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## Roan Mt. Auction Unique In U. S.

On Tuesday morning, October 27th, in what is the only auction of its kind in the South, and possibly in the United States, some 20,000 Fraser Balsam Fir and Red Spruce Christmas trees will be auctioned off to the highest bidders on Roan Mountain.

George Vitas, Toecane District Ranger, with headquarters in Burnsville, said that 35 to 50 wholesale and retail Christmas tree dealers, along with several scores of spectators, are expected to attend the auction. He stated that 37 individual units of standing Christmas trees, ranging from 65 to 1660 trees per unit, will be placed on the auction block. Trees to be sold have been carefully selected by U. S. Forest Service personnel and marked with yellow paint spots near the base. Only marked trees will be sold. Each unit has been appraised and bidding will start at the appraised price. The purchaser will do his own cutting.

He said that the Roan Mountain Christmas tree auction is an annual affair. Under scientific forestry, a perpetual crop of

Christmas trees can be harvested on the Roan. "The prospects for the production of young trees on the Roan is excellent," Ranger Vitas said, "this year the Balsams produced a super-abundance of seed." He stated that about 93 percent of the Christmas trees offered for sale will be of the Fraser Balsam Fir species.

Roan Mountain can be easily reached via, newly paved highways, either from Bakersville, North Carolina or Roan Mountain, Tennessee. Ranger Vitas will be the auctioneer.



Kansas City, Mo.—Pvt. Hardy Davis (right) of Burnsville, N. C., receives his Honorable Discharge from Colonel William F. Spurgin, commander of the 97th Anti Aircraft Artillery Group, prior to his re-enlistment in the Regular Army for six years, at a ceremony on Okinawa. Private Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs.

## LAYMAN'S DAY OBSERVANCE AT METHODIST CHURCH

The observance of Layman's Day, a regular custom of each year's calendar work, will be Sunday, October 25, at Higgins Memorial Methodist Church, Burnsville. The speaker for the 11 o'clock hour will be Mr. A. F. Berrier who is associate Lay Leader of the Thomasville District. Mr. Mack B. Ray, Lay Leader of the church will be in charge of the service.

The "Vesper Service", which is held at the 6 o'clock p. m., will be under the sponsorship of the W. S. C. S. and the Wesleyan Service Guild with the "Day of Prayer" program. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Fire Department Plans Turkey Shoot

Starting Saturday, November 7, at 1:00 p. m. and each Saturday thereafter through December 19, a Turkey Shoot will be held in the Griffith bottoms across the highway from the Glen Raven Mills. These Turkey Shoots will be held by the Burnsville Volunteer Fire Department. Both shot gun and 22 calibre rifle competition will be held each Saturday.

Everyone is cordially invited to join in this good, clean, sport sponsored by the fire department.

## Unemployment Insurance Frauds Detected In N. C.

Chairman Henry E. Kendall of the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina states that progress has been made during the past two years in the prevention and detection of fraud by those who abuse the unemployment insurance program. Seventeen Claims Deputies, located in strategic areas in the state, hold hearings and determine eligibility or questionable claims for unemployment benefits. John G. Roach, Claims Deputy for the 16th district, states that during the twelve months ending June 30, 1953, he made 75 complete investigations in this district, which comprises nine western and Piedmont, North Carolina counties.

In 53 cases, claimants were found to have received payments which they were not legally entitled to receive. Fourteen of these claimants were indicted for fraud and were tried in a court of a Justice of the peace, or in a Recorder's Court. Ten of these were found guilty of fraud, paying fines and costs. They were also disqualified to receive benefits for the balance of the year, and demand was made for refund of all overpayments. Four were acquitted or their cases were dismissed. In the remaining 44 cases, claimants were not indicted for fraud, for lack of evidence or for insufficient evidence, but their accounts were adjusted and demand made for refund of overpayments. One of the indictments for fraud was in Yancey County. Rutherford County had three indictments, Cleveland three, Henderson one, Transylvania one, Polk none, McDowell three, Avery none, and Mitchell two.

A meeting of the Yancey County Soil Conservation district supervisors was held in the local Soil Conservation Service office on October 14, according to Lewis Dameron, in charge of the local program.

