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FARMERS ADVISED TO FILE FOR REFUND

The North Carolina Farm Bureau reminded farmers this week to file their federal tax refunds on farm-used gasoline. The deadline is October 1.

Farm Bureau Executive Vice President R. Flake Shaw said many farmers eligible for this refund have not made application for it.

A charge of three cents in federal tax is made on each gallon of gasoline. This is the first year that farmers who use gasoline in farm machinery have been exempt from it.

Farmers should file for the refund through the office of P. K. Sanders, Greensboro, director of internal revenue for the North Carolina district.

The exemption of non-highway used gasoline from federal tax came after extended debates in Congress over whether to increase the gasoline tax to finance a new nationwide highway construction program.

But the Farm Bureau has for several years urged exemption for farmers from the tax, maintaining that gasoline used on the farm is source of production supply, much as is electricity in making aluminum or as is diesel fuel in other types of manufacture.

The exemption means savings of \$2 1/2 million annually to North Carolina farmers. "Since it means so much to the average farmer, refund applications should be filed immediately," said Shaw.

Awards Won By Two Yancey Communities

By Lewis W. Dameron
Yancey Soil Conservationist

Both Jacks Creek and Brush Creek communities recently received \$50. cash awards for the outstanding soil and water conservation work accomplished by the farmers in these communities.

The awards were presented to the Community Clubs of Jacks Creek and Brush Creek by the Carolina Power and Light Company as "Superior Accomplishment Awards" won by participating in their "Finer Farms Program".

The purpose of this program is to promote interest in soil and water conservation on a community basis as well as on an individual farm basis. The "Finer Farms Program" is sponsored by the Carolina Power and Light Company in cooperation with the Soil Conservation District Supervisors in the counties in which the company furnishes electric power.

Communities were judged on the number and amount of soil conservation practices established and maintained from July 1, 1955 to July 1, 1956. Practices which both communities in Yancey excelled in were conservation crop rotations, contour strip cropping, cover cropping, and alfalfa and meadow seeding and maintenance.

Not only have the Jacks Creek and Brush Creek communities won a monetary sum to be used for community improvements, but they have also improved the production and value of their communities and their individual farms by carrying out and maintaining a good soil and water conservation program.

Yancey County Health Center Completed

The Yancey County Health Center, new quarters for the local Health Department, located on Mitchell Branch Road, is now completed and ready for occupancy on Monday, September 17. This attractive, modern building has a spacious waiting room, separate offices for the health officer, nurse, sanitarian and secretary, examining and treatment rooms, X-ray and dark room, laboratory, two rest rooms, and is provided with storage and janitor closets.

The health center was designed by Breeze, Holland & Reviere, Architects of Shelby, N. C., assisted by D. M. Sholes, local engineer, and built by J. O. Shepard, Contractor of Burnsville. This building was made possible by the North Carolina Medical Care Association, The Yancey County Commissioners, and by local contributions.

It is hoped that the driveway and parking area can be surfaced in the immediate future.

McIntosh Follows Good Land Use System

An outstanding example of good land use to minimize soil and water losses can be found on the farm of Mack McIntosh on Jacks Creek Road. Mr. McIntosh is carrying out a well rounded soil and water conservation program on his farm and is using his land for full production without erosion.

A visit to Mr. McIntosh's farm would reveal an outstanding herd of dairy cattle grazing on ladino clover and orchard grass pastures located on the steeper fields of the farm. This land, most subject to erosion, is tied down with permanent sod.

Mr. McIntosh has high protein alfalfa hay growing on excellent land that is less steep than the pastures, and presents a severe erosion problem when cultivated. On the fields that have very little erosion hazard, tobacco and silage corn are grown.

To insure continued production on these fields, Mr. McIntosh uses a winter cover crop of rye and vetch plus plenty of stable manure to maintain the organic matter in these heavily cropped soils.

In completing his outstanding soil conservation program, Mr. McIntosh plans to set white pines next spring on an acre of very steep pasture land. Although this acre is very productive soil, the cattle almost completely destroy the grass each year when grazing on the steep slopes.

