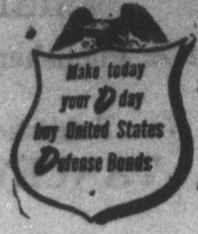




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Noted Singers, Dancers To Take Part In Jubilee

The Mountain Dance and Folk Singing Jubilee scheduled for Saturday night, August 30, at Burnsville Gymnasium will be the biggest affair of its kind Yancey County has ever had.

Dancers, singers and musicians will come from several sections of Western North Carolina to take part in the mountain folk gathering.

The Hanlon Mountain square dance team, led by Earl McElreath Jr. and Joan Rogers, winners of the recent Mountain Dance and Folk Festival held in Asheville, will be among the performers.

Dance teams that are able to perform as this one does often involves as many as 20 different and difficult figures during a dance. And spectators at the jubilee will witness figures and steps handed down through many generations of mountain families.

Lamar Lunsford, from South Turkey Creek, Madison County, will direct Yancey County's first dance and folk singing jubilee. Lunsford founded the festival staged in Asheville each year and acts as master of ceremonies. Because of his activities in folk singing and dancing affairs, he knows the best performers in the mountains, and will have many of the top performers here to take part in the local festival.

LAST RITES HELD FOR JOHN GREENE, 79

Funeral services for John Greene, 79, a retired farmer of Prices Creek, who died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Boyd Shepherd, last Thursday night following an extended illness, were held in Prices Creek Baptist Church Saturday at 2 p. m.

The Rev. W. E. Ray and the Rev. T. E. Woody officiated, and burial was in the Ledford Cemetery.

Surviving, in addition to Mrs. Shepherd, are a daughter, Mrs. Frank Bennett of Baltimore, Md., and a stepdaughter, Mrs. Bertha Banks of Cane River; one sister, Mrs. Grace Cook of Hickory; two brothers, Curt and Noah Greene, both of Bakersville nine grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

IRRIGATION DEMONSTRATION HELD

A meeting of farmers was held last week to see a demonstration on irrigation. The demonstration was held on the farm owned by Dave Peterson on Jacks Creek and was sponsored by the County Agent's office in cooperation with a commercial manufacturer of irrigation equipment.

Several farmers who lost feed and cash crops this year because of the drought were present.

Farm officials in the county encourage the use of irrigation on farms where it is practicable. Very few farms in this county, however, would be able to use this method of farming.

WYATT KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Ernest Thurman Wyatt, 29, of Burnsville and Boone, was killed in an automobile-truck collision about midnight Friday on Highway 18 two miles South of Morganton.

Two passengers who were in Wyatt's automobile were injured, they were Gilmore Presnell of Newdale, and Leroy Ernest Gilbert of Rt. 4 Morganton.

Wyatt was the son of Mrs. Mary Hughes of Burnsville and the late Landon Wyatt. He was a native of this county and formerly resided in Micaville.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2:30 p. m. in Clay Mound Baptist Church at Micaville. Rev. Suel Woody of Spruce Pine and the church pastor officiated, and burial was in the Wyatt Cemetery at Micaville.

In addition to his mother, Wyatt is survived by his wife, the former Gladys Dodson of Boone; three children by a previous marriage; one son by his second marriage; three brothers, Chester W. and Howard of Micaville and Albert of Burnsville; and one sister, Mrs. Delzie Styles of Burnsville.

Several States Represented At Reunion

Approximately 150 persons attended the Y. C. I. reunion at Burnsville High School Saturday. Many local former students and teachers attended the alumni meeting, and one person, Mrs. Kenneth Melchor, came from Fresno, Calif. for the reunion.

Miss Loretta Stout, former teacher in the Baptist institute who has not been to Burnsville since she left 33 years ago, was present. She now resides in Arizona.

Other former students attending from out of town were Robert G. Deyton, vice president of Wake Forest College, Mr. and Mrs. Herrick Roland of Wilmington, A. J. Hutchins of Canton, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hawkins and daughters of Johnson City, Tenn., E. F. Watson of Spruce Pine, Tom Watkins of Valdese, Floyd

CELO COMMUNITY TO LANDSCAPE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Residents of Celo Community are planning to landscape the new South Toe School grounds as one of their community betterment projects in the Western North Carolina Community Betterment Contest.

