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**FIRE PREVENTION SPEAKERS** — Here are eight of the speakers for the Governor's Conference on Forest Fire Prevention held yesterday in the N. C. State Fair Arena at Raleigh. Purpose of the Conference is to curtail North Carolina's 35-million-dollar annual loss to forest fires. Speakers on top row (left to right) were: Governor Luther H. Hodges, who also served as honorary chairman of the Conference; Thomas J. Pearsall, Rocky Mount businessman and farmer; W. Lunsford Crew, state senator of Roanoke Rapids; and Fred H. Claridge of Raleigh, state forester. On the bottom row are: J. Wade Bruton of Raleigh, assistant N. C. attorney general; Turner W. Battle, Jr., of Rocky Mount, N. C. Wildlife Federation president; D. Hidden Ramsey of Asheville, retired newspaper publisher; and C. E. Hartford of Wilmington, vice president of Riegal Paper Company.

North Carolina took action against one of its major economic problems yesterday when more than 2,000 Tar Heels attended the State's first Governor's Conference on Forest Fire Prevention. The gathering was held in the giant N. C. State Fair Arena in Raleigh.

Yancey County was represented at the conference by District Forest Ranger Don Bylsma, Assistant

ant Ranger Robert Cox, Assistant County Agent W. H. Anderson and Forest Warden Craig English.

The problem discussed at the conference was one which takes a 35-million-dollar slice out of the State's economy each year, a loss which impairs North Carolina's per capita income and standard of living.

Governor Luther H. Hodges' as honorary chairman of the confer-

ence, led an impressive list of speakers who are regarded as experts on various aspects of the forest fire problem.

The Governor has designated November as "Forest Fire Prevention Month in North Carolina" to emphasize the fact that needless economic waste through forest fires has an adverse effect on the State's per capita income.

## Clearmont School News

### Clearmont Booster's Club

A group of interested men and teachers met recently at Clearmont and organized The Clearmont Booster's Club. Its major purpose being to help subsidize the Clearmont Athletic Association and other school activities.

Officers elected at the organizational meeting were Clarence E. Bailey, president; Phillip J. Howell, vice-president and Cecil Deyton, secretary-treasurer.

There is at the present time a membership drive underway to advance the enrollment of this needed organization.

The Booster's Club, when the basketball season opens, will handle all duties assigned to the athletic event.

### Clearmont Organizes Dramatics Club

Twenty-seven interested students met recently under the direction of Robert Howell and organized a high school dramatics group. During the organizational meeting the following officers were elected: Gerald Garland, director; Betty Lou Peterson, assistant director; and Bobby Ayers, business manager.

The purpose of the organization is to advance a stronger interest in dramatic activity at Clearmont and to encourage a broader interest in oral expression.

A series of activities are now being studied.

### Season Opener With Nebo On Tuesday

The Clearmont athletic squads will journey into McDowell County Tuesday to open their basketball season.

On Friday night they will return to their home court for the home-game opener with Bald Creek as the visiting team.

The Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Covington of Winstonsboro, S. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Covington here recently.

## Weems Announces Section Of Parkway Closed

Sam P. Weems, Superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway, has announced the customary closing of the high altitude sections of the Parkway for the winter months. These sections will reopen April 15.

The 22 mile section from Bull Creek Gap to the Mt. Miterell turnoff will be closed, as will the Soco-Mile High and the Wagon Road-Beech Gap section.

Mt. Mitchell State Park will be open to visitors throughout the year.

## BHS Defeats Bee Log In Opening Games Here

By Gerald Murdock

The Burnsville High School basketball teams opened the season here Tuesday night with two games with Bee Log. Burnsville took both games. The Burnsville girls defeated the Bee Log girls by a score of 59-51. The boys took their game with a final score of 50-40.

Judy Briggs led the Burnsville girls team with 27 points. Nancy Brown got 18 for the winners.

The Lineups: Burnsville: Brown 18, Briggs 27, McCurry, Bennett 12, Gardner, Woody. Substitutes: Berry 2, Ray, Angel, Bee Log: Randolph 6, Tipton 23, D. Edwards 22, S. Silvers, G. Edwards, L. Silvers 3.

Raleigh Buchanan led the Burnsville boys scoring with 15 points. Donald Banks and Charlie Hensley each got 10 points.