Woman's Club Meeting Scheduled

The Burnsville Woman's Club will hold its first meeting of the new year tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Community Building.

Club members and their guests will have the pleasure of watching J. Robert Miller, instructor and an executive of the Burnsville Painting Classes at Seecelo, present a portrait demonstration in pastels. Mrs. R. K. Helmle, the new club president, will preside at the meeting.

Sheriff Captures Still, Liquor

Sheriff Terry Hall reported this week that another moonshine still had been captured in the Bakers Creek section by federal officers, with Hall assisting. The sheriff said the still was seized Wednesday on property owned by Will Baker in the Bakers Creek section. Baker was given a citation for hearing in Federal Court at a later date.

Hall also reported that he captured 54 half gallons of "white" liquor recently at the old REA power plant here. The liquor was not found in the plant building, Sheriff Hall said, but was taken from an auxiliary room built to the plant on the spill-way side.

No arrest was made in connection with the capture.

Tobacco Farmers: Some Cut, Some Don't

The old question of farmers as to cutting tobacco a little on the green order or let it ripen and take the chance of frostbite may be settled this year.

Many farmers have cut their tobacco due to the early cold nights the mountain counties have been experiencing. And the talk of early frost has hastened those who hold to the "cut green" order. Many farmers, however, seem to have no fear of frost — or more faith in the Maker of frosts, because they are saying they'll let it stand till it ripens.

The dry weather cut tobacco short in the weeks that much rain is needed by the crop. Recently rains have turned the leaves green again that were beginning to brown.

This freak weather condition on the tobacco farmer may settle the question this year — to cut or not to cut.

Dr. Gladden To Attend Meeting

Dr. William Gladden will leave Saturday to attend a meeting in Roanoke, Va. Dr. Gladden's office will be closed from Saturday noon until Tuesday morning.

Hospital Report

The Yancey Hospital reports two births and 13 other admissions during the past week. The births include twin sons, not yet named, born Sept. 8, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Ledford, Rt. 3, Burnsville.

Other admissions include: Mable Griffith, Masy Higgins, Rt. 2; Joyce Masters, Rt. 2, Bakersville; Dorada Burleson, Plumtree; Maxine Hensley, Mrs. Carrie Anglin, Sam McPeters, Robert Allen, all of Burnsville; Hiram Willis, Pauline Baker, Pansy Franklin, Rt. 1; Virginia Huskins, Rt. 3, Bakersville; Annie Mae Brooks, Rt. 1, Spruce Pine.

BURNSVILLE PTA TO MEET TUESDAY

The Burnsville Parent-Teacher Association will hold its first meeting of the school year next Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the school lunch room. The meeting will be mainly a social event to greet the new teachers and no program has been scheduled.

Roberts Appointed To Head Auto Dealers

George W. Roberts of Roberts Auto Sales, Inc. in Burnsville has been appointed Area Chairman for Yancey County, according to John M. Tiller of Durham, President of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association, who made the appointment.

As Area Chairman for Yancey County, George W. Roberts will be the liaison between the state and national dealers associations and local dealers. He will also direct the two associations' annual membership campaign to be held in October.

In announcing the appointment President Tiller stated, "I am happy to have such a capable and outstanding man as Mr. George W. Roberts in this most important position. I feel certain he will do a splendid job of keeping dealers and the public abreast of matters of interest in the retail automotive industry."

School Amendment Passes Big Majority

A total of 1325 Yancey County voters voted "yes" to the constitutional amendment relating to segregation and education last Saturday, while only 238 opposed the amendment. Burnsville Township led the county with a total of 405 votes, 335 for and 70 against the amendment.

Jacks Creek and Pensacola had the smallest number of votes cast. Pensacola cast only 58 votes, with 52 for the amendment; and Jacks Creek township voted 39 for and 28 against the school amendment.

All the other amendments, three, carried in the county.

