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Governor Hopes For Million Votes Saturday

Raleigh, N. C. — Governor Hodges has voiced the hope that one million North Carolinians will vote on the public school amendment on September 6.

"A turnout by that many North Carolinians, representing both major political parties, would be a fine exhibition of our attitude toward our great school system," he said.

The public school ballot will allow properly registered persons to cast ballots "For" or "Against"

a constitutional amendment which if adopted, would allow local option units to close their schools if conditions become intolerable, and allow the use of State and local funds for education expense grants. Of course, no school could be closed without a vote of the people.

This proposed amendment, submitted to the people by an overwhelming vote of the legislature, is what Governor Hodges calls "stand-by" legislation. The governor is very hopeful that it will be needed. Instead, he has urged voluntary segregation in the public schools, and use of the 1955 pupil assignment statute to its fullest extent.

An affirmative vote by the people on September 6 does not mean that either local option or education expense grants will go into immediate use. They would merely be "safety-valves" to be used in case the other courses did not work in a manner acceptable to the people.

These merely are facilities for carrying out what the Pearsall Advisory Committee and the Governor believe to be the consensus of the great majority of North Carolinians; and that is that no child should be forced to attend public school with members of another race if the parents of that child object.

Registered people, no matter whether they are Democrats or Republicans, can vote.

Voting will be held at regularly established precincts.

WORSHIP SERVICES TO BE HELD AT PENSACOLA SCHOOL

Worship services will be held each Sunday afternoon in the old school building at Pensacola, beginning at 2:20. These services will be conducted by the Rev. Kilby and Carter Ogle of Swannanoa. The Ogle family will provide music for the services, and other singers will be welcome to come and take part.

Bald Creek Lions Sponsor Youth Night

The Lions Club of Bald Creek is sponsoring a "Youth Night" every Saturday night from 8 to 11 p. m. in the fellowship hall of Bald Creek Methodist Church. Two members of the Lions Club will be present each Saturday night to conduct a program of recreation including ping-pong, shuffle-board, carrom, horseshoes, hand ball, and other games. Soft drinks, potato chips and other refreshments may be purchased.

All young people between the ages of 12 and 23 are invited to take part. President Ron Wilson believes that during the coming month, the "Youth Night" program will grow to include many varied attractions for the youth of this area.

WILSON REUNION PLANNED

The family and friends of "Big Tom" Wilson will observe a homecoming day and reunion next Sunday, Sept. 9, at the Pensacola Methodist Church. The homecoming day program will begin at 11 a. m. with the regular worship service. A male quartet from Yancey County will provide a program of music. Lunch will be served at 1 p. m. at the church.

Randolph Appointed To F. H. A. Committee

John M. Randolph of Burnsville and Green Mountain is the new member of the Farmers Home Administration county committee, Mack E. Ray, county supervisor, has announced.

Mr. Randolph's appointment became effective July 1, 1956. The committee on which he will serve determines the eligibility of local farmers who apply for Farmers Home Administration loans.

The new committeeman operates a Grade A Dairy and Burley tobacco farm in the Brush Creek Community. He is a TVA Demonstration farmer and is active in the Community Development Program having served as first president of Brush Creek Community Club. He is also past president of Yancey County Farm Bureau and for several years has served on the North Carolina Farm Bureau Burley Tobacco Committee. Following the drought of 1952, he was Disaster Loan Supervisor for Farmers Home Administration in Yancey County. Mr. Randolph succeeds Yates W. Randolph of Green Mountain whose term expired this year.

The other two members are Fred E. Bryan who operates a Grade A Dairy in the Cane River section and Chapple T. McCurry who operates a Beef Cattle and Burley tobacco farm in the Bee Log community.

Each agricultural county in the nation has a similar committee of three members who are responsible for determining loan applicants' eligibility, certifying the value of

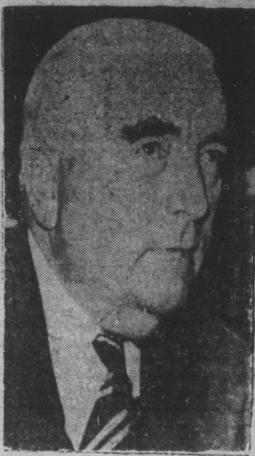
farms being purchased or improved through Farmers Home Administration loans, and making recommendations on loan approvals and loan servicing actions.

