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Soil Bank Program Available To Farmers

Agreement forms for the new Soil Bank Acreage Reserve program are now available to farmers at the Yancey County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office in Burnsville. They must be signed not later than July 20 if the farmer wishes to take part in the Acreage Reserve during the 1956 crop year, according to ASC Chairman Alvin Pate.

The Soil Bank is a new feature of the national farm program authorized under the farm bill recently enacted. Its objective is to encourage farmers to reduce crop acreages and thus help overcome farm surpluses that are depressing the market.

Of particular concern in this area

Hospital Report

The Yancey Hospital reports four births this week and fourteen other admissions.

The births include a son, Glen, born July 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Gus Ledford of Burnsville RFD 3; a son, not yet named, born July 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ogle of Burnsville RFD 1; a son, Thomas Bryan, born July 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Butner of Burnsville; and a son, Roy Randal, born July 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ayers of Burnsville RFD 1.

The following were admitted to the hospital during the past week: Burdette Baker of Burnsville RFD 1; Faye Fairchild of Burnsville RFD 2; Ransom Cole and Carl Riddle of Burnsville; Fra Ayers and Nell Whitson of Burnsville RFD 3; the Rev. R. A. Pate of Micaeville; Jesse Young and George Young of Bakersville; Espie Black of Spruce Pine; Elsie Rathburn of Fletcher; Mattias Cooper of Madison, Wis.; Hattie Clevenger of Parkersburg, West Va.; and Maysel Seals of Jacksonville, Fla.

VISITORS AT PRESBYTERIAN MANSE

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kilpatrick of New York City were visitors in the Presbyterian Manse this last weekend. Mrs. Kilpatrick is the sister of Rev. Warren S. Reeve. Mr. and Mrs. Kilpatrick went from here to Kingston where Mr. Kilpatrick's mother resides.

DR. SARGENT UNDERGOES SURGERY

Dr. W. A. Y. Sargent underwent surgery last Tuesday at the Mission Memorial Hospital in Asheville. He is expected to be discharged from the hospital on July 16, on which date he and Mrs. Sargent, accompanied by H. A. Bailey, will attend the 36th annual session of the Southern Pediatric Seminar at Saluda, N. C.

The seminar will continue through July 28, and Dr. Sargent will be back in his office on Monday, July 30.

WILD WEST RODEO TO BE PRESENTED BY BURNSVILLE LIONS CLUB

A new feature to be added to the Burnsville Lions Club annual Rodeo this year will be the big, bad, bucking black steer, "Black Boy", who will take on all local comers. \$50.00 will be given to any local spectator who can ride "Black Boy" for just ten seconds contest rules.

The Rodeo management will also award \$25.00 to anyone who brings in any horse or steer that the Rodeo cowboys can't ride.

The big Cherokee Ranch Wild West Rodeo is being presented by the Burnsville Lions Club at the Main Street Show Lot in Burnsville on Friday and Saturday, July 20-21st. Performances will be staged at 8:15 each night and a matinee Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Proceeds will be used by the Lions to carry on their work

at this time is the Acreage Reserve program for tobacco. Even though 1956 tobacco planting is well advanced, producers can make adjustments and earn Soil Bank payments this year, Mr. Pate said. He emphasized, however, that no farmer should attempt to comply without checking at the county office and signing an official agreement with the Department of Agriculture. Under the Acreage Reserve feature of the Soil Bank, the farmer earns payments by reducing his tobacco acreage below his acreage allotment and holding these acres out of production. The amount placed in reserve is up to the farmer within certain limitations. For the purpose of computing future allotments, the farmer will receive credit for this reserve acreage just as though tobacco had been grown on it.

In future years, land will be placed in the Acreage Reserve in advance of the planting season and will not be planted to a crop. For this year only, Mr. Pate said, a farmer may participate by not harvesting acres which suffered from weather damage or by plowing under or clipping a portion of his tobacco acreage not later than July 31. This is a special provision for 1956.

The Acreage Reserve payment for tobacco is determined by multi-acreage placed in the reserve. The plying a rate per pound times the normal yield of the farm times the maximum payment per acre which can be earned is based on a yield of 115 percent of the national average yield for Burley tobacco. The rate per pound for Burley tobacco is 18 cents.

"The 1956 Acreage Reserve program is in many respects a special one with provisions to meet the time limitations this season," Mr. Pate said. "That is why farmers should come to the county office just as soon as possible to discuss the program and see how they can participate in this Nation-wide attack on surpluses and at the same time benefit themselves."

