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Principal Gives Teacher Arrangements

Bruce M. Tomberlin, Burnsville School principal, announced this week the elementary teacher placement this year, based on membership at the close of school last year:

First grade: Mrs. Mattie Sorrells, Mrs. R. Y. Tilson and Mrs. Harmie Briggs. Mrs. Brantley Briggs will substitute for Mrs. Briggs.

Second grade: Mrs. Vernie Wilson and Mrs. Charles Proffitt.

Third grade: Nettie Bennett and Alberta Campbell.

Fourth grade: Mrs. Elizabeth Stamey, Mary Evelyn Hensley and Mrs. Lucy Bailey Gardner.

Fifth grade: Nelle Bailey and Ossie Bennett.

Sixth grade: Mrs. Zula Wilson and Mrs. Posey Randolph.

Seventh grade: Gus Peterson and Willie Molt Hensley.

Eighth grade: Ford Bailey and Mrs. Ophie Hilemon.

Mrs. Helme will have charge of public school music and Woodrow Anglin will have charge of physical education.

Mr. Tomberlin said all children entering the first grade for the first time this year must present birth certificates. These, he pointed out, may be secured from the office of Registrar of Deeds.

The principal said the high school department will be as follows: English, Islean Ray; Business, Mrs. Wilhelmina Hensley; Science, Vernie Wilson; Mathematics, Joyce King; Home Economics, Mrs. Robert

Ramsey; History, Mrs. Frank Deyton; Home Economics and English, Mrs. Dorothy Ray; French and History, B. M. Tomberlin; and Agriculture, Max Proffitt.

The regular school day for September and October will begin at 8:30 and will close at 3:00 o'clock, Mr. Tomberlin said. Students who walk to school should arrive on the grounds between 8:15 and 8:30 a. m.

The first day of school, Monday, September 1, will close at 12 o'clock noon.

PARKWAY TRAVEL SETS RECORD THIS YEAR

The Blue Ridge Parkway and National Park areas in Western North Carolina are the most visited of any National Park in the United States according to a release from the State Department of Conservation and Development.

Soaring to a new record of travel for a single month since its opening was the Blue Ridge Parkway during July. Travel on the scenic highway during July was 672,956. This number exceeded July 1951 travel by more than 75 percent. Officials feel certain that travel for the year on the Parkway will go above the three million mark.

Travel during July in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park was 585,562 persons and for the total Western North Carolina area, including State and National Parks, the number of visitors is estimated to be more than ten million persons for the year.

Visitors from out of North Carolina to Yancey County was the greatest this season than any year in the past. Many of the visitors from Florida and other states have purchased sites and built homes recently. These people will be with us each summer and, in many cases, will bring others as time goes by.

Many regular visitors with summer homes in Yancey County have mentioned that this county has more to offer in the way of scenic beauty and favorable climatic conditions than any place in Western North Carolina. Some have expressed the opinion

HUNTER AWARDED M. A. DEGREE AT BOONE

Edgar F. Hunter, Jr., of Burnsville was awarded the Master of Arts Degree by Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, at the graduation exercises held in the college auditorium yesterday.

The degree was in the field of Education and Social Science. Hunter received the Bachelor of Science degree at Appalachian State Teachers College in 1941. Since that time he has been a member of the Clearmont High School faculty. During the coming school year, he will serve as principal of Bee Log High School.

MEN'S CLUB MEETS

At the regular monthly meeting of the Men's Club here Monday night the prospects of a two-way pavement through Madison County to the Yancey County line was discussed.

The highway on the Madison side of Ivy Gap between Burnsville and Asheville has been dangerous to travel for many months. In some places it is almost necessary for one car to take to the shoulder when meeting another.

One man at the club meeting said a contract for reconstruction of the highway was to be let within thirty days, according to information from different sources.

Club members plan to ask Highway Commissioner, Dale Thrash, along with the district and local engineer, to attend the next meeting to discuss prospects for a road from Burnsville to Asheville. If the contract for work on the road has been made before that time, a discussion will not be necessary.

ATKINS REELECTED TO BAR ASSOCIATION OFFICE

Bill Atkins of Burnsville was reelected as secretary of the 18th Judicial District Bar Association at the regular annual meeting in Brevard last Saturday.

Attorney Ralph Fisher was elected to succeed R. W. Wilson of Burnsville as president. That Yancey County as a whole is missing out on much of its tourist possibilities because of lack of accommodations and lack of available cabin sites.

