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Pictured above is part of the choral group that will present a musical program from Handel's Messiah in Higgins Memorial Methodist Church Sunday evening, December 21, at five o'clock. The majority of the same group took part in the program presented at the church last Easter.

## Handel's Messiah To Be Presented at Higgins Memorial Methodist Church

The presentation of music from Handel's Messiah will highlight the Christmas musical programs in Burnsville this year.

Choirs of the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church and the First Presbyterian Church, together with singers from Celo Community, Bakersville, Tipton Hill and surrounding areas will participate in presenting Part 4 of the famous Oratorio at a Vesper Service in Higgins Memorial Methodist Church here Sunday, December 21, at 5 p. m.

The Messiah, by far the best known and most widely performed work of its kind ever written, was composed by John Frederick Handel nearly 200 years ago.

Handel composed the never-to-be-forgotten Messiah at a time when he was sick, nearing blindness, and when his former greatness was being forgotten.

The composer was in poverty and depressed in mind and was said by some to be more atheistic than religious. He refused to write music for the words of the Messiah when first asked to do so by a friend.

However, after studying the words, he became aroused by a religious fervor and hardly ate nor slept until the musical wonder was completed.

Directing the choral group is Mrs. Robert K. Helmle who came to North Carolina from New York four years ago. Before coming to North Carolina she did work in music education at Columbia University. She received her Bachelor of Arts and Masters degrees in music at the University of Iowa since leaving New York. Mrs. Helmle has been teaching at Tipton Hill School.

Mrs. C. O. Reckard, church organist at Higgins Memorial Methodist Church, and Mrs. Winston Felts of Spruce Pine are organists for the program.

Mrs. Reckard originated in Iowa. She came to Burnsville some years ago from Detroit, Mich. where she was active in music and church work for several years.

Mrs. Felts, church organist at the Methodist Church in Spruce Pine, received her training at Western Carolina Teachers College at Cullowhee.

Margaret Taylor, the pianist, now of Celo Community, comes from Greensboro where she spent several years teaching music in the public schools of that city. Her musical training was done at Woman's College in Greensboro.

Soloists for the occasion are

Mrs. Richard Domer of Celo Community, who did work in voice and choral singing at Manchester College; Miss Mary Evelyn Hensley of Bolens Creek, who recently completed work at Meredith College; James Westbrook, athletics director of Bakersville High School; and David Sabstrom of Celo Community and St. Paul, Minn.

### SHAW URGES EARMARKING ROAD TAXES FOR ROADS

North Carolina motorists deserve the same protection for their road funds that motorists in half the states of the nation, including Alabama and Georgia, now enjoy, according to R. Flake Shaw, Chairman of the North Carolina Highway Users Conference.

He pointed out that on November 4th the voters of Alabama, Georgia and Arizona approved amendments to their state constitutions forbidding non-road use of road funds collected from motorists in the form of gasoline taxes and motor vehicle registration fees. Twenty-four states, or one-half the states of the nation, have now passed anti-diversion amendments, Shaw said.

"North Carolina motorists, too, deserve a chance to decide whether their road funds should be earmarked exclusively for roads," he stressed, adding: "In past years, road fund diversion has cost our state road program more than \$28,000,000."

Citing figures recently released by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, Shaw reported that in 1951-nearly \$2,500,000 in North Carolina road funds was channeled into non-road projects.

He emphasized that these millions of dollars should have been invested in improving North Carolina roads, since motorists here are not so wealthy that they can afford to pay both general government taxes and special road taxes, only to see a portion of their road money used for everything but roads.

Shaw said the question of protecting road funds should be answered by the people. "We should urge our lawmakers to submit a constitutional anti-diversion amendment to a public vote as soon as possible in the interest of North Carolina's road future," he concluded.

Presbyterian Missionary Society To Meet December 18

The Presbyterian Missionary Society will meet at the church Thursday night, December 18 at 7:30 p. m.

### BURNSVILLE TEAMS WIN TWO DOUBLE-HEADERS

Burnsville High School basketball teams brought their double-header wins to three by winning both games against Harris High School Friday night and taking both in county conference games from Micaville High School Tuesday night.

In the game with Spruce Pine, Olen Higgins, Burnsville's leading scorer for Burnsville girls, racked up 40 points to bring the local girls through to victory with a 60-41 score.

In the boy's game, Norton of Spruce Pine took high honors in the scoring with twenty points. Burton and Higgins of Burnsville tied with fifteen points each.

The final score in the boy's game was Burnsville, 51; Spruce Pine, 42.

Olen Higgins again led the Burnsville girls Tuesday night with 36 points against Micaville High School for a final score of 55-49 for Burnsville.

Marsh led Micaville's team with 19 points, while Ballew came a close second with 16 points. Young scored 14 for Micaville girls.