FEDERAL GAS TAX REFUND SHOULD BE FILED BY FARMERS

Farmers should file immediately for their federal gas tax refund, E. L. Dillingham, County Agent, said today. He said that forms are available at the County Agent's Office, and that the completed forms should be filled out and returned to the office of the Director of Internal Revenue.

among the blind and other worthy civic projects.

The Cherokee Ranch is the world's largest traveling wild west rodeo and features thirty-two "wild and woolly" western events such as horseback and saddle bronc riding, wild bull riding, trick riding, roping, steer wrestling, bullfighting, comedy acts, novelty acts, educated and high jumping horse acts and many other events and acts in the world's roughest sport.

Champion cowboys and daring cowgirls from all over the cow country will saddle up and ride into Burnsville to take part in the big annual outdoor event. The big rodeo, featuring all new acts this year, is now on its thirty-second annual record breaking tour of the nation.

Playhouse Staff Holds First Meeting

The first meeting of the Staff of the Parkway Playhouse was held last Sunday afternoon at the Burnsville High School. Mr. Gordon Bennett, Director of the Playhouse set down the purpose and policy for the coming season.

In attendance was Edward Downs, of Miami, Guest Director of SABRINA FAIR, the season's opener, along with Clayton Charles, Chairman of the University of Miami's Art Department and Director of the Playhouse's Art Center, Dr. Harry Greene, Crafts Director, George C. Crocker, Director of the Childrens Theatre, William Beckwith, Technical Director for the Playhouse, Gerald Honaker, Set Designer, Mrs. Beckwith, House-mother, Robert Gwaltney, Executive Secretary for the Playhouse, Paul Burton and Vince Marclay, Co-publicity Directors.

Mr. Bennett informed those present that the purpose of the Playhouse was to create an atmosphere for creative thinking, and that the individual student is the pivot upon which the Playhouse will revolve. He went on to say that first and foremost it must be remembered that the Parkway Playhouse is an educational institution, and in reality it is part of the University of Miami. It must be assumed that we are here for a purpose, the purpose of educating young people in the phases of theatre and art.

The Playhouse officially opened last Monday but many students and the faculty have been in attendance for the past few weeks getting the Playhouse in shape for the opening. Painting, preening, clipping and raking have been the order up to date, but now reading and memorizing scripts will take up the major

Annual Open House To Be Held Tuesday Evening For Visitors

WOMAN'S CLUB EXTENDS CORDIAL INVITATION

All visitors and summer residents of Burnsville are extended a most cordial invitation by the Burnsville Woman's Club to come to the Community House on Robertson Street next Tuesday, July 17, from 8 to 10 o'clock, for a social evening and to greet other summer visitors, chat with the towns-people you know, and meet others.

The members of the Woman's Club will be your hostesses. Mrs. George Roberts, chairman of the Club's house committee, assisted by the menu and hospitality committees, will be in charge of arrangements and refreshments.

Mrs. Robert Helmle, chairman, and the members of the music committee will provide a program of music during the evening. The members of the Burnsville Woman's Club hope to see you there.

Parkway Playhouse Opens Season With All-Time High Enrollment

Nearly fifty drama-minded students are now in the process of breathing new life into Burnsville's rustic Parkway Playhouse, and the typical greeting Ed "Sarge" Madden, Playhouse Stage Manager, extends to the new arrivals is, "Hi there, nice to have you with us — now get into some old clothes and follow me."

The most ambitious season in the history of the Playhouse confronts Director Gordon Bennett's theatrical company, and the students soon learn the value of time in such an undertaking. Cleaning, painting, moving, cutting weeds, setting lights, preparing the stage, and countless other pre-opening tasks are the orders of the day, and the students pitch in with enthusiasm unsurpassed.

The students, having traveled from as far north as Maine and as far south as Puerto Rico, are mostly collegians, with a sprinkling of high school students of outstanding ability. All are here with a common goal — to make their contribution to Yancey County's unique summer theatre. Here is found an unusual cross-

DECORATION TO BE HELD SUNDAY

There will be a decoration at the Smith Cemetery, one mile east of Burnsville, Sunday, July 15, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Everyone is urged to attend and bring flowers for the memorial service.

GORDON BENNETT TO SPEAK TO LIONS CLUB TONIGHT

Gordon Bennett, director of the Parkway Playhouse will speak to the Lions Club tonight (Thursday) at 7:30, according to Dr. C. F. McRae, program chairman.

