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## Preparations Made For Election In Burnsville

At a regular town meeting held at the town hall at 7:00 p. m. March 24, 1955, preparations were made to hold the municipal election on Tuesday, May 3, 1955, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Commissioners. The Burnsville Court House will be the polling place.

Mr. Edd Banner was selected for registrar, Mr. Jim Henry

### Presbyterians And Methodists Unite In Service

The Newdale Presbyterians and Methodists will unite in an Easter Sunrise Service to be held at six o'clock Sunday morning at the Will Young Cemetery on Boonford Road. The pastors Joe Petree and Hershey Longenecker are cooperating in this program. In case of rain the service will be held in the Martin's Chapel Church.

### FUNERAL SERVICES

MRS. LULA LAUGHRUN

Mrs. Lula Laughrun, 82, widow of J. J. Laughrun, died at the home of her son, Ike Laughrun, Tuesday at 1 p. m. after a brief illness.

Funeral services will be held at the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. The Rev. W. B. Royals, the Rev. C. B. Trammel and the Rev. H. M. Alley will officiate. Burial will be in the Fairview Horton Hill Cemetery.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Jessie McIntosh, Asheville, Mrs. Kathryn McCurry, Kirkland, Wash., Mrs. Clarence Briggs, Alexandria, Va.; six sons, Ike, Ralph, Paul, and Luke all of Burnsville, Seth of Asheville and Dr. W. Gus Laughrun of Forest City; three sisters, Mrs. W. H. Gregg of Boone, Mrs. Jennie Bradshaw of Relief and Mrs. R. W. Pettigrew of Nashville; one brother, J. Will Horton of Hampton, Tenn. 28 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

Palbearers will be grandsons. The body will lie in state at the church one hour before the services.

Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home is in charge.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our friends, relatives and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy and for the beautiful floral offerings received at the loss of our husband and father, John W. McAlister.

Mrs. John W. McAlister and children.

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Mr. Dave McKinney and Family.

Wilson and Mr. H. G. Bailey were named Judges for the election.

Registration books for voters will open at 9:00 a. m. April 16, 1955. The books are to remain open between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. on each day (Sunday excluded) for seven days (7) closing April 23, except on Saturday when they shall remain open until 9:00. The final date for candidates will be Saturday, April 16th at 12:00 noon.

On Tuesday, April 12th 1955, there will be a Mass Meeting held at 8:00 p. m. in the Burnsville courthouse for the purpose of nominating a ticket for the coming Municipal election.



**SUITCASE A-BOMB**—Clouds of dust and smoke billow into the air as a sub-surface atom blast erupts from the desert floor in Yucca Flats, Nevada, spewing forth radio-active dirt and debris. The detonation was described as an atomic bomb for saboteurs, small enough for one man to carry in a suitcase.

## Hospital Care Is A Bargain Says Cedric Adams

In Burnsville, as all over the country, people often wonder why hospital bills have to be so high. The well-known columnist, Cedric Adams, helps shed some light on the subject. Mrs. Mabel I. West, administrator of the Yancey Hospital, called our attention to the following excerpt from Adams' column "In This Corner":

Hospital Bills have concerned a great many of us through the years. I ran across a piece on the hospital dollar the other day that seemed interesting enough to pass along. "This bill is terrible. I'm not going to pay it," said the man at the desk. "How can you expect a working man like me to pay \$128 for three days of care? What we need is hospitals that are run by the government." The cashier was having a bad time with the husband of an outgoing patient. The man's wife had been brought in to the hospital for an emergency appendectomy three days before. The bill, broken down, covered \$52.50 for the room for three days, \$60 for the surgery, \$10.50 for routine laboratory costs and \$5 for drugs and miscellaneous items. The man happened to be a plumber. He was asked first if the service his wife had received had been satisfactory. No, he had no complaint. "What would it cost the hospital," he was asked, "if you were to provide it with plumbing service over a continuous three-day period. Plumbers' rates are \$22 for an eight-hour day," he replied. "What about the night shifts?" he was asked. "That would be double time—\$44 each." So the cost for one day of constant attendance by one plumber would be \$110.

