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## School Calendar Has Full Schedule

Several contests are scheduled for the schools of the county on the 1953-54 school calendar, according to County Superintendent of Schools Hubert Justice.

A soft ball tournament will be held on October 16 and 17. In November there will be an oration contest at Clearmont on the 19th and a reading contest at Micaville on the 20th.

February 15 to 20 is county tournament week, with the tri-county tournament following from the 22nd to 27th. Bald Creek will be the scene of the spelling contest March 25. The one-act play contest will come off at the Parkway Playhouse on May 13 and 14.

The date for the World Peace contest will be announced later. It is to be held at Bee Log High

School, thus giving every high school one of the regular programs. Judith Kates of Micaville High School won the county and district World Peace Contest in 1951, thereby winning a trip to New York to participate in the national speaking contest.

Music programs will be held in schools throughout the county the first two weeks in April.

A special school bond election will be held October 3.

Holidays include Thanksgiving November 26 and 27, Christmas and New Year December 18 to January 4, Easter, April 16 (Friday and April 19 Monday). Students will have an additional holiday October 9, when the teachers meet in Asheville.

Regular county teachers' meetings are scheduled at Burnsville each month a different school responsible for each program. The first will be September 25 at 2:15 p. m., with Bald Creek School in charge of the program. Yancey County Board of Education meets the first Monday in each month.

Baccalaureate Services on May 23 and graduation on May 25 will conclude the school year.

## Committee Chosen For Challenge Farm Program

Yancey County's Challenge program designed to raise the standard of rural living, has gotten well under way with the selection of eight committees to work on the various farm and home problems. The following committees will serve: cash crop dealing with tobacco, pepper and other market crops, livestock (including beef cattle, sheep, and hogs), dairy, poultry, Live at Home, health, home improvement, and community organization. These committees are made up of farmers representing all parts of the county.

All the official agricultural workers in the county are actively participating in the program in addition to Mr. John Crawford and Miss Florence Cox, program planning specialists from State College.

On September 17 a meeting is planned for all agricultural workers and home economics teachers in the county. All the committees will be invited in to a meeting planned for September 29 in the court house at 7:30 p. m. At this meeting definite plans will be made to bring the program into all parts of the county. The public is invited to attend.

## Institute Warns Of Traffic Dangers

A predicted 2,000 children under 14 will be killed on their way to and from school during the coming term. Thousands more will be injured, many for life.

But it need not happen to your children if you take the responsibility for getting them off to school with a safe start.

In making this grim prediction the Institute for Safer Living of the American Mutual Liability Insurance Company, urges parents to personally escort younger children to and from school until good safety habits are established. The following rules are suggested:

1. Work out and use the safest route to and from school with your child, taking into consideration not the shortest distance, but rather the safest crosswalks, and available traffic police protection.
2. Where there is no policeman, teach the youngster to stop on the curb, look both ways, and watch for turning traffic before walking across.
3. If it is necessary for your child to walk on a roadway, teach him to walk on the extreme left edge of the road, always facing traffic.
4. Impress your children with the need for obeying all traffic officers, school crossing guards, school safety patrols or mechanical signs and signals.
5. Insist on no playing in streets, alleys, or driveways.
6. No roller skating to and from school.
7. No hitching rides on motor vehicles when cycling to and from school.
8. If an older brother or sister is accompanying your younger children to and from school, go over the route with both children and insist on responsibility from the older one, and recognition of authority by the younger one.

## LARGEST TEN COMMANDMENTS FOUND IN N. C. MOUNTAINS

The largest Ten Commandments are to be found on a mountainside near Murphy. At Fields of the Wood, a religious assembly ground, the Church of Prophecy Marker Association has spelled out the Commandments in white stones on the mountain. Passengers on planes flying over this resort area can read the inscription.

As many as 3,000 sightseers visit the assembly ground on Sundays. Throngs attend Easter and autumn assemblies at Fields of the Wood. It is near Lake Hiwassee on N. C. Highway 294 near the Tennessee border.

## Hospital Opening Attended By 1500

Approximately 1500 people attended the open house service at the Yancey Hospital last Sunday afternoon. After the dedication ceremony at which the hospital was formally presented to the people of the county, visitors continued to come in until about seven o'clock in the evening.

Practically all of the hospital personnel was present at the opening. Dr. Sargent had arrived the day before after driving from Evans, Ky., to meet his

wife here who also arrived Saturday from Vermont with her brother-in-law, H. A. Bailey. The laboratory technician, Howard M. Wright will be here by the first of October.