MCCURRY'S VISIT COUNTY AFTER 30 YEARS IN OREGON

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCurry and son of McMinnville, Oregon, and Mr. McCurry's two brothers, Frank and Candler McCurry, spent ten days in Burnsville recently visiting friends and relatives. They formerly lived in the Jacks Creek community and have been in Oregon for more than 30 years. The late George McCurry, who lived at Jacks Creek, was their father; and a sister, Mrs. Carl Young, is still a resident of Jacks Creek.

portion of the day for the talented young enthusiastic personnel of the Playhouse.

SABRINA FAIR opens the 1956 season on July 20th followed by STALAG 17, July 27th and 28th; AS YOU LIKE IT, which will be produced in the open air theatre adjoining the Playhouse, on August 3 and 4; THE CRADLE SONG, August 10 and 11, and finishing season, Gordon Bennett has chosen Roger's and Hammerstein's wonderful musical CAROUSEL.

Vince Marclay

Rep. Bennett To Attend Waynesville Meeting On Proposed School Bills

Representative Mark W. Bennett of Burnsville will attend a special meeting to confer with Governor Luther Hodges and his lieutenants in a closed session tomorrow, July 13, in Waynesville. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the extremely important public school matters which will be considered by the special ses-

sion of the General Assembly later this month.

The proposed bills to be discussed are intended to preserve the public schools, Governor Hodges said. The North Carolina Advisory Committee on Education has been working for the past several weeks on suggested legislative bills, prepared in an endeavor to give each member of the legislature a beginning point for considering proper legislation for the special session of the General Assembly which will convene July 23.

A tentative draft of these proposed bills has been completed by the Advisory Committee on Education, but the suggested legislation comprised in these bills has not been made public. It is said, however, that the proposed bills carry out the Advisory Committee's recommendations and would call for amendments to the State's constitution.

Tar Heels would vote in the next general election on the proposed constitutional amendments.

Representative Bennett, along with the other lawmakers, will be dinner guests of Senator William Medford of Waynesville, and R. O. Huffman of Morganton, both members of the governor's School Advisory Committee, at A. L. Freedlander's lodge near Waynesville.

Accompanying Governor Hodges will be Thomas J. Pearsall, chairman of the N. C. Advisory Committee on Education; Attorney General William H. Coker; and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Charles F. Carroll.

ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY

The monthly orthopedic clinic for the Avery-Mitchell-Yancey District will be held Wednesday, July 18, in the Spruce Pine office of the District Health Department. Dr. J. Bruce Galloway, Asheville specialist, will be the clinician. Children attending the clinic should be registered not later than 11 a. m., and adults not later than 12:30.

YOUNG PEOPLE ATTEND CAMP TEKOA

Miss Julia Byrd Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bennett, and Miss Diane Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Roberts, left Wednesday for a week at Camp Tekoa, five miles southeast of Hendersonville.

Camp Tekoa is owned and operated by the Methodist Church for young people from age 12 to 15. During the week, the campers will participate in a variety of activities, including swimming and other outdoor sports, hobbies, and morning and evening worship.

Charles Deyton, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Deyton, and Mickey Sholes, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Sholes, recently attended a week's session at Camp Tekoa.

Crowd Of 1500 Attends Farmers Federation Picnic

Over 1500 persons turned out for the annual Farmers Federation picnic held at the Burnsville High School on July 4th.

James McClure Clarke, president of the Farmers Federation, acted as master of ceremonies and introduced the speakers and entertainers of the day.

Assistant County Agent Roger Hyatt cited the Farmers Federation for its sponsorship of the 4-H Pullet Chain and introduced James Newton, Rt. 1, Burnsville and Norma Laws, Green Mountain, Chain members who received special Pullet Chain Certificates from the Farmers Federation.

"Panhandle Pete" Nash, Gaither Robinson, Steve Ledford and the Mimosa Boys of Morganton were the featured entertainers. The Carolina Mountaineers composed of Jim Jones, East Marion; Fred Ranfelt, East Marion; and Clyde Woodley, Nebo won the prize given for the best local act.

Other entertainers included Herbert Brown, Route 6, Asheville; Mrs. Katherine Colvin, Juliette Rickett, Nana Owenby and Romeo Rickett, all of Black Mountain; The Cane River Trio of Cane River composed of Edgar Wheeler, Mattie Morrow and Jessie Mae Higgins; Clarence Green, Penland; Red Wilson, Bakersville; Brenda Rice and Ann Roberts, both of Asheville; Goldman Proffitt, Rt. 3, Burnsville; Kay McLain and Ella Rae Blankenship, both of Burnsville; The Clyde Allen Quartet, Rt. 1, Burnsville and Frank Buchanan, Spruce Pine.

