Burnsville "blacksmith" who has already become nationally known for his work in wrought iron, struck another bonanza of publicity for himself and for Burnsville this week in the form of two color-pages in Collier's, one of the nation's leading weekly magazines.

In the magazine section known as "Collier's Color Camera", Daniel is pictured in color in five different photographs doing the different work in his shop for which he has become famous. In one photograph, the entire family is pictured, with Gary Daniel, his son, perched on Daniel's scale-made locomotive.

The locomotive was begun before New York's World Fair and Daniel planned to exhibit the "little fellow" there but

didn't get it completed in time. He "puttered" around seven years before the engine was fully completed but Daniel loved every minute of his work on the masterpiece.

In speaking of his relationship with Daniel Boone First, Daniel was quoted in Collier's as saying: "Yes, I reckon he was my great-great-great-grandfather, and a mighty restless man.—His daddy undertook to make a scholar out of him, but finally gave it up and said, 'Let the girls do the spelling and Dan'll do the shooting.' Well, I'm not much for standing still myself."

Everyone in this section knows that Daniel's statement to Collier's correspondent was true, because he could never have done the artistic work he has with wrought iron if he were a "standing still" man



CONVICTS WRECK PRISON, SEIZE GUARDS—With a knife at his throat, Guard Kenneth Parsons awaits rescue from his perilous position in Jackson, Mich., prison. A mutinous convict, one of 1,600 who did \$2,000,000 damage to huge prison in four days rioting and burning, terrorizes Parsons, one of 10 guards seized as hostages. Felons ended uprising on Gov. Williams' promise of a prison investigation.