Each member is named for a 3-year term and one appointment expires each year. A member completing his 3-year term cannot succeed himself. At least two of the members must be farmers.

The committee works with the county supervisor in connection with all types of loans. These include farm operating loans and loans to buy, improve, or enlarge efficient family-type farms in this area. They also include loans to farmers or their nonprofit associations to establish and carry on approved soil and water conservation practices including improving permanent pastures, terracing, soil erosion measures, farmstead water systems, irrigation, drainage, and many other conservation practices.

Most of the soil and water conservation loans and loans to buy or improve farms are made from funds advanced by private lenders and insured by the agency. Some of these loans, however, and all loans for operating farms, are from annually appropriated funds.

No loan of any type can be approved for an applicant whose credit needs can be handled adequately by other credit sources. The Yancey County Farmers Home Administration Office is located in The Northwestern Bank Building in Burnsville.



PRESIDES OVER SUEZ TALKS

Australian Prime Minister Robert Menzies arrived last week in London, England to preside at a meeting of the five nation Suez committee. An Egyptian announcement said that Cairo has been set as the site of President Nasser's talks with the committee on the Suez situation.

NCE Magazine Mailed To School Personnel

Thirty thousand copies of the 50th anniversary issue of North Carolina Education, featuring a full report of the Special Session of the General Assembly, will be received by public school teachers, administrators, and lay friends of education prior to Saturday's voting on the Pearsall Plan.

In making this announcement, Mrs. Ethel Perkins Edwards, executive secretary of the North Carolina Education Association, explained that this special issue contains an analysis of the Pearsall proposals, pro and con editorial reprints from North Carolina papers, and a copy of the endorsement of the Pearsall Plan by the NCEA Board of Directors. "We are making every effort," said Mrs. Edwards, "to give our members complete information on the current issues to be decided on September 8. No group can possibly be more interested in the welfare of our schools than are the teachers of North Carolina's children."

This anniversary issue of the official publication of the NCEA is the largest September edition in the history of the Association and is supported by the largest volume of advertising ever to appear in a single issue. Ninety-one advertisers are represented in this edition.

Copies of the magazine have been sent directly to the principals of every white public school in North Carolina for distribution to individual NCEA members. The first issue of the journal was titled North Carolina Journal of Education. This journal was published twice monthly in Durham and was edited by E. C. Brooks. The present editor is Dr. W. Amos Abrams and the advertising manager is John G. Blike. North Carolina Education is consistently received high ratings among educational journals of the United States.

Marcus L. Bennett Observes 100th Birthday

Marcus L. Bennett, who observed his one-hundredth birthday on September 3, was honored with a birthday dinner given by his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bennett, of Rt. 3, Burnsville. Out of town guests who were present for the event were Mr. and Mrs. Neale Bennett of Blane, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Tolley and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bennett of Erwin, Tenn., and Mrs. Wesley Tallent of Burlington, N.C.

13th Division Reports Progress

Raleigh, N. C. — The State Highway Commission brought 58.84 miles of road improvements to completion during July in the 13th Highway Division. Commissioner J. Fleming Snipes of Marion has announced.

He commended State highway and contractor forces upon the vast amount of finished work.

Yancey, Burke, McDowell, Rutherford, Buncombe, Madison, and Mitchell counties comprise the 13th Division. Headquarters for the 13th are in Asheville. A veteran highway builder, W. M. Corkill, is Division Engineer. J. T. Knight is Assistant Division Engineer. For efficiency in maintenance, the 13th is subdivided into two districts, and E. S. Connelly is District Engineer at Asheville for Yancey, Buncombe, Madison and Mitchell counties.

In Yancey County, State highway forces resurfaced, with a bituminous stone road mix and seal, 0.5 mile of 18-foot wide NC 197 from Green Mountain toward Red Hill. Another 9.6 miles of NC 197 was improved by retreatment and bituminous seal from Green Mountain to the Mitchell County line and from Burnsville to Green Mountain. The highway varies in width from 18 to 20 feet.

State forces also paved the 2-foot wide approaches to the Cane River Bridge. The work was 0.4 mile long and involved a retreatment and bituminous seal.

