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## Farm Officials Discuss Emergency At Meeting

The Yancey County Agricultural Council held a called meeting Monday afternoon because of the serious condition farmers are facing from the lack of rain this crop season. Merchants from different parts of the county and other business men met with the agricultural group to discuss the situation.

Because of the feed and cash crop outlook, made serious by the worst drought on record for this area, the group unanimously recommended that Yancey County be declared a disaster area for whatever Federal benefits may be available. Before the recommendation was sent to State agricultural officials, however, North Carolina had been placed on the list of disaster states.

To be declared a disaster area means crop farmers and dairymen who do not have sufficient personal funds to carry on through the winter and continue in production may borrow through FHA and other Federal lending agencies to take care of the emergency period.

One county official pointed out that funds were not to be made as a gift to farmers, but will have to be repaid as in any other loan.

## LAST RITES HELD FOR MRS. QUEENIE EARLY

Funeral services for Mrs. Queenie Belle Early, 70, who died in a rest home near Celo Friday following a long illness, were held Sunday at 2 p. m. in Higgins Memorial Methodist Church here.

The Rev. D. B. Allerman, pastor, and the Rev. Charles B. Trammel officiated. Burial was in Holcombe Cemetery.

Surviving are two sisters, Miss Maggie Honeycutt of Burnsville and Mrs. Ed Ramsey of Cincinnati, Ohio; and one brother, Ed Honeycutt of Brooksville, Ind.



"FLYING SAUCERS" SIGHTED ON RADAR—For the first time, mysterious "flying disks" materialize on a radar screen as reports of the strange objects mount from all sections of the country. Airways operation specialists James Copeiland (left) and James Ritchey, shown manning radar-scope at Washington, D. C. control center, record scores of unidentified objects on the screen.

Since the summer of 1947, flying objects, described as everything from imagination to cigars, have been sighted in the skies over the United States.

Officials of the Army and Air Force term the objects from time to time as nothing, reflections of lights on the

to cope with the situation, it was brought out at the meeting. Many merchants, feed and seed dealers have already gone the limit on credit, expecting pay when crops are marketed.

Farmers and officials estimate that to date all crops in the county have been damaged over 60 per cent. And if the dry weather continues, the percent of damage will increase at a rapid rate.

Suggestions were made by farm officials to reduce the gravity of the situation at present and aid in the future.

Farmers should make plans now to purchase hay in car load lots from sections where there is no drought. A reduction in freight rates will probably be made during the emergency period, they said.

Farmers were told to plan to put more corn in the silo. Where a silo is not already available, it was pointed out that a temporary one could be constructed for as little as \$30. Seeding of more winter pasture with oats, barley, rye and rye grass was suggested. Low producers in the dairy herd should be culled out.

In looking to future years with probable drought periods, it was suggested that more permanent pasture per animal unit should be maintained, with supplementary summer and winter grazing for cattle if possible. Another good insurance may be provided by carrying a few months' supply of hay or silage.

Plans for irrigation of crop and pasture fields should be made where practicable.

Although farmers are experiencing the worst crop situation in many years, they were told not to get desperate, but to prepare for the worst and hope for the best.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Fouts, Jr. of Lafayette, Ind., are visiting Mr. Fouts' parents here. D. R. is studying mechanical engineering at Purdue University in Lafayette.

## NATIVE COUPLE LOSE BUSINESS IN FIRE

A large gift and novelty shop outside of Luray, Va., owned by Mr. and Mrs. Vance Silvers, formerly of Swiss and Burnsville, was destroyed by fire last Thursday, according to information received here.

The fire was discovered in the 100-foot long building housing the gift shop around 3:15 a. m. by a bus driver who aroused a neighbor. The neighbor called the Luray Fire Department. By the time the firemen arrived, the building was almost completely gone. Nothing was saved.

Mr. and Mrs. Silver were in this county at the time of the fire, buying more stock for their business.

They lived in part of the building and lost all their belongings in the fire, except what they had with them here.

It was estimated that the loss amounted to between \$10,000 and \$20,000.