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### BAKE SALE TO BE HELD AT NEWDALE

The women of Martin's Chapel Church are sponsoring a cake and pie sale in Bradley Wilson's home at Newdale Saturday, April 9. The sale will begin at ten a. m. and continue throughout the day. Hot dogs, hamburgers and coffee will also be sold.

### Baptists Plan Many Activities

The Rev. Nane Starnes, pastor of the West Asheville Baptist Church, will be the guest minister at a series of revival meetings planned by the First Baptist Church of Burnsville, April 25 to May 3, it is announced by the Rev. Charles B. Trammel.

The Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church, which recently conducted a Laymen's Revival, is taking the responsibility for a series of prayer meetings to be held in homes of the church members and in the church, April 17-24. Gus Peterson and Edgar Hunter, Jr., will be in charge of arranging these meetings. The Brotherhood will meet at the church Thursday evening, April 7 at 7 o'clock to consider final plans for the prayer meetings.

From April 11-17 Mr. Trammel will serve as guest minister in a revival at the Central Baptist Church in Spruce Pine.

A new Communion service has been purchased by the First Baptist Church and was used for the first time last Sunday.

It is reported that approximately fifty members of the First Baptist Church attended the recent annual county-wide meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. The large church there was packed by those who came from several Baptist churches of the county.

### Hey Kids, Circus Coming To Town

Hi Ho! Mom, Dad and all the kids, the All American Indoor Circus with the T. V. Circus Stars will present two performances at the Burnsville High School Gym Friday, April 8th. Performances will start at 1:30 and 8:00 p. m. Admission will be 50c and \$1.00 including tax.

Knife throwers will throw knives at one another, acrobats will get all tangled up, dogs will do amazing tricks, tumblers will attract attention, Punch and Judy will amuse the little tots, fire eaters will digest a meal of flames. For good clean entertainment for the entire family don't miss the T. V. Circus Stars sponsored by the Burnsville Men's Club tomorrow night.

### Burnsville Future Farmers Team Wins Contest

The Burnsville FFA team won second place in a land judging contest held near Hendersonville last Saturday, according to Max Proffitt, instructor of agriculture.

The winning team composed of Bobby Styles, Steve Briggs, and Joe Gillespie plans to enter the state contest to be held at Dunn, N. C. on April 12. Frank Blankenship is an alternate in case one of the other boys will not be able to participate.

The contest is sponsored by the Carolina Power and Light Company.

### Three Burnsville Scouts To Receive Awards

Three members of Boy Scout Troop No. 1 of Burnsville will go to Ingalls, in Avery County, next Monday to take part in the Court of Honor, according to their scoutmaster, Herman Bostian. The Court of Honor will be held at the Methodist Church in Ingalls, 7:30 p. m.

Jerry Garland will go up for First Class rank; Farrell Wilson for merit badges in Home Repair and Scholarship; Micky Sholes for merit badges in Citizenship, Home Repairs, Scholarship, Athletic and Public Health.

The boys will be accompanied by their scoutmaster. Their parents are also invited to attend the Court of Honor.

If the weather permits, Troop 1 will go on a camping trip Friday of this week.

### Johnson Absolved At Inquest

A coroner's jury found Billy Johnson blameless in the death of Mrs. Nell Street. Mrs. Street died of injuries received when she ran into a truck driven by Billy Johnson on Mine Fork road.

According to witnesses Mrs. Street walked from behind a parked car into the side of the truck. The driver of the truck could not see her because of the car which obstructed his view. Witnesses also stated that several persons cautioned her as the truck was approaching, but that she apparently had not heard them.

The statement issued by the coroner's jury states, "It was an unavoidable accident and we find no blame on the part of Billy Johnson."

