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Retail Sales On Increase In County, Report Shows

According to the yearly report made by the County Agent's office, visits made from that office during last year by either the Agent, Assistant Agent or Home Demonstration Agent were 2018. Therefore, if you are a farmer and did not receive a visit from a representative of that organization last year, it would indicate that you were either not at home when the call was made or did not make a request to the office that required a call to your farm.

To go farther into the figures of the report, 2459 office calls were handled, 233 news articles were released, one TV show was given, 4895 bulletins were distributed on farm and home subjects, 30 result demonstrations were held, and 445 meetings were held and participated in, with a total of 21,238 persons attending.

The report points out that the above figures of meetings and attendance include work with both adults and with 4-H Clubs, both in and out of the county.

Projects receiving major emphasis by both farmers and the local office during the year were the cash income crops of the county: tobacco, poultry, dairying, livestock. And of course, much work was done with and through 4-H Clubs.

The County Agent's Office, along with the other county agencies, is striving to increase the net farm income so that the farmer, and everyone else in the county, may be able to enjoy a better living.

Next year, through the county agricultural agencies

MRS. KATE B. RAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Kate B. Ray, 84, of Burnsville, who died Thursday, Dec. 29, at her home following a long illness, were held Saturday at 3 p. m. in the First Presbyterian Church of Burnsville.

The Rev. Warren Reeve officiated and burial was in the Academy Cemetery.

Mrs. Ray was the widow of Dr. John Landon Ray and the daughter of the late John Robert and Sophronia Burton.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. R. Y. Tilson of Burnsville, and two grandchildren, Robert Tilson of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Tommy Tilson of Chicago, Ill.

MISS MYRA GIBBS

Miss Myra Gibbs, 17, of Bald Creek, died Sunday in the Yancey Hospital after a short illness.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gibbs and was a senior student at Bald Creek High School.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p. m. at the West Burnsville Baptist Church. The Rev. E. G. Adkins officiated and burial was in the West Burnsville Cemetery.

Surviving, in addition to the parents are two brothers, Raymond and Jack, of the home; and the maternal grandfather, S. J. Brown of Burnsville. Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home was in charge.

CARD OF THANKS

May we take this opportunity to express our appreciations to all our friends and neighbors, who were so thoughtful and kind during our recent sorrow, and also for the beautiful flowers.

Robert, Tommy, and Lena Tilson.

under the Advisors Council, work with the farmer will emphasize reducing feed costs, improving poultry, dairying, forestry, strawberries, tobacco quality, livestock, and more rural telephone service.

County Agent Dillingham points out that the goal of the office is to reach more people effectively. He pointed out also that the most effective work carried on by representatives of the office was done through local community leaders, community clubs, schools and other community groups. Cooperation from these community groups and individuals have been commendable in the past year and he is looking forward to making 1956 a greater farm income year through such cooperation.

Yancey Votes For Tobacco Control And Support

Burley tobacco growers voted in favor of continued price support for the next three years, and accepted a 15 per cent cut in acreage allotment at the tobacco referendum on Dec. 29.

The federal marketing quotas, designed to prevent overproduction, were in effect last year for burley growers. Under the quota system, each grower is permitted to sell free of penalty the tobacco grown on an acreage allotment granted him. Growers had been warned that failure to accept the acreage cut could bring "unmanageable surpluses" during the 1956 marketing season.

Yancey County votes, with the count in favor of the program, totaled 1541. The communities and number of Yancey County farmers who voted in the referendum were:

East Burnsville, 115; West Burnsville, 157; Cane River, 225; Upper Egypt, 113; Lower Egypt, 165; Ramseytown, 116; Lower Jacks Creek, 106; Upper Jacks Creek, 76; Green Mountain, 203; Brush Creek, 59; East Crabtree, 5; West Crabtree, 68; Upper South Toe, 12; Lower South Toe, 11; Pensacola, 75; Prices Creek, 97.

Dr. Melvin W. Webb will be out of town January 4 through January 7.

Farm Agent's Annual Report Shows Great Amount Of Activity During Past Year

Retail sales in Yancey County in 1954 was good, according to a statement of the Department of Commerce.

The Bureau of the Census of the Department of Commerce states that during the year of 1954 one hundred retail business establishments totaled sales amounting to \$4,440,000.00. This total of income was an increase over 1948 by 24.8 per cent. In that year 124 stores in the county showed a total retail sales of \$3,557,000.00.

The 1948 figure given by the Census Bureau included data for a few types of business establishments not used in the scope of the 1954 census.

Forty retail stores had 118 paid employees who received a reported \$240,000.00.

Establishments broken into groups, with the total retail sales for 1954, as shown by the Census Report were: food stores, thirty-one, \$1,975,000; eating places, nine, \$169,000; general merchandise, seventeen, \$603,000; apparel and accessories stores, two, amount with-



VACATIONING PRESIDENT STRIKES BACK — President Eisenhower, right, with his brother Milton, strolls along the palm tree walk at the U. S. Naval Base in Key West, Fla. While taking a breather from his Washington activities, acting upon the advice of his doctors, the President issued a statement in reply to the Soviet blast of criticism accusing the U. S. of "crude interference" in Eastern European affairs. The President said that the United States will continue to seek peaceful liberation of captive European peoples "until success is achieved."