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## South Toe Scout Makes Use Of Life Saving Training

Dean Geouge of the South Toe school made good use of his Boy Scout training when a playmate, Clarence Ballew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Ballew of White Oak Road, seriously cut his arm when he fell and ran his arm through a window glass. With the presence of mind that all good scouts should have, Dean noted that the arm had been cut to the bone and that there was danger of loss of too much blood. He immediately stopped the heavy flow of blood by pressing the nearest pressure point as he had learned to do in his Scout training and controlled the flow until Dr. E. R. Ohle arrived. It is believed that Dean saved the life of Clarence by his quick thinking and quick acting. Dean is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Geouge of Celso.

Clarence is reported to be in good condition and may regain the use of his arm and hand.

## Automatic Renewal Of GI Insurance Started

Veterans with GI term insurance no longer have to worry about renewing their policies before they expire (the policies, that is).

Veteran Administration said that in accordance with legislation which went into effect on July 23, it will renew expiring term policies automatically, if the old policies are not lapsed but in force at the end of the term period, with the final premium having been paid on time. The new procedure covers only GI term insurance policies expiring on or after July 23, 1953.

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## Burnsville, Bee Log Win Tournament

The Bee Log Girls and the Burnsville boys emerged as winners of the Yancey County Softball tournament played at Burnsville Oct. 16th and 17th. Coach Ernest Banners girls won over the Burnsville girls 6-3 while Coach Ford Baileys boys defeated the Bee Log boys 6-5 in the finals.

Lois Fender, the left handed pitcher of the Bee Log girls, was in her usual form and had little trouble in pitching her team to victories over the Bald Creek and Burnsville teams.

The Burnsville boys, plagued all season by a one run defeat, came through in the pinches and won three games by the same margin. Denis Smith, Coach Baileys ace pitcher, was in trouble throughout the final game with Bee Log, but outstanding defensive work by Charles Robinson, Jimmy Laughrun, and

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Bruce Hammond stopped the Bee Logs potential rallies. Smith pitched the entire three games, defeating Bald Creek 6-5, Mica-ville 7-6, and Bee Log 6-5.

Results of all games; Girls: Bald Creek 11, vs. Clearmont 7; Burnsville 16, vs. Mica-ville 6; Bee Log 7, vs. Bald Creek 4; Bee Log 6, vs. Burnsville 3.

Boys: Burnsville 6, vs. Bald Creek 5; Bee Log 6, vs. Clearmont 5; Burnsville 7, vs. Mica-ville 6; Burnsville 6, vs. Bee Log 5.

All-tournament teams selected by the coaches as follows:

Girls: 1b, Barbara Allen, Burnsville; 2b, Wanda Fox, Bald Creek; 3b, Chloe Wilson, Bee Log; SS, Shirley Buchanan, Burnsville; OF, Billie Woody, Burnsville; OF, Angline Evans, Clearmont; OF, E. McCurry, Bee Log; C, Mary Styles, Bald Creek; P, Lois Fender, Bee Log; Sub., Carlyn Justice, Burnsville; Sub., M. J. Collis, Clearmont; Sub., M. Fox, Bald Creek.

Boys: 1b, Bruce Fender, Bee Log; 2b, Jimmy Laughrun, Burnsville; 3b, Charles Justice, Mica-ville; SS, J. T. Randolph, Bee Log; OF, Tommy Higgins, Burnsville; OF, Junior Hall, Clearmont; OF, Jack Howell, Bald Creek; OF, A. V. Randolph, Bee Log; C, R. Robinson, Mica-ville; P, Denis Smith, Burnsville; Sub., H. Whittington, Bald Creek; Sub., Ralph Hammond, Burnsville; Sub., Alvin Ray, Clearmont.

## Civil Service Announces Exams

The United States Civil Service Commission has again announced its Junior Management Assistant and Junior Agricultural Assistant examinations for filling positions in Washington, D. C., and throughout the United States. The entrance salary for the agricultural positions is \$3,410 a year, and for the management positions, \$3,410 and \$4,205. The positions are located in Washington, D. C., and throughout the United States.

The Junior Management Assistant examination is designed to bring into the Federal service outstanding young men and women for training and development into future Federal executives. The Junior Agricultural Assistant examination is for filling positions in various fields of agriculture. Both types of positions offer excellent opportunity for advancement. To qualify, applicants must pass written tests and must have had appropriate education or a combination of education and experience. Appropriate experience.

## Building Is Not For Sale, Says Highway Dept.

The Yancey Board of County Commissioners received the following response to a request to buy or rent the State Highway department building:

I have received copy of your letter dated October 5th, 1953, to the State Highway and Public Works Commission, Raleigh, N. C., concerning rumor that I am about to discontinue the highway office in Burnsville, N. C., and move said office to Marion.