South Toe School was completed last year and is a modern brick building, built through recommendations from the State School Planning Board to the Yancey County Board of Education. Part of the money allotted to Yancey County from the state was used for construction of the school.

John H. Harris, landscape specialist from State College Extension Service met with a representative group of the community last Thursday to draw plans for the school grounds.

The specialist also made plans for landscaping around the new Bald Creek Methodist Church.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CASE TO GO BEFORE SUPREME COURT

E. B. Powell and Rush T. Wray are the legal members of the Yancey County Board of Education, or at least are able to carry out the legal duties of the board until the State Supreme Court hands down a decision on the appeal from the hearing last week.

Judge McClean ruled last Thursday that Lloyd Fortner and Adrain Buchanan, two members appointed by members of the Democratic Executive committee of Yancey County, were the legal members. Then on Friday he accepted a bond for Wray and Powell, allowing them to continue to carry out the legal duties as members of the board until a supreme court decision is made. The latter men were appointed by the State Board of Education.

The State Supreme Court goes into session this month and continues into September, but it is not known yet if the case will be brought up during the session.

REV. GARRISON TO SPEAK AT METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Webb Garrison, Associate to the Dean of Candler University, Ga., will be the guest speaker at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning at Higgins Memorial Methodist Church, the pastor, Rev. D. B. Alderman announces. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Holleman and children spent last week here with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Holleman, Mrs. Lawrence Whitehurst of Norfolk, Va., their daughter, and Howard and Janet Holleman and Sandra Gregory, grandchildren, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Holleman this week.

THINKING POOL OPEN FOR USE, BOYS TEAR HOLE THROUGH CAMP FENCE

Mr. and Mrs. Lee C. Phoenix and young son of Ellerbe, N. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Phoenix at Cane River this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Strover of Cincinnati, Ohio were recent visitors to Burnsville.

Students and teachers of Burnsville School of Fine Arts left this week after completing the most successful season since Womah's College began sponsoring the summer program here.

A total of eighty two people from eleven states attended the session this year, the first season the School of Fine Arts has been operated on an accredited basis.

Many persons viewed the art exhibits of students during the session, according to Gregory D. Ivy, director. Painting was taught this summer for the first time since the school was established, and a greater number of students enrolled in those courses than in any other course given.

Accredited courses in education were also offered teachers for the first time this year. Many high school and elementary teachers from different sections of North Carolina enrolled for the courses in education.

More than twelve hundred persons attended "Brigadoon",

DR. WHISNANT DEMOLISHES CAR, ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY

Dr. Clyde M. Whisnant, Burnsville dentist, last Thursday night escaped serious injury in a wreck that almost completely demolished the late model Packard he was driving.

The accident occurred about two hundred yards below Windom Baptist Church, two miles east of Burnsville. The car left the highway in a curve and plunged down an embankment of several feet onto the railroad tracks.

Dr. Whisnant, who was returning from a business trip to Shelby, said he fell asleep at the wheel. The wreck happened around mid-night.

No other passengers were in the automobile at the time, Dr. Whisnant received a severe cut on the hand that required several stitches. He was not injured further than the cut, but the automobile looked to be a complete loss when it was hauled to the garage.

V. L. EDWARDS INJURED IN ACCIDENT NEAR HOME

V. L. Edwards, veteran printer and occasional correspondent for the Record, received painful injuries about the body last Friday when a log rolled over him.

The accident occurred when Edwards was attempting to break a log-jam near his sawmill. One log broke loose and caught him before he was able to get clear. Mr. Edwards was pinned down by the log approximately half an hour before help arrived.

He received many painful bruises and lacerations from the accident, but, fortunately, no bones were broken.

Because the doctor advised him to rest three or four weeks, Mr. Edwards said he would not be able to receive any business visitors, relative to his professional work as a printer, before September.

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Art School Closes Successful Season

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Emergency Funds Asked For Drought Relief

Governor W. Kerr Scott has been asked to take a stand for aid to Yancey County farmers in the present feed and cash-crop shortage brought on by the extended drought.

Approximately fifty men—farmers, agriculture officials and business men—met Monday to discuss the crop situation in the county. In the end, a decision was made to ask Governor Scott to take steps to relieve the situation through Federal aid.