Scout Court Of Honor Scheduled For Tuesday

The monthly Boy Scout Court of Honor for the Mayland District (comprising the counties of Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey) will be held at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Pine Grove Methodist Church, Ingalls. This is one day later than the usually scheduled date, to avoid a conflict with the annual Scouters' Banquet, in Asheville on Jan. 9, for the Daniel Boone Council. All Scouts and their parents and friends are invited to attend the Court of Honor. Members of the District Committee are asked to attend and to remain for the monthly meeting of the committee afterward.

Harry Lantz of Spruce Pine is district chairman for 1956. Dr. Sam Hodges, also of Spruce Pine, is the advancement chairman.

JACKS CREEK CLUB TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

The Jacks Creek Community Club will meet Monday, January 9, at 7:30 p. m. at the Hunter Cottage. Everyone is invited to attend.

4-H CLUBS SCHEDULED TO MEET THIS WEEK

The 4-H Clubs of the county will hold their regular meetings the first week in January at the high schools.

The 4-H County Council will meet at the Community Building on Jan. 21 from 9 to 11 a. m.

Hospital Report

Two births and twelve other admissions were reported by the Yancey Hospital this week.

The births include a daughter, Kathy Ann, born Dec. 27 to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Price of Rt. 2, Burnsville, and a son, Roger Dean, born Jan. 2 to Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Fox of Rt. 2, Burnsville.

Other admissions include Lena Roland, Higgins; Nell Johnson, Maggie Renfro, Mildred Hughes, and Mary Jane Peterson, Green Mountain; Hattie Pate, Swiss; Anna Bell Gurley, Newdale; Myra Gibbs, Bald Creek; Janie Bailey and Carrie Blankenship, Burnsville; Harold Silvers, Rt. 2, Burnsville; and Christine England, Cane River.

New Pastor To Be Installed January 15

The usual services will be held in the Burnsville Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 8. Sunday School convenes at 10:00 under the superintendency of Mr. George Robinson, and Morning Worship at 11:00.

The sermon by the Rev. Warren S. Reeve will be on the subject, "God's Assignment for 1956."

The Presbytery of Holston, to which the Burnsville Church belongs, will meet at Washington College, Tenn., on Tuesday, January 10. At that time, the call of the Burnsville Church will be presented to Mr. Reeve, and he will make his formal acceptance. Mrs. Margaret Laughrun and Mr. Olen Shepard will be present as representatives of the church.

The Presbytery will be asked to install Mr. Reeve officially in the pastorate here at a special service to be held on Sunday afternoon, January 15, at 3:00 p. m.

Bailey Scheduled To Return To U. S.

Boblengen, Germany — Pvt. Ted K. Bailey, 24, whose wife, Irma, lives in Spruce Pine, N. C., is scheduled to return to the U. S. from Germany, where he is a member of the 97th Signal Battalion.

Private Bailey, a draftsman in the Battalion's Headquarters Company, entered the Army in February 1954 and received basic training at Camp Gordon, Ga. He arrived in Europe in March 1955.

Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence B. Bailey, Green Mountain, is a 1953 graduate of the University of North Carolina and a member of Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Wyatt Reports To Anti-Submarine Base

Quonset Point, R. I. (FHT-NC)—Donald J. Wyatt, airman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Wyatt of Route 2, Burnsville, N. C., reported in December to Fleet Aircraft Service Squadron 101 at the Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, R. I.

FASRON 101 is a unit of Fleet Air Wings, Atlantic, the east coast's anti-submarine patrol command.

Baptists Hold Week Of Bible Study

The First Baptist Church of Burnsville, along with all Baptist Churches in the Southern Convention, has designated this week as Bible Study Week. The group, which includes adults, young people, and older intermediates, begins the study at 7:30 each evening.

The subject of the Bible study is "The Sermon on the Mount" with the text written by Dr. Leo Eddleman. In North Carolina alone, most of the thirty-two hundred Baptist Churches are participating in this study.

Pvt. Buchanan Graduates At Signal Corps Center

Camp Gordon, Ga. Pvt. Oscar Buchanan of Burnsville graduated Dec. 16 from the Communication Specialist Course one of the many courses offered at The Southeastern School, Camp Gordon, Georgia. He is the son of Mrs. Oliver Hensley.

The Communication Specialist's Course, which is 8 weeks in length, trains enlisted personnel to receive and process messages for distribution by Teletype or other means of Communication.

During his training, Pvt. Buchanan received a technical education worth thousands of dollars. He will now be reassigned to an active unit of the United States Army.

The Southeastern Signal School, a component of the Signal Corps Training Center, is located near Augusta, Georgia. This installation furnishes trained signal technicians to army units all over the world.

Judge Huskins And Wife Feted In Raleigh

Judge and Mrs. J. Frank Huskins were feted in Raleigh last week while they were in the capitol city on business.