The Lineups: Burnsville: Banks 10, Buchanan 15, Hensley 10, Lewis 6, Harris 5. Subs: Fox 4, Wells. Bee Log: T. Fender 2, Hylemon 6, D. Hensley 14, J. Wheeler 2, D. Wheeler 14. Subs: L. Fender, J. Hensley 2. Officials were Rigbins and Sizemore.

Burnsville's next game will be at Bald Creek November 27.

## Former Foreign Missionary Visits Church Here

Present in the congregation of the Presbyterian Church last Sunday were Miss Elizabeth C. Wright, formerly of Peiping, China, and Dr. and Mrs. Daniels of New York City, who spent a number of years in missionary service at Nanjing, China. The Rev. Mr. Reeve, local minister, recalls having met them at a mountain summer resort in Japan in the latter 1930's. Miss Wright, who now resides at Penland, was a colleague in China of Miss Sarah Perkins whom the Communists captured and held prisoner for a long time until her release a year or so ago.

At the service on Sunday Mr. Reeve commissioned about eighteen people who were to go out as visitors in the church's annual Every-Member Canvass. Prizes were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. George Anglin, Mrs. C. A. Russell and Tommy Dean McIntosh for distinguished achievement in the "Bible Mastery" plan of reading and study in First Corinthians during the month of October.

On Sunday next, at the morning service Mr. Reeve will preach on the subject, "Thanksgiving That is Really Christian."

## Hospital Report

The Yancey Hospital reports one birth this week, a daughter, Helen, born Nov. 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Billie Chandler of Rt. 3, Burnsville.

Other admissions during the week include Grace Chase and Charles Laurents of Burnsville; Edward Roy Holman, Tom Laws and Ray Street of Green Mtn.; Baby Edward Dean Styles of Rt. 1, Burnsville; Agnes Chandler of Swiss; Holt Griffith of Relief; Neva McKinney of Bakersville; Oveda Gibson of Spruce Pine; Elizabeth Moore of Ridgecrest; and Myrtle Taylor of Asheville.

## Lions Will Sell Fruit Cakes To Aid The Blind

Residents of Burnsville will have an opportunity to "Help the Lions Help the Blind" when the Lions Club conducts its house-to-house fruit cake sale tomorrow (Friday). The sale will begin at 8:30 p. m.

Benson of Home 3 lb. fruit cakes will be sold at the price of \$3.25 each. All proceeds from the sale will be used to aid the blind in Yancey County.

"Help the Lions Help the Blind — Buy a Cake"

## Civil Air Patrol Squadron To Be Organized Here

Wing Commander of the Civil Air Patrol in North Carolina, Col. Hamilton, has authorized Carl McIntosh of Burnsville to organize a local Civil Air Patrol squadron.

At least 15 young men between the ages of 15 and 20 are needed before the squadron can be organized, Mr. McIntosh stated.

The Civil Air Patrol is an auxiliary of the Air Force and is vitally interested in the cadet program that they have. At the present time, they are striving to get more young men interested in the aviation phase of the service.

Members of the Civil Air Patrol who join the Air Force are permitted to advance one rating on entering the Air Force, Mr. McIntosh said.

Once the squadron is formed and has young people interested in communications and radio, the Air Force issues one radio kit, a transmitter and receiver on voice communications. After the radio is in operation and licensed, a second kit is issued. Each squadron is given up to two radio kits free of charge.

When the squadron has three or four pilots, enough to warrant having an air plane, the squadron is put on a rotation program, Mr. McIntosh said, and the airplane is rotated from squadron to squadron throughout the area.

The Civil Air Patrol is made up solely of volunteers. Much of the equipment is received from various branches of the military service and passed on to the various squadrons according to the amount of equipment they already have, their active participation in Civil Air Patrol functions, and their activity in the cadet program.

Col. Hamilton will be in Burnsville, the time and place to be announced later, to speak to all interested in organizing a local Civil Air Patrol squadron. All young men who are interested should contact Mr. McIntosh by calling 2082, or by writing Box 67, Burnsville, N. C.

Postmaster G. Leslie Hensley announced this week that mail service from the old post office location will come to a close Saturday afternoon at 1:00 p. m. One o'clock Saturday of each week is the regular closing time of the office, however, incoming and outgoing mail is processed Saturday afternoon and Sunday. This service will not be given this week end due to the fact that the office is moving to the new location in the Briggs Building.

