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Nearly 100 Acres Burned In Fire

The forest fire in Shinbone Basin in Mitchell County has been brought under control after about 100 acres of some of the best white pine in the district was burned over, according to George Vitas, District Forest Ranger. Mr. Vitas stated that it would take a hundred years to restore the burned over area to its former condition. The fire was apparently started by a camp fire that a fishing party had left burning.

This was one of the worst fires this district has ever had. In addition to being extensive in area the fire was hard to handle because of the abundance of fallen timber and the steep and difficult terrain. As many as fifty men at a time were used to fight the fire. Fire warden crews were sent in from Marion and Old Fort of the Catawba district, Barnardville, Celo, Pop-

lar, and Buladean of the Toeocane district and from the Cherokee National Forest in Tennessee.

Supervisors on the fire were Albert Ballew, Louis Shuford, James MacDougald, and Odie Wilson of South Toe; and Bill Melton, Mote Allen, and Vern Banks of Barnardville. Assistant Supervisor of the N. C. National Forests, R. L. Chipman also helped supervise the fighting.

According to George Vitas, it is unusual to have a fire of such proportions at this time of the year. Normally the fire season starts on the 20th of October.

Shinbone Basin is just over the county line from Lost Cove.

Traffic Toll For August Announced

W. A. Rector, State Highway Patrolman for this area reported the traffic score for Yancey County for August; one of the worst traffic months on record. There were a total of fifteen accidents with sixteen persons injured. The property damage was estimated at \$4,160.

"Excessive speed is responsible for over half of the accidents," stated Mr. Rector.

NOTICE

The District Health Department office will be closed Monday, September 7, Labor Day.

Third Annual Picnic Held At Riddle Home

Sunday, August 30 the third annual picnic of the members of Rev. Grady Riddle's churches was held at the home of the Rev. Grady Riddle and Mrs. Lois Riddle. People who attended were from St. Paul Church at Forest City, Union Hill Church at Union Mills, and from St. Mark's Church in Asheville. A former pastorate of Rev. Riddle. Approximately 100 people attended the picnic.

Local Forest Workers Attend Training Session

Forest Ranger George Vitas, Assistant Merlin Dixon and Forestry Aide Albert Ballew were the three forestry representatives from Yancey County to attend the five day Forest Rangers training session held at Busick from Aug. 24 to Aug. 29.

Among those present was D. J. Morris, supervisor of the North Carolina National Forests. He led a discussion on timber compartment prescriptions which is forestry language for analyzing a stand of woods for its best use.

Various aspects of forest rangers work were discussed by the participating rangers each evening. George Vitas led the discussions on Christmas trees and Mining.

John Stanley of Catawba, who previously occupied the Burnsville office was camp manager. There are eleven rangers in the North Carolina area which is more than in any other in the United States.

Textile Union Meet At Junaluska September 11

A three-day training institute, beginning September 11, will be attended by some 100 representatives of North and South Carolina locals of the United Textile Workers of America, A. F. L. at Lake Junaluska assembly. The institute will have among its objects improved handling of union business, development of ing out of work loads and time studies, and union participation in community affairs.

Local No. 242 UTA-AFL in Kona, will be represented at the institute by President Vernon Presnell of Green Mountain and Sec-treas. J. B. Thomas also of Green Mountain.

Among those participating in the discussion will be Lloyd Klenert, international Sec-treas., UTMA, George Baldanzi, director of organization, Ross Groshong and Darsey Mosely who will lead the workload discussions; Perry Melton, formerly editor of Montana AFL and Joe Pedigo will lead the discussion on publicity.

Rev. & Mrs. Moffatt Go To Scotland

Rev. and Mrs. Charles L. Moffatt will sail from New York on September 16 en route to Southampton, England. From there they will go to Edinburgh, Scotland where he will enroll in the Graduate School of Theology. They will remain there either one or two years, depending on circumstances, while he is studying for his Doctor of Theology degree.

Rev. and Mrs. Moffatt also hope to do a little traveling on the continent while they are there. They are especially interested in visiting the Holy Land.

