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Over 500 Children In Yancey Get Vaccine

A pre-school clinic will be held at Bee Log on Monday, May 9, starting at 9 a. m. Parents of children who will be six years of age on or before October 15 are asked to come with them, if possible, to this clinic. The pre-school clinics for the Burnsville Colored School and for Pensacola, previously scheduled for May 9, will be held on May 20 and 23 respectively; it was found advisable to change the schedule because of the Salk vaccine clinics.

More than five hundred children in Yancey County were given the first injection of the Salk vaccine, at clinics arranged by the District Health Department with the co-operation of Dr. Walter M. Ost, Dr. E. R. Ohle, Dr. M. W. Webb, and Dr. W. A. Y. Sargent. Totals by schools were as follows:

Bee Log, 72; Burnsville, 101; Bald Creek, 87; Pensacola, 18; South Toe, 66; Micaville, 109; Clearmont, 49; Double Island, 4; Prices Creek, 3; Colored School, 1.

Thanks are due to the following, besides the doctors named above, who helped with these clinics: Mrs. Ida Goldsworthy, R. N.; Mrs. Eloise Briggs, R. N.; Mrs. Lela Johnson, R. N.; Mrs. Clara McLean; and Mrs. Margaret Laughrun.

"Treats" for the children were furnished by Ray Brothers Grocery; by Dr. Ohle, and by the Burnsville P. T. A.; also by the other schools in the county.

The second injection of the vaccine will be given by Dr. Ost at Bee Log School on Tuesday, May 10, and by Dr. Ohle at the Celso Health Center (for children from South Toe School) on Thursday, May 12. The schedule for the other schools in the county will appear in next week's paper; the children from those schools will be brought to the Health Office in Burnsville during the week of May 16, by school bus.

Dr. Cameron F. McRae, the district health officer, expressed the hope that no parents whose children had the first injection of Salk vaccine would withdraw permission for them to have the second injection. In this connection he pointed out the following facts:—

1. None of the Salk vaccine used here has come from or will come from the company mentioned in the news items in connection with cases of poliomyelitis in inoculated children.

2. It seems very unlikely that any of these cases of poliomyelitis of which were in this part

ATTENDS MEETING

L. G. Deyton, superintendent of the Yancey County Welfare department returned Wednesday from a two-day meeting of social workers in Raleigh.

FUNERAL SERVICES

JAMES G. BRIGGS

Funeral services for James Gudger Briggs, 78, who died in an Asheville hospital Tuesday morning, after a long illness, will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. in the Riverside Baptist Church. The Rev. E. G. Adkins will officiate. Burial will be in the Briggs Cemetery.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Ida Tomberlin; three sons, Frank of Burnsville, Shelby and Joe of Burnsville RFD 1; two daughters, Miss Mae Briggs and Miss Mary Etta Briggs of the home.

of the United States — could have been caused by the vaccine. It takes several days for a case of polio to develop; at this time of year, every week scores of new cases of polio are reported in the United States as a whole; and it is apparently just a coincidence that some of these children had had the Salk vaccine while they were in the "incubation stage" of polio, so that the disease became apparent soon after the inoculation. In other words, they would have come down with polio anyway whether inoculated or not, since it takes several weeks for immunity to develop from inoculation with the vaccine.

Dr. McRae stated that if he had children of his own in the first or second grade he would certainly give them the vaccine; that while it has never been claimed to give 100% protection it is still the best preventive we have against poliomyelitis.

4-H Club Members Get Pigs And Pullets

The Yancey 4-H Club Pig Chain and Pullet Chain for the current year were started on April 29 and March 31, respectively.

Five 4-H Club members received 8-week-old registered Yorkshire gilts, on the basis of their contest essays and the adaptability of their farms to the project. The gilts will be grown out and shown in the fall, judged and prizes awarded. Sears, Robuck and Company

Annual Clean-Up Campaign Started In Burnsville

As the first week of Burnsville's annual clean-up campaign is coming to a close, the Burnsville Garden Club reminds citizens that much work remains to be done before the campaign closes May 15.

Town trucks will haul off rubbish during the Clean-up Campaign if the material is placed in easily accessible locations on the curb. The trucks cannot be expected to drive to out-of-the-way spots to collect debris.

Every person in town can cooperate in many ways. The Garden Club lists the following suggestions: repair broken fences, sagging porches, loose shutters, trim lawn and hedges, clean up fence rows; rake up and dispose of all debris on your property; paint where it is needed, and keep the street and curb clean in front of your home. Also removing your garbage can to the garage or basement soon after the collection is an easy and important contribution to civic neatness.

100 Pints Is Quota For Bloodmobile

One hundred pints is the quota for the Bloodmobile collection Friday at the Community Building, from 1 to 5 p. m.

The Burnsville Men's Club is sponsoring this visit of the Bloodmobile and will provide free transportation for donors from Pollard's Drug Store to the Community Building. Refreshments will be served by the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, which will also furnish volunteer workers.