Delegates To Girls' And Boys' State Report To Legion

At the joint meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary Tuesday evening, Aug. 28, the representatives to Girls' and Boys' State made detailed reports of their activities during the week-long events last June.

Girls' and Boys' State weeks are sponsored annually by the American Legion and Auxiliary in every state in the Nation. The purpose is to give young people actual training and experience in government. Four students are picked each year from the ten top students scholastically in the junior class to represent each county.

Misses Beverly and Barbara Hensley, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Selwyn Hensley of Burnsville, represented Yancey County at Girls' State held at the Woman's College U. N. C. in Greensboro. They each gave very interesting accounts of the daily activities, including a day in Raleigh where they had an actual session of the legislature in the capitol and heard lectures by State officials.

Frank Howard Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis of Burnsville, and U. B. Deyton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Uranus Deyton of Clearmont, were the Yancey County representatives to Boys' State held in Chapel Hill. They gave detailed accounts of the lectures, election of State officials, and their experience in government.

Robinson Returns From England

Airman First Class Claude Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robinson of Celu, arrived home Sunday following his separation from the armed forces.

Airman Robinson had been stationed in England for over two years prior to his return to this country. He served four years in the Air Force and before going overseas he was stationed at bases in different points of the United States.

James Robinson, a brother of Claude's was stationed in Japan with the Air Force until his discharge a few months ago. The brothers had not seen each other for more than five years until Claude's arrival Sunday.

Hospital Report

The Yancey Hospital reports three births and twenty-three other admissions during the past week.

The births include a daughter, Sheila Yvonne, born Aug. 31, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hill Jr. of Burnsville; a son, not yet named, born Sept. 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sparks of Spruce Pine; and a daughter, Judy Ann, born Sept. 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Webb of Relief.

Other admissions this week include Charles Murphy, Mark Bennett, Jennie Rutledge, Carrie Blankenship, Ralph McMahan, Donna Pate, all of Burnsville; Della Gardner, Faye Hill, Rt. 2, Bakersville; Dorothy Banks, Star Rt., Burnsville; Patricia Hylemon, Bald Creek; M. M. Wetzel, Jacqueline Webb, Relief; Esther Edwards, Columbia Sta., Ohio; Ethel Boone, Kathleen Robinson, Rt. 2; Dot Austin, Sheila Ham, Edith Silver, Elsie Byrd, Rt. 1; Louise Edwards, Star Rt.; Annie Mae Brooks, Marie Sparks, Dennis Roberts, Spruce Pine.

Tar Heel Farming

A new book of interest to North Carolina farmers is "Agricultural Developments in North Carolina, 1783-1860, by Professor C. O. Cathey of the University of North Carolina History Department and published by the UNC press. It costs \$2.50.

Prof. Cathey denies the statement sometimes made that North Carolina farmers have never been "scientific-minded."

In the 1850's, for instance, the world's first class in agricultural chemistry was started at Chapel Hill.

Moreover, farm machinery was booming — invented by North Carolinians, too.

Among the patents secured in this state, were: one corn husker, one corn harvester, three cottonseed planters, one cotton-thinning plow, one cottonseed cleaning machine, one stalk cutter, four straw cutters, seven plows, ten cultivators, two seed planters, one hillside plow, three sowing machines, one harvesting machine, one thrasher, one potato-planting plow, one wagon brake, four manure carts, one feeding apparatus for a grain thrasher, one self-dumping truck, one marl lifting machine, one excavator, one hand truck, one water wheel, one pump, one carriage spring, one hoof paring knife, one machine for stuffing horse collars.

One farmer invented a "self-waiting" table. Another invented a "ventilating" rocking chair.

The Cathey history of farming in North Carolina from 100 to 180 years ago will be interesting to farmers of today because some of the problems are the same, and the difficulties of those days set the stage for the agricultural scheme in North Carolina in the 20th century.



FARM SURPLUS SALE TO INDIA — Agriculture Secty. Benson (center) talks with former Ambassador to India John Sherman Cooper (left) and Minister H. DaVal, of the Indian Embassy in Washington, D. C., after announcing a trade agreement for the sale of \$360 million worth of surplus agricultural products to India.

