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**Through This Preacher's Study Window**

D. B. Alderman, Pastor  
Burnsville Methodist Church



The other day a lady handed my wife a good thought which I wish to pass on to you. It is adapted from the Roster of the First Church, Springfield, Mass.

"Last Sunday, I voted to close my Church. I didn't do it intentionally, and certainly not maliciously, but I did. Through thoughtfulness, carelessness or laziness. I voted. I voted to close the doors that have been open for three centuries. I voted for the pastor to stop his preaching. I voted that the children no longer receive Christian nurture, but should grow up only with the earthly ideas of the street and school. I voted away every organization in my Church. I voted that the voice of the choir should be stilled. I voted for the darkness of superstition and the degrading poison of godliness, for the blight of unrestrained selfishness to settle its damnable load upon the shoulders of an already overburdened world. I voted for all this, and more, too—things the human mind does not ever care to think about. Carelessly, lazily, indifferently, I voted. You see, I could have gone and should have gone, but I didn't. I STAYED AWAY FROM CHURCH LAST SUNDAY."

I think it would be good to reread this and keep it around to remind us of what we do by not going to the Church of which we are a part of. Then next Sunday when we arise let these thoughts come to our attention. Asking ourselves: "How am I going to vote today?"

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**YOUNG NAMED TO N. C. SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Joe Young, Banks-Young Motor Company, has been named to serve on the Highway Safety Committee of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association it was revealed today by T. A. Williams, Greensboro, chairman of the committee.

In making the announcement, Williams pointed out that Young will represent the dealers in Yancey County in the planning and promotion of a program designed to increase highway safety.

At their recent convention, the members of the Dealer Association unanimously adopted two resolutions, relative to highway safety, which were presented by the safety committee. They endorsed a state financed driver-training program in the high schools, with cars to be furnished by the dealers. At the present time a number of North Carolina dealers do lend new cars without cost to the schools. The assembled dealers also went on record as favoring a workable vehicle inspection law.

Chairman Williams indicated his pleasure at Young's acceptance of this appointment and expressed the hope that his committee, working with other new car and truck dealers and the people of North Carolina, will be able to provide some answer to the problem of increasing highway accidents.

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**POETRY CORNER**

Contributed By  
*Edith Deaderick Erskine*

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**Wind In Mountain Pines**

The wind is wonderful—beneath  
The pines I close my eyes—  
How I love the roaming wind  
Playing in the skies.

Upon a distant hill it has  
The sound of far-off seas,  
Then nearer, nearer, wave on wave  
Breaking through the trees.

Then farther, farther, wave on wave,  
Receding through the trees—  
Upon a distant hill it has  
The sound of far-off seas.

Bess Hinson Hines

(Poetry for this Corner should be sent direct to Edith Deaderick Erskine, Weaver ville, N. C.)

**38 PERCENT INCREASE IN NATIONAL FOREST PAYMENTS TO COUNTIES**

Tentative figures, just released by the U. S. Forest Service, indicate a 38 percent increase in payments to Yancey and Mitchell counties from the 1952 Fiscal Year receipts of the Pisgah National Forest. (Final confirmed figures and payments will come from Washington.)

Toecane District Forest Ranger, George Vitas, stated at Burnsville, that the payment will average 12.8 cents for every acre of National Forest land in each of the two counties. With 13,031 acres of National Forest land in Yancey County, the payment to the county should be \$3,974.94. Mitchell County, with 15,554 acres of National Forest land is slated to receive \$1,992.40.

These payments, Ranger Vitas said, will be made under the federal law that provides for the payment of 25 percent of the annual income from National Forest lands to the counties in which the forest is located, in proportion to the acreage of National Forest land therein. The law further provides that these funds can be used, only, for schools and roads in the county.

Last year's payment to the counties was 9.3 cents per acre. This year's 12.8 cents per acre payment represents a 38 percent increase and reflects the growth in Pisgah National Forest timber business.