Up to the present time (Thursday noon) there have been nine people admitted to the hospital. Several of these were prospective mothers hoping to have the first Yancey Hospital baby. All of these were released after it was found that the symptoms were false alarms.

Among other hospital admissions were W. Z. Robertson, Blake Ray, who was released Thursday and Mrs. W. J. Dowd who was admitted Thursday.

## 4-H Dairy Show Has Many High Winners

All of the twenty-two animals entered in Yancey County's first 4-H dairy show made good showing by winning all blue and red ribbons, according to T. S. Godwin, assistant county agent.

4-H members entering animals and their placings are: Junior Guernsey, Tommy Gibbs and Gale Duncan, blue ribbons; Joe Gillespie and Jim Wilson, red Holstein, Tommy Ray and Tommy Gibbs, red ribbons. Senior Guernsey, Tommy Buchanan,

blue; Senior Holstein, Edgar Wheeler, blue; Peggy Ray, red. Junior Yearling Guernsey, Ronald Peterson, blue; Jim Wilson, Aubrey Duncan and Richard Conley, red. Junior Yearling Holstein, Danny Duncan, red. Senior Yearling Guernsey, Aubrey Duncan, blue; Richard Briggs, red; Senior Yearling Jersey, Danny Wilson, blue. Senior Yearling Ayrshire, Beverly Silver, blue; Verleen Silvers, red. 2-4 year old Jersey, Edwin Bryan and Edgar Bryan, blue.

4-H members placing in showmanship were first, Donald Buchanan; second, Edwin Bryan; third, Beverly Silvers.

Placing in best fitted animal were first, Peggy Ray; second, Aubrey Duncan; third, Tommy Ray.

All of the animals handled very well, however, some of the calves were not fitted as well as they could have been.

## Yancey County Debt Lowered

From a high of close to a million dollars in 1947, the county debt has been cut down to a little over \$650,000 according to information received from the office of Luther Robinson, County Accountant.

A complete account of Yancey County's debt was given in a letter to Mr. Robinson from the North Carolina Local Government Commission. The letter states in part:

"We now show the following amounts outstanding: \$66,000 School Refunding, \$547,500 General Refunding, \$12,000 Road and School Refunding, \$31,000 School Funding, and \$1,039.02 Interest Funding. This is a total of \$657,539.02 outstanding 6-30-1953, according to our records."

## PTA To Hold First Meeting Tuesday

The Burnsville Parent-Teacher Association will hold the first meeting of the year Tuesday evening, September 15 at 7:30 p. m. in the High School Library. Mrs. Roy Ray, president, will preside over a short business session, following the business session a social hour will be held honoring teachers.

All parents and everyone interested in the school are urged to attend.

## Marriage Licenses Issued

Three marriage licenses were issued recently by the office of Mrs. Evelyn Pate, Register of Deeds. They were issued to Lawrence McMahan, son of Bis McMahan of Micaville and Madge Duncan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Duncan of Penland; Harold Geuge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Geuge of Spruce Pine and Phyllis Willis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Willis of Penland; and to James Ellis Hollifield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hollifield of Celso and Shirley Barnette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Barnette of Celso.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edwards and daughter, Suelen, of Iaeger, West Virginia, spent the week end with Mrs. Edwards' parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Ledford of Bee Log.

## Yancey Dairy Entries Make Good Showing

Seven 4-H members entered animals in the W. N. C. Junior Dairy Show at Enka September 1-2, according to T. S. Godwin, assistant county agent. Members entering animals and their placings are: Ronald Peterson, blue; Aubrey Duncan, Beverly Silvers, Tommy Buchanan, Tommy Gibbs and Danny Wilson, red; and Donald Buchanan, white.

Beverly Silver won second place in showmanship and the best fitted animal in the Ayrshire breed.

These animals were competing against the best animals from 21 other western counties.

## FUNERAL SERVICES

W. Z. ROBERTSON

Funeral services for W. Z. Robertson, 67, who died Wednesday afternoon in the Yancey Hospital after a long illness, will be held at the First Baptist Church Friday at 2:30 p. m., with Rev. Charles B. Trammel, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Robertson cemetery.

He had been co-owner of the Robertson Brothers Drug Store here for 40 years prior to his retirement from business about eight years ago.