Other speakers included Miss Sue Nottingham, Home Demonstration Agent; Glenn Hunt, Sales Manager; Frances Seizer, Rural Group Health Insurance Supervisor; and Reverend Dumont Clarke, Religious Director of the Farmers Federation.

Contest winners included Mr. and Mrs. Sam Doane, Rt. 3, Burnsville; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Buchanan, Star Route, Burnsville; and Mr. and Mrs. Jeter McCrary, Rt. 1, Green Mountain.

Winners of the athletic contests were James Smith, Richard Rathbone, Devold, Ponder, DeLane Ponder, Johnny Angel, Duane Williams, Billy King, Ray Arrowood, Robert Allen, Frell Deyton, and Raleigh Ponder.

Paul R. Burton

Presbyterian Church News

Children's Day was observed in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday. Class promotions took place in the Sunday School hour; and at the morning service, Tommy Dean McIntosh, Clarence Hall, Jr., Martha Bradshaw and Jane Young took special part. The Junior Choir under Mrs. Reeve's leadership, sang "The Word of God Shall Be Thy Guide". "The stone which the builders rejected" — referring to Christ — "Is become the head of the corner" was the text on which the minister, Rev. Warren S. Reeve, preached.

On this next Sunday, July 15th, at the service at 11 a. m., Mr. Reeve will preach on the subject, "The Most Important Thing About You and Me". Sunday School will be held at 9:45 under the superintendency of Mr. George Robinson. Visitors are cordially invited to all services.

Mr. and Mrs. Arney Fox attended a meeting Wednesday evening at the Mayview Manor in Blowing Rock, for cashiers of the branches of the Northwestern Bank.

GRINDSTAFFS MAKE SUCCESS OF LIVE AT HOME PROGRAM

Successful farming does not come easy according to Mr. Lawrence Grindstaff and family of Route 1, Green Mountain.

In September 1950, Mr. Grindstaff received Farmers Home Administration financing to purchase 56.7 acres on the Yancey side of North Toe River. Much of the hillside land was very steep and rough and had grown up, but this did not discourage the Grindstaffs. They were interested in owning their own farm and Farmers Home Administration was ready to help such a deserving farm family. A farm plan was developed and agreed to, the loan was made and set up for repayment over a 40 year period.

The loan would have been repaid at least 2 years ago if the Grindstaffs had put all their earnings on the farm debt but they were interested in improving their farm and family living as the farm debt is being repaid. These improvements included dwelling improvements, land development, fencing, farm tools and a livestock program. Today a visit to the farm will show they have done something about all these. By this fall when the Grindstaffs have completed the remodeling of their dwelling their estimate approximately \$3000, will have been spent on this project alone. The dwelling now has running water, bath and most modern conveniences.

Diversified farming is good business according to the Grindstaffs. Their farming enterprises include Burley tobacco, corn, poultry, vegetable crops and cow and calf program which will be changed to Grade "C" milk in the spring of 1957. A good job has been done with all enterprises in yields and production per acre or animal. Burley tobacco has consistently averaged 2500 lb. per acre and corn 100 bushels per acre. The 7 cows now on the farm have produced annually 1 good fat calf for market or a replacement heifer. Poultry

has been the interest of Ariene and Natalie the Grindstaffs older daughters. They developed their interest through 4-H Club work and are doing an outstanding job with the help and cooperation of their parents. Last year Ariene received 100 pullets through the 4-H poultry chain. With good management she raised 97 excellent pullets for production. Her records show that on several occasions last fall the production went as high as 96 eggs from 97 hens made a clear profit of \$300, last year. This year Natalie received 100 pullets through the 4-H poultry chain and she is determined to have the same success with her project.

Mrs. Grindstaff is mighty proud of her can house and smoke house at anytime during the year. She estimates that approximately 1200 quarts of vegetables, fruits, berries, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, and meats are canned each year. There is always a good supply of cabbage and many other storage crops. Three and four hogs are fattened each year for the family meat supply. Milk, butter, eggs and poultry are always available in an abundance for family use. The Grindstaffs estimate that less than \$250 a year is spent for groceries and attribute their success to being able to produce, conserve and store the major portion of their food supply. They feel that the home food supply is becoming more important every year since farm income continues to decrease and costs for family and farm operation continues to increase.

They attribute their success to hard work, family cooperation, good planning and a live at home program. Plans for future years include a new livestock barn, trench silo in 1957 to meet for Grade "C" milk production and purchasing additional acres in 1958 or 1959. This will enable them to meet the feed for a growing livestock program and more fully utilize the growing family labor supply.