Burnsville boys took a winning count against Micaville with a final score of 65-45.

Joe Higgins looped 27 of Burnsville's points, while Simmons of Micaville led the scoring for his team with 15 points.

### Hunter To Speak At Vesper Service Sunday Evening

C. Bruce Hunter, Superintendent of Yancey County Schools, will speak at the Vesper service at Higgins Memorial Methodist Church Sunday evening at 5:00 p. m., December 14.

## Judge Vacates Order, Decision To Be Appealed

The restraining order signed by Judge W. K. McLean recently to prohibit the Yancey Board of Education from accepting bids and entering into contracts for a central high school building here was dissolved by Judge Will Pless in a hearing Tuesday.

The temporary injunction case was scheduled to be heard next Thursday, but a quicker hearing was arranged before Judge Pless.

This is the fourth time the plaintiffs in the school row have lost in separate cases involving the legality of board of education members, or orders restraining the acceptance of bids and making contracts. Two times the State Supreme Court has reversed rulings made by judges in cases involving the row, while at two other times supreme court judges have vacated restraining orders secured by plaintiffs. A \$2000 indemnity bond has been set to be made by the plaintiffs if the cases referred to the supreme court.

One of the attorneys appearing for the plaintiffs said the case will be carried before the supreme court in February. The attorney also indicated that the school may be brought to a head legislative action. The State Legislature will convene in January.

## COUNTY-WIDE BTU CONFERENCE HELD AT BOLENS CREEK

Boleens Creek Baptist Church was host to a county-wide meeting of Baptist Training Unions Monday night.

Delegates represented nine Training Unions and churches of the county. Churches represented included Mt. Pleasant, Riverside, Jacks Creek, Zion, West Burnsville, Burnsville First Baptist, Browns Creek, and South Estate.

Juniors of the union gave Scripture readings, while members of the Intermediate Department presented special music.

Other members from the different unions taking part in the program included Mrs. Francis McMahan, Dona Lewis, Ronnie Bailey, Myra Holcombe, Jeanette Bailey, and Janice Murphy.

New county-wide officers were installed. Taking office were J. E. Johnson, associate director; Mrs. Bruce Bailey, secretary; Mary Evelyn Hensley, pianist; Mr. Vera Carter Ray, leader of beginners; Louise Silver, junior leader; Sara Hensley, intermediate leader; Mrs. E. F. Hunter, young people's leader.

Mrs. Lewis Shford was installed as adult leader, and Mrs. E. G. Atkins, Mrs. Walter McKinney and M. Rotha Bailey as group leaders.

Rev. A. Z. Jamson, pastor of the Bolens Creek Church, closed the meeting with a message entitled "Thy All May Learn."

### PMA ELECTIONS SCHEDULED IN 16 COMMUNITIES OF COUNTY

Time and place for community PMA farmer-committee elections were announced today by W. M. Hensley, chairman of the Yancey County PMA Committee.

Community elections will be held in the county's 16 designated agricultural communities on December 18, 1952, from 9:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.

The elections will be held at the same place the nomination meetings were held, Hensley said.

In each community, three members of a community committee and two alternates and a delegate and alternate delegate to the County Convention are to be elected. The County Convention will be held December 19. The elected committeemen will take office immediately and serve during 1953.

The programs administered by the committeemen include the Agricultural Conservation Program, Price Supports, Marketing Quotas and Acreage Allotments, as well as Defense Production Goals.

Every farmer in each community in Yancey County who as owner, tenant, operator, or sharecropper is participating in any program administered by the County PMA Committee is eligible to vote in the election in his community.

In urging every eligible farmer to vote, Hensley said:

"Whether you are satisfied with the administration of the committeemen now in office or not, you should vote anyway. The right to vote means nothing if it is not used."

### TEACHERS TO HOLD COUNTY MEETING HERE FRIDAY

Professor John Howell of Appalachian State Teachers' College will be guest speaker at a teachers' meeting Friday at 2:00 p. m., according to C. Bruce Hunter, county school superintendent. The meeting will be held in Burnsville School auditorium.

Professor Howell will talk on grades and promotion in county schools.

Superintendent Hunter said Yancey County teachers are making a study of the systems of promotion in our schools.

One field of thinking among today's educators is to promote children to a higher grade without a qualifying knowledge or grades.

This mass-production idea to graduate high school students without a qualifying grade probably arose from crowded conditions in schools of the state where space is needed for ever increasing attendance.

The other thought, which is age old and produced a true education in schools, is to require a grade of merit before a student is promoted.

Superintendent Hunter expressed his beliefs in the old trend of education where knowledge is required for student promotion.

The program at the next teachers' meeting will follow the theme of Guidance and Counseling.