The President has at his disposal a special emergency fund that may be used in such emergency cases; however, a request must be made by the governor of the state in which the money is to be used.

Tennessee and Kentucky have already been allotted \$3,000,000 for use by the President.

The group Monday drew up the following telegram and sent it to Gov. Scott, asking for a hearing:

"Forty representatives of

RANGER OFFICE HERE GETS NEW RADIO TRANSMITTER-RECEIVER

Ranger George Vitas of the Toe Ranger District with headquarters in Burnsville, left here last Friday for a two-week vacation in the Northeast.

Merlin J. Dixon, of Daytona Beach, Fla., who has served at different stations in North Carolina and other states, is Acting District Ranger while Vitas is away.

Ranger Vitas, when he returns from his vacation, will find a radio transmitter and receiver installed in his office in the Law Building here. The office will now have direct radio contact with the three units of the district, the Big Ivy area, the South Toe area and the Roan-Unaka Mountain area on the Tennessee line.

The new radio set-up will be used by Ranger Vitas in connection with fire-fighting and other official business.

YANCEY COUNTY TRADE AT HOME JUBILEE

All Yancey County merchants, service station operators, garage men, jewelers and others engaged in a trade business are hereby invited to attend a meeting at the courthouse on Tuesday, August 26, at 8:00 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of discussing and promoting a Trade at Home Jubilee.

Yancey Merchants Association, Inc.

YANCEY COUNTY SCHOOLS TO OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 1

Yancey County schools will begin on Monday, September 1, according to an announcement made this week by School Superintendent Frank W. Howell.

All schools will begin on the same date this year.

Bee Log school was unable to open on the date with other schools last year because the new building, replacing the one destroyed by fire, was under construction.

the farmers and business men of Yancey County do hereby respectfully request that the Governor of North Carolina request the President to declare Yancey County an emergency county.

"A preliminary survey shows that 25 dairy farmers will need 381 tons of hay. Unless this hay can be had at a reasonable price, some of these farmers will be forced out of business. The total needs will be much greater.

"The agricultural agencies have been designated by the farmers and business men to take proper steps to get this county declared an emergency county.

"If additional information is necessary, we therefore request a hearing at your earliest convenience.

"Estimates of crop damage are as high as 75 percent."

The telegram was signed by E. L. Dillingham, county agent

Following that request, another was sent by John Randolph for the local Farm Bureau.

Telephone calls were made to Gov. Scott on the matter, but callers were unable to reach him.

Probable delegates to represent business firms, county organizations and farmers at a conference with the Governor included B. R. Penland, E. L. Dillingham, Paul Laughrun, Lacy Johnson, Norman Barnett, John Randolph, Oscar Deyton, Brantley Briggs, Hiram Higgins, Ralph Ray, C. B. Gillespie, R. C. Deyton, Zeb Young, Ivan Peterson, Howard Johnson, and Mark Hall.

The urgency in getting the declaration made as soon as possible is to allow feed dealers, who ordinarily order shipments of feed at this time, to buy at support prices.

If dealers buy at current prices, hay will cost up to \$70 per ton. But if the emergency is declared, ceiling prices of hay will run \$28 to \$36 per ton.

As the situation now stands, dealers throughout the county want to wait for a decision on the emergency request, for fear of getting caught with \$70 hay and a \$36 ceiling price.

When an emergency is declared by the President, the government will take steps to purchase feed in states where it is more plentiful and make it available to farmers at the \$36 ceiling price.

Officials in the different agricultural agencies here estimate that feed crops and tobacco have reached a 75 percent loss. Estimates a few weeks ago were only 50 to 60 percent, but the loss has increased steadily, they say.

Crops in North Carolina as a whole have been greatly reduced by the dry weather. An estimate by the State Department of Agriculture is that blue-cured tobacco is down this year more than 92 million pounds. The corn crop for the state is 19 percent lower than last year and the lowest since 1944. Irish potatoes are almost 4 million bushels short this year, while sweet potatoes show the lowest crop since 1932. Hay, one of the most important crops for dairymen, is estimated to be short this year more than 223,000 tons.

KEEP The Dance And Folk Festival Date Open