ARSONIST SETS HOTEL BLAZE—12 DEAD, 23 HURT
A fireman carries an injured man piggy-back to safety during an extra-alarm fire at the Green Mill hotel in Chicago, Ill. Fire officials report likelihood of an arsonist's work to a coroner's jury investigating the blaze. Most of the people injured in the fire suffered from smoke inhalation or were hurt in leaps from windows.

sponsors the Pig Chain. 4-H members taking part are Paul Cook and Marjorie Ray of South Toe School, Ina Dean Shepherd of Bald Creek, Jerry Howell of Micaville, and Gerad Garland of Clearmont.

Ten 4-H members received 100-day-old baby chicks each. Some members report that their chicks are already feathering out. The pullets are to be grown out to approximately laying age. Each member selects twelve of the best birds to be entered in the county show, where the pullets are judged and prizes awarded. The birds shown are then sold at auction and the proceeds used to buy chicks for other 4-H boys and girls next spring. The Farmers Federation sponsors the Pullet Chain.

Those receiving chicks this spring were Margaret Higgins, Kathryn and Tommie Pender, and Noel Higgins of Bee Log; Peggy Ann Ray of South Toe; Arlene Grindstaff of Clearmont; and Danny and Melba Elliott, Angeline Buchanan, Jerlean Freeman, Philip Buchanan, and Benny Ray of Micaville.

P T A Organized At Clearmont School Friday

Thirty parents and teachers of the Clearmont School organized a Parent-Teacher Association in a meeting held in the school auditorium April 29 at 2 p. m., as reported by Mrs. Eula C. Hensley, secretary.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Craig Woody, president; Mrs. Phyllis Bailey, vice president; Mrs. Fred Anglin, treasurer. Miss Ethel Boone, county supervisor, served as moderator in the election.

Mrs. W. P. Honeycutt welcomed the group attending the meeting, gave the objectives of the organization, and read the P. T. A. prayer. Committee chairmen were elected: membership, Mrs. W. P. Honeycutt; finance, Mrs. Hoffman; hospitality, Mrs. Myrtle Peterson; program, Mrs. G. A. Bradshaw; welfare, Mrs. Charles Lilly.

Members paid dues of 50 cents each. The next meeting of the new P. T. A. will be held on the third Thursday evening May 17, at 7:30 p. m. in the Clearmont School auditorium.

DEACON FELLOWSHIP MEETS AT MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH

The Deacon Fellowship of Yancey Baptist Association will meet with the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church on Sunday, May 15, at 2:30 p. m. M. H. Kindall, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Church, will be the principal speaker. "Working Together as Brothers in Christ" will be the theme of the program. All deacons and pastors are urged to attend. Others are invited.

Byrd To Have Preliminary Hearing May 14

Deputy John Byrd is scheduled to appear before a Justice of the Peace in a preliminary hearing at 10 a. m. May 14, at the county court house, according to Justice of the Peace, G. M. Angel.

Byrd was charged with assault with a deadly weapon by Hiff Clevenger, member of the Burnsville school committee, according to Policeman Ralph Peterson.

He was arrested by Peterson and was released on \$500 bail. Clevenger was struck a blow or blows on the head and was taken to the Yancey Hospital for treatment where he was held until four o'clock the following day.

Secretary Of State Visits Burnsville

Secretary of State Thad Eure visited Burnsville last week when he accompanied Representative Mark Bennett from Raleigh to attend the Annual Meeting of the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation. He was a dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Briggs and stayed at the N. Wray Inn.

Two Youths Injured In Accident

Two Yancey boys were hospitalized in Burnsville after a wreck Monday evening between Micaville and Celso on highway 80. The pick-up truck in which they were riding, with five other boys returning to their homes from the Micaville school, overturned when it swerved suddenly to avoid collision with a car which it was meeting.

Johnny Higgins and Elton Robinson were the most severely injured. The others were not hurt badly enough to require hospitalization, although some received cuts and bruises. Rabon Robinson was driving. Other occupants of the truck were Donald Buchanan, Duane McDougald, Dean Geouge, and Donald Sparks.

Geologist To Speak At Spruce Pine Thursday

Dr. Donald Brobst, geologist, will speak on the geography and geology of the Mitchell-Avery-Yancey area at the Town Hall in Spruce Pine on Thursday, May 19. The talk will be illustrated by color slides of rock formations and scenery taken by Dr. Brobst. The public is invited to attend.

Dr. Brobst is working with the Geological Survey on the mapping of the Spruce Pine pegmatite district and has been in this section for survey work at intervals since 1948.

The meeting is sponsored by the Mineral Book Committee of Mitchell-Avery-Yancey County Libraries, it was announced by R. T. Dent, chairman of the committee.

Baptists Give Offering To Hospital

The Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem will receive attention in the Mother's Day observance of the First Baptist Church, in the form of a special offering. Last year 14,000 patients were admitted to the Baptist Hospital, receiving more than 100,000 days of medical and nursing care. An additional 100,000 visits were made by patients to the out-patient clinic. These patients came from 90 of the 100 counties of the state, many of them from Yancey, according to the Rev. Charles B. Trammel.