### 772 MOTORISTS LOSE LICENSES IN NOVEMBER

Raleigh—The Department of Motor Vehicles reported today that 772 North Carolinians lost their legal driving privileges in November for drunken driving.

Other violations, which the Department summarizes monthly, included 65 for speeding over 75 mph; 63 for driving after license revoked; 56 for two offenses of speeding over 55 mph; and 46 for reckless driving.

Transporting liquor brought 28 convictions and 19 faced charges of being habitual violators. All convictions call for the revocation or suspension of operators' licenses.

## Yancey Agent Takes Part In National Meeting

E. L. Dillingham, local County Agent, returned last week from attending the 37th annual National Association of County Agricultural Agents held in Chicago.

Dillingham was a voting delegate from the Western North Carolina Agents Association.

Key speakers at the convention included—R. B. Tootell, Director Montana Extension Service; Herschel D. Newsom, Master National Grange, Washington, D. C.; C. M. Ferguson, Director of Extension, Ohio State University; F. L. Ballard, Director Oregon Extension Service; William L. Nunn, Director, University Relations, University of Minnesota; Fred C. Jans, Field Agent, Extension Service, Washington, D. C.

Dillingham attended meetings devoted to the Association committee work to improve county extension work.

He attended the International Livestock Show and visited the 4-H Club Congress meeting. He also visited Lion's International Headquarters while in Chicago.

Mrs. Dillingham accompanied her husband on the Chicago trip and enjoyed the special entertainment provided for the visiting ladies, including luncheons and sight-seeing trips through the city.

The balance of the meeting Dillingham attended was devoted to Association committee work to improve County Extension work.

One hundred and forty County Agents from 43 states attended the meeting. 1953 officers elected include: Leonard

Kerr, Memphis, Tennessee, president; Joe T. Brown, Brockton, Massachusetts, vice-president; Paul Barger, Waterloo, Iowa, secretary-treasurer; Sherman Hoan, Sterling, Colorado, Member Executive Committee; E. J. Johanssen, Emmet, Idaho, director, Western region; H. G. Seyforth, Ellsworth, Wisconsin, director, North Central region.

The 1953 annual convention will be held October 11 to the 15 in Philadelphia, Penna.

## UNITED STATES RITES HELD FOR MRS. DORCAS MCINTOSH

Funeral services for Mrs. Dorcas McIntosh, 72, who died Friday morning at her home after a brief illness, were held Sunday at 2:00 p. m. in the home.

The Rev. Arthur Pate and the Rev. D. B. Alderman officiated and burial was in the Higgins Cemetery at Bald Creek.

She was the widow of Sam McIntosh of Yancey County.

Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. Vay Anglin and Miss Pauline McIntosh of Burnsville, Mrs. J. H. Masters of Weaverville, Mrs. Ollie Reynolds of St. Augustine, Fla., Mrs. Clyde Styles and Mrs. Frank Hensley of Cane River.

Also five sons, Hugh of Cane River, Fred of Asheville, Herman of Ivy, Harry of Weaverville and Solan of Burnsville.



EISENHOWER TOURS KOREAN WAR ZONE—First-hand report on Korean war is made to President-elect Eisenhower by Gen. Mark Clark (left), supreme commander, as Ike tours war zone.

Eisenhower, after spending a three-day search for a formula to end the fighting in Korea with a victory for the United Nations, said that although there is no easy way to end the fighting, "much can be done, much will be done" to improve the situation.

### BURNSVILLE FFA GROUP TAKES PART IN JUDGING CONTEST

A crop judging team from Burnsville was among the sixteen teams of Future Farmers of America entering a crop judging contest held at Bardsville High School Wednesday.

The teams entered in the contest came from sixteen different high schools in the Blue Ridge Federation of the FFA, Yancey, Buncombe and Madison counties make up the Blue Ridge Federation.

The team from Burnsville consisted of Dennis Smith, Bobby Honeycutt, and Edgar Griffith.

A meeting was also held by the FFA Federation. Jimmy Curtis and David Gillespie represented their school at the meeting. Gillespie is vice-president of the Blue Ridge Federation.

### BUCKNER'S SHIP CARRIES EISENHOWER

Seaman David Buckner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Buckner of Burnsville, is a crew member of the USS Helena, heavy cruiser which President-elect Eisenhower boarded at Guam for Hawaii following his trip to the war torn Korea.

Ike boarded the ship at Guam last Friday and was carried to Honolulu. Other United States officials were aboard the ship for a conference with the next President.

Buckner was assigned to foreign duty with the cruiser in July and has been in the Korean area since that time. He volunteered for the Navy at the age of seventeen last March. The USS Helena was scheduled to come to port at San Francisco Friday of this week.