MINISTER ANNOUNCES SUNDAY SERMON TITLE

Rev. D. B. Alderman, minister of Higgins Memorial Methodist Church, Burnsville, announces that the title of the Worship Hour sermon for Sunday, September 6, 11 o'clock, will be "The Kind Of Minister I Would Like To Be."

This is the first of two sermons to be preached at the Methodist Church with reference to Minister and Church members, announces Rev. Alderman. The public is cordially invited.

NOTICE

Stores in Burnsville will continue to be closed every Wednesday afternoon until the end of October.

Keep Roadside Parks Clean, say Highway Officials

Highway Chairman A. H. Graham made a pleasor motorists who rest or picnic at one of the State's 15 roadside parks or 300-odd roadside trees which are located along the State's primary routes to beware cooperative about cleaning up afterwards. Graham said the Commission had had several complaints from travelers about the cleanliness of the parks and tables. He urged motorists who stop at the parks to tables to leave the place as clean as possible so that the next group of picnickers could enjoy them. He said that covered garbage cans are provided at each site for the disposal of paper and refuse.

These parks have proved a great boom to the out-of-State tourist as well as to the Tar Heel traveller. The parks and tables have proved very popular with travellers.

The current roadside park and table program was started in the spring of 1952. It is the outgrowth of a study made by a joint committee of the Department of Conservation and Development and the State Highway Commission, in charge of carrying out the program.

Usually situated in a grove of trees, the parks—about one and one half acre in size—are adjacent to the highway. The Highway Commission provides surfaced drives, off-road parking, picnic tables, fireplaces, fresh drinking water, toilet facilities with running water, and covered garbage cans.

Besides the roadside parks, the Commission has placed about 300 individual roadside tables at intervals along the primary highways for the convenience of travelers.

Dedication Service To Be Held Sunday

The program planned for the dedication of the Yancey Hospital has been announced by B. R. Penland, member of the hospital board.

The service will open at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon with the singing of a hymn. The program will continue with the following program: Invocation by Rev. Ray Garvey of the Burnsville Presbyterian Church; A History of the Hospital by W. B. Robertson, Jr.; A Word of Appreciation by D. R. Fouts; A Prayer of Gratitude by Rev. D. B. Alderman of the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church; Introduction of the Personnel by Mrs. Mabel I. West; From To-

Home Agents Meet In Burnsville September 15

An all day program-planning workshop for Home Demonstration Agents from seven counties will be held September 15 at the Baptist Church in Burnsville. Several specialists from State College will be present to discuss various aspects of home agents work.