## HUNTS PLANNED BY WILDLIFE OFFICIALS

Officials of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and the U. S. Forest Service have set rules and regulations for big game hunting on western U. S. Forest Areas, Clyde P. Patton, Executive Director of the Wildlife Commission, announced today.

As usual plans have been made to hold public drawings to determine successful hunting parties, but two factors innovated this year may make drawings for deer hunts unnecessary. First, quotas for the number of hunters have been raised on all areas except Standing Indian and Wayah, where quotas have been removed entirely. Secondly, where last year there were series of three day hunts, this year will have series of two, three and four day hunts, thus giving hunters participating in later hunts an advantage of more hunting time.

Bear hunts will be held in series from October 15 through November 28, except in areas where deer hunting will be allowed. In these areas the bear hunts will close November 15. No wild boar hunts will be held in the Santeetlah Area.

Hunting for bear only will be conducted on Pisgah, Sherwood, Mt. Mitchell, Daniel Boone, and Santeetlah Areas, with bag limits as prescribed in the general hunting regulations for that section of the state. Bear hunters will organize into parties of not more than twenty-five, and party leaders may apply for permits for the entire party by submitting names and a fee of \$50.00 for residents and \$100.00 for non-residents for twenty-five hunters or less. Applications for bear hunts must be sent to Raleigh in care of the Wildlife Resources Commission, and postmarked not later than September 10.

Deer hunting will be conducted in blocks of two, three, and four day hunts, extending from November 17 through December 6. Applications must be made in advance for hunting deer on all western management areas except Standing Indian and Wayah, where daily permits costing \$2.50 may be obtained at checking stations. On other areas, deer hunters must send applications to Raleigh postmarked not later than October 4. The cost of these permits will be \$7.50 per person. Deer hunters in the Pisgah Area will be allowed one deer or one bear.

## Preparations For Alumni Meeting Being Made

Officers of the Y. C. I. Alumni Association are busy making preparations for the annual meeting Saturday, August 16. Approximately 500 invitations have been mailed out to former students, teachers and officials of the school. Although names of students are added to the roll each year, the list is not yet complete. Former students of the Baptist institute who do not receive invitations to attend the affair this year should attend and register so that the secretary may get your names on the roll.

As in the past years, the program will be carried out by alumni and faculty members. Herrick Roland, Superintendent of Wilmington City Schools will be the principal speaker. Remarks will be made by others.

Registration will begin at 10 a. m. and the program, including a short business session, will start at 11:30. At 1:00 p. m. lunch will be served. Everyone attending is requested to bring a basket lunch.

This year will mark the fourth annual meeting of the alumni. The first was held in 1949, with the greatest number of persons attending to date. Last year, however, the attendance was greater than the previous year. Approximately 200 attended the affair last year.

The memorial roll call of deceased members was given for the first time last year and will be carried out again this year for those who have passed since the last meeting.

The third Saturday in August was established last year as the permanent meeting date of the association.

Invitations mailed to individual members include the entire family, the secretary said, and everyone is urged to attend this year.

## VA TO BEGIN KOREAN GI TRAINING PROGRAM

Preparing for administration of the education and training benefits of the new Korean GI Bill, the Administrator of Veterans Affairs has requested the Governors of all 48 States to appoint agencies within the States to handle the approval of schools and business establishments for training eligible veterans.

Under the new law, schools and training establishments must have approval of the State in which they are located before they may offer training to veterans who served since the outbreak of Korean hostilities. This requirement also was a part of the original GI Bill for World War II veterans.

The Veterans Administration requested early receipt of the lists of State approving agencies, so that VA can start handling veterans' applications before August 20, the date on which the new training program goes into effect. It was suggested to the Governors that the same approving agency may be designated for the Korean GI Bill that already had been doing the job under the earlier World War II act.

Meanwhile, VA issued advice to Korean veterans who expect to take advantage of the act's education provisions that they should provide themselves at the start with sufficient funds of their own to tide them over at least the first two months of training.

VA explained that the law provides a veteran in training may not receive his monthly Government check until some time after the first month of training has been completed; also, that for each month VA must receive a certification from both the veteran and his school or training establishment that he was actually in training during that time. Following this, the VA will have to examine the report and compute the proper amount of payment to the veteran, based on his number of dependents, if any, the type of training and similar factors.