The Sunday School of the First Baptist Church will have a special program on Mother's Day in which the oldest mother present will receive an orchid, the youngest mother will be given flowers, and the youngest baby a silver cup. The Girls' Auxiliary will give red roses to their mothers. On Wednesday, May 11 at 6 p. m. the G. A. will hold a mother-daughter banquet.

Miss Ethel Boone is teaching a new adult class for women at the First Baptist Sunday School. Eight have enrolled as charter members.

The Rev. E. G. Adkins, pastor of the West Burnsville Baptist Church, will be guest speaker at a meeting of the Baptist Brotherhood Thursday evening at seven o'clock.

During the recent revival, First Baptist Church received into membership the following: Jeanette Chrisawn, Doris King, Carolyn Buckner, Louise Edwards, Luella Letterman, Alan Bailey, Jimmie Buckner, Arthur Jarrett, Janie Bailey, and Rebecca Riddle, for baptism; Mrs. Ransome Letterman, Mrs. Edward Buckner, Roy Turner, N. H. Sprouse, and Mrs. Robert Styles, by letter.

Yancey Merchants Plan Meeting

The annual meeting of the Yancey Merchants Association will be held at the L & B Cafeteria Monday night, May 9 at 7:30. All members are urged to be present since the election of new officers and board of directors will be one of the many important items of business planned for the meeting. J. A. Anglin will preside at the meeting.



INSPECT DROUTH-RIDDEN SOUTHWEST — Secy. of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson (left) and R. A. Nichols, Dean of Agriculture Extension Service at New Mexico A & M College, shield themselves from blowing dust as they inspect an abandoned farm near Field, New Mexico. Benson made a tour of this area where the drought is said to be fully as severe as the first five years the devastating drought in the 1930's.

Library To Hold Open House Friday Evening

The Burnsville Woman's Club has extended an invitation to all residents of Yancey County to visit the county Library tomorrow, Friday, May 6 from 8 to 9:30 p. m. The club is sponsoring an open house in an effort to get citizens of the county better acquainted with the library.

Mrs. E. L. Briggs as chairman and Miss Ethel Boone and Mrs. Troy Ray made the overall plans for the open house observance.

According to Mrs. Briggs, the honored guests will be the two librarians, Mrs. John S. LeFevre and Mrs. Wendell Thomas.

The steady use of the book collection in the Yancey County Public Library is shown by a goodly proportion of empty shelves—about 4,000 of its

7,000 books being checked out in circulation at all times—and by the count of book check-outs—over 23,000 last year, not counting any extra checking to individuals by teachers or persons taking care of neighborhood collections.

Yancey County Public Library was set up in 1945 under the system provided by state law, with an appropriation annually from the County Commissioners, supplemented by state aid. The commissioners appointed a board of 6 trustees. The present library board consists of H. G. Bailey, chairman, Mrs. Olin Shepard, Fred Proffitt, Rush Wray, Mrs. C. R. Hamrick, and Mrs. Craig English.

The county appropriation to the library last year was \$860, the state aid \$3800. State aid may be used only for certain specified items: salary of a professionally trained librarian, the purchase of books, and the operation of the Bookmobile.

Serving the county's readers as librarians are Mrs. John LeFevre and Mrs. Wendell Thomas. Mrs. LeFevre serves borrowers in the library four afternoons each week and is known to give extra time meeting special reading needs of individuals. Mrs. Thomas works one third of each week in Yancey, mainly on the Bookmobile. She has a heavy schedule, including Avery and Mitchell Counties also.

Bookmobile service is one of the most effective means of making library resources available to people all over Yancey County. The Bookmobile makes over 150 stops throughout the county, reaching these scheduled stops 6 times a year. Bookmobile service is supplemented and speeded up by mailing books to borrowers on request. Any book owned by the library, except reference books, may be reserved for a borrower.

An interesting recent development is the mineral book collection being assembled by Yancey, Avery, and Mitchell County libraries and Spruce Pine Public Library. This is a cooperative venture carried out as part of a state-wide inter-library loan system in North Carolina. In return for state aid to help buy these mineral books, the libraries owning them will make the books available for loan to any library in the state through the state Library Commission. Thus expensive technical books that are out of reach of the average library, become available to all. Ten other libraries in the state are building up similar collections on special subjects.

Another new service is the lending of films through the public library from an excellent new collection sponsored and purchased by the public libraries of North Carolina. These may be borrowed on a variety of subjects, for a service charge of one dollar plus postage. The films are suitable for use by churches, clubs, organizations, or informal community groups.

As most readers already know, they have easy access through the Yancey Library to books owned by the Mitchell and Avery libraries, adding about 12,000 more volumes to 7,000 available in this county. These three counties, sharing the same librarian and all operating on a shoestring stretch their meager facilities by lending informally to each other. For special requests, Yancey borrowers may obtain books from libraries throughout the state. Last year over 200 books were borrowed in this way.