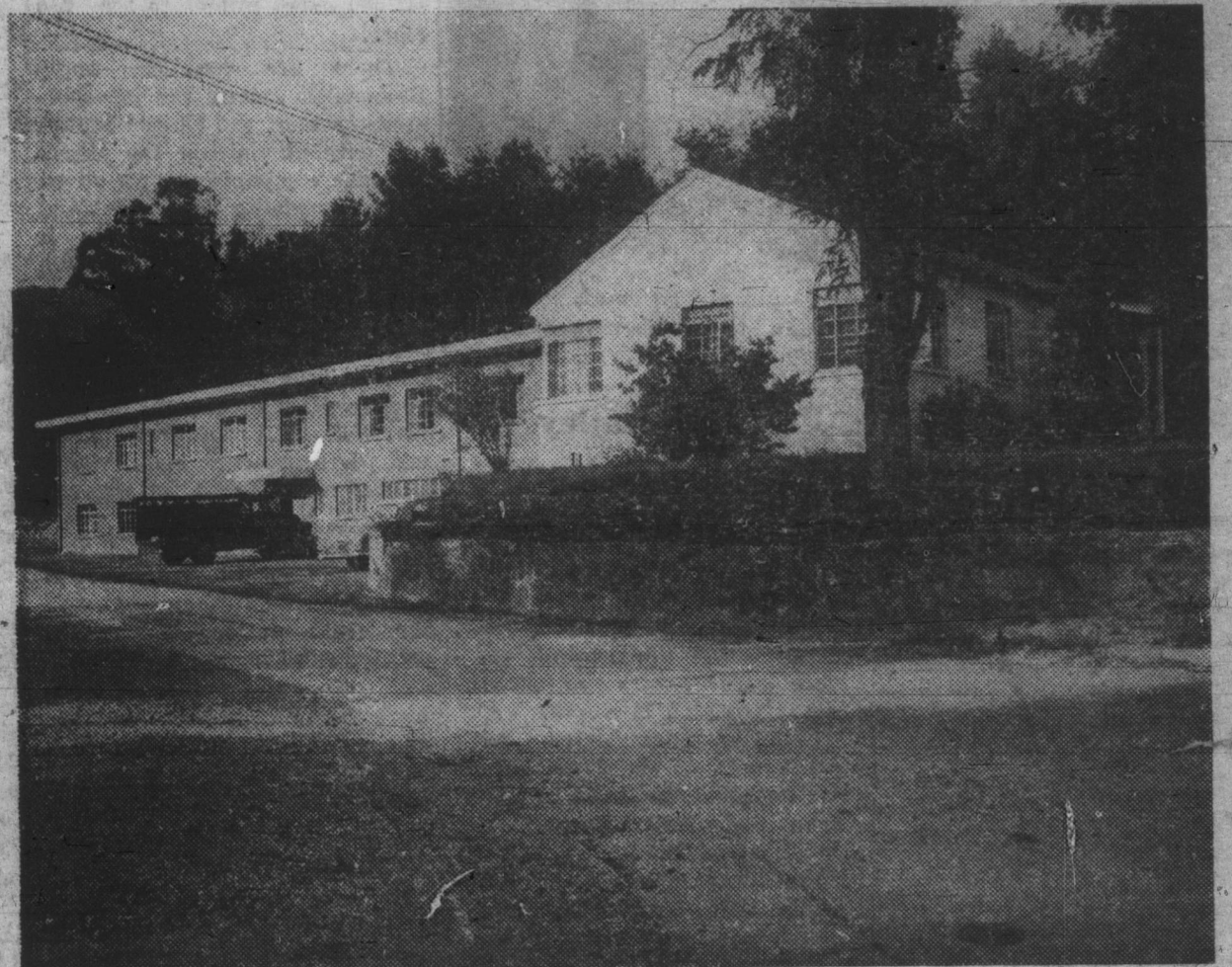
Home Demonstration agents from Watauga, Avery, Mitchell, Yancey, Buncombe, Henderson, and Transylvania Counties will be present.

Streams Are Closed

Wildlife Warden M. B. Higgins has announced that all trout streams in this area have been closed to fishing as of August 31. The streams will be open for fishing again April 15, 1954.

Mrs. Jim Bingham, Mrs. Sam J. Huskins, and Miss Peggy Jeanne Huskins attended the Saturday evening performance of "Unto These Hills" and spent the week end at Fontana Village.

Hospital Opens Monday



One of the Best

When Sample Forbus, secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Hospital Association inspected the hospital for acceptance by the association, he was quick to make his appraisal. "For this size hospital," he said, "it is one of the best in North Carolina."

Meet The Staff At Hospital Open House

Dedication of the Yancey Hospital Sunday afternoon will consist of a simple religious ceremony at 2 p. m., in which the people of the county and the personnel will be introduced. Open house will be held for the remainder of the afternoon. Visitors are invited to talk with members of the staff who will be present, and to inspect the hospital and its equipment.

The next morning, Monday, September 7, the hospital will open its doors to patients and a dream will have become a reality. The dream started to become real at a meeting of the Men's Club at the Community House eighteen months ago. At that time the problem of building a hospital was turned over to a committee consisting of B. R. Penland, Howard Johnson, Wm. E. Anglin, James Anglin, Reece McIntosh, Dover Fouts, T. M. Tyner, Tony Zelinski, and H. S. Edge. The present hospital board consists of this committee.

Hard work by the committee paid off. Merchants of Burnsville offered much of the material free or at cost. Mills and mines in the county offered free use of men and machinery for excavating the site. Many citizens donated labor and cash. Donations also came from adjoining counties. After the building was completed, clubs, churches, business firms, and individuals contributed equipment and furnishings. The total cost in cash expenditures to date has been \$64,000.