The total vote of North Carolina in the election that Governor Hodges has shown so much interest in since the plan was brought to light by the Education Committee carried by a large majority.

ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC

The monthly orthopedic clinic will be held in the Spruce Pine health office on Wednesday, Sept. 19. Dr. J. Bruce Galloway of Asheville will be the clinician. Children should be registered by 1 a. m., and adults not later than 12:30.

W. Murray Linker and Frank R. Blaisdell, of the State Board of Health, visited the district last week with Jake F. Buckner, district sanitarian.

The Rev. H. M. Alley is reported to be much improved after his illness of several weeks, and is now visiting his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Anglin, in Waynesville.



Mauney To Aid In Industrial Development

Richard P. (Dick) Mauney, an industrial development engineer with the Department of Conservation and Development's commerce and industry division in Raleigh, who has been assigned to assist industrial development groups in Yancey County and other counties comprising Western North Carolina.

Mauney, a member of the 1953 General Assembly as the House of Representatives member from Cherokee county, was with the State Treasurer's office for 17 years before going with the C & D Department to promote industrial development. He is a native of Cherokee county and attended the University of Georgia.

Mauney's services in aiding industrial development are available to all counties in this area. He will work with local development groups in helping promote the industrial development of western N. C. counties and communities. Mauney may be contacted through the Department of Conservation and Development, Education Building, Raleigh, N. C.

Veterans' Survivor Benefits Act Signed

The President signed the Survivor-Benefits Act revising benefits for the dependents of deceased servicemen and veterans who died of service-connected causes.

Veterans Administration announced that it is taking immediate steps to put this new law into operation even though payments cannot begin prior to January 1, 1957, the effective date of the Act.

VA stressed that this law does not change death pension benefits to widows and children of veterans whose deaths were not as a result of service.

Widows, dependent parents and guardians of orphan children receiving compensation for the service-connected death of a veteran are requested NOT to contact VA for information.

Veterans Administration will notify each person receiving death compensation under present law concerning his rights under the new law.

The new law is designed to:

- 1- Revise the death compensation program by providing monthly payments to widows partially related to military pay; slightly increase existing uniform payments for orphan children; and to provide a sliding scale of benefits for dependent parents subject to certain annual income limitations.
- 2- Extend Social Security coverage to those in the armed forces on a contributory basis; and
- 3- Revise the six months death gratuity to range from a minimum of \$800 to a maximum of \$3,000. This will be administered by the various service departments.

The new law also eliminates coverage of service personnel under the Servicemen's Indemnity Act (the so-called "10,000 free insurance") and coverage of reserve personnel under the Federal Employees Compensation Act on and after January 1, 1957.

The new law continues the right of veterans disabled in service to apply to VA for the five-year policy or any of the six permanent plans of National Service Life Insurance within one year from the date VA finds their disabilities to be service-connected.

Gulf Oil Service Station To Be Started Soon

Rex O. Wilson, Gulf Oil Co. distributor for the tri-county area, said this week that Gulf Oil's recently acquired lot in Burnsville has been graded to completion and is now ready for the construction of the new Gulf service station.

The building site, formerly owned by Mrs. Lena Tilson and known

as the "Dr. Ray place", was cleaned and graded Banks and Patton who purchased the site from Mrs. Tilson. Grading was started last week.

Wilson said that construction on the ultra-modern service station will be started next week. And plans now are for the building to be completed within ninety days.

The station will be built under the supervision of Gulf Oil Company's construction department; however, a certain amount of local labor will be used, it was said.

The ultra-modern station, in relation to service stations today, will be built approximately twenty-eight by forty-eight feet. The structure, which will be built of blocks with porcelain finish, will house a modern service department and equipment as well as an office. At least six pumps will be out front to serve the public.

The station will be leased to a local operator when construction is completed, Wilson said.

Rev. Murphy To Preach Here Sunday

The Rev. Manley Murphy, pastor of the historic Forks of Little River Baptist Church, Montgomery Baptist Association, will speak at both services Sunday in the First Baptist Church here. The public is cordially invited to hear him at both services.