Yancey Merchants Plan Trade Jubilee

The Yancey Merchants Association held a meeting last Tuesday night to make plans for a trade at home jubilee similar to the trade campaign held here last year.

This year all retail business establishments in the county are invited to take part in the trade at home campaign, to make it the biggest thing Yancey County has ever seen in so far as a trade campaign is concerned.

Last year only Burnsville business concerns participated in the jubilee.

The first campaign started on short notice, and merchants outside Burnsville were not contacted to take part because the lack of time would not permit contacting each concern in the county.

Every business place in the county will be invited to take part in the jubilee this year, to promote less buying outside the county when the Christmas trading period begins.

The attitude of most merchants is that Yancey County retail establishments are able to serve their patrons with the same high class merchandise that may be found at other places, with comparable prices and without the cost of travel.

The trade at home jubilee proved to be very successful in the area covered by the campaign last year, and this year the promise looks even brighter than it did last, officials of the Merchants Association say.

The greatest crowd ever to gather at one spot in Yancey County came in last year on the final day of the jubilee.

Santa Claus ambled about the streets passing out candy to the children just before Christmas last year. The details of that phase have not been ironed out yet, but it may be considered a sure thing that Santa will not by-pass the children here this year.

MINISTER ANNOUNCES SERIES OF SERMONS

Rev. D. B. Alderman, pastor of Higgins Memorial Methodist Church, announces the beginning of a series of sermons and their subjects for the next four Sunday evenings. The series of sermons have been given a general theme, "LEARNING TO LIVE WITH SELF."

The sermon subjects and dates are: August 31, "BEGIN WITH OURSELVES"; September 7, "PRAYER CAN REACH WHERE?"; September 14, "LIFE IS TOO BIG TO BE LITTLE"; and September 21, "CONFESSION IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL", all of which to be preached by the pastor. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The pastor also announces the subject of the 11 o'clock hour for Sunday, "THE IMPORTANCE OF LIVING".

ACCIDENT INSURANCE AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN, TEACHERS

The Yancey County Principals and Superintendent of Schools have approved a Blanket Scholastic Accident Insurance Policy to be made available to all students and teachers of Yancey County schools. This policy has been offered to schools by the Pilot Life Insurance Company of Greensboro, North Carolina, for the past five years and over a million children will be covered in the southern states this year. Negotiations for this coverage were made through Mr. C. Bruce Hunter, agent for Pilot Life Insurance Company.

This policy covers any and all accidents while the student or teacher is in the process of either going to school or coming home from school and covers all accidents at school with the exception of the play or practice of inter-scholastic football. The policy is unusual in that it provides payment for any and all fees of legally qualified physicians, surgeons and professional nurses; ambulance and hospital bills not to exceed \$1000.00. Expenses are paid for dental care to sound, natural teeth damaged in accidents up to \$200.00 for each accident. There is also an accidental death provision and loss of limbs benefit up to \$7500.00. Medical expenses are payable in addition to the accidental death benefit. The policy pays regardless of whether or not the individual is covered with similar insurance.

Superintendent Howell has announced that complete details of this plan will be made available to parents on Sept. 1. All children will be given an announcement booklet and a premium envelope which they will take to the home. Participation is on a voluntary basis at the rate of \$1.00 per year per student or teacher insured. School officials feel that this plan meets a long felt need to provide substantial accident protection for students and teachers.

BANKS REUNION DATE ANNOUNCED

The annual Banks family reunion will be held Sunday, September 7, according to an announcement made by a member of the family this week. The reunion will be held at the home of Luther Banks at Bolens Creek.

Mrs. Dewey Mitchell, who underwent an operation in St. Joseph's Hospital, Asheville, Tuesday morning, is reported to be getting along fine.



In the photo above (courtesy of the Asheville Citizen-Times), Lamar Lunsford, second from left, joins Buddy Rickett, left, Mrs. Lunsford and Walter Hawkins in a mountain tune at the Mountain Dance and Folk Festival held recently in Asheville. Lunsford will direct festivities in the gymnasium here Saturday night.

RAIN HELPS TO STOP FIRE ON TOWN WATERSHED

Rain, the first this section has seen in many days, came last night in time to aid in extinguishing what could have developed into a major fire on Burnsville watershed.