## Nurses Association To Meet In Asheville Wednesday

District One of the North Carolina Nurses Association will hold its regular monthly meeting in the Buncombe County Court House, Asheville, at 4 p. m. Wednesday, August 13.

## REV. SWARTZ TALKS TO LIONS ON SWIMMING FACILITIES HERE

Rev. David Swartz, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church here, was guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Burnsville Lions Club last Thursday night. He spoke on plans for swimming facilities here and on the lifeguard instruction program being carried out.

He pointed out that plans were being worked out where children will have excess to the local pools here before summer is over. Boys who took the course in lifesaving recently at the Camp Mt. Mitchell for Girls pool, along with volunteer workers, will serve as life guards.

Rev. Swartz was inducted as a new member of the Club and was assigned to the committee on civic improvement.

Elmer Da, a summer visitor living at Cattail Community and a member of the Coral Gables, Fla., Lions Club, invited local members to a benefit square dance at Cattail Community Hall next Tuesday night. The proceeds from the dance will go to the Yancey Hospital Fund.

## FINAL CANCER DRIVE REPORT MADE

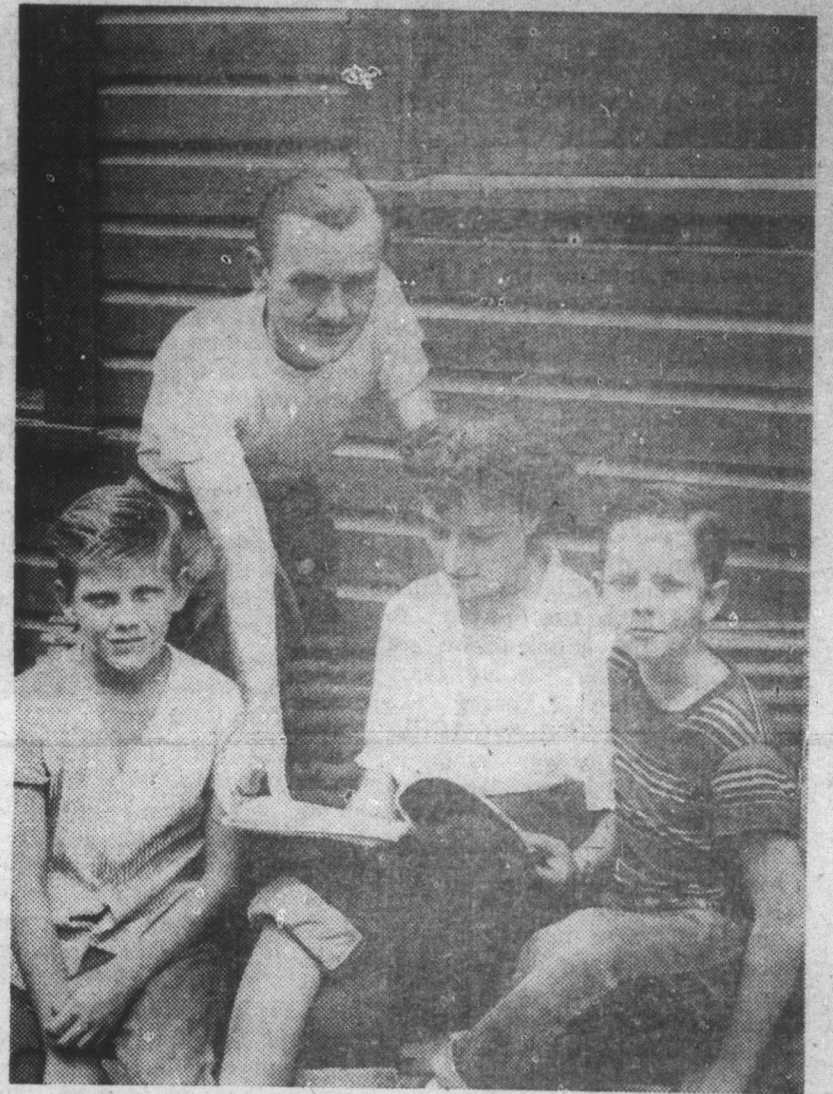
Mrs. Troy Ray, chairman of the Cancer Fund Drive in this county, has made a final report indicating that the county quota was reached. The total amount contributed for use by the American Cancer Society was \$332.