Mr. Murphy is a graduate of Wake Forest College and the Southern Seminary.

The Rev. C. B. Trammel, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, will preach in the Forks of Little River Church near Troy, N. C., in an exchange of pulpits with Rev. Mr. Murphy for the day. Mr. Trammel is a former pastor of the church there.

Housing Loans Available Through FHA

Yancey County farm families are now able to obtain rural housing loans from the Farmers Home Administration, according to Mack B. Ray, County FHA Supervisor.

Farm Housing loans may be made to construct, improve, alter, repair, replace, or relocate a dwelling or other essential farm buildings on the farm. It also includes, in connection with such repair, alteration and new construction, sewage disposal systems, water supplies, and the purchase and installation of essential equipment that becomes part of the real estate after installation.

This loan carries an interest rate of 4% and may be repaid over a period of years ranging up to 33 years.

To be eligible for Farm Housing loans an applicant must be the owner of a farm, have income from the farm and other sources sufficient to meet farm operating and family living expenses and be able to properly pay outside debts as well as the Farmers Home Administration loan. He must be a citizen of the United States, also be without sufficient resources to provide on his own the necessary housing, buildings or repairs and improvements needed, and be unable to secure the necessary credit from other sources upon terms and conditions which he reasonably could be expected to meet.

The applicant must also possess the character, ability, and experience necessary to carry out successfully his farming operations and to carry out the undertakings and obligations required of him in connection with the Farm Housing loan.

Part-time farmers are eligible for Farm Housing loans. Also owners of small tracts that may not be a family-type farm and who rent additional crop land are eligible. This loan does not require supervision and has been very much in demand.

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles B. Trammel have had as their guests recently the Rev. and Mrs. G. Van Stephens of Angier, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Barna Warner of Troy, N. C., Mrs. Murray Nicholson of Mebane, N. C. and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hurst of Durham, N. C.

Miss Becky Trammel spent last week-end in Cherryville, N. C., where she served as a bridesmaid in a friend's wedding. Miss Trammel also visited friends in Troy last week.

4-H Members Show High Class Cattle

Yancey County's 4-H members was held last Monday morning at the Deyton Feed Store here.

Blue ribbon winner of the Jersey breed in the junior calf class was James Bennett. In the senior calf class, Ronnie Bailey won a blue ribbon, Tommy Ray placed second with a red ribbon in the Guernsey breed; and Joe Bennett won a white ribbon, third place, in the Jersey breed.

Donald Peterson placed first with a blue ribbon in the junior yearling class of the Guernsey breed, and Ronald Ray placed first with a blue ribbon in the junior yearling class of the Holstein breed. In the senior yearling class, Sandra Whitson won a blue ribbon and Ronald Peterson placed third with a white ribbon in the Guernsey breed; and Tommy Ray placed first with a blue ribbon in the Holstein breed.

Loretta Robinson and Ronnie Robinson won blue ribbons in the 2-year old class of the Jersey breed, and Viann Duncan placed second with a red ribbon in the 2-year old class of the Guernsey breed.

Grand Champion of all breeds was won by Loretta Robinson's entries. Miss Robinson's Jersey entry also won the title of champion, as well as Sandra Whitson's Guernsey entry and Ronald Ray's Holstein entry. For the best fitted animal entry, Ronnie Robinson took first place and Loretta Robinson second place. For best showmanship, Tommy Ray won first place and Ronnie Robinson second place.

Pig Chain And Pullet Show Held Today

The County Pig Chain Show and Poultry Show and Sale will take place today at 2 p. m., at the Farmers Federation parking lot. Five pigs and eight groups of pullets have been entered by 4-H boys and girls to be shown today.

Extension specialists from State College, Raleigh, will be judges.

Clearmont Faculty To Entertain Parents

The faculty of Clearmont School has extended an invitation to the parents and friends of the students for a winter roast on Thursday, September 20, at 6:30 p. m., on the school grounds. A visit to the home-rooms will precede a business meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association.