The fire broke out on the slope above Bolens Creek on the left prong around noon yesterday. Slight wisps of smoke could be seen from here around one o'clock, the time J. Craig English, county fire warden, and his fire fighting crew arrived at the fire.

English and crew fought the fire until around eight o'clock last night and were getting the flames under control when the rain began to fall.

Merlin J. Dixon, acting U. S. Forest Ranger here, after much difficulty, gathered a crew and was on way to relieve English and his men when the rain began. Dixon remained in the mountain with his crew until morning.

No one knows how the fire started, but it is believed some person picking berries may have started the fire by throwing away a lighted cigarette.

Folk Jubilee Expected To Draw Large Crowd

A large crowd is expected to attend Burnsville's first Mountain Dance and Folk Singing Jubilee to be held Saturday night in Burnsville gymnasium. Much publicity has been given the festival outside of this county, and every indication is that many people from other sections of Western North Carolina will be on hand when the singing and dancing begins at 8:30 Saturday night.

Lamar Lunsford, Madison County man noted for founding the annual Asheville folk festival, will be master of ceremonies, directing the program of singing and dancing.

Square dance winners at the Asheville festival, the Hanlon Mountain square dance team will be one of the many outstanding participants to be featured. The team is led by Earl McElreath and Joan Rogers.

Along with the different square dance teams will be ballad singers, clog dancers, string bands, and a one-man

band taking part in the program. The jubilee is sponsored by the Yancey County Betterment Association and details of the festival was handled by Mrs. Ira West, who is head of the organization's activities.

BRIDGE JOINS PEAKS OVER MILE HIGH

Linville, N. C.—A 228 foot-long swinging bridge over a mile high between peaks of Grandfather Mountain near the Blue Ridge Parkway will be dedicated Tuesday, Sept. 2, with Governor-nominate William B. Umstead as the principal speaker.

Already dubbed the "Unnatural Bridge", the new steel skywalk joins two prominent features of 4,964 foot-high Grandfather Mountain—the "Convention Table" and Linville Peak. Access will be provided by a new link of roadway that opens up portions of the rugged mountain heretofore available only to hikers.

Work on the new road, which lengthens the private highway to the crest of Grandfather from U. S. 221 between Linville and Blowing Rock to four miles and on the steel bridge are being rushed to completion for the dedication, Hugh M. Morton, President of the Linville Corporation, announced.

The dedicatory exercises will begin at 1 p. m. with Grady Cole, Charlotte's WBT and CBS radio commentator, as master of ceremonies. Mr. Umstead will be introduced by publisher D. Hiden Ramsey of the Asheville Citizen-Times.

The bridge, which is four feet wide and was designed to accommodate 40 pedestrians at one time, is unlike any other in this area. Architect for both bridge and steps to Convention Table is Charles C. Hartmann of Greensboro. The 225-foot long steel bridge was erected by Craven Steel Erecting Co., also of Greensboro. Contractor for the road, which is 18-feet wide with crushed stone topping on cranberry rock base, was Wiley N. Greene of Blowing Rock. Construction began in February.

Ballentine Will Speak To Farmers

State Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. Ballentine will be in Burnsville Friday morning of this week to discuss the crop situation here with farmers and county officials. The meeting will be in the Court-house at 10 a. m.

The Commissioner's recommendation to Governor Scott is necessary before any steps are taken for special drought relief funds for the county.

Last week, following a meeting of farmers, farm officials and business men, a telegram was sent to the Governor, outlining crop conditions here and requesting aid.

Before a county may receive aid from the special Federal Relief Fund under direct control of the President, the governor of the state receiving funds must make the request.

Recommendation by Governor Scott was not made until further investigation. Rainfall reports from some

points in this county indicate that the entire county has had adequate rain for crops. These reports have come from areas where rainfall has been adequate. Where as much as seven inches of rain has fallen recently in the reporting areas, other parts of the county has received less than one inch for the same period.

After Commissioner Ballentine's visit here to discuss the problem, he will be in a better position to know what to do about special aid to farmers.

The entire relief program will be discussed by the Commissioner, pointing out the good that may be derived from acceptance of funds and also bringing out the problems to be encountered after funds are available.

Fred Ramsey, who recently received his discharge from the U. S. Navy, is home. He is the son of Mrs. R. W. Ramsey of Burnsville.

Attend The Dance And Folk Singing Jubilee This Week