Mrs. Mabel I. West was appointed as administrator of the hospital in April. In the short time she has served in that capacity she has found a new doctor secured the complete personnel, had the hospital approved by health insurance organizations, seen to all the finishing touches necessary for putting the hospital into operation, as well as the hundreds of odd jobs required to line up services and supplies. She has shown a deft hand at cutting red tape.

In addition to Mrs. West, who will take care of the business end of the hospital, the staff will consist of the doctors using the facilities of the hospital, nurses, nurses' aide, laboratory technician, dietician, kitchen workers, and orderly.

Mrs. Max Proffitt is head nurse. After receiving her training at Ellen Fitzgerald Nursing School in Monroe, N. C., she

took postgraduate work at Woman's Hospital, New York City, specializing in operating room work in obstetrics and gynecology and in ward management. She then went to Duke University Hospital in Durham for an additional year of training. Her first work as a practicing nurse was in Asheville in several hospitals, doing work in all fields of nursing. Her home is in Bald Creek, where she has been active in home demonstration and church work.

Miss Margaret Greene, who was born and reared in Yancey County, and Miss Kathleen Cook from Canton are the two registered nurses. Both graduated last August 28 from Rutherford Hospital in Rutherfordton. They have been classmates for the three years of nurses training. According to Mrs. West, the hospital can use another registered nurse who can qualify as a nurse-anesthetist.

Mrs. Willard Hall of Burnsville is one of the registered practical nurses. She has had two years experience at Appalachian Hall Hospital and two years in the hospital in Chester, S. C. Mrs. Jennie Ray Rutledge, the other registered practical nurse, has had experience in Grace Hospital in Morganton and St. Joseph's in Asheville. Miss Pauline Cole will serve as practical nurse. She resigned from Aston Park Hospital in Asheville effective last Monday, August 31, to be here on the opening day. Assisting the nurses will be one nurses' aide, Mrs. Lucille Bradshaw of Relief.

The laboratory technician, Howard M. Wright, registered M. T., will not be here for the opening, his resignation from a hospital in the eastern part of the state not yet being effective. He expects to come to Burnsville by October 1. He will do all the laboratory work for the hospital. He will also do the X-ray work, electrocardiograms, and basal metabolism tests.

In the kitchen the hospital has employed Mrs. Bright Woody as dietician. She has had extensive experience in that field in the Burnsville school lunch room. She will also be in charge of the kitchen. Assisting her are Mrs. Mabel Roland and Mrs. William McLaughlin, both of whom have had many years experience.

Jim Griffith, who has been working at the hospital for several months will be the orderly.

Dr. Sargent Has Had Many Years Experience

Dr. Melvin Webb and Dr. W. A. Sargent will be the resident physician and surgeon at the new Yancey Hospital. Doctors and dentists in Yancey, Mitchell and Madison Counties have been



DR. W. A. SARGENT

invited to be on the staff of the hospital. Dr. Webb has been practicing in Yancey County since September 1949 and is well known by the people of the county. Dr. Sargent will be here for the opening but will not start his practice until October 12 since he has to wait for his North Carolina license to practice.

Dr. Sargent was born in Vermont where he lived as a farm boy until he left the farm in 1917 at the age of 16 to work and attend high school. After four years of hard work he graduated as salutatorian of his class. "I scarcely know how I did it," stated Dr. Sargent. He continued his training at the University of Vermont in the Adirondack Mountains. There he began the study of medicine. He graduated in 1930 and served his internship at the University Hospital. This was followed by an internship in New York City where he specialized in Obstetrics and Pediatrics. In 1933 he



DR. M. W. WEBB

at Evans, Ky.

"It is with a great deal of reluctance that I leave my present location and my friends here that could scarcely be any finer. It is with hope and faith that I now plan to live in Burnsville; that I may serve the people well is my prayer and hope," stated Dr. Sargent. He also added, "On the 26th of June, 1953 I was so fortunate as to realize the accomplishment of a very deep desire I had had for thirty years—that of becoming the husband of the sweetest girl on earth—the former Miss Frederick Brigham Northrop of Fairfield and South Burlington, Vermont."