He was a trustee and deacon of the Burnsville First Baptist Church.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Sallie Lou Banks; three sons, Dr. M. E. Robertson of New Windsor, Md., Kenneth Robertson of Burnsville and Lee Ray Robertson of Morristown, Tenn.; one brother, Herbert of Morganton; and three grandchildren.

SAMUEL W. ROBINSON

Samuel William Robinson, 54, died at his home in the Brush Creek section of Yancey County on Sunday, September 6.

He was married to Lillie Thomas on February 27, 1921, who survives; also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Virgis Anglin of Burnsville, Mrs. Dock Woody of Green Mountain, Ila Kay Robinson of the home, nine sons, Harold, Brown, Wyman, Eldon, Darian, Loyd and Ila, all of Green Mountain, James of Burnsville, Dewey of Clackton; five brothers, Earl, Lydia, Virgil of Green Mountain, Phillip of Detroit, Mich., Herbert of Asheville; and four sisters, Mrs. Sam Buchanan, Mrs. Theodore Freeman and Miss Belvia Robinson of Green Mountain, and Mrs. Fred Jenkins of Jonesville, the stepmother, Mrs. Martha Robinson of Green Mountain and eight grandchildren.

## Federal Funds For Farm Loans Announced

A new allotment of federal funds for farm housing loans in Yancey County was announced this week by Mack B. Ray, supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration at Burnsville.

Purpose of the credit is to finance homes and farm buildings for farm families. Veterans receive preference.

Since this new type of credit was established by Congress four years ago, about 16,300 farm owners throughout the country have used the aid to improve their homes and buildings. Loans amounting to \$81,416,000, nationwide have been made for new houses, for repairing and remodeling old houses; for new barns, poultry houses, and other buildings; and to improve existing buildings, Ray said.

The loans bear 4 percent interest and are repayable over periods up to 33 years. In the last three years, 29 families in this county have borrowed approximately \$152,950 to improve

inadequate housing, according to FHA officials.

Since the demand for these loans far exceeds the limited loan funds, only farm owners receiving all or a substantial portion of their income from the sale of farm commodities may qualify as borrowers. A loan may be made to improve a farm on which the operator works off the farm only if he or members of his family are farming on a sizeable scale. These loans may not be used to construct rural residences or other buildings for families not generally recognized as farmers, Mr. Ray said.

An FHA committee in each county, composed of three local farmers, decides who is eligible. In Yancey County, committee members are C. Rex McIntosh, Bee Log; Earl C. Wilson, Route 1, Burnsville, and Yates W. Randolph, Green Mountain.

## Recorder's Court

Two out of the three jury cases heard in Recorder's Court last Monday resulted in verdicts of not guilty. These were the cases of Ed Lingerfelt, tried for driving drunk and Ed Mitchell, tried for violation of the prohibition law. The third case, that of Robert Jolly Jarrett, was declared a mistrial in that the jury could not reach a unanimous decision.

Four men pleaded guilty to driving drunk—two of these second offenders, Ulyses Silvers, who pleaded guilty to his second offense was fined \$200 and costs. Pershing Angel also pleaded guilty to a second offense and was sentenced to three months on the road to "run concurrently with the sentence that the defendant is now serving under a judgment of the Superior Court of Madison County," according to records in Clerk of Court Fred Proffitt's office. William Floyd Edwards and Isam Sutton, who pleaded guilty of a first offense were both fined \$100 and costs.

Leslie Peterson, who was adjudged guilty of violation of the prohibition law appealed to Superior Court upon being fined \$25 and costs.

V. A. Wilson and L. B. Banks were each fined \$25 and costs for speeding. Lavern Black pleaded guilty to assault and was sentenced to four months suspended on payment of costs.

## County School Athletic Program Scheduled

The Yancey County Athletic Association was organized recently for the promotion of better sportsmanship and a more adequate recreation program in the county schools, according to Hubert Justice, superintendent of county schools. At their organization meeting the group elected Woodrow Anglin of the Burnsville school as president, Ernest Banner of the Bee Log school as vice president, and Ford Bailey of the Burnsville school as secretary-treasurer.

The group drew up a soft ball schedule for the county with a final tournament scheduled for October 16 and 17. The association will govern athletics in the county schools and will strive to broaden the program to include more activities. Various committees will be selected from time to time to handle special problems that may arise.

## NOTICE

The Woman's Bible Class of Higgins Memorial Methodist Church will meet with Mrs. Fred Proffitt on Thursday, September 17 at 3:00.