A break-down of contributions is as follows: County officers, \$11.00; municipal, including teachers, \$76.00; residential workers, \$97.40; clubs, \$42.50; coin cans, Scouts and 4-H Clubs, \$35.60; theatre, \$21.50; business and professional men, \$48.00.

## VESPER SERVICE TO BE HELD AT CAMP MT. MITCHELL SUNDAY EVENING

Mrs. James Bingham, director of Camp Mt. Mitchell for Girls, announced this week that a community vesper service will be held at the camp Sunday evening at 8 p. m. The Rev. D. B. Alderman, pastor of Higgins Memorial Methodist Church, will be speaker.

One community vesper service is an annual affair at the camp, and Mrs. Bingham invites the public to attend Sunday evening.



Playwright John Barry Kelly looks over the script of "Gulbranic's Panic" with his wife Blanche and sons, John (left) and Barry. Kelly's play will be at the Parkway Playhouse this week for the first time anywhere.

## Staff Member's Works Staged Here This Week

Visitors to the Parkway Playhouse this Friday and Saturday nights will have the opportunity of seeing an original production, "Gulbranic's Panic," a comedy written by Jack Barry Kelly, staff member and resident playwright at the Burnsville School of Fine Arts. The play will be seen here for the first time on any stage.

Kelly, a spare Irishman, has the distinction of not only being a playwright, but of being the first G. I. trainee to have his work produced.

He has had enough of life's experiences to qualify him to taye his pick of ideas on playwrighting, but he has been especially schooled in government work for the background of "Gulbranic's Panic," a political satire.

At 20, when he was fresh out of Georgetown University law school, he began work as an undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Narcotics.

"I'm no stranger to North Carolina," he says. "I know every county—and I've put people in the penitentiary from most of 'em."

Through his work as agent for the Narcotics Bureau, he finally landed in New York City where the going was tough and exciting. His biggest coup came when, unarmed, he talked two mobsters into turning in their guns and going quietly with him. When they found that they were not completely surrounded with Federal agents, they warned him he was picking out a way to die young. Months later he learned that one of the mobsters was the second man caught, and executed, in the round-up of Murder, Inc.

"Then," he admits, "I was

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Buckner of Burnsville a daughter, at Ost Clinic Higgins, Wednesday.

so scared my blood froze." That stretch with the government in New York gave Kelly his first look at the theatre. He saw all the shows and sat in on casting some of them.

Following his six years with the Narcotics Bureau, Kelly moved into the Department of the Interior as an investigator. Then he pulled five and a half years with the Navy Intelligence, a Beach Battalion, and as commanding officer of the shore patrol on the West Coast.

This relentless pace began to tell on him, and by the time he was out of service he had logged 27 months in navy hospitals. "I'm an authority on them," he says.

After his major operation, he sold his house in Wyoming and moved to Florida with his wife Blanche and sons, John and Barry, for the final two years the doctors had allotted him.

At the University of Miami, he took every available course in writing, and "Gulbranic's Panic" is part of the results of his study.

Miami was a good place, for now the two years are past and Kelly is feeling fine and still going strong.

Mrs. Kelly was delighted at her husband's interest in writing plays, for she had acted in many community dramatic groups. At the Parkway Playhouse she has proved one of the most competent players. She has had a role in every production except in "Midsummer Night's Dream". But her heart was in that one, with son Barry—a chip off the block—scoring as "Puck" in the play.

The cast for Kelly's "Gulbranic's Panic" is as follows: Mrs. Kenyon, Blanche Kelly; commanding officer, Lester Moore; cadet, Jack Callaghan; girl, Anne Miller; Mister Gulbranic, Dave Stern; and Col. Johnson, Bob Gwaltney.

Gordon Bennett, drama director at the School of Fine Arts, is directing the play.

# SEE 'Gulbranic's Panic' At The Playhouse This Week