Soil Bank Program To Begin September 15th

RALEIGH — In most North Carolina counties, farmers will be able to begin their sign up under the Conservation Reserve phase of the Soil Bank Program by the 10th of September. H. D. Godfrey, Administrative Officer for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation State Committee, reported that his office is now holding instructional meetings to train ASC personnel in every county in the state on procedure under this new program.

In order to participate in the Conservation Reserve Program this fall, farmers must sign up

RAY IS MEMBER OF SQUARE DANCE EXHIBITION TEAM

Ronnie Ray of Burnsville, who is a member of the Bailey Mountain Dancers, was a participant in the square dance finals in the annual North Carolina Apple Festival in Hendersonville last Saturday night. The Bailey Mountain Team won the Friday night event but lost to Enka Dance Team in the Saturday night finals.

They also won top honors and were presented the Pless Cup at the annual Folk Festival in Asheville last month. On Aug. 16, 17 and 18, the Bailey Mountain Team presented square dance exhibitions at the Folk Festival in Virginia Beach, and their most recent performance was in Canton for the Labor Day celebration.

Commission Placed Many Veterans During Year

Jobs were found for 29,190 veterans during the year ending June 30, according to a report released today by Henry E. Kenall, chairman of the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina.

Of the total number of placements, 2,474 were physically handicapped veterans, the report shows.

The report, prepared by R. C. Godwin, State veterans employment representative, covers non-farm work.

Last month, a total of 2,484 veterans were placed in jobs, the report said. A breakdown shows that 85 were placed in professional or managerial positions, 177 in clerical and sales work, 247 in the "services," 511 in skilled trades, 485 in semi-skilled work, and 979 in unskilled and other classifications.

David Low spent the Labor Day week-end visiting his mother, Mrs. J. G. Low, David, a DuPont engineer, stopped by on his way to San Francisco where he will help start an organic chemical plant there.

under the program not later than October 15th. The program will run from 3 to 15 years depending on the practices to be carried out. Godfrey explained that payments available for participation under this new program are of two kinds—an establishment payment which may cover up to 80 percent of the cost of starting the practice, and an annual rental payment for the period of the contract. Rental payments in North Carolina, he said, will be at the rate of \$10 per acre.

When the land to be placed in the reserve is already in an approved vegetative cover, no establishment payment will be made; however, the annual \$10 per acre payment will be made during the term of the contract. In this case, contracts will be from 3 to 5 years. Contracts for vegetative cover practices established under the Conservation Reserve Program will run from 5 to 10 years. Tree practices — 10 to 15 years. These practices will be eligible for both Conservation Reserve and annual payments.

According to Godfrey, the total payments that may be made to eligible farmers in North Carolina are limited, and for this reason he urged farmers who desire to participate to visit the County Office and sign up as soon as the county announces the opening of the program.

Church To Sponsor Buffet Supper

Members of the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church will sponsor a buffet supper this Saturday evening, September 8, from 5 until 8 o'clock at the Community Building in Burnsville.

Tickets are being sold this week by members of the church, or they may be purchased at the door Saturday night. Adult tickets are \$2.00 each and children's tickets are \$1.00. Everyone will serve themselves from the buffet table and will be able to eat any amount they want.

The buffet supper is being given to raise money for the building fund for a new Educational Building for the church.

During the evening, home-made cakes will be auctioned to the highest bidders.

Farm Program To Increase Income Planned

Plans to increase the net farm income will be made at a second meeting which will be held in the Yancey courthouse Friday night, September 7, at 7:20 p. m. The purpose of the meeting will be to develop a long term farm plan.

This plan, now called program projection, will be aimed at setting up goals and agreeing on ways and means to increase the net farm income of the County.

One-hundred families will be selected to work as a unit. Emphasis is being placed on assisting the entire family rather than the enterprise approach, such as beef cattle, home demonstration, or 4-H projects.

PFC. RAYMOND STYLES STATIONED IN GERMANY

Bamberg, Germany—Pfc. Raymond K. Styles, 18, son of K. R. Styles, Route 3, Burnsville, N. C., recently was graduated from the 85th Infantry Regiment's drivers school in Germany.

Styles, an assistant machine gunner in the 85th Regiment's Company H, entered the Army in February 1955 and arrived overseas last November.

Don't Forget To Vote

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th See Sample Ballot In This Issue