In commenting on the scheduled payments, Ranger Vitas stated that trees are a crop, like corn, tobacco, apples or any other crop grown on the land, and should be harvested when ripe, or they go to waste. The policy of the U. S. Forest Service is to protect this timber, grow it and then have it cut in such a way that there is always an ample reserve of the best growing stock from which timber can be harvested periodically to provide an income to the federal and local governments and jobs for local residents.

Ranger Vitas said that with the Pisgah National Forest's contribution to the support of local schools and roads, all citizens of Yancey and Mitchell counties have a stake in the Forest. With the people's continued cooperation in forest fire prevention and interest and help in forest conservation, this income should continue to increase, he declared. After all, he concluded, every dollar put into the county treasury from the sale and cutting of National Forest timber, means that it is one less dollar that the citizens of Yancey and Mitchell counties will have to reach into their pockets for in financing the operation of the counties.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We want to express our appreciation for all the kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our sister, Mrs. Early, and for the beautiful floral offering.  
Maggie Honeycutt and Family.

**Playhouse Premier A Success**

Ring applause for John Barry Kelly, playwright, and members of the cast Friday night was proof that "Gulbranic's Panic", which premiered at the Parkway Playhouse, was a hit to the Burnsville audience. In a short curtain speech, Kelly modestly gave all the credit for the play's success to the actors and to Director Gordon Bennett.

The play is a satire on the political system in general and on women's rights in particular. The situation used is new and novel. The author has a girl appointed to the Military Academy at West Point by a Congressman who does not realize he has done anything out of the ordinary.

In the leading role, the author's wife, Blanche Kelly, gave a very fine performance. Dave Stern, as Gulbranic, kept the audience laughing; and Lester Moore, a staff member at the Art School, did a fine job of his comedy part as the harassed husband of Mrs. Kenyon. Jack Callaghan and Anne Miller, furnishing the love interest in the play, got a lot out of their scenes. Bob Gwaltney, took the only bit part in the production and added to the

comedy greatly. Mr. Kelly says he plans to have more of the "legal counselor" in a re-write of the play.

"Gulbranic's Panic" was carried to Mars Hill College Tuesday of this week, where it was presented before approximately 675 N. C. County School Superintendents at their convention. The performance was hailed as best of the three presented at the convention, and approval for the acting and the play itself was expressed by many of the superintendents.

**CPL. JONES HOME FROM KOREA**

Cpl. Robert B. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Jones of Spruce Pine, is spending a 30-day leave with his parents and with relatives in Yancey County, after serving 10 months with the 9th Inf. Regt. in Korea.

Cpl. Jones entered the army February 9, 1951. He received his training at Camp Rucker, Alabama.

He was wounded in action October 6, 1951, while serving in Korea.

**Entertained With Party**

Mrs. John Bennett entertained with a luncheon at her home on Orchard Drive Friday, honoring Mrs. William B. Wray, Jr. Guests present were Mrs. Wray, Mrs. Bruce Westall, Mrs. Phillip Ray, Mrs. R. Y. Tilson, Mrs. C. P. Randolph, Mrs. P. C. Coletta, Mrs. R. I. Wicker and Miss Ruth Rich.

Mrs. R. Y. Tilson also entertained with a dinner party for Mr. and Mrs. Wray at her home Wednesday evening. Other guests present were Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett, Rush T. Wray, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Proffitt, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Ray, Mrs. J. Bis Ray, Mrs. S. T. Roland, Mrs. Kate Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Westall and daughter, Mary Alice.

**YANCEY COUNTY PAVING REPORT FOR JULY**

Raleigh.—The State Highway Commission completed 1.8 miles of new paving in Yancey County during the month of July, Commissioner L. Hale Thrash reported today.

Crabtree Creek Road, a farm-to-market, school bus and mail route, was graded, drained and paved with bituminous surface treatment for a distance of 1.8 miles. It was financed by the secondary road bond program.

The Tenth Highway Division brought a total of 129.68 miles of paving and 1.4 miles of stabilization to completion during July, Commissioner Thrash revealed.

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