Postmaster Hensley said the process of moving will begin immediately following the closing of the window at the regular closing hour Saturday and will continue until the moving has been completed. Business will be resumed at the new location at the regular hour beginning Monday morning, he said.

Formal opening of the new post office building will be held in the near future, Mr. Hensley said. He stated that some notable figures in the Post Office Department will be on hand at the formal opening, which is believed to be early in December.

## Beta Club Organized At Bald Creek

A local chapter of the National Beta Club, a leadership-service organization for high-school students of America, was established on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at Bald Creek High School according to E. D. Wilson.

The National Beta Club, with over 2300 local chapters and approximately 65,000 members in high schools of 19 States, is now in its twenty year.

Objectives of this non-secret, leadership-service organization are: to encourage effort, to promote character, to stimulate achievement among its members, and to encourage and assist students to continue their education after high-school graduation.

Donald Wilson, teacher of eighth grade, was appointed as faculty sponsor for the local chapter.

Permanent officers for this year are: President, Conita Fender; vice president, Becky Proffitt; secretary, Valerie Anglin; treasurer, Sarah E. Proffitt; reporter, Patricia McInturff.

The local organization is composed of the following students who have fulfilled the requirements necessary for membership in the National Beta Club: Valerie Anglin, Stoker Hustin, Mary K. Bailey, Linda J. Briggs, Donah Burton, Billy Doane, Conita Fender, Allire Foxx, Terold Foxx, Elaine Hensley, Helena Hensley, Evalle King, Betty Ledford, Patricia McInturff, Becky Proffitt, Sarah E. Proffitt, Barbara Pate.

The Rev. Warren S. Reeve, Burnsville Presbyterian minister, was the speaker at the Penascola PTA on Tuesday night. Mr. Reeve talked on "The Necessity of Co-operation" in the school enterprise.

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Plans for a \$116,000 permanent camp for Girl Scouts in this area were approved at a meeting of the Pisgah Girl Scout Council on Nov. 9, at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Asheville.

The camp, located on the 131-tract owned by the council in Transylvania County, eight miles southwest of Brevard, will provide for the needs of 96 girls and a staff of 20.

Plans call for a Unit Plan camp which will include three Brownie cabin units, each to accommodate 16 girls; one tent unit for 32 girls of intermediate age; and one Adirondack shelter unit for girls 16 and older.

Construction is expected to extend over a three to four year period as funds are available.

At the meeting, Miss Sarah Ellen Proffitt of Troop 67, Bald Creek, showed slides and told the group of the Patrol Roundup on the camp site this summer.

Mrs. James Proffitt of Bald Creek, first vice president of the Council, presented a miniature statue of a Girl Scout to Mrs. Guy Carpenter, outgoing president who was named second vice president, in recognition of her service as president of the Council during the last two years.

Mrs. G. Dixon Bailey of Burnsville was elected to the membership-nominating committee to serve a two year term.

A total of 116 persons from the various Girl Scout Troops in the area attended the meeting.

## Orthopedic Clinic

The monthly orthopedic clinic for the Avery-Mitchell Yancey District will be held on Wednesday, November 21, in the Spruce Pine office of the District Health Department. Dr. J. Bruce Galloway of Asheville will be the clinician. Children should be referred for this clinic no later than 11 a. m. and adults not later than 12:30.

## ASC Officials Attend Meeting

The Yancey County ASC Committee, office manager Fred L. Anglin, and office personnel attended a quarterly staff conference in Asheville on November 8th and 9th.

The first day of the meeting was devoted to duties and responsibilities of county committeemen, county office management, marketing quota violations, and the acreage reserve and conservation programs. The second day was devoted to the agricultural conservation program and other current ASC activities.

Tilman Walker, state ASC chairman, pointed out that it is a selling job for ASC to get more people in the program.

According to Mr. Anglin, the Yancey ASC office would like to thank the people of Yancey County for their fine cooperation during the past year. Seventy-nine percent of all Yancey farmers are participating in the agricultural conservation program for 1956, Anglin said, and it is hoped that a larger number will participate in 1957.