Mrs. Huskins was guest of honor at a luncheon given for her at the home of Mrs. George Cherry, whose husband is State Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. On Wednesday evening they were honored at a dinner given for them by Chairman and Mrs. J. W. Bean and Commissioner and Mrs. N. F. Ransdell of the N. C. Industrial Commission.

While there they attended the Dixie Classic. Judge Huskins returned to Raleigh this week to attend a Judicial Conference called by Chief Justice M. V. Barnhill of the North Carolina Supreme Court.



DIONNE QUINTS SETTLE FAMILY DRIFT — The most famous sisters in the world, the surviving Dionne quintuplets, have been on the outa with their family. Oliva Dionne, father of the girls, shown here with Annette, Marie, Cecile and Yvonne (L-R). has explained that the "misunderstandings" have been corrected and a belated exchange of Christmas gifts as well as a visit by three of the girls to their family home in Callander, Ont., has settled everything. Mr. Dionne blamed the situation on what he calls "intruders," but he refuses to identify them.

Tax And Farmer Benefit Claims Explained

Large numbers of Yancey County farmers are raising questions about preparing tax returns for 1955 and about filing claims for benefits, according to D. C. Nichols, field representative of the Social Security office in Asheville, who comes to the Courthouse in Burnsville on the last Wednesday of each month.

In order to spare county farmers hours of waiting to see him, Mr. Nichols has prepared answers to the questions most frequently raised at this time. These answers apply to farmers who report on a calendar-year, cash basis, as almost all county farmers do.

1. What farmers must pay the Social Security tax?

Self-employed farmers who net at least \$400 and gross at least \$800 a year are required by law to pay the self-employment (social security) tax.

The farmer who neither nets \$400 nor grosses \$800 a year cannot pay the social security tax on his farm income. The farmer who nets \$400 but does not gross \$800, or who grosses \$800 and does not net \$400, has a choice of paying or not paying.

2. When is the self-employment tax payable?

The first year for which the tax can and must be paid is 1955. The tax return is part of the farmer's regular income tax return and is filed with the Office of District Director of the Internal Revenue Service after January 1, 1956, and before April 15, 1956. The forms are not obtained from the Social Security office and are not filed with the Social Security office.

3. How does the farmer get help in making out his returns?

Mrs. Anglin

Assumes Duties At Yancey Hospital

Mrs. Katherine B. Anglin assumed her duties as administrator of the Yancey Hospital on January 1, succeeding Mrs. Mabel I. West whose resignation became effective on that date.

Mrs. Anglin served for several months as assistant administrator of the hospital before she took over her present position. Prior to her affiliation with the Yancey Hospital, Mrs. Anglin was for three years secretary to Mr. Emmett Williams of the Duplan Corporation.

Tax return forms and instructions will explain how you should figure your self-employment income. If you need help, you must arrange that by seeing a representative of the Internal Revenue Service or an accountant or other qualified person. Social Security representatives are not permitted to assist in the preparation of tax returns.

4. What records does the farmer need in order to prepare a return?

He will need a record of his total farm income of expenses (but if his gross income is between \$800 and \$1800, he may choose to pay tax on 1-2 his gross as he is permitted by law to do); however, only by keeping records will he know whether he can do that.

5. What are some of the items included in a farmer's gross income?

Cash received for the sale of livestock and crops, Fair value of merchandise or property received in trade for farm products. Fees from rent of teams or equipment. Breeding fees, prizes from fairs, proceeds from crop insurance. Sale of wood or lumber if not a capital gain. Cash (or value of property) received for work done off the farm by the farmer if he is not working as an employee. Profits from dealings in livestock or crops. And others, as indicated in tax return instructions.

6. What are some of the business expenses the farmer must count?

Cost of seeds, feed, plants, seedlings, fertilizer, lime, etc., but not when used in production for household use. Hire of labor, machines and draft animals. Cost of repairs and maintenance of farm machines, fences, and buildings. Depreciation allowances for machinery, farm buildings, etc. Breeding fees, veterinary fees. Purchase of small tools. Freight and trucking expenses. Part of insurance, interest, taxes, water rent, electricity and telephone to the extent used in the business of farming. Rent. Farm share of automobile and truck expenses (fuel, oil, tires, insurance, etc.). Fees for keeping farm records and filing farm tax return. Do not count personal and family expenses.

7. Where can a farmer get more information about preparing returns or answers to tax questions?

The Internal Revenue Office, not the Social Security representative.

8. When can a farmer claim Social Security benefits and what papers will he need?

Generally, a farmer 65 or over who has filed returns for 1955 and 1956 can apply for benefits early in 1957. In some cases, where the farmer has previously worked under Social Security or has farm income early in 1956, he may apply sooner. The farmer should keep a copy of his tax returns and the cancelled checks or money order receipts which prove the tax payment. He should also have his farm records available since they may be needed. Some old proof of age will also be required.

Farmers who wish to obtain social security numbers or more information regarding benefit payments under the Social Security Act may obtain them, Mr. Nichols says, by writing directly to the Social Security Administration District Office, 40 North French Broad, Asheville, N. C.