I was in hopes this rumor was dead. Some three months ago, I met with several interested citizens from Yancey County, and explained to them that I had no intention of closing the operation of the Burnsville Highway Office. We have nothing in our plans to cause this office to be closed; therefore the office building is not for sale.

The commissioners had considered obtaining the building for the use of the district health department.

The Burnsville Parent-Teacher Association met in the high school library Tuesday night. Plans were completed for the Harvest Festival which will be held at the school on the night of October 30.

The P. T. A. voted in the business session to sponsor the Burnsville Band as a project for the coming year. Uniforms are being sought for the band. Rev. D. B. Alderman read the Devotional and Dr. C. F. McRae made a very interesting talk on "How The Health Department Helps the Program of the School Child." A Film was shown on the home.

Around 50 members were present at the meeting.

## Duke University Announces Several New Scholarships

Duke University has just launched an expanded scholarship program for top-ranking high school students in the South and over the Nation, it was announced here today.

A total of 20 awards, each worth \$1000 per year, are now available on a competitive basis. Each is worth \$4000 for four years' study at Duke provided the winner maintains high grades.

All of the scholarships are for the academic year beginning in Sept., 1954. However, competitions will begin this Fall in some states and after the first of the year in others. Students interested are urged to apply as early as possible.

"The emphasis in this program," the University scholarship committee stated, "will continue to be on bringing to the University the leading young students of the South."

Eligibility for all 20 awards remains the same as in the past: All applicants must be top-quarter students in their high school or preparatory school classes. Awards are made on the basis of merit, emphasizing intellectual ability, leadership and well-rounded character. Winners will be chosen by regional, state or University committees on the basis of interviews, tests and the students' records.

John M. Dozier, executive secretary of the scholarship committee, said, "As in the past, the University will make substantial awards to the most outstanding students who compete in this program but do not win a regional award."

"In the last six years more

## FUNERAL SERVICES

STANLEY GURLEY

Stanley Gurley, 70, a retired farmer, died Friday in the home of Mrs. Wesley Dale in the Green Mountain section of the county.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p. m. in Pleasant Gap Baptist Church. The Rev. Ned Hughes officiated and burial was in the Hughes Cemetery.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

## Now Is The Time To Mail Overseas Parcels

The time designated to send parcels to members of the armed forces outside the continental U. S. is from October 15 to November 15, according to G. Leslie Hensley, Burnsville postmaster.

Mr. Hensley pointed out that the regular size and weight limits for domestic surface parcel post applies to Christmas parcels to the armed forces except that a limit not to exceed fifty pounds in weight has been set for parcels addressed through A. P. O.'s 22, 120, 124, 125, 126, 127, 129, 147, 167, 179, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 202-A, 212, 218, 232, 233, 236, 237, 238, 240, 241, 242, 243, and 755, in care of P. M. New York, N. Y.

Air parcel post intended for personnel of the armed forces serving overseas or naval vessels should be mailed not later than Nov. 25. Air parcel post is limited in size to 30 inches in

## Red Cross To Have Election

The Yancey County Red Cross Chapter will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, October 29 at 7:30 in the Duplan Plant Cafeteria. Matters of serious importance will be freely discussed and in addition the election of officers for the 1953-54 year will be held, according to J. J. Nowicki, Red Cross Chapter Chairman. Every contributor to the fund campaign of 1953-54 year is entitled to vote on all matters effecting the future welfare of the local chapter.

length and girth combined and two pounds in weight.

Boxes for overseas must be of strong construction because of the great distance they have to travel and the handling and storage they must undergo. It is absolutely necessary that all articles for overseas delivery be packed in boxes of metal, wood, solid fiberboard, or strong double faced corrugated fiberboard testing at least 275 pounds. Each box should be tied with strong cord. It is also desirable that all fiber board boxes be securely wrapped in heavy paper. Sealing the flaps with gummed tape where they meet, strengthens the box. But the use of such tape alone is not enough since the tape loosens if the box becomes wet or exposed to moist atmosphere. Sealed parcels of

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## Please Stay Away From Phone When Fire Siren Sounds

In order that we may better serve the public we are respectfully asking that the people of Burnsville help us when the fire alarm is sounded by not using the telephone for at least five minutes after you hear the alarm. The telephone operators tell us that when the alarm is sounded the switch board is immediately jammed with calls and sometimes it is impossible to find out where the fire is for some time. Please co-operate with us in this matter because it is very important that we get our information from the operator as soon as possible.

The Burnsville Fire Department.