The sign-up period for 1957 will be announced in the near future, and the ASC office hopes that at least 90 percent of all farmers will be participating in the program.

The job of the ASC, Anglin stated, is to serve the public in a way that they will be pleased with our operations here in Yancey County.

J. Evelyn H. Pate, Register of Deeds for Yancey County, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners for the October and November meetings.

Oct. 1, 1956. Poor \$8340.37; Debt \$34.40; General \$7,780.59  
Nov. 5, 1956. Poor \$508.01; Debt \$98.29; General \$3,541.84

Witness my hand and official seal, this 13th day of Nov. 1956.  
Evelyn H. Pate, Register of Deeds.

## Miss Hassel Speaks To Women On Trip To Italy

The Burnsville Woman's Club held its regular monthly meeting last Thursday evening at the Community Building.

Mrs. R. K. Helmle, president, called the meeting to order and recognized the guests, Mrs. Karl O. Bellack and Mrs. G. S. Crane of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Mrs. Don Bylsma of Burnsville.

Mrs. R. K. Ransom presented Miss Annie Hassel, who gave an interesting talk on her trip to Italy and showed slides of scenes she visited during her trip. Miss Hassel, a newcomer to Burnsville, is employed at the Glen Raven Silk Mills.

Mrs. Don Burhoe, chairman of the membership committee, presented the following candidates for membership in the club: Mrs. J. B. King, Mrs. Warren Franklin, Mrs. Dick Bailey, Mrs. Don Bylsma, Miss Annie Hassel and Miss Hope Bailey. Members who were reinstated were Mrs. Everette Dillingham, Mrs. Clarence Burton and Mrs. Hubert D. Justice. Reports were given by the various committee chairmen, and Mrs. Rush T. Wray was appointed chairman of a new project to place an air marker on a building in town. The club has been asked to do this in order to put Burnsville on the Air Force map.

## No Red Cedar Available For Planting

Due to the impact from the soil bank program, no more red cedar or yellow-poplar tree seedlings are available from the state nurseries for the coming tree planting season.

A small allotment of 150,000 yellow-poplar seedlings was earmarked for a program by the Furniture, Plywood and Veneer Council of the North Carolina Forestry Association in the summer. These trees were assigned free of charge to interested applicants on a matching tree-for-tree basis up to a limit of 5,000 trees to any individual. However, all the trees in this program are also committed.

## Heart Clinic To Be Held At Spruce Pine

A heart examination clinic will be held at the Bell Chiropractic Clinic at 11 Walnut Street, in Spruce Pine, on Nov. 20, from 9 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 2 p. m. to 6 p. m. Dr. Royal S. Lee of Milwaukee, Wis., is sending Mr. Daniel Boone to take the readings. Any questionable readings will be sent to Dr. Lee for analysis.

Dr. is a nationally known nutritionist, and in addition heads an engineering company which has developed the Endocardiograph machine, which has been used for about twenty years. Dr. Lee is disturbed about the rising incidence of heart conditions and is offering this service to Chiropractors throughout the nation, at no expense to either the doctor or the patient, in an effort to detect heart weaknesses before they reach critical stages, and to outline proper care where needed.

## Miss Boone Speaks To Bald Creek PTA

The Bald Creek PTA met in the school library on Nov. 7, for its regular monthly meeting. The president, Mrs. Fleet Proffitt, presided at the meeting.

The devotional was given by the fifth grades under the leadership of Mrs. Virginia Bailey and Miss Paula Mae Higgins.

Miss Ethel Boone, county supervisor, gave a most interesting talk on the subject, "The School and Your Child", after which she gave one of her famous readings.

The next meeting will be held on Dec. 5. The program will be given by the Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. Mary Cecil Seivers.

The South Toe PTA is presenting its second movie program Saturday night, Nov. 17, at 8 o'clock. The name of the picture is "Jiggs and Maggie Out West".

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hopkins of Sheldon, Vermont, are the guests in this week of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Y. Sargent.



"CARRYING THE BALL" — Acting Secretary of State Herbert Hoover, Jr., is shown as he leaves Walter Reed Hospital in Washington after visiting Secretary John Foster Dulles. Hoover, who is now "carrying the ball" for the hospitalized Dulles, reports Mr. Dulles is making good progress in his recovery from an intestinal cancer operation.