### Debbie's Drive-In Opens

Remodeling of the Love Fox Service Station has been completed, making room for a drive-in restaurant and an auto repair garage. Ample space has been provided for drive-in service behind the new restaurant, "Debbie's Drive-In."

Complete meals as well as snacks and lunches are offered in the neatly-finished eating room. Two interior walls are done in knotty pine. Green and yellow are the predominant colors. These are used in the

## Grand Jury Recommends Building School Rooms

The court house, jail, and public schools, of the county were given consideration in the report made by the Grand Jury to the Honorable J. Will Pless, Jr., presiding judge at the March 1955 term of the Superior Court of Yancey County. Wilson S. Edwards was foreman of the Grand Jury.

Regarding the court house, the Grand Jury recommended that additional space be provided on the second floor of the court house for a consultation room for attorneys and clients, as well as for the transaction of business by the court and its officials.

In response to this recommendation the following order was issued: "And it appearing to the presiding judge that

crowded conditions and a state of confusion exist on the second floor of the court house and that rooms now being used as offices are needed for general court purposes, for which they were undoubtedly constructed;

Now therefore it is ordered and directed that the board of county commissioners immediately take action to provide necessary space on the second floor of the court house. In carrying out this order the board of county commissioners of Yancey County may vacate all or any of the offices on the second floor of the court house."

Having visited the county jail, the Grand Jury found that the jail was 1. clean, 2. in need of more beds and bed clothes, 3. with plumbing in bad order needing immediate repair.

The Grand Jury learned from the superintendent of schools that a crowded condition exists in every school in the county. According to the report made by the state board of education this year, fifty-four additional class rooms, twenty by thirty feet are needed to take care of the present load. These rooms are needed right now, in order to house and instruct the children in school at this time.

To equip the fifty-four new class rooms needed immediately, the sum of \$108,000 is required. Within the next ten years, ten more classrooms will be needed. This would require a building & equipment fund of \$368,000 to supplement state and federal funds.

The Grand Jury found that the dome on the courthouse had not been replaced as requested by the Grand Jury of the August 1954 term of court.

### H. D. District Meeting Planned

The District IV Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs will hold its annual meeting April 14 in Fletcher, N. C. Yancey, Madison and Buncombe are the three counties making up the 4th District.

District officers are: President, Mrs. A. B. Sutton of Buncombe; First vice president, Mrs. A. W. Huff of Madison; Secretary, Mrs. Herman Kennichell of Buncombe, and Historian, Mrs. Horton Gibbs of Yancey.

Final plans for attending the district meeting will be made by the Yancey club women at their County Council meeting to be held Thursday, April 7, at 7:30 in the Court House. Mrs. Carl Silvers, newly elected president, will be in charge of the program.

The following women are expected to take part in the district meeting: Mrs. Gordon Moore, Mrs. Carl Silvers, Mrs. W. P. Honeycutt, Mrs. C B Bennett, Mrs. Lat Elliott, Jr., Mrs. Ralph Proffitt and Mrs. Mollie Silvers.

Guest speakers at the District meeting will be Mrs. Mack Rogers of Hendersonville, who will report on the National Home Demonstration meeting and Mrs. Vernon Hall of Buncombe County, on the United Nations Tour.

Mrs. Corrine Grimsley, Extension Specialist in Family Relations will use as the subject for her talk "Take a Look at Yourself."



Parris Island, S. C. (FHTNC)—Two Burnsville, N. C., Marine Privates, Roger A. Baker (left), son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E. Baker of Route 1, and Roy C. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Harris of Route 2, check their rifle-firing scores while undergoing basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot here.

They are scheduled to complete training April 1. Their ten weeks' training includes instruction in close order drill, manual of arms, first aid, military courtesy, personal hygiene, guard duty and defense against chemical and atomic attack. Three weeks are spent on the rifle range where they fire the M-1 rifle for qualification.

Before entering the service in January, they were graduated from Burnsville High School.

BURNSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GYM

THIS FRIDAY THE ALL-AMERICAN INDOOR CIRCUS

BRING THE FAMILY